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SEP No.	Date	Outwards to	Inwards from	TIME OF EVENT	TO	Summary of message or event	REMARKS Action taken.
1	MAR 1	2/7 IND COY		0112	076	FASTARR @ Have present defences in 0630hrs Sides 1 MAR @ Ref MOIT7 return SKINDEWAI 1700cft unquote presume you mean HQ HOPA	Quote HOPA will
2	1/3	2/6 B		0612	117	Situa @ Situa @ One plane flew SE to SW 0500 & 0502 hrs.	
3	1/3	WAV def		0636	1	Situa	
4	1/3	2/8 FA Coy		0709	217	Situa	
5	1/3	16 Bde Comm		0830	G183	Situa	
6	1/3	2/7 B		0800	201	Situa	
7	1/3	2/3 IND COY		0930	BAN29	Situa 0630hrs west 1630hrs 28 FEB	
8	1/3	2/7 IND COY		0900	076	In STARR @ bombing today SHADAE incl northwards.	
9	1/3	ALL Units		0930	1P13	password	
10	1/3	BHWN		0800	G198	Beacon plane over this area 0725 hrs.	
11	1/3	Unit 2/5 B		1630	F201	Situa 0630 @ Unit 2/5 B @ Situa @ remainder of unit later	
12	1/3	2/5 IND COY		0830	-	MAP OP @ Unit 1/11 TETONIA from 9 FEB @ SAL OP Capt MINKIN from 28 NOV @ Plt STEIN 12 JAN	Reply
13	1/3	TOTO		0800	G666	unit report	
14	1/3	BOBS		1730/28	0915/1132	LOCSTATE @ Petrol to WAGAU reported via NIA report otherwise unchanged	
15	1/3	NGF		1115	E0093	In GSI @ please send one set aerial photographs SCH/194 & SCH/194 MARKHAM to WAV.	
16	1/3	NGF		1020	E0094	In SOY @ please correct WAV locality by City map & contacts to ensure @ Review all relevant infra incl metric rectangular coordinates of following points @ Beacon on ridge north of GOLDEN RIDGE & South of NAMIACK @ Beacon on BHAD on all South of landing field @ Beacon north of WANDUMI village @ Itsoany other high points as visible @ will do drawings on framework of city found during flying NOT yet NOT possible 1 MAR.	
17	1/3	NGF		0900	G284	flying NOT yet NOT possible 1 MAR.	
18	1/3	NGF		1230	E0095	In GSI @ please include in future distribution find does one extra copy for delivery 3 DIV @ would appreciate further copy your last Summary	copy for HQ
19	1/3	NGF		1135	CE/TH	In SCAR @ ETA WP 2 Mar at WARDS HM @ SYMOHO to await my return	
20	1/3	2/3 IND COY		1100	079	of 068 what will be your strengths by next when first stage completed.	
21	1/3	2/7 IND COY		1345	080	In STARR @ ref our 076 reply immediately	
22	1/3	2/5 IND COY		1130	079	ref our 070 your undated signal in reply @ what about spr	CHOUHAI
23	1/3	2/6 B		16115	101	password BULOH	
24	1/3	BHWN		1540	1628	G199 N.E. report	
25	1/3	WAV def		1630	1630	phone 1429 2/6 B comm pl have arrived in from CRYSTAL	
26	1/3	NGF		1720	E0098	In GSI @ please advise expected departure CAUTION @ Camp in place on report priority	
27	1/3	NGF		1700	E0099	following from BENIT & signed COSTIARO. (quoting message R69 from BIENH on 8964 91P)	
28	1/3	Unit 2/5 B		1630	F202	Situa 1630hrs @ Unit 2/5 B @ Situa @ Remainder of unit later	
29	1/3	BOBS		1730	WH	Situa @ LOCSTATE unchanged	
30	1/3	2/7 B		1500	203	Situa	
31	1/3	16 Bde Comm		1500	G188	Situa	
32	1/3	WAV def		1830	11	inspection by comd HANGA today revealed several cases where arms & weapons were reported to be missing @ Coy commands will certify on receipt of its that daily arms & ammo inspection has been carried out & will themselves from surprise visits to forts to check same @ Keeping quarters of men will be kept in inspection order during full hours @ Keep in some instances NOT yet adequate @ HCB @ All informed	

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52	2/3		HANGA	0915		089	Getob 100800/2	
53	2/3	ALL units		0830		1014	Parwork	
54	1/3		2/6 B	2010		105	1 patrol report of ref HVOU and special of HANGAU native patrol could find tracks CHIFFSIDES MISSING shown leaving at WAO BUKONO at CHIFFSIDES 37800 South evidently converging	find tracks
55	2/3		NGF	2040	0400/2	1524	Sgt See already on friendly list & awaiting info WAO. Consider unnecessary for you to coordinate collect WAO.	Refly 1009
56	2/3	NGF		0935		101	See info as requested by 10094 sent by Hty bty for own purposes in establishing subjects of Hty Sgt mentioned 10094 being carried out by bty personnel. Hty Sgt See of 10094 considered that Sgt leaves on framework of Hty point fixing will release incoming survey party for imm'd. ops needs.	Refly 1528
57	2/3		DAMN	0755	0855	200	Allied force H/C over this area 0615 hrs.	
58	2/3		TOJO	0830		0670	Sitob Rail at 0600 hrs by Hty bombers. Bombs dropped on dome & bush area west of JACOBSENS by but short bursts H/A from all forces & some precision. H/A & MG from west of HBU village. MG from many forces south of JACOBSENS. H/A & MG from BUTIUM village area. Searchlight vicinity location 56. MG at intervals along coast from LAE to SINGAUA. Recd by FORTRESS 10755 hrs H/A from North & South end of dome.	NOT noted
59	2/3		2/5 B	0630		F301	Sitob 0630 of H/C estimated number 6 flew over BALKAMS landing H/H. East 0615 hrs of 2/5, a.c.d. also Sitob. A number of at later	
60	2/3	NGF		1000		092	on arrival HAU from receipt your previous by HX10042 Cpl DUNBAR ND NX 36359 Signal MCGARTH C.M SX10411 Sig CALWELL SG were sent to forward areas where urgently reqd. withdrawal of present would seriously affect forward comm. in view of shortage of requests for trained personnel operators request transfer these personnel to this HQ sig sec. Any necessary disciplinary action would then be taken by us.	Refly H2840
61	2/3		2/3 IND Coy	0810	0826	071	one composite all GUNNETTS JUNG one all Bpl MENHIES JUNG remainder Bpl CHARRS DUMP Cpl BLACKCAT MINE. Elements Hpl FRAZERS MINE BLACKCAT MINE + GAP HQ GAP. Sanitary sound GUNNETT JUNG. 35 stretcher cases & walking wounded making slow progress from CHARRS DUMP. Conditions of Hps & track under withdrawal.	
62	2/3	2/5 IND Coy		1035		093	ref our 079 separate reply.	
63	2/3		10 Bde Comm			0190	Sitob	
64	2/3		2/5 B	1020	1115	102	Ref your 0754/1. NO knowledge of referred to. Could inform please be given date of location etc. As dated our Sitob 0201/2 BITOR unfordable. All bridges swept away.	
65	2/3	NGF 4th AF		1115		094	estimated number 6 info H/C flew over BALKAMS landing NE 0615 hrs	
66	2/3		BOBS	0930		W5	Sitob. Info planes flew north over BOBS then turned East 0630 hrs. Explosion heard to EAST. Location state unchanged.	
67	2/3		BIENH FORCE	0900	1120	R1	Sitob BIENH KAMANTU unchanged.	
68	2/3	2/5 B		1210		096	ref your 0202/2 ref to our 0564/27 your 00164/28 from 2/7 INDIA Coy had personnel sent by STARR & GORDON proceeding today has full details location OP.	
69	2/3		BOBS	0900		W5	info label for VILUMONUM area. MARKHAM R in flood. Small patrol arranged to leave early morning.	
70	2/3		BENH FORCE	1115	1118	R2	WEIDT SIMONAH SONG & half pl HERBERT now at BIENH FORCE. HANGAU BIENH have advised HQ HANGAU via HQ NGF. Last 2 were in JAP hands & imm'd transport to MORESBY for interrogation advisable.	

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71	2/3		NGF	1000	1304	I1531	Convoys in vessels with 3 cruisers, 14 destroyers sighted 0925 1/2 0505 S 14833E course 300 degrees @ submd balance of convoys consists of medium 4th 3 small 4th sighted 45 miles NORTH OPEN BAY 26 FEB @ This convoy probably capable carrying Bde etc.	
72	2/3		2/5 B	0930	1415	0201	Sit up 0900 @ BUISAVAH OP reports no contact @ Own 4th @ B Coy MKD report unable cross BITOI task local enemy of accordance your message will be completed with action BITOI feasible @ Sending patrol one pl. in GUNDIRGASAL to SHADDAE area @ LPE 2/7 INDEPLOY find HOUSE MAMBU to link with Bloy patrol SHADDAE area @ Object these patrols make contact SHADDAE area @ HOPH patrol moving across BUISAVAH feature to KABA BIA feature object making contact enemy on KABA BIA @ if possible obs MUBO @ Expect report from this patrol @ MIA	
73	2/3		2/5 B	0930		0203	for Lt Col BERTRAM from STARR @ Could inform please be given regarding AIR operations area referred to our phone conversation 21 FEB	
74	2/3	2/6 B		1345		0999	for WOOD @ Submit date for trip to MARKHAM road 4 MAR	
75	2/3		NGF	1115	1515	06669	Your plans defense BUKHO valley para 9 @ 39 B temporary emergency only @ plan with existing forces plus INF BDE 3 allotting total 6 Bns NOT 7 @ The	
76	2/3	NGF 4/10 2/2 FARM		1305		098	Case of acute typhus at BENA BENA requires evacuation urgently @ please advise any action taken	
77	2/3		2/16 KILCOY	1445		051	Ref 2072 @ Reply despatched 2/20 1/200 1/2 mailed 15 Feb 19/2	Reply to 094
78	2/3		NGF	1305		097	request that command KANGA FORCE be vested with authority to authorise 14 Feb of 4 MC Sqd RAHF to fly comd on staff office on Rural via BUKHO VALLEY @ Present policy requiring ref to MORRESBY for permission does NOT meet local requirements @ Any flights would not be outside present limits and down @ Rec flight by comd @ GI now urgently required for operational planning	
79	2/3		2/5 IND COY	-		-	Informed by you yesterday we could temporarily use 2 hours in our unit selected by CRE @ For time being we are using them for accommodating 14 officers 19 NCOs sent to us from 2/7 as instructors @ Will vacate when wanted by CRE @ Assume this in order.	
80	2/3		2/6 B	1600	1622	111	Situation	
81	2/3		2/5 B	1630	1710	204	ref your messages 094, 097 @ patrols activity has been continuous & contact has been made WIPHALI area today @ Further info & routes further patrols will be reported as they come to hand.	
82	2/3		2/3 IND COY	1642	1707	0810	Sit up 1630 hrs @ 2 MAR composite sec GULLETT'S JUNG @ MENZIES JUNG 1 Sec @ BLACKCAT MINE Cpl assisting in withdrawal of wounded personnel 4 stores from MENZIES JUNG @ GAP area HQ HPL 2 Bns BPL @ Entitled by 3 PM 3 MAR following situation One section BPL MENZIES JUNG @ One sec BPL BLACKCAT MINE @ One composite sec GULLETT'S JUNG @ remainder GAP area.	
83	2/3		2/5 B	1700		0704	Mosaic NOT yet available GORDON has info regarding this	
84	2/3		2/5 IND COY	1745		0104	ref your signal to BERTRAM @ OK house houses & outside on arrival CRE	
85	2/3		INAV 2/6	1730		2	Sit up @ Journal camp @ if met @ Marched in HORS 2/6 B from CON CAMP 10R 2/6 B from Hoop. 349 2/5 IND COY from BUKHO @ Marched out 10th drone control to hospital HORS 2/6 B to Hoop. 10R 2/6 B to CON CAMP 10CORS 2/5 IND COY to KAINDI, 1433 2/6 B to BUKHO @ Otherwise Sit up.	

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86	2/3		DRWN	1538	1635	G201	Nal report	
87	2/3		2/5B	1630		E201	Schup 1630hrs @ find 2/5 17LD Coys Schup @ remainder report later	
88	2/3		TOTO	1550	1750	G672	Schup @ enemy repaired damage to drone @ 1400 hrs @ work done by large gang of 400 men & activity indicates planes exploded @ Single bomber bombed MARIKANG-BUSU area at 1445 hrs	
89	2/3	2/6B	4th G	1505		0101	ref your memo testing 2 MORTAR dated 28 FEB approved @ 2/6B will be responsible that all safety precautions are taken & all units 2/6B area particularly ANGRA also HQ KANGA FORCE warned of drone & plane 148 hrs from last shot	
90	2/3	TOTO, DRWN		1810		Z0104	Convoy sighted 0925 A/2 05055 14883E course 300 degrees including 3 cruisers & destroyers @ remainder 4 medium & 3 small transports	
91	2/3		KANGA	1825		0105	Schup 3/4 101800hrs	
92	2/3		BOBS	1703		0109	Route to MARIKANG	
93	2/3		2/6B	1823		113	further to our 1218/22 @ please advise	
94	2/3		TOTO	1750		G672	Nal report	
95	2/3		NGF			0116	27-000 BARTRAM road for duty HANDOPS @ Ensure this return to MORESBY	
96	2/3		2/8FAL	1800		228	Schup	
97	2/3		16 Bde Comm	1800		G195	Schup	
98	2/3	2/6B		1900		0106	ref your memo disposal of MATERIAL BULOLO area @ could concern your other re salvags	
99	2/3		2/5B	1800		206	Schup	
100	2/3		2/5B	1730		206	Schup out 1730hrs @ BUISAVAN OP reports 3 JAPS SHIPONI but on MAT MAT 1516/4 & moved down track towards SADDIE at 1500hrs today @ Blog reports contact made WIRIPANI area @ NO further details yet to hand @ reports from other patrols mentioned one patrol 0201 of 3 men expected after 2000	
101	2/3		2/5B	1700		0205	Message from 28 signed by 27 INDIAN @ while STARR on route to BUISAVAN OP & temporarily out of contact @ awaiting arrival GORDON further details re JAP OP	
102	2/3	NGF		2030		Z0105	Ref my HQ HQ GOLF Signal @ attached photo runs scale 1:15000 map of following area @ 3 copies each set in following priority @ 1st WIRIPANI to include KOMIATUM @ 2nd KOMIATUM to include SHARIMAU @ 3rd BULOLO VALLEY from LR 2906 to LR 2697 BULOLO area @ 4th BULOLO VALLEY from LR 3103 to LR 2104 BUIUNE area @ 5th BULOLO VALLEY from LR 2698 to LR 3286 BULOLO area @ letter with map overlying follows	
103	2/3		NGF	2345		G672	following from me to comd NGFO Quote @ I would be glad if you would give consideration to the question of inflicting a severe blow on the enemy in the SHARIMAU area with a view to SEIZING the opportunity should it present itself since it may have far reaching results if successful @ On the other hand with the force at your disposal should you find your initial successful attempt against conditions & arrangements for defence as they were in the GONA BUNA area you should not allow your force to become involved in operation amounting to siege conditions as existed in the area referred to @ Unquote @ I am of opinion that JAPS in the LAE-SHARIMAU areas consider their force somewhat insecure @ End part 1 part 2 follows @ Part 2 @ in view of this the GOC requires an immediate appreciation as quickly as possible & desires you consider possibilities occupying force as JAPS vacate such places as SADDIE VICKERS ridge MAT MAT hill & commanding ground beyond @ Your role of defending airfields still remaining HF will cooperate in bombing & strafing in MUB area as before @ NO additional resources available for this plan but subs will be maintained in MUB & limited dropping food if you recommend @ GOC staff office visiting you tomorrow if transport available.	

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104	2/3		NGF	1540	2115	1536	Sighting of convoy 1405 1/2 @ 4 hrs 3 cruisers & destroyers from 0505 5 14730 E course 280 @ 5 AF claim direct hits on 10,000, 9,000 & 6,000 ton vessels @ 1 of these observed to sink @ presume there 3 ships are ones missing from convoy since last sighting	
105	2/3	BOBS		2350			LA DEXTER @ Does MURPHY keep you informed of info rec'd his 3rd report	
106	2/3	TOTO DAWN		2250			Convoy sighting 1405 1/2 @ 3 cruisers & destroyers @ 4 hrs 0505 5 14730 E course 280 @ AF claims hits on 3 medium transports one observed to sink @ presume ships missing from sighting are those claimed hit by AF	
107	3/3		AN GAV	1530	0114	21/4	Visit of Maj GEN MORRIS & Maj ELLIOTT SMITH.	
108	3/3	All units		0830			Password	
109	3/3		2/7 Bn	0800			Sitrep @ patrols near patrol of 20 hrs 4 ORs depart this MO 0900 3 Mar @ route BAHAMS SKINDIEWAI WAIPAI HOUSE COPPER BLACKCAT WAU returning YMAR	
110	3/3		2/3 IND COY	0820			Sitrep 0630 @ 3" @ GUNNETT June composite rec @ MENZIES June one sec Btl @ BLACKCAT NINE Cpl assisting in withdrawal wounded personnel & stores from MENZIES JUNG @ GAP area HQ H/L 1200s B/L	
111	3/3		16 Bde Comm	0800			Sitrep	
112	3/3		WAU A/C	0645			Sitrep Transit Camp @ Marched in 2 ORs 2/5 IND COY otherwise Sitrep	
113	3/3		2/3 FA Coy	0705			Sitrep	
114	2/3		NGF	2200			evacuation arranged 3 WAU Cpt WILLIAMS to - from with patient @ Cpt WILLIAMS left WAU	
115	3/3	2/5 IND COY		1025			advise personnel still NOT concentrated EADIE CA & their location if known	
116	3/3		KANGA	1005			Sitrep 375 100800 1/3	
117	3/3		2/5 Bn	0945			Sitrep 0900 @ enemy @ 3 structures who moved through BUIBAINING 2 MAR report LALIBU NOT occupied by enemy @ Patrols from B Coy has discovered crossing on BITOI + same patrol moved near LALIBU 3 Mar @ One pl B Coy clearing suspected area front of WAIPAI 3 Mar @ Patrols from C pl 2/7 IND COY made contact enemy at JUNG BLACKCAT & SKINDIEWAI thro @ This patrol has been reinforced & attacks AM 3 Mar @ No further reports from P.P.	
118	3/3		NGF	2150/2	0759	0660	Ref KANGA Sitrep 370 @ Message originally rec'd quote BUIBAINING may be BWUSSI unquote @ check reads quote BURISSI may be BWUSSI unquote @ is latter correct @ 5/20 advise when error in transmission has @ Has check been made of actual location village	
119	3/3		NGF	1034			One Sitrep 370 reads @ 06607 @ BURISSI may be BWUSSI ref HUON GULF map R5616 check being made @ unquote @ check made confirms BWUSSI @ Error has in cipher decipherability both ends	
120	3/3		2/5 Bn	0635			Sitrep 0630 @ fwd 2/5, RED COYS Sitra @ remainder ref ad later	
121	3/3		2/6 Bn	0830			Sitrep	
122	3/3		DAWN	0745			0045 bright light obs shining across HUON GULF from direction SINGRUA @ 0625 hrs H/L over this area heard by bombing direction LAE	
123	3/3		DAWN	1017	1043	0203	1015 by continuous bombing heard off coast unable to observe owing to cloud bank	
124	3/3		2/6 Bn	0950			of see aerodrome sit 2 BULWA requested by CIE @ Sit 2 ref rec'd unquote @ Max length 300 yds	
125	3/3		TOTO	0805	1005	0670	Sitrep @ from 1840 hrs to 1935 hrs 2 mar @ 10 fighters landed LAE & one parked in blast bays @ 0635 hrs fire down raid by by bombers @ bombs dropped on drone @ 0715 to 0720 hrs 3 barges rec'd to LAE from SHAMMAVA @ Local barge activity @ 0800 hrs 3 fighters took off & patrolling over LAE @ present activity identical to that prior to landing of enemy aircraft on 7 Feb.	
126	3/3		2/6 Bn	1130			Password BUKO	
127	3/3		2/3 IND COY	1130			Phase 1 of your 069 now completed @ Request your permission moving holding force at MENZIES June @ It will take two days for this force to be withdrawn to GAP.	
128	3/3		BOBS	0700	1130	WH	Sitrep 0700 Bomb explosions heard from direction LAE @ Fortite unchanged	

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129	3/3		NGF	2115/2	1525		Flog will be fixed 1st available plane.	Reply 060
130	3/3	NGF		1210/3	0111		Message recd from LAE OP 2 note 0 Setup 0 from 1840 hrs 101935 hrs 2 MAR 10 fighters landed LAE drone + parked in BLAST BAYS 0 0635 hrs 1edown raid by 14 bombers 0 Bombs dropped on drone 0 0715-0720 3 barges rel to LAE from SHAMMAVA 0 Local barge activity 0 0800hrs 3 fighters took off + patrolling over LAE 0 present activity identical to that from 1st landing of enemy reports on 7 JAN 0 Unquote 0 Message recd from SHAMMAVA OP 0 wide 0 1015 by continuous bombing heard off coast unable to observe owing to cloud bank 0 Unquote	
131	3/3		NGF	1125	1350	06675	HAF quite agreeable comdr staff using WIRRAWAYS for aerial recon within operational limit laid down by them 0 HAF Sq advisory FET Comdr accordingly.	
132	3/3	4/3 IND Coy for WIAVA		11400	0112		MJ WARRFE + recd party of 3 move to tunnel camp 0 arrive PM today 0 ref KANGA 0900hrs H MAR.	
133	3/3		DAWN	1115	1445	G20	1800 Plan 2 obs H/Vissava HUONG GULF meaning NORTHEAST general direction SINGAPORE.	
134	3/3		NGF		1035	MS194	following selected special entry RMC NX2341 Sgt DR LAGUT, NX83106 CPL TERRYAN 27 INDCoy, NX107786 CPL SF HADFIELD 2/6 MUST INF BN VX/5061 Cpl LW MORRISON HQ 17 MUST INF BDE 0 Arrange them reporting 1st Ind Cops Reception Camp for onward met 1st earliest date 0 they are to report RMC NOT later than 27 MAR 0 Also addressed 17 MUST CORPS Reception CAMP	
135	3/3	NGF		11440	10108		Secret 0 Map SHAMMAVA recd 0 So present from SHAMMAVA OP as shown by photo on reverse side 0 Withholding distribution pending advice.	
136	3/3		2/3 IND Coy	1720	0873		Setup 1600 0 One comrade see GULLETT'S JUNG 0 One see Bpl BLACKCAT NINE 0 One see Bpl MIENZIES JUNG 0 Remainder Bpl GAP Cpl GAP, Hpl GAP 0 Mounted personnel from Camp DUMP.	
137	3/3		BOBS	1100	1217	1413	of I 0106 MURPHY keeps me fully informed of his INT reports	
138	3/3		2/5 IND Coy		1207	105	of your 0117 0 BLAKES 30RS HOSPITAL 17ORS WIAVA 20RS due BULONO Wednesday 1.0hr 0 0RS 0 LAE OP 1 off SHL OP 10hrs 30RS	
139	3/3		BENH FORCE	0745	K2		Setup BIENH KAINANTU unchanged	
140	3/3	NGF		1615	1615	0114	ref from MS194 should not NX2341 Sgt DR LAGUT read NX92341 Sgt DR ANGUS	
141	3/3		2/8 FA Coy	1805	235		Setup 1800 Setup	
142	3/3		BOBS		1755	1416	Setup by explosions in easterly direction at 1000hrs + 1230hrs 1500hrs 0 LOC STATE unitary	
143	3/3	TOJO DAWN		1950	10109		in info 0 101035/3 AF claim 4 sunk 1 probably sunk + 2 burning 0 Remainder 7 ships of convoy milling around in HUONG GULF NOT info to land	
144	3/3		NGF	1100	1540		Cpl SHAWARD brought man dispatched today in plane Pte CLUTTON	
145	3/3		food 2/5 Bn	1630	202		Setup 1630hrs 0 food 2/5, ACDCops Setup 0 separate setup later	
146	3/3		2/7 Bn	1800	20		Setup	
147	3/3		WIAVA	1715	3		Setup Transit Camp 0 the next 0 Marched in 40RS 2/6 Bn from Com Camp 30RS HAFPC 10hrs Public relations from KANGA, 10hrs 1st Ind Cops from KANGA Marched out 3420 2/5 IND Coy 10KIANDI, 10R 2/1 Aust FA Regt 10 FUMERS 10R 2/6 Bn 10 HOSPITAL 30RS 1st MTH Bty 10 WIRE BRIDGE 0 Otherwise Setup.	
148	3/3		16 Bde Carriers	1800	G200		Setup	
149	3/3		2/6 Bn	1830	114		Setup	
150	3/3		2/7 Bn	1900	204		Ref MAP WIAVA locality H-1ml 0 NO3 pl HQ Coy effected relief 114pl C Coy at area 399 674 at 1300hrs	
151	3/3		TOJO	1545	1705	G676	Enemy fighters patrolling LAE all day 0 1235hrs raid by bombers + fighters 0 NO visibility during raid but later obs barge burning of 4 mile HUONG GULF small (A) R6638 also bomb crates on drone believe damaged severely planes in blast bays 0 increased barge movement between LAE + HAFBU + more barges now anchored in HARBOUR Hy fire + explosions heard from FINSCHHAFEN direction between 1000-1100 hrs	

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152	3/3		NGF	1245	1550	I	for info @ 5AF have reported following casualties to convoy @ 1/2 group omitted possibly 2) MAR @ 2 sunk 1 probable @ 3 MAR 101035 H/3 2 sunk 2 burning @ 7 ships milling around in HUON GULF NOT in form to land	
153	3/3		KANGA	2000		0117	Sid up 376 to 1800 H/3	
154	3/3		DRMN	1555		G204	28 BARRAC #16 obs heading LNE 1220hrs @ BOMBING found same direction 1230hrs	
155	3/3		TOTO	1745	1810	G677	NOW 18 planes patrolling + 12 on ground at LAE	
156	3/3	2/5 Bn		1925		0115	ref your 0201H/2 @ report imminent strength dispersal + control of patrols sent to SADDAR area @ essential strong fighting patrols be sent fwd until enemy contacted then patrols remain in observation	
157	3/3	2/7 IND COY		1615		0113	following report WAW started camp earliest @ NOT later than 10 MAR for onward meet @ RMC @ NX 92341 Sgt DRANGUS NX 53106 Cpl JERMAN @ MCH	
158	3/3	2/6 Bn		-		0116	if VA 107756 Cpl HADFIELD DF is with Bn have been report to WAW Inland Camp earliest @ HADFIELD NOT with Bn please advise his whereabouts @ he is req for onward meet @ RMC	
159	3/3	2/5 IND COY		2000		0118	advise names of fros + ORs who have knowledge SAKAMUA view specimens personnel this op	
160	3/3		2/7 IND COY	1700		1160	ref your 0113H/2 RYTH ANOUS will arrive 2/7 IND COY near HQ with for move to RMC	
161	3/3	2/3 IND COY		2000		0119	commence withdrawal holding from MENZIES JUNGLE H/MAR	
162	3/3		NGF	1130		M412	of M411 which 2 ind @ plane unable evacuate today @ will depart early H/MAR	
163	3/3	2/5 Bn		1900		0202	Sid up 1500 hrs (see attached)	
164	3/3		NGF	1700	2015	06676	Attack on Convoy @ from reports 101630 H/3 estimated total @ enemy ships sunk 23 enemy 6/7 damaged some burning + 2/4 still attempting reach LAE @ 11 hrs @ 2/4 still attempting reach LAE @ 23 enemy fighters destroyed	
165	3/3	TOTO DRMN		2230		T0110	Above 06676 from NGF report	
166	3/3	2/6 Bn		2100		0120	3 ORs at BARKES 2/5 IND COY to return forthwith to WAW inland camp for onward meet to EDIE CR	
167	3/3		NGF	2135		0121	NA 107756 Cpl HADFIELD DF 2/6 Bn, VX 15061 Cpl MORRISON LW 17 Bde, already at Rptg MS 1st Cops Reception Camp @ near HQ 17 Bde, MORESBY awaiting instructions to RMC 174	
168	3/3		2/6 Bn	2000		53	Cpl Hadfield marched out to 17 Bde HQ, 13 JAN for conveyance to MORRAY BARRACKS MORESBY enroute RMC @ do be at present MORRAY BARRACKS @ possibly near 16 Bde	
169	3/3	2/5 Bn		2355		0127	for info @ over last few days convoy enemy ships total 17/19 heading towards NG through VITIAZ STRAIT @ Our bombers in action 3 sunk 6/7 damaged some burning 3/4 still attempting reach LAE @ 23 enemy fighters destroyed	
170	3/3		16 Bde Carrier	0800		G202	Sid up	
171	3/3		NGF	2125		I1549	NO	
172	3/3		NGF	1615		MS201	Can you submit an order of preference names of Ofcs + enlisted personnel USA Army to whom awards can be recommended for outstanding service in plane of WAW especially during period 30/4/31 JAN MOTEN	
173	3/3		NGF	2200	0054	06678	appreciation asked for in my 06672 is from BRIG MOTEN NOT 3 Div @ remains in command until Div commander arrives @ 3 Div staff under command MOTEN	
174	3/3	2/5 IND COY		0025		0128	in addition LOCKHART provide 2 ORs to replace STEIN + LILLIES with knowledge SAKAMUA area @ will advise when to report WAW for onward meet @ Consult our 0118 ref 1010	
175	3/3		TOTO	2000		G678	Posns of planes on drone as follows NOT @ 2030 H @ Blast bays 3 each @ Now two @ Remainder gone nevertheless three in air @ Continued barge meet between LAE + LABU @ 14 (1845 hrs?) + barges left LABU for LAE @ Total number of planes thirty (?) (could read 1945 hrs could gr)	

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176	3/3		fwrd 2/5 B	2120	0204	0204	defn needs planned to LABABIA & MATMAT areas which will take 7 days to complete. Request extension of 2 days to time when req. Would like reply before 1000 A/H MAR	at least outline plans
177	3/3		2/5 IND COY	2100		1010	Have complete reorganisation 2/5 IND COY after discussion with MRS NELSON. Only off available SAKAMAU OP. Lieut Lockhart can send him owing to his commencing Friday next cannot supply men as Request return 2 2/5 COY names Pte STEIN Sqr KIKICOT at present	immed. replacements SAKAMAU OP
178	3/3	2/5 IND COY	2/5 IND COY	2245		0123	fwrd relief MINCHIN approved. Off to replace him must have knowledge 2nd course of his must finish 21 MAR. 3rd vacancies for 10 MCOs for school MORESBY. Submit names immed.	SAKAMAU OP
179	3/3	2/5 B		2325		0125	In GORDON new suitable accommodation SKINDIWAI for shelter Sqr, Sub G Staff total approx 20. Ask	Adv Bde HQ
180	3/3	2/6 B		2320		0124	Expedite application for RSK Lewis WALKER SHERGOLD PALMER STOTT submit A22 to replace. Apply P22 for ROBERTS. Ask	BUSBRIDGE
181	3/3	2/6 B	fld DUVO	2240		0122	Lieut RG BURKE will report for duty as Hdq 10 May DUNNABY OC	WAV for def
182	3/3	adv 2/5 B		2650		0126	Secur of your new patrol should NOT affect outline plan. ordered line. Make tactical arrangements for fwd move on 12 should withdraw in meanwhile he is to be closely followed by C in C is of opinion that JAPS in the ARE SAKAMAU areas consider their focus somewhat insecure. 2/5 IND COY moving to operate SAKAMAU from west to coincide your fwd move. Strengths & defns as requested. Ref to Sqr 0202 of 3 MAR. Patrol downwards 10 ft 49. Patrol 2/5 B to WAIPIAI & GUADAGASAL leaving HOUSE BANANA first light for SADDLE area 4000 feet	regret unable MAR. if enemy strong fighting patrol against
183	3/3		2/5 B	2110		0203	Strengths & defns as requested. Ref to Sqr 0202 of 3 MAR. Patrol downwards 10 ft 49. Patrol 2/5 B to WAIPIAI & GUADAGASAL leaving HOUSE BANANA first light for SADDLE area 4000 feet	Patrol 2/5 B to LAIBU. Patrol 2/7 IND COY
184	3/3		2/5 B	2130		205	Ref our 0203. A/H GUADAGASAL and 4 SADDLE. This patrol 2/5 B to with 2/7 IND COY. Patrol leaving BANANA to SADDLE	link up
185	4/3		N GP	0250		0685	Ref our 0203. A/H GUADAGASAL and 4 SADDLE. This patrol 2/5 B to with 2/7 IND COY. Patrol leaving BANANA to SADDLE	also bomb
186	4/3		N GP	0955		0130	Ref our 0203. A/H GUADAGASAL and 4 SADDLE. This patrol 2/5 B to with 2/7 IND COY. Patrol leaving BANANA to SADDLE	planes in blast. Reply 0680
187	4/3		2/7 B	0800		202	Sqr	
188	4/3		2/6 B	0830		121	Sqr. One aft A/C flew over area 0615 hrs. Came from NE departed Northwly direction otherwise Sqr	
189	4/3		2/8 Fd Coy	0708		237	Sqr	
190	4/3		WAV def	0645		1	Sqr. Forward camp. Marched in 3 ORs 2/6 B from CON CAMP. Marched out 10 ft 2/6 B to BUADHO. Otherwise Sqr	
191	4/3		KANGA	0945		0128	Sqr 377 to 0800/14	
192	4/3		DHINA	0755		0205	Ref our 0203. A/H GUADAGASAL and 4 SADDLE. This patrol 2/5 B to with 2/7 IND COY. Patrol leaving BANANA to SADDLE	
193	4/3		2/5 IND COY	1030		0211	Ref our 0203. A/H GUADAGASAL and 4 SADDLE. This patrol 2/5 B to with 2/7 IND COY. Patrol leaving BANANA to SADDLE	
194	4/3		2/6 B	1000		39	3 ORs referred to proceeding WAV by taxi leaving BUADHO 1030 hrs today.	
195	4/3		TO JO	0800		0679	Sqr. Rail at 0615 hrs bomb dropped on drone. Light A/A only. none from LABU. MAHAHANG drone being used. 1 Para 51 draft being obtained	
196	4/3		2/6 B	0950		38	Lieut RG BURKE has malaria. being evacuated MORESBY first available plane. Reply 0122	
197	4/3		fwrd 2/5 B	0630		F301	Sqr. as at 0630 hrs. Fwd 2/5 B. ACDC Coy Sqr. Remains Sqr	
198	4/3	2/3 IND COY fld WAV def		0920		0131	One pl 4 part HQ 2/3 IND COY total personnel 65 move BLANCHETT to WAV PM today. Continue to BUADHO 5 min	

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199	4/3	2/7 Bn		0920	0132	prop me to send det 10th 100R to BLACKCAT & GAP on further orders this HQ probably 7th MAR @ task watching duty on relief all IND Coy	
200	4/3	NGP		1135	0133	from MPTEN @ cannot understand your 06678 @ fully understand appreciation to be prepared by me & task already in hand @ see msg of instn NO 4 of 2 MAR for action already being taken in connection ops referred to in your 01672 of 2 MAR	
201	4/3		2/6 Bn	1310	123	Passion BUNGO	
202	4/3		2/3 IND Coy	0940	0575	Situp 0800/14 one composite sec GULLETT'S JUNG on sec BLACKCAT NINE HPL CPL Coy HQ & pl HQ 42 sec Cpl at GAP @ One sec BPL moving from MENZIES to GAP at 0906 hrs @ Two men remaining at MENZIES assigned for arrival will move tomorrow with carrier line to BUIBAINING @ carrier line working between MENZIES & GAP moving slow back @ Stitches cases now at BLACKCAT NINE	
203	4/3		2/5 IND Coy	1300	-	Ref your 012574 Lt Col LOCKHART & 2 ORs ready move to DAWNY when reqd.	
204	4/3		2/5 Bn	0940	0201	Situp about 0900 @ further patrols as follows leaving SKINDENAI HOPAH @ Majt HOPA + WATSON at ANGAU to recce LABAGIA RIDGE MUBOTRACK MUBO KOMIATUM for detailed info enemy forces strengths 42 of c mot @ patrol reports back 9 or 10 MAR @ 2 Scouts 2/7 IND Coy to MUBO GARDIENS area to recce MIATMAT & suspected JAP OP to locate enemy forces & strengths & to observe BITOI valley & report back by 9 MAR @ Both patrols will NOT be affected by air activity	
205	4/3		2/5 IND Coy			ref your 0123 @ NCOs for technical schools as follows - Lt SGT JONES, Cpl FERGUSON, Cpl KEE, L/C BURROWS, L/C Mc LAUGHAN, L/C PIRET, Plt CARPENTER, Plt BUDDEN, advice when reqd to report to HQ.	
206	4/3		BOBS	0700	417	Situp @ location unchanged	
207	4/3		2/5 Bn	0945	0202	From GORDON @ consider essential 3 tents EPIP beds of SKINDENAI accommodation Adv Bde HQ early dropping reqd	
208	4/3		2/6 Bn	1045	40	Please advise if accommodation staying camp available Padre FIRTH from 14-7 MAR	
209	4/3	2/6 Bn		1155	0134	Accommodation available	Reply 40
210	4/3		2/5 Bn	1000	0208	Propose calling Coy comdts find earliest opportunity commencing 5 MAR	
211	4/3		2/6 Bn	1220	41	ref HUSH GULF 4nd 1 @ Jy exercises will be held 5+6 MAR area (L) W 2593 @ blank area will be used @ ensuring all safety precautions	
212	4/3		BIENA FORCE	0930	R3	Situp BIENA KRINANTU unchanged	
213	4/3	2/6 Bn		1430	0136	fr WOOD from WILTON @ intend proceed on recce to BOBS Fr 5 MAR @ will advise your HQ approx 1200 hrs @ please confirm fare can accompany me also please arrange ration for both of us	
214	4/3	TOTO DAWNY		1225	0135	fr info @ Helicopter patrolling is being carried out by our own Hqs in WAIPALI GUADRAGASA, LITTLE GUADRAGASA, 4 SADDLE area @ One patrol have crossed BITOI River & killed to LAIBU which was found close of enemy @ enemy still hold SADDLE area in strength @ Ref convoy @ HF leaves up to 1630 hrs @ enemy still steps with 6/7 damaged some turning & 3/4 still attempting to reach LAIB @ 23 enemy fighters so far destroyed	
215	4/3		TOTO	0800	0679	Situp @ Road at 0615 hrs Bombs dropped on drone (.) Light A/H only from LAIB none from LAIBU @ Contd ZERO patrol since 0615 hrs @ MALIHANG drone being used @ No shipping yet visible @ would appreciate situp from WAU/MUBO	Reply 0136
216	4/3		2/6 Bn	1510	43	420 @ please inform LAIBOURIER one	
217	4/3		DAWNY	1506	4206	Recd HPL obs flying direction LAIB 1245 hrs	
218	4/3		FWA 2/5 Bn	1630	4202	Situp 1630 @ Fwd 2/5, HLD, Coy's Situp @ Remainder later	

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219	4/3	TOTO		1735	I 0113	Your memo 23 FEB recd @ Smoke periodic reviews valuable if you can get them back without further on coming	
220	4/3	45 INDCOY 47 " " fil WAV def		1545	0137	Following immediate arrangements are made for relief personnel SAKAMAURO MINCHIN, KILLIES, STEIN all 2/5 INDCOY + LOWDRES 2/7 INDCOY will be relieved by LOCKHART & 2 ORN 2/5 INDCOY & by one member HQ KANGA @ Personnel ref at to transit camp for the time being. LOCKHART ref HQ KANGA @ ultimately 2/5 INDCOY + 2/7 INDCOY will be responsible for manning ops SAKAMAURO & LAE respectively @ Plans accordingly	
231	4/3	TOTO		1745	0681	Sitrep long black column of smoke rising from TAMI TS. possibly burning ship @ will advise form of planes later	
232	4/3	3/8 INDCOY		1805	2143	Sitrep	
233	4/3	30 BS		1730	2221	Sitrep @ LOCSTATE unchanged.	
234	4/3	1/6 B		1830	129	Sitrep	
235	4/3	2/7 B		1800	207	Sitrep	
236	4/3	TOTO		1531	0680	Sitrep - Out, 220 hrs @ Airplane struffed MAHAHANG and LAE aerodromes fires started in bush west LAE aerodrome @ 31 ZEROS at present on LAE aerodrome @ More at MAHAHANG @ Mist stopped observation of road @ since 1300 hrs patrolling here practically stopped	
237	4/3	DAWN		1330	1120	Infra reports appreciated	
238	4/3	2/3 INDCOY		1900	0576	Sitrep to 1630 hrs one composite see GULLETT June One see BARKLAT MINE One see Btk moving from MENZIES June to GAP Area MENZIES JUNG as guard on area @ Remainder Btk, Cpl + part C of HQ GAP @ A pl 1/4 C of HQ left GAP for WAV 1130 hrs today @ carrier line with stores from MENZIES JUNG + CARRS expected GAP tomorrow @ Line of 30 will leave MENZIES tomorrow with ammo for BUIBAINING	
239	4/3	WAV def		1755	2	Sitrep Transit Camp @ Troop met @ Marched in 10R 2/6 B from Com Camp 3 ORN 2/5 INDCOY from BUKHO 10R + TORUS Army AF from MORRISBY, 10R 2/2 Fa Amb, 10R 1st Lt Capt 10R 1st Lt Btk 2 ORN TORUS C of Regt @ Marched out TORUS 2/6 B from BUKHO 3 ORN 2/5 INDCOY from KAIINDIO otherwise Sitrep	
240	4/3	2/5 B		1730	205	Sitrep 1730 hrs @ patrol from B Coy contacted enemy on high ground between GADAGASAN + SHDDAE east taking the HQ/50 @ Patrol killed 2 JAPS remains + were fired on by LMG's + mortars 1200/1500 hrs today no further reports to hand from this patrol @ No reports from other B Coy patrols yet to hand @ BUISAVAL reports 1340 hrs 4th located JAP sniper in tree on SHDDAE and has given map ref @ Cpl 2/7 INDCOY ref his fighting patrol moving towards SHDDAE area were engaged by enemy party last 16/50 & came under fire LMGs MMGs + MORTAR @ will feed AIR photo map of this area in later message requesting Air support @ Own HQ @ photo Btk 2/7 INDCOY moves to June BUIBAINING WAIPIAI track June AM 5 MAR @ B Coy 1st returns SKIN DISTRI PM 5 MAR	
241	4/3	KANGA		1955	0138	Sitrep 3/8 to 1800 hrs	
242	4/3	2/5 B		2000	206	Recd report shipping GADAGASAN RIDGE from mail HOSPITAL 932 XO 10 mile TRACK JUNG SHDDAE 65 SWH + also area about G7X9 @ These refs are from High 63 unguided @ Ends superimposed from airphoto 77 of 77	
243	4/3	2/5 B		2010	0139	Essential you hold strong defensive forms as secure base for your ops @ This may require one inf coy @ give outline of proposed work for base in mind referring of instn NO4 para 4 sub para C @ Ate	
244	4/3	2/5 B		2015	0140	ref your 0205 hrs @ an enemy contacted by patrol 2/5 B + patrol 2/7 INDCOY the same enemy	

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245	4/3	WAVU def, 2/7Bm	156 2/11A Bty, 2/2FAAMB Q	2100	0142	18ty 2/1 FA Regt will carry out body trap inside vicinity 37A714 between 11004120045° explosion will be used. Please warn all Hqs under Comd. Hk		
246	5/3		2/8FA Coy	0712	245	Silence		
247	5/3		WAVU def	0700	1	Silence		
248	5/3	2/5 Bm		0105	0146	No air support available 5 MAR		
249	5/3	from MARSHAL 105AF Det			phone	due medium effort other area of all A/C advise that you withheld from 118th operations or any plans that requires by air support. I will come 5 MAR		
250	5/3	2/5 Bm		0850	0147	of our 0146. It is not indefinite whether air sp will be available over SIBDAN area today		
251	5/3	RW units	2/3IND COY	0830	1017	password WAVU		
252	5/3			0731	0117	18ty 2/11A Bty one sec Bpl GULLETT's fine one sec Bpl BLANCHAT MINE 4 man Bpl MENEZES JUNG 10 cent amn line to BUI BAINING HQ & remainder Bpl GAPD CPT part COY HQ GAPD APL 1st CO HQ moved 4 MAR from GAP to WAVU		
253	5/3	2/7Bm - 2/5Bm	2/5 Bm	0935	0149	D Coy 2/5Bm will move to KRISINIK & one Coy 2/7Bm to CRYSTAL CK to relieve D Coy 2/5Bm. Tasker road work KRISINIK WIREBR & CRYSTAL CK area respectively as ordered by 2/8FA Coy. Rice parties will move again. + main bodies late for 5 MAR		
254	4/3		2/5 Bm	2240	0208	Patrols conducted enemy		
255	5/3		KANGIA	0920	0148	Silence 379 10020045		
256	5/3		TOTO	0750	G483	Silence. Road at 0645 hrs Combs dropped on drone 1 plane set on fire South side 1403 black bay. Gun 682 was not fired last night as GAPD only used. 113-2 planes @ 115-3 planes @ 116-3 planes @ 24-4 planes @ 31-2 planes @ Between 110-113-5 planes @ 12-2 planes @ In 119 some damaged ZEROS @ Also some MACHINES parts of machinery		
257	5/3		TOTO	1930/4	095	G482	Silence 0900 hrs @ enemy @ No further news reported @ Own 400 planes of machinery conduct enemy GUNDRASAN area @ other notes as of at our relief 0205 AMAR were party FOTI taking SKINDEWAI for gun BUI BAINING - NAI PAH tracks on 5 MAR	
258	5/3		2/5 Bm	0900	201	Silence 0900 hrs @ enemy @ No further news reported @ Own 400 planes of machinery conduct enemy GUNDRASAN area @ other notes as of at our relief 0205 AMAR were party FOTI taking SKINDEWAI for gun BUI BAINING - NAI PAH tracks on 5 MAR		
259	5/3	2/3IND COY		1001	0150	working order @ One of 2/3 IND COY no gas fuel area to WAVU today for onward		
260	5/3	2/7Bm 2/3IND COY		1007	0151	10ff 100hrs 2/7Bm move to GAP today task as ordered verbally @ This force known as OTTER FORCE will use OTTER as code name & be based at GAP		
261	5/3		2/6 Bm	0930	131	password BULOAO		
262	5/3		BOBS	0730	112	Silence @ personnel state unchanged		
263	5/3		2/6 Bm	0825	130	Silence		
263	5/3		16 Blue Cannon	0815	G209	Silence		
264	5/3		2/7 Bm	0800	201	Silence		
265	5/3		1st 2/5 Bm	0635	F201	Silence 0630 @ Fwd 2/5, 4 CD COYS silence @ remainder later		
266	5/3		2/6 Bm	0915	46	Silence MCKEERAN & H ORS arrived BULOAO last night @ Among staying camp by here this morning		
267	5/3	2/3IND COY		1115	0152	Ref on 0150 @ CPT all of at WAVU 5 MAR		
268	5/3	156 2/11A Bty		0945	443	recd your 0142 of 4/3 @ all informed		
269	5/3	HELSON		1035	N3	Request Capt LAVER & CAMERON 2/6 Bm or any other 20ffs capable including in tactics of at home 7 inst		
270	5/3		2/6 Bm	1830	1	Ref telephone query re tactical course KIANDI @ LAVER urgently ref line @ Lieut CAMERON W T PRICE EMI nominated		
271	5/3	2/5IND COY		1412	0153	FOR NELSON @ Lieut CAMERON & PRICE reporting to you 6 MAR for mutual purposes		
272	5/3	2/6 Bm		1410	0154	Lieut CAMERON & PRICE will report to WAVU direct camp today 5 MAR for onward		
273	5/3		BENA Force	1030	R4	BENA KIANDI TV unchanged		

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274	5/3	TOTO		1250	0153	2 mls cable & telephones now on route TOTO @ instead are @ cable to be used telephones connect to old lookout with 2 men to operate same thus establishing flash course of flash air warning through to sig. Also cable to present lookout back to wireless that enabling flash course to WANGAI & MORESBY.	
275	5/3	BOBS		1500	2016	W/O SWANSON WANGAI on route TIMBER took 3 despatches HRE OP @ will find to you @ Ask receipt by signal & full COP by hand of	SWANSON B. M. G. M.
276	5/3		Down	1500	0258	Following arrival by plane BURKHO @ 24CS RMAI @ 1400hrs 34 also engine receive party	
277	5/3		2/6 B	1610	2	Following arrival by plane BURKHO @ 24CS RMAI @ 1400hrs 34 also engine receive party	
278	5/3		Post 2/5 B	1630	F202	Subj 1610hrs @ Fuel 2/5 B @ H.C. Log Subj remainder later	
279	5/3	NGF		1700	2017	for Stationery @ Review most urgently 3 further rolls of film with crystals @ Abnormal consumption making map for ref at present.	
280	5/3		16 Bde Comm	1800	0212	Subj	
281	5/3		NGF	1245	0669	your ops under & NOT send this HQ @ request you despatch another copy immediately	
282	5/3		NGF	1140	SD1659	Please send to 1st Lt Capt R. L. MURRAY BARRACKS by 6 MAR Sgt CHITTICK B Coy	
283	5/3		WAO of	1727	2	Subj @ 1st Lt Comm @ 1st Lt @ marched on 10R 2/1 B from HOSP 1st Lt 2/6 B Coy from HOSP 246 OR 2/5 IND Coy 2410R US 96 engine @ Marched out 20R to BURKHO 10R 2/5 IND Coy 10R 10R 1st Lt Capt to MORESBY 20R 308 US CH Bty 10R 10R US Army Air Cooperation otherwise Subj	
284	5/3		2/5 IND Coy	1805	207	Subj	
285	5/3		WAO of	0700	1	Subj	
286	5/3		2/6 B	1830	136	Subj	
287	5/3	NGF		1945	0157	Despatching copy NO9 Operation District NO4 @ Copy NO3 sent attached by SAFE HAND COURIER 3 MAR	
288	5/3		NGF			Subj 187 - 195 incl HQS 066 5/62/64/66/68/70/74/74/79	
289	5/3		2/7 B	1800	207	Subj @ BECK closed old location of repaired 385711 at 1655hrs @ OTTER fine departed for GAP at 1800hrs today	
290	5/3		TOTO	1600 1810	G685	Subj from 0710hrs to 0820 hrs 32 ZEROS took off heading NE @ 0830hrs and by plane at high altitude @ 0840hrs and by bombs exploded by fighters on HRE @ one plane shot down north SINGAPORE @ this activity has almost 100% very little visibility since 1000hrs @ your subjs appreciated	
291	5/3		2/5 IND Coy	1730	0880	Subj 10/1630 @ HPL 1st Lt Coy HQ Upper BURKHO Power House @ Bpl one we GUANETS found on site BLACKCAT MINE 4 men at MIBNIES found with carrier line from BUIDRINING remainder BPC GAP @ 1st Lt GAP in WAO 1400 hrs carrier line moving from MIBNIES found 10m above @ OTTER lower reported GAP 1810	
292	5/3		BOBS	1730	145	Subj	
293	5/3		WANGAI	1745	0106	Subj 330 to 1500hrs	
294	5/3		1/6 B	1915	2	truck carrying ammo caught fire approx 1900 @ truck & ammo destroyed	
295	5/3		2/5 B	1800	202	Subj 1730 @ BUISAVAN OP up at 08 H 300s moving GUADAGASAN area @ his first met by own 4th towards SADDAN area regular subjs on target outlined our 0206 H MAR @ B Coy 2/5 now SKINDENAI @ Bpl 10PA fine BUIDRINING WAIPAI trucks & outposts area WAIPAI @ receive camp sites commenced 6 MAR	

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296	5/3	ads 2/5B		2335	0160	One sec fuel of MTH Bty with one gun leaves BHALAMS and 6 MAR expect arrive SKINDENWI 3/9 MAR	
297	5/3		2/6B	2120	6	Leads CAMERON & PRKE left for WAW approx 2100hrs @ One OR LIVU with mil gear left for WAW 2115hrs @ both parties will report staging camp	
298	5/3		TOJO	1500	0687	Ship @ unable to lose planes owing to NO visibility	
299	5/3		WAW Lt	-	-	Ship @ Transit Camp @ Manufacture 10R 2/5 IND Coy from HOSP 20Rs 2/6 Bm from HOSP 20hrs 2/5 Bm from BULWA @ Otherwise silent	
300	5/3		2/8 Fd Coy	0708	250	Silent	
301	5/3		2/7 Bm	0500	201	Silent @ NO contact with OTTER force	
302	5/3		16 Bde Comm	0400	0215	Silent	
303	5/3		2/5 Bm	0825	-	OP at WAIPANI reports 2 ships approaching SHALAMUA coast from NE seen at 0810/6	
304	5/3	NGF		0855	0161	OP WAIPANI reports 2 ships approaching SHALAMUA coast from NE seen at 0810/6	
305	5/3		fuel 2/5B	0630	F201	Ship seen at 0630 for 2/5 Bm H.C.D. Coys Silent @ Remainder report later.	
306	5/3		2/6 Bm	0830	127	Silent	
307	5/3		2/5 IND Coy	0830	0591	Ship 0830/6 H/L fuel Coy HQ UPPER BULWA POWER HOUSE @ BR one sec GUILLETTS fuel line BULWA MINE 4 min moving with carrier line of 50 from NIENZIES fuel to GAP HQ + remainder to GAP @ EPE WAW moving after BULWA POWER HOUSE today @ remainder Coy HQ under Capt TANCRID moving WAW this morning @ Capt HANCOCK will command GAP.	
308	5/3		KANGA	0920	0162	Ship 381 to 0800/6	
309	5/3		NGF	2125/5	0695	Op station NGF read 2220/5	
310	5/3	2/6 Bm		2025/5	0158	range practice on days set out by you is approved @ CO will ensure all safety precautions are obs. @ Sufficient safety at stop-butts @ Likely approach signalled @ All submissions within area are wanted	
311	5/3	All units		0830	1P18	Password WAW	
312	5/3	DAWN		1037	0166	relief for MINCHIN KILNIES en route DAWN ETA 8 or 9 MAR @ MINCHIN KILNIES return as soon as relief completely in place	
313	5/3		TOJO	0800	0689	Ship @ Cooking fires visible & are increasing in area between TALISSONS & CANNELLS	
314	5/3		2/13 IND Coy	0940	0M120	fuel to ads HQ age address next of kin NITNER / HASGOURGUES this info reqt urgently	
315	5/3		8085	0730	W126	Silent local time unchanged	
315	5/3	2 MUST NOT BL		0950	0163	Incident in P BONGER @ casualties MARTIN, JOHNSTONE, JACOBS, REDDING, yourself wounded. @ arrange first med patchwork.	
316	5/3		DAWN	0750	0209	Will report	
317	5/3	2/6 Bm		1000/6	0164	Resident DEXTER send fuhols irregular intervals approx every 4 days to change from MT NGAROMENO	
318	5/3	NGF		1020	0165	names of Offrs & enlisted men USA Army being obtained & will advise as soon as known @ completed list recommendations KANGA FORCE being fixed 7 Mar	
319	5/3		2/6 Bm	0955	128	Password BULWA	
320	5/3		2/5 Bm	0900	202	Ship 0900hrs @ 2/7 IND Coy intercept @ B Coy 2/5 Bm engaged on camp coast construction SKINDENWI @ Our message 0201 6th MAR refers report recd OP WAIPANI @ 2 ships approaching SHALAMUA coast from NE seen at 0810/6	
321	5/3		8085	1725	BA124	VERTISAN from MURPHY @ grading & filling reported by air recd at WAHGT is large cultivation only of FITZGERALD material	
322	5/3	NGF		1210	L012	2/5 Bm false reports no enemy to meet NADZAB drone which still obstructed @ Copy report follows	

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323	6/3	NGF	Not sent	1230	50123	AS control SAP using selected photos H 10 M which NOT need Request immediate issue 6 prints all selected photos as completed as some delay in getting prints to field. The North Pt. should be incl when grading	thx HQ
324	6/3	2/3 INDCOY (GAP)		1130	0167	Balance HQ Coy & Coy HQ will move WAU 6 MAR for onward move to BUKWA by MT	
325	6/3	NGF		11430	10124	MURPHY reports grading & filling reported by air view of WAH GAT to be large collection made by ATZERA natives	
326	6/3	2/5 B		1213	0108	Plan for detailed forms of field ops	
327	6/3		TOJO	1530	6691	Situp plane launch at 1110 hrs & parked in number 3 Blast BAY @ very little fuel today @ Sunday for the HEATHS - MARKHAM RD @ New structure not up 1229 @ to relief being sent for Sgt WEST & RUSSELL	
328	6/3		2/5 B	1520	209	from GORDON @ suitable area recd after speaking BERISFORD commenced building signpost office today @ balance present available erect GAT but if you instruct @ EPIP my message para preferable if unavailable drop 6 ft roofing	
329	"	2/5 B		1450	169	AF advise air strike today at 1445 + 1515 hrs on targets as requested	
330	"		2/5 B	1630	622	Situp 1630 @ 2/5, A.C.D. Coy Situp @ Remainder later	
331	"		DAVIN	1525	620	AF report	
332	"		SMITH	1458	148	Summary BUWA 1500 hrs	
333	"		2/7 B	1800	204	Situp @ Remainder OTTER FORCE arrived GAP 1540 hrs OTTER advised 2/3 INDCOY not moving for 2 or 3 days & will continue sending reports @ Coy now located H 26697	
334	"		BOBS	1730	W24	Situp @ 1630 hrs unchanged	
335	"		WANGA	1835	0171	Situp 1830 @ 2/5, A.C.D. Coy Situp @ Remainder later	
336	"		2/5 B	1700	203	Situp 1700 @ 2/5 INDCOY reports A/C bombed LABABIA ridge & stuff as requested	
337	"		16th Bn Carrier	1900	GAY	Situp	
338	"		TOJO	1810	0170	WEST & RUSSELL met for get them @ Helping to arrange leave to AUST shortly	
339	"		WAU dt	1715	3	Situp Transit Camp @ Marched in 400s 2/6 Bn from HOSP 300s 2/5 INDCOY from HOSP @ Marched out 100s 1st Aust Bn. Sgt to field area 2 + 200s 2/6 Bn to KIANDI 10R 2/5 INDCOY to KIANDI 10R 2/6 Bn Coy to base CK otherwise Situp	
340	"		2/6 B	1850	9	Confirmation WANGA will be under Comd DADO while on this area @ please confirm @ under DADO can you arrange their shifts be 2/6 Bn	
341	"	(Mok control with WANGA)	2/6 B	1830	7	Please expedite fuel not sent to SELHEIM, MARSDEN, BUSBRIDGE, COUGHAN	
342	"		2/8 FAC Coy	1805	253	THOMPSON report now at NGFARD SELHEIM @ These Offs urgently need of fuel	
343	"		2/6 B	1830	143	Situp	
344	"		2/5 B	1800	204	ref map MUBO, SKINDENAI 3 - 1 mile @ 1140 4 B Coy has 10 ft 100s SKINDENAI @ One Off 100s Bn on patrol LHAIBU SKINDENAI @ One see the HOUSE REDDISH @ BPL HQ + one see at Tanna one see HOUSE DOCTOR BOY @ One see BUIBAINING village @ C that HOUSE MAMBU, HOUSE BANANA, HOUSE STAIRS @ High 2/7 INDCOY + WATSON HNGAU on patrol LABABIA MUBO area @ 2 Scouts 2/7 INDCOY on patrol to support JRP @ OP 2nd AUISAYALOP + WAIPIAN	

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345	6/3	NGF		2130	0176	for BRIG CLEARND from BRIG MOTEN @ C. GRIPPEN has recd private signal from HQ Dio that certain persons & portions of units will arrive 7 MAR @ if this arrival is at WAU request that it is imm. plotted & advance on priorities which are result of careful planning & designed to facilitate landing ops.	
346	6/3	TOSO		2100	0175	Time close down site 1930 hrs approx.	
347	6/3	2/5 IND Coy		2215	0179	Ref our 0172 @ Persons refused to work in area before 24-25 & prior to raid on MUBO @ advise	Reply 162
348	6/3	Ind 2/5 B		2020	0173	are you still in contact Sundaogah area @ Do you require this strike 7 MAR @ advise urgently.	
349	6/3	2/5 IND Coy		1956	0172	advise by signal the name & present whereabouts of the Offr or NCO of 2/5 IND Coy who had a patrol of approx 10 men at BAKERST MINE GAP area on the 24-25 JAN prior to relief by 2/6 B @ if patrol could decrease advise details next senior of this patrol @ Patrol Comd will report HQ HANGA imm.	
350	6/3	2/5 B		2200	0178	for GORDON @ send ref of recd HQ site back by ARNOLD @ No construction reqd yet @ Any spare labor to be used moving sups fwd.	
351	6/3	2/5 B		2155	0177	His strike arranged as requested	Reply 020
352	6/3		2/5 B	2115	0205	Still in contact & situation unchanged @ His strike next 7 Mar same area	Reply 016
353	6/3	2/6 B ~ 2/3 IND Coy		2055	0174	in reply 2/6 B signal @ 2/3 IND Coy although BULWA area remains under comd HQMANGA @ 2/3 IND Coy strike will be addressed HQ HANGA rfd 2/6 B	
354	6/3		TOSO	2005	0694	between 1920 & 2000 hrs 6 Charges moved between LAE + LABU	
355	6/3		TOTO	1730	0693	Site 1500 @ 1515 hrs 2000 hrs came from BUTIBUM to drone @ 2 planes parked NO3 blast bay & one in NO7 @ 2 planes believed unserviceable parked map ref N219 @ suggest time close down site 1930 hrs instead 1800 not present	
356	6/3		2/3 IND Coy	2000	0601	Site 1800 hrs B/L GAP @ Porters reg & 4 men HQ WAU @ Rfl + CPL SHEPSON HQ POWERHOUSE @ following patrols departed am today to investigate strike & times for travel on following tracks @ I. Cpl 3000 track SHINING - JARI endeavouring to locate track POWERHOUSE/JARI @ I. Sgt 2000 track PARTIP 3/PILMUNG @ NCO 6000 track PARTIP 3 - MISSING @ 2000 remaining MISSING @ 2000 remaining PILMUNG @ Induction a.m. 7 Mar @ 1000 6000 via JARI YASINGAI - BOBAU - MISSING depressing 2 B Reg at BOBAU to proceed to PILMUNG @ Object of this patrol track race & new definite suitability YASINGAI & BOBAU areas @ 1 Sig Rfl to proceed via PARTIP 3 to PILMUNG to establish camps remainder at POWERHOUSE constructing base @ 1000 advise new HQ left 2000 RMO, CQMS, to move POWERHOUSE 7 MAR @ H. 2000 sets urgently next 7 MAR @ anticipate W/T commo establish WAU 7 MAR also HIT POWERHOUSE - BULWA.	
357	7/3	All units		0830	EPH	password WAU	
358	7/3	NGF		0030	0244 0245	for BRIG MOTEN @ Adv HQ 3 JST Dio advise no knowledge in one of persons or portions of units to WAU 7 MAR with exception MAT BREHENY as requested your Q322 Confirmed that this HQ has NOT made any arrangements which affect priorities	Refer on
359	7/3		16 Bde Carriers	0830	0222	Site	
360	7/3		2/6 B	0830	144	Site	
361	7/3		TOSO	0730	0195	Mail up	
362	7/3		WAU Coy	1625	1	Site	
363	7/3		2/7 B	0800	201	Site	
364	7/3		2/8 F Coy	0712	255	Site	
365	7/3		HANGA		0180	Site 383 to 0800 H/7	
366	7/3		2/6 B		145	Passport BULOLO	
367	7/3		B 2nd FORG		RS	Site BINA KIHANTU.	

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368	7		DAWN	0800	G 211		Included A/C over this area 0800hrs AA from SALAMARA NO Bombs dropped	
369	7		2/5 B	0830	F201		Sitrep 1630 @ 2/5 B from ACJ Cops Sitrep @ remaining report later	
370	7	NGF		1055	D181		Please pass to RESCUE + communications Syrn @ A17479 Sgt White arrived WIAU 1000 hrs pass. Capt ADWINES	
371	7		2/5 IND Coy	1010	1633		No patrol 2/5 A/C BLACKET area since 6/1/62 from 10 a.m. on MUBO 4 m.p. to 24/25 JAN there was a patrol of 27 A/C of approx 13 men under Lt GREEN 2/7 A/C.	
372	7		RUBBER JU sea KASINIK		1400		Phone 1350 A/C A/C cleared guns overhead & two bullets went into hut where they are living (one into mess table & one into door)	
373	7	2/16 Fd Coy		1425	D183		Re your O72 27 FEB 1 your O51 2 MAR @ text of message NOT yet recd @ Signal urgently deal REB/62 by immediate signal @ Also do you know who is the original CITO.	
374	7	2/7 IND Coy		1430	D182		One person killed yesterday BLACKET MINE area by booby traps @ understand LIENT GREEN with approx 13 men in the area from MUBO said Lt Ruler @ GREEN a NCO who knows location any booby traps set by them this area to report to all 2/7 Am at present BLACKET GAP area with the plan of booby traps laid by them also send copy booby trap plan to HQ KANGA.	
375	7		2/16 Fd Coy	1600	073		Reply D183 your O72 refer to signal Feb 1 rd our reply O72 of 1 MAR Repts as follows Signal Feb 1, 62 not traced this Coy your D183 refer to Signal REB/62 not originated this Coy CITO not known.	
376	7	NGF			1152	I155	REH 11 had Dir have recd several messages from aka CITO @ its these contain pertinent questions please advise by immediate message whether or not originated in your formation.	
377	7	NGF		1510	1510	O184	Your I1565 similar query as your CE/N1792 @ CE when here advised NO action CE/N1792 as he would require our return NGF @ CE/N1792 addressed to KANGA was in reply to original RES/12 which NOT if NOT originated by KANGA @ Ref your I1565 no knowledge here originator CITO except CITO was code name KANGA SIGS up to 27 FEB @ further enquiries being made	
378	7	NGF		1545	0186		Further to our O184 @ KANGA SIGS sent message addressed BULLDOG from CITO approx 2 weeks ago requesting info POK on hand whether readily available & from whence it came @ This was enquiry from Sig Ofc with purpose of ascertaining whether or no KANGA SIGS would have to supply W/T Sig BULLDOG with the POK info @ Also Maj MCCONNRY NG 24 C Sig whilst here enquired from 2/16 Fd Coy re POK info supplied route of road etc to assist sig planning @ Hqs.	
379	7		BENH FORCE	0900	RG		Sitrep BENH, KIANTU unchanged	
380	7		2/5 B	1443 (1543)	C185		for info @ flash from TOTO @ 2 bombers landed LAE fighter escort following over LAE from 1610 hrs planes appear to have departed EAST	
381	7		BOBS	1430	W33		4-cd WOOD & Lt Col WINTON & party arrived WAMPIT 1430 hrs today	
382	7		TOJO	1610	G 696		re our flash 1430 hrs @ planes appear to have departed EAST NO 2400 @ please advise	
383	7	NGF		1555	0187		BUIBAINING OP rep at 1545/7 @ smoke screen out to sea distance NOT stated bearing 62 degrees magnetic from BUIBAINING.	
384	7		DAWN	1530	G 211		nil report	
385	7	NGF			0668		1/83/84/93/97/99. Situps NOS 496/7/8/9/500/1	
386	7		2/5 B	1555	D202		BUIBAINING OP rep at 1545/7 smoke screen out to sea distance NOT stated bearing 62 degrees magnetic from BUIBAINING.	
387	7		2/3 IND Coy	0900	1445	0802	Sitrep 0900 hrs @ area patrol departed this am. no fault POWER HOUSE JARI (YASINIGLI) BOBBDU MISSION remainder as per sitrep 6 MAR	

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388	7/3		DAWN	1530		G212	Nil report		
389	7/3		1/6 Bde Carriers	1800		G225	Silence		
390	7/3	TOGO DAWN		1710		0188	Indicate via your signals to KRANGA whether or no info therein has been passed to NGF.		G1230AK G699
391	7/3		1/6 Bde Carriers	1630		F202	Silence 1630 @ 1/6 Bde Carriers, HCD Coys Silence @ Remainder later.		
392	7/3		TOGO	1545		G697	Silence @ Most of small parties around HEATHS from 1200 hrs @ 1205 hrs party filtering in holes on ground.		
393	7/3		2/7 Bn	1800		203	Silence.		
394	7/3		2/6 Bn	1830		149	Silence.		
395	7/3		BOBS	1730		W33	Silence @ Locstate unchanged		
396	7/3		WARU def	1715		5	Silence @ Transit Camp @ Marched in 2000 2/6 Bn from HDSP 1 Sgt/Pilot from MORESBY 10R TOFUS CR Part from BULOLO 2+32 US Army. 8 regts from MORESBY 10R 2/5 IND COY from EDIE CR marched out 3000 2/6 Bn to COYT CAMP TORO 4/5 IND COY to KIANDI 10 off 17 Bde HQ to BULOLO 10R 2/5 IND COY to HDSP 14 off 3/5 IND COY to 2/6 Bn @ Otherwise Silence.		
397	7/3		2/5 Bn	1700		0203	Silence 1700 hrs @ REEVES patrol ret from LAIBU via SADDLE area @ is now proceeding to SKINDEWAI & report will be passed at earliest @ BUIBAINING OP reports firing heard LAIBU are some time HD stated @ BUIBAINING OP reported what appeared to be a smoke screen at sea bearing 62 degrees magnetic from BUIBAINING.		
398	7/3		2/17 MEN-DHAN	1355		-	Abandon Sgt - Pilot WHITE. RESCUE SQN @ still finished service envelope was stolen from ANSON 10/1 this morning @ Make all desired enquiries possible & spend every effort locate @ take action & report ACCO. AIF.		
399	7/3	2/5 Bn		2200		0192	Our new plane flying over WAIPAI a.m. @ 8 MAR @ distinct det at WAIPAI on sighting plane to make smoke sign also at WAIPAI VILLAGE to mark from		
400	7/3		2/5 Bn	2000		0206	Request for strike GUADAGASAL ridge from area 300yds south of GUADAGASAL to include SADDLE @ Also areas in squares FSY FSX		
401	7/3	1/6 Bde Carriers		2240		0193	will report on strike 8 MAR advise results strike today tomorrow @ any details REEVES patrol @ any details enemy contact.		
402	7/3	DAWN		2130		0127	0810 1/6 WAIPAI OP started a ship approaching SALAMBA from NE @ 1545 1/7 Smoke screen seen out to sea bearing 62 magnetic from BUIBAINING 1545 1/7 @ Request your comment		
403	7/3		BOBS	1900	2030	W34	From WATON only showing this area follows @ 8 MAR KIRKLANDS to OLUMARI @ 9 MAR NGARON to WAMPIT @ 10 MAR WAMPIT @ 11 MAR PATER @ 12 MAR PATER @ 13 MAR PATER @ 14 MAR PATER @ Return to WATON evening 12th		
404	7/3	WARU def 2/5 Bn SC.		2155		0191	One MG pl with min. personnel essential to move 14 guns will leave WARU on 8 MAR for SKINDEWAI when comes under command 2/5 Bn @ will take ammo only for protection on trip plus belts & boxes reqd for destination @ Dropping ammo field @ SC will arrange time of met & carriers.		
405	8/3	ALL units		0830		IP20	Parasol WARU 4000		
406	8/3		2/5 Bn Coy	0714		NOX 262	Silence		
407	8/3		2/7 Bn	0800		201	Silence.		
408	8/3		2/6 Bn	0830		150	Silence.		
409	8/3		1/6 Bde Carriers	0825		G229	Silence.		
410	7/3		NGF	1640	1900	Z1568	FOR GSJ @ HQ highly increased that very few PW have arrived back here with their own @ Can you explain @ Do you find that very few enemy ops carry decoys on person and that most documents held are obtained from deserted camp billets etc @ Are you converting such items from PW		
411	8/3		KRANGA	0435		0189	Silence 323 at 1800/18		
412	8/3		1/6 Bde Carriers	0630		F201	Silence 0630 @ 1/6 Bde Carriers, HCD Coys Silence @ Remainder later		
413	8/3		DAWN	0800		G213	Ref your 0188 AK @ Nil report		
414	8/3		BOBS	0730		W37	Silence @ LOCSTATE unchanged		G1
415	8/3		TOGO	0800		G699	0615 hrs One barge approached LAE from SALAMBA 0715 hrs one barge off LAE heading NE @ Ref your 0188 @ As we send only flashes to NGF suggest we report them to you @ This would cancel any need procedure associated in your 0188		0188
416	8/3		TOGO	0800		G699	0615 hrs One barge approached LAE from SALAMBA 0715 hrs one barge off LAE heading NE @ Ref your 0188 @ As we send only flashes to NGF suggest we report them to you @ This would cancel any need procedure associated in your 0188		0188

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417	8/3	2/5 B		0920		0196	Congrats REEVES his excellent patrol @ body of report does not mention mt MAT MAT LABABIA feature therefore can not understand last sentence your message @ 2 1/2 hrs to 1 ml map w/ of MAT MAT village.	0204	0202
418	7/3		2/5 B	2000	2340	0204	Recce patrol report @ (See attached)		
419	7/3		2/3 INDCOY			0613	Sitrep (See attached)		
420	7/3		2/5 B	2000		0205	Sitrep as at 2000 hrs @ BUISAVAPUPUP 100 enemy fully equipped moved across SADDLE towards GUADAGASHA 1500 hrs 7 MAR @ Comdus indubious @ view REEVES patrol report moving force from Btl 2/7 INDCOY to TAIBU 4 food am. 2 MAR enemy possession this ground.		
421	7/3		BOBS	2000		1135	Patrol reports MUNUM YAU area @ patrol failed to locate OP between MUNUM YAU @ investigated carefully @ NO TAPS sighted @ Old foot marks & car tracks tracks noticed on LEE - KAHANAS Road @ Fuel report following by safe hand		
422	7/3	NGF		2305		0194	LAE OP reports 1930 4/7 @ One bomber parked north corner number 6 blast		
423	7/3		TOJO	1930		6698	One bomber parked on NORTH corner of Number 6 blast bay 2 v. enemy MAP 1/2/8		
424	7/3		2/8 FA COY	1800		MBX 260	Sitrep 1800 hrs @ N. West		
425	8/3	2/6 B				20025	Have you further details track PATEP 3 40 KW @ REMAINS mentioned report. D Coy MP 25		105
426	8/3		TOJO			FLASH	2 enemy fighters left LAE NE		
427	8/3		2/5 B	0900		0201	Sitrep 0900 hrs @ Force from Btl 2/7 INDCOY under Comd GREER @ BUISAVINING 0715/19 for KALIBU 4 food @ 8 hrs party 2/7 INDCOY will arrive BUISAVINING 1300/18. 10 before bridge crossing over BITOI north of BUISAVINING to keep this route open if BITOI in blood @ Patrols still in contact GUADAGASHA RIDGE but no further reports @ NO reports yet from other patrols @ WITH Btl captured SKINDEWAI 1800/18		
428	8/3		2/5 B	1050		0202	Patrol moved on MAT MAT feature (on MAP) on 10 MAT MAT village 2645 patrol moved on LABABIA feature using stations of both main MUBO HK & LABABIA @ some time int working BITOI at 2648 until reaching BUISAVAP at 2700 @ 4 hrs congrats ack @ REEVES greatly assisted by Pte OSBORNE 4/2/7 INDCOY who was acquainted with area before previous visit		0196
429	8/3		2/7 B	1210		203	Locals 1200/18 @ Ref map WHO facility 1/10 ml @ BHQ 387710 @ B 2cm 385711 @ HQ Coy 387711 @ A Coy 7PL 400694 8PL 398697 9PL 896702, B Coy 422699 @ C Coy 13 PL 399705 14PL 402708 15PL 399705 @ D Coy 16PL 390700 18PL 399695 @ Ref map WITONEST revised 1/10 ml @ ITPE on GAP 467768		
430	8/3		BENA FORCE	0930		R6	Sitrep @ BENA KAHANAYU unchanged		
431	8/3		WAU Coy	0645		1	Sitrep 0645 hrs @ Marched in 3000 2/6 B 1 DR 4/1 FA Regt from Com Camp @ Matched out 10R YMER 1240SP @ 0645 hrs @ 0645 hrs		
432	8/3		BOBS	1150		WMO	Ref TO 106 despatches arrived 1150 hrs @ 1150 hrs @ 1150 hrs		20116
433	8/3		1/6 B	1320		101	Password BUKHO		
434	8/3		2/6 B	1515		106	No further details @ 1515 hrs @ 1515 hrs @ 1515 hrs		20128
435	8/3		DANN	1140		116	Ref TO 107 nothing seen at this time @ Vis good @ suggest WAIPALI @ KAHANA fires on SINGAUA side. HUN full NO 4/10 ships approached or entered SHAMMAH at this time May confirm our report with AF @ continuous with with a visibility 10 TIME IS.		20127
437	8/3	2/5 B		1515		0199	For STARRS from MOTEN @ REEVES patrol indicates that enemy may be holding SADDLE area only @ was area north of SADDLE previously reported enemy company ground investigated @ Anticipate you will make provision for complete immobilization of enemy in SADDLE area by clearing likely avenues of escape @ It appears undesirable to enter MUBO in force before you control high ground on either side @ further suggest that KUNAI patrol at 75 75 which appears commensurate BUISAVAP @ approaches from KOMINTUM should be included as an objective for at least a strong fighting patrol @ please outline your views therefor		
438	8/3		2/3 INDCOY	0800		0202	Sitrep 0800 hrs @ further than 0800 hrs @ 0800 hrs @ 0800 hrs		
439	8/3	KUWATEROO IN BLAKES CAMP		1420		0197	C/O CHERRY, COLEMAN 2/5 INDCOY returns immediately to WITU transit camp for onward march to road.		
440	8/3	NGF		1430		0198	Ref your 8/3/50 HAD receive Comd @ VTEIS sent CP McCUBBERY NOT known this information @ 4X11558 Sgt JH HANKIVEL 2/5 B now believed at CRAIGS BLDS MEABOURNE as a clerk		

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475	9/3	NGF		1725		0205	All bomb craters on side of drone now filled in @ Strip Seroveable		
476	9/3	Hdq 2/5 Bn		1655		0206	B M leaves tonight for SKINDIEWAI. ETA 10 MAR 10 discuss your plan which is generally approved except use of DON COY & your mortars which should concentrate NOT dispersed in country where it is almost impossible to supply them with ammunition		
477	9/3		2/6 Bn	1225		113	PFBM identified planes flying over BUKOLO at 1235 as 26 MITSU bombers + (estimate?) 24 ZEROS		
478	9/3		BOBS	0730		WH3	Sitrep @ LOCSTATE unchanged.		
479	9/3	Hdq 2/5 Bn	WAU def	0700		1	Sitrep		
480	9/3	2/5 IND COY		1655		0205	From your Sig 0205 understand you hold JAP OP south of MAT MAT in strength @ if NOT consider it essential you do so immediately as preliminary for further move @ Object controlling white also track LABIBU MAT MAT		
481	9/3	HQ WAU def		1600		0207	for NELSON @ Have you been firing MGs or AMGs today between 1500-1600 hrs of please advise phone from OP at WAU LOCALITY N-1 ind revised @ Report MG fire on bearing 250-270° Magnetic very audible @ First noticed approx 1510 hrs lasted up till present which is 1600 hrs @ This unit fires of no range practice in this area		IC46
482	9/3		2/3 IND COY	1800/8	1700/9	0805	Sitrep (See attached)		
483	9/3		NGF	2255/7		06711	Sitrep NO 503 to 2004/7		
484	9/3		KANGA	1900		0209	Sitrep 387 to 1800/9		
485	9/3		2/6 Bn	1830		115	Sitrep		
486	9/3		2/5 IND COY	1840		IC46	ref your 02070 YES AMGs.		
487	9/3		WDF	1325		3	Cas @ NX 57637 GAR BOURKE is 2/1 Fd Regt wounded @ 2 bldgs demolished @ 2 bldgs badly damaged @ All tanks US @ Admin block slightly damaged		0207
488	9/3		2/7 Bn	1820		203	Sitrep @ OTTER FORCE @ One from MINE along BLACKCAT track to AMBUSA CR. returning 1700 hrs @ 2nd leaving GAP for JAP track returning 1730 hrs @ 3rd leaving GAP proceeding north to MINE expected return 1700 hrs.		
489	9/3		2/8 Fd Coy	1714		NBX 272	Sitrep to 1800/9 @ Air raid WAU 1240/9 @ Cas 3 dead 3 wounded @ 19 other personnel bomb craters @ 1 HE (approx 500 kilo) fell in camp area @ Damage 1 Bldg completely demolished others riddled with shrapnel @ Little warning was given of the raid seen going approx 1 min before planes were overhead.		
490	9/3		WAU def	1700		4	Sitrep @ Transit Camp @ Marched in 3 ORs 2/6 Bn from Con Camp @ Marched out 10 hr 1 OR 1st Mtn Bty to BARKERS FARM 1 OR 2/5 IND COY to BARKES @ 1/2 accommodation huts destroyed @ Otherwise Sitrep		
491	9/3		2/5 Bn	0900	1830	0201	Sitrep as at 0900 hrs @ Patrol returned from LABIA RIDGE 1800/8 report enemy occupying LABIA ridge near SADDLE @ Enemy using coastal natives for water carrying & fishing in BUISAVAL @ Due to limited time given patrol unable to discover enemy strength or whether enemy occupying other areas of LABABIA RIDGE @ Further report this area expected from Scouts by 12 MAR @ NO further enemy mot obs. SADDLE GUADAGASAL RIDGE patrol still in contact GUADAGASAL RIDGE expected report by 1800/9 from patrol sent to JAP OP + from GREERS Force on MAT MAT feature fwd of LABIBU @ Our dispositions unchanged @ Mtn Bty left SKINDIEWAI 1830/9 for HOUSE BANANA.		
492	9/3		NGF	1630		Z1575	For Capt KELLOCK @ Your BEAR nos 5 recd today @ Label marked 4 Manifest @ NO signal send notifying despatch & no signal recd lately ack. receipt our bags @ Blank manifest being & labels being sent also instrs.		
493	9/3		16 Bde Carrier	1800		G240	Sitrep.		
494	9/3		NGF	1513		QM1721	Legal lectures SYDNEY course 2 @ AHQ 33717 of 26 FEB refers @ MCCUBBERY NOT known 2/6 INF Bn @ Will fill 7 vacancies with those named personnel in NG plus 3 NGF nominees		
495	9/3		fwd 2/5 Bn	1630		F202	Sitrep 1630 @ fwd 2/5, ACD COYS sitrep @ Remainder Report later.		
496	9/3	NGF		2230		0214	Require urgently surgeon to replace Capt RYAN 2/9 AGH evacuated today & replacement for Capt SKINNER 2/46 AGH wounded air bombing today.		
497	9/3	NGF		2130		0213	BGS CCRH LEMIAIRE delayed & NOT returning 10 MAR.		
498	9/3		BOBS	1730		WH5	Sitrep @ LOCSTATE unchanged		
499	9/3	OTTER FORCE		2100/9		0211	PARLAWSON will report BLACKCAT 1200/10 to indicate booby traps in that area.		0211
450	9/3	Hdq 2/7 Bn	2/7 Bn	1357		1764	PARLAWSON will report BLACKCAT 1200/10 to indicate booby traps in that area.		0211

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501	9/3	NGF		2045		IC136	number omitted from tag on BEAR 5 wrongly marked as by Sigs @淑atch I1575 BEAR 5 advised our I0132 of 0945/190 BEAR 598 of 3 MAR last recd from you was wrongly opened & clerks who were reprimanded when action discovered @ Now revealed that manifest passed to INT Sec but dup. retained &		
502	9/3		2/5 Bn	1055	1910	0202	Setup @ further patrol 2/7 IND Coy over MATMAT OBSERVATION HILL MUBOGARDENS @ Report many JAPS in area but all dead @ further report will be filed later 9 MAR @ 1 Sec 2/7 IND Coy now pushing out NORTH of OBSERVATION HILL @ propose moving one pl B Coy 2/5 Bn to June BUIBHINING area to occupy area vacated by sec 2/7 Coy		
503	9/3	2/7 IND Coy		2100		0212	two plans of Booby traps BLACKCAT area will be sent with PLAWSON @ One to be left OTTER FORCE one KANGA		
504	9/3	2/16 Fd Coy & 2/2 Fd Bn		2240		0215	Vacate native hosp by 1200 hrs 11 MAR as now reqd for HOSP.		
505	9/3		2/3 IND Coy	1855		8405	Setup @ Power House 1800 hrs @ RMO 20ffs 220R at POWERHOUSE @ Btl not yet reached there @ 77 box line left for PART 3 with stores in PIAMUNG @ 110 box line not yet reached POWERHOUSE from PIAMUNG @ intention tomorrow @ RMO T.O. 10 pl & Bpl complete leave POWERHOUSE for PIAMUNG @ our sigs & boys to carry 4 miscable fwd OP POWERHOUSE		
506	9/3	2/5 Bn		2050		0210	Air strike arranged 10 MAR GUNDAGSHAL SADDLE VICKERS RIDGE @ ack		
507	9/3		DAWN	1515		G216	Obs 43 enemy bombers escorted by fighters heading WAW 1215 hrs approx flashed to KIRANDI & NIDRESBY		
508	9/3		TO JO	1545		G703	5 canoes fishing off MARKHAM R mouth during a m @ They sold to LABU hideout		
509	10/3		2/8 Fd Coy	0730		NBX 275	Setup 0800 @ Coy reestablishing WAW essential services & expediting delayed action bombs @ nothing further to report		
510	10/3		2/6 Bn	0830		116	Silmon.		
511	10/3		WAW def	0645		1	Silmon.		
512	10/3		2/5 Bn	1700/19 0032/10		0203	Setup 1700 hrs (See attached)		
513	10/3		2/7 Bn	0800		201	Silmon @ OTTER FORCE patrols Silmon @ Booby traps 2 1/2 hrs along BLACKCAT track from GAP.		
514	10/3	was 2/3 IND Coy & 2/2 Fd Bn		1025		0218	Btl will move BUAWA area 11 MAR by NTO all informed.		
515	10/3	was 2/3 IND Coy		1025		0217	Your area will be left & orderly clean prior to move fwd of Bpl @ at 1600 hrs today area will be inspection order for inspection by HQ KANGA.		
516	10/3		DAWN	0800		G217	Obs. ducts moving on ISTHMUS 2200 hrs		
517	10/3		TO JO	1930/19 0025/10		G704	Setup @ 1620 hrs a barge entered WAE from MAHAHANG wreck @ 1700 hrs barge left LABU for LAE		
518	10/3	All units		0800		1P32	Password WAW.		
519	10/3		BOBS	0900		W19	Excel WOOD, COXWINTON, SGT BARKIN & WAMPIT on return journey at 0900 hrs.		
520	10/3		TO JO	0815		G706	Nile report		
521	10/3		BOBS	0730		W147	Setup Yoclate unchanged.		
522	10/3		NGF	1755		SD1725	Please return immtd. to this HQ all copies report on OPS in NG Sur. if gained enemy		
523	10/3		2/6 Bn	1110		117	Password BUHONO.		
524	10/3	2/5 Bn		1220		0220	Setup @ BLACKCAT area @ OTTER FORCE continues patrol activity @ BUAWA area @ 2/3 IND COY @ 20ffs 220R at POWERHOUSE Btl en route to POWERHOUSE @ LAE @ 5 canoes fishing off MARKHAM R. during am 9 MAR sold to LABU hideout		
525	10/3	2/6 Bn		1130		0219	Range approved under same conditions as our 0158 @ Please advise estimated areas reqd for practice.	12	
526	10/3		2/6 Bn	0915		12	Fwd @ Ref RO 1. Part 1 approval requested rifles two in MORTAR range 285882 of BUHONO 1" @ length 800 yds bearing of fire 274 Magnetic @ Safety @ area marked by flags sentry covering approaches @ 2nd @ Please advise if any attachment arms will be made for tag purposes	0219	
527	10/3		2/6 Bn	1230		121	PABA report 1st A/C twin engine flew south over BUHONO at 1227 hrs @ height 23,000 ft.		
528	10/3		2/5 IND Coy	0830		N11	will be firing 1 MG rifles TSMG on 30° range from 0930/10 on bearing 285°		
529	10/3		2/5 Bn	0635		F201	Setup 0630 @ fwd 2/5, ACD Coys silmon @ remainder report later		
530	10/3		2/16 Fd Coy	0850		089	Please advise allotment of accommodation in line native HOSP this unit has not tentage & every bldg allotted by BM your memo 12 Feb is fully occupied & 68 personnel in hosp. bldg new		

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531	10/3		NGF	1805		Z 1576	6 PWs captured TOEI area report the following ships were used in recent JAP convoy O KEIFUKU, SHINAI, TEIYO, (A1000?) EPKYOCUSEI, MARUS O have definitely identified 115 INF Regt MOTO 2804 also 8 Regt Shipping ENGRS 2ury (25032) also (NH) INDAHA Regt 3616? O PW have stated 66 INF Regt MOTO 2802 was also in convoy O So far this REGT has not been definitely identified		
532	10/3		NGF			06726/16 092	Personnel this convoy ^{convoy} at ^{at} lower sta. report plant cannot cope with extra load drawn by WPAU O this has increased over 100% in the last 3 weeks O Could investigation be made your end please as it is apparent that other than lighting apparatus is being used	0223	
533	10/3		2/16 Fd Coy	1145			Situa O Locate unchanged		
534	10/3		BOBS	1730		W45	Situa O Locate unchanged		
535	10/3		BENA FORCE	0930		R9	Situa BENA KAINANTU unchanged		
536	10/3		DAVIN	1530		G 218 0301	H. Allied fighters patrolled this area 1145 hrs. Situa 0900 hrs. Patrol 2/7 IND COY left base on patrol down main track reached point 300yds from SADDLE O Enemy obs HOSP O Party of enemy concealed on side of track 40 mins beyond hosp made off in spur when patrol reached point 100yds from then patrol halted expecting enemy action then proceeded to point within 2 mins SADDLE where boat had caused landslide on track O patrol obs. enemy watching them from campsite but previously reported as camouflaged sent F5524 ref air photo 62 O patrol comdr states his patrol seen by all enemy parties encountered probably under constant obsn from time of passing GUADAGASAL POINT O Enemy were in form to cut off patrol for 4 hrs O Patrol ret'd main track to HOUSE BANANA expecting ambush before reaching HOSP but NO enemy encountered except for sounds from HOSP O No other patrol reports yet rec'd O Will be necessary drop sups to patrol base in MAT MAT area by 13 MAR air photo ref for dropping point will reach your HQ 1200z/120 O Lt Col FARMER inspected track as far as HOUSE BANANA leaving SKINDIWI 0930z/10 to return WPAU		
538	10/3		TOTO	1600		G 707	Situa O 1100 hrs patrol left HEATHS + moved north along MARKHAM Rd O 3 lorries came to HEATHS + ret'd to LAE		
539	10/3	2/16 Fd Coy		1705		0224	fn JOHNSON O 2/16 Fd Coy are vacating native HOSP bldg for use by native patients O request you release 10 tents temporarily to 2/16 Fd Coy for accommodation then personnel will such time as they move out + live on tracks O Hek		
540	10/3	2/16 Fd Coy		1700		0223	At present electric lighting in WPAU is not operating due to recent bombing O on restoration of lighting system all unnecessary lights will be eliminated	092	
541	10/3	All units		1700		0222	US weather det will release, nightly as from 11 MAR at approx 2000 hrs + 0200 hrs meteorological balloons with a signal light att to each balloon O Balloons will be released from drone area where personnel will work with a theodolite to which will be att a torch O Please warn Hqs under your Comd O Hek		
542	10/3		KANGA	1833		0226	Situa to 1800z/10 NO389		
543	10/3		NGF	1250		06743	RYKANGA Situa 101800z/19 message states strength of patrol at 11551M 1 Sgt ft 1 Sgt 460 ft 160 ORs in this comd		0231
544	11/3		NGF	2305/10		Z 1590	Palau translations does capt GOODENOUGH from survivor convoy reveals O Rear Admiral KIMURA commanded convoy O Info issued by him 26 FEB states O JAP strength LAE 2,500 NAVAL 1000 Army 450 JAP strength SIAFMAUR 1500 NAVAL 2 Army 450 O Full report following Hqs earliest		
545	11/3		KANGA	1210		NG488/59	A compensation scheme for natives suffering war injuries has been suggested O You should record + continue to record + find these HQs the following O Name + full particulars O Nature of injuries O Whether permanent or temporary O How when + where incurred with verification O In case of instantaneous deaths relevant particulars + deferrals O Advise your substations accordingly.		

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546	10/3	2/5 Bn		2205		0228	My air strike arranged 1135/11 GADAGASAL, SADDLE, VILKERS RIDGE areas of results		
547	11/3		NGF	0500		Q3014	Plane loadings 11 MAR WAU Flight 1 H A/C misc personnel 3 MOR arms - Flight 2 H A/C misc stores nations POK flight 3 H A/C misc stores POK nations Flight 4 G A/C misc stores nations BUHOKO mid Drops SKINDIENI Flight 1 3 A/C grenades .303 bdr Flight 2 3 A/C TSMG arm nations tents Flight 3 3 A/C nations Flight 4 3 A/C .303 stripless belts nations BALLAMS Flight 1 2 A/C nations lat left Flight 2 2 A/C nations Flight 3 2 A/C nations Drops 10 MAR SKINDIENI 4640 fuel nations please report on drop .303 stripless arms MAS HART arrives flight one.		
548	10/3		TOTO	1930	2330	G709	Photos rec'd very useful. Hch rec'd I 010 will use from 0100 hrs 12 MAR. Please advise NGF. Ref our G6520 urgent nations fuel to be sent 01850 hrs planes landed LAE. NO visibility to see type or number.		
549	10/3		NGF	2315/9	1850	A3150	DREG MCKIE forced WAU 10 MAR return 11 MAR please inform chof. MORPHETT		
550	11/3		NGF	1415/10	0001/11	06714	Navia communication 4 role OTTER force.		0231
551	10/3		WAU def	1730		3	Setup @ Jansen Camp. Marched in 4 ORs 2/5 IND COY from BUHOKO. Marched out 4 ORs 2/3 IND COY to KAINDI 4 ORs 2/6 Bn to BUHOKO otherwise return.		
552	10/3		BOBS	1730		W52	Silva @ 200 STAT in change.		
553	10/3		4th 2/5 Bn	1630		F202	Setup 1630 @ Food 2/5 Bn HCD Coys Silva @ Remainder later		
554	10/3		16 Bde Camp	1800		G246	Silva.		
555	10/3		1 MTH Bty	1500		CJ	Setup @ 1 MTH Bty arrived HOUSE BANANA @ Remainder fuel left repd.		
556	11/3		NGF	2200/10	013/11	06714	For view of actual air supply situation main force 2/7 IND COY & 2/5 Bn NOT to be moved fwd until further instr rec'd from this HQ @ maintain fueling & off. preparations may continue @ further dropping SKINDIENI unlikely @ within 24 hrs follow at earliest		
557	10/3		2/3 IND COY	1950	1450	B707	Setup 1800 hrs @ RMD 10R from PARTEP 3 to PIAMUNG @ 20 off 26 ORs POWER HOUSE Bpl detailed HOWAU @ Substation 11 MAR @ 1 off 80 ORs moved to PIAMUNG @ 0145 expected POWERHOUSE		
558	10/3		MUR	1730	1730		arrived SUMMIT @ planned STARR dispersed guardedly @ situation changed favourably @ P area occupied & held by us @ joining STARR tomorrow early morning before any moves on line STARR to vary same if necessary after discussion @ have sent on your notes to STARR by runner @ explain indicative but necessary main factors be caused.		
559	10/3		2/6 Bn	1830	1930	1222	Silva @ C Coy 2/6 Bn patrols withdrawn from IELIENS POST & PARTEP 3		
560	10/3		2/7 Bn	1730		205	Silva @ C Coy located H31686 Hpl HQ Coy 399179 @ OTTIE RIDGE patrols 9/3.		
561	10/3		KIANGA	2155		0227	Setup 390 to 2130/11		
562	10/3		2/5 Bn	1700		0202	Setup 1700 hrs @ 19 hrs 1 MTH Bty arrived HOUSE BANANA in 00 hrs @ patrols still operating LAHABA RIDGE, OBSERVATION RIDGE area west of MATIAT @ contact being maintained GADAGASAL RIDGE @ not previously reported light PUSMOTH type flew south along MUBO valley am 8 MAR @ checked OBSERVATION HILL several times rec'd direction SHAMMAH.		
563	11/3		16 Bde Camp	0800		G250	Silva.		
564	11/3		2/7 Bn	0800		201	Silva. patrols return.		
565	11/3		2/8 Fd Coy	0715		NBA289	Silva.		
566	11/3		WAU def	0645		1106	Setup @ Jansen Camp @ marched in @ 1 off 2/6 Bn from BUHOKO 200 YMLA from HOSA @ marched out 5 ORs 2/5 IND COY to KAINDI @ otherwise return		
567	11/3		TOTO	0800		G710	Setup @ 0645 hrs the 4th planes left LAE		
568	11/3		DAWIN	0749		G219	Nil report.		
569	11/3	NGF		0952		0231	OTTER FORCE 10 ORs, 1 off 2/7 Bn to provide standing patrols BLACKCAT PTINE GTP GULLIETS fuel & fuel food @ refour setup 3870 1 Sgt 60 ORs correct.		06743/11
570	11/3		KIANGA	0925		0232	Setup 392 to 0800/11		
571	11/3		2/6 Bn	0830		1231	Silva.		
572	11/3		2/6 Bn	0845		125	C Coy 2/6 Bn patrols as ordered by KIANGA @ strength 1 CPL plus 20 ORs plus 4 minute boys @ time out 0845 hrs 11 MAR time in 1800 hrs 11 MAR @ Route out SUNSHAW IELIENS POST, JARI, YASINGAI, BOBADV, route in via YASINGAI, JARI, with POWERHOUSE BUHWA.		
573	11/3	all units				IP23	Password WAU.		

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574	11/3		2/5 Bn	1010		126	password BUADAO.		
575	11/3	2/3 IND COY, see details MURRAY BNS.		1000		0233	Ref 2/3 IND COY 0M120 @ infra reqd age date of birth date of enlistment address & name next of kin @ expedite reply by Signal		
576	11/3		BOBS	0730		1053	John @ LOCKSTAIR unchanged		
577	11/3		DAWN	0905		1117	LIEUTS SMITH + LOCKHART + Cpl. SARGE NOT arrived @ The all four of five IND COY personnel here to be relieved before leaving at least pte (CHOUHAI!) for short period to assist SMITH.		
578	11/3	150- 2/3 IND COY		1152		0234	bits of over more than 50ggs will be broken & passed in at least 2 parts @ this will save delay & fewer mistakes		
579	11/3	DAWN		1130		0235	immediate ack reqd our 0166 6 MAR.		
580	11/3	NGF		1135		0236	0930hrs one Ht plane lost height SKINDEWAI area fort wing torn in half on striking tree @ plane crashed @ now burning fiercely @ One member of crew badly hurt remainder believed to all killed @ awaiting identification of planes & crew @ 5 AF advised		
581	11/3		1140 2/5 Bn	1010		0201	B Coy LIKO Cpl 2/7 IND COY engaged preparing camp sites @ patrolling still continues @ Stupess belts not recovered		0229
582	11/3	ALL units		1215		0257	2/5 IND COY will be carrying night shoot night 11 MAR between 2000 & 2200 hrs KIANDI area @ please advise if under your command.		
583	11/3		BIENA FORCE	1100		10	5 info BIENA KIEMANTU unchanged		
584	11/3	The Commodore HEWITT NGF		1230		0239	extensive search & enquiries have been made for your revolver but regret without success search continuing @ tone of your signal not appreciated being referred to GOC NGF.		
585	11/3	2/5 Bn		1225		0238	in view of malarial areas north of you see your antimalarial precautions underway now @ ack		
586	11/3	NGF		1645		10142	Send @ 1415 OP acks rec'd with new air flash codes will use from 0100hrs 12 MAR		
587	11/3	NELSON		1100		113	will be firing ref between 2000 + 2200 today on bearing 255		
588	11/3	NGF					steps NOS 306/7/8/9		
589	11/3		2/5 Bn	1000		0202	Step 1000hrs @ patrols still operating MAT MAT LABABIA area NO definite infra yet to hand @ 0930 one Ht plane lost height over camp area fort wing torn in half on striking tree crashed in gully 150yds south of area @ now burning fiercely @ one member of crew badly hurt & remainder number believed to all killed @ identification of planes & crew will be fixed soon as ascertain		
590	11/3		2/5 Bn	1430		0204	The remaining fwd of 4/5 in patrol MAT MAT area now leaves BUIBAINING WAIPAI area insecure @ desire to strengthen force with carrier pl from SUMMIT replacing it with one PRC Coy ex BALLAMS which is now overcrowded @ please advise if approved.		0245
591	11/3		2/5 Bn	1700		0205	Step 1700hrs @ Nothing further to report @ 9 bodies recovered from wrecked H/C and buried in () map MUBO, GUADAGASAL WAIPAI SKINDEWAI 3" at 1630hrs		
592	11/3		2/5 Bn	1715		0206	Step @ 18 JAPS obs washing clothes east side of BITOIR at gully BITOIR. & DRY CA bed 271 J3 ref map MUBO - GUADAGASAL - WAIPAI - SKINDEWAI 3"		
593	11/3		2/5 Bn	2015		0207	Present force now fwd SKINDEWAI @ Ht 2/7 HIC HOUSE BANANA, one pl 2/5 Bn WAIPAI BPL 2/7 HIC patrolling MAT MAT area & holding JAPOP carrier pl to be moved @ this force entirely inadequate for attack GUADAGASAL RIDGE at least one more coy plus one sec MG now SKINDEWAI would be reqd for reasonable chance success.		
594	11/3		2/5 Bn	1300		H1	No survivors plane crash @ 9 bodies recovered @ Names of identifiable dead later @ plane badly burnt		
595	11/3	2/5 Bn		1530		0240	MOST SECRET @ in STARR @ further to my 0229 @ Consider proposition to destroy enemy in SADDIE area with force now fwd of SKINDEWAI @ then hold most suitable force definitively in SADDIE area include control of left bank of BITOI & maintain present defensive patrols & deep recce patrols fwd @ Coys at BALLAMS & SKINDEWAI NOT to move fwd but continue vigorous road work @ send recce patrol to LABABIA to check your deduction that enemy this as supply line @ MUIR to remain to assist you in recce & outline plan & then return @ please advise today		See also 0255
596	11/3	2/5 Bn		1835		0245	Your 0204 11 Mar approved		0204

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597	11/3	2/5 Bn		2100		0253	Mr strike arranged 12 MAR GUADAGASAL SADDLE area.		
598	11/3	2/5 Bn		2140		0255	My 0240 was intended to include all the incl SKINDEWAI + fwd		
599	11/3	2/5 Bn		2150		0256	Have you suitable nominee next Junior Staff School DUNTRON @ 214.		
600	11/3		2/6 Bn	1915		BA 453	TANCRED evacuated today injured disposal of radio follows @ 1-11, 1-109 set & 5-208 sets moving fwd @ 1-109 & 2-208 sets at POWER HOUSE @ Contact expected a.m. 12 MAR by 109 to 109 set at MISSING with 208 set as relay at PIAMUNG @ Intention to communicate to KANGA direct from fwd HQ by W/T using NO 11 sets later by line @ HANCOCK.		
601	11/3		2/6 Bn	2150		19	708 US CA Bay informing you latest news of SMITH @ WATON @ HAMPIT 0900H/100		0251
602	11/3		2/6 Bn	1922		130	dep't MUMINA tonight WAU evening 12 MAR @ of his message to you W/M/7		
603	11/3		2/6 Bn	1925		131	Please fwd WAIPAI MUBO map "A" - 1 mile as mentioned in Strip 390.		01145
604	11/3		2/6 Bn	2051		132	450 m/a A/C flew east of BUKO from north to South 2050 hrs (Time 2050 6 am 0254)		
605	11/3		2/6 Bn	2200		133	Time should reach 1950 hrs		0254
606	11/3	2/6 Bn		0845		0251	Have urgently date & time sent SMITH & party left for SHAMUA OP & whereabouts of Col WATON		18
607	11/3	2/6 Bn		1610		20145	map quoted is sketch map only @ City will be fixed when present revised Ed. eff.		130
608	11/3	2/6 Bn		2130		0254	Check time @ Should this reach 1950 hrs		132
609	11/3		2/7 Bn	1800		206	Strip @ OTTER patrol as yesterday @ Coy now located 404693.		
610	11/3		2/7 Bn	2020		208	of an raid 2000 hrs @ approx 8 bombs landed areas 398703 to 404699 @ no damage no cas this Bn		
611	11/3	2/3 IND COY		1630		0242	TANCRED @ Signal plan discussed with WARFE from having WAU provided for W/T line to KANGA from POWERHOUSE with comm between POWERHOUSE & your fwd HQ to be supplemented later by line @ cannot understand why this not done as signal resources within IND COY sufficient for this @ advise immediately your present signal layout.		
612	11/3	2/3 IND COY		1900		0246	Spets SMITH LOCKHART & Cpl SARGIE left WAU 6 MAR to proceed SHAMUA OP via PARTER		BA 454
613	11/3		2/3 IND COY	1720		127	3D have not yet arrived @ Advise when & where last seen		
614	11/3		2/3 IND COY POWERHOUSE	2100		BA 454	Strip 1700H/11 @ 812 HQ detached at POWERHOUSE @ 1 off 608 left for PIAMUNG today		0246
615	11/3	NGF		1655		0243	Spets SMITH, LOCKHART & Cpl SARGIE last seen by I Sgt 5 Bn PARTER 3 side of PIAMUNG on 8 MAR at 1100 hrs @ No further info from fwd @ will check on 1st contact of 5-1 HQ		
616	11/3	NGF		1730		0244	W map WAIPAI MUBO map "A" - 1 mile @ map of HOSPITAL 667797 @ HOSPITAL on sketch map MUBO 3" 2661-1		
617	11/3	NGF		-		0244	of our 0236 @ No survivors plane crash @ 9 bodies recovered @ Names of identifiable dead later @ plane totally burnt		
618	11/3	NGF		2030		0249	450 m/a A/C raided WAU area 1955H/11 @ bombs dropped @ further report later (further see 0255)		
619	11/3	NGF		2300		0250	from THOMPSON @ West side WAU. 12 MAR one rpt one campy off @ arrange his priority		
620	11/3		NGF	1131		0258	My 0240 W/T identified in falling light 2 twin engine bombers possibly NORTH @ flew west to east @ approx 8 bombs dropped @ NO damage or cas @ SHAMUA reported A/C in vicinity 1950H/11 @ BUKO rd rd 2 m/a A/C flew north to SE of BUKO 1950H/11		
621	11/3	DAWN		1610		06750	old scale of map of Hospital		H 24
622	11/3	DAWN		1256		0241	Can C16 rpt 210 @ See NO 312 top (9)		
623	11/3		DAWN	1230		0257	Understand you in contact WHITAKER @ Can you WHITAKER contact WARFE (and 2/3 IND COY)		
624	11/3		DAWN	1530		1424	Your C16 of MAR 6 met need please send message again.		0241
625	11/3		DAWN	1950	2016	0220	Strip @ Bombing heard direction MUBO during morning.		
626	11/3	DAWN		2030		0221	A/C can be heard in vicinity @ Rainy Mt. Hill @ Possibly landing on SHAMUA @ one.		
627	11/3		TOJO	1510		0252	Have SMITH & party arrived @ please advise.		
628	11/3		BOBS	1730		6711	I expect for some long time @ NO activity		
629	11/3		2/8 FAC-y	1800		N55	Strip @ KOLSTADT unchanged.		
630	11/3		WAU def	1715		NBA 287	Strip 1800H/10 No rpt		
631	11/3		MUR	1510		5	Launched camp @ Marched in 10R 2/6 Bn from Con Camp 2/0R 2/5 IND COY from KHANDI marched out 14100R 2/6 Bn for BUKO 2110R US Army to HAMMATIONS CORNER 10R VMA to CRYSTAL CK @ otherwise Strip.		
						04	Strongly recommend 2/5 Bn proposal re: with carrier pl area ATTA GUADAGASAL, WAIPAI which is now definitely weak link on otherwise secure forms		

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632	11/3		MUIA	1305		M3	arrived SKINDEWAI 1100 hrs @ Note operations deferred @ will send latest info presume of discussions shortly @ Propose start return 13 reading tomorrow @ Please signal if you desire return earlier.		
633	11/3		16 Bde Carrier	1800		625M	Message from 5AF by phone @ mission MAHABIA over GUADAGASHA RIDGE today dropped 24 100 lb bombs made 8 passes & was over target area 1130 to 1140 hrs @ Results unobserved		
634	11/3	Comd "G"		1540		LOIMM	VICKERS Two F/A twin engined bombers flew from West to east @ Affron 8 bombs dropped N.E. of slaughter yards nil damage nil casualties		
635	11/3		1Fd Coy	-	1955		Two F/A twin engined bombers flew from West to east @ Affron 8 bombs dropped N.E. of slaughter yards nil damage nil casualties		
636	12/3		2/5 Bn	0900		0201	5:30p 0900 hrs @ Maj MACDONALD arrived HOUSE DOCTOR BOY proceeding to MATIATARA this a.m. @ B Coy reports smoke from cooking fires between GUADAGASHA & SHADDAE 1100 A/P		
637	12/3		2/5 Bn	0940		0202	1st of 1st trying establish OP on west between MAHABIA & SALAMAUA @ 2 Rubber recd 6000 reqd @ On re issue 2/7 A/C now at shore @ understand another salvaged from coast wrecked FORTRESS @ Could both be dead in water.		
638	12/3	2/5 Bn		0825		0259	Further to 0255 @ 10th A Coy at BALLARMS if reqd.		
639	12/3		2/6 Bn			134	Salmon		
640	12/3		2/6 Bn	0935		135	password BULOAO.		
641	12/3	2/6 Bn		1238		0264	ref your M of 10 MAR @ Amn expenditure approved .303 10,000, .45 4,000, 2" mortar HE, 60, 3" mortar HE MO.		
642	12/3		2/7 Bn	0500		201	Salmon @ OTTER Salmon.		
644	12/3		2/3 IND Coy	1100		BAM55	Regret unable to confirm receipt of code under No 2 until contact gained with field HQ		0263
645	12/3		NGF	10/3		AK5 (MS246)	9 MAR Maj JMYERTES AMIC Lieut K S CRAVIFORD will replace Capt RYAN & SKINNER respectively until earliest date.		
646	12/3		NGF	0220		Q3035	Programme 12 MAR @ WAWU 01st mission 8 A/C miss 3 7 tons arms 3" mortar arms rations @ 2nd mission 6 A/C miss POA TEEPS trailers rations @ BUADOD 2nd mission 6 A/C miss rations POA drops @ SKINDEWAI 1st mission 6 A/C ground sheets tents rations .303 rifles @ 2 mission 6 A/C rations @ BALLARMS 01st mission ground sheets rations @ AF will not drop TIMNE or ZENAG advise please @ drops 11 MAR @ SKINDEWAI 8 A/C dropped rations arms @ BALLARMS 5 A/C dropped rations LAPAPS @ Please advise whether crashed plane completed dropping @ BAIG MANN COL WIAAS arrive 1st flight.		
647	12/3	NGF		0935		LO146	finding 1st plane SKETCH MAP MUBO then A' @ This is completely up to date & will be standard map in future @ Request printing earliest @ Also finding 3" map prepared by 2/7 IND Coy @ Letter for info only.		
648	12/3	NGF		0945		0262	Ref our code under 122 you ack not yet recd.		
649	12/3		BOBS	0730		IN56	Salmon @ ACCESTATE unchanged.		
650	12/3		TOJO	0915		G712	NO activity		
651	12/3		BIENA FOALS	0730		R11	Salmon @ BAMA, KHINANTU unchanged.		
652	12/3	DAWN	DAWN	1258		0265	Ref our 0257 estimate reply		
653	12/3		DAWN	0750		6222	Not of it		
654	12/3		DAWN SMITH	1115		S1	Lieut LOCKHART SMITH & Cpl SERGENT arrived DAWN 1800 hrs 10 MAR you advised our MIT/II @ Ref your 0257 we can contact WHITTAKER also Sgt JEFFERY in charge if he @ WARFE not arrived yet @ Route from DAWN to WHITTAKER + JEFFERY open to obs for long distances therefore suggest you use us as intermediate only when absolutely necessary.		0257
655	12/3		MAHGA	0845		0260	Salmon 394 101800A/12		
656	12/3		2/8 Fd Coy	0740		NB296	Salmon		
657	12/3		WITV Bn	0645		L	Salmon		
658	12/3		16 Bde Carrier	0600		G207	Salmon		
659	12/3	ALL units		0830		IP24	password		
660	12/3	708 USCBY 306 RDF Unit		0945		0261	still awaiting your receipt for our code under NO1.		
661	12/3	Local units		0945		6263	"		
662	12/3		TOJO	0815		G713	Cooking fires at WIEBAS TERRACE MAYOS.		

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663	12/3	HAC SQ MORESBY		1510		0296	Re MAT DANIELS @ Please advise present location RADIS camp & batteries handed to you by Big MOTEN in WAU @ O'LOAN denies knowledge of camp @ please advise.		
664	12/3	DAWN Hq Sigs Q		1410		0267	DO NOT intend use you as messengers comm WARFE WHITTAKER except in emergency @ Commo to WARFE WHITTAKER @ will be through 2/3 IND Coy @ We have no contact with WARFE since 9 MAR @ Pass following message to WARFE quite essential you immmed. establish & maintain w/T comm with KANGA failure to do so need with concern.		
665	12/3	2/3 IND COY		1355		0266	Re info EDGAR @ events ADCKHART SMITH Cpl SERGENT arrived DAWN 1800/10 @ Reason possibly can contact WARFE @ Have asked DAWN pass message to WARFE ordering immmed establishment commo with KANGA.		
666	12/3		4/6 Bn	1225		139	please alert code name 11 Fighter Control Sub Sects US ARMY		
667	12/3	NGF		1440		0268	re Sigs 387 to 1800/19 @ further check reveals one sub-sec A/C INCO 1600 MISSIM NOT 15011600R.		
668	12/3		DAWN	1450		A25	Re your 0265 @ Re our SI of MAR 12 @ Time of despatch 1130 hrs please check up before sending out message.		0265
669	12/3		2/5 Bn			0206	re your 6/11/12 @ Recent results on strike MAT MAT OBSERVATION HILL are excellent as stated in our Sigs 0203 @ Patrols are sending results of strikes when possible @ Such info send back as it comes to hand.		
670	12/3		DAWN	1520		G 223	Milid A/C patrolled this area during morning.		
671	12/3	Cond G	5AF		10149	Phone	re Mr Hobart @ message by phone from 5AF @ Mission as requested carried out @ time over target 1030 to 1050 hrs @ 2x 100lb bombs dropped @ early reports observed LABABIA ridge @ One plane missing last seen near Mt MURRAY approx 90 miles from MORESBY @ 5AF would appreciate reports from ops on effects of mission.		
672	12/3		NGF 1050	1545		0647/51 6714	Sigs 510/511 Sigs @ from 0800 hrs to 0900 hrs allied plane on rec of MARKHAM @ Since 10 MAR comes a new standing by at all stations @ 23rd Sigs A/C @ last night submarine anchored LABE harbor at 2000 hrs NGF advised.		
674	12/3		2/5 Bn	1630		0207	re our Sigs 0201 of 10 MAR @ NO an offing MAT MAT reqd until further advise		
675	12/3		WAU Hq	1715		4	Sigs @ Dashed Camp @ Marched in 50RS 2/7 IND COY from SKINDIEWAI 30RS 2/6 Bn from Con Camp 20RS 70RS CABAY from Con Camp 10R 2/5 IND COY from HOSPITAL @ Marched out 20RS 2/5 IND COY 10KIABDI 10R 2/6 Bn to Con Camp @ otherwise silent.		
676	12/3		2/6 Bn	1700		21	Re 101 para @ Approval requested following additional ranges @ 1st for rifle mm6 2" Mater @ avn 252965 direction of fire 255° length 800 yds @ 2nd for rifle 2" Mater @ avn 271977 direction of fire 15° length 250 yds @ Safety precautions frequent & flags @ if approved intend shoot 1st range 16/17/18/19 Mar @ Ill ref BUKO 1" - 1/2".		
677	12/3		16 Bde Comm	1800		G 260	Sigs		
678	12/3		2/3 Fd Coy	1800		109	Sigs		
679	12/3		BOBS	1730		W59	Sigs		
680	12/3		near details 2/3 IND COY	0830		0M220	NX 53016 H/Lie LASGOURGUES, L.P. age 42 enlistment 12/11/41 next of kin brother PL. LASGOURGUES, MELBOURNE VIC, NX 59124, Sgt WHITTAKER, W.A. age no recd enlistment 11 JUN 40, next of kin, MOTHER K LITTLER 45 RENWICK ST, MARRICKVILLE SYDNEY		0233
681	12/3	2/5 Bn	2/6 Bn	1830		144 0273	Sigs @ Col WOOD, WATSON arrived back 1800 hrs @ Col WATSON left WAU 1830 Please advise if possible identify originator of message C 367 @ if necessary quote message		
683	12/3		NGF	1300		Q3038	Re 5AF message R361E re 5AF small plant & equip in WAU area @ 5AF will NOT remove any plants or equip from WAU area except on authority NGF through KANGA FORCE @ If personnel being prepared take over plant @ please ack		
684	12/3		TOJO	1930	2025	G 715	SITREP @ BARGE movement since 1700 hrs @ 3 LAE to LABU @ LABU to LAE @ 1 LAE MALAHANG @ 2 MALAHANG to LAE.		

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685	12	2/16 FO Coy		2130		0275	301 COL REINHOLD @ Comd KANGA & two offrs visiting CRE 1600 hrs 13 mar. @		
686	12	all units		2130		0271	Comm Coy will be carrying out AA practice shoot apt practice shoot with .5 Brownings at 1600 2/13 @ please warn all the under your comd @ ANGAN responsible for warning natives that this is practice shoot only @ ALK		
687	13		HQ WAN fixed DEF.	0645			since @ transit camp @ marched in 1 offr HQ NCP from MORESBY 1 offr public relations from food area marched out 1 OR 1 AUST MTN BTN. to CRYSTAL ckn otherwise sitnor		
688	13		2/8 Aust FO Coy.	0715/13		NOK 302	sitnor		
689	13	all units		0830		1P25	secret @ password WAN TOWN night 13/14 march @ SYPHUS @ all informed		
690	12		2/5 Aust Inf Bn.	1700		0209	sitrep at 1700 hrs @ Carrier PL arrived SUMMIT @ one sec to proceeding to junc @ no patrol reports yet to hand		
691	12		2/7 Aust Inf Bn.	1800		204	sitrep sitnor @ OTTER Booby traps at positions approx 2000 yds east BLACK CAT towards HOUSE COPPER and 3700 yds north from GAP @ patrols sitnor.		
692	12		2/5 Aust Inf Bn.	1820		0210	ref our 0202/12 @ do not propose using MAT MAT at present @ will advise you if necessary @ supplies photoed your Q 291 not needed for MAT MAT till advised @ tents still required urgently SKINDENI		
693	12		2/3 IND Coy	1830		1K30	sitrep to 1800 hrs 12 march @ 2nd HQ contacted but nothing to report @ Capt EDGAR and party passed through Power House on way to MISSION at 10000 hrs @ boys & 60 boy loads of stores left for MISSION today		
694	12		NCP & all units	1900		0270	sitrep 395 at 1800/12 @		
695			2/3 IND Coy	2230		0B07A	previous contact impossible @ Coy HQ A PL CPL no located MISSION SAHAMAN revised 163360 646976 (NOT B) as marked BONIHI @ DAWN contacted reports BOBIBUBI for SAP @ recce patrols fwd short of BOBIBUBI @ recce to BUQUHU reports village empty no sign SAP.		
696			2/3 IND Coy	2230		0B07B	immediate intention established O.P. 693 015 SAHAMAN revised @ sit from base high ground covering track MISSION P. L MUNG @ MISSION village which is in deep gorge @ also standing patrols on high ground 500 yds EAST of mission & junc MISSION ZIGUJI BOBIBUBI track see sketch map WAN SAHAMAN LAE area		

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697	12		2/5 BN	2215		0272	young dead in BUNGAING MAT MAT GARAISSON HILL areas 2370 estimate 50 ✓ checked from sickness 970 from foot wound received in WAU operations remainder from our air attacks which undoubtedly also forced evacuation M. 150.		
698	12		2/3 INDCOY	2230		0607C	request strong standing patrols in areas BOBADU (BERMOPDHIBER safe guard long lines of comm vulnerable via HOTE VI by reported tracks from SAHAMUA.		
699	12		2/5 BN	2107 1/2		0272	air strike arranged 13 MATA KOMIATUM SAHAMUA & possibly VICKERS RIDGE / 0 advise counted enemy dead mentioned recent attack		
700	12		NGF	2200/12	0035/13	06765	see attached.		
701	13		16 Bde comm	0800		6264	sitrep sitnor 0		
702	13		DAWN	0750/13	0855/13	6224	nothing to report.		
703	13		DAWN	0800	0850	A26	MUNCHIN & LILLIES left 1800 Hrs 12.		
704	13		TOTO	0800		6716	sitrep 0 all quiet.		
705	13		2/7 BN	0800		201	sitrep 0 sitnor 0 OTTER patrol sitnor.		
706	13		2/6 BN	0835		142	sitrep 0 sitnor		
707	12		2/3 INDCOY	2240 1/2	0845/13	0607D	D.I.D. EST. PIMUNG. 0 air dropping possible 04 smokes & T panel ready 0 WIT. est. PIMUNG mission 0 consider air supply inadvisable MISSION as yet 0 track SEHEP MISSION under JAP observation 0 anticipate VVT contact power house 1/13.		
708	13		2/5 BN	0870		0201	crashed plane has made only two runs over target & majority of supplies was destroyed 0 brief report being forwarded today		Q407/12
709	13	NGF		0935 1/2		0278	do not agree alteration our priorities but would appreciate that level move to WAU of units listed our priorities be inhibited 0 plans for OP 34 other details follow.		06765
710	13	US weather det WAU		0935		0277	It is not intended to implement a chemical defence plan at the present juncture 0 however there is no objection to individual units taking precautionary actions.		
711		NGF all units		0925 1/2		0276	sitrep 396 to 0800 1/13		
712	13		HQ WAU DEF	0940		2	ack.		

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713	13	2/5 BN		1010		0280	for STARR from MOTEN O finalize plans to destroy enemy SADO area O desirable you act more vigorously to take advantage present favourable position Coy BALKANS can move forward under your orders O N.G.F. inquiring urgently date O outline your attack O latest reliable intelligence enemy SALAMAU MUBO now not more than 1500 of which only small proportion your area O advise urgently.		
714	13	2/6 BN air station Comd WAU		1000		0279	no salvage stores of any description and furniture are to be loaded into air transports for MOV. to MORESBY without written authority from this HQ O addresses will police this order by checking the loading of all planes at WAU & Bukoko respectively O Lt. Col. Symons CRE KAINANTU FORCE is the only offr. authorised to issue such written authority on behalf this HQ.		
715	13		2/6 BN	1100		146	Secret O Password Bukoko area night 13/14 Mor. will be TROPICAL O ACK.		
716	13		2/6 BN	1130		203	ack	146	0271
717	13	2/6		1400		0152	ack.		
718	13	Sigs MOTOR PTL POOL TRANSIT CAMP STAFFLANT		1400		0152	Secret O For information O Password for Bukoko area night 13/14 march O TROPICAL		
719	13	N.G.F.		1203		0281	unidentified plane flying in on bearing 30° out 260° height 27000 ft time 1200 hrs.		
720	13		TOJO	1310		Phone	5 bombers & fighters landed on WIFE drove with 7 fighters landing above HLO 5 AF informed.		
721	13		BOBS	0730	0945	W61	Sitnor O Location state unchanged.		
722	13		BENA FORCE	1215	1332	R12	Sitnor BENA unchanged KAINANTU unchanged.		
723	13		2/7 BN patrol vicinity gap	1215		RD13	Abayer DUTCHABEL left OTTER (patrol vicinity gap 2/7 BN) for WAW 1200 hrs O Patrol investigated B.T. sprung by abayer DUTCHABEL O Primer & fuse only ignited.		
724	13		2/6 BN	1315		22	Authority requested move following personnel from Bukoko by air O Maj. BUTZ U.S. engineers capt MC DONALD BAVU both on duty O also request authority not 1500s BAVU on arrival replacements from MORESBY.		
725	13	2/3 INDCOY		1315		0282	In reply 0307C request approved but standing patrols these areas to be reduced to absolute minimum personnel.		

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726	13	NGF.		1330		0283	further to my 0278 of 13 mar 0 propose use 2/5 BN less 2 coy 2/7 indep. coy see with arty one PL MG for projected operation total strength approx 650 0 eleven days supplies for this force held at SKINDEWAI and fwd 0 details of plan & estimated duration from comd 2/5 BN are awaited and will be fwded on receipt.		
727	13	2/3 INOCoy		1520		0153	your reference to MISSIMI & BONAKI NOT clear.	0007A	
728	13	2/8 pl coy 2/10 near 2/7 ind coy near 5 AF.		1515		0285	still awaiting your ack to our 0222 7/10		
729	13	to all units.		1415 1/3		0284	2/7 BN will carry out 3 inch mortar shoot 1000 7/14 0 21 rds will be fired into target area ref map W174 locality 397716 0 ack by 0800 7/14		
730	13		2/8 BN	1144		145	most secret. 0 GUADAGASAL Ridge reported this morning clear enemy 500 yds NORTH of GUADAGASAL 0 B Coy less one PL also see mb. PL two deta mortars now moving from SKINDEWAI occupy GUADAGASAL ridge. 0 carrier PL 4 MG PL less sec now fwd SKINDEWAI 0 now moving to occupy P.P. hill as base for BPL. 2/7 AIC now patrolling from base of P. MAT MAT feature to cross BOIIOI to LABABIA spur object containing destroying enemy north of SADDLE 0 A Coy moving SKINDEWAI then June BUIBAINING - LABIBU protect then moving MAT MAT feature then following up B PL 2/7 AIC 0 anticipate soon receiving report B PL near LABABIA ridge also OBSERVATION Hill latter VIALS camp KANITUM 0 as further advances must promptly follow fwd recce when received could you please indicate STARR limit exploitation with the now proceeding SKINDEWAI & fwd 0 ground right of LABABIA RIDGE not suitable next stage the around that flank.		
731	13		2/6 BN	1520		23	Ref our memo WAR ESTABLISHMENTS of 9 mar 0 would appreciate direction at earliest.		
732	13	2/5 INOCoy		1555		0284	MINCHING & LILKIES left DAWN 1800 7/12 0 ACK.		
733	13		5 AF.	1622		Phone	strafed L of C 1040 7/13 to 1055 7/13 0 NO Bombs dropped 0 results unobserved.		

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734	13	2/6 BN		1605 ^{1/10}		0288	msg Major Butz approval of McDONALD in MORESBY few days ago why another trap why is our BAVU moving impress fact these personnel take up inward plane spare later date.	2	2
735	13	HAC sqn		1230 ^{1/10}		L16	ack.		0271
736	13		Dawn	1525	1600	G225	3 allied aircraft strafed LOKANU LOGUI KOMIATUM approx 1105 hr.		
737	13		HQ ANGAU (MARKHAM DISTRICT)	0740		W413	ack.		0271
738	13		2/2 FO AMB	1215		M219	ack.		0271
739	13	all units WAI area		1600		0287	still awaiting your ack to our 0237		
740	13		T030	1530	1640	G717	Sitrep @ 1120 hrs allied plane on recd off MARKHAM @ 1310 hrs 5 TPs with escort of 6 ZEROS landed LAE from the EAST @ 1330 hrs all departed NTHEAST		
741	13		2/7 IND Coy (man)	1618		R11	your signal 0222 ^{1/10} date 10 received.		0285
742	13		2/7 Bn	1625		206	ack.		0222 ^{1/10}
743	12		EDGAR (L.O)	1915		E2	observe carrier lines being sent fwd from POWERHOUSE unescorted in charge of BOSS BOY.		
744	13		2/5 Bn	1710		0207	Sitrep at 1700 hrs @ Enemy @ APL 2/7 ind Coy reports a MI 13 mar GUADAGASAK ridge cleared to 500 yds NE of village own TPs NO H pl 2/5 Bn one det mortars one see MNIGS moving to OP hill on MAT MAT feature expected arrive BUIBAINING 13 march objective 14 mar @ B Coy has one pl but one see MNIGS 2dets mortars moving to GUADAGASEK ridge @ one pl B Coy junction HOUSE DR BOY @ A Coy now at SUMMIT now moving BUIBAINING WAIPANI track. June 14 mar @ N° 2 pl 2/5 BN moving to SUMMIT 14 mar for escort duty considerable pilfering of stores in transit @ SUMMIT camp occupied by one see C Coy @ BALLANIS		
745	13		BOBS	1730		W14	Sitrep @ Location state unchanged.		
746	13		NGF	1600	1802	L1615	for COL WILKS from shark @ Authority for your trip received from Brisbane @ when may we expect you back.		
747	13		160de carr Coy OP	1800		G270	scrip @ sitnor.		
748	13		2/7 Bn	1800		207	Sitrep sitnor @ OTTER force patrols as far as BOOBY trap area sitnor.		

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749	13		NGF	1515	1730	I 1617	Please advise by message how many vacancies you require at next course school of MI commencing 26 Apr. Vacancies at following wings are available: 0 senior wing for incomplete staff appointments; 0 junior wing for Bde & Bn appointments; 0 aerial photographic interpretation wing; 0 FSS wing.		
750			HQ WAU def.	1715		4	Strip 0 transit camp marched in 2000s attached 2/46 AFD from MORESBY 10A 2/5 IND COY from BLAKIS 30s 2/6 Bn from CON camp 10A 2/5 IND COY from KANDI 0 marched out 2000s 705 U.S. CA Regt 1100s 2/6 Bn to BUHOLO 2000s 2/7 indep COY to MORESBY 2000s 2/5 indep COY to KANDI 10A 2/7 indep COY to hospital 0 otherwise sitnor.		
751	13	2/5 indep COY		1930		6-	for WINNING 0 please send any details M1130 drone or other possible drones in vicinity 0 approaches size change of extension etc.		
752	13		2/7 BN	1820		208	ack.		0284
753	13		2/6 BN	1825		101	strip 0 sitnor.		
754	13		HQ Ranger	1900			0284 ack.		0284
755	13		2/5 indep COY	1830		1057	ref your 0207 0 Have not yet received message please repeat 0 286 ack 0 0284 ack.		
756	13	All units		0800		1P 25	password WAU		
757	13		2/8 FACoy	1900		NR 304	Sitnor.		
758	14	All units		0830		1P 26	password WAU		
759	14		2/8 FACoy	0710		NR 308	Sitnor.		
760	14		WAU def	0645		1	Sitnor 0 Transit Camp 0 marched in 2 offrs US Army def from MORESBY 001400s sitnor		
761	14		KANGA	2000		0290	Sitnor 397 to 1800 AFB		
762	14		16 B delannan	0800		6273	Sitnor		
763	14		2/7 Bn	0745		201	Sitnor 0 sitnor 0 UTTER FORCE sitnor.		
764	14		2/8 FACoy	0710		NR 308	Sitnor.		
765	14		NDIA	0900		016	moving with STARR vice party meet MACADIE HOUSE DOCTOR BOY finalisation plan then return.		
766	14		2/6 Bn	0830		102	Sitnor 0 sitnor 0 One up HK plus 2000s over BUONO 0305 hrs.		
767	14		TOTO	0800		9718	Sitnor NO activity		
768	14		KANGA	0900		0293	Sitnor 397 to 0800 AFB		
769	14		2/6 Bn	0825		103	password BUONO		
770	14		2/3 IND COY	1900		0809	back into POWER HOUSE 0 PARTED 3100 15 mins plus this to Grand creek here for night 0 stage by BRACH creek to KUNAI hills (this hard going no water till hills water 15 mins left of track 0 stage this had water BAKINECA near this this 3 hrs to camp on high mountain hard going no water till reaching camp water 4 mins to left of track 0 stage here to PIMUNG mostly back down hill plus this to SEBUBUB steep down hill natives now repairing this stage good water 0 plus 1 hr 10 mins to MISSIM all down hill over bare terrain all under observation KOMIATUM & BOBDUBI do not attempt unless dark or mist 0 strongly recommend these stages for hrs otherwise water & fatigue troubles 0 times on return very similar.		

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771	14/3		T050	1945		6718	Schup 0710 hrs 4/5 seen in area between EMERYS + JACOBSENS 01840 hrs 5 medium bursts left LABU above laden apparently with troops		
772	14/3		4/3 IND Coy	1730/13	1100/14	08011	re your 101534/130 Natives report this village named BOVANI & district named MISSION. O could map of SHAMMAU revised 163360 is 6426976 O Situation of Coy HQ unchanged. A/E C/P less one at MISSION preparing defensive form O 1 Sec C/P now providing 2 standing patrols 1 at MISSION BOBUSU BOBDUBI track gun 1 hr 15 min from MISSION O 1, other from MISSION on BOBDUBI track overlooking BOBDUBI holding track for rice fields moving food 208 set with patrol moving NW as advised in our 0220/11 also 00Pn over KOMIATUM SHAMMAU track		10153
773	14/3		2/3 IND Coy	0923		08012	Schup 2/4 patrols proceeding O nothing to report		
774	14/3	11 Pagan Control		1010		Z 0156	Schup 0900 hrs 4/5 seen in area between EMERYS + JACOBSENS 01840 hrs 5 medium bursts left LABU above laden apparently with troops		
775	14/3	2/5 Bn		0950		0294	re your 0256 O Vans nomination not recd O please advise urgently.		
776	14/3		BOBS	0730		WES	Schup 0730 hrs 4/5 seen in area between EMERYS + JACOBSENS 01840 hrs 5 medium bursts left LABU above laden apparently with troops		
777	14/3		LAE	1140		phone	300 hrs concentrated 5617		
778	14/3		LAE	1150		phone	30 hrs in strength moving from NW		
779	14/3		BIENH FORCIE	1030		RIF	Schup 0800 hrs 4/5 seen in area between EMERYS + JACOBSENS 01840 hrs 5 medium bursts left LABU above laden apparently with troops		
780	14/3	NGF		1245		Z 0158	Please send 100 SHAMMAU track revised		
781	14/3		2/5 Bn	1200		A1	Unable trace originator sig report 10 O Series not in use here		0273
782	14/3		2/5 Bn	1210		0202	Schup 0800 hrs 4/5 seen in area between EMERYS + JACOBSENS 01840 hrs 5 medium bursts left LABU above laden apparently with troops		
783	14/3		2/5 Bn			A2	No suitable nomination for junior staff school		
784	14/3	2/5/6/7 Bn 2/3/77 INDCOYS 2/1/14 Regt		1000		0295	nomination for the school of MI are called for O units will submit names of personnel for the junior wing for Bde B 100 aft. O N/A returns will be submitted O Returns to be at this HQ by 21st MAR O All informed.		0294
785	14/3		DAWN			6226	N/A report		
786	14/3		2/5 Bn	0900		0201	Schup 0900 O enemy O patrol 2/7 INDCoy penetrated late pm. 13 MAR to within 300yds of SADDLE O found enemy mortar bombs & two dobs in area O reported bombing stripping GOADAGASAL ridge has been extensively accurate O awaiting reports from first patrol OBSERVATION HILL O SADDLE areas O Cron 4/4 O further mot O Comd 2/5 Bn moving 10VATPAH area IN MAR O bridge over BITOI now completed		
787	14/3		2/5 Bn	1325		03	N/A return		
788	14/3		2/3 INDCoy (HUSSEY)	1000		84473	are you receiving reports OK from BAKU first query BAKU advised 4/13 as follows O Coy HQ A/E C/P established MISSION O NO mot found SEABUB unless mot on delivery O from this to MISSION under TAP observed		
789	14/3	NGF		1335		0296	Propose return AA & GMG & DAGMG 3rd unit due to MORESBY O Both now conversant with situation here & consider can be usefully employed at own HQ O NO useful employment here until further drop not to this area O likely O please advise		
790	14/3		NGF			06759/64	Schup 512, 513		
791	14/3		NGF			06768/70	Schup 514, 515		
792	14/3	460m		1430		0297	Re your 5366 H/C/PHIL AB O please advise if this NEO promotion has appeared in RD		
793	14/3		DAWN	1500		6227	N/A report		
794	14/3		2/5 Bn	1535		0203	Schup 1500 hrs O Patrol 4/7 INDCoy report patrol contacted enemy 13 MAR area from DRY CREEK BED BITOI BUIYAPCK lower slopes LABABIA feature O Enemy were engaged were engaged results not yet obtained O Another patrol reports 140/50 Taps on hill above OBSERVATION HILL O further details awaited O Nothing further to report O All informed		
795	14/3		2/5 Bn	1405		0205	Schup 1800 hrs O No change		
796	14/3		T050	1530		6720	Schup O Ref map LAE locality column of 4/5 reported came from direction of ref 8020 & proceeded MARKHAM rd were lost left 2440 O 1315 hrs 20-50 men entered HEATHS from LAE direction 1200 hrs later Lories loaded with 4/5 rd LAE O 1230 hrs Lories seen ref 1669 O believe mot of 4/5 connected with relief of outposts O 1310 hrs Prinnan left LAE for LABU rd 1530 hrs		

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824	15/3		DAWN	0800		G 228	lights observed on KOMIATUM track above BOBDUBI 0 and KANAKA		
825	15/3		BOBS	0730		W 70	status of ACESTATE unchanged		
826	15/3	NGF		1045		0307	of KANGA G/30 of 3 MAR 0 priority A 0 add to item 11-1800s 0 this additional party to be referred to as W Sec Sigs 3 MUST DIV 4 as reqd to supply dump and sign comm for 2/5 IND COY whose Sig Sec is now existent 0 detailed description of W Sec has been notified separately to Sig 3 MUST DIV 0 destruction of item 9 0 reports 2/6 Bn is BUAD 0		
827	15/3		2/6 Bn	1005		109	Parward BUAD 0		
828	15/3		KANGA	0915		0305	status H 0010 0800/15		
829	15/3		NGF	1017		D1799	S. H. School MUST from WING course A 0 follow mainly roads as sig'd D1776 of 10 MAR		
830	15/3		NGF	1235		A 3283	of 14 MAR 0 Comm 0 over H 3282 of 14 MAR refer 1 (70 FUS (A 124))	0313	0296
831	15/3		2/6 Bn	1145		28	no telephone during 0 MACDONALD (BAVUNOT) will notify you when he arrives		
832	15/3		NGF	1520		06776	Col O'Connell attached KANGA FORCE 10-14 days arriving WAUIS MAR 0 employment ordered formation KANGA 0 should proceed fwd area around BUAD 0 via E. CHECK		
833	15/3		45 IND COY	1800/1140/15		08013	status 1800/15 (See attached)	0310	
834	15/3	NGF 2/5 IND COY		1140		0310	of last sentence your 08013 0 DO NOT interfere with natives house handling	08013	
835	15/3		2/3 IND COY	0850		08014	status 1/15 nothing further to own status 2/114		
836	15/3		2/6 Bn	1320		29	of 1/10 Com your arrangements from BUAD 0 file of 2/1 over working on B 70763		
837	15/3		2/5 IND COY	1345		A 1478	number 10 B 1462 of 14 MAR 0 has 0395 status - to 0800/15 - Bn send to 2/3 AIC		
838	15/3		KANGA via NGF	1315/1140/15		H 14/16	arrangements made in PIDGIN ENGLISH broadcasts WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS 1615 hrs about 12 metres 6900 Kcycles 0 utilize where possible native propaganda 0 my own 0 signal comments reaction & generally		
839	15/3		2/5 Bn	1200		0202	status 0900 hrs 0 mil report 0 delay in forwarding due dropping 0 status about 1200 hrs 0 A Coy HQ HOUSE KIAP one pl WAIPAH one pl BUIBAINING one pl HOUSE KIAP 1 Det MORTARS 1 Sec MMGS WAIPAH 0 No 1/2 2/5 Bn June BUIBAINING WAIPAH 0 B Coy GUADAGASHAL 0 No 1/2 1/2 reports 0 heard		
840	15/3		DAWN	1540		G 229	status APC machine gunned KOMIATUM 1045 hrs 0 over SHAMITUA 1030 hrs NO bombs dropped 0 large fire observed direction LOK AND 1345 hrs		
841	15/3		NGF			0675/78	status 076/57		
842	15/3		TOTO	1545		G 723	area flames over at 0945 & 1135 hrs 0 1135 hrs one long loaded of 1/2 from LAE direction passed HEATHS gully NW 0 Canal from LABU hideout visited LABU village & held 0 One plane killed in HOT Blast BAY		
843	15/3		2/5 Bn	1800		NBX 321	status 1800 hrs 0 Coy HQ moved at new location MA 350 7240 mil report		
844	15/3		2/5 Bn	1830		0205	status 1800 hrs 0 Fighting faded from APE 2/7 IND COY moved through SADDLE area and 15 MAR cleared main track TOKUNDA Br. area now proceeding to south LABABIA OP tracks established hold LABABIA track open near DRYCK BED & WICKERS RIDGE & track to LABABIA island		
845	15/3		KANGA	2010		0311	status 1800/15		
846	15/3		2/5 Bn	2100		0209	status 2100 hrs 0 status 2/7 IND COY, HQ Cpl SKINDEWAI 0 One sec APE Southern part LABABIA ridge PEHR 2 sec main HOUSE BANANA LABABIA 0 One sec B pl MET MET 1 sec JAP OP full on MAT MAT feature 0 Nothing further report		
847	15/3		2/5 Bn	1945		0208	and last part your message originated 2000/15 recd this HB 1800/15 0 status of one sec B pl 2/7 IND COY in form Southern part LABABIA ridge 0 Remainder of pl moving fwd to establish track base 0 B Coy 2/5 Bn previously disposed in area NW GUADAGASHAL village now extending from 40 include area commanding approach to SADDLE		
848	15/3	NGF		1935		0213	of your H 3282 - please refer		03294
849	15/3		NGF	1110		D1811	forwarded copies of report on operations around 4 are being fwd		
850	15/3	NGF 2/5 IND COY via 2/5 Bn		2150		0315	SADDLE area to NW 0 now clear of enemy and NO enemy info SOUTH of OBSERVATION HILL 0 2/7 IND COY recd faded now moving north OBSERVATION HILL towards KOMIATUM 0 You will describe fighting faded approx strength one sec and W/T Sec to take towards KOMIATUM with object gaining contact enemy		

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851	15/3	Hqs 2/5 Bn		2150		0316	Letters on 0291 are emphasised FIND THE ENEMY		
852	15/3	2/6 Bn		2245		319	Further to our R. 6. 13/6 and in reply to your letter 15 March your despatches re disposition MARKHAM area approved implement forthwith.		
853	15/3	NGF		2125/15		0314	For CAPT. BUNBURY from ROLFE O find joining roster and nomination papers		
854	15/3	WAV	WAV Reference	1715		2	Retief O transit camp O marched in 1 OR 2/5 indep Coy from Hospital 10 offn US Army from morning 10 offn 7 ORs 2/2 Aust Graves Registration Unit 1 and 11 OR 3 supply depot AASC from morning 1 OR 2/16 1st Coy from Bile Cho marched out 20 ORs at LAD to 46 LAD 2 ORs 2/6 Bn to Bulldog otherwise return		
855	15/3	Hqs 2/5 Bn		1905/15		0312	where next retief dispense 2/7 indep Coy		
856	15/3		D boy 2/6 Bn	1730	1830	W 75	situation normal O location state unchanged		
857	15/3		2/6 Bn	1830		113	Retief O return		
858	15/3		2/7 Bn	1800		204	Retief O return O OTTER FORCE return		
859	15/3		16 Bile carriers	1800		G 280	Retief return		
860	15/3	NGF		2220			collations 16 Mar O patrols from MUBO and BOBDUBI recd towards KUMIATUM O one offn SALAMAU OP proceeding SALAMAU close here		
861	16/3		TOTO	1930/15	0820/15	G 724	BAROE movement since (1450) hrs 1 LABU to LAE 2 LAE to MALAHANG 2 LAE to LABU		
862	16/3		2/5 Bn	0600		0251	Retief 0600 O no change		
863	16/3		16 Bile carriers	0800		G 282	Retief return		
864	16/3		2/6 Bn	0830		124	Retief O return O CAPT'S STEWART GULLET left for base PARTERTNO area 2000/15		
865	16/3		2/7 Bn	0800		201	Retief return O OTTER FORCE patrol return		
866	16/3		WAV Reference	0645		1	Retief O transit camp O marched in 2 ORs 11 AUST DIV HQ from BULLDOG O otherwise return		
867	16/3		2/5 Bn	0930		0201	Retief on at 0900 hrs O B Coy reports on bombing and stepping heard direction KUMIATUM 0830 2/16 column of dark smoke rising NORTH of KUMIATUM O nothing further to report		
868	16/3		TOTO	0800	0905	G 725	2 labors left LAE for MALAHANG O cooking fire at HEATHS BUTIBUM LAE area and bus movement BUSH and BUTIBUM		
869	16/3		KANGA	0950		0320	Retief 402 to 0800/16		
870	16/3		2/6 Bn	1007		115	one P39 APC crashed vicinity BULOLO DROME 1003 hrs		
871	16/3	2/6 Bn		1040		0323	Signal file name particulars and conditions of APC imp up of crash	115	
872	16/3	NGF		1035		0322	one P39 APC crashed vicinity BULOLO Drome 1003 O details later		
873	16/3	All units		0830		1P28	Password WAV		
874	16/3	Para 2/5 Bn		1030		0321	WILSON HQ KANGA VERTIGAN ANGRAV and towers offn proceeding your area ETA SKINDI WAI 17 MAR O WILSON can give retief picture		
875	16/3	NGF		1450/15		06875	Comply offn requisition items offn 8 ORs from WAIWAI area O steamer fuel available in house 3 Aust Bn O do you agree O if so advise priority for fuel		

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876	16/3		DAWN	1030	1100	6731	SALAMAUVA heavily bombed 0845 hrs @ Petrol dump ref map scale 1 inch to 250 yards hit and still burning at 200500 @ Disturbed by AA fire at 200500 - 290400 - 430740 @ The AA also observed at 200500 @ LITTU		
877	16/3	2/16 fd boy	?	1240		0326	Col REINHOLD left WAU for EADIE CK 1200 L/16 @ advice when my 0325 delivered	0131	0131
878	16/3		2/16 fd boy	1215		0131	Reply to 0325 message ask Col REINHOLD re WAU day 16 Please try and locate that spot		0325
879	16/3		Beana force	1000	450/16	R16	Inter BENA unchanged KAINANTU unchanged		
880	15/3	DAWN		2220	4/15	0317	Must secret @ for SMITH @ you will make operational clearance SALAMAUVA @ passed village @ end of road near any enemy SOUTH of FRANCISCO RIVER and any indications of SALAMAUVA will be reported @ WARFE now secret towards KOMIATUM @ STARR reports MUBO clear @ advise time your departure and estimate time of return ack		
881	16/3		DAWN	0800	0940	G-230	2 periscopes being moved in harbour 0750 hrs		
882	15/3		2/3 2nd boy	1400	4/15	05016	Setup 1900 L/15 See attached		
885	16/3		BOBS	0730	1/16	W77	Station normal @ location state unchanged		
884	16/3		2/6 Bn	1055		102	Secret @ password BULOLO was		
885	16/3		NGF	1038	110	04437	Col REINHOLD to report GOC. NGF returning 17 MARCH @ ack		
886	16/3	2/6 Bn		1130		0324	Two nominations are required for No 2 course OCTU WOODSIDE by 1800 hrs		
887	16/3	2/5 Bn		1130		0324	One nomination is required for No 2 course OCTU WOODSIDE by 1800 hrs		
888	16/3	2/7 Bn		1130		0324	do do do		
889	16/3		2/6 Bn	1045		112	Further to our 11/16 @ Pilot killed plane total wreck		0323
890	16/3		2/5 Bn	1015		0202	Busier major leaving SKINDIWI for BALLAMS on 16 MAR		
891	16/3		2/6 Bn	1155		105	Ref map BULOLO 1/635600 pilot's name believed TAYLOR of 41 FSN @ plane total wreck type T39/D2 serial no 14A/434 engine no 125790 map ref 299864		032 0323
892	16/3	2/3 2nd boy		1420	1/16	0328	Your intercept 1400 L/15 @ TOR hrs 0935 L/16 @ please explain delay @ intercept will be finished IMMEDIATE until further notice		
893	15/3	2/5 Bn		1530		08	Must secret @ overline plan completed this am last petrol report put received - make use suspected concentration of enemy and north thereof now clear @ A pl. 2/5 can post with occupied base LABABIA ref purpose extensive patrolling MUBO SALAMAUVA track day's permit this @ see MMR maping on top of purpose cover SADDLE and WICK SADDLE MUBO @ I am returning		

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894	16/3		BENA	1100	1350	R18	Atrop BENA unchanged KAINANTU unchanged		
895	16/3		DAWIN	1240	1335	S3	from SMITH O ref SAL I inch to 250 yds time departure 1700/16 estimated return PM/23 O wld endeavor maintain contact DAWIN by W/T or vice with glass from present position shows earth works and movement area 2953-3052-2947-2948 these have good field of fire to SOUTH and SOUTH-WEST 3050 to 3947 at least two A/A guns heavily A/A and machine guns 4273 O all fire on RAID today O each works under instruction from 4273 NORTH along ridge for 200 yds O these points of fire command Isthmus and off the ridge MINCH in probable range on that		0317
896	16/3		Air support control	1400			LAE and SALAMAUVA heavily bombed 0850 and 0900 hrs respectively O many fires and shell large explosions at SALAMAUVA AA encampment MACDONALDS JUNGLE O 32 300lb bombs dropped on LAE		
897	16/3	NGF		1250		0327	my 0327 O pilot killed O believed TAYLOR of 41 F Sqrd plane total wreck at ref map BULOLO one in 1297 864	0322	
898	16/3		NGF	1045		06783	Atrop no 518 to 1500 L/15		
899	16/3		NGF	2120		06791	Atrop 519 to 2000 L/15		
900	16/3	NGF		1430		0329	NGF 06786 quote O formations and units of NGF will revert to standard time on 2/8 Mar O at 0200 L/15 time piece will be put back one hour and designation changed to 0100 L/28		
901	16/3	2/8th Coy		1540		0330	for 1E Col SYMMONS from CE NGF O expect dispatch 16/11 Mar 15000 lbs 2/8th Coy NGF		
902	16/3		NGF	1448		1352	for CRE 3 AUST DR from CE Expect dispatch 16/11 Mar 5000 lbs 2/8th Coy NGF		
903	16/3		2/16 Fd Coy	1125		0132	0325 and 1200 hrs O 0326 and 1340 hrs O conducted CRE 1425 hrs		0325/6
904	16/3		AF HSC control			phone	HA found near MACDONALDS time were struck 0900/16		
905	16/3	2/16 Fd Coy		1620		0331	my 0326 O exclusive reply		
906	16/3		WITU def	1725		2	Subp O Insect Camp O MARCHED IN one off HQ NGF from MORESBY 10ff 30R 3 Dis 3ys from MORESBY O Marched out 20R 11 ff 2nd row to KIANDI 20R 2/5IND Coy 10 KIANDI 10ff 2/10R NO3 Supply Def of HASC 10 HASC HQ area 10R 2/16 Fd Coy 10 MORESBY 10ff US ARMY 10 MORESBY 70R Drone control to Drone area otherwise Subs		
907	16/3		2/7 B	1715		203	ref your signals 0324 0295 O nominations for School MI JUNIOR WING NX 26416 21 SOUTH BT O for NO2 Course CTV V 2947 A/Sgt HEDTSE J		
908	16/3		EDGAR (43)	1200		E3	WIRRE deans maintain present defns O Return inf POWERHOUSE in 4 days O Supplies O nations being augmented MISSIM area by native purchase O Postage carrying through use non-water tight containers on lines O Overstuffed ground ready at PHUNNG can be enlarged labor available for collection of food more droppings do MISSIM O WHITTAKER states some blankets for carriers on POWERHOUSE PHUNNG line		

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909	16/3		TOJO	1530		6726	0840 hrs raid by 4 bombers 0 Bombs fell between CHINATOWN BUTIBUM 0 MG fire from 7915 heavy 0 4084 3129 intense & heavy 0 Intense medium 0 vicinity south end of MAAHANG dome 0 JACOBSENS MG 0 3129 intense changed position & fired into action 0 Barge activity SINGAPOUR ship MAAHANG beached ship - 1215 from 1400 hrs		
910	16/3		RAMGH	2100		0335	Sch 40310 1800/16		
911	16/3		NGF	2215		Q3106	if not already burned request body of TAYLOR SPT at BUKOH to read ADDRESS by first name 0 Notify NGF if body being read or not		0327
912	16/3			1845		01491	School of MID 2/3 INDCoy 0 NO nominations		0295
913	16/3	NGF		2130		0336	of our 6/1/29 3 MAR 0 priority list A after Serial II used new serial II 0 Serial II comprises following 0 Dental part of 2/2 Aust Fd Rmt 10ff 30R 0 Campy pens mentioned in your 06785 16 Mar 0 Remainder left as 2/6 Aust Fd Coy Bty		06785
914	16/3	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 Bns		1810		0333	of 0324 noms for OCTU 0 if units to desire newly commissioned offrs in the fd may be nominated in preference to Sgts		
915	16/3		2/8 Fd Coy	1800		327	Sch 1800/16 0 Nil report		
916	16/3		2/6 Bn	1831		106	Sch 1800/16 0 Nil report		
917	16/3		DRUM	1520		6232	Nil report		
918	16/3		16 Bn Comm	1800		6285	Sch 1800/16 0 Nil report		
919	16/3		2/7 Bn	1800		2016	Sch 1800/16 0 Nil report		
920	16/3	4th 2/5 Bn		1810		0334	Sch 1800/16 0 Nil report		
921	16/3		B.035	1730		W31	Sch 1800/16 0 Nil report		
922	16/3		2/6 Bn	1740		77	noms for OCTU HQA 0 VX7683 Sgt PRYNE C.D, VA 3524 Sgt MORGAN, AG 0 Statements of service following 0 plus comm name PRYNE for HQ Indica		0324
923	16/3	2/6 Bn		2120		0337	of 12 MAR 0 Approval granted same conditions as 0158 of 5 MAR		21
924	16/3		2/5	2330		0306	at 2300 hours 0 Bpl affd by reported enemy movement sound track observed DRY CRK BEDO 100m traps 0 fighting patch was enemy Bpl moved DRY CRK BEDO afternoon 16 Mar subject engaged patrol VIALLS CAMP AND VICKERS RIDGE here, NOT returned 0 No 208 at despatched LABABIA 0 MMS now in position JAP UP Hill reinforced Bpl MAT MAT area 0 would intention move fighting patrol 0 208 at despatched enemy occupied area 17 MAR		
925	16/3		Hqpt Mountain Coy	1830		225	Map area SADDLE to GUA DACASAL and main track and from HOUSE MAMBU to track pine reced. for future gun position and op		
926	16/3		2/5 Bn	1200		0200	Sch 1800/16 0 Nil report		
927	16/3		2/5 Bn	1500		0204	Sch 1800/16 0 Nil report		
928	16/3		NGF	2300/16	0257/17	06800	if NGF DEVS 12 MAR 0 you may extend your fireflying ops as far as you consider necessary without prejudicing your control of WAIPANI-GUA DACASAL area or interfering with your main role 0 NO additional admin assistance in the form of air dropping food or present dropping areas can be expected 0 Keep NGF post by you and your own		
929	17/3		2/6 Bn	1930		58	of our nominations VX 11313 KIMACLEAN VAITSHI NEUT CAMPION		0333
930	17/3			0235		Q3110	Programme 17 MAR 0 10 planes 1st mission misc arm pos ration battery part 0 1st Fd Coy 0 12 AF 2nd mission HQRAE 3 fuel div equip 4 ARMO flying 4 signals 3 fuel div 0 BUKOH 0 6 AF 1st mission ration & one plane 0 1st Fd Coy 0 6 AF 2nd mission special see 2/14 Fd Coy & camp 0 2/6 Bn 0 SKINDEWAI 0 2 AF not before 0700hrs 0 3 sent balance of fuel ration 0 1st further funds reqd SKINDEWAI please state reasons 0 Indefinite balance det sigs 3 div will go fwd 18 MAR 0 NO stock statement recd by air 12 MAR		

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931	17/3		2/8 Fd Coy	0705		NBX330	Silmon.		
932	17/3		WAVU Det	0625		1	Silmon.		
933	17/3		2/5 Bn	0600		0201	Silmon		
934	17/3		2/5 Bn	1500/16	0110/17	-	Sitrep 1900hrs O Comd 2/5 Bn contacted APL 2/7 INDCoy who now have definite instrs depush out to VICKERS RIDGE without delay O B Coy report AMG fire from direction MAT MAT 1730/15		
935	17/3		2/5 Bn	2335		0205	Sitrep 1900hrs O Comd 2/5 Bn contacted OC APL 2/7 INDCoy who now has definite instrs depush on VICKERS RIDGE without delay O B Coy reports AMG fire from direction MAT MAT 1750/16		
936	17/3		2/5 Bn	0910		0202	Sitrep 0900 O NO change		
937	17/3		2/7 Bn	0745		201	Silmon O OTTER fire Silmon		
938	17/3		2/5 Bn	0800		G287	Silmon.		
939	17/3	NGF	16 Blue Carrier	0925		0340	infor from Capt MIRAIGAN (ANGAU) who knows MADANG area states this area extensively covered with KUNAI grass which at this time of year is dry & would burn readily O Suggest incendiary bombs might be used in air raid contemplated that area		
940	17/3	2/3 INDCoy		0935		0341	repts from 2/5 Bn indicate enemy strength unknown in area between MUBO & KOMIATUM O Do not return to POWERHOUSE represent O advise SMITH to work independently of your CPE O Be prepared to strike on enemy LOC between SALAMAU + LAE somewhere north of KIEA O make future arrangements	08023	
941	17/3		2/3 INDCoy	1500/16	0014/17	08023	See attached	0341	
942	17/3		2/6 Bn	0920		514	Ref your 0333/16 your 88/16 O As Sgt PAYNE not now nominated OCTU request that him remain INT school student		
943	17/3		2/6 Bn	0830		107	Silmon.		
944	17/3		KANGA	0900		0339	Sitrep 4015 to 0800/17		
945	17/3		NGF	?	1545	0311	In order to relieve congestion and to allow for future expansion at WAVU and BULOLO KANGA FORCE will ensure that no petrol carrying vehicles or ord stores dump MT lines furnace areas or any ADMIN installation is situated within 400 yds repeat 400 yds of drums O Details of final ADMIN layout will be forwarded as soon as finalized.		
946	17/3		2/6 Bn	1115		111	Secret O password BULOLO area night 17/18. ask		
947	16/3		2/3 2nd Coy	0920/16	1345/16	03017	Sitrep 0800 L/16 O nothing further to my 03016 4/15 O your 0317 received and recce patrol to KOMIATUM leaving MISSIM 0930 L/16 O Bombing over SALAMAU 0900 L/16 no report from our front O Pas yet O		
948	17/3		NGF	2050/16	1005/17	A3227	On sig A 3227 of Mar 14 require following personnel required MARRIESBY AA and OMB, DIA OMB and O personnel of HQ 3 AUST DIV O G CRE and associated personnel of HQ 3 AUST DIV will remain WAVU O Arrange unit as necessary and advised ends		0313 4/15/3
949	17/3		TOJO	2000/16	1005/17	G727	Since 1845 hrs 5 barges seen between LAE and LABU visibility poor		
950	17/3	2/3 2nd Coy		1110		0343	My 0328 O expedite reply		
951	17/3	2/6 Bn		1110		0342	Forward movt b/c 6 May tomorrow O movt under being arranged this HR.		
952	17/3		BOBS	0930	0935	W92	Sitrep O location state unchanged		
953	17/3		TOJO	0800	1005	G728	No activity		
954	17/3		2/3 2nd Coy	0800	1200	03024	Sitrep 0830 L/17 O Nothing further to our Sitrep 1800 L/16 O CAPT IEBEAR left MISSIM 0500 L/16		

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955	17/3		2/5 Bn	2200/16	1000/11	0216	Retech 2100 hrs patrol HOPA in contact enemy DRY CREEK below details follow		
956	17/3	2/6 Bn		1440		1174	For 10 @ understand heat AYLER US bugs during survey drone my and making contained map BULOLO numerous @ please obtain and forward available information		
957	17/3		2/5 Bn	1610		0208	Request air bombing shipping DRY CREEK BED area + June BUIGAP CK BITOIR, 1000L/18		
958	17/3		8085	1730		1086	Request air bombing shipping DRY CREEK BED area + June BUIGAP CK BITOIR, 1000L/18		
959	17/3		2/3 IND Coy	-	17145	-	1st you 0323/17 done 1110 H/17 recd this HQ 1530/17 @ My 2nd up 08023/16 done 1800/16 embodies reply @ your HQ must have recd for question asked in same was replied in your 0310/15		
960	17/3		7030	1600		6730	Subj @ Visibility for some 1100 hrs @ NO activity 10 ref at		
961	17/3		NGF	1235		1/1627	6 enemy motor bikes & crews destroyed in bay just north (MIA-RMA) @ 0100/16		
962	17/3	KANGA		1715		0346	Cannot understand reason your @ 3111 H/16 @ There is NO congestion and ample room for future expansion at WAW, BULOLO @ Impracticable shift all admin installations beyond 400 yards of drums @ Request reconsideration your with decisions & decisions on these matters be left to my direction @ Plan of admin layout will be fixed		
963	17/3		WAW 2/4	1715		2	Subj @ Transit Camp @ Marched in 10th 2/5 IND Coy 30RS 2/6 Bn from BULOLO 40RS 2/6 Bn from Con Camp 10th US Army from BULOLO 1420RS 2/6 Fd Coy from MORESBY @ Marched out 1420 ORS 2/6 Fd Coy to EDIECK 10th US Army 10 MORESBY 30RS 2/6 Bn to BULOLO 20RS 2/6 Bn to Con Camp 10R 2/5 IND Coy to KIANDI @ Hurricane Subj		
964	17/3		2/8 Fd Coy	1800		3140	Subj		
965	17/3		WAW 2/4	1830		6292	Subj		
966	17/3	NGF		1920		03149	upon 0307 destination of item 9 priority A (Sec 2/14 Fd Coy RAE) - please change from BULOLO to WAW.		
967	17/3		2/7 Bn	1750		203	Subj @ OTTIE FORCE Subj		
968	17/3		DHWN	1500		G2314	Subj		
969	17/3	5 AF (WAW) 1st ad 2/5 Bn		1940		03149	Request air bombing shipping DRY CK BED area + June BUIGAP CK. @ Also shipping from OBSERVATION HILL 10 KOMIATUM @ NO shipping beyond KOMIATUM our fields now in area @ Secondary tank SALADAVE		
970	17/3		2/6 Bn	1830		116	Subj		
971	17/3	NGF		2010		0351	Summary of the CONNOR @ 16 MAR WAW to PHIEP II + return to WAW @ 21 MAR EDIECK @ 22 MAR LOWAIPAN + SHADONE area returning WAW 29 MAR @ 30 MAR return to MORESBY		
972	17/3	NGF		2140		0353	May MUR Bn. 17th unit sub Ale NOT physically fit to carry on @ Recommend one month's rest leave to MUST @ MUR sending MUR to MORESBY as per 1st sub		
973	17/3	2/5 Bn		2140		0352	air strike 18 MAR now includes OBSERVATION HILL		
974	17/3		KANGA	2000		0350	Subj 105 @ 1800/17		
975	18/3		2/3 IND Coy	2155/17	0119/18	08027	Subj 180/17 @ Pl Cpl Coy HQ skeleton staff MISSIM area @ digging by night @ 4 mls cable laid from BOBDUBI track 50' at standing field BUBUSO, BOBDUBI track 5 mls. Rice patrol fwd to North bank FRANCISCO R near BOBDUBI up the NO traps but notices in village + gardens @ NO contact SMITH since 0930/17 from post of fwd standing of field 1" WEST of BOBDUBI (as sketch) the OJIEV LILLIES KOMIATUM recd NO contact @ WHITTAKER to arrive MISSIM in darkness @ discussing with him. NOTE MIA/LOFF SIMI, BUSIMA, area since your 0311/17		
976	17/3		2/5 Bn	2100		0211	Subj 2100 @ Recd from Pl 2/3 IND Coy now moving towards court ABABIA 150 Comm with H & B pls difficult but 208 sets being replaced 18 MAR		

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977	17/3		2/5 Bn	1202		0204	Setup 1200 hrs (See below) See below		
978	17/3		2/5 Bn	1500		0210	Setup 1800 @ Patrols from APC based LABABIA OP ref only VICKERS RIDGE clear 1600 hrs/1700 hrs see CPC moved from SKINDEWAI to HOUSE BANANA 1711 hrs		
979	17/3		2/5 Bn	1515		0207	Setup 1500 @ Comd 2/7 IND Coy ref at patrol attempting cross BUIAPALCK heavily matured from enemy forms OBSERVATION HILL area 1000/17 @ Impossible to cross in daylight but intend crossing tonight & attacking @ Small parties enemy seen from MAT MAT on OBSERVATION HILL & engaged 1 MG fire but unable observed results @ Other patrols proceeding according to plan @ OP now established VICKERS RIDGE observing DRYCK BED ref at expected tonight @ Consider tracks OBSERVATION HILL to VIALLS CAMP & DRYCK BED to KOMIATUM held in depth		
980	17/3	2/5 Bn				0347	Your setups will be franked immediate in future.		
981	17/3		2/5 Bn	2050		0349	Please ensure no shopping on OBSERVATION HILL as our patrols spreading here		
982	18/3		2/7 Bn	0500		201	Setup 0 OTTIE FORCE SITING		
983	18/3		16 Bde Comm	0500		G295	Setup		
984	18/3		43 Fd Coy	0745		313	Setup		
985	18/3		WIAU Det	0700		1	Setup		
986	18/3		2/5 Bn	0630		01	Setup 0600 @ No further reports to hand		
987	18/3		TOTO	0700		G732	One lunge left LAE for HAV		
988	18/3		2/6 Bn	0830		117	Setup		
989	18/3		DAWN	0800		G235	Mail ref at		
990	18/3		KANGA	0810		0354	Setup 0806 to 0808/18		
991	18/3	adv 2/5 Bn		0930		0355	Col GUINN & small observer party leaving for your HQ PM 18 MAR ETA 21 MAR @ Please give facilities to mail postboxes		
992	18/3	adv 2/3 IND Coy		0925		0356	Enemy holding north of OBSERVATION HILL @ enemy may withdraw north towards BOBDUBI along VIALLS track @ Prepare ambushes from area from VIALLS Garrison Hill BOBDUBI track - to force OP tracks up into SHAMAMUA track 2" @ and probe SOUTH downwards enemy		
993	18/3	NGF		1015		I175	Secret O Flash code by date hand to SHAMAMUA OP today @ OP will act receipt by message to KANGA & NGF @ Code will operate forthwith.		
994	18/3		SHF			Phone	all available BOSTONS & BEAS are committed SHAMAMUA & MADANG @ NOT suitable target for MITCHELLS @ will arrange strike tomorrow if desired @ advise particularly from 2000 @ Caution @ danger of being within 300 yards of targets when attack takes place		
995	18/3		2/5 Bn	1202			Setup 1200 hrs @ Comd 2/7 IND Coy ref at from MAT MAT @ Patrols moving yesterday to DRYCK BED - OBSERVATION HILL encountered sustained fire @ Enemy forms fire pointed as follows @ Two strong enemy forms in KEMIGS & one .5 gun on track leading from OBSERVATION HILL to VIALLS CAMP @ These forms have been constantly engaged by fwd section BPL for past weeks but have previously been unable ref at info @ This section ref at several enemy killed this area a week 2 16 MAR @ Suspected this track held in depth from enemy DRYCK BED perimeter @ Patrols 17 MAR moving as follows @ One of which moving from BUIGAP BITOI, where several large fires seen 1755/16 @ One patrol strength approx 40 moving to engage enemy on high ground north OBSERVATION HILL @ One 3 mile mortar det moving MAT MAT 17 MAR @ The photo references all dispositions as available		
996	18/3	the tracks		0830		1P30	Password WIAU		
997	18/3		BOBS	0730		W87	Setup 0800 STATE @ ref at HUN GULF special 4 ml-1 @ One sec now stationed at OLD MARI (2) R3753 for manning OP at NGERONENO otherwise unchanged		
998	18/3	2/5 Bn		1115		0857	No air strike today @ Advice urgently air strike for 19 MAR request to reach here NOT later than 1800/18 @ E note @ all times kept 300 yds clear of Agt area		
999	18/3		2/6 Bn	1145		122	Password BUNCHO		

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1	18/3		2/6 Bn	1130		129	In IO D Lt Col DYER US Engns contacted O will have condensed map scale 1"-300ft completed within 10 days O Trace will be fixed immediately		Z174
2	18/3	Adv 2/5 Bn 1st Lt Mtn Bty of 2/5 Bn		1410		0358	1st Lt Mtn Bty is placed under Comd 2/5 Bn O Ack		
3	18/3		BENA FORLE	1100		R20	BENA KAINANTU unchanged		
4	18/3		BENA FORLE	1100/17		R19	BENA KAINANTU unchanged		
5	18/3		2/7 INDCOY	1415		-	HG DG arrived BALKAMS 1330 depent 1400		
6	18/3	Adv 2/5 Bn		1455		0359	message recd from NGF O 1st Lt shot down off LOKAMU 1005/18 O Crew seen swimming ashore O If in contact please advise patrol moving LABABIA O Urge to give every assistance and advise the HQ if crew is located		
7	18/3		NGF	1315		06908	1st Lt shot down off LOKAMU 1005/18 O Crew seen swimming ashore O If in contact please advise patrol moving LABABIA		
8	18/3	TOTO		1500		Z178	Yours report dated 10 MAR recd + credited O Parasit referred NGF		
9	18/3		2/3 INDCOY	0920		00029	Subj 0815/180 Lt Col WHITAKER arrived MISSING 2000/170 NO change MISSING O NO contact land Smith O NO contact Lt Col KIMMIES KOMIATUM recd O Sunday recd 2 men native guide recd w/ old trucks ELIEBUB MUBOO Maintaining standing patrol		
10	18/3		2/3 INDCOY	0504		00028	See attached		
11	18/3	Adv 2/3 INDCOY		1725		0360	O Cancel strike on TAP 1/4 NORTH of SALAMBUA O O efforts being made to have supplies dropped PIMUNG O 30 return all men NOT regd first are w/ present ops 10 POWERHOUSE to assist in present supply problem O H WARFE to return 10 POWERHOUSE for conference with Comd 22 MAR Off left in field to have full power O WARFE to advise time of his return 10 POWERHOUSE where comd will meet him O Present to be advised to continue		
12	18/3		WAV Det	1715		3	Subj 0300/180 Camp moved on 30R 2/6 Bn from COM CAMP O MARCHED out 10/11 2/5 Bn to KIANDI 10R 2/6 Bn to Com Camp 30R 2/6 Bn to BULOLO 10R 2/5 Bn to BULOLO otherwise sit in		
13	18/3		HG DG	1615		-	Summed on 1630hr		
14	18/3		DHWN	1500		G236	1st Lt from near MCDONNARDS gun shop + 6 rounds 1005hr. Patrol dumped referred to area G331 successfully machine gunned + burst for 30 mins		
15	18/3		TOTO	1600		G733	Subj Recd plane over 1000hr O Base activity MALABANG with 10/18		
16	18/3		2/5 Bn	1555		0205	Subj 1500hr O BR 2/7 INDCOY w/ patrol which crossed BUIAPAL CA night 17 MAR ambushed on track leading GARRISON HILL OBSERVATION HILL 0750/18 O leading patrol killed O enemy in ambush engaged with grenades + TSMG O Patrol withdrew + enemy main force OBSERVATION HILL engaged by MMG + NORTH 1200/1500 1/18 O Comd 2/7 INDCOY now at MAT MAT comd in OBSERVATION HILL strongly held + in depth O enemy seen moving in DRY CR ABED material from MAT MAT 1430/18 hr O fire from area East of Bulo + DRY CR BED area indicates this area held in depth also O Direct line comms now standing pat to MAT MAT		
17	18/3		KANGH	1500		0361	Subj 207/1500/18		
18	18/3		2/5 Bn	2015		0210	Amphoto following photos recd urgently O 2 copies NO77 one copy NO38 one copy NO56 two copies NO50 two copies NO620 if and when available request quickest possible return HQ		
19	18/3		2/5 Bn	2015		0209	Re Strike O If our O28 recd in strike as follows O If on photo 62 rpt 62 then have more delayed action bombing F62 rpt F62 V7 rpt V7 O F71 rpt F71 V3 rpt V3 O F75 rpt F75 V8 rpt V8 O please advise time in strike O If delayed action bombing not available request bombing shipping same target		

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20	19/3		WINSON	1225		W2	Talk info from Bpl due breakfast w/7 comms @ 208 sets going to Bpl APL today @ line being laid GUADAGASHAN MUBO 0000 as above now coming from KAISINIK available @ comms should there be reliable & passage info spurs @ essential 2/5 Bn sigs be brought to full WE as maintenance comms info problems @ sigs reqd to complete WE DO/28 sigs now here only 9 trained balance cannot be used as more operators		
21	19/3		16 Bde Comms	1500		6297	Columns of smoke appeared 5 mins ago on a feature 4 miles from OP on a bearing of 240° magnetic @ 1st comms from a gully high up in hills amongst dense jungle		
22	19/3		16 Bde Comms	1545		299	Signal recd from 2nd Lt Mat Bde starts for comms @ Please advise Milsig 140 that you will accept MARTIN JOHNSTONE & myself on HFF @ Mat Bde funding receipt sum @ All agreeable this end @ BOAGERO urgent @ 6 sets		
23	19/3		NGF	1740		M5298	as second gun on Sec 1st Lt MTH Bly moving just O'HARE requests 9 men from MURSEBY to complete 1st left 1st left @ HOPKINS knows form		
24	19/3		WINSON	2100		W15	the targets 19 MAR on address requested @ will advise TOT when the comms @ 2nd Lt all the 300 yds clear of target areas @		
25	19/3	2/5 Bn		2140		0363	Ref your 0153 MAR @ 2 mile wire has arrived but NO written instructions as anticipated @ what is object of referring old OP @ Have faced & checked distance between look-out @ will require another 2 mile wire @ time taken to walk between OPS return summary (33) has track rough & hilly		
26	19/3		TOTO	1730		6734	DCoy 2/5 Bn now at KAISINIK will move to BALLAMS on 19 MAR @ move to be completed for 19 MAR @ all Coy weapons will be carried plus as much ammo as possible on the main @ DCoy 2/5 Bn will be responsible for it contact on between BALLAMS & SUMMIT @ DC will arrange not cooking gear from KAISINIK		
27	19/3	Also Rem 2/5 Bn 2/5 Fa Coy @		2130		0362	Subj 1800H/18 @ keep hand on it with WAU need number 1 6336 @ 4396 @ 07 Sec sent to 2/5 Bn @ DCoy now on MARI for purpose manning OP at NGAROMENO		
28	19/3		2/5 Fa Coy HARE			3149	Subj 1800H/18 (see attachment)		
29	19/3		2/5 Bn	1830		124	Subj 1800H/18 (see attachment)		
30	19/3		2/5 IND COY	1815		08030	Subj 1800H/18 (see attachment)		
31	19/3		2/5 Bn	1810		0209	Subj 1800H/18 @ On gun that MTH Bly now in form SADDIE this request targets enemy from OBSERVATION HILL & DRYCK BED @ reports from photo to give BUIGAP CK, BITOI & direction LABABIA island not yet to hand @ Def on H-PLATT IND COY one see VICKERS RIDGE. One see gun VICKERS RIDGE LABABIA track one see LABABIA OP comms number to Bpl MAT MAT 19/20 MAR @ report just recd from Bpl states LABABIA IS photo conducted named your 0359 consistent firing direction BUIGAP CK indicates other photo showing this direction engaging enemy this area		
32	19/3		2/5 Bn	2155		0211	Subj 2100 hrs @ Patrol from Bpl 2/7 IND COY to give BUIGAP CK BITOI reports objective reached without contact @ patrol then proceeded east along BITOI approx 1 mile crossed BITOI & climbed north @ patrol discovered freshly dug weapons pits encountered 5 enemy killed, 3 enemy held MAT MAT @ Enemy OBSERVATION HILL & DRYCK BED observed rapidly changing forms after they sighted @ numerous enemy positions pinpointed accurately both areas result this not @ General another focus targets mentioned our request the strike 0209		
33	19/3		WINSON	2100		W1	EX MVRD 200 after personnel w/100 @ Reasons A/T (request frequent breakdowns therefore greatest use wireless @ Report 2/5 Bn SKINDENAI		
34	19/3	2/5 Bn		2110		0364	One after personnel left WAU area for SKINDENAI today @ suggest to be utilized on arrival		
35	19/3		2/5 Bn	0900		0205	Subj 0900 hrs @ Mail report		
36	19/3		2/5 Bn	1730		0208	the strike 19 MAR @ request bombing & strafing and 12 hr maximum delayed action bombing enemy from OBSERVATION HILL bombing & strafing only DRYCK BED to give BUIGAP CK & BITOI @ Bombing detailed target refs from 2/7 IND COY will fwd by 2100 hrs		
37	19/3		2/5 Bn	1230		0204	Subj 1230 hrs @ Silo		
38	19/3		BOBS	1710		W91	from O'CONNOR @ made good line PATEP2 @ following MARKHAM Valley returning WAU in 22 MAR @ please arrange Mt SUNSHINE 1630 hrs 22 MAR		

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77	19/3	2/5 Bn		2130		0379	for Capt MCBRIDE permission granted return when ready	0208	
78	19/3		Adv 2/5 Bn	1950		0208	for COMD from MCBRIDE request permission to remain extra day to conduct WMS at GURDABASAL tomorrow returning WAW 23 MAR		
79	19/3	2/5 Bn		2110		0379	Sgt TALENT ST to report in minute for interview this HQ	0379	
80	19/3		2/5 Bn	2230		0210	Sgt 19 John (see attached)		
81	19/3		2/5 Bn	1400		130	W/LOCSTATE 15 MAR A Coy should send msg ref 287 270 (See entry 72)		
82	19/3		(BOBS) 2/5 Bn	1730		W95	Sgt LOCSTATE unchanged		
83	19/3		2/5 Bn	1800		0206	Sgt ONA report		
84	19/3		2/6 Bn	1830		131	Sgt		
85	19/3		14 Bde Comm	1800		G304	Sgt		
86	19/3		2/7 Bn	1800		205	Sgt DOTTER FORCE Sgt		
87	19/3	2/5 Bn		1815		L181	following photos despatched One print NO56 two prints NO50 two prints NO52 & three prints obtained also prints NOTT done print NO38		
88	19/3		2/8 Fa Coy	1800		356	Sgt		
89	19/3		2/5 Bn	1910		0207	MARZONO FIND an strike MUBO area One patrol fishing fish OBSERVATION HILL DRY BED areas etc		
90	19/3		2/5 Bn	1935		209	info from base from SADDON area 1950 hrs flying over LAE SALAMUA area		
91	19/3	Adv 2/5 Bn		2110		0378	results of an strike much appreciated by air force as very heavy many 40 pilots trouble taken in sending back results will be reported in greater cooperation with AF	0203	
92	19/3		KANGA	2100		0377	Sgt 192 1905 1/19		
93	19/3		2/5 Bn	2120		0211	Comd 2/7 Bn party arrived NATIVE HQ 1755 hrs		
94	19/3		NGF	1914		SD1878	OCTU WOODSIDE course & HQ advises one vacancy for INDCOY deleted direct in addition there allocated NGF This NOT if NOT taken into account in G/S 20/3 SD of 15 MAR therefore your total vacancies now 7 of those if cannot fill		
95	19/3		NGF	1802		SD1876	LHQ tactical school course of adults 19 April of many units NOT ready to 6 weeks course Signal number of vacancies need still being for potential unit comd sub unit commands	0384	
96	19/3		NGF	1400		G3115	KANGA FORCE will comply with orders via NGF G3111		0346
97	19/3		NGF (BOBS)	1023		SD1850	for mode 10 KANGA 20 MAR return coordinated stores 1177/1		
98	19/3		NGF	2125		01821	MOST SECRET A/C Recognition Signals One use reserve column ref 00012/1/1/1 381	0624	
99	20/3		NGF	0730		381	ack		
100	20/3		WAV Spt	0700		1	Sgt		
101	20/3	All units		0830		L332	Password WAV		
102	20/3		2/6 Bn	0830		132	Sgt		
103	20/3		2/7 Bn	0800		201	Sgt DOTTER FORCE photo taken		
104	20/3	SC, T/A Pool, S-gn TRANSIT		1030		L182	COOMBS CROSSING ref WAW locality 4 miles 1" 1-26697 impassable and 2 day B Coy 2/7 Bn working on it		
105	20/3		14 Bde Comm	0800		G307	Sgt		
106	20/3		TOJO	0945		Blank	9 generally all patrolling same clouds 2000 ft		
107	20/3		TOJO	2100/19	0900p	G740	from 1730 hrs 4 barges left MUBO for LAE 01930 hrs 8 barges concentrated off VOKO P10 14 1930 hrs submarine entered LAE Hb from south 4 barges surrounded & 1945 hrs bomber dropped bombs which appeared to surround ship 0700 dark to observe damage but ship still on surface at 2000 hrs 05/00 hrs 2 A/A from TERRACE searchlight showed from vicinity of ref 7511 0 After bombing plane machine gunned sub		
108	20/3		NGF	1030		0384	Request 3 vacancies COs using 05 vacancies sub unit comd.	SD1876	
109	20/3	2/3, 2/5, 2/7 INDCOYS		1005		0383	Submit to this HQ your nominations for OCTU WOODSIDE HQ course with full particulars by ans. 21 MAR		
110	20/3		DRWIN	0810		G234	heard bombing vibrations LAE 19 hrs		

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111	20/3		NGF	2320/19	0237/10	Q3144	Programme 20 MARO WAWO 1st mission 15 A/C dipping trucks 2/16 Fd Coy mine fms. 15 Bde Campfy fms. AEME replacement for personnel 17 Bde sec 6 Div W'shops tents POL Provosts Soy Bly 0 2nd mission ARIMCO firing mine POL rations 0 3rd mission 12 A/C rations 0 BUKOLO 0 1st mission 9 A/C rations POL 0 2nd mission 9 A/C POL rations 0 3rd mission 6 A/C rations 0 2nd of requested four G462 of 18 MAR under consideration 5 AFO recee will be made 20 MAR		
112	19/3		2/3 IND COY	1900/19	1130	241	Situp 1800/190 A/C less 2000 shelter HQ MISSIM area 0 cpl less 1 sec moving from MISSIM to POWERHOUSE 0 15 A/C pl moving to establish ambush from VEIAS track no reports 0 standing patrols at BOBARDU 4 BUGUSU gone nothing to report 0 NO news of SMITHS party 0 KIMMIES party reports will overlook KOMIATUM 20 MAR 0 WHITTAKERS party no reports 0 intention 20 MAR consolidate MISSIM area		
113	20/3		2/6 Bn	0900		37	Rifle range ref map BUKOLO 1-1 ml 282865 will be used from 22/25 MAR and 0 marker range 304856 will be used 2 20 MAR all fms		
114	19/3		NGF	1735		T1674	reply 1034 additions approved.		
115	20/3		NGF				Situp 522/523/524/525		
116	20/3		2/7 Bn	1300		202	Nominations for aerial photographic wing of MI school VX23624 A/Sgt RUMPFERT		
117	20/3		2/5 Bn	0900		142	the following are nominated 0 School of MI VX50348 LIEUT G MCKERRAO Junior Staff School VX3707 LIEUT D F MC BRIDE 0 Particulars to follow		
118	20/3		File 2/5 Bn			A3	nomine APIU wing of MI school VX12316 Sgt N MCKTALBOT 0 Particulars to follow		
119	20/3		HUSSY 2/3 IND COY	1245		B1492	Please include 2/3 IND COY near HQ POWERHOUSE in distn Situps.		
120	20/3		BENA FORCE	1100		R23	Situp BENA KIANTU unchanged.		
121	20/3		File 2/5 Bn			0201	Situp 0600 0 ml report.		
122	20/3		2/6 Bn	1035		134	Password BUKOLO.		
123	20/3	2/5 Bn		1255		0387	Propose return SMITH to you as IO at conclusion present mission 0 MCBRIDE nominated attend Junior Staff School 0 Vacancy for 1 school should go to most promising NCO ack.		
124	20/3	2/5 IND COY		1300		0339	for HEARSON 0 Bde Comd 4 G1 will leave WAWO of 2/5 IND COY 0800/21 0 please make arrangements for Bde Comd to be met & shown around 0 please advise duration of 6 weeks 0 advise soon as possible		
125	20/3	2/7 IND COY		1300		0338	would you like vacancy reserved for you 2/6 at Coy Comd's Technical School		
126	20/3		2/5 Bn	1200		0204	Situp 1200 hrs 0 NO change Comd 2/5 Bn MAT MAT		
127	20/3			1355		0344	in view date of commencement Course N04 Staff School Aust Junior Infantry 0 Capt May will leave 18 MAR please advise whether room is accepted.		
128	20/3	2/3 IND COY		1100		0386	please advise ETA of WIAFFE at POWERHOUSE		
129	20/3		Comd 4/7 Bn	1200		0205	Comd 4 party arrived MAT MAT 1200/20		
130	20/3		2/5 Bn	1200		0204	Situp 1200 hrs 0 NO change 0 Comd 2/5 Bn MAT MAT		
131	20/3		LAE OP	1005		12 Cuck	9 aft LAE heading up		
132	20/3		2/5 Bn	0915		0202	Situp 0900 hrs 0 Patrols from APE which moved yesterday from HARRIBU to top of OBSERVATION HILL was ambushed 0 2 enemy posts 0 INCO missing 0 Posns engaged for some time but enemy fire compelled withdrawal 0 patrol 0 patrol as outlined our Situp 2100/19 now to moving to objective 0 NO reports to hand.		
133	20/3		NGF	2154/16		06797	Situp 2110 12 2000/16 220 to 1000/16		
134	20/3		BOBS	0730		W97	RE HUBAT GULF Spc 4 ml - 1 0 Indications observed Pt (A) R45520 MARIG that enemy patrol estimated strength approx 150 has moved to BWARIP (A) R45514 by cutting track from east on to BWARIP GABENSIS (A) R4542 0 Indications footprints disturbed grass blazed trees 0 patrol thought to have held to base 0 further investigation being made	0390	
135	20/3	BOBS		1400		0390	find your further reports by em OPT signal		W97
136	20/3		BOBS (Scott Young) 1610			VX102	from SCOTT YOUNG 0 Action impending 0 Have sufficient med refs for animal needs 0 have arranged native to nurse DAME personnel to come from TIMNE ack		
137	20/3	2/6 Bn		1815		0397	of KANGA FORCE Op instr 2 0 suggested that you have one coy standing by to move to PATEPA area at short notice.		

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138	20/3	2/5 IND COY		1815		0398	WARNING ORDER - be prepared to move one pl to PAT 2 on 2 MAR Coy less one pl to be prepared to move 22 MAR O Hk		
139	20/3	1161 4th STAF WAW, HAW, WAW 2/6 B		1755		0396	small enemy patrol strength 16 moved along track 10 (N) RAS 5th of map HUON GULF Spc 4th 11 O enemy patrol thought to be small party of larger force moving towards GABENSIS O orders have been issued for our patrols to keep enemy under constant observation & watch for opportunity to ambush O Request air recon track GABENSIS, LAKE WANUM to 17 MARHAM R. first flight 21 MAR		
140	20/3		BOBS	1430	1545	14100	Setup O Ref map HUON GULF Spc 4th 11 OOP (A) RAS 5th observed enemy patrol strength 16 at 14 (N) (RAS 362 RAS 462) at 0915 hrs O Patrol approached from direction LAKE WANUM & inspected track O All enemy units observed until 1030 hrs NO more seen since O INCO GORN ad OP observing O Patrols occupied as formerly advised		
141	20/3	BOBS		1755		0390	Keep enemy patrol under constant observation O watch for opportunity to ambush & destroy enemy patrol O This recon track GABENSIS BUIARIP requested first light 21 MAR		
142	20/3	2/3 IND COY		1815		0389	Report from BOBS O guide (See our NO 140) in route O BOBS instructed to keep enemy under constant observation & look for opportunity to ambush		
143	20/3		Sigs			Phone	as from 21 MAR only 2 DRAS mess for day O leave KANGA Sigs 1000 & 1600 daily.		
144	20/3		2/5 B See our	1115		0202	Setup 0900 hrs O patrol from Hpl which moved yesterday via LAKE to 1st of OBSERVATION HIA was ambushed O enemy forces O One NCO missing		
145	20/3	LIFE OP		1130		1184	if your RMT 2/43 from 10 approved as follows O one O JOKER & SOUSE & JOKER & SOUSE O 2 O FONLO & BOUGH & FONLO & BOUGH O to operate with the unit		
146	20/3	SHALAMAU OP		1130		1183	when our memo Int 035 arrives for me I will be put into operation immediately		
147	20/3	1/7 IND COY		1490		0392	3 OFFRS INCO will report to your HQ in several days these men will be incorporated within the unit for general experience O detailed instructions will arrive with the party		
148	20/3	2/5 B		1400		0391	5 OFFRS H NCO will report to your HQ in several days (then same as above)		
149	20/3	2/6 B		1415		0393	1 Army off & NCO will report to you 21 MAR for purpose of recon gun for 10 Ps		

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✓ 1	21/3		Dawa	1530	1630	G342	Pinnacle observed moving in Harbour 0845 hrs.		
✓ 2	21/3		Jojo	1530	1630	G746	Nil report no visibility		
✓ 3	21/3		Kolo	1535		C214	Required immediately wrench junc nut 3.7 howitzer strong enough to disengage junc nut of 181 which is stuck fast like the howitzer which returned from Buna. It will have to be manufactured.		
✓ 4	21/3		N.G.F.	1040	1530	SD 1913	Staff School Aust Gun Wing 0 Nomination MAY approved 0 Will be given prescribed leave and despatched forthwith.		
✓ 5	21/3		2/3 AIC Power House	1500		BL497	Nominations OTHTS 2 course NOODINS Sgt BONNETT R.N. particulars being sent by mail.		
✓ 6	21/3		NGF	1026	1517	SD 1910	LHQ School Artillery Comm Course 3 0 secret must now withdraw vacancy allotted by G 168/SD of 9 MA.		
✓ 7	21/3		2/5 Bn	1500		O204	Sitrep at 1500 hrs no change		
✓ 8	21/3		NGF	0945	1530	O6829	From MUIR 0 Capt WEIBB 2/5 Bn is at NGF awaiting further info in view prospect appointment as Bn 10 would you sign NGF if he is required now.		
✓ 9	21/3		Robb	0940	1105	N109	Lt. Col O'Connor left HAMPIT on return journey 0940 hrs		
✓ 10	21/3		Robb	1253	1330	N112	Ref map thru Gulf Spec 4 mls to 1° 0' 1/2" S 17 ft 8 ORs proceeding to re-establish O.P. L.R. 1545.		
✓ 11	21/3		Robb	9375	1510	N113	Ref out N113 Should read 16 ft not 17 ft		
✓ 12	21/3		Transit Camp - Nam	1715		2	Sitrep 0 Transit Camp 0 marched in 2 ORs 2/6 Coy Regt 2 ORs 20 ORs 3 Div Sigs from Moreaby 2 ORs 2/6 Bn from Hospital 0 marched out 1 Off. Dept of Sigs 1 OR. AA.P.C. to Moreaby 3 and 68 ORs 3 Div Sigs to 2/3 AIC HQ otherwise Sitrep		
✓ 13	21/3		NGF	1520	1730	O6835	Two attempts at rescue by lightnings unsuccessful owing to weather 0 is same base required to monitor advise details		
✓ 14	20/3		2/7 Bn	1800		203	Sitrep 0 Sites force patrols Sitrep		
✓ 15	21/3		2/3 AIC Power House	1845		RL498	NARFE ATWD POWER HOUSE 1800 hrs to-day		
✓ 16	21/3		2/3 Td Coy	1800		WBX375	Sitrep to 1800/21 Nothing to report.		

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17	21/3		Bobs	1780	1820	W116	Sitrep 0 ref map. Haon Gulf Spec 1, obs = 1" 0 1650 hrs BEN reports R. Leut BURKE re occupied O.P. LR 4543 0 No opposition No enemy sighted 0 Reliable natives report enemy returned LABU LR 4531 0 Our patrols investigating 0 Suspect air force Lake Wamuan area to Mark Ram Pt LR 5943		
18	21/3		2/5 Bm	2210		0208	Sitrep as at 2100 hrs 0 Part 1 0 Race patrol from Bpl 2/1 AIC returned MATMAT with following report and complete sketch map area covered 0 Enemy positions sighted in depth along KOMIATUM TRACK of An Photo Y1 G53 WH to G46 Y4 bit enemy encampments in KITCHEN CR which enters BITOI at G3 Y3 0 Camp extends from G47 Y7 to G80 K2 at least 0 end part 1 part 2 follows.		
19	21/3		2/5 Bm	2210		0209	Sitrep as at 2100 hrs 0 Part 2 0 Camp has line for corner of posn of sig office G41 Y5 0 large kitchen at G45 Y7 0 all big pits in camp area well covered by weapon pits 0 worn road leads from BITOI through scrub towards top of observation hill 0 number labels photos enemy seen 0 largest group 10 0 end part 2 part 3 follows.		
20	21/3		2/5 Bm	2223		0210	Sitrep as at 2100 hrs 0 Part 3 0 conservatively estimated 600/700 enemy in camp area 0 considerable noise coming from area where used tracks and many net pits 0 some enemy fully armed and equipped some in white shirts and light coloured trousers 0 all big and heavily built, bc. -knew to be SNLP troops 0 several parties moved towards Lumbaning from ambush from area G51 WH 0 end of Part 3 part 4 follows.		
21	21/3		2/5 Bm	2235		0211	Sitrep as at 2100 hrs 0 Part 4 0 patrol observed no net square G2 Y 0 patrol discovered on route back engaged by enemy shot one enemy and evaded pursuit 0 position of observation 25 yds from enemy camp 0 returning patrol observed net DRY CHIBED cutting of logs and Lumbaning 0 Observed several log and earth full boxes this area 0 end of Part 4 part 5 follows		
22	21/3		2/5 Bm	2245		0212	Sitrep as at 2100 hrs 0 Part 5 0 pat from top of observation Hill report enemy still in occupation with trees in path posn of diggs becoming DIAPAL CR 0 report they are now extremely difficult 0 two enemy posns evacuated result harassing arty fire 0 2nd gun posn likely site used at House Banank 0 about 5 Car moving NALGUA OP at 2145 object seen pt from one HCO 2/1 AIC and at Part 5 Part 6 follows		

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23	21/3		2/5 Bn	2300		0813	Sitrep as at 2100 hrs @ Part 4 @ missing since 19 Mar @ C pl 2/7 G.I.C. commences relief B pl moving SKINDENAI MAT MAT 22 Mar @ intention daily patrol maintain contact investigate areas after AIR STRIKE @ impossible move fighting patrol enemy camp area same route as recce patrol @ copy move precipitous than AIR PHOTOS indicate this area @ refer also request Air Strike 0207 21 Mar		
24	21/3	2/6 Bn		1430		0413	When enemy recce patrol has withdrawn or been pushed back from GABENSIS area the following action will be taken. - ref map Huon Gulf spec 11 miles - 1" @ keep enemy under con-stant observation @ reestablish OP at LR 1545 @ patrol east half a day march along to from OP to Markham Pt and booby trap area at limit of patrols half day march @ Patrols east from Burwip along Markham R to Markham Pt and find enemy crossing point @ having found enemy crossing pt booby traps from half day march east of Burwip @ all booby traps to be inspected daily.		
25	21/3	NGF		1515		1190	For GS (Int) @ sig courier NOT arrived to-day @ safe hand bag given by DR to pilot @ please check receipt your end		
26	21/3	NGF		1525		0414	Request air recce as per out 0396 be repeated 22 Mar		
27	21/3	Adv 2/5 Bn		1830		0417	advise air strike 22 Mar immediately		
28	21/3	2/5 AIC / 2/6 Bn Sigs Kanga Force		1955		0424	Further to our 0412 of 21 Mar @ report of pl on 22 Mar postponed until further notice @ pl to remain at 12 hrs notice to move		
29	21/3	Adv 2/5 AIC		2005		0428	For WHITTAKER @ track report MISSIM BOBOUBI required to include @ time for marching troops @ grades @ if under enemy observation @ condition of track		
30	21/3	NGF		1920		0421	ref out 0414 @ please request extension of air recce @ recce by GABENSIS LAKE WANUM MARKHAM PT then south bank of MARKHAM R then back MARKHAM PT to GABENSIS		
31	21/3	NGF		1930		0422	Lieut WEBB required in unit @ please expedite his return		
32	21/3	NGF		1900		0420	Conrad nomination MUIR @ request replacement by a more experienced and senior officer with active service experience than NILSON @ no replacement available locally		
33	21/3	NGF		1855		0418	O'CONNOR returning as soon as possible @ due to SUNSHINE 22 MAR @ will return first plane 23 MAR		
34	21/3	NGF		1835		0419	My EDWARDS NGVR not in area		

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35	21/3	2/5 Bn		2300		1191	Air photos of two copies NO. 11 now obtained and posted of photo 38 of mission 35(i) is ungridded oblique of BRACKAT please advise further		
36	21/3	All units		1015		0129	Ket inspection all this under comd will be held first phase 22 Mar @ Olyent to locate American pattern Colt .45 pistol dull blue finish bakelite butt plated and any other unauth. -issued effort @ reports incl nil reports will reach this HQ by 1200 hrs 22 Mar		
37	21/3	2/3 AIC		0800		0410	air dropping PILIMUNG @ large fires to be lit by 0830 hrs 22 Mar at four points PILIMUNG dropping area for air recce @ fires lit be maintained until 1130 hrs 22 Mar @ out		
38	21/3		Dawn	1930 ²¹	1000 ²²	SH	From SMITH @ Scout recce FRISCO from MISSIM to BOBDUBI searched for depth of 1000 yds also searched area 100 yds West KOMIATUM track from BOBDUBI to within 3000 yds KOMIATUM Definitely no enemy in these areas and no evidence of having been there @ unable to cross KOMIATUM track as guide went astray not by day slow because of numerous hostile natives and observation from KOMIATUM @ Main KOMIATUM track observed for one hour NO mt seen but consider likely most mt be by night		
39	21/3		Dawn	2000	2235	SH	Second and last part @ SALAMANG definitely occupied in strength impression gained is fortress with some defenses and probable perimeter KEPA village KEPA HILL domed all well with good permission desire establish dump South BOBDUBI can they operate area NUK NUK observed main crossing FRISCO and determine defence better @ FRISCO at present fordable almost any point to BOBDUBI		
40	21/3		2/3 AIC	1800	2010	1K54	Interp at 1800 hrs @ Mission area disps no unchanged @ One sec A ft established fuel supply dump also established ambud. posns @ standing patrols BOBADU and BUGUSU Jane @ Little BUGUSU Jane returning MISSIM this p.m. 0501 hrs returned OP 21 Mar		
41	21/3		2/6 Bn	1830		113	Sitrep		
42	21/3		NGF	2215		06841	ACK KANGA 01 No 5 Copy No. 3		
43	21/3		2/5 Bn	2150		0207	Air strike 22 Mar @ Request heavy bombing strapping large enemy camp area ref Air Photo NO 79 @ Enemy camp extends G4 Y to G6 X @ One large ungrd object separate from main camp at G41 Y5 @ Considerable large no. enemy in area @ Out sitrep follows giving details description of patrols thru area		

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43 Cntr	21/3		2/5 Pm				Bomb line nothing south of June Biteri Burhat CK. Please advise if heavy bombing not available. Considered by local US AIR FORCE personnel now at SKINDENAI heavy bombing essential this target area immediately and delayed action bombing desirable. Time optional left please advise.		
44	21/3		NGF	1955 2300		Q3169	Receve PIRMUNG not made 21 Mar and will be attempted 22 Mar. Ensure large smoke fires made each corner of dropping area as requested for 21 Mar. Brig Seowmbe, Col Jones & SO. Major Program arrived Wau 22 Mar.		
45	21/3		NGF	2100	2327	06839	Chi receve arranged		
46	21/3		WHITTAKER	1530	2300	NI	Visited MOTE villages. They have not yet seen JAPS not have they carried for them. BUSNIM BOYEROS has been endeavoring to get them carry they refused. Send me trade and medicine for them.		OH
47	21/3		NGF	2335	0300/2	06823	Ack. arranged		OH
48	21/3		NGF	2335	0300/2	Q3174	Receve WAIPALI for dropping will be made by G/C 22 Mar		
49	21/3	2/6 Pm		2015		0125	Your OO number one of 20 Mar ack copy sent		
50	22/3		KUBI OP	0800		G313	Sitros		
51	22/3		2/7 Pm	0800		301	Sitros. Other force sitros		
52	22/3		2/5 Pm	0600		0201	Sitros at 0600 no further reports to hand		
53	22/3		Recd 2/5 Pm	1210		A2	Nil return		OH
54	22/3		2/3 AIC	2355/21	0155/2	A134	Wireless comm PIRMUNG broken down. Your message sent to WHITTAKER by runner. Do not expect reply before midday 22 Mar. Our runner, MISSIM BOODUBI & his O last 2 hrs conduct observation from BOODUBI KOMINTUM areas but possible move through bush under cover along FRANCISCO valley this portion of journey.		
55	22/3		Dawn	0615		1	Sitros		
56	22/3		Dawn	0750	0822	G263	Nothing to report		
57	21/3		Jago	1930/21	0910/2	G707	Since 1700 hrs 1 Barge LAE to LABU 7 Barges LABU to LAE and 1 large Barge left LAE heading EAST		
58	22/3		2/6 Pm	0830		146	Sitros. Op. Instr. No 1 copy no 4 cancelled		

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59	22/3		2/5 Bn	0900		0202	Sitrep as at 0900 hrs O BUIBAINING report two shots fired heard BITOI R due north BUIBAINING 1920/21 one shot 2010/21 and fire same area during afternoon O Patrol left first light to-day to investigate		
60	22/3		H. CO BUIBAINING	0940		01	HQ DG out SADDLE 0900 to JUNG via WAIPAKI		
61	22/3		Bobs	0730	0900	W118	Sitrep O located at map station East of Free 4, also = 1" O 15 ORS DEX (L) R 3241 O 1 Off 18 ORS BEN (L) R 4143 O 1 Off 8 ORS O.P. (L) R 4545 O 1 NCO Y OR KIRKLANDS (L) R 3153 O 1 NCO 5 OR BOBS CAMP (L) R 3145 O 3 NCO 2 med orderlies 14 OR WAMPIT (L) R 3242 O 1 Off 8 OR OLD MARI (L) R 3153 O 1 NCO 3 OR half way hats (L) R 3143 O 1 med orderly 3 sick OR TIMNE (L) R 2835		
62	22/3		Tojo	0800	0920	6748	No activity		
63	22/3		J.P. Pool	1215		14/13	Ref instr to hit inspection 0129 31 Mar rel report		
64	21/3		R.S.F.	1610/21		02836	Please call out of instr No 70 of 11 Mar 43 all informed		
65	22/3		2/5 Bn	1055		0204	From WILSON O leaving MAT MAT this AM for SKINDENAI O leaving SKINDENAI for WAU 33 Mar		
66	22/3		2/6 Bn	1100		150	Secret O password Bulolo 22/23 NAPIER		
67	22/3		2/5 Bn	1300		0207	No dropping allowed WAIPAKI till requested O if requested will be despatched drop on run from NK to SN course of flight 22 mag		
68	20/3		NGF	1730/20	0035/21	A3150	For 5219/18 of 20 Mar issues O approve your recommendation in last paragraph O have signalled for CONROY O advise who will be temp comm until his arrival		
69	22/3		2/5 Bn	1200		0205	Sitrep as at 1200 hrs O nothing further to report.		
70	22/3		2/5 Bn	1300	1425	0206	for Cond from STARR O will report PM 23 Mar		
71	22/3		2/5 Bn	1500		0208	Sitrep as 1500 hrs O nothing to report O Patrol reports expected off at 1800 hrs		
72	22/3		2/3 AIC	0930	1230	1K54	Sitrep to 0800/22 they from MISSIM area unchanged O standing patrols from unchanged nothing to report O ambush from LEHS TRACK area O NO further contact O KINE wood MISSIM 1900 hrs 21 Mar country very difficult unable to reach KOMARUA at overlook track saw no enemy movement.		
73	22/3		Transect Camp	1115		3	Sitrep O Transect Camp O marched in 1 Off 27 Bn from 27 Bn HQ O marched out 1 Off 27 Bn 1 OR 2/6 Bn 1 OR 2/6 Bn and to Bulolo 2 ORs 2/5 Bn 1 OR to Kandi O otherwise sitrep		

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✓ 74	22/3		Dawn	1510	163A	G244	1 called Sgt and 2 fighters over this area 1000 hrs @ Sgt flew over Salamaua No A/P		
✓ 75	22/3		2/7 Bn	1300		203	Sitrep @ Octa Force patrols Sitrep		
✓ 76	22/3		2/3 AIC Power House	1520		B1504	Coy strength 22 Mar @ Ken Base HAU 7 ORs @ Power House HQ 1 + 15 A 4 ORs B 3 + 44 C 14 36 Palmyra HQ 4 + 43 A 14 45 B 14 2 C 14 14		
✓ 77	22/3		Hurray	1220		B1502	Already one man made for Octa Woodside course No 2 Sgt PH / Brewer @ start w/ a second vacancy on 1 man for course No 3 Sgt RN Bennett moving to Kanga first available Sgt this instns		
✓ 78	22/3		2/5 Bn	1500		0209	Sitrep as at 1500 hrs @ Patrols from 1 Coy 2/5 Bn searched area today from which shots heard afternoon 21 Mar nothing to report		
✓ 79	22/3		Kubi OP	1800		G315	Sitrep		
✓ 80	22/3		2/6 Bn	1515		102	for I.O. @ please find air photo 77 mentioned in Sitrep 4/16		
✓ 81	22/3		Bobs	1720	1855	W120	Sitrep @ Pos unchanged		
✓ 82	22/3		2/6 Bn	1835		103	Sitrep		
✓ 83	22/3		2/3 AIC Ken Details	1915		RD1	Ask your general instructions 13 Mar re air raid warning system		
✓ 84	22/3		3 Unit Det	1610	1915	02513	For Col WILTON from BARNES @ 4 weeks annual school for G-3 CW and replacement BONKILLA @ only replacement available from 15 Bde nomination required HQ 21 Mar please direct		
✓ 85	22/3		2/5 Bn	1945		A8	Ct Col GUINN and party arrived SKINDEWAI 1900 hrs 22 Mar		
✓ 86	22/3		Hurray	1840		B1509	Request reports for Sitreps to be passed this HQ Upper House @ important @ Uck		
✓ 87	22/3		2/8 H Coy	1800		NK317	Sitrep to 1800/22		
✓ 88	22/3		2/3 AIC	1825		IK 58	Have not received air photo 77 @ Would you send equivalent grid references quoted in sitrep Mar 22 on Salamaua revised sheet		
✓ 89	22/3		Bobs	1945	2035	W123	Refer B1 141 @ Uck		
✓ 90	22/3		NGF	2015/22	0235/23	Q 369	9.00 hrs 23 Mar @ HAU @ 1st Miss 17 aft reinforcements, misc rations POL @ 2nd Miss 18 aft rations @ Bulolo @ 1st Miss 2 aft rations @ 2nd Miss 9 aft rations @ Palmyra @ 1st plane land rations 1 plane rations rations not before 08.30 hrs @ ensure supply rations made @ this force also willing with 2 + 4 rations @ that drops if any required 24 Mar @ Redwood in vicinity but bulk of possible fuel straight from Kawasaka wagon truck with L.O.D stores 24 Mar		

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✓ 91	22/3		Bobs	2145	2230	W128	Small line bases for O.P. 23 Mar O sending Karsone tobacco off hand despatches with reliable N.C.O.		
✓ 92	22/3		N.G.F.	2000	2335	MS33A	QX4236 T/Munw Mun proceed on 21.9. night 22/23 Mar on leave from joining staff school O unable replace locally O suggest vt 5242 T/Capt W.M. Myer (your memo 43201 of 15 Mbs refers) if available O's effortment off.		
✓ 93	22/3		NGF	1434/22	0025	SD1941	Further SD1874 of 20 Mar does body of troops in your area Jan title of NGVR O understood disbanded months ago		
✓ 94	22/3		2/5 Bn	2100		0310	Sketch at 2100 hrs O Enemy defences unchanged O usual enemy activity on tracks and areas under observation O Our snipers' positions causing enemy trigger happiness O Own snipers scored near noon Capt Giff killed one enemy 1900 hrs O No patrol reports to hand O Patrol moving from B Camp along Esuway's river to sea 23 Mar O 2nd gun with City now available O all infmt		
✓ 95	22/3		Harvey	1900		01514	C/O word Power House 1500 hrs to day		
✓ 96	22/3		2/5 Bn	2300		0211	Report from Kabalia to patrol expected 23 Mar as previously advised No report yet to hand O Will advise details immediately report to hand		
✓ 97	22/3		2/3 AIC	1920		1K59	Sketch by 1500/22 Mission area unchanged standing patrols unchanged nothing to report sent further and also A pl spread captured and extensive recess O find survey track O faint signs of tracks to O Pat made recess of good track believed to be Bobduli - Mulo track		
✓ 98	22/3	2/5 Bn		0130		0131	Recess Wapal for dropping will be made by aft 22 march		
✓ 99	22/3	Rear 2/3 AIC		0910		0132	Sgt Bennett R.N. to report to Power House to-day with Warfe has outward met.		
✓ 100	22/3	NGF		0950		0134	No of vacancies required O found set of M.I.O.3 photo wing		
✓ 101	22/3	Adv 2/5 Bn		1035		0135	Send O/K col start well return Wapal and report to be done O Major Goble will adm comm temp 2/5 Bn and all units		
✓ 102	22/3	2/5 2/6 2/7		1055		0136	Get LHQ tactical school course 5 gun wing date 19 Apr O joining date not received yet O units will supply nonwaps this week		
✓ 103	22/3	NGF		1105		0137	ack		
✓ 104	22/3	NGF		1150		0138	Op. Instr. No 70 Copy No. 1. O ack		
✓ 105	22/3	2/5 Bn		1505		0140	O.F. regret no trucks to-day O Arrange stocks area asked by you 21 Mar to-morrow. Will endeavour to obtain TOT and advise		

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106	22/3	NGF		1505		01129	Understand Maj Edwards on leave in Australia O home address 2 Metal Ave Eltham Vic.		
107	22/3	2/5 Bn		1830		01141	For Wilson from Comd O before leaving ensure Goble complete by in picture and understands employment of force and my intention in Saddle area.		
108	22/3	2/6 Bn		1945		1194	No spare copies this photo O will find if and when available		
109	22/3	4/5 Bn		2010		01143	Further to out 01140 O O F will strike targets indicated by you 21 Mar O 6 B25's 6 Beaufighters O TOT 9020/23 to 1115/23		
110	22/3	Olds 2/5 Bn		2055		01144	Have you any contact with Kubabera Island patrol as any info of APC areas shot down 15 Mar		
111	22/3	2 Aust Bns		2205		01145	for Barnes O you can not go G3 PW Course O replace from 15 Bde		
112	22/3	NGF		2227		01146	Mission considered best area for fuel base O Buldubi not suitable O Maximum force which could be maintained Mission one bn and one supply Coy O part of this force Buldubi Mission 12 days O air dropping at Palmung or Buldubi would be essential for maintenance O full report being obtained from 2/3 AIC.		
113	22/3	NGF		2350		01149	for Col Skane from Kellock O report VX101051 Sgt HJC Hammond accidentally killed by gunshot to night		
114	22/3	NGF		2352		01148	W. Col O'Connor returns 23 Mar long service returns 24 Mar		
115	22/3		2/6 Bn	0830	0857	1014	Sitrep O Sitrep 4/1 APC heard East of Buldubi 0650 hrs flow direction off road SE.		
116	22/3		Kuba O.P.	0800		G318	Sitrep		
117	22/3		Dawn	1040	1640	N2	As from 1800 hrs Mar 22 am sending weather reports every 3 hrs from 0100 to 1800 hrs O to LUV		
118	22/3		2/7 Bn	0800		201	Sitrep O Other force patrols Sitrep		
119	22/3		Transit Camp	0615		1	Sitrep O Transit camp O Marched in 2 Offs 1 OR 2/6 Bn from Buldubi 1 OR 2/5 AIC from Kandi O Sitrep		
120	22/3		2/5 Bn	0900		0202	Nothing to report at 0900 hrs		
121	22/3		2/7 Bn	0910		202	North LHR bus school course 3 gun way Capt W Smith VX3221		
122	22/3		Dawn	0800	0900	G245	North Allied Bomber raid Salamona 0700 hrs struffed and bombed the island O by 4/4 observed during raid		
123	22/3		Tajo	0800	0925	14750	No activity to report		
124	22/3		2/3 AIC	0905	1030	1K62	Sitrep O Mission area disposals unchanged Outstanding patrol unchanged		

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✓ 123	23/3		Tojo	1145/22	0945/53	G 729	See attached (enemy unit health)		
✓ 124	23/3		2/YAIC	1150		A 79	Would appreciate more details of combined tactical school date etc. Light evacuated for P. Ray probable return uncertain. 2 VC invaluable present situation.		
✓ 127	25/3		2/6 bn	1110			Forward Bullets 23/24		
✓ 128	23/3		Bobo	1800/22	2224/53	W124	Patrol report of map Ham Sull area p. 21 "O report from O.P. LR 4545 O patrolled area north along Schanis Road. LR 4554 to O found signs of enemy bivouac area LR 4551 O signs that may be 100 light occupied each area also some activities. Dawn patrol followed path to the Omsis LR 4647 signs indicate path lead to Markham via Omsis thence up to cut to the bivouac area and returned by same road. Observed no signs enemy unit South Omsis.		
✓ 129	23/3		2 AF			phone	4 teams made 16 passes over camp area and kitchen. TOT 1105 to 1130 hrs. 6 A20s made 6 runs on path from O dropped 388 x 20 lb bombs. made 13 straffing passes. also hit message centre. nil result observed. TOT 1023-1040 hrs.		
✓ 130	23/3		NGF	2305	0235	I 1407	Cpl Fujimura US Army capturing Ham 23 Mar by release Lieut. Budget. Please return Budget within week of Fujimura's arrival.		
✓ 131	23/3		Bobo	0734/23	1030	W129	Situa: O Locusts unchanged.		
✓ 132	25/3		Bena Force	1100	1150	R 27	Situa of Bena and Kamanta unchanged.		
✓ 133	23/3		2/YAIC	1200		A 80	Mr Keown William Edward SX 146 82 Sgt joined AIF 25-9-41 promoted Cpl 11-4-42 Sgt 18-2-43 school completed 4 MD Post RT Wayville. Pade Sgt School GNS Foster. Educ furthered. D of B 6 Mar 50. Mr K brother Mr Keown R Brunswick Head 2nd Coast 7th Bn. present A/sec comd Rabaul.		
✓ 134	23/3		Bobo	1255	1400	W132	from Kygdon. Cheering activities report party of Japs at Dump. Dump as 6 days march from Keruane. Can observe from Kamanta or Bena Bena. no notice talk.		
✓ 135	23/3		Duda	1415		1093	Will be firing rifles on 30 yd range from 0930 on being 2000.		
✓ 136	23/3		2/6 bn			O 203	Situa of Japs has 0 our program copied out all targets. 1010/1145 hrs. no details to hand. nothing further to report.		
✓ 137	23/3		Dawn	1546	1610	R 217	Salamaua bombed 1545 hrs. Observed small fire on down burning for approx 5 mins.		

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✓ 138	23/3		2/5 AIC	1145	1510	1K64	For I see O have not yet received reply to our message JK58 O require this info for fuel patrols the lack of this info holding up their mts		
✓ 139	23/3		Dawn	1510	1640	G245	Q/C in vicinity throughout morning Komiatum strafed 1100 hrs		
✓ 140	23/3		Dawn	1040	1640	N2	As from 1800 hrs Mar 22 am sending weather reports every 3hrs from 0600 to 1800 hrs O to LUV		
✓ 141	23/3		3 Div	1502	1745	O2814	For Col Wilton Maj Gen Savage will arrive Port Moresby 1500/23		
✓ 142	23/3		2/6 7d Coy	1800		NBX334	Nothing to report to 1800/23		
✓ 143	23/3		2/7 bn	1800		207	Sitnos O Ultra force patrols Sitnos		
✓ 144	23/3		Kulu OP.	1800		G320	Sitnos		
✓ 145	23/3		CRE	2100		W10	HQ 6 Sec det 2/14 Aust 7d Coy closed Golden Ridges 1200 hrs to-day O reopened 1400 hrs Gref map Nam West 41 383744 on ridge 100 yards from Bolo rd.		
✓ 146	23/3		NGF	1600	1850	O6852	Close air recce 1040 to 1110/23 Labu Heath's Old Munum Nadrab Lake Wanum Sabenars O Area thoroughly covered O No movement seen O Tracks appeared used by foot traffic only O Smoke at (?) camp		
✓ 147	23/3		2/7 AIC Recd HQ	1900		A30	Our nomms R/Cpl Rigney K.J. and Sgt Robison		
✓ 148	23/3		2/4 bn	1830		109	Sitnos		
✓ 149			Transit Camp	1830		3	Sitnos O Transit Camp O Marched in 1 OR 2/6 bn from Con Camp O Marched out 2 Offrs 2/5 bn 1 Offr 2/7 bn 1 Offr HQ NGF 1 OR 156 O 4/4 Pty 1 OR 2/5 Indef Coy to Moresby O Sitnos		
✓ 150	23/3		2/5 bn	1500	1805	O205	Sitnos at 1500 hrs O report out air strike O 1020 hrs 4 bombers dropped bombs Dry Ch bed and Komiatum to accuracy O did not bomb enemy camp area along Kitchen Ch O 1020/1050 enemy camp area lined by Blaufighters O 400/1115 hrs enemy camp area thoroughly and effectively strafed by Blaufighters O No other reports on hand O all informed		
✓ 151	23/3		2/7 bn	1930		208	HDCG returned this HQ at 1900/23		
✓ 152	23/3		NGF	1530	1935	SD1961	why are offrs nominated to attend potent offrs school O please submit nomms W.O. and NCO candidates NOT below pl or equivalent		
✓ 153	23/3		Bobs	1730		W133	Sitnos O Locstat unchanged		

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✓ 154	23/3		Fajo	1640	1845	QY51	signals on Rabu - barge activity Lal - see attached		
✓ 155	23/3		2/5 AIC	1845	2215	1K67	Sitrep 1800/23 O Miss in area unchanged O Stand patrols unchanged O piece of area being carried out O Huon Gulf spec O, P established hill OBT overlooking track leading to Koniatum and Bobodes Salamaua track		
✓ 154	23/3		NGF	1630	2300	06853	Ref Kanga Sitrep No. 414 O Owing shortage gridded air photos request you use only map refs on recognised maps in future sitreps		
✓ 157	23/3		2/5 bn	1800	2010	0204	Sitrep at 1800 O nothing to report.		
✓ 158	23/3		2/5 bn	1920	2000	0207	Air strike O ref out sig of 21 Mar 0207 request repetition Air strike same target O Time optional but please advise		
✓ 159	23/3		2/5 bn	2100		0208	Sitrep as at 2100 hrs O 2/7 AIC reports unable to find suitable track for fighting patrol west of Obnew Hill O Rababia island patrol not yet returned O Enemy holding firm on Obnew Hill resumed firing after strafing 1100 hrs O Patrol moving 25 Mar via junc Bungji Ch Biter to establish base at this junc track hardening enemy movement Koniatum track north of Dry Ch Red O all informed		
160	23/3		Whittaker	1100			Infm received last report two enemy guns at Malolo Mission House O One guarding Pusama - Salamaua Beach Rd other guarding Hala Rd O aerial attention at right time suggested		
161	23/3		Bobo	1900/23	0050/23	W134	Patrol report O ref map Huon Gulf spec 4 nbs = 1" O Out patrol followed japs to East Comais L.R. 4647 and laid booby traps as ordered O Also followed track Comais north to Mount Masantum L.R. 4848 O signs that japs been on this ridge O Conservative estimate 150 japs have been in area O apparently recce in force		
✓ 142	23/3		NGF	0940		0450	One i/c o/c over Wau and Bulolo O heard to East flying approx SE 0650 L/23		
✓ 143	23/3		NGF for Bena Force	1815		L197	Kyngdon reports Chwasung natives say party of japs at Dumps		
✓ 144	23/3		2/5 Bn 2/7 AIC	1805		0454	No 1 sig operators and W/T operators, whether course 29 Mar 1944 vacancies as follows must be filled O 2/5 Bn 6 unit sig operators O 2/7 AIC two W/T operators O standard of nominees five weeks per man O Nomins to Kanga by 26 Mar O students report Wau transit camp 1600/26 O Sigs Kanga will replace 6 operators from 2/5 Bn 26 Mar O no replacement 2/7 AIC.		

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165	23/3	NGF		1750		0452	Your Op instr 71 copy to ack		
166	23/3	re:at 2/3AIC		1755		0453	ack reply follows		
167	23/3	2/3 AIC		1955		I 198	Ref Sitrep 416 Ref map Mabro 4" sketch @ enemy positions in depth 692851 to 696860 @ Camp in Kitcher Ch from 698867 to 688872 at least and Kitcher Ch 692869 @ sig office at 691852		BL 509
168	23/3	2/7 bn of 1st units Wau area		1615		0451	Approval is granted for the use of rifle ranges as follows @ ref map Wau locality B Coy 105691 25/29 Mar incl @ D Coy 398908 24/25 Mar @ Comd to responsible all safety precautions.		
169	23/3	2/5 bn of 1st units Wau area		2330		456	for Goble from Moten @ Wilson informs me no start made in construction of strong defensive positions in Burbainig. Wau area. Guadalgal area despite repeated instrs @ Orgnise this immediately and send plan here by Gordon when he arrives @ your recce patrols must maintain constant observation over all enemy movement @ mtn lty retained under your control and not Maccaduis @ restrict arty defence tasks and keep alert except in emergency		
170	23/3	2/7 bn		2340		0457	Secret @ Warning Order @ you will relieve 2/5 bn in Guadalgal area at early date @ first your HQ will move to Skindabal and take over all this ch that area @ arrangements for relief 2/5 bn Coys by 2/7 bn coys will follow.		
171	23/3	2/5 bn		2350		0458	Ref your 0210 of 21 Mar @ give reasons for your report that 6/100 fubs on your front @ essential kaphukard methods in arriving at Sitreps be eliminated		
172	23/3	2/6 bn		2130		0469	advice received that VX 185 May G.F. Smith to be immediately boarded @ will advise results as early as possible		
173	24/3		Transit Camp	0645		1	Sitreps		
174	24/3		Dawn	0750	0830	G248	One Allied recce afc over this area 0650 hrs		
175	24/3		2/5 bn	0900		0208	Sitreps at 0900/24 nothing further to report		
176	23/3		Tojo	1940/23	0852/24	G752	Much reduced base activity only 3 barges seen since 1640 hrs @ 1640 hrs 20 coolies moved N.W. West along Markham rd past Heath's from Rai direction		
177	24/3		Kulu DY	0815		G322	Sitreps		
178	24/3		2/7 bn	0740		201	Sitreps @ Other force Sitreps		
179	24/3		Tojo	0800	0850	G753	Nil report		

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180	24/3		2/5 bn	0700		0209	From Gobb @ moving Bulbaming-Wayfali-Guadagasal @ preparation all defensive positions delayed by lack suitable tools @ tools on hand most inadequate any comprehensible plan but requisition continually forwarded and understand our requirements being dealt with @ essential hygiene requirements also being delayed same reason @ will fwd plan with Gordon immediately on arrival		0456/23
181	24/3		2/6 bn	1000		112	password Bulolo 24/25		
182	24/3		Bobo	0720	0750	W135	Situation normal @ Loc state unchanged		
183	24/3		Dawn	1110	1135	N3	Yast I 025 arrived 1100/24		
184	24/3		2/3 AIC	0930	1125	AL41	Sitrep at 0800/24 Mission area disposals unchanged @ Huon Gulf Spec (LR ?) comms established with OP Pt Hill 8603 overlooking Komiatum and Bobdubi tracks and portion Salamatta		
185	23/3		NGF	1650		SD1967	HQ tactical school course @ appears may Edwards organized his nomination privately at HQ @ do you know what work he did and are you prepared to accept him as a norm		
186	24/3		2/5 bn	1040		A10	Nomination for sig operations w/t course @ QX 3607 Murphy J NX128931 Kalle R NX107974 Mc Gillway N196106 Ryan B NX49314 Swann W N194222 Smith H		
187	24/3		2/5 bn	1200		0211	Sitrep as at 1200 hrs @ Air strike well carried out by 4 Beane all targets requested 1050/1120 hrs @ ? ?		
188	24/3		2/3 AIC	1130	1245	AL42	Reply to 0459 Ref Map Huon Gulf special OP Post 6803		
189	23/3		Piles	1100	0050/24		Whittaker report on Frisco River (see attached)		
190	24/3		2/5 bn	0900		0210	Ambush area discovered by patrols extends at least 2000 yds contains large new huts more under construction @ Numerous large parties seen in camp area and considerable noise from huts indicated huts occupied @ Other indications such as wide tracks leading from camp area size of inward ration parties conducted by Cold 2/5 bn in forwarding this estimate @ 2/1 AIC state all patrol reports carefully checked before forwarding this HQ		0450/23
191	24/3		2/6 bn	1001		41	Permission requested EAV and PHCA conduct practice foot 1400 to 1600 hrs 26 Mar @ Dango area ref map Bulolo 1st edition 1 ml to 1" 305865 293637		

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192	23/3		NGF	2216/23	1150/24	06855	Our amendment to Op Inatn number 41 of 14 Mar 43 please ask		
193	24/3		2/5 Bn	1840		A12	Arrangements at hand O Proceeding with work first opportunity		0464/24
194	24/3		2/5 Bn	1630		0213	U/I vessel observed at sea on bearing 51° M from House Reef 1625 hrs		
195	24/3		5 AF			phone	5 A20s TOT 1130 hrs to 1205 bombs in target area O photos taken this area also well strafed O 4 because TOT 1055 to 1153 area well strafed O nil action results unobserved		
196	24/3		2/5 bn	1500		0212	Sitrep at 1500 hrs O Enemy O no change O Own troops O patrol from Rababia to track not yet returned O report expected night 24 Mar from patrol moving to near Bungah Ch But possible movements enemy since this strike 23/24 Mar O Carper pl moving AM 24 Mar to near tracks at ref map 2/5 bn Warfali Muls Komratum 645789 task constant harassing enemy flank and Observation Hill O further report on air strike 24 Mar from 2/7 AIC 3 GFC bombed and strafed Dry Ch bed area Komratum track 1145/1200 hrs enemy camp area in Ketchon Ch not included in bombing targets		
197	24/3		Bena Force	1100		R35	Sitrep O unchanged Kaurantu and Bena		
198	24/3		NGF	1430	1410	Q3210	Flying ceased 1400 hrs		
199	24/3		Dawn	1520	1523	G249	Allied GFC in vicinity throughout morning 1 unit over Salamaua 1435 hrs O Light MFA heard		
200	24/3		Tajo	1645		G454	Ref map Lal Roc O 1430 hrs 1 Fortress dropped bombs vicinity 1442 O Heavy intense accurate MFA fire 14408 and 3129 O Position 3129 extends to 2835 O All quiet Heaths and Lal		
201	24/3		2/5 bn	1830		A11	Check		
202	24/3		Kubi O.P.	1800		G324	Sitrep		0463/24
203	24/3		2/5 bn	1800		0214	Sitrep at 1800 Sitrep		
204	24/3		Transit Camp	1715		2	Sitrep O Transit Camp O marched in 4 ORs 2/7 AIC from 2/7 AIC HQ 1 OR 1 OR 2/4 bn from Bulolo 1 ORs 2/4 Bn from Con Camp O marched out 1 OR 2/4 bn to hospital 1 OR 2/4 Bury unit to Bulolo 1 and 2 ORs AIPC to SC area O otherwise Sitrep		
205	24/3		2/4 bn	1530		114	Coastal O Ref map Bulolo 1/63360 2 See 2/4 Unit Sug Bty now located 301851		
206	24/3		2/5th Coy	1800		NGX389	Sitrep to 1800/24 Sitrep		

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207	24/3		2/7 bn	1935	2140	205	Sitros @ Uta force patrols Sitros		
208	24/3		2/6 bn	1830		117	Sitros		
209	24/3		Bobs	1730	1849	W138	Sitros @ Locat unchanged		
210	24/3		2/3 AIC	1935	2140	AL53	Jeffries Base at 672 975 Salamana revised		
211	24/3		2/3 AIC	1935	2140	AL46	Sitros to 1800/24 @ Jeffry and one see A fil carrying out recce from base at ref map Salamana revised approx 672 975 @ Recce patrol moved South along faint to from this from reports to ends in dense jungle after B his dispositions stand patrols unchanged nothing to report @ 1920 hrs intention 25 Mar recce patrol move SE from Jeffries base endeavour establish OP overlooking Komiatum		
212	24/3		2/5 bn {Part 2 {Sitros}	2145		0216	Sitros at 2100 hrs @ Part 2 @ dispositions A C D and M 2/5 bn unchanged @ A fil 2/1 AIC disposed Rababia ridge & fil now Saddle area returning Shindewai C fil Mat Mat HQ Shindewai @ Carries fil 2/5 bn June Kalibu Mat Mat track @ supporting arms unchanged @ One off and Watson Angau leaving Kalibu 24 Mar to recce route West of Obres Hill to Komiatum @ all patrols instructed attempt capture prisoners @ Rababia to coast patrol not yet returned @ on return this patrol further patrol will traverse track Rababia OP to coast @ patrol from B Coy moved North bank Buiwan R towards coast prevented from reaching coast by widespread swamp approx 2 miles from sea @ further patrol leaves 25 Mar endeavour reach coast South bank of Buiwan river @ Bridge over Bitoi ford of Saddle will be completed 25 Mar @ daily patrols move to Obres Hill to maintain contact @ sniping parties change from daily or after target engaged @ nothing further to report.		
213	24/3		2/5 bn {Part 1 {Sitros}	2125		0215	Sitros at 2100 hrs @ enemy @ 2/1 AIC reports one new enemy from between Dryck Bed and also some @ enemy heavy MMS from top Obres Hill engaged a/c during air strike 24 Mar and from junct point @ unusual activity of Komiatum track @ enemy now crossed all of our dispatches track at double nighting own snipers make difficult @ enemy plans top Obres Hill can now observe all own movements on Mat Mat feature path of Kalibu @ Rababia OP reports one motor launch one medium crane 2 masted schooners arrived Rababia 1845 hrs 23 Mar @ own tips @ end part 1 part 2 follows		

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214	24/3		2/5 bn	2200		0217	Air Strike O request if possible bombing enemy camp area ref air photo No 77 G4 Y to G8 X O time optional O please advise if available		
215	24/3	Adv 2/5 AIC	Adv 2/5 AIC	0920		0459	advise map ref OY established		
216	24/3	2/5 bn		0945		0461	airstrike being repeated to-day O TOT 1050/24 to 1200/24		
217	24/3	Adv 2/5 AIC after Adv 2/5 bn late		1115		0462	ref out O 24th of 21 Mar O one pl 2/5 AIC will commence move Patet 2 on 26 Mar O programme of move O 26 Mar Edie Ch - Sunshine by Mt O 27 Mar Sunshine - Murreng O 28 Mar Murreng - Patet 2 O Coy HQ and one pl will commence move 29 Mar O remainder of coy will commence move 1 Apr O Coy will come under comd 2/5 Bn on arrival Patet 2 O S.C. will arrange rest and for subs comm and maintenance at Patet 2 O Not more than 3 days reserve of maintenance requirements for force of one indep coy and one relf coy to be held at Patet 2 O employment of 2/5 AIC after arrival Patet 2 O 1 O one pl to relieve D Coy 2/5 bn relief not to be carried out until ordered by the HQ O 2 O two pls construction of def from Patet 2 as directed by 2/5 bn O subject to rd Wau - Edie Ch being open Comd and G's will visit 2/5 AIC 1100 hrs 25 Mar O Ack		
218	24/3	Adv 2/5 Bn after Adv 2/5 AIC		1210		0463	Col Starr relinquishing comd returning Moreaby other duty O Maj Goble will adm comd until new appointment made O will assume full responsibility operations in accordance with g's instrs Nos 1 and 4 O further instrs follow by L.O. O Ack		
219	24/3	Adv 2/5 Bn		1210		0464	Arrange urgently for accor facilities Summit for additional 100 men above number present that area O advise expected date completion		
220	24/3	NGF		1430		0465	Detn Woodside course two O nomn from 2/7 AIC SX 11692 Sgt McKeown HF will leave Wau 26 Mar unless otherwise advised O delay due to return of M ^r Keown from fwd area O ref para 5D 1961 O please replace by VX 31524 Sgt Morgan plus VX 6983 Sgt Payne B.D VX 8967 N/Sgt HKPT S.E. O particulars following O please return offrs previously nominated O other particulars following		
221	24/3	NGF		1455		0466	NGF off instr 41 amendment copy No 3 Ack		
222	24/3	NGF		1350		0470	Not prepared to accept Maj Edwards as nomn from Kangaroo		

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✓	24/3	Dawn		1725		201	Wapfali OP reports U/I vessel at sea on bearing 35 mag at 1625 hrs request your comment		
✓ 224	24/3	NGF		1705		0467	U/I vessel observed at sea on bearing 35° M from House Krap 691792 at 1630/24 O ref map Sketch Map Mulib area 4" = 1 mil		
✓ 225	24/3	Joyo		1825		0468	Arranging relief West Russell with later relief remainder of personnel O is Russell fit to travel		
✓ 226	24/3	A FIT HQ/C Squ		2007		1202	Ref our memo para 2 OP has released document and will put into operation forth with all infd		
✓ 227	24/3	2/1 AIC		1955		0492	School is junior wing of LHQ tactical school for coy comds O 6 weeks duration starts 19 Apr O no further details available O please advise urgently		
✓ 228	24/3	2/5 AIC		2145		0473	2/5 AIC will provide 2 ORs for Kal O.P. O personnel will move with pl moving to Sunshine 26 Mar O then proceed Wapfali where rations and guides provided O names of personnel to be advised Kanga O.M. 25 Mar O written instructions follows		
✓ 229	24/3	2/3 AIC		2145		0474	two reliefs for Salamaua O.P. will be provided as follows O 2/3 AIC one OR O HQ C Sigs one sig who will depart Wau a.m. 26 Mar collect rations and guides Bulolo and will RV with OR 2/3 AIC Upper Power House pm 24 Mar O names of personnel to be advised Kanga issued O written instr follows		
✓ 230	24/3	2/5 Bn		2330		475	request for an strike must reach base by 1800 hrs daily endeavour give accurate dispsns and strength Enemy Objets Hill O provided our troops clear and target clearly defined by map ref our strike may be requested O essential that strikes be confined to worthwhile targets		
✓ 231	24/3	2/5 Bn		2335		476	most immediate priorities must not be used by your HQ		
232	24/3	near 2/3 AIC afta adv 2/3 AIC		2340		477	OP finally left overlooking Komatium should not exceed 6 men		
✓ 233	25/3		Det Sigs NG Rofl Sigs	0800		3107	WX18185 Sig WT English		0474
✓ 234	25/3		2/6 Bn	0830		119	Sitnos O U/I a/c flew south over Bulolo 0800		
✓ 235	25/3		Kulu OP	0800		Q324	Sitnos		
✓ 236	24/3		NGF	2110/24	0115/25	Q3215	please fwd list of areas in which dropping likely to be required within next six weeks O infn if supplied in large lot as photographs may be prepared O as photographs take considerable time to prepare an early reply is requested		

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1237	25/3		Bobo	0800	0830	W142	Sitnos @ Localat unchanged		
1238	25/3		2/7 bn	0740		201	Sitnos @ Oltai Force Sitnos		
1239	25/3		Transit Camp	0645		1	Sitnos		
1240	24/3			2255/24	0120/25	Q3220	Programme 25 Mar @ Wau @ 18 a/c 1st Miss rations OK Miscel reinforcements amn 2 mas tent @ 18 a/c 2nd Miss amn and 2 planes flak @ Bulolo @ 7 a/c 1st Miss rations reinforcements amn @ 9 a/c 2nd Miss rations @ Piliung @ 1 plane native rations 1 plane ant rations drop not before 0830 hrs @ Enamit smoke signals made @ 5 Air Force request you supply fuel air force signal Wau		
1241	25/3		Dawn	0800	0830	G349	Trucks observed moving between Kala and Dathmus 1615 hrs @ Allied aircraft over this area 0615/25 @ bombing heard and light NA observed from Salamaua		
1242	25/3		2/5 bn	0830		0218	Most immediate priority our signal by operator @ further clarified this end		
1243	25/3		2/5 bn	0900		0219	Sitnos at 0900 Sitnos		
1244	24/3		Tojo	1945/24	0910/25	G755	Barge movement @ 1530 hrs 1 Maluhang to Lae and returned @ 1605 hrs 1 Lae to Rabai @ from 1745 hrs to Rabai to Lae @ 1520 hrs 6 coolies passed Hehth's going NW along road Lae/Mudrab		
1245	25/3		5 AF	1455		phone	5 Bostons bombed Chinatown area Salamaua 0615/25 @ all bombs dropped in target area		
1246	25/3		Bena	0945	1225	-	Our message GB88 sent to you for info		
1247	25/3		2/4 Bn	1344		121	Password Bulolo 25/24		
1248	25/3		DO Ramu		1400	phone	Sgt Golden at Weing reports native bush telegraph says Japs patrol visited Yubila 5 hrs inland Bogady bn 14 mas destroyed gardens returned Bogady in		
1249	25/3		2/6 bn	1223		119	map ref 301851		
1250	25/3		Dawn	1020	1110	A34	Bearing of 56° Mag indicates TAMI ISLANDS @ Range from Waipali 72 miles @ suggest telegraph for Waipali O.P. @ At time of observation there were visible on TAMI IS from this O.P.		
1251	25/3		Tojo	0800	0917	G756	0645 hrs @ 1 barge Lae to Rabai		
1252	25/3		2/6 Bn	1010		4	Please instruct OC pl leaving 26 Mar to call at 2/6 Bn		
1253	25/3		Diwa	1501		1098	Will be firing 303 rifles on 30 yd range between 1500 and 1700 hrs this afternoon @ bearing 255 degrees		

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254	25/3		NGF	1850 2215	NGA	289/55	For D.O. Han @ start native rumours across Markham intended reach Japs at Rae @ Quote @ Now few fighter planes at Morabey because sent south for modification or because no day raids for 6 months @ Unquote @ Publication start by 26 Mar Native agents to cease action @ Of nil suggest program of Murphy's chief agent operating from Wanflit @ J.O.C. approved		
255	25/3	2/3 AIC		0315		178	One plane native ration's one plane Aust ration's dropped Pilung 0830 hrs 25 Mar @ ensure smoke signals arranged		
256	25/3	Jojo		0915		0479	From Red Comet @ Relief for Russell and West leaving here 26 Mar		
257	25/3	2/6 Bn		0915		0480	Ref 2/6 Bn memo dated 23 Mar re defence plan of Party 2 @ could discuss Lt. Col Wood does not proceed fwd until lines completely better		
258	25/3	2/6 Bn		0925		0482	please give estimated expend amn for N/A shoot 24 Mar @ Compliance with R.O.s 1 Mar will have messages and delay		
259	25/3	2/5 Bn		1015		0483	No air strike to-day		
260	25/3	NGF		1030		0482	Base sigs of instrn @ 0400 24 Mar ack		
261	25/3	2/3 AIC		1305		1206	Following info required @ route main jap track Salamanc to Komilitum @ Lines that not noticed during day particularly if definite daily timetable @ How many japs using route and are native carriers used		
262	25/3	2/5 AIC		1350		0483	Off pr moving 26 Mar will report to HQ 2/6 Bn when moving through Bulolo		
263	25/3	May Munt Landops		1710		0486	Yes Mayberry		
264	25/3	all units New area		1230		0485	156 Lt A/A Pky will carry out maintenance shoot in Way area at 1730/270 Please warn all tps under cond @ ack required by 1700/26		
265	25/3	2/3 AIC if 2/6 Bn		2010		0487	1 Off + 2 ORs US Army report Pass House 26 Mar @ 10/1 OR US Army leave Sunfire for Bobo 26 Mar @ both parties will be accompanied by L.O. and report to HQ 2/6 Bn on way through @ party leaves Wan 0800/26 @ L.O.s carry instrns		

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266	25/4		Capt Black DO RAMU	1500/24	1250/25	JB4	Consider activity BENA FORCE personnel in MARKHAM ONGA area outside your sphere & jeopardizing efficiency forward watching the mores as DO RAMU was NOT advised of your intention. Presence of operational Aps in area may become known to enemy thru native sources as a result. Consequent enemy patrols activity may prevent our forward scouts getting close to NADANG.		
267	25/4		DAWN	1530/25	1620/25	G250	2 Allied Apts over the area 1030 hrs. Lights observed on Isihomas but not V/T at 1030 hrs.		
268	25/4		Transit Camp	1650/25		IWH176	Sitrep @ Transit Camp. Marched in (1) 4 offrs. 2 OR's 166 LIS Regt from PT Moresby. 12 OR's 2/5 Indep Coy from MORESBY (1) 2 OR's 16 Bde Carrier Coy from " (1) Marched out. 10 offrs 6 OR's 2/6 Bn to BULOLO (1) 10 offrs to NGP. 3 OR's 2/6 Bn to Con camp (1) 2 OR's to 16 Bde carrier coy. 10 to 17 Bde Orcl Depot. 9 OR's 2/5 Indep Coy to Edie Ck. Otherwise silent.		
269	25/4		2/5 B2	1500/25	1700	O221	Sitrep. at 1500 hrs. Nothing to report.		
270	25/4		2/5 Bn	1800/25		O222	Request air strike for 26 Nov as asked for on (1) 2/7/24. Please advise TOT. Bombing and straffing NOT repeat NOT desired BRYCK area		
271	25/4		2/8 Fd Coy	1800		HEX 393	Sitrep to 1800/25. Nothing to report.		
272	25/4		Kubi OP	1500		G330	Sitrep. Silent.		
273	25/4		2/5 Bn	1800		O223	Sitrep as at 1800 hrs. Patrol reports late. Nothing further to report		
274	25/4		Tot pool	1655			Act.		
275	25/4		TO 10	1545	1725	G759	Ref map LAE locality. From 1030 hrs to 1200 hrs. 1 Fortress made piece of LAE finally dropped bombs on 2 runs from 3637 to 2557. NO visible damage. Sporadic mace made by A/P from 4408 (3Guns) 3129 (6 Guns) (see our G764 and correct this message to read 2831 to 2937. In future will refer to form as 2833). 1 Gun SINGAUA plantation. Columns of hy smoke seen daily from about 3244 usually lasts for about 1 hr. Recent long activity road LAE/DODYMANS Br where we lose sight of it. Return of other indicators road in bad order. Activity & smoke from long mace at 1500 hrs. 30-40 jets moved NW along LAE/NADZAB rd past HEATHS. 1420 hrs A/P from 2833 opened on a recce plane. Drome activity indicates that planes have been expected for 2 days.		0526
276	25/4		DAWN	1020/25	1110	A34.	Bearing of 56 magnetic indicates TAMI 15. range from WAIPALI 72 miles. Jiggers telescope for WAIPALI OP. At time of obs. trees now visible on TAMI 15 from the OP.		1201

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277	25/3	2/5 bn		2010		0488	2 Offrs 2 ORs US Army base near Huan area 1100/20 for food 1st 2/5 bn @ Lieut Gordon will meet party at Ballambo and act as guide		
278	25/3	NGF		2058		0489	patient urgently undertaking evacuation at Bena Bena @ query typhus @ query cerebral malaria @ please notify Kanga @ get to Bena for expected time of evacuation		
279	25/3	Bena Force		2055		0490	you have permission to make future requests for evacuation of sick direct to NGF		
280	25/3	2/6 bn		2135		0491	request approved		6
281	25/3	2/6 bn		2340		0493	2/3 AIC pl comd advised to report your HQ 26 Mar @ ref your 61 @ permission granted time allowed to our planes in area @ CO responsible ensure all safety precautions @ in future comply with R.O. 1 Mar re alarm		
282	25/3	Angau				0494	(NCA 259/25 refers to Lingau for action - native propaganda)		
283	26/3		Kuboa	0630		1WH 78	Sitrep at 0600 hrs		
284	26/3		AOR POR	0210	0600		Following from USN begins @ 2 PT boats will operate along coast vicinity of PAIWA from Cape Ward Hunt and return from 2400 21 Mar to 0700/20 Mar		
285	25/3		NGF	2020/25	0340	I1427	ref NG Lnt Sam No 114 @ para 1 page 8 should be marked with 3 side lines @ all informed		
286	26/3		NGF	0035		Q3241	Programme 26 Mar @ Hau @ 1st Miss 18 at Macel rations 20 rations POR ann Adm HQ 2 Lnt 2nd Reception Camp personnel and stores 2/14 1st Coy @ 2nd Miss 18 ofc 2/14 1st Coy personnel and stores 2/25 1st Ph Coy ann tents @ Bulolo @ 1st Miss 9 ofc rations 20 - 200 ann @ 2nd Miss 9 ofc rations @ Brekeny will state from profizechap Hainful @ report recovery of 20 Mar @ requested @ planes 2nd Mission 26 Mar will back land salvage as requested @ stores 2/14 1st Coy 1st Mission include compressor @ ensure quick discharge		
287	26/3		Bena Force	1100	1250	R 30	Sitrep. Bena unchanged @ Kaimantu unchanged		
288	26/3		2/6 bn	1226		128	Password Bulolo 26/27		
289	26/3		2/5 bn	1200		0225	Sitrep @ Comd 2/5 bn at Saddle @ nothing further to report		

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287	25/3		2/3 Ind Coy	0900	1025	AL40	Sitrap 0800 hrs MISSIM area. Durban unchanged Nothing to report		
288	25/3	-	To/0	1025	1045	G758	Sgt Russell fit to travel.		
289	25/3		2/5 Bn	1200		0220	Sitrap 1200 hrs. Nothing to report.		
290	25/3		2/7 Bn	1910		206	Sitrap sitnor. OTTER FORCE. Sitnor		
291	25/3		2/6 Bn	1925		6	8000 request most one to MORESBY moving 26 Mar replacement returning from here.		
292	25/3		2/6 Bn	1950		7	Ref our 6/24. No reply received yet. Ref our 9/25 no reply yet.		
293	25/3		2/6 Bn	1835		121	Sitrap - Sitnor		
294	25/3		BOBS	1730	1820	W146	Sitnor. Location of site unchanged. Aeroplanes overhead flying direction LAO. Explosions heard.		
295	25/3		To/0	1700	1935	-	Sitrap 76. Bombing area by forties at 1600 hrs. Bombs dropped between 5510 + 3427. A/P from 2833 only 3 rounds from 2833 at 1525 hrs + 1550 hrs + launch west from LAE than BUTIBUM towards MALAHANG, 1705 hrs. Barge left LAE for MALAHANG returned at 1745 hrs. 1740 hrs barge LABU to LAE. 1810 hrs 2 barges LABU to LAE		
296	25/3		2/5 Bn	2100		0224	ref our 0222 of 25 Mar. Describable bomb EAST WEST direction rather than North South. as usual narrow & precipitous.		
297	25/3		Dawn	2000		J207	Reliefs for Sgt LUNDES & P/O CHUULKI departing tomorrow. SMITH to return also.		
298	26/3		2/7 Bn	0830		201	Sitrap sitnor. OTTER FORCE sitnor. OTTER patrol located 2 dead Aust soldiers. map ref not available. Party between 200' from BLACKEN'S GULLETT LINE SOUTH along 1st track. Two delayed pieces of 400 of opposite graves. Identification of bodies. Lt BLEZZARD P/O HOBBS etc. personal effect found when collected this HQ.		
299	26/3		Kubi OP	0800		G322	Sitrap. Sitnor.		
300	26/3		2/6 Bn	0820		125	Sitrap. Sitnor.		
301	25/3		2/3 rear	2020		054	Sitrap to 1800 4/25. B+C pl + Coy HQ near at power house. A/P & Coy HQ find in MISSIM area. JEFFREYS party (BONNIST) area now reduced to seven. Other units unchanged		
302	26/3		To/0	0800	1000	G76	0600 hrs + 0645 hrs planes dropped bombs over LAE starting 1st fire at JACOBSONS & another fire made (DEDDYMAN'S) M/G and A/P from LAE area BUTIBUM & LABU (HUON GULF special LRG52		

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303	26/3		2/5 bn			0300	Sitrep at 2200 hrs Parts 1 to 5 (see attached)		
304	26/3		2/6 bn	1145		69	Type of practice concentrate amm expenditure 50 1100 rds Refer 12 rds		
305	26/3		N92	0800		M406	Flight due approx 1000 hrs		
306	26/3		Dawn	0815	1057	G251	up, o/c over coastal area Rce Salamaua 0805 hrs @ Allied units ? ? @ N/A from Salamaua loud bombing direction Laban		
307	26/3		2/5 AIC near	1230		0522	Sitnos to 1230/24		
308	26/3		2/5 bn	1500		0226	Sitrep @ no further reports to hand		
309	26/3		Bona	1245		-	Our message JB99 reported P.O. Wau for his info		
310	26/3		2/5 bn	1320		A15	Nominations as requested @ Kent East @ A33 has been submitted @ Gen E is coy 2 i/c		
311	26/3		Kansat Camp	1640		1WH179	Sitrep to 1600 hrs @ Transit Camp @ marched in @ 2 ORs 2/5 AIC from Kandi @ 3 ORs 2/5 bn from Shindewai @ 1 OR 2/6 from Con Camp @ 1 OR 2/6 from Con Camp @ 1 OR 2/6 bn from Bulolo @ 1 OR 408 USC arty from Bulolo @ marched out @ 2 Offs 2 ORs 166 US Regt to Mubo @ 1 Off 2 ORs 166 US Regt to Mubini @ 1 Off 1 OR 166 US Regt to Markham area @ 2 ORs 2/6 bn to Bulold @ 1 OR 2/7 AIC to 150 Lt N/A arty @ 2 ORs 2/5 AIC to Kandi @ 3 ORs 2/5 bn to 3 Div Sigs @ Otherwise sitnos		
312	26/3		2/5 bn	1800		0245	Sitrep to 1800 hrs @ Refair photo No. 77 @ Enemy @ enemy party 12 contacted G31 W2 @ one enemy killed remainder disabled @ own arty @ Carriers moved to top of O. Crater @ all success- fully now operating as fighting patrol moving NE along O. Crater @ firing heard this direction 1340 hrs @ fire heard from direction Bungah Ch confirms patrol moving this direction in contact this area @ three Boston bombers straffed Kitcher Ch area 1300 hrs apparently on target @ patrol to Bungah Ch will provide details @ No other reports to hand		
313	26/3		2/5 bn	1730		0346	No air strike required 27 Mar		
314	26/3		2/7 bn	1735		204	Sitnos Ota Force Sitnos		
315	26/3		Dawn	1530	1700	G252	Heavy bombing heard direction of Mubo 1330 hrs also heard bombing presumed direction Wau or Bulolo		

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316	26/3		Dawn	1620	1730	Q253	ref map Salamaua 1" to 25 yds @ at 1600 hrs blasting operations seen at ref number 3869 @ also, all unit over this area 1615 hrs @ Lt N/A observed from Salamaua		
317	26/3		2/3 AIC Reat	1245		0321	Lieut Lamb reporting Range 1700/26 with full report and sketch Kuatunabe Mission route		
318	26/3		2/3 AIC Reat	1620		0335	Setrap to 1630/26 @ No change @ ref map Salamaua 1" = 1 ml @ Base for Jeffries party at 678965 patrol investigating track running approx North South one hour East of this point		
319	26/3		Kubi OP	1800		Q334	Setrap		
320	26/3		Toyo	1530	1750	Q762	Ref Map Huon Gulf Special @ What appears to be two control pts near LR5850 @ 1100 hrs one canoe went to Rabu and at 1400 hrs 4 canoes came from Rabu and up the Markham R		
321	26/3		2/5 Bn	1812		142	From Gordon @ at Saddle Effect return with plan approx 29 Mar @ Will guide US personnel after they reach here		
322	26/3		2/5 Bn	2000		298	Request no further air strikes on area K. Ututan Ch. Observation Hill is further north south than pure Bugap Ch. until recall of all areas strafed 24/26 Mar completed and you HQ advised		
323	26/3		2/5 Bn	2015		0350	Request air photos taken low altitude or mosaic all areas north of Mabo		
324	26/3		2/8 7th Coy	1800		NBX100	Setrap to 1800		
325	26/3		2/6 Bn	1835		130	Setrap		
326	26/3		Babo	1730	1822	W154	Setrap @ Located unchanged		
327	26/3		2/5 Bn	2000		0347	Ref map Salamaua revised 1" = 1 ml @ propose establishing OP in area of map ref 783830 @ Considered suitable OP this area will cover coast line from Rokoru to South of Salabua Is @ Patrol moves 24 Mar to recce suitable situation @ Can supply OP similar manny to Salamaua OP from Saddle area @ Estimate arrangements can be completed for establishment in 7 days providing one No. 11 set can be procured and forwarded to reach Saddle by 31 Mar @ Request no air activity while patrols moving this area @ Please advise concurrence or otherwise		
328	26/3		2/5 Bn	2010		249	Ref and Setrap 2200 hrs full report of enemy occupied areas Duali area Butoi villages now to hand @ review length of report fixing with sketch by 10.		

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329	26/3		2/3 AIC	2120		02212	Names candidates previously sent Sgt Crowley C & and Watson P.A. @ candidates should arrive 28 Mar @ Understood date due Wau was 28 Mar		
330	26/3		2/3 AIC	1918	2115	AK 78	Unidentified plane from direction Lae flying SW 1945 hrs @ thought was engine'd bomber @ one light blowing right wing		
331	26/3		2/3 bn	2112		0251	Sitrep to 2100 hrs @ Enemy Rabalia @ 1100 hrs one two masted schooners moved Rabalia hrs to coast 1930 hours smoke rising from Salamaua 1200/26 result inactivity @ 2/1 AIC reports Dry Ch bed clear @ Casualty list of Observed still clear @ own ops @ Casualty list now moving east towards Butoi report expected 1200/27 @ further moving first light down main track Mulo Kamiatum still contact made @ Bungal Ch patrol out of contact expect rpt by sunset d. h. 27 Mar @ Two patrols to coast track further receive and receive @ P site		
332	26/3		DO Bances	1525 16	2230 16	f B 101	Paylor reports out of touch with Loggia personnel and end Feb @ Kant news Papua sub district enemy activity mouth Ragu and Bosman village @ reinforced enemy to proceed up Ragu and Kerant rivers to search for Europeans @ as far as is known have not done so @ England left on patrol food area 4th ultimo		
333	26/3		NGF	2130/26	0730/27	06880	2 Arguer called out of burning of new Lae 1520/26 @ Can he supply any trace		
334	26/3	NGF		0105		0496	ref out 0405 and your SD 1818/19 @ 2/1 AIC now advise SX 14692 Sgt McKearn NE unable reach Wau until 20 Mar @ May be still attend Oeta Woodside advise 2 @ please advise		
335	26/3	2/5 bn		0930		0498	pony Miles junior wing not accepted @ vacancy for copy come as 2 h/c advise urgently		
336	26/3	CSO		0945		0499	2/1 Bn advise that replacement sign will not be required by them for the duration of the report @ ack		
337	26/3	2/5 bn		0955		0500	BA203 to hit Kitchan Ch to say TOT late		
338	26/3	NGF		1605		1211	Fr; Sgt @ please find further good track info Wau Salamaua Lae		
339	26/3	2/3 AIC		1935		0502	Let you know for W/T operators course urgently @ your Wau been alerted 2 messengers @ candidates to report Wau transit camp 28 Mar @ ref out G-17/27 22 Mar		

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340	26/3	2/5 Bn				0503	US visiting personnel to be permitted to go out with patrols for general assistance @ see		
341	26/3	Ad-2/5 Bn		2210		0504	concur establishment OP O No report not available @ attempt comm by 208 act @ no air strike will take place your area ops unless you request or are advised by Kanga		
342	26/3	2/3 AIC		2250		1505	Just @ interim hitop. Mubo area @ Dry Ch bed and top Observation Hill now clear of enemy @ patrol moving first night north along Mubo-Komiatum track till contact gained @ advise your first patrol @ second @ are you in touch with your first patrol overlooking Komiatum track		
343	26/3	2/5 Bn		2255		0506	For Cable from Comd @ your outposts clear and efficient and your patrols operating as desired @ keep it up		
344	26/3	2/5 Bn		2330		0507	Secret @ For Lobbs from M. Gen @ considers proposition to destroy enemy Dubli area @ Give your views on strength of force and time required to complete @ Not intended that this operation should take place until enemy have retired further North from your front but if launching may commence now @ Send brief of association by Gordon who may remain with you few days		
345	27/3		Duro	0630		WH181	Setop to 0600 hrs Sitnet		
346	27/3		2/7 Bn	0745		202	Setnet @ Other force @ Sitnet		
347	27/3		Kubi OP	0815		G336	Sitnet		
348	27/3		Dawn	0900	0910	G224	Large number of lights observed moving on Salamasa-Komiatum track 2200 hrs @ 1 up life over this area 0530 hrs		
349	27/3		2/5 Bn	0900		0222	Sitnet at 0900		
350	27/3		2/3 AIC	0205	0730	A284	Will have W/T comm with Japago first patrol 0500 hrs 2/4 @ Hig Komiatum OP not yet established @ Have W/T comm with OP at ref map. Hunt Bull Special 4893 overlooking Komiatum track @ Both informed of Mubo patrol		
351	27/3		2/7 AIC	1045		H91	Cannot trace Lomas @ Suggest NK? Lieut Byrne at present		
352	27/3		2/3 AIC	0730		OS41	Setop to 0900 hrs no change		
353	27/3		2/6 Bn	1122		134	password Bulolo 27/28		

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354	24/3		Tojo	0200	0250	G 466	Between 0220 hrs and 0250 hrs an activity near Rae bombs dropped and only small amount of lift from Jacobsons and Rae @ 0700 hrs 1 Lzo left Rae heading NE @ 0930hrs about 20 men arrived Heath's from unknown direction		
355	24/3		DO Kame	1220/26	1100/67	JB 100	Capt Hamilton reports has patrolled Kame Markham valley from Wamfum to Ongg @ entered valley 18th arrived Olga 25 from Kaiapit @ Wamfum one heli from Dampit @ no evidence of faps in valley since fap @ Chevasing approx 1 1/2 days Rae Dampit approx 1 day Rae 2 days Madang @ 710 P.M. reports no enemy at work		
356	24/3		Rockhat Salanaka	1130	1120	LA	Request permission to return Cheulai @ his influence with local natives and knowledge of local country invaluable to me @ Koukai helped prefer to stay if possible @ Smith and Cheulai on food recs estimated end of return P.M. Mar 30 @ Ask		
357	24/3		Dava	0913		IC 106	Will be firing 303 rifle on 20 rd range between 1000 and 1200 hrs this morning bearing 255 degrees		
358	24/3		2/3 AIC	1400		OS 52	Nonno advised in OS 15/11/55 hrs 2/3 AIC @ 1250 hrs one of OR 2/3 AIC for Salanaka @ P VX 115 359 Pto Halfpelt DB		
359	24/3		Transit Camps	1616		WN 102	3/24/55 @ 1400 hrs @ Transit Camps marched in @ from Post Moresby 14 ORs 2/3 AIC @ 11 ORs 2/5 AIC @ 2 ORs 11 Div Engis @ from hospital 10 R 2/6 Bn @ marched out @ La Buldo @ 1 OR 2/6 Bn 1 OR 103 Coast Art @ To Edie Ch 2 ORs 11 Div Engis @ 14 ORs 2/5 AIC @ Rec HQ @ 11 ORs 2/3 AIC to rear HQ @ other west actors		
360	24/3		NGF	1210	1635	D 2020	Joining into 1/10 tactical school unit coming sub units of 4 strength formed separately @ moving in order of priority and completed round forms regarding this HQ before @ left @ selections will be advised by approx 5 hrs		
361	24/3		Dawn	1445	1608	G 255	Lights moving toward Komatom observed for 10 min only		
362	24/3		2/6 Bn	1830		I 35	Sitno		
363	24/3		Kulu OY	1800		G 340	Sitno		
364	24/3		Tojo	1530		G 157	Lorry activity between Jacobsons and direction 2019/10/10 from Dutilleul and Mihalang) no other activity		

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365	27/3		2/7 bn	1800		205	Sitros @ Otter force pl Labu relieved by pl Kofi 1/27 sitros		
366	27/3		NGF	1130	1520	MS372	Ref NGF MS332 of 22 Mar @ Major G.F. Smith now medically Class A1 @ left Sydney 25 Mar onward met this area @ on arrival Smith arrange met Major G.M. Norris to 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp for onward met		
367	27/3		Bobo	1930	2005	W161	Sitros @ Kocatat unchanged		
368	27/3		Lojo	1930	2005	G770	Nil report no visibility since 1500 hrs		
369	27/3		2/3rd Coy	1800		NBKH02	Sitros to 1800/27 @ 1 twin engined a/c over camp area 1505 1/27 Nothing further to report		
370	26/3		NGF	1530/26	0510/27	06877	Ref groups B3 and B4 advise map ref Butoi village		
371	27/3		Bobo	2040	2140	W162	Request Atropine urgently if any at your relay by police lang through to Wanpiti to night urgent		
372	27/3		2/5 bn	1800		A20	Notes for technical school @ Capt Dibdin		
373	27/3		Bobo	1830	2005	W162	native rumors @ ref map Hugh Gulf 4 mls = 1 inch @ Labu natives report japs built 4 large houses northern bank of Mark R opposite Markham Pt (L)R 5943 and state about 300 jps in that area @ they say japs (except those manning guns and working on dome) have moved out of Lal @ this seems to confirm Lojos reports of japs moving on parties out of Lal		
374	27/3		2/5 bn	1630		0255	Sitros to 1600 hrs @ no patrol report to hand		
375	27/3		2/5 bn	1815	2030	0256	Sitros at 1800 hrs @ enemy @ no change @ own this @ carrier pl and Mulo-Komatum track patrol engaged enemy during day at junction Bungap Cr. Butoi @ Dutton awarded @ Lababia OP reports visibility poor unable to see coast		
376	27/3	Lojo		0845		0508	NGF advise 2 airmen baled out of burning a/c over Lal 1530/26 @ can you supply any info		
377	27/3	2/5 bn		0930		I212	give map ref Butoi village		
378	27/3	Dawn		0955		I213	check way were lights travelling	G254	G255
379	27/3	2/3 AIC		0900		0509	please supply full christian names of NX 39079 Casuarques		
380	27/3	2/5 bn pld		1030		0511	Minimum 37 how arm to 100 rpg with guns and 200		

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381	27/3	2/5 bn of the Summit				0512	Col Kinloch leaving Hana area am 27 Mar to join US Army personnel which should arrive your HQ 27 Mar @ Col Kinloch will stage night 26/27 at Summit		
382	27/3	2/5 bn		1230		0513	find jap documents held by you @ these were last seen in your HQ by Wilson on 25 Mar who asked they be sent in immediately @ ensure all captured documents etc be despatched immediately to Kanga on receipt		
383	27/3	17 Bde units Hana area etc		1345		0514	Adm HQ 3 Aust Div will assume adm control of Kanga force forthwith @ Detailed adm order will be issued separately specifying channel of control @ Location Adm HQ 3 Aust Div Wildes Farm adjacent present RQD site		
384	27/3	2/3 AIC		1355		1215	no reply received my 0494 @ signal immediately name of relief sent Salamaha O.P.		
385	27/3	2/5 bn		1400		1216	for Sgt Carroll @ ascertain mapping requirements 2/5 bn incl units under comd @ scales areas and probable quantities @ latest avy policy 1/35,000 which scales larger than one inch @ obtain all available corrections from inch sketches Mulo and Komiatum @ although avy policy 1/25,000 four inch enlargements are permissible @ 11 inch not recognised scale		
386	27/3	NGF		1640		1218	for Stationery @ please find first plane two rolls duplex paper two packets crystals and ball cartridge paper one roll tracing paper @ eight yds only forwarded in answer previous request tracing paper @ This insufficient as supplying emergency demands units under comd		
387	27/3	NGF		2015		0521	request copy of instr for Bena Force 28 Mar to Kanga		
388	27/3	NGF		2120		0522	request copy NGF of instr for Bena Force be sent to Kanga 28 Mar		
389	27/3	Bena Force		1755		0518	Signal detailed locat this your comd		
390	27/3	NGF		1420		0515	please cancel nomn of Sx 14692 Sgt McKeown N.E. @ McKeown will be held here for course 3		
391	27/3	Capt Black DD Ramca		2010		0520	From Bena Moten @ Advise full details reprinted in your 1344/240 @ was not aware Bena Force had personnel in Mankham Bonga area @ essential that closest cooperation		

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✓ 391		Capit Black cont:-					cont.- Roope to have free hand to carry out job laid down by N.G.F. but not to wander outside areas laid down in his instrs O Bena ask		
✓ 392	21/3	2/5 bn		2143		0523	first O your 0351 O advise map ref Butoi Village O second O submit reports at 0600 1200 and 1800 hrs in future		
✓ 393	21/3	2/6 bn		2317		0524	your reports will include progress report on most 2/5 AIC into and through your area		
✓ 394	21/3	2/5 bn		2315		0525	Secret O first O ops 4 AC sign can now cover your area and north to Komiatum but at present not Butoi delta area O available for close recon and photography on small scale O in future include in one signal only request for air strike and recon or photography to reach Kanga by 1800 hrs daily O incl requests air strike must be notified O latter following explaining limitations work 4 AC sign O second O one Warraway a/c will be over area 28 Mar on gen recon Mubo to Komiatum O unable state TOT O warn all ops ask		
✓ 395	21/3	2/7 AIC		1455		0516	McKeown N8 arrived too late for Octa course two O being held for next course O Lt Payne FF noun for tactical school not accepted in view of lack of experience O ops for coy comd you are allotted vacated vacancy for HQ junior tactical school O Coy comd or 2/1 C to be nominated O Please advise urgently		
✓ 396	28/3		Bobs	0645	0845	N165	Sitnoi		
397	28/3		Tojo	0700	0830	G771	2130 hrs Mar 27 bon lung raid on Lal results not observed 2350 hrs many lights seen on the drums and wharf area O No morning activity		
398	28/3		2/5 bn	0600		0260	Sitnoi to 0600 Sitnoi		
399	28/3		Kubi OP	0730		G312	Sitnoi		
400	28/3		Transit Camp	0645		1WH183	Sitnoi to 0600 hrs		
401	28/3		2/7 bn	0720		201	Sitnoi O Van force Sitnoi		
402	28/3		2/6 bn	0830		136	Sitnoi		
403	28/3		2/5 bn	2100/27	0050/28	0258	Sitnoi to 2100 hrs Parts 1 and 2 (see attached)		

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✓ 404	28/3		2/3 AIC Rear	0915		1K85	Sitrep to 0800 @ no reports of enemy moves by day along tracks leading to Komiatum @ Jeffrey and mole moving fwd to est listening post by night on main Salamaua Komiatum track		
✓ 405	28/3		Dawn	0700	0940	G256	Allied APC over this area from 0130 hrs to 0510 hrs @ by bombs dropped on Logun - Lokanu area @ ref map Salamaua 1" = 250 yds @ 4th A/A observed firing from ref 1252 @ light A/A observed firing from ref 3532 @ small fire observed at ref 0959 burned for 5 mins		
✓ 406	27/3		NGF	225/31	0910	SD2030	May Taylor OCB 2/5 AIC selected to attend unit comd using LHQ tactical school commencing 19 Apr you may arrange to report this HQ when desired		
✓ 407	28/3		2/6 bn	0950		13	yes		032
✓ 408	28/3		2/5 bn	0900		0264	Sitrep at 0900 Sitnet		
✓ 409	26/3		NGF	1620/31	0310/31	MS370	Ref recommendation award DCM NX39079 R Laoyangues 2/3 AIC advise full christian names of soldier		
✓ 410	26/3		NGF	1650/26	1210/31	SD2014	Det starts 30 Mar lasts 12 weeks course each 5 weeks @ travelling time after arrival Maresby fortnight @ LHQ like students LHQ school practical @ LHQ dealt direct with coy on this @ advise you decision		
✓ 411	28/3		2/5 bn	1310		0265	Sitrep to 1200 hrs @ enemy @ no change @ own troops @ fighting patrol as previously reported moving toward junc Bugap Ch Biloi firing can be heard this area		
✓ 412	28/3		2/6 bn	1325	1530	139	Password Bulolo 28/29		
✓ 413	28/3		Bena Force	1300	1610	3A	Location statement @ ref map Markham 4 nbs = 1" @ 1 Offr 10 ORs recce patrol Kaintantu @ personnel on standing patrols on to within 6 miles Bena @ Kaintantu track 2 9th bn track 2 Meso track 10 2 Offrs 33 ORs Bena camp		
✓ 414	28/3		Dawn	1545	1640	G257	Nothing to report		
✓ 415	28/3		Toyo	1640	1612	G275	Aerial recce most of the day M.G. opened once on two low flying aeroplanes at 1645 hrs		
✓ 416	28/3		Transit Camp	1715		185	Sitrep @ Transit Camp @ Marched in 1 Offr 60 ORs 152 CT Coy from Maresby 1 OR 2/6 bn from Bulolo 2 ORs 2/7 bn from BHQ 2 ORs 2/3 AIC from Coy HQ 1 OR 2/5 AIC from Kundi @ marched out 5 ORs 2/4 AIC to Coy HQ @ otherwise Sitnet		

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✓ 117	28/3		2/7 bn	1730		204	Sitrep @ Other force Sitrep		
✓ 118	28/3		16 Rtd Coy OP	1800		G345	Sitrep		
✓ 119	28/3		2/6 bn	1830		141	Sitrep @ Sitrep @ One off four OKs 2/14 Engr passed through area 1435 hrs en route to area 270912 ref map Balolo 1/63360		
✓ 120	28/3		2/5 bn	1801		0209	Sitrep to 1800 hrs (see attached)		
✓ 121	28/3		2/3 bn Rear	1855		A1	ack		0530
✓ 122	28/3		2/5 bn	0325		0261	ack		0522
✓ 123	28/3	2/5 bn	2/5 bn	0925		0527	NGF advise quote @ Lt. col Conway approved comd 2/5 bn date 23 Mar @ will arrive early date unquote		
✓ 124	28/3	2/6 bn		0845		0529	in event of further vacancy being made available to this Rtd for LHQ tactical course @ would you like Maj Jones to fill the vacancy for Coy Comd's course @ please advise		
✓ 125	28/3	All units		0900		0530	Refer GPO A 349 para 7 @ Recommendations are to be at this HQ by 1 Apr latest @ M/D need only be listed in order of preference showing army No. and full name no details required @ Ack		
✓ 126	28/3	NGF		1100		0531	May Kanga have three copies your sitrep please one of these for adm HQ 3 Div		
✓ 127	28/3	2/5 AIC		1145		0532	you must report progress your move to Pt 2 in your sitrep		
✓ 128	28/3	2/5 bn		1155		0533	Out this fwd of Wagon report no enemy moves seen by day along tracks leading to Komiatum from Salamaua @ Easternly front being established by night on main Salamaua Komiatum track		
✓ 129	28/3	NGF		1215		0534	Have received amendments to NGF Op Instr 11 @ This instr not received @ please fwd copy		
✓ 130	28/3	2/7 AIC		1425		0535	Advise urgently date of enlistment Maj MacCadie		
✓ 131	28/3	Adv 2/5 bn		1800		0536	for Gordon @ bring back detailed locstat and strength info coys and pls HQ Coy 2/5 bn		

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142	28/3	NGF		2040		0539	Christmas names NX39099 H/4C LHS GONRESO LEOPOLD	MS370	*
143	28/3	17th 2/5 Bn		2050		0540	if your 0269 advise urgently time out + in patrol operating to KOMIATUM	0269	
144	28/3	17th 2/5 Bn		2105		0541	NO air strike reported 29 MAR 0 if on 0525 stating no requests an strike must be notified by 1800 hrs 0 Comply.		0291
145	28/3	BENH FORCE		2105		0542	if your 0518 0 give map of GIROKA if GIROKA 0 also MEISO if MEISO 0 request urgently	0518	
146	28/3	NGF		2120		0543	if your 06877 0 BITOI village near mouth BITOI R. approx 1000 yds from Coast 0 cannot furnish map of 0 further details available	06877	
147	28/3	2/5 IND Coy		2120		0544	our 0946 of 19 Feb addressed all units quote strips will be first KANGA as at 0630 + 1630 hrs daily unquote 0 ref our 0532 of 28 MAR 0 failure to comply with instructions not understood 0 NO permission given you discontinue strips or move to pt to KIANDIO explain		
148	28/3	17th 4/5 Bn + 2/3 IND Coy	17th 2/7 Bn	2140		0545	the view of pt 28 MAR that MUBO KOMIATUM observed for half mile from MUBO NOT visible otherwise 0 KOMIATUM has small number huts situated on sharp ridge 0 huts at 68W practically destroyed 0 3 or 4 blue tents seen F67V0 + 3 tents dispersed near B in MUBO SALAMANA 1 imp personnel seen in occupation of area looking at H/C fuselage over 4/5 0 otherwise NMS		
149	28/3	LAE - SALAMANA - BOBS		2300		0546	One B25 lost at LAE 2100/27 0 Can you provide any info 0 please advise urgently.		
150	28/3	NGF		2000		0547	ack 0 will advise as soon as possible.		0678
151	28/3		2/5 Ind Coy	1815		NBX105	Strip 101800H/28 0 nil ref at		
152	28/3		2/5 Bn	2220		0291	request no air strike 29 MAR		0541
153	28/3		2/3 IND Coy RD	2040		RD14	ack		0530
154	28/3		TO 30	1830		6771	nil ref at		
155	28/3		17th 3rd Div	2140		17Q104	2/3 ton second tonner now held at 4th foot will be detached with driver to CRIE KANGA as from 0800 hrs 29 MAR 0 4th foot will arrange delivery direct with CRIE 0 All informed.		
156	28/3		17th 3rd Div	2130		17Q103	Check # lifting trucks now in LAD work shops is to be given priority 0 please try 17th ETA		
157	28/3		NGF	1055/28	0120	MS382	Advise units to which it is proposed to allot Lieut Vx5460 W/P BOLGIEA Vx2611 H MARTIN Vx4903 J JOHNSTONE on transfer		0365/19
158	29/3	2/5 Bn		0655		0548	NGF advise Lt-Ltd Conroy will arrive WAV 29 MAR.		
159	29/3		NGF	2155		Q3292	Lt-Ltd Conroy will arrive WAV first plane 29 MAR		
160	29/3	Units WAV		0830		IP41	Passenger WAV		
161	29/3	17th units		0847		0549	Strip 1230 to 0800H/29.		
162	29/3		2/7 Bn	0650		206	Subn 0 OTTER FORCE Subn		
163	29/3		WAV & 4	0645		1	Subn		
164	29/3		2/6 Bn	0900		142	Subn		

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165	29/3		BOBS	0630		W168	Sdn		
166	29/3		DAWN	0755		G258	nil report.		
167	29/3		TOJO	0650		G775	no activity		
168	29/3		2/3INDCOY	1928/28	2307	AL105	OP at ref map HUON GULF Special 6803 reports at 1700 K/28 8 fires seen on KOMIATUM track O Ref map SALAMAU revised O Several fires spread along track from 713970 - 712963 O One fire in native garden at position thought to be KOMIATUM O fires still alight 1900 hrs O No mud seen around fires or on track up to 1900 hrs		
169	29/3		DO. RAMU	2200/28	0500	JB119	ENGLAND reports present from NOGIA occupied 200 or 300 JAPS billeted UAHIBA + BOGIA WHO 10 th carrying barges reached BOGIA near wharf O Roads repaired and bridges erected O Patrols to SEPIK + MADANG also RAMA by barge to BOSMAN O Reported NUBIA drone in use infm obtained self patrol to TANGUM from Missionaries native + SMYTHO VAN BARR recently evacuated with MONTGOMERY O Now have infm of hostile acts committed by this missionary suggest hold until report goes through O Infmd by KASPIRUS, BISHOP orders missionaries NOT to contact OKASSISI British		
170	29/3		2/5Bn	2000		0270	BITOI village near mouth BITOI river approx 400 yds from coast O Regret cannot furnish map ref 3 but will find more infm when available		
171	29/3		2/5Bn	2315		0292	Race patrol to KOMIATUM prevented by enemy action from moving proposed route via feature NE fine BITOI BUIGAP CK O One situat 29 MAR will clarify		
172	29/3		2/3IND (un)	1915		IK89	Schp 1800K/280 ref track map WAU-SAL-LAE revised + checking all tracks NE BOBADU		
173	29/3		TOJO	0850		G776	170456 O Can give NO definite infm as at commencement of raid A/E was obscured by mist O As planes approached target 5 for 4 A/E fire was followed by explosions then more A/E O As raid concluded mist cleared O After planes had departed a slight showed pointing SE at sea level O No fires visible O This raid was at 2130/27 No raid at 2100 hrs		0546
174	29/3		Hdq 2/5Bn	1030		0272	please fwd 12 copies BADEN BAY provisional 1 - 1 mile		
175	29/3		BOBS	0810		W169	Can give no infm		0546
176	29/3		NGF	1130		I223	Ref GSE/490 request further 7 copies enable distn one per Bn or half Coy at present in area plus 2 for INT 3 MUST DIV		
177	29/3		2/3INDCOY	0845		IK88	Schp 0800/290 ref map SAL revised O McEVYNA OP reports 28 MAR 7 fires seen KOMIATUM track from 712963 - 713970 1 fire slightly north KOMIATUM still burning 1900 hrs O No other enemy met seen O Lt Col WHITTAKE with ZERO circled very high over PIAUMUNG SELEBUB area 1315 K/28		

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178	29/3		2/5 Bn	0900		0271	Schp 0900 enemy known still occupying KITCHENCK area operating ambush form in no mans land daily results yesterday increased activity 16 enemy killed down 45 fighting patrols with exception patrol 10 OBSERVATION HILL via GARRISON HILL successful this patrol heavily ambushed car 1 seriously wounded missing 8 wounded & missing car caused by enemy MGS, mortars & mine charges car carrier to top of OBSERVATION HILL engaging enemy since dawn further details this activity awaited.		
179	29/3		2/6 Bn	1304		145	forward BULOLO		
180	29/3	2/6 Bn	2/6 Bn	1235		0550	ref your request range practice 1 Apr 0 practice approved under same conditions as our 01584 MARO ack		
181	29/3		2/7 Bn	0800		203	Range practices being conducted by HQ & A Coys on 29/30 MARO on respective ranges		
182	29/3		BENA FORCE	1015		R35	ref map RAMU kmbs - 1" O GIROKA drone not marked ref approx WIO 2933 O Ref map MADANG kmbs - 1" O WEISO ref WEISO shown on map WESA ref WESA ref WIO 5553		0542
183	29/3		DAWN	1230		A29	ref 0156 K/28 O A/C mentioned was NOT ref NOT faced down in area visible from this OP. will keep strict watch for signs of same		0546
184	29/3		BENA FORCE	1100		R37	Schp BENA KAINANTU unchanged		
184	29/3		TOJU	1530	1625	G778	1320 hrs the 2 lorries returned to LAE out 1345 hrs 45 men returned to HEATHS HOUSE men were also seen moving from the COCOA to the Bush south east of the rd junct.		
185	29/3		BOMO	1304		145	secret Password BULOLO over night 29/30 Nov will be MARTHEUS ack		see entry 17
186	29/3		EDGAR	0950		E4	Arrived PILKUNG Mon 23 pm O party exhausted sleeping PILKUNG 29 MARO BATES not been processed MISSIM O Track in good condition Building PILKUNG prog slowing		
187	29/3		ADV LIKO	1200		193	from Gordon O at MAT MATO Capt Gwynne Sgt WERNER R 2nd Div amongst yesterday's casualties here. Thumping them hospital SKINDE today		
88	29/3		Stewart LIKO	1550		-	arrived SKINDEVI contacted Mojo-Goble		
89	29/3		TOJU	1245		G777	1040 hrs O Party of 50 left HEATHS HOUSE and went to junct HEATHS - LAE - NABZAB 1130 hrs 2 large forces came from LAE to HEATHS rd junct and turned N into first line of forest. Work in progress upon the COCOA at the rd junct. Work previously reported in this area. 1150 hrs what appeared to be field guns down by DEEP came from LAE past HEATHS along LAE NABZAB rd 1115 hrs to 1150 hrs 4 P.38's patrolled right searchlight GOLF area.		

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190	29/3		DO RAMU	2200/23	1225/29	JB119	ENGLAND reports permanent position BOGIA occupied 200/200 (top) lullied ULAMBA and BOGIA HARBOUR (1) 10 tp carrying barges beached BOGIA near wharf (1) Rts repaired & judges erected (1) Patrols to SEPIK & MADANG also RAMU by barge to BOSMAN (1) Reported NUBIA drove in and uniforms obtained self patrol to TANGUM from missionaries natives evacuated with MONGOMERY (1) How long before of hostile acts committed by the missionaries suggest hold until report goes then informed by KASPIRUS BISHOP orders missionaries not to contact or visit BRITISH.		
191	29/3		LIKO	1220	1800	0273	Enemy 0 ofo marked change (1) Own type carrier for report distracting further among from OBSERVATION HILL pl B Coy moving to release carrier for ETA 1700/29 (1) Fly line patrol A pl 2/7 ind Coy engaging enemy from BUIGAPCK BITOI 1000/29 - 1400/29 Own casualties 27 men 2 parachutists reported missing, none returned (1) Casualties include 2 wounded 3 D.V. Pat (1) Details follows.		
192	29/3	ADV 2/5 B		1625		0553	refuse 0523 & (stuffed) comply (1) no 1200 hrs setup received.		
193	29/3	ADV 3/5		1450		1226	BADEN BAY Provisional not yet published (1) will find immediately received.		
194	29/3	NGF		1450		1227	for copy (1) find 4/5 require copies BADEN BAY " provisional please advise expected dated publications		
195	29/3	NGF		1500		0552	well all of 4/5 vs 5460 WP BOLGER vs 26" 11 MARTIN to 2/7 B (1) also vs 7202 1 JOHNSTONE to 2/5 B		
196	29/3	NGF		1420		0551	LAE reports as usual commenced (1) at construction of road, most lifted after plane had departed and a searchlight shined, searching 1/2 at all levels (1) no fires were visible (1) 5/5 main reports plane not forced down in area visible from OR (1) BOES no info		
197	29/3	2/5 ind Coy		1655		0559	for EDGAR (1) continue shoring as ordered		
198	29/3	All units		1755		0556	refuse 4/31 to 1800 K/29		
199	29/3	BALU RE		1015		0834	Christian name NX 39070 1/4 pt LASKOURGES Leopold. (in reply 950)		
200	29/3	"	2/7 ind Coy	1608			Major MACADDIE awarded PM Jun 1938 awarded Oct. AIF 17 Jul 42 (in reply 950?)		
201	29/3	"	DAIVA	1530		9259	Alled AK patrolled area then at morning		
202	29/3	"	KUBI OP	1800		9352	sitrap sitrap		
203	29/3	"	DUVO	1715		3	Sitrap (1) haven't camp (1) marked in 1 OR 2/8 ind Coy from MORESBY 3 & 38 OR's 1 Aust supply Depot from MORESBY (1) marked out 5 OR's 2/7 B 2 OR's 2/3 ind Coy 2 OR's 2/5 ind Coy to 2 Aust Div sig school 1 OR 2/6 B 2 MDS 10 FT 6000 152 9T Coy to Hamersley area 1 OR 2/8 ind Coy to EDIECK otherwise sitrap		
204	29/3	TOJO		1730		0555	refuse 9777 how many different reports for year, also please clarify what you mean by JUNE HEATH'S LAE MADZAB. maintenance then have some info from LAE		

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205	29/3		LIKO	1732		0274	Request airstrike 30 Mar as follows. ref map photo HQ 77 by bombing 941 23 to 983 KO also track 942 25 to 945 X6 bomb line EAST BITOI R SOUTH BUIPAICK. request if possible 2 or 3 weeks by bombing a/c. comd opinion severe slope OBSERVATION 4116 held in strength & depth. our patrol report numerous tracks leading from KITCHEN CK allowing enemy dense & freedom of movement. patrol confirmed 2 tracks as shown ref map WAIPALI MUBO KOMIATUMI 28 Mar 3" = 1 mile both approaches steep exposed. comes appreciation capture this feature very task therefore not desirable present position can hold own ground without further casualties providing enemy forms decreased ability by own a/c carrying fuel. Ground affords enemy cover from bombing therefore delayed action bombing desirable to cause max damage. enemy now anticipates daily bombing which occurs regularly, sometimes. time of bombing optional but request early advice time & length of delay & action		
206	29/3	Adv 2/5 Indep Coy		2005		0557	pass to EDGAR at PILMAUNG ref your EQ + our 0553 BATES may decide whether to proceed or not if he does not proceed you yourself return		
207	29/3	P	BOBS	1730		W 176	Situation normal. Location state unchanged		
208	29/3		BOMO	1830		146	Sitrep. Sit non. 2/5 Indep Coy Coy HQ B to enroute to SUNSHINE 1400 H/29		
209	29/3		DAWN	152	1625	L5	Ref our Lt of 27 Mar. Hours received this message. Please expedite A/C & your decision on same		
210	29/3		LIKO	0275		0275	Sitrep as at 1800 hrs. enemy activity again increased. recall suggests enemy reinforcements the area. By morning previously reported now believed to be up to 70 mill. enemy firing 3000 rounds of flight checked 29 29 by 01 1st 1st pl. own a/c. comd to heavily engaged during day in that morning. OBSERVATION 4116 caused casualties. own comd one killed on morning. platoon was outnumbered by enemy & forced to withdraw. last of ammo in face accurate mortar fire. 50 ft from from area. fighting patrol down area. track KOMIATUMI killed 5 1985 captured 5 rifles one small mortar. report from fighting patrol BUIPAICK CA BITOI R suspected 1930 hrs. refer our request on strike 274 of 29 Mar. all info.		

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211	29/3		3 Div	2045		170108	ref map BULOLO first Edition 03 Aug 68 reception camp will move from WADIES Farm to new site area 289889 30 MAR 68 Hpt will report WADIES Farm 0900K/30 0 ALL info		
212	29/3		2/5 Bn	2120		124	for COMD from GOBLE 0 Despatches recd by SAFE HAND from STEWARTO matter referred to having attention		
213	29/3		NCF	1830		06911	My LEONARD Capt BALLOCK arrive WAU 30 Mar conduct special recd terms of Ref by SAFE HAND LEONARD 0 Please give all assistance.		
214	29/3		2/5 Bn	2245		0559	further patrols will follow air strikes 0 expected minor cas from these ops + in holding present ground 0 NO special ops planned 31 MAR 0 Will advise if otherwise		
215	29/3		43 IND Coy	2130		1189	nil report.		
216	29/3	DAWN	2/5 Bn	2220		0560	request delay 0 CHOULAI may remain OSTEN to return instead.		
217	29/3	2/5 Bn		2220		0559	for GOBLE 0 Capt WILLIAMS has advised MDS made further cas. expected to occur 31 MAR inq. st 0 what action is intended on this date 0 advise urgently.		
218	29/3	2/5 Bn		2145		0558	for strike for 30 MAR requested incl delayed action 0 Hold present ground while we get AF to soften up enemy over next few days 0 Bombing will include track north to KOMIATUM.		
219	29/3		BOBS	0630		W178	Silence.		
220	29/3		GORDON	0700		164	Large scale vertical necessary indication re in strike OBSERVATION HILL KITCHEN CR area 0 Photo here unavoidable suggest WIRRAWAY 0 take stereo pairs covering above area + drop provisions ref photo 77, G62.5k clearing near GUADAGHSAH earliest comd 2/5 Bn + 2/7 IND Coy agree 0 if concern please act		
221	30/3		TOSO	2000/24	0820	6780	ref map HUON GUNF Special 0 1 Sep + 1 Gun 0 Rd fine up is fine of rd to HEATHS house + LAE - MEDZAB - NLRGOMB + 17 miles NW from LAE		0555
222	30/3		2/6 Bn	0830		117	Silence 0 up of west of BULOLO from south flew NE 0510hr 0 SHEPHERD arrived PARTER II 1700K/28		
223	30/3		46 Bde Comm	0800		6350	Silence.		
224	30/3		2/7 Bn	0800		201	Silence OTTER FORLIE Silence		
225	24/3		2/5 Aust FD Coy	1800		409	Silence.		
226	24/3		NCF	2155	0460	929	From survey 0 expect + APR 6th		
227	28/3		Capt Black 00 RAMU	1530K/28	1015H/24	119	For Day METEN 0 7.00hr to operation DENA FORCE 1100hr then crew expect in matter refer to my JB 4/240 Re recently parenting into MARKHAM Valley 0 Report following		
228	30/3		2/5 Aust Indp Coy	0630		111	Silence 0 A platoon moved PARTER 2 29/3 0 HQ Co lead 7 personnel plus B platoon left KIANDI 0900 29/3 minus SUNSHINE PM 29/3 0 C platoon plus 1 offsr and 6 OR HQ Coy at KIANDI 0 up you 0544 29/3 explanation will follow		
229	30/3		WAU Duff	0630		1	Ditry 0 Forward camp 0 marched in 10R 2/6 Bn from BULOLO TOR 2/5 Indp Coy from KIANDI otherwise return.		

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230	30/3	2/5 Bn				0561	MODEFO FOR LODGE (1) Consider proposition to send BENNETT'S Coy forward to relieve B platoon on left bank of BITOI (1) withdraw to B platoon to SKINDINI (1) send C platoon to GUADAGAZAL (1) This will allow two platoons (1) WAKADIES to be rested for any one week at least (1) advise (1) CONROY leaves here 31 MAR ETA SKINDINI 1 APL		
231	30/3	ADV 2/5 Bn 1 pth 2/9 indep Coy (fr 4/12/2004)		0833K/30		0562	Air force consider present indication of target satisfactory (1) large scale vertical drop MUDO KOMINTUM expected in few days + copies will be fwd. (1) NO TAC R today	194	
232	29/3			1930K/29	0825/30	4779	NO visibility since 1515 Hrs 0 For last 2 days few barges shown around in LAE Harbour		
233	30/3		TOJO	0700K/30	0830	4781	By map LAE locality 0 0630 Hrs 1 heavy bomber dropped bombs on Madsone vicinity 4609 with return A/A fire from 4408 0 2933 TERRECE 7914		
234	30/3		DAWN	0755K/30	0840	4260	Single Allied unit over this area at 0200 Hrs - 0500 Hrs + 0630 Hrs (1) light 1/4 observed from SALAMAUVA at 0630 Hrs.		
235	30/3	Unit WAU		0830		1P42	Secret (1) password WAU TOWN NIGHT 30/31 MAR (1) ALEXANDRIA (1) ALL INFORMED		
236	30/3	all units		0830 0912K/30		0563	Setup 432 to 0800K/30		
237	30/3	NGF		1035		I 228	Air photos 0 request copy of following news (1) 532 SALAMAUVA LASANGA ISLAND flown 23 Feb (1) 83 XX Truck from MARKHAM RIVER to SUNSHINE area flown 25 mar (1) track by 5 p/sy.		
238	30/3	NGF		1035		I 225	"		
239	30/3		2/5 Aust Inf Bn	0945		0216	Setup as at 0900 hrs (1) Enemy (1) 70mm mountain guns fire 10 round into 13170 700/40 yds north of SADDLE 19004/29 (1) otherwise no change (1) turn traps (1) BUISA DER fighting pl returned 18004/29 report killed 4 Japs own count 1 killed 1 missing (1) Disposition (1) 2/9 indep Coy A PL LABADIA future B PL SKINDINI C PL out mt M/O SADDLE MEN 0 2/5 Pn A Coy Mchannery WAIPALI New Bay less 11 pl plus crew pl GUADAGAZAL SADDLE area 11 pl June LALIDA mt mt tracks 0 1 mt mt Gun Mt SADDLE MEN 0 mt mt sec MMGS mt mt one mt SADDLE area 0 ADV LIKO GUADAGAZAL Hospital area 0 all info.		
240	29/3		2/6 Inf Bn	1430		89	ack	0550/24	
241	30/3		REAR REAR			1K92	Setup at 0800K/30 0 TEFREY + 4 mt moving forward, KOTIATUM 10 report 0 Rear patrol showed mt along track through VELE but of mountainous country 0 MKEVOYS OP report NO mt mt KOMINTUM track by day		
242	30/2		2/6 Aust Inf Bn	1215		150	password BULOLO		

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243	30/3		2/5 unit inf Bn	1225		0778	Setup as at 1200 hrs (-) very quiet.		
244	30/3	adv 2/5 Bn		1225 1/30		0564	air strike unlikely today as a/c on other ops (-) advise if some air strike required 31 Mar.		
245	30/3		BENA FORCE	1200K/30		R 38	Setup O BENA & KMINAHATI unchanged.		
246	30/3		BLACK BENA	1226/30		55121	CAVELIERI reports O JAPS said to have arrived over night at SANGAN from direction unknown O is investigation some O many under- type aircraft over MARKHAM valley.		
247	30/3		2/5 unit inf Bn	1355		0279	Explosive Request for strike 0274 of 29 Mar + your reply 0557 of 29 Mar O Request air strike 31 Mar some target some conditions some plan O Combs intention offensive action only now your decision reft up enemy next few days O will forward request + report desired results daily		
248	30/3	NGF		1520		1231	For any O please forward 50 copies each RAMU + MADANG states O. Hrs KARIMUI state been published		
249	30/3		TOSO	1430 1/30 1515 1/30		0752	WIL report NO availability, since 0800 hrs		
250	30/3		2/5 Bn	1410		0299	considered local photographic apparatus would assist present + future operational planning, map making + elaboration of report O aerial photography limited in scope + in some circumstances not desirable O at present no photographic equipment held by the unit O request please your advice		
251	30/3		2/5 Bn	1630		0280	re recent discussions with MACADIE question site for new HQ + reserve pl plans fixed more fixed from SKINDEWAI to area of map WAIPAI, MUBO, KOMATUM 667816 O This is more suitable rest area than SKINDEWAI + preferable to relief a MACADIE O 2/7IND Coy now constructing camp + expects completion 1 weeks time O previously proposed move BPL + HQ now at SKINDEWAI to this area would O definite moving ridiculous to move to 4 from SKINDEWAI + no further complication supply problems involved O No difficulty in arranging relief CPL at MATIAT by B Coy + can complete change over at this notice request please approve this plan.		
252	30/3		4/5IND Coy	1630		16113	Setup O HPL at PARTIE I HQ less 7 pens plus Btl at SUNSHINE 30/3 O B plus 1 off 16 ORs at VIANDI		
253	30/3		DAWN	1530		0261	Units for moving between ISTHMUS + KEKA 1110hrs O a/c on this date 1215 hrs O unable to observe by clouds O WAW informed		
254	30/3		WAW Coy	1715		3	Setup O Summit Camp O marched in 2 ORs 2/6 Bn from Com Camp O Marched out 1 OR 2/7IND Coy to KANGA HQ, 1 OR 2/7IND Coy to K See Sig, 1 OR 2/6 Bn to BUKORO, 1 OR 12 plus Sup Depot to WAW DID, 14 ORs 11th Sup Depot to BUKORO DID O otherwise silent		
255	30/3		EDGAR	1020		136	BATES decided not proceed MISSION O EDGAR returning to POWERHOUSE Pm 3 MAR		

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256	30/3		16 Bde Comm	1800		G357	Sitrep		
257	30/3		2/7 Bn	1800		205	Sitrep OTTER FORCE Sitrep		
258	30/3		2/8 Fd Coy	1800		146	Sitrep		
259	30/3	All units		1855		0565	Sitrep 433 to 1800K/30		
260	30/3		2/5 Bn	1800		0283	Sitrep		
261	30/3		4/6 Bn	1830		151	Sitrep O 2/5 IND Coy @ Coy HQ Bpl left SUNSHINE for MUMIENG 1800K/29 one B250 plus south over CHILONG 1700K/29		
262	30/3		BOBS	1730		W183	Sitrep		
263	30/3		EDGAR	1730/29	1950	E 5	BASTOW requires two staff OI for PINMUNG, 1 for MISSIAT O J concern		
264	30/3		BLACK BEHA	1730	2359	J8123	EWING report information just to hand from native agent that all clear DUMPUX KATOUHIN		
265	30/3	EDGAR		2305		0569	your message not understand O who is BASTOW		E 5
266	30/3		BALU rear 2/3 indp Coy	2000		IK94	Sitrep at 1800 K/30 no more by day SALAMAYA KOMINTUM tracks		
267	30/3	2/6 Inf Bn		2116		0567	Report received from BLACK BEHA O about CANFLIEDI report O JAP said to have arrived overnight at SANGAIN from direction unknown O is investigation some O missing unidentified AK over MURCKHAM valley and upstate.		
268	30/3	2/5 Bn		2100		0566	Adv GORDON O remains will arrival Lt. Col CONROY O CARROLL E returns immediately with all available intelligence inform		
269	30/3	Adv 2/3 indp Coy		2135K/30		0568	advise locations two off stone OR 24 Bn your area.		
270	31/3		2/5 Indp Coy	0724		10113	pitrep O A pl PATEP II Bpl plus HQ less idfr + 6 ORC SUNSHINE Cpl + 1 idfr + 6 OR HQ moving out from Kaindi this morning		
271	31/3		ROBI OP 16 Bde comm	0745		G359	Sitrep return		
272	31/3		WAV Det	0735		2	ref 2 days patrol O 1 NGOT + 5 OR leave 2/125 cur Coy 0800 today for Bulala via track O returning by 1500 hrs 1 cap some with		
273	31/3		DUVA	0645		1	attp transit camp marched on 105 2/2 indp Coy from KAINDI, marched out 1 NGBR to Angan H O O otherwise return.		
274	31/3	I		0530		1P43	password WAV Town night 31 march		
275	31/3	NGF + all units		0825K/31		0570	Sitrep 434 to 0800K/31		
276	31/3	2/3 Indp Coy		0950		0570	Report O ref indp Coy 25 march para 3 O send 2 to SALAMAYA will consist one of only 10 the CHOUST remaining OP		
277	31/3		10 Coy 2/16 Bn	0630/30	0740	W184	SITNOR O location state unchanged		
278	31/3		TOTO	0700/31	0300	G784	No activity.		

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279	31/3		2/3 indy by him	0900		1K97	Sitrep 0800K/31 O Museum area defence of area being developed O Infr. motion JEFFREY proceed direct from OAMU O Nothing further to report		
280	31/3		2/7 BN	0500		201	atrep return O OTTER Force patrol 51 PNOB.		
281	30/3		To 50	1530/30		9783	ind report		
282	31/3	2/5 Pm.		1014/31		0572	let BEANS O TOT 1015 P/31		
283	30/3		2/3 indy by	2007 P/30	DSM 1/2	AL121	Returned from JEFFREY around this HQ 1945 O Established temporary OP today at square 6595 SALAMUA region O Consider th + huts 1 Premier KOMIATUM (1) NO MOV or activity seen (1) Recce patrol EAST towards KOMIATUM th as yet unsuccessful		
284	31/3		DAWN			55	From SAITHO by SALAMUA 1 G 633400 O Further ground recce completed O recce approx 7070430 route via HOTE in no good track in marked heading ESE O The recce track nature clear HOTES also working 000001 at first HOTES denied in recce O more tracks lay down plus BOBOBI heard HNE found the BOBOBI - ASINI track O position ASINI approx 723057 NOT as shown O at future recce SALAMUA + PROME + commnd RBLA HNL O Track used good completely covered ground good approx KEMO NO evidence use by JPSO HOTE valley. Hume 6-300 mms from dumping ground O with small fish catch case between ASINI + KEMO cl - KEMO. HNL unobserved from return in good O HOTE has now been finally O being terminated for WAU.		
285	30/3		DEW 2/16 Pm	0630 P/31	0740/2	W184	Sitrep 1/16 Pm status unchanged		
285	31/3			0200		103	recce 1/16 Pm status unchanged		
286	31/3		2/5 Pm	1235		0289	atrep at 1200 Pm O no change		
287	31/3		BENA FORCE	2000 P/31			Reported JPSO movement towards SANGAN PNOB O with delay approach along ONGA KAINHATU track		
288	31/3		SAP	1545		Phone	Today's mission cancelled O weather O over target 1 hr but unable to track		
289	31/3		BLACK, BENA	1224	12-11	JB114	CAVAREIR report 12 JHPS in party O left SANGAN for KAIAPIT 1600 hrs carrying arms + rifle O Said they were then coming to ONGA also from our contact LERON R. JHPS came from HTE may be advanced party O Source of info unclear		
290	31/3		ind 2/3 indy Coy	1030		1K98	Capt ROBINSON O heard INGRAM, Sgt REVELLE of 24 Ind Bn not attracted at POWERHOUSE		0588
291	31/3	2/5 Pm		1545		0572	Today's mission cancelled owing to weather O planes over target for 1 hr but unable to see		
292	31/3		Indy Comd			DURANT	1/16 Pm status unchanged O P/O at VICKERS + MAT MAT		

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293	31/3		2/5 Bn	0930	1057	0284	Sitrep 0900 hrs. Enemy 70 m.m. by Sun fired 12 rds 1900K/30 into BITOI 700 yds north of SADDLE. Considerable activity KITCHEN CK BITOI at dusk 30 MAR. 62 enemy seen moving this area by VICKERS RIDGE OP. Own ops. OP reports usual air activity SAKAMAHA. 0845 5 own ops circling LABABIA IS & DUHAI village. 0850. A enemy landing barges moved quickly from LABABIA IS towards DUHAI. Smoke fires seen periodic intervals. It believed enemy camp LOKANU KOMIATUM track may be new L of C A from coast to MUBO area. Distances. HQ 2/5 Bn at SKINDEWAI, HQ 2/5 Bn at GURDAGASOKA hospital.		
294	31/3		DAVIN	1545	1628	G263	3 Allied units raided SAKAMAHA from low level at 0845 hrs. 3 fires obs after raid. 1 definitely on Peninsula. OKIA hill observed location other 2 very by A/A obs.		
295	31/3		HQ FIXED DEP Wau			3	Sitrep. Transit camp. marched in 2 O.R.s 2/6 Bn from Con camp. 8 O.R.s 2/7 Bn from Moresby. 1 O.R. 708 USCG Bty from Bulolo. 2 O.R.s 1 Aust Supply Depot from Bulolo. Marched out 10 R 2/6 Bn.		
94	31/3		BRNA	1520	1830	R40	Sitrep. Bena unchanged. Kainantu unchanged.		
97	31/3		2/5 AIC	1630		IC115	Sitrep. A pl at Yatep. 2 Bpl less 1 Offr and 6 O.R.s HQ Sunshu. C pl plus 1 Offr and 6 O.R.s HQ still at Kainantu.		
98	31/3		NGF	1250	1645	SD2073	for Brig MOTEN from THOMPSON. Col Fanning I.L.O. between R HQ and G HQ will be visiting Wau to-morrow. I would be grateful if you would look after Fanning and provide any facilities he requires in Wau - Bulolo.		
99	31/3		NGF	1145	1705	CV737	I 231 from Survey. finding Strats to-day. Kainantu not yet published.		
100	31/3		2/7 Bn	1740		204	Sitrep. Sitna. Other Force. Sitna.		
101	31/3	2/5 Bn				0575	To-day's mission cancelled owing to weather. Planes over target area for one hour but unable to see.		
302	31/3		16 Bde Cont Coy O.P.	1800		G342	Sitrep. Sitna.		
303	31/3		2/6 Bn	1830		152	Sitrep. Sitna. U/I a/c over Bulolo area 1200/31.		
304	31/3		Salamaua OP	0725	0845	G262	(3?) Allied medium units bombed LOKUI 0655 hrs. 1 Allied medium unit strafed KOMIATUM track 0705 hrs. mountain observed observation results bombing.		

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305	31/3	All units		1715		0576	1 Bty 2/1 will carry out small arms shoot A.M. 1 cft on range at map ref Wau Roc 393738 O please warn all the while you could		
306	31/3	2/6 Bn		1810		0577	Your Op Instr No 2 O ack		
307	31/3	Adv 2/5 Bn		1900		0578	Your 1200 hrs S strip not received O expedite		
308	31/3	NGF etc		1915		0578	S strip No 435 to 1800/31		
309	31/3	2/6 Bn				0580	Route out 289 (from Black Base)		
310	31/3		2/8 Fd Coy	1800		NBX 431	S strip as at 1800 K/31 O Nothing to report		
311	31/3	Adv 2/5 Bn		2030		0581	Endeavouring meet your request for air strikes but other commitments of C make fulfillment requests uncertain next 48 hrs O heavy strikes ahead requested planned.		
312	1/4	all units		0530		IP 44	Password		057
313	31/3		2/6 Bn	2235		87			
314	1/4		WAV DEF	0625		1	S strip O Transit camp O Mched in 4 or 2 1/2 - Ind Coy from Kairua 1 or 2/3 Fd Coy 1 or 2 of C says your camp otherwise stated		
315	31/3		2/5 Bn	2135		A 32	Your says above our strip 1200 hrs 0289 hrs 1240 request for 1335 hrs		
316	31/3		Adv 2/5 Bn	2100		0297	our strip originated from SADDLE area cleared past SKINDEWA before 1300 hrs O low net trace delay O message read your strip as at 1200 hrs O nothing to report O unquote		057
317	31/3		Mch post SKINDEWA	2045			For NGF to 4 QMGs from CAPT DUNSTON O advise dispatch 2 KANSTIA 10000 full operational returns as promised possible		
318	31/3		Bill Ren	2210		1K 100	S strip at 2200 K/31 O JEFFERY est improved O.P. overlooking DOB DUBY SALAMAVA KELA - AERO DROME KOMIARTUM RIDGE + KOMIARTUM O no enemy int seen but observed from KOMIARTUM also two poles thought to be wireless mast		
319	1/4		Decy 2/6 Bn	0700/1	0740	W 1	S strip O location state unchanged		
320	1/4	2/6 Bn		0845 H		0584	MAT LEONARD leaves WAV for your area AM 1 up O he will call on Col Wood O please afford him every assistance		
321	1/4	NGF all units		0850 H		0583	S strip 436 to 0300 K/31 41000 area 115-20 K/31 10 up carrying what appeared mortar + ammo moved into forward patch 1705 K/31 enemy mortar approx 3 in forward VICKERS KINXIE OP area 11 mortar posn believed in DRY Creek area 11 enemy now openly lighting fire by night LITOI Valley + KITCHEN Creek area 11 mission area 11 improved OP etc overlooking LODDUM SALAMAVA KELA DROME KOMIARTUM RIDGE + KOMIARTUM (1) (MKT)		

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							NMS but observed fires KOMIATUM & two poles possibly wireless masts (1) upper MAUKHAY (1) native talk report about 50 JAPS at KHIAPIT with tools who say they expect receipts from MADANG (1) Possibly an ad hoc party to erect quarters for more troops (1) all informed	
22	31/3		IVCF	2326/31	0435/1	Q3353	Programme 1st April (1) WAUC (1) 1st mission 12 A/C nations mass POL 40 receipts arrived ORD DET 27 personnel plus 1000 lbs stores (1) 2nd mission 12/ A/C Balance HQ 1 sup Depot Coy AMIN 3 AUST DIV SALVAGE STORES personnel arrived (1) Bukolo (1) 1st mission 7 Jeeps Arrived Sup Dep Coy personnel (1) 2nd mission 6 A/C 2 Jeeps Arrived (1) Advice expected date return Capt BURDETT I.O (1) ref KANGA AR. III dropping SKINDEWAI (1) request received two late for dropping 1st April (1) anticipate dropping 2nd April	
323	31/3		Adv 2/5 Bn	1700		0293	Request AIR STRIKE ref AIR PHOTO NO 60 (1) no airstrike carried out areas requested on 02/4 of 29 MAR up to 31 MAR (1) request heavy AIR STRIKE and delayed action bombing F62 repeat F62 (1) US repeat US (1) F71 repeat F71 (1) F75 repeat F75 US repeat US (1) bomb line nothing EAST of BITOI River nothing SOUTH of BUIPAL CR. (1) request further consideration info contained 0274 (1) request AIR recce (1) ref and 0284 of 31 MAR reports from LABABIA OP indicate enemy using tracks LOKAMU & KOMIATUM as L of C to these areas (1) suggest careful search these tracks	
324	31/3	2/5 2/6 2/7 Bn 2/3 AIC ref'd 2/7 AIC				0582	our mind 4/5/3 7 20 MAR 0 on completion attachment reports maintenance is all in regard as follows (1) not time (1) record patrol work of any (1) third played pieces of party (1) fourth get remarks and opinion which included paid all too many 7 unit to handle conveniently.	
325	1/4		KUBI OP	0800		0580 47365	Sitrep return	
326	1/4		2/7 Bn	0800		201	Sitrep returns (1) other force patrol return	
327	1/4		BONO	0827		104	Sitrep	
328	1/4		2/3 and Coy	0825		1K102	Sitrep 0800 hrs (1) nothing to report	
329	1/4		2/5 Bn	0855		0294	Sitrep as at 0900 hrs (1) one sniper active from VICKERS RIDGE 0720 hrs (1) considerable MG fire returned by enemy	

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MESSAGE FORM

TO: NGE RPTD HQ fxd def WAU (5). 1 bty 2/1 fc regt (2). 156 lt AA bty.
2/8 fd coy. adv 2/5 bn. 2/6 2/7 bns. adv 2/5 2/5 rear 2/7
indep coys. 2/2 fc amb. ANGAU. A plt 4 AC sqn. 5 AF air sp
control. adm HQ 3 Aust Div (3). HQ RAE 3 Div. Sigs 3 Div.

FROM: KANCA

0578

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Sitrep 435 to 1300K/31 (.) MULO area (.) JAP 70 mm inf gun fired 12 rds
1900K/30 into LITOI 700 yds north of SADDLE (.) considerable activity
in KITCHEN CK LITOI area at dusk 50 mtr (.) 62 enemy were observed from
VICKERS RIDGE in this area (.) LALALIA OP reports 0845K/31 five allied
A/c circled LALALIA island and DUALI village (.) 0850K/31 four enemy
landing barges moved from LALALIA ISLAND to arns DUALI (.) smoke fires
seen at intervals believed enemy camps LOKANO KOMIATUM track (.) possibly
enemy L of C from coast to MULO area (.) HQ 2/5 bn at SKINDEWAI (.) adv
HQ 2/5 bn at GUADAGASAL HOSPITAL (.) 1 Aust Mtn Bty now established OPs
on VICKERSRIDGE and MAT MAT (.) SALAMAUA OP (.) 3 allied A/c raided
SALAMAUA from low level at 0845K/31 (.) 3 fires were observed after raid
(.) one being on the peninsular (.) KILA hill obscured view of other two
fires (.) very hy A/A observed all informed

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TO: NGP/PTD HQ fxd def MAU (4). 1 bty (2/1 fd regt (2). 156 lt AA bty.
2/3 fd coy. adv 2/5 bn 2/5 2/7 bas. adv 2/5 2/5 rear 2/7
indep coys. 2/2 fd amb. ANGAU. A flt 4 AC sqn. 5 AF air sp
control. adm HQ 3 aust div (5). HQ RAE 3 div. Sigs 3 div.

FROM: KANGA

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0700

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Sitrep 454 to 0800K/31 (.) MULO area (.) Active patrolling continues
otherwise sitnor all informed

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TO: NGF rptd HQ fxd def WAU (4) 1 bty 2/1 fd regt (2) 156 lt AA bty
2/8 fd coy adv 2/5 bn 2/6 2/7 bn adv 2/3 2/5 rear 2/7
indep coy 2/2 fd amb ANGAU A flt 4 AC sqn
5 AF air sp control adm HQ 3 aust div(3) HQ RAE 3 div
Sigs 3 div

FROM: KANGA 0 565 30

sitrep 433 to 1800K/30 (.) MUDO area (.) 70 mm jap bn gun in KITCHEN
CK area fired 10 rds into BITOI approx 700 yds NORTH of SADDLE 1900K/29
(.) DUGAP fighting patrol returned 1800K/29 report 4 japs killed (.)
own casualties 1 killed 1 missing (.) 2/7 Indep Coy disposns (.) A pl
LADABIA feature B pl SKINDEWAI C pl MAT MAT Coy HQ SADDLE area (.)
2/5 Dn (.) A Coy DUBAINING WAIPALI area B Coy plus carr pl less 11 pl
GUADAGASAL SADDLE area 11 pl LADABIA MAT MAT track junc (.) 1 Aust
Mtn Bty SADDLE area (.) one sec MMG MAT MAT one sec MMG SADDLE area
(.) adv HQ 2/5 Dn GUADAGASAL HOSPITAL area (.) MISSIM area (.) recce
patrol moved SOUTH along VEILS track (.) after 3 hrs march country
became mountainous and most difficult (.) KOMIATUM OP reports NMS
on KOMIATUM track by day (.) DULOLO area (.) u/i a/c flew from SOUTH
to NE at 0510K/30 (.) LAE OP (.) ref sitrep 431 (.) LAE reports 1 gun
and 1 jeep came from LAE (.) ref map LAE locality (.) 0630 1 by bomber
dropped bombs on drome vicinity 4609 with intense AA fire from 4408
2883 TERRACE 7914 (.) SALAMAUA OP (.) one Allied a/c over area from
0200 - 0500K/30 and 0630K/30 (.) 1t AA from SALAMAUA at 0630K/30 (.)
1110K/30 truck observed moving between ISTHMUS and KELA (.) all
informed

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2/8 FD COY. ADV 2/5 BN. 2/6 2/7 LNS. ADV 2/3 2/5 REAR 2/7
INDEP COYS. 2/2 FD AML. ANGAU. A FLT 4 AC SQN. 5 AF AIR SP
CONTROL. ADM HQ 3 DIV (3). HQ RAE 3 DIV. SIGS 3 DIV.

FROM: KANGA

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Sitrep 432 to 0800K/30 (.) MULO area (.) mortar fire previously reported
Sitrep 431 encountered by patrol OBSERVATION HILL area now believed 70
~~mm~~ ~~mm~~ gun firing at range 3000 yds (.) our fighting patrols main
ROMIATUM track killed 5 JAPS during day 29 mar (.) Carr. 1 2/5 bn heavily
engaged 29 mar OBSERVATION HILL encountered accurate mortar fire and SA
fire from trees (.) unknown number enemy casualties our casualties 1 killed
1 wounded/LULA area (.) Apl 2/5 Indep Coy arrived PATEP 2 PM 29 mar all
informed (.)

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156 LT AA BTY. 2/8 FD COY. ADV 2/5 BN. 2/6 2/7 ENS.
ADV 2/3 2/5 REAR 2/7 INDEP COYS. 2/2 FD AMB. ANGAU.
A FLT 4 AC SQN. 5 AF AIR SPT CONTROL. ADM HQ 3 DIV (3).
HQ RAE 3 DIV. SIGS 3 DIV.

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Sitrep 431 to 1800K/29 (.) MULO area (.) enemy still occupying KITCHEN
CK area and maintaining ambush posns in no mans land daily (.) result
of increased activity 28 mar 16 enemy killed (.) our fighting patrol to
OBSERVATION HILL via GARRISON HILL 28 mar ambushed (.) our casualties 1
offr 3 OR's wounded (.) casualties caused by MMG's mortar and mine charges
(.) 2/5 Bn Carr pl on top of OBSERVATION HILL report contact with enemy
and new posns located (.) 2/7 Indep Coy (.) fighting patrol from A pl
contacted and engaged enemy posn junc DUGAP CK BITOI R from 1000K/29 to
1400K/29 (.) MISSIM area (.) one ZEMKE circled very high over PILMUNG
SELEDUB area 1315K/29 (.) LAE OP (.) 1115K/29 4 P38s patrolled searchlight
gulf area (.) 1130K/29 two large lorries came from LAE to HEATHS rd junc
and turned north into first line of COCOA (.) work is in progress under
the cocoa at the rd junc (.) 1150K/29 what appeared to be fd guns drawn
by jeep came from LAE past HEATHS along LAE NADZAB rd (.) further details
as to this report asked for (.) 1320K/29 the two lorries returned to LAE
and at 1345K/29 45 men returned to HEATHS HOUSE (.) men were also seen
moving from the Cocoa to the bush SE of the rd junc (.) SALAMAUA OP (.)
allied a/c patrolled area throughout morning all informed

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156 lt AA bty 2/8 fd coy adv 2/5 bn 2/6 2/7 bn
adv 2/3 2/5 rear 2/7 indep coy 2/2 fd amb ANGAU
A flt 4 AC sqn 5 AF air sp control adm HQ 5 div (3)
HQ RAE 3 div Sigs 3 div

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sitrep 430 as at 0800K/29 (.) MULO area (.) enemy activity during
28 mar in area NE slopes of OBSERVATION HILL KOMIATUM track and
LUIGAP CK BITOI R all our patrols were engaged with LMGs rifles
and mortars (.) OBSERVATION HILL and DRY CK LED areas now considered
no mans land (.) MAT MAT garrison were bracketed by enemy mortar
fire at 1530K/28 (.) enemy fire ceased when engaged by our mortars
(.) recce patrol to KOMIATUM prevented by enemy action from moving
via feature NE junc BITOI LUIGAP CK (.) MISSIM area (.) OP at ref
map HUON GULF Special 6803 reports at 1700K/28 8 fires seen
KOMIATUM track (.) ref map SALAMAUA revised (.) several fires
spread along track from 715970 to 712963 (.) fires were still
alight at 1900K/28 (.) NO mvt seen around fires or on track up to
1900K/28 (.) all informed.

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156 lt AA bty. 2/8 fd coy. adv 2/5 bn 2/6 2/7 bn
adv 2/3 2/5 rear 2/7 indep coy 2/2 fd amb ANGAU
A flt 4 AC sqn 5 AF air sp control
adm HQ 3 div (3) HQ RAE 3 div Sigs 3 div

FROM: KANGA

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sitrep 429 to 1300K/28 (.) ref 0800K/28 sitrep should read
sitrep 428 to 0800K/28 (.) MUDO area (.) patrolling activity
continues (.) MISSIM area (.) NO reports of enemy mvt by day
along tracks leading to KOMIATUM (.) air recce track MUDO -
KOMIATUM NMS (.) LAE OP (.) 2130L/27 bombing raid on LAE (.)
2350L/27 many lights seen on the drome and wharf area (.)
MG opened once on two low flying a/c at 1045K/28 (.) SALAMAUA
(.) allied a/c over this area from 0130K/28 to 0510K/28 (.)
by bombs dropped on LOGUI - LOKANU area (.) ref map SALAMAUA
1 in to 250 yds (.) by AA observed firing from 1252 (.) lt AA
from 3532 (.) small fire seen at 0959 burned for 5 mins (.)
all informed

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BALLAMS. HQ FXD DEF WAU (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD RECT (2). CRE.
2/8 FD COY (2). CSO. 4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA

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Sitrep 536 to 0800K/28 (.) MARKHAM area (.) native rumour (.) ref map
HUON GULF 4 mls to 1 in (.) LABU natives report JAPS built 4 large houses
North bank of MARKHAM RIVER opposite MARKHAM POINT LR5943 and state about
300 tps in that area (.) they say JAP tps except those manning guns and
working on drome have moved out of LAE (.) MULO area (.) 2/7 Indep Coy (.)
fighting patrol encountered enemy killing one in KOMIATUM track DRY CK
BED area previously reported clear in sitrep 426 (.) snipers from VICKERS
RIDGE killed two enemy this area (.) 2/5 bn (.) CARR pl occupying
OBSERVATION HILL held up when moving east by enemy posns unknown strength
on eastern slopes OBSERVATION HILL all informed

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TO: NGF RPTD ADV 2/5 2/6 BNS. 2/7 EN. ADV 2/3 2/5 REAR 2/7 INDEP C YS.
BALLAMS. HQ FXD DEF WAU. (5). 1 BTRY 2/1 FD REGT (2) CRE.
2/8 FD COY. (2). CSO. 4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM KANGA

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427
Sitrep/to 1800L/27 (.) MUBO area (.) patrol activity continues (.) LAE
OP (.) 1540L/26 low level attack by medium bombers on MALAHANG BUSU area
intense A/A and MG fire from same area (.) ref map LAE locality (.)
large party working vicinity of 2166 appears to be making a rd (.)
1840L/26 one barge LAE to LABU 1915L/26 (.) 3 barges LABU to LAE 1955L/26
(.) A/A from posn 914 (.) 5220 opened on a Plane (.) no bombs dropped (.)
between 0530L/27 and 0630L/27 air activity over LAE (.) bombs dropped
and only small amount lt A/A from JACOBSONS and LAE (.) 0700L/27 one
ZERO left LAE heading NE (.) 0730L/27 20 men arrived HEATHS from
unknown direction (.) SALAMAUA OP (.) large number of lights moving
towards KOMIATUM from SALAMAUA observed for 10 mins at 2200L/26 all
informed

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BALL MS. HQ FXD DEF WAU (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2). CRE.
2/8 FD COY (2). CSO. 4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

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Sitrep 426 to 0800L/27 (.) MUBO area (.) enemy party 12 contacted 701855
ref map MUBO SKETCH 4 in to 1 ml 26 Mat. one enemy killed remainder
dispersed (.) LABABI. OP reports two masted schooner moved LABABI.
ISLAND to coast 1230L/26 (.) reports top of OBSERVATION HILL and DRY CK
BED clear of enemy (.) three BOSTONS strafed KITCHEN CK area 1300 hrs
(.) LLE CP (.) there appeared to be two Control points near LR5850 map
ref HUON GULF Special (.) 1100 hrs one canoe went to LABU and at 1400
hrs 4 canoes came from LABU and up the MURKHAM RIVER (.) SALMUA. OP (.)
ref map SALMUA 1 in to 250 yds (.) at 1600 hrs blasting operations at
3869 (.) also 1 allied A/c over area 1615L/26 (.) Lt AA observed from
SALMUA all informed

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HQ FXD DEF WAU (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2). CRE. 2/3 FD COY (2).
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FROM: KANGA

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sitrep 425 to 1800L/26 (.) MUBO area (.) active patrolling continuing (.)
LAE OP (.) 0600L/26 to 0645L/26 planes dropped bombs over LAE starting large
fires at JACOBSONS and near DIDDYMANS MG and AA fire from LAE area and BUTIBUM
and LABU (.) SALAMAUA OP (.) by bombing heard direction MUBO 1230L/26 (.)
u/i a/c over coastal area LAE SALAMAUA 0005L/26 (.) Allied a/c over same area
(.) AA from SALAMAUA bombing heard direction LABU (.) all informed

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HQ FWD DEF WAU (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2). CRE. 2/3 FD COY (2).
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sitrep 424 to 0800L/26 (.) MUBO area (.) firing heard direction BUIGAP CK
BITOI R PM 25 Mar indicates our fighting patrols in contact this area (.)
small enemy patrol seen crossing BITOI R to LABABIA feature vicinity of junc
BITOI R BUIGAP CK (.) LABABIA ISLAND patrol returned PM 1500L/25 (.) NO sign of
missing airmen (.) enemy located on coast from mouth of BITOI to approx 4 mls
SOUTH (.) strength unknown (.) motor rd in good condition from BITOI village
towards SOUTH (.) telephone line runs parallel with rd (.) NOT known whether rd
continues to SALAMAUA (.) DUALI village occupied (.) enemy appears to be friendly
with natives and moves in small parties unarmed (.) NO fortifications visible
(.) LABABIA OP reports barge mvt LABABIA ISLAND PM 24 Mar (.) heavy black smoke
seen rising SOUTH of LABABIA ISLAND 1200L/25 (.) MISSIM area (.) 2/3 Indep Coy
(.) A Pl and fwd coy HQ at MISSIM (.) B and C Pls plus rear HQ POWER HOUSE (.)
MARKHAM area (.) a/c flow over BOBS direction of LAE 1730L/25 explosions heard
(.) NO time stated (.) LAE OP (.) ref map LAE LOCALITY (.) from 1030L/25 to
1200L/25 one Allied a/c on recce of LAE (.) dropped bombs in two runs from 3637
to 2557 (.) NO visible damage (.) sporadic inaccurate by AA from 4408 (3 guns)
3129 (6 guns) (.) ref sitrep 421 (.) LAE advise posn at 2129 extends to 2835
should read 2331 to 2937 and in future will refer to posn as 2333 (.) one gun
vicinity SOUTH end MALAHANG drome also gun posn NE side SINGAUA plantation (.)
coln of hy smoke seen daily from about 3244 usually between 1000 hrs and 1100
hrs only lasts approx 1 hr (.) recent lorry activity on LAE-DIDYKANS BR where
vehs disappear from view (.) return of veks indicates rd in bad order (.)
activity and smoke from long buildings locations 76 and 77 indicate tps in
occupation also lorry regularly calls (.) 1420L/25 AA from 2833 opened on recce
plane (.) 1500L/25 30-40 JAPS moved NW along LAE NADZAB rd past HEATHS (.)
drome activity indicates planes have been expected for 2 days (.) at 1525L/25
and 1550L/25 a lorry moved from LAE through BUTIBUM towards MALAHANG (.)
1600L/25 Allied a/c raided LAE (.) bombs dropped between 5516 and 3427 (.)
AA from 2833 only 3 rds from 2 guns (.) 1705L/25 barges left LAE for MALAHANG
and returned at 1745L/25 (.) 1740L/25 one barge from LABU to LAE two barges
LABU to LAE 1310L/25 (.) all informed

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TO: NGF rptd ADV 2/5 2/6 BNS. 2/7 BN. A W 2/3 2/5/2/7 INDEP COYS. HQ FLD
DEF WAU (5) 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2) CRE. 2/8 FD COY (2). CSO.
4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU, HOSPITAL.

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0437

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sitrep 423 to 1800 L/25 (.) MUBO area (.) recce patrol despatched 18 mar
towards coast LABABIA ISLAND not yet returned (.) patrol from B Coy 2/5 Bn
which moved along BUYAWIM RIVER towards coast reports it was prevented from
reaching coast by widespread swamp approx two miles from sea (.) LAE OP (.)
Barge mvt 24 mar (.) 1525 hrs 1 MALAHANG to LAE and returned (.) 1605 hrs
1 LAE to LABU (.) 1745 hrs 6 LABU to LAE (.) 1520 hrs 6 coolies passed
HEATHS going N.W. along rd LAE/NADZAB (.) 0645 L/25 (.) 1 barge LAE to LABU.
(.) SALAMAUA OP (.) trucks observed moving between KELA and ISTHMUS 1615L/24
(.) allied a/c over this area 0615L/25 (.) bombing heard and Lt A/A observed
from SALAMAUA (.) 2 allied tpts over area 1030L/25 (.) SALAMAUA advises
ship reported by WAIPALI OP ref sitrep 421 was probably TAMI island (.) no
ship sightings 24 mar from SALAMAUA OP (.) lights observed on ISTHMUS but not
V/T at 1030 L/25 (.) all informed

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sitrep 422 to 0800L/25 (.) MUBU area (.) enemy MMG from top OBSERVATION HILL
engaged a/c during airstrike 24 Mar (.) enemy posns on top OBSERVATION HILL
can now observe our mv: on MAT MAT feature NORTH of LALIBU (.) LABABIA OP
reports one motor launch one medium size two mast schooner arrived LABABIA
island 1845L/25 (.) 2/5 3n (.) carr pl junc LALIBU MAT MAT track (.) other
areas nothing to report (.) all informed

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ADV HQ 2/3 2/5 2/7 INDEP COYS. CRE. 2/8 FD COY (2).
3 FXD DEF (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2). CSO.
4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

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Sitrep 421 to 1800L/24 (.) MUBO area (.) Active patrolling continues (.)
an unidentified vessel was sighted 55 degrees M from OP at 691792 at
1625L/24 (.) ref map SKETCH MAP MUBO area 4 ins to 1 ml (.) 5 AF again
bombed and strafed enemy camp area (.) MISSIM area (.) nothing to report
(.) LAE OP (.) ref map LAE LOCALITY (.) 1430 hrs one allied A/c dropped
bombs vicinity (.) by intense A/A fire 4408 and 3129 (.) posn at 3129
extends to 2835 (.) All guns HEATHS and LAE (.) SALAMAUA (.) one allied
a/c in vicinity throughout morning one A/c over area 1435L/24 (.) Lt A/A
heard all informed

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 ADV HQ 2/3 2/5 2/7 INDEF COYS. CRE. 2/3 FD COY (2).
 HQ FXD DEF WAU (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2). CSO.
 4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

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sitrep 420 to 0800L/24 (.) MULO area (.) 1020L/23 six BOSTONS
 bombed DRY CREEK and KOMIATUM track accurately (.) 1030/1050L/23
 four BEAUS reconnoitred enemy camp area (.) 1100/1115L/23 BEAUS
 thoroughly strafed camp area ref map SALAMAUA 1 in to 1 ml 690858
 (.) enemy observed resuming posns on OBSERVATION HILL after
 strafing (.) MISSIM area (.) ref map SALAMAUA one in to 1 ml (.)
 infm received that two enemy guns at MALOLO MISSION HOUSE 899063
 (.) one guarding BUSAMA SALAMAUA beach rd other guarding WOTE rd
 (.) MARKHAM area (.) close air recce 23 Mar LABU HEATHS OLD MUNUM
 NADZAB LAKE WANUM GABENSIS (.) NMS (.) tracks appeared used by
 foot traffic only (.) patrol NORTH from OCMISIS to MT MABANTUM
 LR 4848 observed signs that Japs had been on this feature (.)
 LAE OP (.) 1000L/23 our a/c heavily strafed for 40 mins LABU area
 and coast to south (.) 1500/1640L/23 party working junc HEATHS and
 MARKHAM rd on possible def posn (.) 1600L/23 one lorry arrived
 rd junc LR 6047 with men and materials (.) 1605L/23 returned LAE
 (.) 1640L/23 20 coolies moved up MARKHAM rd from LAE past HEATHS
 (.) barge mvt 1500/1600L/23 (.) one MALAHANG LAE (.) one LABU LAE
 with tps (.) one LAE LABU (.) 1640/1940L/23 only three barges seen
 (.) all informed

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HQ FXD DEF WAU (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2). CRE. 2/3 FD COY (2).
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sitrep 419 to 1800L/23 (.) MUBA area (.) four BEAUS six BOSTONS bombed and strafed enemy camp area (.) NO details yet (.) MARKHAM area (.) patrol reported sitrep 418 found signs enemy bivouac area LR 4351 (.) indications that 100 Japs and some natives occupied site (.) apparent that Japs moved up MARKHAM to OOMSIS cut track to bivouac area and returned same route (.) RAMU area (.) natives from CHIVISING report party of Japs at DUMPU ref map B8 AERO 145 50 E 5 55 S (.) SALAMAUA OP (.) ISTHUS bombed and strafed 0700L/23 (.) SALAMAUA bombed 1545L/23 (.) small fire on druse burned 5 mins (.) LAE OP (.) 1225L/22 thirty enemy moved from HEATHS NW along rd to MADZAB at least 30 remaining HEATHS (.) 1415L/22 one lorry from LAE and 1510L/22 20 men from HEATHS moved in same direction (.) continuous mvt a small gps both NW and SE from HEATHS since 1150L/22 (.) 1540L/22 plane attacked NW of HEATHS (.) 1615L/22 at least 30 Japs arrived HEATHS from LAE (.) bare mvt 1445/1945L/22 (.) four LAE LABU (.) six LABU LAE (.) two MALHANG LAE all informed

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Sitrep 418 to 0800L/23 (.) MUBO area (.) usual enemy activity on tracks and areas
under observation (.) our snipers causing enemy uneasiness (.) one enemy killed
by sniping (.) second gun mtn bty now SADDLE (.) MISSIM area (.) C pl 2/3 Indep
Coy now POWER HOUSE (.) MARKHAM area (.) ref map HUON GULF special 4 mls to 1 in
(.) our patrol followed jap track from OP LR4545 to BWARIP LR4554 and to OOMSIS
LR4647 no enemy seen (.) no signs of enemy south of OOMSIS (.) WAU (.) 0650L/23
one u/i a/c over area all informed

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INDEP COYS. HQ FXD DEF WAU (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2). CRE.
2/8 FD COY (2). CSO. 4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA

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sitrep 417 to 1800L/22 (.) MUBO area (.) active patrolling continues
(.) MARKHAM area (.) disposns D Coy 2/5² Bn ref map HUON GULF special
4 mls to one in (.) 15 OR DEX LR3241 (.) 1 and 18 BEN LR 4143 (.) 1
and 8 OP LR 4545 8 OR KIRKLANDS LR3153 (.) 6 OR BOBS LR3145 (.) 21 OR
WAMPIT LR4545 (.) 1 and 9 OLD MARI LR 3753 (.) 4 OR HALF WAY HUTS
LR 3743 all informed

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2/8 FD COY (2). CSO. 4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGLU. HOSPITAL.

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Sitrep 416 to 0800L/22 (.) MUBO area (.) ref air photo 77/ enemy posns
located in depth along KOMLATUM track from G53 W4 to G40 Y6 (.) big enemy
camp in KITCHEN CK which enters BITOI at G37 Y3 (.) camp extends from
G47 Y7 to G80 X2 at least (.) sig office at G41 Y5 (.) large kitchen at
G65 Y7 (.) all big huts in camp area covered by weapon pits (.) worn rd
from BITOI through sig office towards top of OBSERVATION HILL (.) several
enemy parties seen (.) largest 40 (.) conservative estimate 600/700 in
camp area (.) some enemy wearing white shirts and light coloured trousers
all big men (.) position of observation 25 yds from camp (.) several
parties moved towards BITOI returning from ambush posns area G51 W4 (.)
NMS sq G2 Y (.) patrol engaged on route back one enemy killed (.) timber
and earthwork construction in progress DEW CREEK (.) enemy still occupying
OBSERVATION HILL with new ambush posns on fwd slopes covering BUIPAL CK
(.) two enemy posns vacated result of arty harassing fire (.) second gun
mtn bty now at HOUSE BANNA (.) MISSIM area (.) natives of HOPE declare
no japs seen their area (.) NMS areas FRISCO RIVER from MISSIM to BOBDUBI
and 100 yds west KOMLATUM track from BOBDUBI to within 3000 yds KOMLATUM
(.) NMS KOMLATUM track for period one hr (.) enemy movt may be by night
(.) S.L.M.UA definitely occupied in strength (.) apparently fortress with
perimeter KEL. village TEL. hill and drome all incl (.) MARKHAM area (.)
ref map HUON GULF Special 4 mls to 1 in 1650L/21 NMS from OP LR4545 (.)
reliable native report enemy returned LABU (.) LAE OP (.) barge movt
1700/1930L/21 (.) one LAE LABU (.) seven LABU LAE (.) one large barge
LAE to east (.) sitrep numbers 413 414 not used all informed

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INDEP COYS. HQ FXD DEF WAU (5) 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT. (2). CRE.
2/8 FD COY (2). CSO. 4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA

0416

21

Sitrep 415 to 1800L/21 (.) MUBO area (.) 0130L/21 firing heard DRY CREEK
area (.) LABABIA OP reports 22 enemy moving along KOMIATUM track to DRY
CREEK evening 20 mar (.) MARKHAM area (.) OP at ref map HUON GULF special
4 mls to 1 in LR4545 vacated 20 mar but reoccupied 21 mar (.) no further
report (.) LAE OP (.) 1825/1930L/20 eight barges LABU to LAE (.)
SALAMAUA OP (.) 0845L/21 pinnace moving in harbour all informed

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WAU DEF FORCE (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2). 2/8 FD COY (2) 2/CRE.
CSO. 4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA

0410

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Sitrep 412 to 0800L/21 (.) MUBO area (.) considerable enemy movt on
KOMIATUM track between KOMIATUM and DRY CREEK BED (.) Enemy moved in
small groups appeared to be undertaking reliefs (.) no report from patrol
to DRY CREEK BED which engaged by enemy 1700 hrs (.) NO further report
from BOBS all informed

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~~WAU DEF FORCE (5). 1 BTY 2/1 PD REGT (2). 2/3 PD COY (2) 2/CRP.~~
~~CSO. 4 AC SQN. 5 AF. NGAU. HOSPITAL.~~

FROM: KANGA 0410 21

Sitrep 412 to 0800L/21 (.) MUBO area (.) considerable enemy movt on KOMIATUM track between KOMIATUM and DRY CREEK BED (.) Enemy moved in small groups appeared to be undertaking reliefs (.) no report from patrol to DRY CREEK BED which engaged by enemy 1700 hrs (.) NO further report from BOBS all informed

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HQ FXD DEF WAU (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2) 2/3 FD COY (2).
4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA

O 401

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sitrep 411 to 1800L/20 (.) MUBO area (.) patrol moving LALIBU OBSERVATION HILL ambushed 19 Mar (.) patrol forced to withdraw (.) MISSIM area (.) disposns 2/3 Indep Coy (.) one sec A Pl in ambush at ref map HUON GULF special 4 mls to 1 in LW 6998 (.) A Pl less one sec and one sec C Pl MISSIM area (.) C Pl less one sec SELEBUB moving to POWERHOUSE (.) B Pl POWER HOUSE (.) standing patrols BUGASU and BOBADU (.) MARKHAM area (.) ref map HUON GULF special 4 mls to 1 in (.) 19 Mar indications at LR 425520 enemy patrol has moved to BUARIP LR 4554 by cutting track from EAST to BUARIP GABENSIS track (.) 0900L/20 enemy patrol strength 16 moved along track at LR 4546 from direction LAKE WANUM and inspected track (.) LAE OP (.) 1730L/19 four barges LABU LAE (.) 1930L/19 eight barges concentrated off VOCO PT (.) 1935L/19 one sub entered LAE harbour from SOUTH (.) barges surrounded it (.) 1945L/19 bomber dropped bombs around sub and machine gunned it (.) results unobserved but sub on surface 2000L/19 (.) SL showed from 7515 (.) 0800L/20 no sign of sub or wreckage (.) recce plane over LAE 0720L/20 eight AA shells fired (.) 0830/1220L/20 barges searching area LAE MALAHANG and three mls SOUTH (.) 0930L/20 nine ZEKES patrolled LAE for ten mins and disappeared apparently NE (.) 1415L/20 planes heard over LAE (.) no visibility but believed tpts with fighter escort (.) cooking fires now observed daily all AM (.) one month ago seldom seen after dawn (.) smoke from fires observed SINGAUA PLANTATION from PILMUNG on 15 to 17 Mar (.)
all informed

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1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2). WAU FWD DLT (5). 2/3 FD COY (2).
4 AC SQN. 5 AF. LANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA

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Sitrep 410 to 0300L/20 (.) MUBO area (.) no further firing by enemy 19 mar (.) smoke from enemy fires visible in depth down SITOI VALLEY and vicinity BUNGAP 1800L/19 (.) own patrols in posn OBSERVATION HILL DRY CREEK 320 and lower LABASIA ridge all informed

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HQ FXD DEF WAU (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT(2) 2/8 FD COY (2)
4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA C377 19

MUBO area
Sitrep 409 to 1800L/19 (.) our a/c carried out strike as requested
with deadly accuracy (.) further reports later (.) active patrolling
covered by arty fire (.) LAE OP (.) activity 1600/1900 L/18 (.)
one pinnace LAE MALAHANG (.) eight barges LABU LAE all informed

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FROM KANGA 4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. **HOSPITAL.** Hospital Number 0 366 Date 19 In Reply to Number

sitrep 408 to 0800L/19 (.) MUBO area (.) active patrolling (.) enemy observed changing posns OBSERVATION HILL and DRY CREEK area after arty registration (.) new posns ref photo 62 (.) F62 U7 (.) F71 U4 (.) F75 U8 all informed

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FROM: KANGA

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Sitrep 407 to 1800L/18 (.) MUBO area (.) 0750L/18 patrol on track
GARRISON HILL OBSERVATION HILL ambushed (.) enemy engaged with grenades
and TSMG (.) patrol withdrawn and enemy engaged mortar and MMG fire
1200/1500L/18 (.) enemy moving in DRY CREEK BED mortared 1430L/18 (.)
enemy fire from area east of DRY CREEK BED (.) fwd dispositions A pl
2/7 indep coy VICKERS RIDGE LABABIA B pl MAT MAT (.) one gun 1 Aust
Mtn Bty in posn SADDLE has registered tgts OBSERVATION HILL DRY CREEK
BED (.) MARKHAM area (.) OP established MT NGARONENO ref map HUON GULF
4 mls to 1 in LR 4154 (.) SALAMAUA OP (.) AA posn near MACDONALDS JUNC
straffed and bombed 1005L/18 (.) pet dump ref my sitrep 403 machine
gunned and burned 30 mins (.) LAE OP (.) barge activity MALAHANG wreck
LAE (.) one barge LAE to LABU all informed

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W.U DEF FORCE (5). 1 Bty 2/1 FD REGT (2). 2/8 FD COY (2).
4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA

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/BOB-
DUBI

Sitrep 406 to 0800L/18 (.) BULWA area (.) 2/3 Indep Coy (.) A Pl, C Pl
Coy HQ MISSIM (.) standing patrol at BUGUSU/track June (.) recce patrol
fwd to North bank of FRANCISCO River near BOEDUBI reports NO JAPS but
natives in village and gardens (.) BUIBAINING area (.) 2/7 Indep Coy (.)
recce patrol from 2/7 Indep Coy now moving towards coast LABABI.. ISLAND
(.) all informed

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2/3 2/5 INDEP COYS. HQ FXD DEF WAU(5).
1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2) 2/8 FD COY (2).
4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HCSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA

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sitrep 405 to 1800L/17 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) 2/7 Indep Coy (.)
patrols moving 16 Mar to DRY CK and OBSERVATION HILL encountered
sustained fire from enemy posns (.) two strong enemy posns including
4 MMGs and one .5 gun on track leading from OBSERVATION HILL to
VIALS CAMP (.) these posns constantly engaged by B Pl for past
week (.) several enemy killed this area 2 enemy killed 16 Mar (.)
2/7 Indep Coy patrol attempting cross BUIPAL CK heavily mortared
from enemy posns OBSERVATION HILL area 1000L/17 (.) small parties
of enemy seen on OBSERVATION HILL from MAT MAT (.) enemy were
fired on by LMGs NO results observed (.) patrol from A Pl based
LABABIA OP reports VICKERS RIDGE clear 1600L/17 (.) OP now
established VICKERS RIDGE (.) contact with enemy being maintained
at DRY CK (.) LAE OP (.) barge activity between 1845L/16 and
2000L/16 (.) 5 barges observed between LAE and LABU (.) all
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4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

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Sitren 404 to 0800L/17 (.) MUBO (.)

small gp enemy observed DRY CREEK
BED ref map S.L.M.A.UA one in 690350 (.) MISSIM (.) standing patrols at
BOB.DU BUGUSU and overlooking BOBDUBI astride MISSIM BOBDUBI track
all informed

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FROM: KANG.

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Sitrep 403 to 1800L/16 (.) MUBO (.) KONIATUM area bombed and strafed
0830L/16 (.) BUIBAINING (.) active patrolling (.) no further reports (.)
S.L.M.A.U. OP (.) ref map S.L.M.A.U. one in to 250 yds earth works and
movement reported 2852 3052 2947 and 2748 (.) earthworks under construc
-tion from 4273 north along ridge for 2000 yds (.) S.L.M.A.U. bombed
0845L/16 (.) petrol dump at 2050 hit and burning at 1030L/16 (.) by
fire at 3050 2946 and 4374 (.) lt also from village LETTU (.) L.A.E OP
(.) barge movement afternoon 15 M.L.H.N.G L.A.E L.A.E (.) 0800L/16 two barges
L.A.E to M.L.H.N.G (.) cooking fires NE. THIS BUTIBUM L.A.E area and bush
between BUSU and BUTIBUM (.) 1530L/16 barge activity SINGAU L.A.E (.) L.A.E
bombed heavily 0850L/16 (.) 32 bombs 300 lb dropped (.) posns near
M.CDONALDS junc strafed (.) ref map L.A.E LOCALITY bombs fell CHIMATON
to BUTIBUM (.) fire from 7915 4403 and 3129 (.) all informed

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1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT(2). 4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA 0 320 16

sitrep 402 to 0800L/16 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (.) disposns 2/7 Indep Coy (.) HQ C Pl SKINDIWAI
(.) one sec A Pl southern part LABABIA RIDGE (.) Pl HQ less one sec
moving HOUSE BANANA to LABABIA (.) B Pl less one sec MAT MAT feature
(.) one sec MAT MAT (.) otherwise nothing to report (.) all informed

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4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA

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sitrep 401 to 1800L/15 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) fighting patrols from
A pl 2/7 Indep Coy AM 15 Mar moved through SADDLE area to KUNDA BR
6383 along main track and this area now clear of enemy (.) BUIBAINING
KAISINIK area (.) 2/5 Bn disposns (.) HQ SKINDIWAI (.) A Coy less
two pls HOUSE KIAP one pl BUIBAINING one pl plus det mortars sec MMG
WAIPALI (.) carr pl junc BUIBAINING WAIPALI tracks (.) B Coy plus one
sec MMG two dets mortars GUADACASAL area (.) AA pl SUMMIT (.) C Coy
CALLAMS D Coy KAISINIK (.) BOLWA area (.) 2/3 Indep Coy to 1800L/14
(.) A Pl C Pl skeleton Coy HQ MISSIM area (.) standing patrol BOGUSU
area reports NO JAP mvt seen BOBDUBI but large fires KOMIATUM (.)
LAE OP (.) small barge activity observed between 1535L/14 and
1630L/14 (.) Allied recce planes over area 0945L/15 and 1135L/15 (.)
1135L/15 one lorry loaded with tps moved from LAE direction passed
HEATHS going NW (.) canoe from LABU hideout visited LABU village and
returned (.) one plane still in blast bay 7 (.) SALAMADA OP (.)
during night 14/15 lights observed on KOMIATUM track above BOBDUBI
(.) NOT KANAKA (.) Allied a/c Mgd KOMIATUM 1045L/15 (.) over
SALAMADA 1030L/15 NO bombs dropped (.) large fire observed direction
LOKANU 1345L/15 (.) all informed

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FROM: KANGA

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Sitrep 400 to 0800L/15 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) ref sitrep 399 (.) 13 mar
2/7 Indep Coy patrol contacted enemy at approx 697852 on lower slopes
L.BABIA feature (.) enemy were engaged results unknown (.) also report 40
/50 Japs on hill above OBSERVATION HILL (.) one sub sec I Aust Mtn Bty
arrived HOUSE MAMBU PM 14 Mar (.) all informed

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HQ FXD DEF WAU(5). 2/8 FD COY (2). 4 AC SQN.
5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA

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sitrep 399 to 1800L/14 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) 2/7 Indep Coy (.)
patrol penetrated late PM 13 Mar to within 300 yds of SADDLE (.)
found enemy mortar bombs and few tools in area (.) bombing and
strafing GUADAGASAL RIDGE has been very accurate (.) NO report to
hand from OBSERVATION HILL area (.) LAE OP (.) 1140L/14 300 tps
observed concentrated at LAE Locality map ref 5617 (.) 1150L/14
30 tps observed moving from NW (.) these tps came from 8020 and
proceeded MARKHAM RD and were last seen at 2440 (.) 1315L/14
40-50 men entered HEATHS from LAE direction (.) later lorries
loaded with tps returned LAE (.) 1230L/14 lorry seen ref 1669 (.)
1310L/14 pinnacle left LAE for LABU returned 1530L/14 (.) all
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FROM: KANGA

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sitrep 374 to 1800L/2 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) unidentified a/c flew over 2/5
Bn heading NE at 0615L/2 (.) BUISAVAL OP nothing to report (.) active
patrolling continues by our tps in this area (.) BOBS (.) unidentified a/c
over BOBS flying NORTH and then turning EAST at 0630L/2 (.) explosions
heard to EAST (.) LAE OP (.) raid at 0620L/2 by hy bombers (.) bombs dropped
on aerodrome and bush area WEST of JACOBSENS (.) hy but short bursts AA
from all posns and some previously NOT noted (.) AA and MG from WEST of LABU
village (.) MG from many posns SOUTH JACOBSENS (.) AA and MG from BUTIBUM
village area (.) searchlight vicinity location 56 (.) MG at intervals along
coast from LAE to SINGAVA (.) recce by Fortress at 0755L/2 AA from NORTH and
SOUTH end of drome (.) enemy repaired damage to drome by 1400L/2 (.) work done
by large gang and four lorries (.) activity indicates planes expected (.)
single bomber bombed MALAHANG BUSU river area at 1445L/2 (.) SALAMAUA OP
(.) Allied recce a/c over area 0615L/2 (.) all informed

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FROM ANGAU. HOSPITAL. KANGA

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Secret (.) Sitrep 575 to 0800L/3 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) contact made
WAI PALI no details to hand (.) BUISAVAL OP (.) three japs moved from
kunai hut on MAT MAT HILL to SADDLE at 1800L/2 (.) all informed

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FROM 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL. KANOA
Originator's Number: 0298 Date: 14 In Reply to Number: 4445

sitrep 298 to 0800L/14 (.) LAB OP (.) 1710L/13 tps seen in between
EMERYS and JACOBSENS (.) 1840L/13 3 medium barges left LABU laden
apparently with tps (.) other areas patrolling activity continues (.)
all informed

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2/8 FD COY (2). 4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA

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sitrep 397 to 1800L/13 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) 5 AF strafed JAP
L of C KOMIATUM SALAMAUA area 1040L/13 to 1055L/13 NO bombs
dropped (.) GAUDAGASAL reported AM 13 Mar clear of enemy 500 yds
NORTH of GAUDAGASAL (.) B Coy 2/5 Bn less one pl plus one sec
MG two dets Mortars moved from SKINDIWAI to occupy GAUDAGASAL RIDGE
(.) Carr. Pl and MG Pl less one sec now fwd of SKINDIWAI ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~
~~xx~~ (.) L&E OP (.)
1120L/13 Allied a/c on recce off MARKHAM (.) 1314L/13 5 tpts with
escort of 6 fighters landed L&E drome from the EAST (.) all departed
NE 1330L/13 (.) SALAMAUA OP (.) 3 Allied a/c strafed LOKANU LOGUI
KOMIATUM approx 1105L/13 (.) all informed

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WAU DEF FORCE (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2). 2/8 FD COY (2).
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FROM: KANGA

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Sitrep 396 to 0200L/13 (.) BULWA area (.) 2/3 Indep Coy (.) A and C pl
plus Coy HQ at MISSIM (.) patrols report no activity west of BOBDUBI (.)
recces to BUGUSU reports village clean of enemy (.) BUIBAINING area (.)
enemy dead in BUIBAINING MAT MAT GARRISON HILL areas 237 (.) majority
result of air strafing (.) Carr 2/5 Bn pl arrived SKINDEWAI from SUMMIT
PM 12 mar (.) LAE OP (.) Barge activity between 1700L/12 and 1930L/12
(.) 3 from LAE to LABU (.) 1 LABU to LAE (.) 1 LAE to M LAHANG (.) 2
MALAHANG to LAE (.) all informed

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WAU DEF FORCE(5)% 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT(2). 2/8 FD COY(2).
4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

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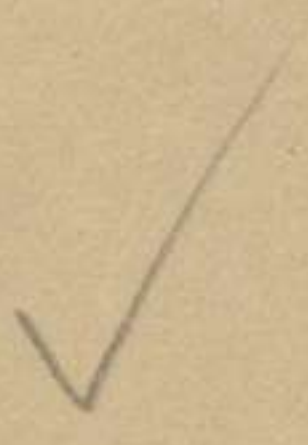
Sitrep 395 to 1800L/12 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) contact patrols being maintained (.) 2/5 Bn reports cooking fires observed between GUADAGASAL and SADDLE (.) Airforce bombed GUADAGASAL area from 1030L/12 to 1050L/12 dropping 24 100 lb bombs (.) advise new earth works LABABIA RIDGE (.) one plane missing last seen MT MURRAY area (.) LAE OP (.) cooking fires observed at WEBBS TERRACE and MAYOS (.) from 0800L/12 to 0900L/12 allied plane on recce of MARKHAM (.) since 10 mar lorries and men standing by at LAE drome HQ from 1300 hrs daily as if expecting A/c (.) last night submarine anchored LAE harbour at 2000L/11 (.) S.L.M.A.U. OP (.) Allied a/c patrolled this area during morning (.) all informed

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WAU DEF FORCE (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2). 2/8 FD COY(2).
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FROM: KANGA

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sitrep 394 to 0800L/12 (.) MUBO (.) 18 JAPS seen washing clothes junc
dry creek bed BITOI R ref map sketch map MUBO 3 in Z 81 I 3 (.)
BUIBAINING (.) disposns fwd SKINDEWAI (.) pl 2/7 Indep Coy HOUSE
BANANA (.) pl 2/5 Bn WAIPALI (.) pl 2/7 Indep Coy MAT MAT (.)
all informed

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1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2). 2/8 FD COY (2). 4 AC SQN.
5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA

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sitrep 393 to 1800L/11 (.) sitrep number 391 NOT used (.)
BUIBAINING area (.) active patrolling being maintained (.)
one Allied tpt plane crashed AM 11 Mar SKINDIWAI area (.) NO
survivors (.) plane total wreck (.) air force bombed GUADAGASAL
VICKERS RIDGE 1130L/11 to 1140L/11 (.) 24 100 lb bombs dropped
8 passes made (.) awaiting results from fwd tps (.) LAE OP (.)
0645L/11 u/i planes left LAE drome (.) NO activity today except
some lorry mvt (.) SALAMAUA OP (.) bombing heard direction MUBC
AM 11 Mar (.) all informed

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WAU DEFFORCE (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2). 2/8 FD COY (2).
4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA

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11

sitrep 392 to 0800L/11 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) one gun 1 Aust Mtn Bty
arrived HOUSE BANANA 1400L/10 (.) patrol activity continuing and
contact being maintained (.) LAE OP (.) 1850L/10 planes landed LAE (.)
Number and type NOT known (.) all informed

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MAU DEF FORCE (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT(2). 2/8 FD COY (2).
4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: K.L.N.G.

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Sitrep 390 to 2130L/10 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) ref map WAIPALI MUBO 4 in to 1 ml (.) BUISAVL CP (.) reports heavy smoke from GUADAGASAL RIDGE at 642804 and camouflaged tent at 678810 (.) our contact patrols at GUADAGASAL RIDGE fired on 1700L/8 (.) no casualties (.) on 9 mar recee patrol 1 offr 6 ORs proceeded down main track and reached a point 300 yds from SADDLE (.) enemy observed in HOSPITAL approx 667707 (.) party of enemy concealed on side of track 10 mins beyond HOSPITAL made off when our patrol came within 100 yds of their posn (.) patrol halted expecting enemy action then proceeded to within two mins of SADDLE where bomb crater had caused landslide on track (.) patrol observed one enemy watching them from camouflaged hut reported as tent above at 678810 (.) patrol comd states his patrol seen by all enemy parties encountered (.) probably under observation from time of passing GUADAGASAL POINT (.) patrol returned main track to HOUSE B.N.N. expecting ambush before reaching HOSPITAL but no enemy encountered except for sounds from HOSPITAL (.) enemy were in posn to cut off patrol for four hrs (.) B pl 2/7 Indep Coy arrived L.LLIBU at 1800L/9 to establish patrol bases on M.T M.T and OBSERVATION HILL (.) one pl B Coy 2/5 Bn arrived JUNCTION CAMP 629768 at 1715L/9 (.) all informed

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WAU DEF FORCE (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2). 2/8 FD COY (2).
4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA

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Sitrep 389 to 1800L/10 (.) WAU area (.) 1225L/10 recce a/c identified as NORM. flew over WAU heading north height 27000 (.) arty carried out practice shoot and further registration of targets in WAU area (.) BULOLO area (.) one u/a A/c twin engine flew south over BULOLO at 1227L/10 (.) height 22000 ft (.) LAE OP (.) 1100L/10 patrols left HEATHS and moved along MARKHAM RD (.) 3 lorries came to HEATHS and returned to LAE (.) 1620L/10 a barge entered LAE from MALHANG WRECK (.) 1700L/10 barge left LABU for LAE (.) SILLAMAU OP (.) observed truck moving on ISTHMUS 2200L/9 (.) 1145L/10 4 allied fighters patrolled area (.) BUIBAINING area (.) details later (.) all informed

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1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT.(2). WAU DEF FORCE (5). 2/8 FD COY.(2). 4 AC SQN.
5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA

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sitrep 388 to 0800L/10 (.) BLACKCAT area (.) OTTER FORCE (.) continues
patrol activity (.) BULWA area (.) 2/3 Indep COY (.) 2 offrs 22 ORs at
POWERHOUSE B Pl en route to POWER HOUSE (.) BUIBAINING area (.) 1 Aust Mtn Bty
(.) one gun complete with stores bow half way between SKINDIWAI and HOUSE
BANANA (.) 2/5 Bn patrol from LABABIA RIDGE reports enemy occupying LABABIA
RIDGE near SADDLE (.) enemy using coastal natives for water carrying and
fishing in BUISAVAL (.) NO enemy mvt seen in SADDLE GUADAGASAL RIDGE (.)
patrol still in contact GUADAGASAL RIDGE (.) 2/7 Indep Coy (.) patrol over
MAT MAT OBSERVATION HILL and MUBO GARDENS report many JAPS in area but all
dead and many graves GARRISON HILL (.) one sec 2/7 Indep Coy now pushing
NORTH of OBSERVATION HILL (.) LAE OP (.) 5 canoes fishing off MARKHAM R
mouth during morning 9 Mar and returned to LABU hideout (.) all informed

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4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

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sitrep 387 to 1800L/9 (.) WAU area (.) enemy air raid 1225L/9 by
26 bombers escorted by fighters (.) casualties 2 killed 10 wounded
1 native wounded probably killed (.) extensive damage tpt area and
other areas in WAU vicinity (.) BULWA area (.) 1 subsec A Pl and
patrol 1 sgt and 60 ORs at MISSIM (.) 1 sec A Pl PILMUNG (.) 1 sec
A Pl plus HQ Sigs moving POWER HOUSE to PILMUNG (.) GAUDAGASAL
WAIPALI BUIBAINING area (.) active patrolling and intensive recce
continues (.) LAE OP (.) from 1835L/8 much barge activity (.) 5
barges left LABU 3 going to LAE 2 to MALAHANG (.) 2 barges left
MALAHANG WRECK for MALAHANG PT (.) 2 barges left LAE for MALAHANG
(.) barge activity commences at sundown and stops at dawn (.)
searchlight showed three times for short duration pointing SE (.)
0700L/9 one barge left LAE for LABU (.) SALAMAUA OP (.) bright
light observed from ISTHMUS 0545L/9 (.) all informed

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WAU DEF FORCE (5), 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2), 2/8 FD COY (2).
4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

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Sitrep 386 to 0800L/9 (.) Active patrolling continues in BUIBAINING area otherwise nothing to report (.) all informed

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WAU DEF FORCE (5). 1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT (2). 2/3 FD COY (2).
4 AC SQN. 5 AF? ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

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Sitrep 385 to 1800L/8 (.) BLACKCAT area (.) OTTER FORCE (.) one patrol left GAP AM 8 mar proceeding east (.) one patrol along JAP track from GAP (.) no reports to hand (.) BULWA area (.) 2/3 Indep Coy (.) Skeleton HQ plus A pl less one sec plus C pl less one sub sec at POWER HOUSE area (.) one sec A pl west of PILMUNG (.) one sub sec C pl left HQ AM 8 Mar expected reach YASINGLI PM 8 mar (.) BUIBAINING area (.) 2/7 Indep Coy patrol left BUIBAINING AM 8 mar for LALIBU and from LALIBU moved on MAT MAT feature and on to MAT MAT village ^{and} another patrol moved on LABABIA feature using portions of both MUBO main track/LABABIA track (.) Engr party of 2/7 Indep Coy to prepare crossing over BITOI north of BUIBAINING (.) patrols still in contact on GUADAGASAL RIDGE (.) LAE OP (.) one barge approached LAE from SALAMAUA 0645L/8 (.) one barge left LAE heading NE 0715 (.) 0935L/8 one by bomber on recce (.) AA from LAE locality map ref 7914 (.) 4408 (.) 3129 (.) 1230L/8 unspecified No of lorries seen between HEATHS and LAE (.) 1310L/8 one returned to LAE laden with tps (.) planes in map ref 4219 now identified as wreck (.) SALAMAUA OP (.) ref our Sitrep 382 re siting by WAIPALI OP (.) SALAMAUA reports nothing seen at this time (.) visibility good (.) suggest smoke screen seen by WAIPALI was KANAKA fires on SINGAUA side BUON GULF (.) No ships approached or entered SALAMAUA (.) visibility good to TAMI island (.) all informed

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2/8 FD COY (2). 4 AC SQN. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

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sitrep 384 to 0800L/8 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) BUISAVAL OP reports
100 enemy fully equipped moved across SADDLE towards GAUDAGASAL
1500L/7 (.) recce patrol LALIBU LABABIA HOUSE BANANA reports (.)
NO enemy LALIBU or MAT MAT (.) NO mvt seen GARRISON and OBSERVATION
HILLS (.) killed 4 sentries log crossing BITOI RIVER 2500 yds
SOUTH MUBO drome (.) fresh footprints SADDLE MUBO track (.) track
down LABABIA ridge NO signs of recent use (.) det 2/7 Indep coy to
move 8 Mar to LALIBU and fwd to ensure possession this area (.)
subsec 1 Aust Mtn Bty reached SUMMIT (.) MARKHAM area (.) patrol
MUNUM VALU reports NO enemy sighted (.) old signs of JAP use
LAE MARKHAM rd (.) LAE OP (.) 1930L/7 one bomber parked NORTH corner
number 6 blast bay and two vicinity 4219 ref map LAE LOCALITY (.)
all informed

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sitrep 383 as at 1800L/7 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) patrol from LALIBU via
SADDLE returned and now proceeding SKINDEWAI (.) NO report yet to hand (.)
BUISAVAL OP reports firing heard LABABIA area (.) NO time stated (.)
BUIBAINING OP reported what appeared to be smoke screen at sea bearing
62 degrees M from BUIBAINING (.) active patrolling still continues and
contact being maintained (.) at 1350L/7 u/i a/c cleared guns over KUDJERU
some rounds entering mens living quarters (.) NO casualties (.) BULWA area
(.) 2/3 Indep Coy (.) patrol left AM 7 Mar for MISSIM area route POWERHOUSE
YASINGLI BOBADU MISSIM (.) see ref map HUON GULF 4 mls to 1 in (.) LAE OP
(.) mvt of small parties around HEATHS from 1200L/7 (.) 1205L/7 party
filling in holes on drome (.) 1430L/7 4 bombers landed LAE drome with
fighter escort patrolling drome (.) 1610L/7 bombers departed in easterly
direction with NO escort (.) SALAMAUA OP (.) one Allied a/c over this
area 0800L/7 (.) AA from SALAMAUA NO bombs dropped (.) all informed

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Sitrep 383 to 0800L/7 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) HQ and B Coy 2/5 Bn at SKINDIWAI (.)
one sec A pl 2/7 Indep Coy HOUSE REDDISH (.) B pl less two secs junc BUIBAINING
and WAIPALI tracks (.) one sec HOUSE DOCTOR BOY one sec BUIBAINING (.) C pl HOUSE
MAMBU HOUSE BANANA and HOUSE STAIRS (.) patrol activity in fwd area continues (.)
LAE (.) 1515L/6 lorry came from BUTIBUM to DROME two planes on No 3 bay one in No
7 Bay 2 planes believed unserviceable map ref 4219 (.) Between 1920 and 2000L/6
six barges moved between LAE and LABU (.) all informed

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Sitrep 382 to 1800L/6 (.) WAU area (.) C pl 2/3 Indep Coy moved from WAU to
BULWA area 6 mar (.) BUIBAINING area (.) WAIPALI OP reports 2 ships observed
approaching SALAMAUA coast from NE at 0810L/6 (.) air craft bombed and strafed
LABABIA ridge 6 mar (.) patrol activity continuing (.) LAE OP (.) cooking fires
noticed and are increasing in area between JACOBSENS and CONNELLS (.) one plane
landed at 1410L/6 (.) very little movement observed today (.) sentry now poste
jung HEATHS MARKHAM RD (.) new structure at map ref 3929 (.) all informed

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sitrep 381 to 0800L/6 (.) BLACKCAT area (.) 2/3 Indep Coy (.) B Pl at
GULLETT'S junc BLACKCAT MINE and MENZIES junc (.) A Pl and Coy HQ now
at UPPER BULWA POWER HOUSE (.) C Pl left GAP for WAU 1400L/5 (.) one
det 2/7 Bn reported GAP at 1810L/5 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) BUISAVAL OP
reports 4 enemy observed moving GAUDAGASAL area (.) B Coy 2/5 Bn now
at SKINDEWAI (.) B Pl 2/7 Indep Coy now at junc BUIBAINING-WAIPALI
tracks with outposts in WAIPALI area (.) LAE OP (.) from 0710L/5 to
0820 hrs 32 ZEKES took off heading NE (.) 0830L/5 raid by plane at
high altitude 0840L/5 raid by bombers escorted by fighters on LAE (.)
one plane shot down NORTH SINGARA (.) all informed

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FROM WAU DEF FORCE (5). 1 BTY 2/1 PD BATT (2) *Originator's Number* 2/5 PD COY (2) *Date* In Reply to Number. 5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

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Awaiting further land reports

sitrep 330 to 1800L/5 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) ~~either~~ (.) LAS OP (.)

Allied raid 0645L/5 bombs dropped on drome (.) 1 plane set on fire

SOUTH side no 3 blast bay (.) SALAMUA OP (.) Allied a/c over area

throughout day (.) all informed

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FROM: KANGA 0148 5

Coy Sitrep 379 to 0800L/5 (.) BLACKCAT area (.) 2/3 Indep Coy (.) A pl and **Part HQ**
left GAP for WAU AM 4 Feb (.) BUIBAINING area (.) 2/5 Bn (.) patrol contacted
enemy on high ground between GUADAGASAL and SADDLE estimated strength 40/50
JAPS (.) our patrol killed two JAP sentried and were fired on by LMGs and
MORTARS (.) 2/7 Indep Coy (.) patrol contacted same party of JAPS in SADDLE area
(.) SALAMAUA OP (.) at 1220L/4 allied planes straffed MALAHANG and LAE dromes
fires started in bush west of LAE drome (.) 31 ZEROS on LAE with more at
MALAHANG (.) mist obscured observation during raid since 1300L/4 (.) long black
column of smoke rising from TAMI island (.) possibly burning strip (.) all
informed

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sitrep 378 to 1800L/4 (.) BULOLO area (.) one u/i a/c flew over area
0615L/4 flew NE to NORTH (.) BUIBAINING area (.) one offr each ANGAU
and 2/5 Bn left SKINDIWAI to recce LABABIA RIDGE-MUBO track MUBO
KOMIATUM for detailed infm enemy posns strength and L of C mvts (.)
two scouts 2/7 Indep Coy moved to MUBO GARDENS to recce MAT MAT and
suspected JAP OP to locate enemy posns and strength (.) ref sitrep
376 SKINDIWAI BLACKCAT track junc rep map HUON GULF (L) W 6885 (.)
SALAMAUA OP (.) Allied a/c over LAE drome 0645L/4 (.) bombing heard
same area 0700L/4 (.) Allied a/c observed flying direction LAE 1245L/4
(.) LAE OP (.) raid at 0615L/4 bombs dropped on drome (.) light AA
only from LAE none from LABU (.) continued ZEKE patrol since 0615L/4
(.) MALAHANG drome being used (.) NO shipping yet visible (.)
all informed

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FROM: KANGA

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Sitrep 377 to 0800L/4 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) 2/7 Aust Indep Coy (.) patrol killed two enemy on GUADAGASAL - SADDLE and were fired on by mortar and MG fire from GUADAGASAL which was previously reported clear by recce patrol (.) patrol reports no recent enemy occupation or movt recently in LALIBU (.) patrol located enemy camp between WAIPALI and BITOI RIVER which was occupied as late as 2 MARCH (.) BUISAVAL OP nothing to report (.) LAE OP (.) 2000L/3 three planes in each No1,2,3,4 blast bays (.) remainder left never less than 12 in air (.) continued barge movt between LAE and LABU (.) at 1845L/3 7 barges left LABU for LAE (.) Total number of planes 30 (.) 0815L/4 enemy fighter patrol over LAE drome (.) all informed

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TOO 0945L/4

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FROM: KANGA

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sitrep 376 to 1800L/3 (.) WAU area (.) /recce patrol left 0900L/3 route /2/7 Bn(.)
BALLAMS SKINDIWAI WAIPALI HOUSE COPPER BLACKCAT WAU expected to return
WAU 8 Mar (.) BUIBAINING area (.) 3 natives who moved through BUIBAINING
2 Mar report LALIBU NOT occupied by JAPS (.) 2/5 Bn (.) crossing of BITOI R
accomplished by a recce patrol who are now proceeding to LALIBU (.) fighting
patrol clearing suspected enemy locality fwd WAIPALI (.) patrols from 2/7
Indep Coy contacted enemy at junc BLACKCAT SKINDIWAI tracks exact location
being checked and endeavouring to clear enemy (.) NO results of these
patrols yet to hand (.) BOBS area (.) bomb explosions direction of LAE
heard at 0700L/3 (.) SALAMAUA OP (.) 1800L/2 4 pinnaces observed in HUON
GULF moving NE general direction SINGAUA (.) 0045L/3 bright light observed
shining across HUON GULF from direction SINGAUA ~~XXXXXXXX~~ (.) 0625L/3 a/c over
area by bombing heard direction LAE (.) 28 Allied bombers observed heading
towards LAE 1220L/3 (.) bombing heard same direction 1230L/3 (.)
LAE OP (.) enemy fighters patrolling LAE all day (.) 1235L/3 raid by bombers
and fighters (.) NO visibility during raid but later observed barge burning
map ref 4 mls HUON GULF SMALL (L) R 6638 also bomb craters on drome believe
damaged severely planes in blast bay (.) increased barge mvt between LAE
and LABU and more barges now anchored in harbour (.) by fire and explosions
heard from FINSCHAFEN direction between 1000L/3 and 1100L/3 (.) all
informed

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FROM: KANGA 089 2

Sitrep 373 to 0800L/2 (.) BUIBAINING area (.) disposes as follows (.) 2/5 Aust
Inf Bn (.) HQ 2/5 Bn BALLAMS (.) one pl BUIBAINING area (.) OP on BLACKCAT track
(.) one pl HOUSE KIAP area with OP observing LALIBU WAIPALI and main BLACKCAT
track (.) one pl plus HQ junc WAIPALI BUIBAINING tracks (.) 2/7 Indep Coy (.)
A and B pls plus HQ SKINDEWAI (.) C pl HOUSE STAIRS HOUSE BANANA HOUSE BAMBOO (.)
SALAMAUA OP (.) allied plane over area 0525L/1 (.) all informed

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1 BTY 2/1 FD REGT.(2). WAU DEF FORCE (5). 2/8 FD COY.(2). 4 AC SQN.
5 AF. ANGAU. HOSPITAL.

FROM: KANGA 081 1

sitrep 372 to 1800L/1 (.) BLACKCAT (.) ref sitrep 370 (.) 2/3 Indep
Coy now disposed standing patrol GULLETT'S JUNC (.) this patrol relieved
CARR pl 2/6 Bn who now ret'd WAU enroute to BULOLO (.) A Pl at THE GAP
(.) C Pl BLACKCAT MINE (.) B Pl between BLACKCAT MINE MENZIES JUNC
standing patrol MENSIES JUNC (.) BUIBAINING WAIPALI area (.) patrol
activity (.) LAE OP (.) at 1110L/1 one barge visited MALAHANG wreck
returning two hrs later (.) repair work on runway completed at 1430L/1
(.) much lorry activity (.) known stopping places for lorries are ref
map LAE locality 31 (.) 100 area vicinity location 98 wharves 77 (.)
all informed

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Sitrep 371 to 0800L/16 (.) BULOLO (.) Unidentified plane over BULOLO
0500L/1 to 0502L/1 flying SE to SW (.) BUIBAINING area (.) patrol reports
2100L/28 no enemy wAIPALI GUADAGASAL LITOLE GUADAGASAL SADDLE GUADAGASAL
RIDGE SOUTH of SADDLE (.) LAE OP (.) PM 28 Feb party filling in bomb
crater on drome (.) activity around ~~AROMA~~ HEATHS and patrol of 20 went
west along MARKHAM RD (.) all informed

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HQ KANGA FORCE.
30 Mar 43.

LOCATION STATEMENT OF KANGA FORCE

AS AT 2359 HRS 30 MAR 43

Ref Maps: WAU LOCALITY 4" to 1 ml
BULOLO 1 to 63360
HUON GULF SPECIAL 4 mls to 1".

Serial No.	Unit	Location	Remarks
<u>HQ & HQ tps</u>			
1	HQ KANGA FORCE K Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div (with u/c dets NGF L of C Sigs & Cipher Sub area det 1 Special Wireless Coy	374706	WAU LOCALITY
2	Adm HQ 3 Aust Div	383717	"
3	HQ Fxd Def WAU	382719	"
4	Air Sta Comd WAU	WAU DROME	"
5	Air Sta Comd BULOLO	BULOLO DROME. BULOLO	
6	HQ ANGAU (MARKHAM DISTRICT)	371719	WAU LOCALITY
7	ANGAU BULOLO	291857	BULOLO
<u>RAA & US ARTY</u>			
8	HQ 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt A Tp 2/1 Aust Fd Regt B " " " " "	393702 398703 365723	WAU LOCALITY " "
9	One sec 1 Aust Mtn Bty	Fwd Area	SADDLE area
10	156 Aust Lt AA Bty less two tps Two tps 156 Aust Lt AA Bty	374710 293871	WAU LOCALITY BULOLO
11	2 Sec 2/6 Aust Svy Bty	303848	"
12	708 US CA Bty	292873	"
<u>RAE</u>			
13	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div	GOLDEN RIDGE.	WAU LOCALITY
14	2/8 Aust Fd Coy	372721	"
15	Det 2/14 Aust Army Fd Coy	GOLDEN RIDGE	"
16	2/16 Aust Army Fd Coy (u/c RAE 11 Aust Div)	EDIE CK	HUON GULF
17	Det 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy	378728	WAU LOCALITY
18	Det 69 Engr Coy US Army	292871	BULOLO
<u>AUST CORPS SIGS</u>			
19	HQ 3 Aust Div Sigs	373728	WAU LOCALITY

Serial No.	Unit	Location	Remarks
<u>AUST INF</u>			
20	HQ 2/5 Aust Inf Bn	Fwd Area	SKINDEWAI area
	A Coy	"	"
	B "	"	"
	C "	"	"
	D "	BALLAMS	WAU LOCALITY
	HQ "	Fwd Area	SKINDEWAI area
21	HQ 2/6 Aust Inf Bn	299856	BULOLO
	A Coy	237870	"
	B "	293868	"
	C "	(L)R 2701	HUON GULF
	D "	(L)R 3242	"
	HQ "	298857	BULOLO
22	HQ 2/7 Aust Inf Bn	387709	WAU LOCALITY
	A Coy	437677	"
	B "	425697	"
	C "	431686	"
	D " less one pl	405694	"
	HQ "	387700	"
23	2/3 Aust Indep Coy	Fwd Area	POWERHOUSE MISSIM (HUON GULF)
24	2/5 Aust Indep Coy less one pl	EDIE CK	HUON GULF
	One pl 2/5 Aust Indep Coy	PATEP II	"
25	2/7 Aust Indep Coy	Fwd Area	SKINDEWAI area
26	16 Aust Inf Bde Carr Coy	383708	WAU LOCALITY
27	21/25 Aust Inf Bde Carr Coy	374719	"
28	B Coy 7 Aust MG Bn less one pl	372708	"
	One pl B Coy 7 Aust MG Bn	Fwd Area	SKINDEWAI area
<u>BENA FORCE</u>			
29	One pl D Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn plus one sec 7 Aust MG Bn	BENA BENA	
<u>SUP & TPT</u>			
30	HQ plus 1 pl 1 Aust Sup Depot Coy	383717	WAU LOCALITY
31	Comp pl 2/2 Coy AASC	WAU	
32	DID BULOLO	291873	BULOLO
33	Det 13 Aust Fd Bakery	374716	WAU LOCALITY
34	3 pl 152 Gen Tpt Coy	373729	"
<u>A A M C</u>			
35	Comp coy 2/2 Aust Fd Amb (incl det 2/9 AGH & 2/2 CCS)	384701	WAU LOCALITY
36	Det 2/2 Aust Fd Amb ADS	(L)W 3384	HUON GULF
37	85 Aust Dental Unit (D Sec)	384701	WAU LOCALITY

Serial No.	Unit	Location	Remarks
<u>AAOC</u>			
38	Det 10 AAOD	373719	WAU LOCALITY
39	Det 28 L of C Salvage	373718	"
40	27 US Service Depot	WAU DROME AREA	
<u>AEME</u>			
41	2/46 Aust LAD	383716	WAU LOCALITY
42	17 Bde Sec 7 Div W/shops	383716	" "
<u>AA POST C</u>			
43	Det 11 Aust Div Postal Unit	WAU DROME	WAU LOCALITY
<u>AA PAY C</u>			
44	KANGA Pay Office	372708	WAU LOCALITY
<u>AA PRO C</u>			
45	Det 3 Aust Div Pro Coy	371707	WAU LOCALITY
	Det 3 Aust Div Pro Coy	BULOLO DROME area	BULOLO
<u>AUST SVY CORPS</u>			
46	Det NGF Fd Svy	371719	WAU LOCALITY
47	Det 8 Aust Fd Svy	393704	"
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
48	2/2 Aust Graves Regn Unit	378725	WAU LOCALITY
49	17 Aust Inf Bde Tpt Pool	373718	"
50	KANGA FORCE Pack Tpt Coy	389706	"
51	KANGA FORCE Dairy Farm	389706	"
52	3 Aust Div Reception Camp	BULOLO	
<u>RAAF</u>			
53	A Flt 4 AC Sqn	WAU DROME	WAU LOCALITY
54	2 Adv Comm Sec	291870	BULOLO
55	306 RDF Unit	290871	"
<u>US ARMY AIR CORPS</u>			
56	Air Sp 5 AF WAU	374706	WAU LOCALITY
57	11 Fighter Control Subsector	290872	BULOLO
58	US Weather Det	DROME Area	WAU LOCALITY

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HQ KANGA FORCE.

4 Mar 43.

APPRECIATION ON OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST MUBO AND ENEMY L of C MUBO - SALAMAUA

Made at WAU on 4 MAR 43

Ref Maps: Track Map WAU-SALAMAUA-LAE Area.
MUBO Sketch Map (4 Mar 43) 3" to 1 Mile.

1. OBJECT

Without prejudicing the defence of BULOLO Valley, to capture MUBO area.

2. RELATIVE STRENGTH - ENEMY

(a) Estimated enemy strength from infm available:-

LAE	}	5719
SALAMAUA		
KOMIATUM		
- MUBO		

This figure includes 600 paratps suspected to be at LAE.

(b) Fwd Dispositions

Our air strikes appear to have driven the enemy out of MUBO itself and they are now reported to be disposed mainly as follows:-

- (i) MAT MAT HILL - strongly defended all round, with log pill boxes, camouflaged dugouts and MG emplacements commanding all approaches.
- (ii) VICKERS RIDGE - posns dug in, cover approaches from SADDLE and OBSERVATION HILL.
- (iii) OBSERVATION HILL - Hy MGs observed, and area probably still strongly held.
- (iv) Feature 3000 yds NORTH of GAUDAGASAL - Suspected OP, possibly protected.
- (v) SADDLE Area - BR KUNDA - Suspected main concentration of remaining tps, with dets fwd.

(c) Enemy Reinforcement of MUBO area

MUBO is important to the enemy as an outpost to SALAMAUA-LAE. The enemy has reinforcements available and could move them forward SALAMAUA-MUBO without being observed.

(d) Morale

On past performances the enemy usually fights to the last when occupying prepared defences. His recent defeat however has probably shaken his confidence in mobile actions. Therefore direct attack on such defs should be avoided and the enemy struck on ground of our choosing.

4. RELATIVE STRENGTH - OWN TPS

(a) Providing no serious threat develops from the MARKHAM area, the following are estimated as being the minimum tps required for def of BULOLO Valley:-

- One Inf Bn - BULOLO and NORTH
- One Inf Bn } - WAU
- WAU Fxd Defs }

(b) Subject to responsibility for protection of approaches to WAU from MUBO, remaining tps available for offensive action against MUBO and its L of C are therefore:-

<u>Tps</u>	<u>Present Strength</u>
One Inf Bn (2/5 Aust Inf Bn) -	554
Two Indep Coys (2/7 Indep Coy)	302
(2/3 Indep Coy) -	244
One Sec Mtn Bty	35
TOTAL	1135

5. ENEMY AIR ACTION

There is a possibility that the enemy may make occasional and sudden raids on our bases and L of C. The effect of these upon our native carriers must be considered in assessing our supply capabilities.

6. OWN AIR ACTION

We must maintain:

- (a) continual air attack to soften enemy prepared posns around MUBO.
- (b) regular bombing and strafing of track SALAMAUA-MUBO to disperse enemy native carrier lines, and generally increase his supply problems.

7. TIME FACTOR

(a) It is essential that our offensive operations commence as quickly as possible to take advantage of the existing situation.

(b) Before any major fwd move, other than patrol activity can be made, dumping of the following requirements fwd in SKIN DEWAI area must be completed for tps to be employed:-

- Sups - 5 days res.
- Amn - 1st and 2nd line.

By air dropping and native carriers, this should be completed by 14 Mar 43. Efforts are being made to speed this up and attempt completion by 12 Mar.

8. TOPOGRAPHY

- (a) MUBO and approaches thereto are overlooked by the high feature to the EAST of MUBO known as LABABIA SPUR. On the lower WESTERN slopes of this feature VICKERS RIDGE dominates MUBO. The NORTHERN extremity of the feature overlooks Track MUBO-SALAMAUA where it approaches and crosses BUIGAP CK. The SADDLE area controls our approach to LABABIA SPUR. A track from the SADDLE runs up LABABIA SPUR through thick timber and is NOT steep. This should be difficult for the enemy to defend.

By securing the SADDLE and occupying LABABIA SPUR, our tps then suitably based on the latter feature should be able to operate towards VICKERS RIDGE and MUBO and also against rearward approaches to MUBO in BUIGAP CK area.

- (b) The main tracks from the SADDLE and WAIPALI, approach MUBO through the defile of BITOI RIVER Valley. As they near MUBO these approaches are dominated by enemy occupied features detailed in para 2b (i)&(ii). Mvt to MUBO via these tracks would be costly in casualties and should be avoided.

- (c) Track to MAT MAT from WAIPALI is steep and difficult for tps. In face of prepared defs at MAT MAT this approach would be unfavourable.

- (d) Approaches from EAST flank:-

- (i) Track LABABIA-SADDLE skirts precipitous slopes along BUISAVAL R and could easily be held to protect that flank of our advance to MUBO area.

- (ii) The track from LABABIA on to LABABIA SPUR, would have to be covered by our tps if occupying that latter feature. Patrols should be pushed well down this track EASTWARDS to the lower ground in case the enemy landed at LABABIA and moved WEST. However, once we were in a position to operate against the Track MUBO-SALAMAUA at BUIGAP CK, it would be difficult for the /latter area enemy to move from the/ around to this EASTERN approach.

- (e) The feature 3000 yds NORTH of GAUDAGASAL overlooks the SADDLE and commands Track WAIPALI-MUBO. We must seize and hold this to prevent the enemy's movement on that track, and to deny him observation from his suspected OP.

- (f) From BULWA, a good track runs generally EAST and enters the enemy L of C area in BOBDUBI area. While its use must be denied the enemy, a thrust along it in conjunction with action against MUBO would seriously disturb the enemy's fwd maintenance and threaten to isolate his fwd tps.

9. RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEF BULOLO VALLEY

Our force operating against MUBO, may at any time have to be withdrawn from that area should a serious enemy threat to the BULOLO Valley develop. As well as continuing to hold approaches to WAU from MUBO, this force during its operations must:-

- (a) Avoid being seriously involved and be capable of withdrawal intact.
- (b) Avoid excessive casualties.

10. COURSES OPEN TO US

- (a) To make a direct attack on MUBO:
heavily

This would probably involve our force and cause casualties to a degree which we could NOT afford.

- (b) To make an indirect attack on MUBO:

By seizing and holding the feature 3000 yds NORTH of GAUDAGASAL and the high ground overlooking MUBO i.e. LABABIA SPUR-VICKERS RIDGE. From the latter posns bypass MUBO and MAT MAT areas and squeeze out the garrison by offensive operations against the flank and rear and along the L of C between MUBO and KOMIATUM.

To support this attack by -

- (i) Harassing with our tps, the enemy L of C in BOBDUBI area.
- (ii) Softening the enemy's def posns set out in para 2(b) by concentrated air attack before and during the operations.
- (iii) Increasing his supply problems by regular air attack along MUBO-SALAMAUA L of C also before and during the operations.
- (iv) Maintaining a firm base SKIN DEWAI-GAUDAGASAL and feature 3000 yds NORTH thereof.

11. COURSES OPEN TO THE ENEMY

- (a) To make a further advance on WAU from MUBO.

Although this is considered to be unlikely in the present enemy situation, a firm base fwd of SKIN DEWAI and WAIPALI should counter any move.

- (b) To withdraw from MUBO.

In this case, indirect attack will enable us effectively to get round behind MUBO and harry his withdrawal.

- (c) To defend MUBO to the last man.

This is typical of the enemy's def tactics. Against this, accumulated stocks of supplies in MUBO area are now probably well eaten into owing to his apparent general shortage in LAE-SALAMAUA area.

12. PLAN

To make an indirect attack on MUBO as follows:-

- (a) 2/5 Aust Inf Bn with under comd 2/7 Aust Indep Coy and one sec Mtn Bty will -

- (i) Occupy general areas LABABIA SPUR, VICKERS RIDGE, and feature 3000 yds NORTH of GUADAGASAL.
- (ii) Bypass MUBO-MAT MAT areas and by offensive operations against the flanks and rear of MUBO and along the L of C MUBO-KOMIATUM, eventually make the enemy's posn in MUBO area untenable as his supplies are exhausted.

- (b) 2/3 Aust Indep Coy will -
 - (i) Establish^{sup}/bases along Track BULWA-MISSIM-BOBDUBI and at the same time push forward small recce parties to gain infm of enemy and topography in BOBDUBI-KOMIATUM area.
 - (ii) Be prepared for offensive operations against the enemy L of C in BOBDUBI-KOMIATUM area when bases have been established within striking distance thereof.
- (c) The following necessary air support will be requested:-
 - (i) Daily air attack before and during the operation, concentrated upon enemy def posns MUBO and forward (see para 2(b)) while these defs hold out.
 - (ii) Daily strafing and bombing along Track MUBO--SALAMAUA.
- (d) The following reserve requirements for tps to operate forward will be built up in SKIN DEWAI area by 14 Mar 43:-
 - Amn - 1st and 2nd line.
 - Sups - 5 days hard scale.

Owing to shortage of native labour, the bulk of these requirements will be dropped by air.
- (e) Main forward advance will commence NOT before 12 Mar 43.

M. P. ... Brig.
Comd, Kanga Force.

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HQ KANGA FORCE
13 Mar 43.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

AIR RAID WARNING SYSTEM

WAU AREA

1. RESPONSIBILITY

156 Aust Lt AA Bty will be responsible for initiating Air Raid alarms.

They will establish a CCP (Central Control Post) where infm for such purposes may be collated.

2. SOURCES OF INFM OF ENEMY A/C

For infm of units, the following is a brief outline of how CCP receives infm for sounding alarm:

- (a) From AA Spotters.
- (b) From RDF Sta BULOLO through 5 AF, WAU.
- (c) From HQ KANGA in cases of reports from out stations such as OP's.

3. ALARM SYSTEM

(a) "AIR RAID RED"

CCP on receiving warning of imminent attack will sound the master alarm, and simultaneously pass "AIR RAID RED" to sigs who will inform units on multiple call.

Units on receiving "AIR RAID RED" from Sigs or on hearing the alarm, whichever is sooner, will repeat the alarm within unit areas.

NOTE:-

- (1) In cases where surprise attack by enemy planes eventuates, the opening of fire by the Bofors and the sounding of the alarm will probably be simultaneous.
- (2) Air raid alarm will not be sounded normally when single, enemy recce or u/i, planes are in the area.

(b) "ALL CLEAR"

"ALL CLEAR" will be sounded by CCP under orders from HQ KANGA and signal repeated in unit areas.

4. ALARM SIGNALS

Either one of the following devices will be used to give air raid signals from CCP:-

<u>Device</u>	<u>Alarm signal</u>	<u>All Clear Signal</u>
Siren	Rising and falling note	Continuous wail
Horn	Quick toots	Long toots
Bell	Quick rings	Slow rings

Units will be responsible for repeating these signals under unit arrangements.

NOTE:- Use of firearms to give signals is NOT allowed.

5. ACK
Distribution
All Units

J. G. Wilson
Maj
for EM KANGA FORCE

SECRET

HQ KANGA FORCE

14 Mar 43.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

AIR RAID WARNING SYSTEM

COMMUNICATIONS

1. TRANSMISSION OF WARNING TO CCP

- Case 1 - AA Spotters phone to CCP
- Case 2 - 5 AF Air Sp Control receive "AIR RAID RED" from 5 Fighter Sector BULOLO and phone CCP.
- Case 3 - HQ KANGA on receipt infm from LAE or SALAMAUA OPs phone CCP.

ACTION BY CCP

- Case - If attack is imminent:-
- (a) Sound Alarm.
(b) Notify Sigs "AIR RAID RED"
(c) Notify HQ KANGA
4 AC Sqn
5 AF Air Sp Control
on direct line of "AIR RAID RED".
- Case 2 - (a) Sound Alarm
(b) Notify Sigs "AIR RAID RED".
(c) Notify HQ KANGA
4 AC Sqn
on direct line of "AIR RAID RED".
- Case 3 - (a) Sound Alarm
(b) Notify Sigs "AIR RAID RED"
(c) Notify 4 AC Sqn
5 AF Air Sp Control
on direct line of "AIR RAID RED".

ACTION BY SIGS

In all cases when warned by CCP of "AIR RAID RED" notify same to all units.

2. TRANSMISSION "ALL CLEAR"

- Case 1 - HQ KANGA orders "ALL CLEAR" to CCP.
- Case 2 - 5 AF Air Sp Control on receipt "ALL CLEAR" from 5 Fighter Sector notify HQ KANGA who order "ALL CLEAR" to CCP.

ACTION BY CCP

In both cases sound "ALL CLEAR" and notify Sigs "ALL CLEAR".

ACTION BY SIGS

When notified by CCP of "ALL CLEAR" notify same to all units.

DISTRIBUTION:

156 Aust Lt AA Bty. Comd.
4 AC Sqn.
5 AF Air Sp Control. War Diary(2)
Sigs File

[Signature] Maj.
EM, Kanga Force.

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HQ KANGA FORCE

14 Mar 43.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

AIR RAID WARNING SYSTEM

IDENTIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT

1. IDENTIFICATION BY SIGNAL

156 Aust Lt AA Bty will establish and maintain a control post equipped with an Aldis lamp for the purpose of signalling unidentified a/c or answering signals from friendly a/c.

- (a) The post will be located at BARE KNOLL 371712 ref WAU 4 in map.
- (b) The signals to be used are as laid down in MOST SECRET memo "Recognition Signals", copy of which is attached (for 156 Aust Lt AA Bty only).
- (c) In the event of a/c failing initiate or answer signals, they will be regarded as hostile, but with proviso as laid down in Para 2 (a).

2. GUIDING RULES FOR A/C IDENTIFICATION.

(a) By Day

All a/c who fail to fly in the prescribed lanes (x) or fail to give the recognition signal will be regarded as hostile, and may be fired upon, except:-

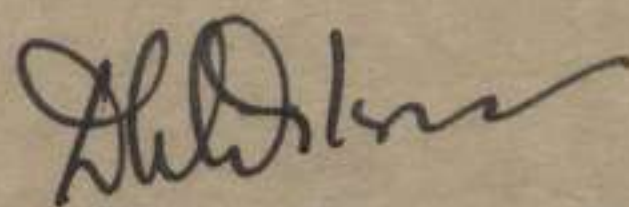
- (i) Where a/c is definitely identified as friendly.
- (ii) In case of single u/i or enemy a/c, unless they come within range of AA and commit a hostile act.

(b) By Night

All a/c between dusk and dawn will be considered hostile unless they identify themselves by recognition signals.

- (x) Lanes have NOT yet been laid down by 5 AF. Until such time as this is done, visual recognition is best means of identification.

3. ACK.

 Maj.
for BM, Kanga Force.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 156 Aust Lt AA Bty.
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- Comd.
- G.
- ✓ War Diary (2).
- File.

H.Q.
KANGA FORCE,
13 Mar. '43.

CONTROL OF MOSQUITOES

The following information is for the assistance of Unit hygiene personnel in their precautionary measures against malaria and dengue.

Anopheline (malaria-carrying) mosquitoes are definitely breeding in the Wau, Bulolo, Bulwa, and Sunshine areas.

The larvae are easily distinguishable by the manner in which they float parallel to the surface of the water, in contrast with culicine larvae, which suspend themselves at an angle, breathing through a tube or siphon apparent at the tail. Anopheline larvae, moreover, tend to dart about in the water rather than to wriggle, as do the culicines.

The adult anopheline mosquito is distinguished by:-

- (a) Its resting attitude. The entire body slopes down at an angle when the insect is feeding -- the tail sticking up into the air. The culicine adult rests with its body more or less parallel with the surface on which it is feeding.
- (b) The presence in the female (which alone attacks man and animals) of palps which are as long as the proboscis. The proboscis is the prominent feeding tube in the head. On each side is a long antenna, and between the proboscis and the antenna on each side is a palp, suggesting in all to the naked eye a set of five hairs. In culicine mosquitoes the palps are very short and stumpy.

N.B. The male mosquito has similar characteristics, but his head has a very hairy appearance, he is a vegetarian, and generally lives only a few days. The female may live for four months or more, and is responsible for all the damage. In open country her range of flight possibly averages two miles.

CONTROL:

The best method of control is the extinction of the adult mosquito. Where the insects are numerous, the established method of closing tents, quarters, etc., soon after daybreak, spraying with Flysol in a good concentration, and leaving the quarters closed for at least 15 minutes, is most effective. Infected mosquitoes, and those liable to become infected, are thereby killed, and the risk of malaria consequently reduced.

Attention must also be given to the control of breeding. Although unit personnel are not expected to carry out extensive or complicated larval measures, they should endeavour to control breeding within their lines, and for a radius of half a mile around. In most cases in this area, breeding of anopheline mosquitoes commonly occurs in small still pools, slit trenches containing water, seepages from cliffs or banks forming puddles, water lying for any length of time in the gutters of roads, or still backwaters of creeks which the current does not flush out.

PERMANENT METHODS:

The best way of preventing breeding and of saving further trouble and labour is to eliminate the breeding place, as by filling in holes, puddles, slit trenches no longer in use, or by draining pools and clearing stoppages so that the water will flow away readily.

N.B. Where some such system as the herring bone method of sullage disposal is in use, and water is constantly present in the disposal area, a second

/disposal.

H.Q., KANGA FORCE,
13 Mar. '43.

CONTROL OF MOSQUITOES

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disposal area should be selected, and the water deviated from one to another every four or five days, allowing each area time to dry before mosquitoes can hatch out. The life cycle of the anopheline mosquito from the egg laying to the hatching averages about a fortnight.

USE OF FISH:

In the creeks and pools and backwaters of the Bulolo River, at any rate from Bulolo to Sunshine, small larvae-eating fish are to be found in swarms. They may be caught with the aid of some such implement as might resemble a butterfly net, transported in clean vessels of good size containing the same water as that from which they were taken, and lowered (not poured) into the water which is to be their new home. The fish will only operate where they can swim, and will not live for long in polluted water. They must not be touched by hand, or allowed to drop out of the water for even a few seconds. They breed thickly, and are very effective in keeping mosquitoes at a minimum. A limited number of these fish is available in pools at A.N.G. A.U. Headquarters, Wau.

OILING:

Where permanent methods of control, such as the above, are not possible, oiling may be resorted to. Malariaol is the best oil for this purpose, and is procurable from the A.S.C. Knapsack sprayers are also available. In the absence of Malariaol, kerosene may be used, or better, a mixture of two-thirds waste lubricating oil and one-third kerosene; petrol, or for quick and deadly effects in small holes, flysol. It is best to reserve kerosene and petrol for large uncovered containers, such as tanks without tops. The oiling should not be overdone, sufficient being sprayed on the surface of the water to bring about an unbroken thin film, which both suffocates and poisons. Oiling, however, is ineffective where there is vegetation in the water. When necessary, and where possible, vegetation should be cleared from the surface before oiling, so that the surface film is not broken by growths. Oiling should be done regularly once a week.

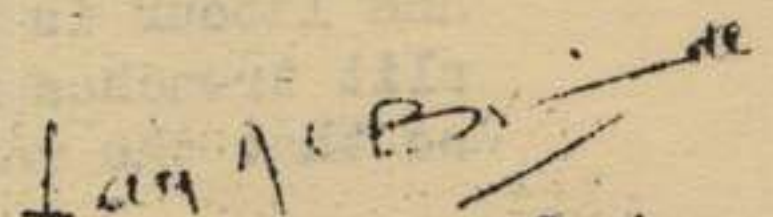
POISONS:

The use of poisons, such as Paris Green, does not come within the scope of unit hygiene personnel, at any rate in this area.

RUBBLE:

Among the ruins of the settlements in this valley are many utensils etc. that are collecting rain water. If any such are found in unit lines, they must be treated in some manner that will prevent their catching water, as by burying, turning over, holing etc. These may well prove to be breeding places for mosquitoes carrying dengue, and sometimes even malaria.

N.B. The black mosquito so prevalent in Wau, and especially active from about 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., with white banded legs, white banded thorax and abdomen, with a straight white line running up the back of the thorax, is named *Aedes albopictus*, which, with the better known *Aedes aegypti*, is an established dengue carrier. The above two mosquitoes bite during the day, but anophelines prefer the hours from dusk until dawn.


Capt.
S.C., KANGA FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Brigadier M.J. MOTEN

COMMANDING KANGA FORCE

No 2

IN THE FIELD

16 MAR 43

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14. USE OF CODE NAMES

Code names must not be used in conjunction with unit designations in clear. Originators of messages will pay particular attention that code names are NOT mentioned in the same message or document as unit designations in clear as the code list may thereby be compromised and our CGS revealed to the enemy.

John C. ...
Major.
B.M. Kanga Force

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15. PAYBOOKS

The number of instances of personnel being evacuated to hospital without their paybooks has become far too prevalent. All units will in future exercise the strictest supervision to avoid a recurrence of this practice.

16. RATION INDENTS

Ration Indents will be submitted direct to the SUPPLY OFFICER, KANGA FORCE, and NOT to the STAFF CAPTAIN.

17. INOCULATIONS

Units will submit to HQ KANGA FORCE, forthwith, number of personnel who have NOT been inoculated for T.T. and T.A.B. during the past twelve months.

18. DECEASED PERSONNEL - INCORRECTLY ADDRESSED MAIL

1. It is noticed that postal articles for deceased personnel are being endorsed "DECEASED" signed by an officer and returned to Army Postal Service.

2. Attention is drawn to the requirements in this connection as set out in Para 34 Sub Para D, Standing Orders for the Army Postal Service, which states,

"If the addressee is definitely known to be deceased or missing, articles will NOT be endorsed in any way, but securely tied together in a bundle which will be clearly labelled "DECEASED OR MISSING" as the case may be. This label will be signed by an officer who will add his rank after his signature."

19. DAMAGE TO WEB EQUIPMENT

1. Many instances have been discovered recently of personnel removing the buckles from the back of web belts.
2. This indicates that the personnel concerned are in possession of two belts. One without buckles is kept for use with slacks at night and the other is kept made up with the remainder of their equipment.
3. All units will immediately hold a kit inspection and return to nearest Ordnance Depot all web belts held in excess of one per man and their authorised reserve.
4. Disciplinary action will, in future, be taken against all personnel found to have interfered with web equipment.

20. BICYCLES (AUST) NOS 1 & 2

1. Units will render to this HQ by 19 MAR 43 a return showing the number of the abovementioned bicycles held on unit strength.
2. Bicycles (Aust) Nos 1 & 2 are the present military pattern bicycle.
3. A nil return is required.

21. RETURNABLE CONTAINERS

Attention is drawn to Kanga Force Routine Order No 1, -para 5.

LASO returnable containers, drum type, are to be returned to DED, NOT to Salvage. This type of container is urgently required for air dropping purposes. Sacks are also urgently required.

22. CONTROLLED STORES

Units will ensure that all personnel who have been issued with Controlled Stores return them to their QM or Ordnance Depot before evacuating from the WAU - BULOLO area. Personnel will not be evacuated with arms and equipment.

23. MONTHLY CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES

Units and detachments will submit to ORD OFFICER, WAU, a complete CENSUS of WARLIKE STORES as at 1400 hrs on 20th of each month.

It is essential that this return be accurately compiled and submitted to ORD OFFICER NOT later than 23rd of each month.

24. USE OF AIR TPT

1. The following procedure will be adopted for movement of personnel and despatch of freight by air.

(a) Personnel enplaning at WAU will first report to STA COMD OFFICE with the necessary authority from the Staff Captain.

(b) Personnel deplaning at WAU will report on their arrival to STA COMD CHECKER.

(c) Outward freight (with manifest) authorised by the Staff Captain, will be loaded under the supervision of STA COMD.

25. M.T. TRAFFIC - DROVE AREA

1. MT will keep clear of landing strip at all times and will NOT, unless absolutely necessary use the track at the top of the landing strip.
2. MT clearing inward freight will use the nearest track to the road on their own side of the strip and will NOT drive up through the unloading bay area.

26. PERSONNEL - DROME AREA

1. Unauthorised personnel are NOT permitted to remain within the enclosing roads of the drome area.
2. All personnel performing duties on drome will vacate the area immediately those duties are completed.
3. Unloading parties will wait at the edge of the strip when not actually working.

27. ORDERING OF STORES.

Attention is drawn to KANGA FORCE order No.1. para 7301 (USAF) 2510300H .05

Instances have occurred of units ordering stores direct from MORESBY. This practice will cease.

In future units will NOT order any supplies or eqpt of any nature whatsoever except through STAFF CAPTAIN KANGA FORCE. This instr applies to ALL units in the area, whether ARMY or AIR FORCE, and whether AUSTRALIAN or US.

28. DRESS

A low standard of dress and a slovenly personal appearance which are no part of a soldierly bearing are becoming increasingly evident among some troops in this area.

It is apparent that personnel are not paying due regard to the washing of clothes and shaving. Units will enforce a higher standard in these matters and will take steps to ensure that :-

- (a) All troops shave daily
- (b) All troops wash clothing frequently and regularly
- (c) Shirts are worn, except by personnel who are actually engaged in work as members of a working party or taking part in sporting activities.
- (d) The need for a greater sense of personal pride is impressed on all ranks.

Jay A. [Signature]
 SC KANGA FORCE
 capt.

WP2

WAR DIRTY

HQ KANGA FORCE
Ref No G17/27
22 MAR 43.

No 1 Signal Operators and W/T Operators Refresher Course.

1. The above mentioned course will be held at Sigs KANGA FORCE WAU area from 29 Mar 43 to 19 Apr 43.
2. Object of the course. To increase the present standard of efficiency of Signal Operators within KANGA FORCE and to create a reserve of operators within Units.
3. VACANCIES. The 22 vacancies are allotted as follows:-

2/5 Aust Inf Bn	6)	
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	5)	Unit sigs operators
2/7 Aust Inf Bn	5)	
2/3 Aust Indep Coy	2)	
2/5 Aust Indep Coy	2)	W/T operators
2/7 Aust Indep Coy	2)	
4. Qualifications of Students. Students must be capable of sending and receiving MORSE CODE at least 5 words per minute.
5. Nominations will be submitted to this H.Q. not later than 26 Mar 43.
6. Students to report at WAU TRANSIT CAMP for onward movt to SIGS KANGA FORCE by 1600 hrs 23 MAR 43.
7. Sigs KANGA FORCE will replace personnel sent to School. Replacement to be effected by 26 Mar.
8. Para 7 does NOT apply to Indep Coys.
9. Accommodation. Accommodation will be supplied by Sigs KANGA FORCE.
10. Equipment. Students will require battle order including blankets.

Kellyhoff for Major.
BM KANGA FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Brigadier M.J. MOTEN
Commanding KANGA FORCE

No.1

IN THE FIELD

1 MAR 43

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1. RIFLE RANGES

Units with existing ranges or proposed ranges will submit to this HQ for approval, prior to range being used, the following:-

- Location
- Bearing from Firing Point
- Length of Range
- Safety Precautions

This does not apply to units who have already complied with this order.

2. RANGE PRACTICES

Units desirous of carrying out range practices will advise this HQ at least 24 hrs beforehand:

- date
- time
- location
- type of practice
- estimated expenditure of amm

3. SITREPS

Sitreps will be submitted in time to reach this HQ at 0800 hrs and 1800 hrs daily. Units in fwd areas will report as situation demands over and above the times laid down.

B.M. Kanga Force
Maj
B.M. Kanga Force

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4. CASUALTIES AFFECTING PAY

No action will be taken to amend paybook rates consequent upon promotions, remission of fines or remission of forfeitures until receipt of the relevant Routine Part 11 Order from Records Office.

5. RETURN OF FOOD DRUMS

- (i) All drums and sacks in which foodstuffs are issued will be returned by units, complete with lids to the DID from which rations are drawn.
- (ii) Units will exercise care when opening drums to prevent damage to lids and will ensure that drums are thoroughly clean and fit for further use when returned to DID.

6. DISPOSAL OF CASH - DECEASED MEMBERS

(1) All money and tax stamps found on the bodies or in the effects of deceased members will be forwarded by the CO of the unit to the nearest Divisional Paymaster.

The CO will forward with the cash a schedule indicating the ownership of the money and tax stamps. (ii) /

(ii)/

(ii) The Paymaster will issue to the CO an official receipt for the money received and will account for the amounts to the DISTRICT FINANCE OFFICER.

(iii) Such money and tax stamps collected will be credited to the estates of the member concerned.

4. MOVEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL PARTIES

All movement from WAU by air will be made only through this HQ. Units will submit an application in writing, giving the number, name, rank and initials of member or members concerned, together with destination and reason for movement.

5. DESTRUCTION OF STANDING BUILDINGS

All personnel are to be warned again that building materials and fittings will NOT be removed from standing structures without reference to this HQ.

6. CONSERVATION OF POL

Attention is again directed to the necessity for conserving the limited supplies of POL in this area. Units can assist by forwarding (whenever possible) requisitions for MT, to TPT POOL by 1800 hrs the day before required. All drivers can assist by ensuring full back loading of their vehicles.

7. STORES AND EQPT PRIORITY

Units will make arrangements for the calling forward of stores and eqpt from MORESBY only through this HQ.

8. SALVAGE

All salvageable material and the accounting for same is the responsibility of Salvage Personnel.

Salvage will NOT be removed from the area in which it is at present located until required for use in another area. In the event of two or more units requiring the same material the matter will be referred to this HQ for decision.

Units will give receipts to Salvage for any material which has passed through Salvage hands.

9. CONTAINERS FOR MEDICAL USE

All bottles, tobacco tins and other containers in good condition and suitable for medical use, will be collected and handed to unit RAPs for despatch to MDS, WAU.

10. MALARIAL CONTROL - SUPPRESSIVE USE OF ATEBRIN

The standard dosage of atebirin in this area is one tablet per day for six (6) days of each week.

11. FIRST AID OUTFITS

(i) When rubbed into cuts and abrasions the contents of tubes contained in Blue Light outfits have been found of considerable value in preventing infection and sores.

(ii) Units will indent through ASC for Blue Light outfits on the scale of issue one per man.

(iii) These will be issued to unit personnel with instructions that a small quantity of the contents of either tube, preferably No. 2, be rubbed into scratches and abrasions, especially when first contracted.

12. LOSSES OF PISTOLS AND COMPASSES

In view of the number of recent losses of the abovementioned stores, stricter security measures will be adopted for the safeguarding thereof. Where it appears that the loss is due to carelessness or neglect to observe every measure of security, disciplinary action will be taken and the value of the stores lost be debited against the person responsible for their custody. (MML Aust Edition page 437).

13. LEAVE

Returns from all units in the categories set out hereunder, are urgently required and will be sent by signal to this HQ for consolidation.

- (a) Number of personnel returned from overseas who were sent to NEW GUINEA without disembarkation leave or any Home Leave whatever.
- (b) Number of personnel who were enlisted and sent to NEW GUINEA without having had any Home Leave from date of enlistment.
- (c) Number of personnel who have had eighteen months service in NEW GUINEA without any Home Leave.
- (d) Number of personnel who have had twelve months service in NEW GUINEA without Home Leave.
- (e) Number of personnel who have had six months service in NEW GUINEA without Home Leave.

This return to be submitted to this HQ not later than 4 MAR 43.

Jan A Br
Capt
S.C. Kanga Force

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NOTES ON SALAMAUA RECCE

Undated - prob
early Feb 43
prob Jan 43

SALAMAUA

There are two AA guns (approx 3" calibre) at road junc Isthmus, and one (of same calibre) on Kunai spur WEST of KEILA.

Only two utilities seen moving during 2 days on OP.

Almost every day cargo is carried from Guinea Airways store by truck to mouth of FRISCO R, ferried across river on rafts and small boats, then loaded onto local native carriers to be delivered to KOMIATUM. From KOMIATUM the cargo is carried to MUBO by Rabaul natives. These carrying lines are escorted by 2 riflemen and one sub-machine gunner. The local carriers do not receive pay, not even a feed of rice and must feed themselves on taro etc from their gardens.

The road from SALAMAUA to LOKANU has been cleared, it is an old road about 5-ft wide and was built during peace time by the local Government. There has only been one patrol to LOKANU since the JAPS occupied SALAMAUA on 8 Mar last. The road from SALAMAUA to KOMIATUM has been repaired and corduroyed also the mule track from the base of KOMIATUM spur to MUBO. The JAPS intend building a new house near the site of the old Road Master's house on the mule track.

Topo Improbable

They already have a machine gun installed on this site.

There are 2 landing barges tied to the jetties near Burn Philip's stores.

In two days' observation only 18 JAPS seen in SALAMAUA and LOQUI. NO activity KEILA.

After summoning the LULUAI, Nakamura told them that the JAPS were expecting a fight, as two British warships were sighted well out to sea.

Apart from Nakamura, there are three others who speak pidgin. They are: (1) A half-caste German with one hand, (2) A JAP bridge-carpenter from Rabaul, (3) A CHINESE prisoner from LAE. Nakamura is in charge of all natives.

No local natives are allowed to cross the FRISCO, and the conscripts from Rabaul are afraid to divulge any infm to the local natives.

There have not been ships into SALAMAUA since the OP was evacuated.

Map

KOMIATUM

There are eight buildings incl a store and guardroom. There is a machine gun at the foot of the coconuts, also a wire fence surrounding the buildings with jam-tin bells att.

SUMMARY

The natives (excepting the BUSAMAS) are NOT pro-JAP, but terrified of threatened consequences if the Allies are found occupying any of the surrounding country.

The natives are also afraid that we will shoot them because they are compelled to work for the JAPS.

The JAPS told the natives we started a fight at MUBO and all our forces were wiped out without a single loss to the JAPS.

I asked them did they see JAPS carried on stretchers. They replied in the affirmative and said they were told these were sick JAPS. I then told them the true story, also the good work done at MILNE BAY, BUNA and SOLOMON ISLANDS.

I believe that a Patrol Officer should contact the natives and thus regain their confidence,

(Sgd) Rfn J.G.KUISEY.

SECRET

Copy No. 2

13 Jan 43

NGF OP INSTN No 60

COMD.

1. Brig M J MOTEN DSO will take over comd all tps in the WAU area as from 15 Jan 43.

NAME OF FORCE.

2. The force in this area will continue to be known as KANGA FORCE and will remain directly under comd NGF.

ADDITIONAL TPS.

3. Additional tps subsequently moving to this area will come under comd KANGA FORCE on arrival.

TASKS.

4. KANGA FORCE will:

- (a) Ensure the security of the BULOLO Valley as an Adv Base with aerodrome facilities suitable for future operations. These will be facilitated if the enemy can be induced to believe that SALAMAUA is a future objective.
- (b) Collect and forward information regarding enemy strength, dispositions and movements.
- (c) Facilitate the operations of coast watching and air warning stations in the area.

5. ACK

Issued at 2359 hrs

R. L. Hopkins
 Brig
 GS NG Force

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ADV ECH 5 AF	8	DRLS
GOC	9	HAND
DCGS	10	ALS
BGS	11	HAND
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SUBJECT: NATIVE CURRENCY -- SHELL MONEY

1. The attached notes regarding the use of shell-currency in CENTRAL NEW GUINEA are fwded for info and guidance of any personnel who may serve or be serving in the areas known as KAIMANTU, BEMA BEMA, CHIAMBU and HAGEN.
2. Shell plays an important part in the economic life of natives and its circulation without proper supervision or regard to local conditions would adversely affect recruitment of labour and services should the areas mentioned assume operational importance.
3. Whenever tps are stationed in any of the above areas the local ANGAU District Officer will be consulted and his advice accepted on matters of shell currency, and its use with the native population.

L. A. R. v. — ee
Capt
SC KANGA FORCE

for info (156 It AA Bty
of tps (2/16 Aust Fd Coy
fwd of (2/6 Aust Svy Bty L Sec
BULOLO (K Sec 6 Aust Div Sigs
(2/6 Aust Inf Bn
(2/5 Aust Indep Coy
(Composite Pl 2/2 Coy AASC
(2/2 Aust Fd Amb
(Angau.

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SECRET

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22 Jan 45

NGF OP INSTN No.63

Ref Maps MADANG MARKHAM 4 miles to 1 inch

INFM

1. Enemy

- (a) Enemy forces, estimated 1000 in strength, have established themselves in the MADANG (W)J7524 area and are patrolling south and SW towards the RAMU Valley.
- (b) On 20 Jan an enemy patrol 100 strong was reported at DUMPU (W)07550. A recce party which preceded this patrol unsuccessfully attempted to cross the RAMU R at KESAM W(O) 5764.

2. Own Tps

- (a) A small ANGAU det and a det of the Rescue and Comm Flight RAAF are established at BENA BENA (L)L 0305.
- (b) BENA BENA is also used as a base for special NGF patrols which are operating north of the RAMU R
- (c) BENA BENA aerodrome is an alternative to WAU as a supply landing ground for tps operating in the MARKHAM Valley.

INTENTION

3. 6 AUST DIV will despatch a force as under by air to BENA BENA on 23 Jan 45.

COMPOSITION OF FORCE

4. One rifle pl, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
One MMG Sec, 17 Aust Inf Bde
Telradio and Cipher det, Sigs NG L of C
Medical Orderly, 17 Aust Inf Bde.

The force may be increased later if and when required.

COMD

5. The force will come under comd KANGA FORCE on arrival BENA BENA.

O.C. Pl. will comd all tps in BENA BENA Valley area.

NAME

6. The Force will be known as BENA FORCE.

TASKS

7. (a) To secure BENA BENA drome against enemy attack;
(b) To deny the enemy freedom of movement in the BENA BENA Valley;
(c) To harass and delay any enemy movement in the area between BENA BENA and excl RAMU River.

LIMITS OF PATROL

8. Patrols of BENA FORCE will NOT cross RAMU R

CO-OPERATION WITH "SPECIAL PATROLS"

9. Co-operation with special NGF patrols operating north of the RAMU R will be maintained through Lieut BLACK, District Officer, BENA BENA.

COMNS

10. Sigs NG L of C will provide one Sigs and Cipher det with Telradio set to move with force to BENA BENA for comm with KANGA FORCE.

ADM

11. Adm instns will be issued separately.

12. ACK

R. Hopkins

Brig
GS NG Force

Signed at 1730 Hrs

Distribution - see back.

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SHELL MONEY AS CURRENCY IN CENTRAL NEW GUINEA

Throughout the Bismark Ranges of New Guinea and the Plateau country to the south stretching generally Westwards from Kainantu (Upper Ramu) Post through Benabena, Garoka, Chimbu and Mt. Hagen, shells are used for ornament and as an outward sign of wealth. They enter into every phase of native trading and exchange, such as for outright purchases of goods or land, for labour, or as compensation for injuries or death, for dowries and bridal payments. This wealth is usually worn in the form of headdress, armlets, girdles, necklaces etc and to a greater degree on ceremonial occasions such as feasts, dances, etc.

Sea shells were in use before these areas were penetrated by Europeans, having been traded along the various native trade routes from the coast from time immemorial. With the advent of the European and aerial transport, there was a tremendous increase in the flow

of this currency to the natives, but gradually a more or less standardised scale of exchange was built up which, while it did not upset the balance of the native economy, still afforded a fair and equitable price for their goods and services. These trading rates should be adhered to as far as possible by newcomers arriving in these areas.

When normal administration was being carried on in this "hinterland" members of the native administration staff often found it preferable to purchase fair quantities of food stuffs from natives with shells, rather than plant up extensive station gardens. Circumstances are now altered, of course, but these purchases ensured a constant stream of natives to the station from outlying parts, who thought nothing of journeying long distances to acquire shell money. Constant contact was thus maintained with all parts of an area. Strangely enough, one of the most salutary forms of punishment was found to be the institution of fines in shell money for offences, both trivial and serious, where the immediate introduction of a modern penal code would have ultimately defeated the aims of any sound developmental native policy. Imprisonment or other form of punishment was often preferred to forfeiture of shells; which latter entailed not only loss of wealth, but also loss of status in a community. From this it will be appreciated that shells in these areas represent infinitely much more to a native than they do to us and some supervision should therefore be exercised in their distribution. This, apart from the fact that their landed cost in the hinterland is by no means negligible.

The shells most commonly in use were as follow:

- TAMBU.** A very small shell used mainly as a headband or for armlets of universal currency through the area. This shell is much sought after, and, being hard to procure, commands a comparatively high value. Three tambu will buy a "bilum" of potatoes. /out
- GIRIGIRI.** A small half round shell about the size of a thimble, which threaded together the natives wear as necklaces or girdles. It is a universal currency, being known as girigiri amongst the Kainantu and Benabena people, and as "Arungai" at Chimbu and Hagen, while the pigmy tribes of the Schrader Range call it "Gum". Five girigiri will buy a bunch of bananas or a "bilum" of potatoes.
- WHITE COWRIE** Known as "Kumakum" this shell is used throughout the area from Kainantu and Benabena west to the gafugu River on which Garoka Post is situated. It is used mainly for larger purchases, such as pigs. One small and one large cowrie shell will buy a fair sized pig. Labour rates generally are one large cowrie for one months work, plus 2 tablespoonful of salt and 15 girigiri.
- TIGER COWRIE.** This mottled form of cowrie shell is not currency in the Benabena area and is only used by natives West of Mt. Hagen towards Webag.

GREEN SNAIL Known as "Talumbon", this large shell is a good substitute in the Benabena area for whitecowrie. This shell is cut into sections by the natives, polished and forms a highly decorative body ornament.

KONOS This cone shaped shell, the base of which is cut out to form nose rings etc. is also known as "Porkai". These shells have a minor trade value in the area West of the Atsaro River towards Chimbu, the purchase value being one small pig.

GOLD LIP From "Garoka" west to Chimbu and Mt. Hagen this shell, known as "Kim" is the most highly valued currency. It is worn on the chest being strung from neck by a cord. One shell will buy a pig, the larger the shell the bigger the pig. Casual labour will work three months for one large shell.

Common salt is a standard currency throughout these areas and can be regarded as a substitute for girigiri shell. The purchase power of five girigiri is equivalent to a teaspoonful of sugar. One box of trade matches is also a fair exchange for either of the above mentioned.