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Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn.

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May 43 to 1540 hrs 3 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SUNSHINE N.G.	Sat May 1	1030	Capt PATERSON, Adjt returned from A & D Coys NIDDEN CAMP for four hours.	Sitrep 16 - 869
WAMPIT		1300	Sitrep from C Coy. 14 and 15 pls in posns with OPs at NGARENENA and GABENSIS. Patrols every three days to BWARIP, NARAGOOMA and OLD MARI. Ref Map WAU-SALAMAUA-LAE 1/2 in track map.	Sitrep 17 - 886
"		1300	C Coy Fighting patrol of ONE pl strength ordered to recce South bank of MARKHAM River from MARKHAM POINT to mouth of River. Recce of MARKHAM POINT area to be completed before patrol proceeds to mouth of river.	See message 879 and Op instn No 1 (appx B)
SUNSHINE		1343	Capt DUELL appointed 2 I/C of C Coy during Capt ROBINSON'S absence at WAU hospital - poisoned arm whilst gaining operational experience.	
"		1500	Visit by G 1 3 Aust Div (Lt-Col WILTON) AQ (Lt Col GRIFFEN) and Capt STURROCK.	
"	Sun May 2	0615	Capt DUELL, Lieut W.M. IRVING and Pte HOCKADAY, relief "I" man for C Coy	left
"		0630	Remainder of party for C Coy left camp.	
PARTEP 2		0910	B Coy report exchange over with 2/5 Ind Coy completed. 10 pl at map ref 313202 (Track map) 11 pl at 314202. 12 pl moving during week to PARTEP 1.	Sitrep 18 - 895 Ref message 900
SUNSHINE		0900	Pay parade.	
"		1000	Message received from Maj. JENYNS, car broken down, lecture to Offrs and NCOs arranged for 1000 hrs postponed.	
"		1430	Lecture given by Maj JENYNS on "Native Administration"	
WAMPIT		1800	Reported from C Coy that Lieut FABER left for KIRKS.	Sitrep 19 - 919
PARTEP 11	Mon May 3	1210	Lieut RAYSON returned to B Coy from operational experience in MUBO area.	Sitrep 20 - 922
"		1540	Unit sigs completed laying line from SUNSHINE to PARTEP 11	
"			Line comm now through to C Coy at WAMPIT by relay through B Coy at PARTEP 11.	Sitrep 21 - 944



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Date and Time.—From 1540 hrs 3 May 43 To 1830 hrs 5 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WAMPIT NIDDEN CAMP SUNSHINE	Mon May 3	1600 1628 1830	Capt DUELL and Lieut IRVING reached C Coy at WAMPIT. Father MORGAN visited A & D Coys at NIDDEN CAMP. VX 10414 Lt Col FALCONER marched out relinquishing comd of this Unit. SX 103115 Maj A.N. CLUTTERBUCK temporarily adm Comd. Lt Col FALCONER commanded the Unit from Oct 1940 to date, succeeding Maj G OWEN, when the Unit strength of Offrs and NCOs was very low through A IF enlistments. He commanded the Unit on full time duty from Dec 1941.	
"	Tue May 4	0900	Lecture given by RQ M Capt PECK, to Offrs and NCOs of HQ Coy and BHQ on supplies and Q work in this area.	
PARTEP 1 SUNSHINE		0930 1800 1823	2 men left PARTEP 1 for MAPOS and 2 for KWASANG. Rosary conducted at SUNSHINE CAMP by Father MORGAN. Instns received from 2/6 Bn that WATUT RIVER patrol will leave SUNSHINE 7 May.	Sitrep 22 - 950 Sitrep 23 - 967
WAMPIT. PARTEP 2		1700 1600	Pte HOCKADAY, relief "I" man arrived C Coy (WAMPIT) Lieut TICKERMAN and MMG sec reached PARTEP 2 to establish pl HQs with B Coy.	Sitrep 24 - 990
KWASANG SUNSHINE	Wed May 5	2000 0630	Reported from B Coy that Lieut DAWSON, 12 pl comd has malaria will be brought by stretcher to SUNSHINE. QM (Capt PECK) and W.O. Caterer (W.O. MURPHY) moved to fwd areas	Sitrep 25 - 8.
"		0815	Mass conducted by Padre MORGAN.	
"		0830	Visit by Lieut LITTLEJOHN returning to 2/5 Ind Coy from LAE O.P.	
"		1030	Inspection of "I" Office by Lt Col WILSON (NGF) (GIC NGF)	
"		1530	Lt Col WILSON left area.	
"		1600	Test Air raid warning. The test was NOT a success because of the ineffectiveness of the gong.	
"		1615	R.O. 63-72 issued.	Appx C 1.
"		1730	CSM of C Coy (WOLL GAFF) evacuated to MDS BULOLO.	
"		1805	VX 185 Maj. SMITH G.F. to Adm. Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn vice Lt Col FALCONER will arrive 1900 hrs tonight.	
"		1830	R.S.M. WOL BURTON, to move to C Coy at WAMPIT Fri 7 May 43	Sitrep 26 - 10



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WAMPIT	Wed 5 May	1700	24 Aust Inf Bn entered its first action against ENEMY tps when a JAPANESE ambush of estimated strength 20 fired on a patrol of 10 men from 14 Pl of C Coy, at a point 10 mins past Deep Water Creek. (Map Ref HUON GULF Spec. 4 miles - 1 in (L) R843 approx) Casualties - ENEMY - 1 killed 2 probably. Our forces. 1 wounded. (Cpl MACKIE - shot in elbow)	Sitrep 27 - 21 <i>see Appx B2</i>
SUNSHINE		1947	Maj. SMITH (previously 2 I/C 2/6 Aust Inf Bn) marched in to assume Comd of the Unit.	
	Thu 6 May	0930	Line comn with C Coy out for 2 hours. unable to contact with 208 because of flat batteries.	Sitrep 28 - 35
		1210	GOC 3 Aust Div (Maj. Gen SAVIGE) visited Unit and had lunch.	
		1430	Maj Gen SAVIGE left.	Sitrep 29 - 61
		1500	Lieut ROBINSON visited 3 Aust Div for final instns and issues before leaving on LOWER WATUT RIVER recce patrol tomorrow.	
		2030	Instns received from 2/6 Aust Inf Bn to have 2 ORs standing by 7 May to provide relief for LAE O.P. VX 104535 Sgt WARNER R.N Pte EDGAR W .B. (V 260544) both from A Coy nominated.	
	Fri 7 May	0600	R.S.M. left for WAMPIT.	
		1000	LOWER WATUT patrol under Maj. DUCHATEL and Lieut ROBINSON left area	
		1030	Sgt CROSS and Pte BINKS arrived from NGF for 3 weeks acclimatizing before proceeding to FINSCHHAVEN O.P.	Sitrep 30 - 74
DEX		1215	Visit by Col SAXEBY and Maj. BREHENY.	
NIDDEN CAMP		1230	Lieut TUCKERMAN reached DEX.	
		1340	A Coy left for SUNSHINE CAMP to carry stores and amm to PARTEP 2. 8 May 43	
SUNSHINE		1355	Lieut HOBART and 10 ORs, US engineers checked in reclaiming cable from high tension line.	
		1355	R M C to medically board C and B Coy Comdrs on ability to withstand active service conditions.	Sitrep 31 - 111
PARTEP 2		1500	Capt PECK moved out to TIMNE.	
SUNSHINE		1615	A Coy arrived at SUNSHINE CAMP.	



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Date and Time.—From 1615hrs 7 May 43 to 2240 hrs 9 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PARTEP 1.	Fri 7 May	2135	Lieut DAWSON much better. Will remain at PARTEP 1. Lieut RAYSON will return to PARTEP 2.	<i>W&amp;P</i>
SUNSHINE	Sat 8 May	0025	WARNING ORDER received that two - 3 inch Mortar det. to stand by to go to MISSIM at short notice. Will move complete with Mortar and amn as per tropical scale first line.	
		0615	A Coy moved out to PARTEP 2 as carrying party. Sgt CROSS NGF moved out with A Coy. Will move NO further than BOBS on acclimatizing march. Pte BUNKS remained at SUNSHINE resting - ringworms.	Sitrep 32 - 130
		1300	Advised verbally that Capt CHANDLER OC C Coy had been in bed for 5 days with a touch of fever. Lieut IRVING has dysentery.	Sitrep 33 - 160 <i>W&amp;P</i>
PARTEP 2 SUNSHINE		1900	A Coy arrived at PARTEP 2.	
		2105	Pte JONES - "I" man with A Coy, instructed to proceed to WAMPIT to complete urgent going report recce of track BENS + MARKHAM PT.	
		2205	WARNING ORDER received from 3 Aust Div. One inf pl will be supplied for duties on POWERHOUSE - PILIMUNG L of C NO move before 1200 hrs 9 May.	
	Sun 9 May	0645	Capt FLEWELLYN left for PARTEP 2 to take up appointment as O.C. B Coy.	Sitrep 34 - 181
PARTEP 2		0945	"A" Coy started on move back to SUNSHINE in parties of 9.	
SUNSHINE		1646	All Offrs went on recce and caught up to Coy on route. WARNING ORDER for D Coy to be ready to move to POWERHOUSE - PILIMUNG L of C under comd 3 Aust Div. One pl will take over duties from 2/3 Ind Coy and protect their left flank at CISSEMNOB - BUGASU. Other 2 pls will protect L of C with H Q at POWERHOUSE.	Sitrep 35 - 209
		1815	Lecture in BHQ area to BHQ and HQ Coy personnel by W.O. LEAHY-ANGAU on Native administration.	<i>W&amp;P</i>
		1900	Church parade.	
		1945	Talk by C.O. to tps explaining rôle etc.	
		1945	A Coy arrives at SUNSHINE from PARTEP 2.	
		2240	Further details D Coy move received from 2/6 Aust Inf Bn . 18 pl	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SUNSHINE N G	Sun 9 May	2240	will complete move to PILIMUNG arriving Fri. 14 May. Coy HQ and other 2 pls will complete move to POWERHOUSE 1700 hrs 12 May C.O. instructed as follows - To build 18 pl of D Coy (Comd Lieut LOOKER) up to full strength personnel were transferred from 17 pl. and 18 pl to be ready to move out from SUNSHINE at 0600 hrs 11 May for POWERHOUSE and there to come under comd 2/3 Indep Coy. Role - To protect 2/3 Indep Coy's left flank BUGASU- BOBADU area. To bring remaining 2 pls up to strength to carry out L of C duties under Comd 3 Aust Div in POWERHOUSE -PILIMUNG area remaining personnel of 17 pl were transferred to 16 pl and One pl of A Coy (9 pl) (Comd Lieut EGAN) was placed under Comd D Coy. Coy HQ s and 2 pls will leave SUNSHINE for POWERHOUSE 12 May.	
NIDDEN CAMP SUNSHINE	Mon 10 May	0918 1200 1322	D Coy left for SUNSHINE. Maj DUCHATEL returned from WATUT patrol ill. 3 Div advised duties of pls at MISSIM L of C. Maintenance of tracks, manning of telephones, improvement of staging facilities and provision of staging facilities.	Sitrep 36 - 228
PARTEP 2 SUNSHINE-NIDDEN CAMP. SUNSHINE		1110 1130 1330 1700	A Coy left SUNSHINE for NIDDEN CAMP. Capt FLEWELLYN reported in at B Coy to take over Comd. A Coy arrived at NIDDEN CAMP. Instn to all Coys. Men who contract malaria MUST have three ATEBRIN tablets per day. Ensure adequate provision made for this contingency with patrols.	<i>W&amp;P</i>
WAMPIT.		1800	R.S.M. arrived at WAMPIT.	Sitrep 37 - 266.
		1945	Capt CHANDLER O.C. C Coy reported suffering from Dengue. Should be fit for marching 14/15 May.	
KIRKLANDS.		2120	Report received from O.P. that one barge floated down river and another stuck on sandbank EAST of O.P. 0800hrs 10 May. Instns issued by C.O. that recce patrol to move out first light 11 May to investigate possibility of enemy on left flank - patrol to travel half a day's march WEST of NARAGOOMA.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SUNSHINE	Mon 10 May	2300	Patrol report received of recce in which action with Japs took place on 5 May.	<i>W</i>
	Tue 11 May	0600	18 pl under Lieut LOOKER left SUNSHINE arrived POWERHOUSE 0815 hours.	Sitrep 38 - 297
		0930	District Courts Martial commenced under Maj. HALE, Accused - Sgt CARNEY, loss of pistol, Ptes PHILP, WEYLAND, RIGNEY, KNIGHTS Cpl JOHNSON all A.W.L. charges.	
PARTEP 2		0630	B Coy advise secs of 12 pl now in posn at MAPOS, and KWASANG. Patrolling commenced from MAPOS on 6 May to LEGA, TOKANIN and VAGAU and from KWASANG on 7 May.	
SUNSHINE		1130	9 pl from A Coy reached SUNSHINE CAMP and came under Comd D Coy as 17 pl.	Sitrep 39 - 335
		1315	Wapt GRAHAM and Pte GORDON marched in from WAU	
		1345	Tk/A rifle taken forward to be used against enemy barges from posn at KIRKS.	<i>W</i>
PARTEP 2		1500	Capt CAMERON relinquished Comd of B Coy and returned to SUNSHINE as Q.M. Learner.	
SUNSHINE		1715	Padre SAVILLE marched in.	
WAMPIT		1800	Report received that patrol to MARKHAMPT found NO Japs in area where action was met on 5 May.	
SUNSHINE	Wed 12 May	0930	Natives, MUNDEGINA and KENTAU of MADANG were awarded Loyal Service medals on 9 May for carrying Lieut DRYSDALE out under fire. C.O. saw Col WOOD, Maj VERTIGAN, O.C. ANGAU, G 1. LtCol WILTON and G.O.C. Maj. Gen SAVAGE. The role of this Bn was discussed, including the carrying out of the MARKHAM R. patrol plan, location of sec ad pl posts on the MAPOS track and the extension of active patrolling on EAST flank from 50 grid line to KARESTE and BWUSSI and their vicinity.	Sitrep 40 - 348
			Capt PECK visited 2/6 Bn and A.S.C. and Maj BREHENY. DAQMG. He submitted report on supply system of SUNSHINE to WAMPIT dealing particularly with mule teams up to WAMPIT for carrying of first line amm and use of ZENAG DROME.	<i>W</i>



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Date and Time.—From 0930 hrs 12 May 43 To 1000 hrs 13 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SUNSHINE	Wed 12 May	0930	Capt CAMERON visited FSD and D I D to discuss <del>Boy</del> lines rationing and handling and the provision of special <sup>ractions</sup> to fwd tps and patrols.	
POWERHOUSE		0700 1115	I.O. visited 2/6 Bn and 3 Aust Div to obtain infm about MARKHAM R. area and straighten out difficulties of SITREPS Capt GRAHAM I.P. marched out for PARTEP 2. D Coy arrived at POWERHOUSE. Lieut THOMAS appointed C.O. Ls of C. Lieut EGAN stayed behind with 2 sick personnel and will proceed later to POWERHOUSE.	<i>MS</i>
SUNSHINE		1355	Lt.Gen NORTHCOTT, CGS Maj Gen. SAVAGE GOC 3 Aust Div, Brig THOMPSON, Lt.Col WILTON, Lt.Col GRIFFEN Lt Col TALPIN and Maj BAILLIEU visited the area.	<i>Itinerary Appx N</i>
PARTEP 2 SUNSHINE		1700 1845// 2220	Lieut TUCKERMAN Arrived at PARTEP 2. Capt PECK arrived from PARTEP 2. Outline plan and sketch received from C Coy for proposed fighting Patrol EAST of MARKHAMpt. Appreciation of the situation was not received and the C.O. requested that it be immediately forwarded. D Coy 18 pl is now under comd 2/3 Indep Coy. and is proceeding to BUGASU area. 16 & 17 pls now under comd 3 Aust Div and engaged on Ls of C POWERHOUSE - PILIMUNG.	Sitrep 41 - 388
PARTEP 2			B Coy have selected an area 1 hrs march from PARTEP 2 as a suitable dropping ground and have cleared this by burning the high kunai grass.	
SUNSHINE	Thu 13 May	0510	Message from 3 Div. As from 1200 hrs 14 May 24 Aust Inf Bn will come under direct comd 3 Aust Div.	<i>MS</i>
		0830	Received report and sketches from LOWER WATUT patrol and forwarded copies of same to 2/6 Bn.	Sitrep 42 - 413
WAMPIT		0855 1000	C Coy advise 44 tps not available for parade. Mostly dengue cases. To check tidyness and theft, C.O. directs that clothing and eqpt be marked inconspicuously with indelible pacil. Reg. No and Unit must NOT appear.	
PARTEP 2			A standing patrol has been established by B Coy at ref map WAU-SALAMAUA-LAE track. 1 in to 2 miles. map ref 439210 to	



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Date and Time.—From 1000 hrs 13 May 43 To 1630 hrs 14 May 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PARTEP 2.	Thu 13 May	1000	guard against penetration which may be possible during the hours of early morning mist.	
SUNSHINE		1340	Instructions issued that NO man will be served with evening meal unless his sleeves are rolled down and he is wearing gaiters.	
BRANCH CK.		1400	Sgt CROSS -NGF returned from walkabout to BOBS.	
UPPER BAIUNE		1020	17 pl D Coy arrived BRANCH Ck.	
PARTEP 2		1415	18 pl D Coy arrived UPPER BAIUNE.	
		1505	Sig Offr and party arrived at PARTEP 2 to check on and improve communications between WAMPIT-PARTEP 2 and SUNSHINE.	
SUNSHINE		1835	Outline of appreciation of proposed fwd MARKHAM Pt patrol received but plan is NOT approved by Divand NO further steps will be taken.	Sitrep 43 - 443
WAMPIT			WAMPIT sick parade - 38 Dengue, 5 Diabhorrea.	See Appx K.
SUNSHINE		1940	A Coy instructed to move to SUNSHINE tomorrow morning and instructions issued that advance BHQ will move to PARTEP 2. approx. 15 May.	
WAMPIT		2100	R.S.M. to remain at WAMPIT pending return of C.S.M. W .O. GAFF.	
SUNSHINE		2235	C Coy instructed to prepare broad plan for withdrawal from WAMPIT area in case of easy movement.	
PARTEP 2		1700	Capt GRAHAM arrived B Coy.	
SUNSHINE		1730	R.O. 73-86 issued.	Appx C 2.
	Fri 14 May	0813	Jap recce plane passed over SUNSHINE camp and later circled PARTEP 2 posn.	Sitrep <del>44</del> - 460
WAMPIT		0840	Sick parade 35 dengue, 2 diahorrea at C Coy.	
SUNSHINE		1200	24 Aust Inf Bn came under direct comd 3 Aust Div.	Message 03049.- 457.
		1315	Capt PATERSON, Sgt BENNETT, Sgt TOOGOOD, Pte RUSSELL and Pte MILNER left for PARTEP 2 to establish fwd BHQ.	
			Instns issued for patrols as soon as possible to cover LEGA, VAGAU, MAPOS and KARESTE area. Going reports are to be prepared by patrols.	
PILIMUNG		1500	18 pl arrived PILIMUNG and came under comd 2/3 Indep Coy.	
SUNSHINE		1630	A Coy arrived SUNSHINE from NIDDEN CAMP. NO casualties.	Strep. 45 - 508



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Date and Time.—From 1630 hrs 14 May 43 To 1255hrs 17 May 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
UPPER BAIUNE LAE O.P. SUNSHINE	Fri 14 May	1515	17 Pl arrived at UPPER BAIUNE.	
		2140	Report that unknown number of Jap planes landed on LAE drome.	
		2200	Evening 14 May. C.O. directs that natives not to be sent on store train tomorrow, the next trip being on Sunday.	
	Sat 15 May	0705	Lieut BUNSELL and Batman left SUNSHINE for WAMPIT.	Movements - See Appx N.
		0940	C.P. reports approx. 24 Jap bombers with fighter escort approaching from SOUTH. Sounds of bombing and A/A fire. Air raid warning issued. Planes turned EAST before reaching SUNSHINE	
WAMPIT SUNSHINE		0850	Sick Parade - 1 offr (Lieut DELVES) and 35 ORs NOT available for duty.	Sitrep 46 - 528 <i>WB</i>
		1520	O.P. reports Jap bomber flying high SOUTH in direction BULOLO.	
		1559	Air raid warning issued.	
		1640	All clear given.	
		1654	Air raid warning received.	Sitrep 47 - 573
		2120	All clear.	
			Lieut BUNSELL and batman arrived B Coy.	
PARTEP 2 SUNSHINE	Sun 16 May	0730	Reveille	Sitrep 48 - 583
		0700	Maj CLUTTERBUCK - 2 I/C left for fwd areas.	
		1815	Protestant church parade conducted by Padre SAVILLE followed by community singing.	
PARTEP 2			Owing to lack of Kai line boys, 10 and 11 pls acted as carriers from reception camp. Capt FLEWELLYN, Lieut TUCKERMAN and Pl Commanders reced area to SOUTH OF PARTEP 2.	Sitrep 49 - 631 <i>WB</i>
PARTEP 1	Mon 17 May	0700	Sgt NORTON Pte BUCKLEY, Pte SMITH left MAPOS on patrol to LEGA and KARESTE to seek confirmation of reports from natives that Japs had established posn at BUANG R. mouth.	
WAMPIT.		0720	Sick parade - 2 offrs, 30 ORs. Lieut DELVES Dengue and Capt DUELL boil on knee.	Sitrep 49 - 641 <i>WB</i>
PARTEP 2		0600	Lieut BUNSELL left for WAMPIT.	
SUNSHINE		1250 1255	20 bombers and 7 fighters observed heading for SUNSHINE. 22 Jap bombers and 11 fighters passed to the WEST OF SUNSHINE camp flying towards WAU. Later advised WAU drome heavily bombed. Damage light and airfield serviceable.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PARTEP 2	Mon 17 May	1350	Report received that personnel of 2 Arty S vy had located 2 probable delayed action bombs $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from ZENAG drome. B Coy sent out a patrol who found a belly tank with the following markings in red - 11-674 (5707). The tank smelt strongly of petrol. had an aluminium interior and rivetted exterior. The two tail fins were painted green. It is possible this belly tank and another not yet found were mistaken for delayed action bombs.	
SUNSHINE		1350	A Coy engaged on constructional works on SUNSHINE- MUMENG track H Q and BHQ personnel instructed practically on the handling of live grenades 36 and the firing of Boyes Tk/A rifle.	
		0900	C.O. inspected Tk/A range at BULWA.	
WAMPIT		1645	Lieut BUNSELL arrived at C Coy.	
POWERHOUSE		1600	Lieut THOMAS reached POWERHOUSE.	
SUNSHINE			Following the granting of permission for the expenditure of training amn all Coys were advised of their allotments and instns issued that 30 yard ranges and jungle ranges are to be prepared in anticipation of the training shoots. B, C & D Coys are NOT to expend any of this amn until further instructions are issued by BHQ.	Sitrep 50 - 686
		1200	Memorandum issued for a standard pack to be carried by all tps in the event of an immediate operational role. Tps are to immediately prepare these packs and leave them so that they will be ready for use at a moments notice.	Appx D
		1500	Lieut SAUNDERS marched out to proceed to C Coy.	
	Tue 18 May	0730	The C.O. (Maj. SMITH) and Capt PECK left for Tk/A gun range at BULWA.	Sitrep 51 - 701
WAMPIT		0730	C Coy personnel not available for duty. - Lieut DELVES and 27 ORs.	
SUNSHINE		1745	Lecture by Lieut WINTERFIELD 2/3 Indep Coy on ambush and track patrolling.	Sitrep 52 - 729



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WAMPIT SUNSHINE	Wed 19 May	1145 1400	Maj CLUTTERBUCK arrived DEX Capt PATERSON arrived SUNSHINE from PARTEP 2. Capt SKINNER arrived at Unit.	
		1800 1950	A Coy - All men fired Tk/A rifle. Sgt BENNETT arrived at SUNSHINE from PARTEP 2. Recce patrol ordered out from C Coy to investigate report by natives that SOUTH Bank of MARKHAM River to mouth was clear of Japs.	Sitrep 53 - 748 Sitrep 54 - 777
WAMPIT SUNSHINE	Thu 20 May	0720 0800	Capt DUELL suspected Dengue, 22 ORs with dengue. C.O. (Maj. SMITH) light duties following back injury caused by falling rock.	
BUGASU		0845	18 Pl D Coy. ( at present under comd 2/3 Aust Indep Coy) contacted 20 enemy on HOTE- MALOLO track. Enemy casualties 2 killed, ours NIL. 150 Japs reported at HOTE village.	Appx B2 <span style="float: right;">W&amp;D</span>
SUNSHINE		0910 1000	Instns to C Coy to take steps to wipe out dengue even if re-siting of camp is considered adviseable. VX 104147 Capt R.S. ISHERWOOD became Q .M. vice VX 11846, Capt D.V. PECK transferred to C Coy. Capt KENNEDY appointed O.C. A Coy vice Capt ISHERWOOD. Lieut SAUNDERS reached C Coy.	Sitrep 55 - 799
WAMPIT SUNSHINE		1200 2310	Instns received from 3 Aust Div to move One pl of A Coy from SUNSHINE to track junc Ref map HUON GULF Special. (L)R 4607 to prepare ambush posn and give early warning of enemy approach. Will move out first light 21 May and be in posn evening 22 May.	Sitrep 56 - 839 See Op. Instn No 2 Appx B & 2A
CISSEMBOB	Fri 21 May	0530	16 Pl D Coy (at present under comd 3 Aust Div) will move to PILIMUNG at first light 21 May from POWERHOUSE. Further action by 18 Pl D Coy sprung ambush on enemy with help of 2/3 Aust Indep Coy MMG. Est. enemy casualties 50-60. Two secs of 18 pl withdrew under enemy pressure to CHIBE with sec 2/3 Aust Indep Coy. Our casualty. V 295153 Pte GREEN D.M. gun shot wound in left leg. evacuated to MORESBY X listed.	Appx B2 <span style="float: right;">W&amp;D</span>



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Date and Time.—From 0530 hrs. 21 May 43 To 1220 hrs. 23 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SUNSHINE	Fri 21 May	0710	No 8 Pl A Coy. composed of fit personnel from both 7 & 8 Pls moved out for JARI. Pl Comd Lieut BARLING, Pl Sgt, Sgt WALKER.	Sitrep 57 - 856
		0720	Capt PECK moved out to WAMPIT to take over Comd C Coy	
PARTEP 1.		0930	Padre SAVILLE moved out with Capt PECK.	See report Appx K.
WAMPIT		0830	Patrol to <del>BESSI</del> <sup>BUGASU</sup> River mouth which left 17 May returned.	
			Maj CLUTTERBUCK, Capt CHANDLER and Lieut SAUNDERS moved out to BENS O.P. I.O. moved out to MARKHAM Pt.	
SUNSHINE		1600	Mr JACABSON and party from Int, 5 Fighter Comd, U.S. Air Force arrived SUNSHINE enroute to MARKHAM area.	
BRANCH Ck.		1500	16 Pl arrived BRANCH CK.	
JARI		1530	8 Pl arrived JARI.	
OHIBE		1700	Sgt MARSH and stretcher party from 18 pl moved back to BUGASU to collect wounded man of 2/3 Aust Indep Coy.	Sitrep 58 - 894
SUNSHINE	Sat 22 May	0630	Capt SKINNER left for PATEP 2.	Sitrep 59 - 916
MARKHAM PT			Patrol under Lieut DELVES left <del>bn</del> <sup>bn</sup> recce EAST of our foremost posn at MARKHAM PT. returned at 0830 hrs.	
WAMPIT		1300	Enemy recce plane flew low over all C Coys O.Ps and camps.	
BAIUNE		1500	16 Pl arrived at BAIUNE.	
CISCO CK.		1530	8 pl arrived CISCO.	
SUNSHINE		1600	Sgt CROSS (NGF FINSCHHAVEN O.P. man) admitted to hospital with malaria.	Sitrep 60 - 964
WAMPITZ		1840	Capt PECK arrived to take over Comd C Coy.	
HOTE	Sun 23 May	0730	18 Pl moved through CISSEMOB and DAHO to HOTE. ENemy had vacated HOTE	Sitrep 81 - 984
PILIMUNG		1100	16 pl arrived PILIMUNG and came under comd 2/3 Aust Ind Coy.	
DOLLI		1100	8 Pl arrived DOLLI ambush posn.	
SUNSHINE		1200	Message sent to B Coy that C.C. wished to congratulate Cpl BARTLEY Pte MILNE and Pte HILLBRICK for bringing back valuable infm from their patrol to SUGARLOAF.	
		1220	Message to all Coys re serious shortage of kerosene. Essential duties only to use.	



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1220 hrs 23 May 43 To 0610 hrs 27 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SUNSHINE	Sun 23 May	1300	R.O. 93 - 101 issued.	Appx C 3
		1505	Message received from 3 Aust Div that 8 Pl was to be withdrawn to SUNSHINE. This was cancelled at 2215 hours by further message that 8 Pl would move forward to BOBADU. There it comes under Comd 2/3 Aust Indep Coy.	Sitrep 82 - 1028
SUNSHINE & WAMPIT	Mon 24 May	1745	Church service conducted by Padre SAVILLE.	
SUNSHINE		1015	Message to B Coy that GOC 3 Aust Div wished to interview Cpl BARTLEY leader of SUGARLOAF Patrol.	Sitrep 83 - 1039
YASINGLI		1100	8 pl arrived at YASINGLI with forward scout to BOBADU.	
WAMPIT - BENS O.P.		1200	Relief of 14 Pl by 13 Pl being effected.	
SUNSHINE		1225	C Coy ordered to repeat patrol EAST OF MARKHAM PT.	
YASINGLI		1400	Lieut BARLING met Maj. WARFE. C.C. 2/3 Aust Indep Coy returning at 1800 hrs.	
BOBADU		1400	16 Pl reached BOBADU.	
WAMPIT		1800	Capt DUELL moved to TIMNE convalescent camp.	Sitrep 84 - 1081
SUNSHINE	Tue 25 May	1120	NX 57501 Lieut F.H.CHILDS selected to do tour of duty LAE O.P. 9 Jun - 21 July.	Sitrep 85 - 1109
		1835	Pte VINES and Pte PATON selected to relieve at LAE O.P.	Sitrep 86 - 1112
PARTEP 2	Wed 26 May	1040/1050	Enemy recce plane circled over PARTEP 2 area.	Sitrep 87 - 1173
WAMPIT		0800	I.O. left on recce of Mt MISANTUM area.	
SUNSHINE		1115	Air Raid warning.	
		1340	Following 25th case of malaria in SUNSHINE area extensive measures were begun to check.	
		1545	LOWER WATUT RIVER patrol returned. Lieut ROBINSON to see GOC 27 May.	See reports Appx K
		2110	Infm received that remainder 15 Aust Inf Bde would commence to move from PORT MORESBY 27 May.	Sitrep 88 - 1204
WAMPIT		2240	To assist in proper patrolling of C Coy's large area, 1/2 sec of attached MMGs were temporarily placed under Comd 13 Pl and took up posn at COMSIS	Sitrep 89 - 1241
BENS O.P.	Thu 27 May	0610	1 Ofpr and 20 CRs 13 pl left BENS O.P. on repeat patrol EAST of MARKHAM PT.	



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Unit 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 0610-27-May-43 To 1700 ~~1350~~ hrs 29-May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SUNSHINE	Thu 27 May	0730	Mass conducted by Padre ENGLISH.	Sitrep 90 - 1262
		1120	Air raid warning.	
		1200	Lieut YOUNG and instructional squad Tk/A Pl left for 2/5 Bn at WAU	
		1600	Maj. Jacobs, Capt KING and Lieut HOWARD 5 Air Force arrived SUNSHINE.	
MARKHAM PT SUNSHINE	Fri 28 May	2135	Report received from natives that LABU is now evacuated by enemy This is considered reliable and our own patrols will attempt to verify.	Sitrep 91 - 1313
		0630	Patrol left on recce EAST towards MARKHAM R. mouth.	
		1000	American Officers left for MUMENG and ZENAG to recce landing strips.	
MARKHAM Pt.		1300	Lieut INGHAM Asst Adjt admitted to A .D.S. with Malaria. Evacuated to M.D.S. BULOLO.	Sitrep 92 - 1336
		1300	Patrol returned. Many Jap papers found in deserted camp. Being forwarded urgently. Standing patrol 1 NCO and 6 ORs to remain at previous Jap ambush posn.	
SUNSHINE		1600	Capt KENNEDY left for ZENAG.	Sitrep 93 - 1388
		1845	Message to 3 Aust Div making application for acceptance as A.I.F. Unit.	
		1935	First report received from MARKHAM Special patrol.	
PATEP 2	Sat 29 May	2110	Second report received from MARKHAM Special Patrol.	Sitrep 94 - 1407
		0600	Pl left for ZENAG to complete mule track over creek at NORTH end of drome. Def posn against possible landing taken up by Bren and MMG . Capt KENNEDY acting O.C.	
BEN O.P. SUNSHINE		1100	Special patrol returned from MARKHAM Pt.	Sitrep 95 - 1438
		1200	Capt CAMERON ( Asst Q.M. ) admitted A.D.S. SUNSHINE with malaria.	
		1530	Adjt left to visit D Coy at POWERHOUSE returning 1820 hrs.	
WAMPIT		1700	Introductory visit to Maj SMITH by Brig. HOSKING and B.M. TRAVERS of 15 Aust Inf Bde. left 1730 hrs.	Sitrep 95 - 1438
		1350	Cpl KIRKWOOD NCF L of C and Pte VINES (B Coy) arrived WAMPIT on way to LAE O.P.	



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Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1700 hrs 29 May 43 To 1155 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SUNSHINE	Sun 30 May	0700	Air raid warning. All clear. 0715 hrs.	Sitrep 96 - 1455
		0715	Lieut ROBINSON (O.C. WATUT RIVER PATROL) left to guide Lieut FRASER, American Survey Officer to MARALINAN and WURUP. Strip to be burnt by native labour to enable remainder of American Drome recce Party to land in Moth plane.	
		0900	C.O. visited Bde at BULWA returned 1230 hrs.	
WAMPIT		0915	Capt CHANDLER handed over Comd C Coy to Capt PECK.	
SUNSHINE		1303	Instns received at Bde in conference with Lt-Col WILTON G 1 3 Aust Div. D Coy HQ, 16 Pl and 18 Pl of A Coy temporarily under D Coy Comd ordered to move to HOTE and join 18 Pl. All will be under comd 2/3 Aust Indep Coy. A Coy HQs and 7 Pl to move 31 May to POWERHOUSE under direct comd 3 Aust Div. With 17 Pl now to be known as 9 Pl again will do L of C duties POWERHOUSE-PILIMUNG to stage through 58/59 Aust Inf Bn. Lieut ROBINSON and sec from WATUT patrol will move to BULWA on 7 June and protect drome.	<i>W</i>
		1500	7 Pl A Coy moved out to POWERHOUSE.	
		1800	Capt KENNEDY O.C. A Coy ordered to return immediately from ZENAG.	
POWERHOUSE.		1830	7 Pl arrived at POWERHOUSE.	Sitrep 97 - 1494
SUNSHINE	Mon 31 May	0800	Bde Comd and Bde I.O. (Capt HEDLEY) passed through on way to recce DOLLI - HOTE area.	Sitrep 98 - 1518
		0900	Maj SMITH left for PATEP 2.	
		1015	Notice received from WAMPIT that Pte VINES (LAE O.P. relief) had entered hospital with Dengue. Substitute to be supplied by C Coy.	<i>W</i>
		1015	Capt DUELL 2 I/C C Coy. returned to duty after an attack of dengue.	
		1155	Nomination for "I" school at MORESBY 22 Jun - 12 July. Cpl ROBERTSON nominated and recalled from WAMPIT. Cpl WESTBROOK will replace him at WAMPIT C Coy.	



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Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1155 hrs 31 May 43 To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SUNSHINE	Mon 31 May	1500	New Officer Lieut ALDERDICE marched in 1500 hrs. temporarily attached with HQ Coy.	
		1805	Capt KENNEDY returned from ZENAC.	
		1900	Maj COX Capt KING and Lieut HOWARDm American Air Force arrived arrived SUNSHINE en route for MARALINAN drome.	Sitrep 99 - 1556
		1935	Report from C Coy that Pte COYLE A.D. was accidentally wounded by a grenade when delousing own booby trap in KIRKS area. Splinter in calf of left leg penetrated bone.	
		2000	A.O. 102-107 issued	Appx C4.
			During the last half of this month, 7 pl A Coy and H Q Coy have been engaged in construction of jeep track from SUNSHINE to MUMENG.	
			10 and 11 pls of B Coy have been engaged during the month in digging and camouflaging defensive posns at PATEP 2. 12 Pl have dug defensive posns at PARTEP 1 and engaged in patrolling.	
			C Coy manning forward posn have occupied O.Ps and maintained continuous patrols.	
			A1 Intelligence Reports to Div. Appendices:- A2 Intelligence Reports from Coys A, B, C & D. B1 Operational Instns. & Orders B2 Reports on Actions B3 Trng Instns & Syllabi. C Routine Orders D Adm Instns E Meteorological Notes. F1 W3008 F2 W3009 G C.O.'s Report H Q.M.'s Report I T.O.'s Report J RMO's Report K WATUT, SUGARLOAF & GENERAL PATROL REPORTS L Intelligence Summaries M Coy Comds Reports N1 Other Documents - Message Log Diary April. N2 " " - Itinerary of I.O. in Fwd Areas. N3 " " - General N4 " " - Messages for May.	

*W&P*

*Turn Maj.*  
Adm. Comd. 24 Aust Inf Bn.



APPX A1

War Diary

SECRET

H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bn

I May 43.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 3

FOR PERIOD TO 1800 HRS I MAY 43.

OPERATIONS.

Op Instn was issued by signal to C Coy rptd "B" Coy advising tasks of fighting patrol to MARKHA M POINT and mouth of MARKHA RIVER. Confirmation is being fwded tomorrow by safe hand in the form of Op Instn No.1.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Difficult country slowed up cable party laying line between MUMENG and PARTEP 2. In some cases new tracks had to be cut to clear the line from water. It is expected that line will NOT now be laid until the afternoon of 2 May.

*Dunnell*

.....Lieut.

I.O. 24 Aust Inf Bn.



INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 4  
for period to 1800 hrs 2 May 43

I. Operations 1 May (a) "C" Coy I3 Pl at WAMPIT. Nothing to report except provision escorts for ration lines. I4 Pl via GABENSIS; BEN'S REPORTS HEARING LOUD EXPLOSIONS IN A NNW direction at 0430 hrs. At 0530 hrs I A/C was heard in direction of WAMPIT and apparently travelling SOUTH. There was a heavy fog at the O.P. at 0600 hrs. The patrol to BWARIP reported in SITREP I9 consisted of three men. A P38 was sighted at 0935 hrs flying SOUTH in direction of WAMPIT whilst at 0945 hrs I A/C was heard flying in direction of LAE. III5 hrs Rations arrived with escort. AT 1430 hrs a patrol of unstated strength left for MARKHAM PT. Previous patrol to PT reported consisted of 6 men who moved out at 0805 hrs on 30 Apr. No further report of this patrol has been received. I5 Pl at BOBS. Lieut BABER left for KIRKS 1100 hrs May 1. The two babboo rafts seen drifting at 1700 hrs were apparently sighted from a L.M.G. posn (no ref given). NGARANENO O.P. reports smoke again seen 1 May in the posn where fires were reported in summary 3. A probable P. 38 was heard above the clouds at 0930 hrs flying towards LAE. KIRKS. Fog until 0830 hrs, the weather dull but no rain. Patrol moved at 0815 hrs to NGARANENO where it observed for 1/2 hr and then returned. Nothing to report. Further patrol left 0815 for OLD MARI and returned 1645 hrs. Nothing to report. At 0900 hrs I U/I A/C reported flying NORTH. 2 May. Ack received of Op instruction issued 1 May (see Report No 3). 1630 hrs SITNORM reported. Message drafted to RMO re establishment of surgical post, and movement fwd from SUNSHINE on 3 May of 2 med orderlies, but not yet sent because of bad W/T conns. RMO arrived DEX 1 May, but was recalled to TIMNE to treat urgent case.

(b) "B" Coy 1 May. Coy ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ HQ and IC Pl Established at new camp 274212 Ref Map PARTEP 2 at 1500 hrs. Capt GULLETT (2/6 Bn) accompanied by Lieut DAWSON (24 Bn) moved out to recon posns at PARTEP 1 at 0815 hrs. 2 May at 1630 hrs I2 Pl prepared to move to PARTEP 1 area. Otherwise I&S SITNORM.

(c) A & D Coy Continuing trg at HIDDEN CAMP with trg team from 2/6 Bn.

2. COMMUNICATIONS: At 1800hrs cable <sup>party</sup> laying line between SUNSHINE and PARTEP 2 was approx 1 1/2 hrs from PARTEP 2 but had run out of cable. They are endeavouring to obtain cable from PARTEP 2 to complete line. Expected to be through early 3 May

*Dunsell*  
.....Lieut  
I.O. 24 Aust Inf Bn.



H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bn  
3 May 43

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 5

for period to 1800 hrs 3 May 43

- I. OPERATIONS. (a) 2 May. "C" Coy. As fully reported in SITREP 2I. Fires reported by BEN O.P. AND smoke seen by NGARA NENO O.P. ARE apparently at the same posn reported during the last 3 days.
- (b) "B" Coy. Improving Coy area.
- (c) "A&D" Coys. Continuing trg at NIDDEN CAMP.
2. GENERAL. "B" Coy report having received very valuable advice, data and maps from Cpl NANKERVIS 2/5 Ind Coy "I" Sec.
3. MORALE. Very good throughout. GUINEA GOLD was received by 2/5 Ind Coy at PARTEP 2 and possibly arrangements could be made for its delivery to 24 Bn.
4. COMNS. Line to PARTEP 2 was ~~in~~ completed at 1540 hrs today giving line comms from SUNSHINE to WAMPIT. However hearing is very difficult and messages have to be retransmitted through PARTEP 2. There<sup>are</sup> apparently some messages still NOT received at this H.Q. They may be W/T cipher messages passing through 3 Aust Div and held up by transmitting difficulties.

*Dunell*  
.....Lieut.  
I.O. 24 Aust Inf Bn.



INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 6.For period up to 2000 hrs 4 May 43.

1. Operations. Comms with fwd Coys at PATEP 2 and WAMPIT ~~WERE~~ were dislocated for some time today through Engrs blowing away portion of the cable whilst blasting in the vic. of SUNSHINE Camp. Comms were not restored until 1730 hrs consequently SITREPS were not to hand in time.
- (a) C Coy. Smoke and fires on NORTH side of MARKHAM RIVER were reported again today by ~~the~~ O.P.'s as follows ---
- 14 Pl BENS O.P. - Fires seen during afternoon.  
15 Pl NGARONENO O.P. - Smoke seen 1100 hrs.  
14 Pl MARKHAM RIVER O.P. - Smoke seen in several places 1105-1125 hrs.
- A party of 10 left BENS for MARKHAM POINT at 1110 hrs. It is NOT known whether this party moved in accordance with Op Instn No 1. Previous patrol strength was 6. A signal was sent to O.C., C Coy, confirming previous instn that following completion of Phase 1, he forward outline plan <sup>for approval</sup> before completing Phase 2.
- Location statement received today gave Pl disposns as at 1 May as follows ---
- |          |                              |                              |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Coy H.Q. | DEX Ref LAE-PATEP 2 - 1 inch | 310372                       |
| 13 Pl    | WAMPIT                       | 308381                       |
| 14 Pl    | BEN O.P.                     | 444432 (plus 2 secs)         |
|          | BEN                          | 402401 (1 sec only)          |
|          | FWD O.P. FISHERS PT.         | 451433 (1 C/R)               |
|          | MARKHAM PT.                  | 437406 (standing patrol      |
|          |                              | (?) 595428 (patrol & ambush) |
| 15 Pl    | BOBS                         | 320431 (plus 1 sec)          |
|          | KIRKS                        | 324496 (1 Sgt, 1 sec)        |
|          | NGARONENO                    | 402508 (standing patrol)     |
|          | KIRKS O.P.                   | 320486 (O.P.)                |
|          | NGARAGGOMA                   | 245493 (patrol every         |
|          |                              | second day)                  |
|          | OLD MARI                     | 364506 ( " " " )             |
- Capt DUELL arrived WAMPIT 1600 hrs 3 May to act as 2 I/C pending return of Capt ROBINSON from hospital.
- (b) B Coy. Location statement received today gives disposns as follows - Coy H.Q. PARTEP 2 Ref WAU-SALAMAUA-LAE 2m-1 in 313202
- |       |          |                     |
|-------|----------|---------------------|
| 10 Pl | "        | 313202              |
| 11 Pl | "        | 314202 (plus 1 sec) |
| 12 Pl | "        | 314203 (plus 1 sec) |
|       | PARTEP 1 | 395199 (1 sec)      |
|       | MAPOS    | 440223 (2 men)      |
|       | KWASANG  | 382150 (2 men)      |
- Advice was received tonight that No 12 Pl Comd, Lieut DAWSON was ill with fever at KWASANG. Arrangements made with ANGAU to evacuate back to SUNSHINE.
- (c) A & D Coys. NIDDEN as previously reported.
2. Training. A & D Coys still continuing trg in accordance with syllabus.
3. Communications. Line laid to B Coy not entirely satisfactory because of break referred to in para 1. Working again after evening meal with "booster" on incoming signals. Stores will move to PARTEP 2 on 5 May to enable establishment of switchboard there. Line laid PARTEP 2 to PARTEP 1.
4. Morale. Arrival of reading matter in shape of GUINEA GOLD was appreciated by all tps.

.....*Duell*..... Lieut.

I.O., 24 Aust Inf Bn.



H.Q., 24 Aust Inf Bn.  
 AUSTRALIA.  
 5 May 43.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 7.

For period to 2359 hrs 5 May 43.

Operational. C Coy - WAMPIT area. As stated in Sitreps 26 and 27, at MARKHAM POINT a reconce patrol from BENS found by 14 Pl contacted ENEMY opposition at an ambush stated to be "10 mins DEEP WATER CK". Taking into account the contact made by patrol of 2/5 Indep Coy on 21 Apr, it would appear that the 10 mins stated would-be-means PAST the ck. NO infm has been received yet whether our patrol, which is of a reconce nature, withdrew. NO report has been received from C.Ps.

A written report sent from WAMPIT on 3 May states that at 0855 hrs on 2 May, a single shot was heard from NGARONENO, across the MARKHAM RIVER, NORTH of the C.P. NO activity was sighted from that direction.

B Coy - PARTEP 2 Area. Lieut DAWSON was evacuated from KWASANG at 0930 hrs. Lieut RAYSON has moved to PARTEP 1 to take over comd of 12 Pl.

Training. A and D Coys - NIDDEN CAMP. Trg continued with instruction in Jungle Warfare by Lieut TRETHERWIE and party.

B.H.Q. Lt-Col WILSON, NGF Int, visited the SUNSHINE area today and inspected the Int organization.

Communications. Line interruptions again delayed passage of infm, messages, etc back to this HQ. It is anticipated that line will again be available specch before midday 6 May.

  
 ..... Lieut.

24 Aust Inf Bn.



PATROL REPORT.

Copy.

To I.O. 24 Aust Inf Bn.

Type of Patrol. (Recce)

From Ben O.P.

Date 5 May 43

Patrol strength. 2 NCOs 2 ORs

Armament. 2 Owen guns, 2 rifles. 4 grenades.

Object To recce a 1½ hrs fwd pf DEEP CREEK.

Weather Fog until 1000 hrs. otherwise fine.

Route Out BEN OP. COMSIS DEEP CREEK. MARKHAM POINT.

Route in MARKHAM POINT. DEEP CREEK. COMSIS BEN OP.

Time out. 0630 hrs. Time In. 1350 hrs.

DETAILS. Leaving the edge of the spur at 0630 hrs we had the first 40 minutes of going down a very steep hill. The country all this time is all jungle. From there to DEEP CREEK it is fairly level going but is still jungle. At DEEP CREEK we had a smoke from 0950 hrs to 1010 hrs. The crossing of the creek itself was only a small log 18 inches at the butt. When you got out about 10 or 12 feet the log sways and makes it damned hard to get over the rest. The creek itself is approx 40 ft wide and is fairly deep and slow running. From there to where we struck the enemy was 50 minutes from the creek. The country itself was fairly hilly for a few minutes and then we had a little flat going and then over another spur coming to the edge of the MARKHAM River. We followed the River along for a few more minutes. The country all the way from DEEP CREEK is all jungle while following the MARKHAM River we could distinguish the hills on our right. We followed the river on until we came to a small clearing on our left. We decided to cross one at a time. I had got across safely and Cpl MACKEY was almost across when he was fired on. The clearing was about 20 yards wide. The firing came from the hill on our right so the other two opened fire with the idea of giving Cpl MACKEY and myself covering fire while we came back over the clearing. We then put a few more bursts of Owen gun along the spur and then headed to DEEP CREEK where we fixed Cpl MACKEY's wound as best we could. The map reference was STEKUM (LAE- PART 11) In my opinion it is a death trap to send any less than 12 men across DEEP CREEK I also wish to commend on the coolness of Cpl MACKEY Ptes SHERVILL Pte BETSON.

Signed BL DELVES.  
Lieut.

Signed H.D. GRAY Cpl.

7 May 43.



*War Diary*  
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bn.  
AUSTRALIA.  
6 May 43

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 8

For period to 2359 hrs 6 May 43.

1. OPERATIONAL. C Coy advised today that the person wounded when our recon patrols contacted the enemy at ambush vic. MARKHAM POINT was - VX 104465 Cpl MACKIE. 14 pl - C Coy. He is reported to have been wounded through the elbow.

A C Coy Intelligence report of 4 May received today states that at 1100 hrs on 4 May, 2 natives reported to OLD MARI. They were en route across the MARKHAM RIVER towards CHIVISING in search of information.

Smoke NORTH of MARKHAM RIVER was observed by all O.Ps. All patrols to date have furnished NIL reports.

B. Coy. has advised the further following Map. refs of positions occupied on 6 May.

12 Pl. No. 7 Sec.	MAPCS Ref.	WAU-SALAMAUA-LAE	440223
" " 8 "	KWASANG	" 2 miles - 1/4 inch	382150
" " 9 "	PARTEP 1	" " " "	395199

3 waves of v/1 A/C reported moving SSE over Coy. HQ at 1030 hrs. Otherwise SITNORM.

A & D Coys. are continuing trg at NIDDEN Camp.

CAMP. 1 - RAAF MOTH A/C flew over SUNSHINE, NIDDEN CAMP and PARTEP areas on after of 6 May.

*Dunnell*  
Lieut.,  
I.O. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.



PATROL REPORT

To I.O. 24 Aust InfBn.

FROM COGO.

Date. 8 May 43

PATROL STRENGTH. Six.

ARMAMENT 2 OWEN GUNS 2 rifles, 3 pistols.

OBJECT. To ascertain cause of firing S.E. PARTEP 2.

WEATHER Cloudy

ROUTE IN. 120 degrees

TIME OUT. 1420 hrs. TIME IN 1537 hrs.

DETAILS. Troops working on posns heard volley of approx 20 rifle shots followed by a single shot followed by a burst LMG fire. PARTEP 1 reported SITNOR.  
Patrol circled from S.E. to N.E. NIL result.

Signed. R. Martin. Signature.  
Sgt.

8 May 43

Comd Camp PARTEP 2.



DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT. No.10.

Infm. received up to 2359 hrs. 8 May, 43.

1. OPERATIONAL. (a) C. Coy. WAMPIT AREA. Daily report of 6 May has been received and reports as follows:-

BENS. Patrol to MARKHAM POINT which had contacted ENEMY, returned to BENS 1300 hrs. 6 May less Cpl. GRAY and Pte. WHELAN. It is now reported that the time of contact was 1130 hrs 5 May and NOT 1700 as previously stated. A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 9 O.R.'s left BENS at 0945 for MARKHAM POINT taking over from Cpl. GRAY and Pte. WHELAN. These two men reported in to BENS at 1800 hrs, and stated that a new patrol had been taken fwd of ambush posn by Pte. HUNTER. No report of this patrol has yet been received.

(a)  
BOBS. 2 Patrols of 2 O.R.'s each left for KIRKS, and (b) OLD MARI - NGARANENCO-SHELDONS-KIRKS (2days). Nil reports.

NGARANENCO O.P. Fires seen vic. BWARIP 1400-1600 hrs. 5 May.

KIRKS. No activity, L.M.G. posn - NIL report. As stated in SITREP 31, fires observed NORTH side of MARKHAM R. The report states that fires may possibly from island NORTH of NGARANENCO and appear to be the same fires as reported from that O.P. as direction BWARIP.

(b) B. Coy. PARTEP area. As stated in message I.85 shooting was heard S.E. of PARTEP 2 at 1415 hrs. Patrol moving S.E. to N.E. left at 1420 hrs returning 1537 hrs with NIL report. As instructed by you Div. Sig. personnel were questioned but were NOT responsible.

Aerial activity was reported over the areas as follows:-

0720 hrs - 8 May,	- 1 U/I A/C flying EAST.
1115 " " "	- D.H. MOTH circled PARTEP 1 and PARTEP 2 areas then flew S.W.
1245 " " "	- 2 flights of A/C (probably 12 in all) flying N.E.
1405 " " "	- 10 BOEING 17E flying NE. at approx, 10,000 ft.
1458 " " "	- 2 Beaufighters moving at 120 degs. at approx. 8000 ft.
1503 " " "	- Beaufighters moving at 172 deg.
1512 " " "	- U/I A/C flew SOUTH down WAMPIT valley then WEST.
1515 " " "	- 8 Boeing 17E flying direction LAE to SALAMAUA observed from PARTEP 1.
1530 " " "	- 12 P.38 Lightnings flying SOUTH direction of LAE to SALAMAUA from PARTEP 1.

At 1555 an earth tremor lasting 15 seconds felt at PARTEP 2.

A. Coy. Carried amm. from SUNSHINE-PARTEP 2, reporting there 1900 to 2030 hrs. SIX cas. (fatigued) left at MUMENG but all amm brought on.

D. Coy. NIDDEN Camp ) Camp trg.

COMMUNICATIONS. C. Coy. was instructed to pass SITREPS over W/T direct to 2/6 Bn. reptd 24 Bn. if W/T available at WAMPIT. SITREP up to 1800 8 May. despatched by this channel and recd this H.Q. at 2115 hrs. No further report by either channel. Sig. Offr. expects to instal switchboard at PARTEP2 by 11 May, if equipment fwded and install Fullerphone circuit from WAMPIT-SUNSHINE

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 11.

Information received up to 2359 hrs 9 May 43

1. OPERATIONAL.

- (1) C Coy - WAMPIT AREA. A report up to 1800 hrs 7 May has been received which reports the following patrols -
- a. WAMPIT. 0750 hrs 7 May. 2 man patrols to BOBS and BENS. NIL reports.
  - b. BENS. 1830 hrs 6 May Patrols returned from OOMSIS and MARKHAM PT. NIL report.  
 0905 hrs 7 May. 1 NCO and 2 ORs to BWARIP. Returned 1410 hrs. NIL report.  
 1330 hrs 7 May. 2 man patrol to OOMSIS. Returned 1750 hrs. NIL report.
  - c. BOBS. NO communication with DEX. NO other reports received.
- (2) B Coy - PARTEP 2 AREA. SITREP today mentions that a proposed dropping ground was recced vic. sq. 2519. PARTEP 2 lin to 1 mile. Nothing else reported except A/C activity as stated in Sitrep 35. Relief of 2/6 Bn personnel in PARTEP 1 area was effected 1200hrs 8 May. 1 offr and 42 ORs of 2/6 Bn left there this morning for SUNSHINE.
- (3) A Coy - PARTEP 2 - SUNSHINE. Moving in small groups at 5 minute intervals Coy left PARTEP 2 from 0945 hrs 9 May, and had all reported into SUNSHINE by 1945hrs with the exception of 1 man left at PARTEP and 5 at NUMBING.
- (4) D COY - NIDDEN CAMP. Following receipt of 3 Aust Div Warning Order, the Coy was advised to move to SUNSHINE on 10 May. No 18 pl comd by Lieut LOOKER has been selected to move to PILIMUNG by 14 May, there to come under comd 2/3 Ind. Coy. and move to protect its LEFT flank. The Coy will move from NIDDEN to SUNSHINE on 10 May.
11. ENEMY DOCUMENTS. Forwarded to your HQs by safe hand today were two papers found by Lieut CRIDLAND of Survey Corps in vicinity of MT MISANTUM. Cpl BARLOW of 2/6 Bn inspected the papers and expressed the opinion that the stiff wrapping was a ration cover. It would be appreciated if information could be passed back, when available, on the use and significance of the documents, so that the find may be used as a means to instruct troops of the value of passing back all captured documents and equipment.

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO.12.  
INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 2359 Hrs. 10 May, 43.

1. OPERATIONAL:

- (1) C. Coy - WAMPIT AREA. A report has been received from the fwd Coy. giving infm up to 1800 hrs. 9 May as follows:-
- (a) BOBS. 7 May. 0945. Patrol 2 O.R's to KIRKS and return. Nil report.  
 1000 & 1100. 1 U/I A/C heard at each time.  
 1600. Patrol 2 O.R's of 6 May, returned. Nil report.  
 8 May. 0900. Patrol 2 O/R's to KIRKS and return, Nil report.  
 1245. 2 U/I A/C seen flying N.E.  
 1550. 2 U/I A/C seen flying WEST.
- (b) NGARANENO O.P. 6 May. 1600 hrs. Natives seen moving upstream from island to island. Seen lighting grass fires.  
 1715 hrs. 4 Natives landed on SOUTH bank of MARKHAM North of O.P. No contact made.  
 7 May. 0830, 0915. Explosives heard N.W.W. of O.P.  
 0950. Explosion heard NORTH of O.P.  
 Allied A/C sighted 1000, 1045 & 1100 hrs over LAE area.
- (c) KIRKS. 7 May. 0830 hrs. Patrol 2 O.R's to OLD MARIE and return, Nil report.  
 1145 hrs. Patrol 2 O.R's to NGARANENO and return, reported remains of fire used by approx. 8 people, possibly natives, 15 mins. before NGARANENO.  
 8 May. 1230 hrs. Patrol 2 O.R's to OLD MARIE and return, Nil report.  
 1445 hrs. 2 U/I A/C flying NORTH.
- (d) KIRKS O.P. 7 May. 0900 hrs. 1 U/I A/C heard flying SOUTH. Allied A/C sighted 1000 and 1045 hrs.  
 1045 hrs. 1 U/I A/C seen flying N.E.  
 8 May. 1225 hrs. Yells and calls, presumed to be natives heard across river.  
 Much A/C activity noted from 1315 to 1515 hrs.

Following message from 5 Aust. Div. quoting LAE O.P. report of lights vicinity MARKHAM POINT and also barge stuck in mud vicinity same point. A recce patrol was ordered fwd to a suitable O.P. to observe and report. C. Coy. has advised that no infm could be given about the lights or barge vicinity the POINT but a patrol of 7 O.R's will move to known O.P. Earliest that report can be received will be evening of 11 May. Patrol will also act as recce patrol for ambush posn. KIRKS O.P. however reported that at 0800 hrs. an empty barge was sighted drifting downstream and another barge was stuck in a sandbank EAST of posn. No bearing or approx distance was given. It has been presumed that barge reported stuck on sandbank is NOT the barge reported by TOJO O.P. and instructions have been issued directing that every effort, including native assistance, should be made to secure the barge. Information has also been requested if barges were seen moving upstream. It is considered possible that the barge seen drifting is the one observed by TOJO and has become stuck in mud.

In view of the fact that barges may have landed ENEMY at a point WEST of KIRKS a recce patrol of 3 was ordered to move out at first light 11 May and to proceed WEST along SOUTH bank of MARKHAM River for half day past NARAGOOMA.



Patrol report of Cpl. GRAY giving details of contact with ENEMY on 5 May vicinity MARKHAM POINT has been received and a copy is attached. Explanations have been requested of discrepancies noted between original message and the report

It is reported that O.C. of "C" Coy. Capt. CHANDLER is suffering from Dengue but will be fit for duty approx. 14 May.

(ii) B. Coy. - PARTEP AREA. Capt. FLEWELLEN reported to PARTEP 2 at 1130 hrs. to take over comd. of Coy. New defensive posns as selected by Capt. GULLETT 2/6 Aust. Inf. Bn. are expected to be completed by 18 May. Sketch is being prepared and will be forwarded when available. Copy of report and sketch from Patrol which investigated rifle shots heard at 1415 hrs. 9 May and reported to you in Report No. 10 is attached.

PARTEP 1 Area. Report to 1530 hrs. 8 May received from Coy. states that 12 Pl. at PARTEP 1 has one Sec. in section post at MAPOS and on May 6 commenced patrol of the LEGA, TOKANIN and NAGAU tracks. One sec is stationed at NWA3ANG and commenced patrolling 7 May. Only comm. between 12 Pl. H.Q. and Secs is by runner.

(iii) D. Coy. - SUNSHINE AREA. The Coy. arrived at B.H.Q. at 1200 hrs. 10 May and commenced preparations for move to MISSIM-PILIMUNG area. 18 Pl. (comd. Lieut. LOOKER) has been built up to full strength with personnel from 17 Pl. and will move to POWERHOUSE at 0600 hrs. 11 May, there to come under Comd 2/3 Indep. Coy. and to be employed in protection of that Coy's LEFT flank ~~at~~ BUGASU-BOBADU area. To bring the remaining two Pls up to strength to carry out L. of C. duties under Comd. of 3 Aust. Div. in POWERHOUSE-PILIMUNG area, remaining personnel of 17 Pl. were transferred to 16 Pl. and one Pl. of A. Coy. (comd. Lieut. EGAN) was placed under comd. D. Coy. Coy. H.Q. plus the two Pls. are due to leave for POWERHOUSE on 12 May.

(iv) A. Coy. - NIDDEN CAMP. Coy. marched to NIDDEN from SUNSHINE arriving at 1330. Preparations made for detachment of 10 Pl. (comd Lieut. EGAN) to D. Coy. This Pl. will return to SUNSHINE on morning of 11 May.

2. COMMUNICATIONS. Still difficult between SUNSHINE and WAMPIT, FULLERPHONE being the only direct channel to get through. Other messages are passed through PARTEP 2. C. Coy. have reported that comms to HENS are out of order at present. Maintenance is proceeding.

(A.W.C. BUNSELL) Lieut.,  
I.O. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.



Australia.

12 May 43

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 13Information received up to 2359 hrs 11 May 431. OPERATIONS(a) C COY - WAMPIT AREA. - 9 May 43

- 13 pl WAMPIT. Normal escort patrols to BOBS and BEN. Nothing to report.
- 14 pl BEN 0700 hrs. 1 U/I A/C heard flying NORTH. Firing heard.  
1300 hrs. Patrol returned from MARKHAM PT. Nil report.  
1430 hrs. Patrol returned from BWARIP. Nil report.  
1800 hrs. Large fire observed direction of LAE.
- 15 pl. BOBS 0900 hrs. Patrol to KIRKS and return. Nil report.  
0900 hrs. Recce patrol (2 ORs) on to BOBS NORTH track. followed to BOBS- OLD MARI track and return. Further recce and report will be made.
- KIRKS. 0930 hrs. Normal patrol to OLD MARIE and return. Nothing to report.
- KIRKS O.P. U/I A/C activity 1210 - 1340 hrs.  
1230 hrs. One Douglas BOSTON A 20 circled O.P. then headed N.E.  
0630 hrs. A/A fire heard N.E. of posn.  
1600 hrs. bombing heard in direction of LAE.

Further to Int report No 10 concerning barge activity, the Recce patrol moved from BENS to a known O.P. and there observed the barge reported by TOJO. From observation it appeared to be empty. Patrol then moved on through ambush posn occupied by Japs at time contact was made on 5 May without sighting any sign of enemy. 2 Jap sentries were seen on opposite side of the River however.

With regard to barges reported from KIRKS, closer examination showed the craft stuck on sandbank to be a raft. Before this advice was received a Tk/A rifle with 50 rounds of amm was despatched from SUNSHINE to WAMPIT with instructions to O.C. of "C" Coy to use ~~for~~ from vic. LMG area at KIRKLANDS to sink any barges seen moving downstream unoccupied. On receipt of the advice that NO barge existed the instruction was amended and the rifle will now remain at WAMPIT at the Coy Comdrs disposal. NO action has been taken to withdraw recce patrol moving half a day past NARAGOOMA as it is considered that Japs may be making rafts and floating them downstream. As reported in message I 129, ANGAU personnel stated that regular Jap patrols move along NORTH bank of River, and natives are being recruited to enter that territory with a view to reporting back to C Coy should a party of Japs be observed.

- (b) D Coy. 18 pl moved from SUNSHINE 0600 hrs and arrived at POWERHOUSE at 0815 hrs. NO casualties.  
16 and 17 pl (previously No 9 pl of A Coy.) together with Coy HQ now at SUNSHINE preparing to move to POWERHOUSE on 12 May.
- (c) B Coy. PARTEP AREA. Further instructions have been issued requiring 12 pl sees to contact natives, particularly Doctor Boy at VAGAU with a view to obtaining relevant information of tracks and any ENEMY movement. 10 and 11 pls at PARTEP 2 are continuing preparation of def. posns.  
0916 hrs. 11 May. Number of U/I A/C heard to S.E. from Comd Coy HQ at ref 270213 LAE-PARTEP 2. one inch.
- (d) A Coy. NIDDEN CAMP. 11 May. No 9 pl (Lieut EGAN comd) moved out to SUNSHINE and came under comd of D Coy. This pl will become 17 pl.



(e) BHQ SUNSHINE CAMP. O.P.. Considerable A/C activity reported from 0925 to 1240 hrs. Explosions heard in far distance N.E. towards LAE (bearing 45 deg), and S.E. towards SALAMAUA. At 1704 hrs, O.P. reported clouds of smoke drifting NORTH to NNW and preventing observations from O.P. towards the NORTH.

2. COMMUNICATIONS. Improved considerably. Sig O. is preparing to leave 0600 hrs on 12 May to check on comms throughout fwd areas.

3. TRACE OF PART 2. Copy of sketch map of PART 2 Camp area omitted from Report No 12 enclosed.

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Further to Int report No 10 concerning barge activity, the base patrol moved from LAE to a known O.P. and there observed the barge reported by T.O.C. From observation it appeared to be empty. Patrol then moved on to a known area and observed a large area of activity. A large area of activity was observed on the opposite side of the river however. With regard to barges reported from KIRKE, closer examination showed the craft stuck on sandbank to be a raft. Before this advice was received a T/A rifle with 50 rounds of ammo was dispatched from SUNSHINE to KIRKE with instructions to sink any barges seen moving downstream unaccompanied. On receipt of this advice that no barges existed the instructions were cancelled and the rifle will now remain at KIRKE as the Coy's disposal. No action has been taken to withdraw the base patrol moving half a day past SALAMAUA as it is considered that this may be making trails and leading them downstream. A report in message 1129, SALAMAUA personnel stated that regular base patrol move along NORTH bank of River, and natives are being recruited to enter that territory with a view to reporting back to D Coy should a party of late be observed.

D Coy. 12 pl moved from SUNSHINE 0600 hrs and arrived at POMERANCE at 0815 hrs. No casualties.

12 and 17 pl (previously No 2 pl of A Coy.) together with Coy HQ now at SUNSHINE preparing to move to POMERANCE on 12 May.

3 Coy. PART 2 E.A. Further instructions have been issued regarding 12 pl base to contact natives, particularly Doctor Boy at VADAU with a view to obtaining relevant information of tracks and any ENEMY movement. 12 and 17 pl at PART 2 are continuing preparation of def. posts.

0915 hrs. 11 May. Number of U/A heard to S. from Comd Coy HQ at 23015 LAE-PART 2 - one inch.

A Coy. WEDDER DAMP. 11 May. No 2 pl (Lieut HUGHES comd) moved out to SUNSHINE and came under comd of D Coy. This pl will become 17 pl.



DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 15.

Infm received up to 2359 hrs. 13 May.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) C. Coy. WAMPIT area, 11 May.

13 Pl. normal patrols to BOBS and BEN. Nothing to report.

14 Pl. 0620 hrs. patrol left for MARKHAM PT. to observe barge. Report received at 2100 hrs. barge was on mud bank opposite EDWARDS PLANTATION. Jap ambush posn examined and found vacant, two Jap sentries sighted on NORTH bank of river Map ref. 580432.

0915 Patrol left for BWARIP returning 1515 hrs. Nothing to report.

0930 . Heavy bombing and A.A. fire heard direction of LAE. This was also reported by KIRKS O.P. and SUNSHINE O.P.

15 Pl. Normal patrols returned, nothing to report

NEARANENG O.P. 1530 hrs. Fire seen between LAKE WAIUM and BWARIP - investigating.

1615 2 horses observed near GABMATSUM MISSION.

1745 3 cows across river near GABMATSUM MISSION.

REF. MARKHAM POINT FIGHTING PATROL. Attached is copy of appreciation by Coy. Cdr. which had to be submitted for approval before phase 2 of patrols task was undertaken. This was forwarded in the form of a message to save time.

(b) B. Coy. PARTEP area. NO reports other than as covered by SITREPS.

(c) A. Coy. Training continues. Preparing to move into SUNSHINE CAMP on 14 May, 43.

(d) D. Coy. NO report received. Instruction has issued that this company repeat its sitreps to 24 Bn.

(e) MEDICAL. A report received from WAMPIT states 39 troops were suffering from DENGUE on 13 May, 43 and 5 from Diarrhoea. NIL Malaria.

(f) COMMS. Sig. Offr. arrived PARTEP 2 1500 hrs. 13 May, 43. Com. between SUNSHINE and PARTEP 2 is now much better and phone conversations can be carried on quite clearly during the day in the present fine weather. At night and during rain the dampness still affects the line preventing speech but L/T com. by Fullerphone is possible. Line coms. between PARTEP 2 and WAMPIT still difficult particularly under MIST conditions at PARTEP.

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Attd brief of topography etc. on Jap ambush posn. Ref. Map. LAE-PARTER 2, 1". A appreciation compiled from all available infm. 13 May. 43 WAMPIT 0930 hrs. Topography and track reports. OOMSIS track moved through banana plantation after 30 minutes it runs to a covered spur the top of which is reached after 1 hr. from OOMSIS Track then enters jungle. It continues ~~to~~ so until DEEP CREEK 589522 traces of recent Jap patrols were found near spur. 1 hr. from OOMSIS. Condition at DEEP CREEK had no huts plenty mosquitoes and very damp. Time from OOMSIS to DEEP CREEK 4 1/2 hrs. 4 mins. EAST of DEEP CREEK at Map Ref. 603413 is Japanese posn where Cpl. MACKIE of this Coy. was wounded. It has been located there over 1 month as 2/6 Bn. Patrol report on 6 Apr. 43 also 2/5 Coy. patrol reports on 21 Apr. 43 which 1 man of 2/5 was killed the last party on the 11 Apr. left track before enemy posn and tried RIGHT flank. They penetrated 200 yds through dense jungle and climbed the high feature which runs NORTH and SOUTH and commences 25 yds. from the track. Approx. height 500 ft. Top is cleared. Japs posn. was below but could not be observed ridge 603408 enemy posn was then approx. 500 yds. NORTH of patrol posn. Observation almost NIL from this spot. Enemy strength is still doubtful although patrol have ~~persevered~~. persevered. His posn is on SOUTH side of track on steep high feature mentioned with well cleared field of fire making approach difficult no marsh country was encountered by last patrol which to date has penetrated further EAST toward River mouth. My conclusion is that any attempt to dislodge the enemy would have to be frontal approx along track. An encircling movement SOUTH of track would be heavy going and noisy with a big risk of being cut off. Our patrols have kept him very quiet lately. He has not attempted to leave his defensive posn. CHANDLER has instructed further patrols to keep trying on RIGHT flank to penetrate past enemy posn.



SECRET.H.Q. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
AUSTRALIA.  
15 May, 43.DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 16.Infm received up to 2359 hrs. 14 May, 43.1. Operations.

(a) H.Q. Coy. SUNSHINE. 0810 hrs. 14 May. 1 J/I A/C as reported in Sitrep 45. This plane is apparently the same one as reported by "B" Coy. and 2/6 Aust. Survey Batt. R.A.A. over the ZENAG-PARTEP 2 area at 0815. Although the Survey Batt. reported the A/C as a Zero, SUNSHINE O.P. stated that it was a two seater plane with non retractable undercarriage.

(b) A. Coy. SUNSHINE 1600 hrs. Arrived from NIDDEN Camp and est. H.Q. at 224003 ref. map BULOLO 1"

(c) B. Coy. PARTEP 2 Area. 12 Pl. - PARTEP 1. Reports received from Doctor Boy at VAGAU did not furnish any further infm. Patrols along LEGA track, the TOKANIN-BWUSSE tracks, and the track from KWASANE to KWATOMANE but have nothing, at present, to report except that a native at the track junc. reported JAP patrols SOUTH of the BWUSSE. No date was given. These patrols reced only as far as 50 grid line. Permission having been granted to move EAST of 50 grid lines, two native guides one named KARAWGA, and the other's name not known, left to-day for PARTEP 1. to act as guides along VEGA and BWUSSE tracks. Coy. H.Q. reported that the Bn. defensive posns which have been built as per plan, was now ringed with burnt Kunai, making posns obvious from the air.

SHERLOCK of ANGAU reports that infm from DOCTOR Boy at VAGAU and police boy at BWUSSE and TOKANIN trails unreliable.

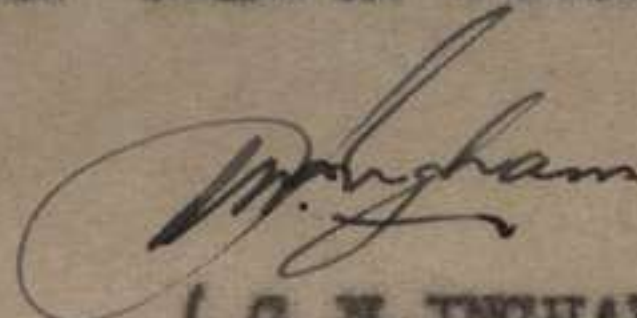
10 and 11 Pls. No reports other than those covered by SITREPS.

C. Coy. - WAMPIT AREA. 13 Pl. - normal patrols to BOBS and BEN. Nothing to report.

14 Pl. - Normal patrols. Fire observed between BWARIP and LAKE WANUM considered to be started by natives.

15 Pl. - Normal patrols returned. Nothing to report.

(d) D. Coy. - No further reports other than as covered in SITREPS.



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AUSTRALIA.  
15 May, 43.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO.17.

Infm received up to 2359 hrs. 15 May, 43.

1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) H.Q. Coy. SUNSHINE. Considerable air activity was in evidence throughout the day along the BULOLO-SUNSHINE valley. At 0940K/15 SUNSHINE O.P. reported 24 Jap. BOMBERS with FIGHTER escort approaching from BULOLO. Heavy A/A fire was heard, and the planes veered off in an EAST direction before reaching SUNSHINE. Three air raid warnings were received at 0940, 1535 and 1640 hrs.
- (b) A. Coy.-SUNSHINE. Training continued
- (c) B. Coy. PARTEP 2. W.O. SHERLOCK of ANGAU reports that infm obtained from DOCTOR boy at VAGAU and Police boy at BWUSSE and TOKANIN trails unreliable. Infm received later from natives who went walkabout to mouths of BUANG and BWUSSI rivers is to the effect that there is NO sign of Japs at either mouth.

Following the report of burnt Kunai making our def. posns obvious from the air (INT REPORT No.16) B.Coy now report that natives have burnt arrows in the grass pointing toward our posn. The C.O. has instructed that these arrows be burnt out and fresh ones made pointing in a different direction. ANGAU state that their natives were NOT responsible for the fires.

A native who tried to trade fruit for matches, has been put to work in the area and is being kept under observation.

Reference 3 KANAKAS reported in SITREP 47 to 1800K/15 No further infm received yet.

At 2110 hrs. 15 May, a signal light was seen from PARTEP 2 on a bearing of 210°. The color was WHITE, turning GREEN as it fell to the ground. No Action was possible, patrol of 3 sent to observe. NO infm to hand.

- (d) C. Coy. WAMPIT area. NGARANENO O.P. - 0855 hrs. 14 May sounds of gunfire were heard NORTH of O.P., repeating again at 0905 hrs and 1000 hrs, 14 May. At 1300 hrs. 14 May fires were observed across river N.W. of O.P.

NARAGOOMA - The river at this point had fallen considerably on 13 May, it ~~now~~<sup>then</sup> being possible to wade to island but NOT across river.  
PATROLS. - nothing to report.

- (e) D. Coy. No further report received.

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H.Q., 24 Aust Inf Bn.,  
Australia.  
18 May 43.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 18.

Infm received up to 2359 hrs 17 May 43.

1. Operations.
- (a) HQ Coy - SUNSHINE. Trng of HQ Coy and BHQ personnel has included hand grenade throwing, the firing of the .55 Tk/A rifle and OWEN gun. All available men will be engaged tomorrow, 18 May, on construction works on the SUNSHINE-MUMENG track.
- (b) A Coy - SUNSHINE. Afternoon, 17 May, all available men engaged on construction works on SUNSHINE-MUMENG track.
- (c) B Coy - PARTEP 2. 2 Arty Svy personnel reported two probable delayed action bombs  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from ZENAG drome. A patrol moved out 1635 hrs, and found on main SUNSHINE track,  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile NORTH of ZENAG drome, a narrow pointing EAST off track, finding at ref map PARTEP 2 1/25000, 261181, one belly tank with printing in RED on same as follows ---  
11-674 (b707). This tank had an ALUMINIUM interior and rivetted exterior, two tail fins painted GREEN, and smelt strongly of petrol.
- (d) C Coy - WAMPIT Area. Attached to this report is copy of recce patrol report received, ~~detail~~ dealing with tracks WEST from KIRKLANDS, along SOUTH bank of MARKHAM RIVER, to NARAGOOMA and beyond. Remarks by Maj DUCHATEL on one aspect of the report are also attached.

*[Signature]*  
..... Lieut.

A/Adjt., 24 Aust Inf Bn.



H.Q. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
 AUSTRALIA.  
 18 May, 43.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO.18.

Infm. received up to 2359 hrs. 18 May, 43.

1. OPERATIONS.

HQ. Coy. - SUNSHINE. Engaged all day 18 May on construction works SUNSHINE-MUMENG track.

B. Coy. Ref 3 KANAKAS seen ref map PARTEP 2 273197 (SITREP 47) - NIL report received.

Ref light reported on bearing 210° from PARTEP 2 (INT. REPORT 17) - NIL report received.

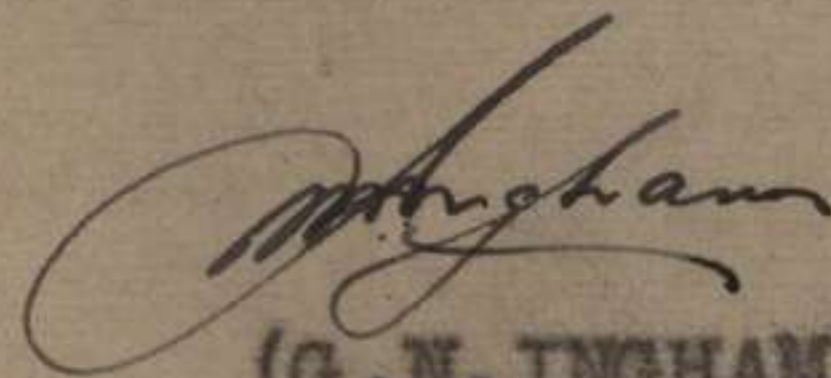
C. COY. This coy advises that going map of track to MARKHAM POINT will be forwarded 19 May, 43.

At 1250 hrs. 18 May heavy smoke was seen vicinity BWAR IP.

At 1500 hrs heavy smoke was seen NORTH of MARKHAM River opposite NGARANENO.

2. TRAINING. H.Q. - SUNSHINE. 1745 hrs. 18 May - Liout. WINTERFIELD of 2/3 Ind. Coy lectured to all ranks of B.H.Q., H.Q. and A. Coys. on Jungle Fighting and ambushes.

3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT. Portion of a suspected BELLY TANK from an enemy plane was found in vicinity ZENAG drome on 17 May, 43. This has now been forwarded to 3 AUST DIV for examination.



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K.C. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
20 May, 43.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 19.

Infm received up to 2359 hrs. 19 May, 43.

1. OPERATIONS:-

- (a) B. Coy. - PARTEP II. Nothing to report.
- (b) C. Coy. - WAMPIT AREA. Following reliable report received from natives on 19 May that Japs had evacuated MARKHAM PT. area. Thu. 13 May a recce patrol from C. Coy has been ordered to move out and confirm. Patrol to reach ambush posn 1620 hrs. as Japs are reported by 2/3 Indep. Coy. to relax vigilance between 1600 hrs and dusk. If confirmed NO Japs in area, C. Coy will move ambush tps to occupy MARKHAM PT by first light and set ambush facing track junc and OLD TOJC if considered practicable. Recce from there along SOUTH bank towards mouth, watching rear and L. of C.
- (c) D. Coy. - 18 Pl. CISSEMBOB Area. First contact made with enemy on 19 May as per SITREP No. 57 from 3 Aust. Div.

2. TRAINING:- HQ. Coy. SUNSHINE. Morning - throwing of hand grenades and firing of BOYES TK/A Rifle.  
Afternoon. Jungle firing of OWEN gun by those who have NOT previously used Gun.

A. Coy. - SUNSHINE. Engaged all day on constn works  
SUNSHINE - MUMENG track.

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TP.

H.Q. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.,  
21 May, 43.

*War Diary*

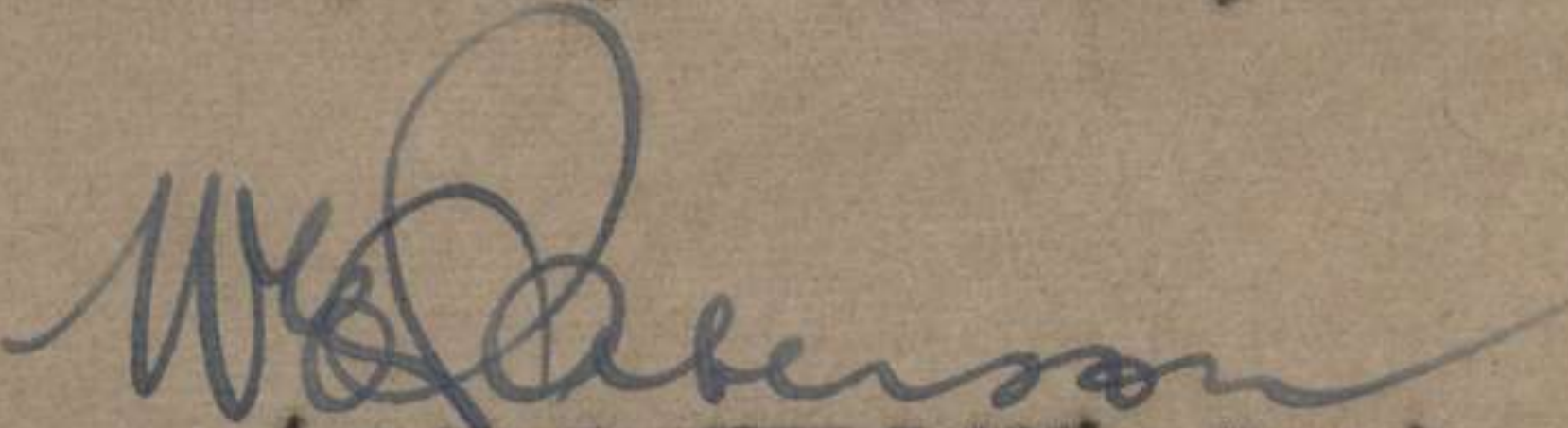
DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 20.

Infm received up to 2359 hrs. 20 May, 43.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) A. Coy.

Instructions received 2319 hrs 20 May for one Pl. to move at first light 21 May to track junc. ref. map HUON GULF SPECIAL (L) 4607, to prepare ambush posn. and give early warning of enemy approach. Decided to send composite pl. or "A" Coy and preparations for move were immediately put under way. Lieut. BARLING, Pl. Comd; Sgt. WALKER, Pl. Sgt.

  
(W.S. PATERSON), Capt.,  
Adj. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.



Record of Phone Conversation between Lieut Ingham and  
Capt Flewellyn 22 May 43.

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Lieut Bunsell mentioned to Lieut Dawson that there was a secret track to SUGARLOAF and Lieut Dawson's patrol was only told to report to Angau MAPOS who would supply guides who know the way to SUGARLOAF by secret track. These two natives were supplied and left MAPOS on Monday 17 May 43.

Personnel. Cpl Bartly, Pte Hillbrick and Pte Milne.

Track used by natives and the only one they knew was MAPOS to LEGA and from there they waded down the river to the big bend ref 602205 (WSL track map). From there the natives led them to secret track just on right of river (NOT main track). They said that NO white man had ever been on the track and part of it had to be cut for 200 yds. Then on to another very slippery track beside the river. There were 2 broken down huts near the mouth of the BUANG. One of these native shelters was used by the JAPS about a week ago and they were evidently looking for food. When they got down near the mouth of the river, the native guide went on down and then called them along when he had reached the mouth. About a mile from the mouth moving NORTH, a patrol of 12 JAPS was seen in single file, 20 yds apart. They also saw a small supply ship or submarine 1 mile off the coast from the mouth of the river. NO personnel of the patrol went near the beach. All tracks were obliterated by the native Guide (very careful re tracks). Patrol moved into the jungle and then waded back along the river for 2 hrs. They moved on stones on the track when they had to get on the track. They slept the night in the jungle, then returned to MAPOS. On Friday, from a posn near LEGA, at 0900 hrs the beach was strafed by Allied A/C SOUTH of BUANG River and probably fired at an enemy patrol.

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Further infm from ANGAU at MAPOS advises BWUSSI village visited Midday Wednesday by an unknown number of JAPS looking for food. JAP patrol also seen along beach towards direction of LAE and probably patrol at BUANG river that Cpl Bartly saw.

Message of congrats on excellent job from C.O.  
Sketches and track route to follow.

Infm phoned to Capt Bowie-Wilson, 3 Div, by Lieut Ingham 1830/22.



WTF.

H.Q. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
22 May, 43.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 21.

Infm received up to 2359 hrs. 21 MAY, 43.

1. OPERATIONS.

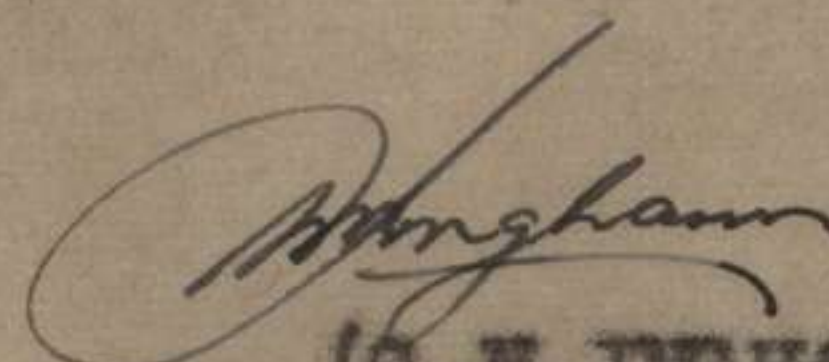
- (a) A. COY. No report has been received from 8 Pl. since they marched out from SUNSHINE at first light on 21 May, 43.
- (b) B. COY. Patrols arrived back from KARASTE and BWUSSI, evening 21 May. Reports are being fwded to these H.Q. to-day. No enemy were sighted by either patrol.
- (c) C. COY. Nothing to report.
- (d) D. COY. 16 Pl. arrived BRANCH CK on way to PILIMUNG. As reported in 3 Aust. Div. Sitrep 61, 18 Pl. has now withdrawn to BOBADU. NO details received to date of casualties suffered by this Pl. during action 20/21 May.

2. REPORTS.

Attached is copy of report from I.O. Lieut. BUNSELL who is at present in WAI'U-MAKKAK area and Report on Interrogation of Natives by Capt. KINGDOM, ANGAU fwded by Lieut. BUNSELL.

3. COMMS.

Sigs from 3 Aust. Div are at present laying line along the JARI track to give comm. with 8 Pl. of "A" Coy.



(G.N. INGHAM)

Lieut.,

A/Adjt. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.



DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 22.Infm received up to 2359 hrs. 22 May, 43.

1. OPERATIONS. A. Coy. Owing to height of mountains between UPPER BAIUNE and DOLI comms. by 208 has NOT been practicable and so far NO report has been received from No. 8 Pl. since they left SUNSHINE at first light 21 May, 43.

To overcome this comm difficulty our two sign at UPPER BAIUNE were instructed to commence 5 hr. journey to top of range - THE SUMMIT, at first light 23 May. At this point 208 should work satisfactorily and from there to SUNSHINE line comm is available.

B. Coy. Copy of telephone conversation between Lieut. INGHAM, Asst/Adjt and Capt. FLEWELLEN, O.C. "B" Coy in connection with SUGARLOAF patrol is enclosed. Reports from KARASTE and BWUSSI patrols are NOT yet to hand.

C. Coy. Copy of Patrol Report by recon patrol from BENS O.P. to fwd of MARKHAM POINT on 16 May, 43 is attached.

Jap papers found near OLD MARI have NOT reached these H.Q. as yet but are reported to be on the way. Possibility of arranging ambush in the vicinity where these papers and foot prints previously reported were discovered, is being investigated.

D. Coy. 16 Pl. arrived BAIUNE on way to PILIMUNG, 22 May, 43.

2. COMMS. Sigs from 3 Aust. Div. laying lines to give comm with 8 Pl. C. Coy. reached JARI 22 May.

At PARTER 2 W/T comm has been established TOKANIN and DAMBI (GULLET'S CASTLE). This is working satisfactorily. 3 Div. Sigs are helping to overhaul the switchboard at PARTER 2. NO improvement to date.

*W.E. Paterson*  
(W.E. PATERSON)  
Capt.,

Adjt. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.



HQ24 Aust Inf Bn.  
31 May 43.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 29.

Information received to 2359 hrs 30 May 43.

1. Operations. A Coy. Coy HQ and 7 Pl moved to POWER HOUSE, arriving 1800 hrs. They will, with 17 Pl (now to be known as 9 Pl again) maintain L of C POWER HOUSE to PILIMUMG under direct comd 3 Aust Div.

1 June. B Coy. C.O. will visit PARTEP 2 on 31 May, returning

D Coy. Coy HQ, 8 Pl (A Coy), 16 and 18 Pls are moving to HOTE under comd 2/3 Aust Indep Coy.

31 May Lieut ROBINSON (OC WATUP RIVER patrol) will leave 0715 hrs to guide Lieut FRASER, American Svy Offr, to MARALINAN and WURUF. Strip to be burnt by native labour to enable remainder of American Drone Recce Party to land in moth plane.

2. Comms. Line comm was still out with B and C Coys throughout the day. It is expected to be in order before midday 31 May.

3. Enclosed is copy of report of Interrogation of GABENSIS natives returned from LABU by Lieut BUNSELL.

*M. J. Gibson*  
..... Maj.  
Adm Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn.

31/5.



HQ 24 Aust Inf Bn.

1 June 43.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 30.

Infm received to 2359 hrs 31 May 43.

1. Operations. B Coy. C.O. visited PARTEP 2.  
Patrol reached top of MT BUBENJIRIN ref 309104 W-S-L track 31 May 43.  
Track defined half-way up. Had to cut way to top. BWUSSI RANGES only visible.  
At 0300 hrs 30 May 43 an unidentified plane was heard above TIMNE.  
C Coy. Ref report by Mr JACOBSON, U S forces, of possible enemy activity on track VAGAU to MARKHAM POINT. Patrol which has moved out to recce tracks to river mouth and OLD TOJO-MARKHAM POINT. track will set booby traps if any trace of recent enemy activity is found.
2. Casualties. Pte COYLE A.D. was accidentally wounded by grenade when delousing booby trap 31 May 43. He sustained a grenade splinter in calf of left leg which penetrated the bone.  
Capt DUELL, 2 I/C C Coy has recovered from attack of DENGUE and resumed duty 31 May 43.
3. Comms. The line SUNSHINE-PARTEP 2 was serviceable again as from 1500 hrs. R/T is difficult but W/T is quite clear.  
Mule track ZENAG-PARTEP 2 is now completed.  
Track MUMENG-MAPOS via SNAKE RIVER VALLEY is now clear.

*W. J. Jacobson*  
..... Maj.

f. Adm Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn.

116.



MESSAGE FORM

D. 26

Message recd.  
Tonight  
from Porter

16th to  
ROBARDY  
this morning  
E R

Need contact special

Pl. by here on arrival  
The pod scout at ROBARDY  
Their 200 set damaged

but endeavouring to contact  
you guys tonight

Pl. Pas at YASINGHI  
all personnel arrived  
Communication by runner

YASINGHI - ROBARDY  
at present.

24 May







# MESSAGE FORM

1194  
Serial No. *Aze*

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TO *3 ~~AUST DIV~~ 2/3 Indep. Coy.* (ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM <i><del>HANO</del> 2/3 Aust. Inf. Coy.</i>	Originator's Number <i>0 128</i>	Date <i>25</i>	In Reply to Number
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<i>Requested</i>	<i>met</i>	<i>Review</i>	<i>Barling</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>DL</i>
<i>2/3</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>attached</i>	<i>2/3</i>	<i>Ind</i>
<i>Coy</i>	<i>supply</i>	<i>following</i>	<i>inform</i>	<i>JARI</i>	<i>James</i>
<i>of</i>	<i>dep</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>arr</i>	<i>ambush</i>	<i>holding</i>
<i>place</i>	<i>second</i>	<i>nights</i>	<i>arr</i>		<i>position</i>
<i>o</i>	<i>ack</i>				

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A/Cpl. Wise. 7 Pl. JARI Phone conversation 1745/25.

Arrived 21st Jan. 22 still a track, few  
Spraggers, 23 <sup>arrived</sup> fact of track, good party  
1130. Spraggers 1630. ✓

except Big Rene who was shell on track  
~~would be~~ well back.

Mr Baling received from that day 23rd &  
delivered from at Jan.

24th... made contact with Major Warf at  
Bobadu. ✓

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# MESSAGE FORM

1182

Serial No. 49  
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3 DIV-25. V.  
TELEGRAPHS

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN PG T VIC  
OUT DR to 24 Rm

No. of Groups GR. 328

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TO i officer sunshine  
FROM 8 platoon Heha

Originator's Number 25  
Date 25  
In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

intelligence report from	8 platoon HEHA	5
21 bay	43 platoon	10
arrived at JARI	1630 hrs	15
attempted but	no communication	20
1700 hrs	22 <sup>nd</sup>	25
43 platoon	arrived at	30
3 1/2 hrs	from track	35
junction and made	camp	40
tracks very rough	and sleep	45
no communication	23	50
43 main body of	platoon arrived at	55
1130 hrs	Junction at	60
arrived with	serg WALKER	65
no communication	stragglers 1600 hrs	70
sig is still	on track	75
with part of	208 set	80
MR. BARLING	reced position	85
for ambush NW	of junction	90
on DOLI	tracks and on	95
YASINGLI track	made contact	100
with HQ	2/3 indep coy	105
at 1400 hrs	at BOBADU	110
by phone	MAJ WARFE	115
instructed MR. BARLING	to meet	120
him at BOBADU	12:00 hrs	125

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FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

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	24	Bay	1943	①	5
	Bay	43	①	settled	10
	camp	①	good	native	15
	concealed position		and	good	20
	observation down	DULAM	river	valley	25
	BREN	guns	mounted in		30
	ambush position	①	MR	BARLING	35
	reported to	MAT	WARFE	at	40
	1200 hrs	for	conference	①	45
	returned to	junction	1807 hrs		50
	① 2/3	company	required a		55
	report of	out	weapons	ration	60
	strength and	ammo	on	hand	65
	① they	can	supply	ration	70
	from	MUMUNG	① track		75
	very	rough	and	steep	80
	cpt	MCCLOUD	states	that	85
	boy	line	to	keep	90
	supplies	3	days	would	95
	required and	2	staging	camps	100
	① L/cpl	WISE	will	make	105
	full	report	on	tracks	110
	his	return	to	SUNSHINE	115
	this	report	①	RATIONS	120
	supply	for	two	days	125
	hand	①	native	foods	130

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scarce	①	rations	from	PILIMUNG	5
could	be	available	by	night	10
of	2.5	May	43	if	15
required	①	HEALTH	①	good	20
no	casualties	from	March	①	25
MORALE	①	excellent	①	BOOTS	30
①	require	replacing	as	follows	35
—	size	5	one	pair	40
size	7	one	pair	size	45
8	five	pairs	size	10	50
one	pair	①	the	whole	55
platoon	is	also	in	great	60
need	of	socks	and	dubbing	65
①					70
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CARPENTIER

(LANO)



HEHA DAILY REPORT

From 0600 HRS 6 MAY '43 To 0600 HRS 7 MAY '43

General Jungle tactical exercises both morning and afternoon. Rain fell from 1615 HRS 6 MAY to approx. 1900 HRS. with odd showers after that. The PETER READY CK. was noticed to swell very rapidly. The track from SUNSHINE to NIDDEDEN CAMP. became very wet and slippery.

RUMORS - NIL

MORALE - No Change.

HEALTH & HYGIENE - No Change

(NOTE - Dave Oliver and Scotty Freeman progressing favourably in Coy Int. duties. yesterday and day before drew through, cypher, panorama layout, abbreviation, conventional signs and patches with O.P. reports.)

Macleay Capt for / Ol. HEHA. E.H. Jones I SEC  
PTL.

OWEN



HEHA

DAILY REPORT

66

From 0600 HRS. 5 MAY 43.

To 0600 HRS. 6 MAY 43

GENERAL

Jungle tactic exercises were carried out, on the 5 MAY. Few interest shown on all exercises. Discussions on exercises, completed during the day, were heard during messes; also personal opinions were given as to how they would ~~like~~ have ~~planned~~ of GUINEA GOLD.

MORALE

No change.

a good deal

The distribution ~~helps~~

RUMORS

NIL

With the exception of noises similar to mortar explosions; an examination proved to be falling trees.

HEALTH & HYGIENE

Apart from eight cases of diarrhoea, numerous cases of rash and other sores; health generally good.

E. D. Jones R-SEC  
7th

W. H. Jones OC. HEHA

N.B.

The number of measles cases on the Coy has been reduced to 3. I have reason to believe that some men were putting it over, the treatment was on my instructions, ~~and~~ ~~and~~ those complaining of the trouble, were confined to the R.A.P. There were 9 fever cases this morning.

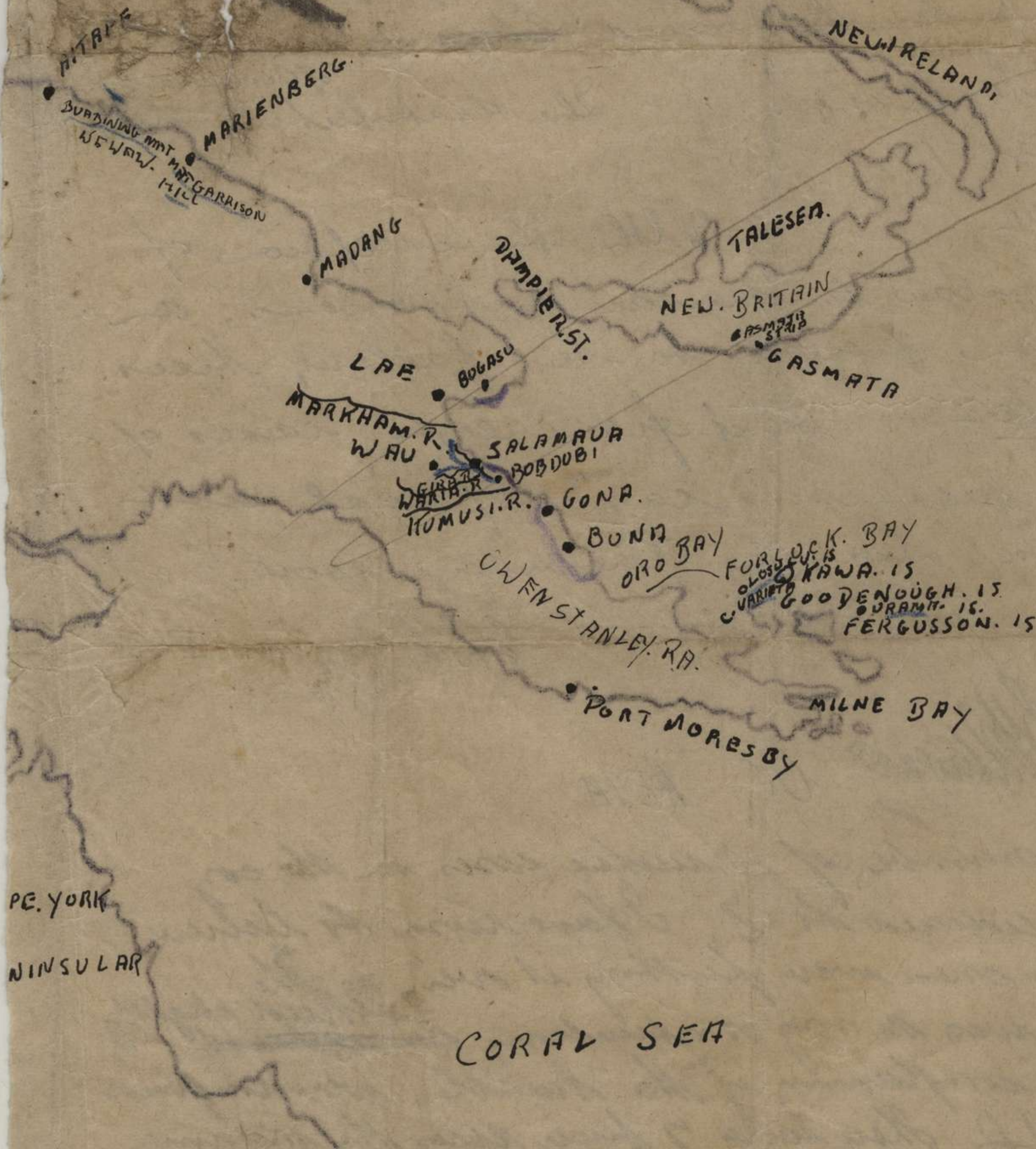
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HEHA

DAILY REPORT.

FROM 0600 HRS 4 MAY 43 TO 0600 HRS 5 MAY 43

GENERAL: Ambush procedure in jungle warfare was carried out with keen interest by this Coy.

RUMORS - NIL

MORALE: Lifted considerably owing to arrival of incoming mail.

HEALTH & HYGIENE: One stretcher case, with rupture trouble, taken to SUNSHINE for examination. Otherwise good.

~~W/S~~

E. L. Jones  
PTE.

I SEC.



HEHA.

DAILY REPORT.

(983)

From 0600 Hrs 3 MAY '43 to 0600 Hrs 4 MAY '43

GENERAL - Jungle Harfau exercises were executed with great <sup>amount of</sup> keenness. It has been noticed that the keenness increases as time goes by.

RUMORS - The mule team drivers spread a greatly exaggerated rumor; which spread like wild fire. The rumor was that the Russians had pushed the Germans back to the Polish border; the Germans in NTH Africa had been routed and chased into sea; while the Japs had evacuated for China.

MORALE - No change; inward mail would help a great deal.

HEALTH & HYGIENCE - Generally Good.

MISSING & RATIONS - Good.

Ed Jones. I. Sec.  
TR

~~W. Wood~~ O.C. HEHA. (La Pak)

(URGENT) More paper wanted immediately if not sooner.)

T.R. (1915)



Refuse Remains

An immediate check was made & it was found that there was no foundation in the story, and was sent around immediately.

*[Signature]*

CARPENTER

LANO  
3



HEHA.

DAILY REPORT.

From 0600 HRS. 2 MAY 43. to 0600 HRS. 3 MAY 43.

General - After the Church service, which was excellently done by O/S and 2 1/2, all personnel went about their make and mend. The two main mind occupations for the day, were firstly and foremost letter writing and washing.

The Pay Sgt came out to this Area so that all personnel, who wanted money could be paid.

RUMORS - Nil

MORALE - Still fairly high owing to inward mail

HEALTH & HYGIENE - Good.

MESSING, RATIONS - Improved. Although coffee and cocoa would help to widen the menu.

Whitford

O.C. HEHA.

E. B. Jones

I SEC.

PTR.

1545

*[Signature]*



HEHA

DAILY

REPORT

Boy Int Reports file

From 0600<sup>hrs</sup> 1 MAY 43 To 0600 2 MAY 43

General: Coy, moved out at 0900 HRS. 1 MAY on a route march to BULWA and back. The going to BULWA was very hard; but all personnel finished at the river, where the Coy had lunch, as the river was unfordable, within sight. The return march proved to be easier, and all personnel arrived in Coy area 1710 HRS; after a very tiring march.

The main recreation appears to be letter writing; although cards come a close second.

RUMORS: Frequent discussion of length and time of HOME LEAVE. It would be appreciated if full details of LEAVE etc. could be promulgated to all personnel. (Don't agree)

MORALE: Inward mail proved once again to be the main uplifter, even after a very tiring route march.

HEALTH & HYGIENE: Good

MESSING & RATIONS: Improved. Would it



be possible to cocoa and coffee  
and again, instead of tea all the  
time.

Quite a number in this bay are without  
messing and toilet gear, as their gear  
has not yet arrived. Could this matter  
be a priority job. If the gear is at  
SUNSHINE; a small party could quite  
easily be sent in to pick up the kits)

~~W. Jones~~ Sup. C.

W. Jones.  
TTE.  
HEHA.

I. SEC.

1945/2

LPHO.

CRPENTER.



HEHA RECCE REPORTS.

TO. CARPENTER LAND

FROM. HEHA.

STRENGTH C.H.Q.

DETAILS.. ST. E end of Camp. Reported, deserted native village within 1 ML of Camp, considerably overgrown; no. of paw paw and native foods, will be gathered as required. Hill in

village, is easy to see BULWA and SUNSHINE Camp. Good O.P., around for some distance up to

5 MLS. After leaving village, patrol proceeded along crest of ridge (west), came across numerous small cultivated grounds, mainly paw paw and sweet potatoes. On reaching pt. of crest found Camp immediately below; following course of small stream, brought patrol out immediately SW of Camp.

Recce Patrol proceeded along bench cut track on E side of cr., which had been made with water channel on side, nearest hill. Following this track from MIDDEN CAMP to BULWA STRIP time taken was 1 hr 35 mins (gues) (bottle order). This track is excellently graded, clearly defined, and very easy.



going; which is considered original, but  
supplies were brought to this camp.

Other patrols also reported finding small  
isolated patches of paw-paw, but in whole  
area no extensive cultivation has been  
done.

Ed Jones I SEC.  
7th

3/4560  
Carpenter  
P.N.O.

Carpenter  
P.N.O.



Att. RECCES in area vicinity. HIDDEN CAMP. (c)

To I.O.

Strength 2 I BLOKES.

From ERM. TGD.

ARMAMENT: Two rifles 100 rds amm.

TIME and DATE - 1400 HRS. <sup>- 1700 HRS.</sup> 26 APR.

DETAILS: Don and I started from SAGO latrine on W of camp area, N side of ck.; in NW direction for 30' to small ck bed, along same for 100', ~~then~~ in NW direction; then out of ck and up pig track for 50', then finally on to an old (marked tree trunk) overgrown track for 120' to false crest of ridge where undergrowth became very thick. At this pt. Don played Jagan and skinned up a creeper to 30' where he was able to get fairly clear view of what he thought was BULWA and surrounding country; then back to camp on same track. It was noticed that wild fig were in considerable nos in this area.

To I.O.

From ~~LANO~~ LANO Strength - 1 bfl and six o/r's.

ARMAMENT - 1 Owen gun and 6 rifles with all ammo.

TIME 0900 HRS. to 1130 HRS. DATE - 28 APR '43

DETAILS. S.P. SE. of ~~SAGO~~ LANO area, up ridge on bearing 160° to area suitable for OP, with a little clearing, 200' from SP. Then along pig track cross gullies E. to waterfall, undergrowth very thick, few stray bananas (picked Don?) returned NW to camp. Wild fig in considerable nos.

To I.O.

From LANO. STRENGTH 1 bfl and six o/r's.

ARMAMENT - 1 Owen gun, 6 rifles with 50 rds ea.

TIME - 0930 HRS to 1145 HRS. DATE 28 APR '43.

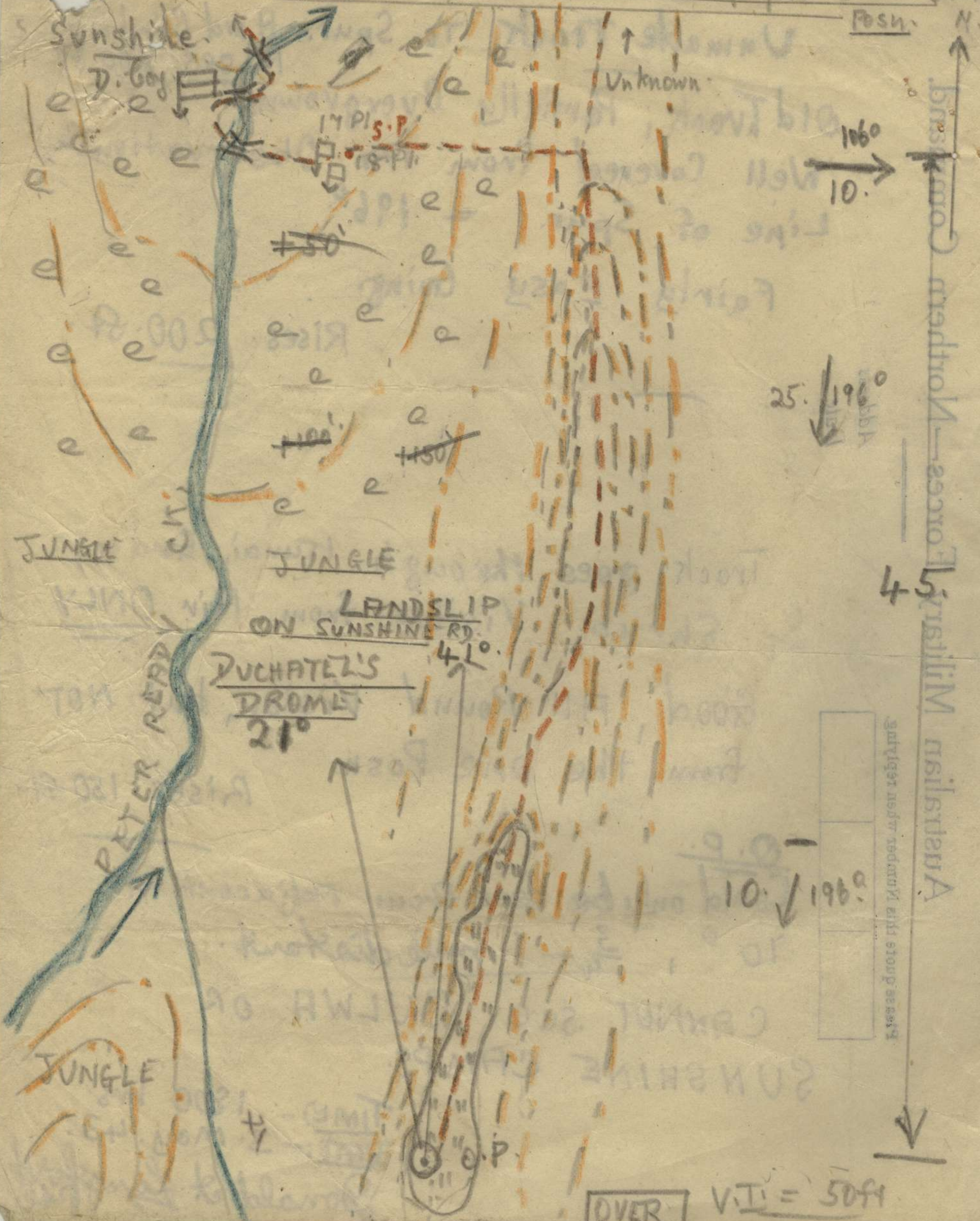
DETAILS: SP. SAGO latrine SW to W for 500' then S. W/500', on well worn track, overgrown NNE through gullies to clearing pumpkin plantations, back to camp on our cut track. <sup>not so</sup> thick undergrowth on the whole; ~~is~~ fairly easy to travel.

NOTE PLEASE SENT OUT PATROL and OP's ~~for~~ FORMS. MURRAY.



GOING MAP - NIDDEN CAMP - O.P.; Spur S.S.E. Camp

(c)



Vertical text on the right side, possibly a name or title, written in a stylized or mirrored font.


OVER V.I. = 50ft



TELEPHONE—

Australian Military Forces—Northern Command.

Please quote this Number when replying.


Address

Date

Bgs. True.

Unmade Track To Spur. - Hard Climbing  
Rises 200 ft

Old Track, Partially Overgrown,

Well Covered from Air Observation  
Line of Spur = 196°

Fairly Easy Going.

Rises 200 ft.

Track goes through lunai, Grass  
& Shrub. Visible from Air ONLY

Good, All Round Vision, but NOT  
from the one Posn

Rises 150 ft

O.P.  
Could only be seen from Adjacent Hill  
70°  $\frac{3}{4}$  - 1 mile distant.

CANNOT see BULWA OR  
SUNSHINE CAMPS.

TIME: - 1800 hrs  
DATE: - 4 May. 43.

Donald J. Langford  
Pte



CPS AND TRG.

IO. and II Pls during the last three days, have been busy completing the digging and camouflaging of the Def Posns, in the left reserve and the right reserve areas. The Left reserve area is now complete as to def posns, the Fwd Pl of this area also complete with Food and Ammo Bays.--. The right reserve area, now completed with the exception of Ammo and Food bays, which are receiving attention as from 27 May. I2 Pl as reported previously have moved the Pl H.Q. and 8 Sec to new Area known as "DAMBI" and have thus improved the hygiene considerably. Patrols from 7 Sec and 9 Sec as per reports. On Verbal advice received CARPENTER Lano 25 May to the effect that the PATROL which moved out from KWASANG 22 May to DOLI and reported as having reached this area, was incorrect, and that the Village reached was JARI (JALI) This Sec was instructed to PATROL to DOLI as from 0600 Hrs 26 May and report immediately on completion of job. (Since Cancelled.)

ENEMY RECCE plane "MITSU" circled this area 26 May 1040 Hrs --1050 Hrs moving directly over staging camp and Def Posns. Ack Ack guns as usual were manned but owing to the fact that the closest the plane came to these posns was approx 7000 Ft no effort was made to fire on it. YOGI reported that the plane was flying in our direction after it had apparently recce'd that area, After circling for approx 10 Minutes it flew in the direction of PATEP I and "DAMBI" where I2 Pl reported, it recce'd that area, eventually moving into heavy cloud formation,

COMMUNICATIONS. Communications between this area and LANO has been dead on two occasions in the last 3 Days, consequently Vital communications from the FWD areas has been delayed in some cases for 8 Hrs.

SANITATION. Good.

HEALTH OF TPS. 87' of Tps very Fit. The main complaint amongst the tps that report "Sick" is a looseness of the Bowell and is generally righted in a day or so.

MESSING. Good.

GENERAL. Owing to the fact that arrangements for relaxation of any kind for the Tps in this area are very limited, O. C. COCO obtained from the LOCAL ANGAU possession of an ORGAN, and has organised ~~that~~ a concert. This will take place in Hut known as CATHEDRAL on Saturday night 29 May. Pl's and Coy H. Q. have contributed various numbers and hope at least to be able to relax for an hour or two and have a laugh, even if at the expense of each other.

COMFORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM the Y. M. C. A. Incl Paper envelopes pencils, Cards, GamKes etc. News contained in the GUINEA GOLD avidly read and discussed, and if any arrangements could be made for a nightly broadcast (per phone) of news received by LANO it would help considerably. Jungle Trg as received by A. D. Coys from team 2/6 Bn is being applied to this Coy through medium of O C.

MORALE. The Morale of the Coy is very High.

O.C. *[Signature]* CAPT.

1220



Keece Report

26.5.43.

Ref. map. PATER. 2 - 1-25000

MAPREF. 259167

Personnel. Pte J Russell. Pte S Curran.

Armament. 2 rifles.

Objective. To reach a possible <sup>mule</sup> crossing of gorge at NORTH end of ZENAG. DROME.

Route out. Via PATER. 2. Staging Camp and MUMENG. track.

Route in via versa - .

Time out 1425 hrs. Time in. 1755 hrs.

Details

we reached objective at 1545 hrs and walked up the gorge for approx 1/2 mile following an old native track. There was signs of an old graded track down the south side of gorge but it stopped at a land slide approx. 50ft above the creek bed.

we returned to the MUMENG. track and moved down the gorge as far as possible but landslides and cliffs either side of gorge preclude any possibility of constructing a track in that direction.

I consider that a track could be built for mule traffic using the present track on the NORTH side and constructing a new track on the SOUTH side running up the cliff to the EAST of the present track. There are signs of an old track showing. Some excavation work would be necessary but I consider a platoon of men bivouaced on the job could complete the work in 2 or 3 days. Longer if they go from camp each day as it would be 90 minutes walk each way with tools.

a small bridge over the creek would be necessary but that would not present much difficulty as wood is nearby.

Rough sketch of proposed track is enclosed.

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J Russell  
Pte







O.P. LOG. AT. R.M. PART II

1/25000. M.R. —

WED 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY.  
TO 5-45.

TIME.	VISIBILITY.	OBSERVATION.	BEARING.	DEDUCTION.	ACTION TAKEN.
07-50.	POOR.	7. AIRCRAFT	FLYING DIRECTION 220.	COULD NOT IDENTIFY.	
08-05	POOR.	8. AIRCRAFT.	FLYING DIRECTION 220.	COULD NOT IDENTIFY.	
09-03	POOR.	21. AIRCRAFT.	FLYING DIRECTION 350	5 MITCHEL BOMBERS WITH ESCORT 16. LOCKHEED LIGHTNINGS PROBABLY OUT TO BOMB MATANG	
09-25	FAIR.	7. AIRCRAFT.	FLYING DIRECTION 320	7 BEAUFIGHTERS.	
09-34	FAIR.	1 AIRCRAFT	FLYING DIRECTION 195.	1 LOCK. LIGHTNING.	
09-30	FAIR.	NOTICED 2 MEN APPEAR ON SECOND RISE. FROM US.	224.	SURVEYORS.	
09-50.	FAIR.	1 AIRCRAFT.	CIRCLED AROUND WENT DIRECTION 230.	1. LOCK. LIGHTNING.	
10-10.	FAIR.	1 AIRCRAFT.	DIRECTION FLYING. 210.	1. LOCK. LIGHTNING.	
10-45	FAIR.	1 AIRCRAFT.	CAME UP FROM WOMBAT VALLEY.	1 JAP. RECI. FLYING. LOW FLEW OVER. STAGING CAMP. CIRCLED AND CAME BACK OVER SAME AREA THEN CIRCLED AND FIRED COUPLE BURSTS. PROBABLY AT NATIVES. THEN FLEW OFF OVER PART I. HEARD 3 BURSTS. THEN LOST SIGHT IN CLOUDS.	TOO FAR OFF TO FIRE UPON ↑

Lt P. Lewis (PTE)  
Lt Jones. (PTE)

OVER PAGE.



Time.	VISIBILITY.	OBSERVATION.	BEARING.	DEDUCTION	ACTION TAKEN.
12:00.	FAIR.	AIRCRAFT SEEMED TO BE MORE THAN ONE.	HEADING NORTH	ABOVE CLOUDS COULD NOT SEE.	
14-20.	BAD. LOW LYING CLOUDS.	GRASS BURNING.	219.	LIGHTED BY SOMEBODY LEFT BURNT PATCH.	
15-10.	BAD. CLOUDS.	BURNING.	203.	APPEARED LIKE GRASS BURNING COULD NOT BE SURE ON OTHER SIDE HILL.	

Le Purvis (PTE)  
 G. Jones (PTE)

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"B" 2 f.

Intelligence Report.

from 0900 hrs. 21 MAY. to 0900 hrs 23 MAY 43.

Ops. & Trg. Ips are actively engaged on def  
posns and improving the camp area.

Considerable time is taken up  
with the carrying of rations from A.S.C.

LABOURER. I and Pte HEMBURROVY, returned  
on the evening of 21 MAY, from their  
recc of 12 pl areas. A full  
report and sketch are forwarded  
herewith.

Sanitation. During the recent visit by  
S/SGT BARNES, certain instns releft  
to improve latrines are being attended  
to. Cookhouses are kept in a  
clean and tidy condition.

Health. Generally good -

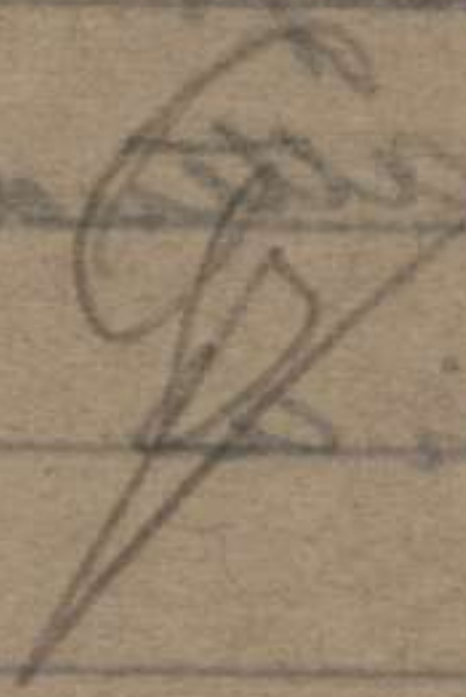
Morale. Good - News of D Coy is having a  
good effect and Ips are very interested  
NO. "GUINEA GOLDS" have been received  
for past two days.

over:-



General. a new arrangement for the carrying of rations from A.S.C. has been reached with ANGAFO. The Kai line will carry 3 days and the tps on the alternate 3 days each week. This will allow more time for try and other necessary work.

*[Signature]*  
Capt





I. REPORT OF PATROL. BY. O. C. COCO.

FROM. 18 MAY / 3

TO 21 MAY 3.

PERSONNEL. CAPT. FLEWELLEN LIEUT. TUCKERMAN. LIEUT DAWSON ( from PATEP I.) PTE SYKES PTE HEMBURROW. I. Sec.

ARMAMENT.

I Owen I Revolver 3 Rifles.

ROUTE OUT

via Patep I

ROUTE IN

REVERSE .

TIME OUT

0740 Hrs 18 May

TIME IN 1900 Hrs 21 May.

OBJECTIVE

To Recce I2 Pl Area.

Arrived PATEP I 1300 Hrs 18 May Pl H. C. and 8 Sec, moved out 0900 Hrs 19 May to new Pl H. C. Site DAMBI M. R. 400200. Good Area 20Yds withn Good Water and commanding view of Def Area GULLETT'S CASTLE M. R. 401201. O. P. Established 402204 commanding view of MAPOS TOKANIN KWASANG AND SNAKE VALLEY to Sth Wst.

Arrived MAPOS 1530 Hrs 19 May interviewed W. C. SHERLOCK (ANGAU) who gave infm relative to treatment of natives trade etc. He stated that there was no infm to confirm or otherwise, statement made by I Sec 2/5 of a track other than that showing on Track Map from LEGA to TIMNE. He also stated that there was not one accurate map of areas under control COCO.

MOVED OUT FOR TOKANIN 1000 Hrs 20 May, arriving there 1200 Hrs.

This area has been improved and is consistant with the BN Idea of cleanliness etc. SANITATION GOOD MORALE of 7 Sec GOOD. PCSNS of PL Def area sighted but not dug, (PANCRAMA HEREWITH ) Moved out for KWASANG 1445 Hrs arriving KWASANG 1700 Hrs.

This area the reverse of 7 Sec's, being within close range of Native Village, Untidy, BAD SANITATION, BAD MESSING ARRANGEMENTS. O. C. CPL DOOLEY INSTRUCTED to improve matters considerably.

MOVED OUT 21 May 0745 passing through MUNGA to SNAKE R. CROSSING, arriving area DAMBI 1345 Hrs. MOVED OUT FOR PATEP 2 1640 Hrs arriving 1900 Hrs.

GENERAL. The times as indictated on the Track Map are definitely not correct, except for forced marches without rest periods, and if adhered to would lesson the usefulness of tps after very short period. It is the considered opinion, that the Def Posns both at TOKANIN and GULLETT'S CASTLE could be held with full quota of Tps as laid down, although the M. M. G's would have a very difficult task owing to the fact, that their fire would of necessity be plunging AN O. P. is to be established at area TOKANIN M. R. 413189 to give observation N.E. along SNAKE VALLEY. This is considered necessary owing to O. P. DAMBI having an obstructed view of this area.

As reported prev I2 Pl H. C. and 8 Sec have moved to Camp new Area 21 May, now known as "DAMBI" .

*Hemburrow Rte*

O. C. *Flewellen Capt*

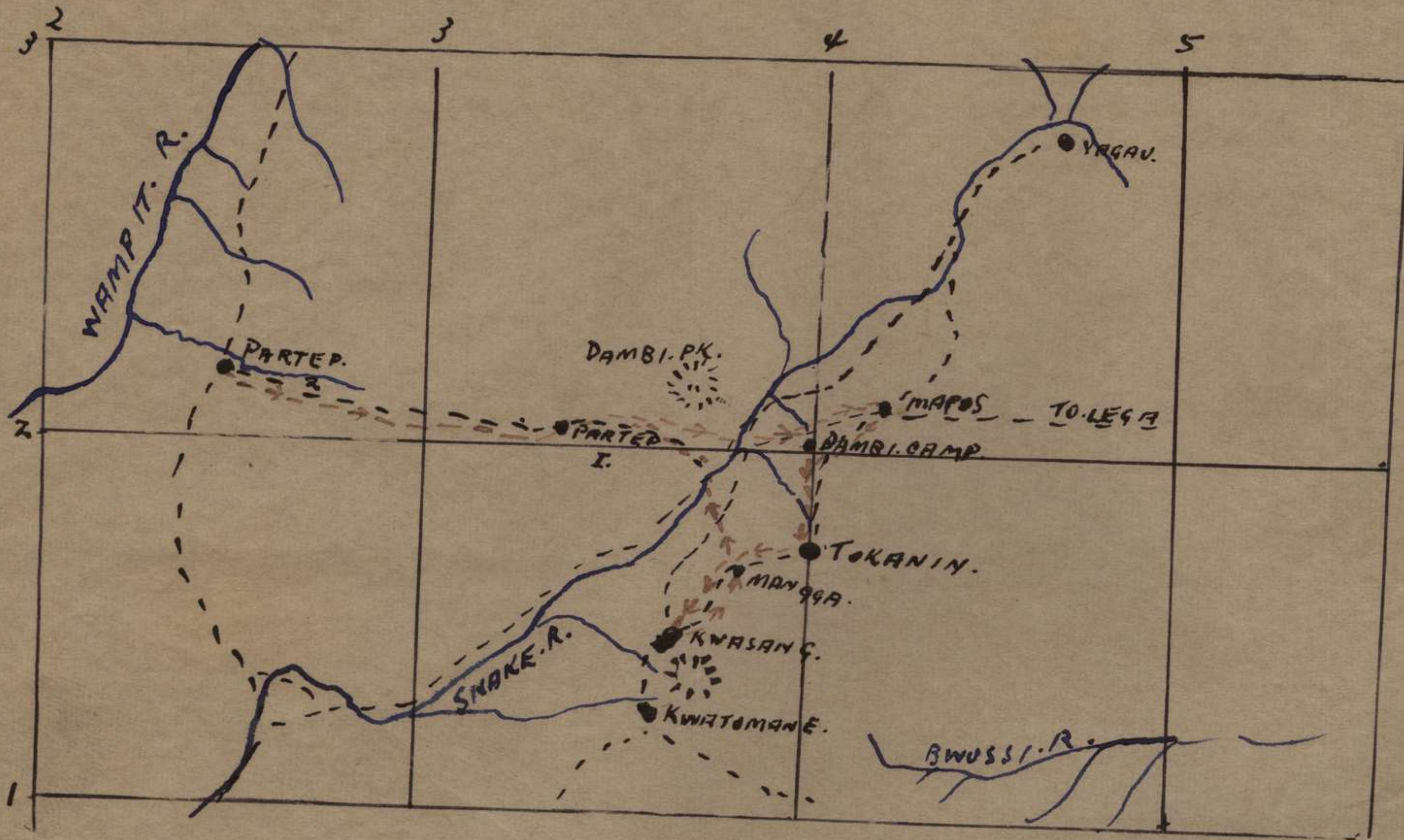
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REF. MAP. HUON GULF. SPECIAL. 4 MILES TO 1 INCH.

22 MAY 43.

RECCÉ. BY. LABOURER. I. COCO. AND 3. O.R.S.



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I. SECTION

22. MAY 43.



GULLETS  
CASTLE

DAMBAT

710

Panorama  
from 2 Sec. of Ph

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Base Area



1450. hcr  
20 Mo

P. Harbun



To LANO

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From COCO.

*Rec'd*  
*1400/22*

Period 0900 hrs 19 May - 0900 21 May 43.

*2 f.*

Ops & Trg Work on def posns continues. Two grenade throwing bays have been constructed adjacent to 30 yd range. 5 min walk from Coy HQs. Tps are also actively employed in improving paths and general conditions of camp site.

Patrols. Usual patrols have been carried out by 12 pl at PATEP I and patrol to BUANG R. reported in previous summary has not yet returned. LABOURER 1. Mr TUCKERMAN, & Pte HEMBURROW are expected back from PATEP I tomorrow.

HEALTH. A part from a few tps with minor ailments, health is very good.

MESSING. Food is excellent and tps appear to receive much more food each meal than at SUNSHINE. The cooks make full use of their rations and when the bakery is completed occasional supplies of bread will be welcomed by all.

GENERAL. Morale is high and news in SITREPS and "GUINEA GOLD" is appreciated. Quite a number are transferring to A.I.F., possible due to our tps of YOGI & SAGO having been inaction. Regular mail is also having a good effect. Canteen supplies received yesterday were enjoyed by all.

Report on general weather conditions for past 4 days is attached.

*Archie*  
*Capt.*

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Pte.  
"I" Section.



From COCO  
To LANO

2 f.

Intelligence Report.

Period 0900 hrs 17 May - 0900 hrs 19 May 43.

Ops & Eng.

During this period Norbars and NMG have been engaged in construction of their weapon pits as indicated on Fire Plan previously submitted.

A 30 yd range has been constructed EAST of PARTEP 2 campsite - command camp. 5 mins walk from Coy H.Q.

Otherwise here and at PARTEP 1, work on the def posns has been continued.

Patrols.

Patrols have been carried out as reported in SITREPS - NIL reports.

A patrol of 3 consisting of Sgt NORTON, Pte BUCKLEY and Pte SMITH left on Sun to investigate reports of new gap camps at mouth of BUANG R. This patrol has not yet reported back but is NOT expected for a day or two.

Enemy Capt.

A baffle plate, being part of a spare tank dropped over ZENAG dome has already been fwded. The remainder of the tank is now at MUMENGA and will be fwded on as soon as possible.

Recces.

Enclosed is recc report on ZENAG dome from the point of view of defence in the event of an enemy attempted landing.

Health.

Health of the Sps at present is excellent.

Messing.

By own observations are that the food supplied here is much better than at SUNSHINE. The cooks do a very good job. Dehydrated mutton is NOT appreciated and it is



really a waste having it carried sep here.


A bakery is at present under constn.

General. Guinea Gold is now being received regularly and is very much appreciated. The victory in North Africa has raised the morale considerably.

As an outside observer, I consider COCO to be very fit and very keen and will be able to do a very efficient job when the occasion arises.

W.S. Bennett  
Sgt.  
19 May 43.

~~W.S. Bennett~~  
For Capt O.C. COCO.





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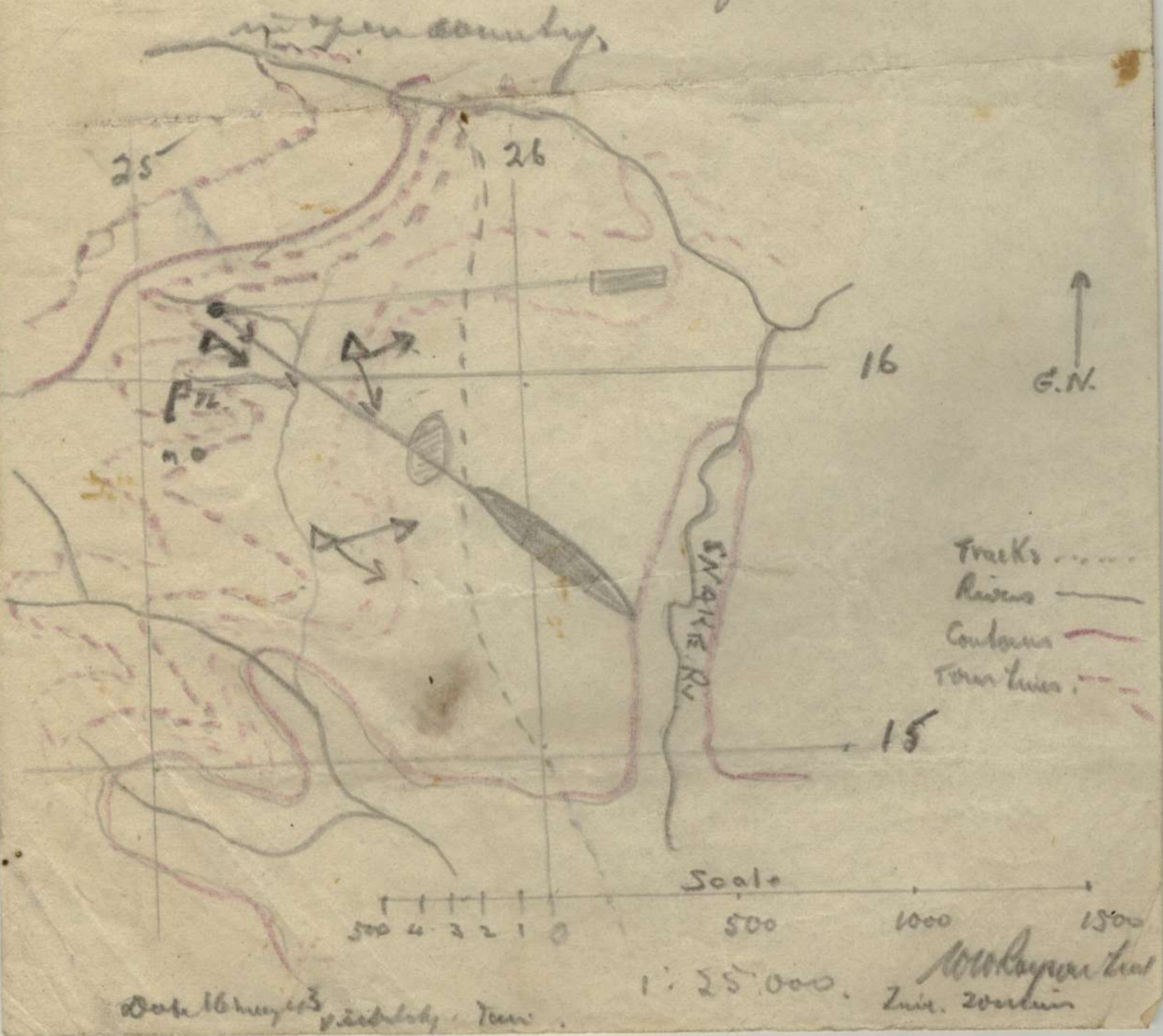
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High feature on East side

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constant for defence and  
one to be defended would not be  
covered by mms & S.A. fire.

Fire from feature abandoned  
by encampment (see plan) would  
cover all dead ground plus Drome.

It could be used for all  
round def. but sees would be too great.  
Threat is extensive for a pl. posn  
in open country.





I. SUMMARY TO 1800 Hrs 17 May 43.

From CoCo

M. R. PATEP. 2. 1325000.

2 f

0850 Hrs. 15 May. O. P. 276199 reported 3 m3n comprising 2 Boongs and one suspected Soldier dressed in Light Green Uniform. These men were occupied round a fire in creek bed M. R. 287202. Possibly hearing or seeing our Tps in O. P. hurriedly put the Fire <sup>out</sup> and scrambled up the Hill. One man (The Suspected Soldier) straight up and the two Boongs in either direction. Upon reaching the top the suspected Soldier went to ground, and observed back on our position. Upon Report being received a patrol was immediately sent out without result. PATROL REPORT FORWARDED BY SAFE HAND 16 May. Sec of IO Pl working on Def Posns in Right Fwd Reserve Coy Area however, sighted these men, and reported that they were 3 KANAKAS, 2 in the Usual Lap-Laps and one with shirt or Jumper on. There has been considerable Fire activity immediately surrounding the PATEP 2 Def Posns, and Camp. The majority of these Burned Patches appear to have been uncontrolled, but in three cases they appear to have been controlled so that they would resemble a Wedge Arrow Head. M. R. 276197 - 286197. These. M. R. Indicate the Head of the arrow which in all cases is pointing to a point 500 Yds from our Camp area. The patrol that moved out 16 May to distort this area reported that there was a further arrow visible on a peak East of the posn M. R. 276197. This design however was etched with burned material (Grass or Trees etc) leaving the Arrow Head motif in Green. As soon as the area has been Pin Pointed, the M. R. will be forwarded to LANO without delay.

1240 Hrs. 17 May. Unknown No ENEMY BOMBERS escorted by FIGHTERS (7 Observed) flew West of the Area (COMD CAMP) in a SOUTHERLY DIRECTION. DETONATIONS heard 5 minutes later in direction BULOLO.

1430 Hrs. 17 May. two suspected D. A. Bombs reported by personnel of 2/6 Australian SURVEY BATT. R. A. A. R. M. PATEP 2 I/25000 RM. R. 258181 Cpl WALSH and 5 O/rs have proceeded to this point to guard the track 500 Yds Nth and South of the Danger Pt, until they can be deloused, by a BOMB DISPOSAL SQUAD. LANO NOTIFIED BY PHONE.

IO. II Pl 16..17 May maintaining and improvement of Def Posns. MMg's. M.3. improving and construction of Pits on Areas as designated. OWING TO THE LACK OF BOON BOYS however, II Pl were recalled 16 May to transport stores from the RECEPTION to COMD CAMP. Coy. H. Q. were responsible for the Job 17 May. R. M. WAU SALAMAUA LAE. 1" -- 2 Mile.

12 Pl. 17 May. DISPOSITIONS. P1y. H. Q. and 8 Section. M. R. 314203. 7 Sec TOKANIN 413176 9 Sec 382150. KWASANG. M. R. 382 150. SITNOM Coy. H. Q. IO. II Pl. Sitnorm.

MORALE.

GOOD.

SANITATION.

W. C's improved considerably by means of Steel Birs.

KITCHENS

Good.

. S., B. REPORT that sickness in the Coy is being held to a minimum under the circumstances.

*J. M. Wau*  
Cpl  
17.5.43



INTELLIGENCE REPORT CONTINUED.

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GENERAL.

The Tps are very Fit and are on their toes when it is thought possible that they may have an opportunity to confront the enemy.

Personnel fro this Coy are now escorting the Boong Line between this AREA and MUMENG.-- TIMNE AND THIS AREA. THE I. O. passed through this AREA and expressed satisfaction with the work done in the past 2/3 weeks by this office. A General improvement is noticeable in the Weather in the last week or so. Whilst the low Clouds seem to be an ever present condition, especially noticable through the WAMPIT VALLEY the temperature itself is milder, with less rain.

O. P. Logs, A/c Log herewith.

The TIMNE PARTEP 2 Escort, observed 16 May a drawing on a stone by charcoal of an arrow approx 1 Ft Long by 8 Inches Wide at the Base, Pointing in the Direction of WAMPET at R. M. PATEP. 2. M. R. 263253. This design was erased, and in the O. C's opinion has no Connection with this Coy. The design of the arrow was prefixed by a B in the right hand corner of the stone, apparently drawn by an educated hand.

The Tps of the Coy, are very I. Minded and co-operate in every way in obtaining any information that may be of interest.


*Menkew Pte*

O. C. -----



Intelligence Report COCO 14 May 3

Activities. O.P. est as prev reptd R.M. PATEP II

M.R 276199. This O.P. is manned from ~~0730~~<sup>0645</sup> hrs to 1800 hrs but visibility is poor until approx 1000 hrs daily, the MIST descending again approx 1600 hrs. Find enclosed here with report from W.O. SWANSON of TIMNE. As prev reptd a boot imprint was found on bank of TAMBIT. R. M.R. prev notified. This imprint was totally unlike that of an Army Issue Boot, having small heel and oval sole: - : - approx size 6.

An O.P. was established overlook the area with nil result. The Log Diary for these 2 O.P. for the dates as indicated enclosed herewith. 10-11 Pl finalizing the Def. Posns on reserve right and left areas respectively. Sketch Map showing the 5 Coy area as designated has been fwd to LANU giving intimate details. Report received from LIEUT. DAWSON. O.C.

12 Pl regarding Natives patrolling areas EAST of the 50 Grid as follows. Native Police Boy going walk about down BNUSSI track to BNUSSI. R. mouth. Expected return night of 14 or 15 MAY.

NATIVE POLICE BOY patrolling from MAPOS to LEGA down LEGA TRACK expected return night 14-15 MAY. Ref On Boy contacted at TAGAU. W.O. SHIRLOCK reports that this boy was



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not ~~insist~~ to patrol further than VAGAU, but to hang about, listening for imp, but it appears that he will walk about on his own initiative. He will be questioned on his return and report fwd to LANO. As per reptd MR DAWSON affirms that numbers of enemy could be moved in from Eastward to PATEP I unobserved during 0500 hrs to approx 0930 hrs owing to consistent heavy MIST. Dispositions of 12 Pl. Pl. #. Q & 8 Sec<sup>v</sup> PATEP I. R.M. WAU SALAMAUA LAE AREA 1" = 2 mile M.R 395199<sup>v</sup>. 7 Sec. MAPOS M.R 440223<sup>v</sup>. 9 Sec KWASANG 382150<sup>v</sup>. Pl. A. Q and 8 Sec will be moving to 400200 approx MONDAY 7 SEC from MAPOS to TOKAMIN M.R 419180 on MONDAY. These fwd Sec have been patrolling to 50 GRID. No report received on their activities since last reptd LANO owing to lack of Communications PLANE ACTIVITY in the above area is continuous. As reported in SITREP 0456 hrs of 14 MAY. U/I plane poss. Enemy Recce flew over this area night 13 MAY All lights were immediately doused. 14 MAY 0815 hrs Enemy plane flew over this area alt. 250 ft with wheels down from S.E. circled in from WAMPIT VALLEY thence proceeding N.E at comparatively slow speed. ACK. ACK posns immediately manned



12/7 I Report Continued

0825 hrs 4 P.38 flew approx 8000 ft at 72°

0930 hrs 0/1 Planes possibly P38 returning from East unobserved owing to cloud formations

MORALE. Good.

SANITATIONS Good.

KITCHENS. Good.

R.A.P. Pte RUSSEL S.B. reports slight increase of cases attended. but apart from CASES probable DENGUE:- and CHILLED Kidney, the are in good health.

GENERAL. Reports and traces received from LANO of areas to be reced. After studying these maps, it is considered that the track from LEGA to TIMNE should be reced first taking priority over those tracks as nominated to the West of the WAMPIT VALLEY. CAPT FLEWELLEN accompanied by I Pte will proceed to PATIP I MONDAY thence to MAPOS TOKANIN KWASANG. I Pte will then recce the track as above mentioned



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I Report Continued

with Pte HILLBRICK. This Resce is estimated  
to take approx 10 days. Full Report plus going  
MAP fwd to LAND as soon as compiled.

RED. GREEN. BLUE CROWN CRAYON Pencils  
would help work immensely.

Oberthuron Pte

O.C. J. Mullen  
Capt

MS



Rec'd  
14 25/15 ✓



I Report (continued)

MAP of the 1910s as a series of completed.

RED - GREEN - BLUE - No of ~~...~~

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12 PLATOON HQ REPORT 9<sup>th</sup> May 43.

Platoon HQ will look over new position on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and building of huts will commence right away.

O.P at PARTIPI manned from 0800 hrs to 1700 hrs daily. Visibility not good until 1000 hrs owing to lowlying clouds in valley. All section leaders report health and morale of troops good.

Noted  
Finances  
10/5/43

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R.G. Hillbrick  
.....Signature.

.....Pte.....Rank.

9<sup>th</sup> May 43.....Date.

Parti I.....Place.

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Sunday 16/5/43

O.P. Log. From 07.45 hrs to 19.00 hrs

Time	Description	Bearing	Direction	Notes
11.53	Party of 7 soldiers about 2 miles from O.P. heading a westerly direction across the hills.	155°		Probably a burning off party. None
13.19	Two soldiers proceeding along path towards Patch 7. One soldier carrying haversacks and Owen gun. The other carrying a Rifle only.	205°		Either a burning off party or one on their way to patch 7
14.38	12 Boerars returning along track from Patch 7. They were carrying nothing.	190°		
14.43	4 of our own troops heading along a path leading to our machine pits.	250°		
17.55	Small fire started on hill just above Jenny's camp. Cannot see anyone about the area.	205°		

*[Signature]*  
16.5.43



Sunday 16/5/43

O.P. Log From 0745 hrs to 17.00 hrs

Time	Observation	Bearing	Distinction	Action Taken
07.43	Large number of aircraft things were high overhead. could not be identified because heavy cloud layers. They in a North West Direction	30°	Sounded 4 like lightning's	None
07.49	Same aircraft turned and flew back in a West Direction.	210°		" "
08.10	Two Lightnings flying high in a West Direction.	165°		" "
09.17	Two of our own troops proceeding along Puffin Bluffs. they were carrying Packs and Rifles	785°	Probably proceeding to Puffin I.	
09.58	Two troops met by another troop on the coast.	170°		
10.58	one heavy aircraft flying very high in the south west direction could not be identified owing to heavy cloud layers.			
11.09	Part of one of our own troops heading in a <del>west</del> southerly direction	90°		
11.35	Party of 14 <sup>soldiers</sup> troops or going south across Zeng's camp	185°		
11.46	another part of 15 or more going in the same direction.	" "	Probably Booby train returning to Murray.	

Murray Camp  
16-5-43



M.P.R. 267199 O.P. LOG M.P.R. PATEP II  
 No 0500 17 Nov to 2000 hours

Time	visibility	Bearing	Observation	Deduction	Action taken
08.05	FAIR	STH. WEST	4 U.I.D. Planes	Heard 4 explosions in	NILL
08.09	CLEARING.	EAST	1 BEEFIGHTER	the direction of 150° Sth. East.	"
08.54	GOOD	STH. EAST	3. P. 38°		"
09.00	GOOD	—	1 BOONG	NATIVE GARDEN NTH. EAST. CAME DOWN THROUGH D.F. POSITION	"
11.38	GOOD	136°	Seen smoke.	Presuming the burning off of grass.	So far to investigate
12.04	"	STH. WEST	4. P. 38°		"
12.45	CLOUDY	STH. EAST.	7 U.I.D. Planes.		NILL
12.57	GOOD	338°	Smoke seen rising up over ridge.	Burning of grass	"
13.20	"	187°	Smoke seen rising from the bottom of the dome.	"	"
13.27	"	205°	Smoke seen rising from top of dome	"	"
15.50	"	210°	"	It looks very suspicious not a natural grass fire more like as though it was lit with oil.	"

P. H. Miller  
 Capt  
 17.5.43

B. Fogarty



Noted  
 cancelled  
 5-53

# 12 PLATOON PATROL REPORTS

NO 7 SECTION CPL J. SMITH

SECTION POST MAPOS

DATE	TYPE OF PATROL	PATROL REPORT
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Recce	<u>LEGA</u> patrol. Two men equipped with Owen gun and rifle accompanied by CPL Freeman 2/6 patrolled track to 50 yrd line. Reported all clear
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Recce	<u>LEGA</u> patrol. Two men equipped with Owen gun and rifle patrolled track to 50 yrd line. Report all clear. <u>TIME OUT</u> 0815 <u>TIME IN</u> 1230 hrs
6 <sup>th</sup> May		CPL Smith and Capt Gullett 2/6 contacted police boy at TOKANIN who reported Jap patrol seen by native South East of <del>BWUSSI</del> BWUSSI
7 <sup>th</sup> May	RECCE	<u>LEGA</u> patrol. Two men equipped with Owen gun and rifle accompanied by native, patrolled to 50 yrd line. Report nothing. <u>TIME OUT</u> 0830 hrs. <u>TIME IN</u> 1215 hrs
7 <sup>th</sup> May	RECCE	<u>VAGAU</u> patrol. Two men equipped with Owen gun and rifle patrolled to VAGAU. Contacted native doctor boy. Reported nothing. <u>TIME OUT</u> 0830 hrs. <u>TIME IN</u> 1540 hrs
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Recce	<u>BWUSSI</u> patrol. Two men equipped with Owen and rifle accompanied by native guide patrolled to 50 yrd line. Contacted native boy at junction Bwussi - Tokanin tracks. Nothing to report. <u>TIME OUT</u> 0825 hrs. <u>TIME IN</u> 1540 hrs

NO 9 SECTION

SECTION POST KWASANG

DATE	PATROL	PATROL REPORT
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Recce	<u>KWATAMANE</u> patrol. Two men equipped with Owen and rifle patrolled track to Kwatamane where they contacted native Tul Tul. Report track clear. <u>TIME OUT</u> 1 1/4 hrs. <u>TIME IN</u> 1 1/4 hrs



GENERAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT May. II. 1600 Hrs.

378a

Activity.

FROM COCO.

Reports received from I2 Pl. IO May enclosed herewith.  
SITNORM.

IO.. II. Pl. maintaining Def Posns, on left and right Fwd Coys, and Left and Right Reserve Def. Posna. Date 9 . IO. II. May. 43.

Contary to reports originated by 2/5 Ind. Coy. Left Rear Sec and Pl Area of Right Reserve Coy were not sighted or dug by that Coy . This work has been done by Capt. CAMERON, and digging and construction has been under weigh for the last two days. The Posns will be completed by I8 May. It is quite obvious that the posns of the left rear swinging Coy have been Dug, and it is intended that they will be mapped accurately on I2 May. This will then complete the whole def area, and a Traverse Map I" to 23 0 Yds will be forwarded to LANO on completion approx I3 May.

Capt FLEWELLEN O. C. of this Coy. as from IO inst.

CAPT CAMERON and Batman Pte BOAK marched out for LANO I400 Hrs. II Inst.

Advised CAPT PECK left TIMNE approx I300 Hrs and expected in this area approx I630 Hrs.

MORALE----- Good. HEALTH OF TPS GOOD.

Sanitary arrangements . GOOD.

Communications. FAIR. It is recommended that Lines of communication be laid from this posn through PATEP I (already laid) to TOKANIN Ref Sketch Map Tracks Wau Salamaua Lae Area M. R.4I8I90--and kwasang M.R.382I50. as the only means of communication with these forward sections if by foot. As it stands at the present time, reports are only received from these centres Once per week, and that is far from satisfactory.

GENERAL . Over the Past two weeks, the work of camouflage on the Def Posns has been carried out, and has now reached a high standard on the Right and Left Fwd Coys, and Right and Left Reserve Coy Posns. This work is of extreme importance and is being given every attention. Ref. Map. PATEP II. I/25000 Squ 25I9. This area has been selected as Dropping Ground for use if necessary, and has been made obvious to air observation by burning the high KAURI GRASS. It has a gentle slope to the East and as the winds in this area almost without exception are from the NTH this would enable the plane to deposit its load from the PORT SIDE allowing it an ample saftey Margin. The formation of the area so selected is considered the best possible means to the end required, and is approx I Hr march from this area.

THERE IS ANACUTE SHORTAGE OF WATCHES IN PLS IO..II..I2 making co-ordination very difficult. To overcome this , it is suggested that I Issue watch to each Pl commander and One to the Coy. S. M. making 4 in all would be necessary.

*F*  
*Flewellen Capt*  
*Coco*  
*O. C.*  
*Henham Pte*  
*18/03/43*



40850

"B" 2 d

Lighted 2 natives & 1 man in light green.

These people were gathered around fire in creek bed, and when called upon; when Pte Murphy called out. They put out fire & made off. They went up the hill, stopped several times & looked back; when reaching top, man green went ahead; natives climbed hill in different direction. Went to ground, & observed back onto us. He then stood up above my line.

Keith Haley.

0930. Sgt Robinson left with Pte Haley to investigate.

1300 returned & identified suspects as 3 ~~THAI~~ ~~AKAS~~

0945. All info dispensed from reports by working party in its right rear def. Posn



16<sup>th</sup> MAY 1943

ARRIVED OP 0830 HRS

"<sup>4</sup>B 2d

VISIBILITY. NIL

0935 VISIBILITY FAIR

BEARING TAKEN FROM OP 185° SOUTH

MOVED FORWARD TO BURNT PATCH 0945

FROM BASE. TRIANGLE POINTING 8° EAST

DISTANCE FROM BASE TO POINT OF TRIANGLE

566 PACES.

ARROW WELL DEFINED.

THE EAST SIDE IS ALONG TOP OF RIDGE.

SEVERAL NATIVE GARDENS AT BOTTOM  
OF RIDGE.



B 2d

"ANY REFERENCE TO SHIPPING OR TROOP MOVEMENTS WILL RESULT IN THE DELAY OR MUTILATION OF THIS LETTER"

USE MILITARY ADDRESS ONLY



14<sup>th</sup> May.  
Report of 11 Platoon. C.O.

At about 0930 hrs. we heard planes heading S.W. direction, above fog could not see them to identify.

From about 1400 hrs we saw smoke arising from mouth of valley. and continued all afternoon. also during afternoon we saw smoke from hut on side of mountain. just see it through glasses.

V 321057.

Pl. D'Arcy. Pte.

V 8103986.

Pte. W. Allen



O.P. LOG. FROM R.M. PATEP II M.R. 276199

From 0845 hrs to 1730 hrs (Date ~~27~~ MAY 15)

TIME	VISIBILITY	OBSERVATION	BEARING	ACTION TAKEN	DEDUCTION
0845	fair	Three suspicious persons	175°	reported it back to Coy HQ	Concluded they were native
0950	fair	saw about 20 planes in the direction of Nam heard sounds of bombings	---	NO	
1230	fair	number of Lightning came from Westly direction and turned north also a number of unidentified planes following Rampet valley	---	NO	thought after the unidentified planes
1300	good	large fire spotted on South end of Dome	185°	NO	mystery
1430	good	Large Fire near, on near hills	160°	nil	grass fire cause unknown
1600	good	Large Fire far side of Park Hill	215°	nil	grass fire cause unknown
1620	good	Fire started near Park Hill	152°	nil	ditto
1620	good	Big Fire on Skiff	146°	nil	ditto
visability very bad		towards enemy		J Murphy	







Lat 8<sup>th</sup> 1800

Just been talking to Angau boy. He was talking about the Japs at Markham. I think he has just returned from there with the local Angau man, I'll have to visit him tomorrow. The boy said that the plans today went over to bomb Markham & not Lal. That is just his idea but it is as good as mine. Markham P.O. I presume.

W. O. Shulch.

Noted  
5.10.43

18.45

Have just aft spoken to W. O. Shulch, the local Angau. He is a very sensible sort of chap and he knows every native around. Also almost every track about here. He is going to let me know all about the locality and show me some maps of the area. He has native agents who go right up to the coast. He also goes through at times. He asked me if I cared to go. If Capt Cameron could come up with Pte Hemburrow I think it would be worth their while. He had a report of two new Jap camps at mouth of Buany & mouth of Bwassi R. Great numbers of Japs. He is going to check up on it. If phone could be got through it would be handy. Pte Hemburrow seemed to think that the Japs he was to go on was to find a track from Yaga to Yagan. W. O. Shulch said there is and he knows it. Pte Hemburrow could obtain a lot of knowledge from him.



FROM COCO.

ACTIVITY.

May.6. O. C. Coy. Mr. Childs. Sgt ROBINSON. M. M. G. received reserve Coy posn from 0900 Hrs to 1600 Hrs. Identified all sec and pl trenches, Sighted Guns and Mortars. Now plotted accurately on def posns map. IO..II..Pls. continuing work of camouflage of all posns. Report from PATEP I. as follows:- 7 Section moved to section post at MAPOS Wednesday May 5 and have commenced patrols on the following tracks- LEGA Track TOKANIN Track and VAGAU Track. SITNORM.

No 9 Section moved out to KWASANG 0800 Hrs 6 May and commenced patrolling on 7 May. 8 Section. at PATEP I. The only means of communication with MAPOS AND KWASANG is by foot. 12 P1 183 0 Hrs. 6. May. 43.

May 7. Maintenance of posns and plotting of same continued.

May. 8. O. C. Coy. CAPT. GULLETT. 2/6 and I Pte. continued recce and plotting of posns, and mapping accurately. Work on posns continues.

1115 Hrs DeHavilland Moth circled this position 3 times, and then flew to PATEP I. circling that area on three occasions, then flying in Sth. West. direction.

1245 Hrs 2 flts of 2 planes each flew in N. E. Direction probably 17.E. description as follows:- Monoplane.. 4 engines..streamlined tailplane. Nose streamlined. Wheels retractable. Cabin ....Landplane.

1415 20-30 Rifle shots heard as volley followed by one single shot, then immediately by Bren Gun Burst. 1420 Patrol of 6 immediately moved in S. E. direction to ascertain the cause. Patrol not yet returned. Armament. 2 Owen Guns. 2 Rifles. 2 Revolvers.

1458 Hrs. 2 Beaufighters approx 8000 Ft flying at 120 '.

1503 6 Beaufighters approx 8000 Ft flying at 172 '.

1512 No U/I planes travelling sth East down WAMPET VALLEY in cloud bank.

1405 Hrs. IO 17.E. observed from PATEP I. approx 10000 Ft in. N. E. Direction

1537. Hrs Patrol returned from to area after circling from S. E. to N. E. Nil Report. Probably Plane clearing Guns. Report fwd. herewith. Advised that A. Coy expected to arrive in area during Darkness. Guide being sent to meet this Coy.

MORALE. GOOD.

KITCHENS. GOOD.

RATIONS. Good.

SANITATION. GOOD.



CONTINUED.

GENERAL.

Maps accurately depicting the locations and direction of each slit trench MMG Pit. and Mortar Pit are being prepared and will shortly be forwarded to LANO. This work takes in a five Coy area. In many of the cases digging has not been commenced although the Map as drawn up by the 2/5 show the finished posns. This work is in progress.

Traverse map forwarded herewith, giving arears to Nth Sth West of PATEP 2. Ref Map if PATEP 2. 1/25000. PATEPIS 4 Hrs Distance and have not been able to get to this area as yet, as the Def Posns have priority, But am having rough map forwarded to me from this area, and will forward this on to you..

Pl. in the arears as reported to this date SITNORM.

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I would be pleased if you could possibly forward Black Lead pencils, and small quantity of Talc, about 12" Square.

*P. Hamblin Pte*

*GS*

O. C.

166 ammun Copt

*c/o 13. Coy*



COCO 2 f

Intelligence Report May..5..43.

REF MAP WAU SALAMAUA LAE AREA I" .. 2 Mile.

0730 Hrs 3 May to-----0830 Hrs 5 May 43.

Activities.

7 men incl One Epl I. R. A B. Representative, left this area 0730 Hrs May. 3. for PATEP. I. Arrived Destination I330 Hrs. M. R. 395I99. 0950 Hrs U/I Plane heard flying N. W.

I400 Hrs IO Pl. II. Pl. Coy H. Q. The remaining men from I2 Pl engaged moving stores from Transit Camp to this area, finalized I700 Hrs.

May. 4. re.

0730 2nd Party 7 Men moved from this area to PA TEP I arriving at destination at I400 Hrs.

0815 two U/I Planes heard flying in N. W. Direction. Have made enquiries regarding these planes, and they were seen at approx 2000 Ft, being Single engine plane, Square wing tips staggered leading edge, very long fuselage square rudder fin, and very slow. I would suggest that information be forwarded as to the probable name of these type of planes and nationality. Possibility of Jap Recce Plane.

0845 Capt Cameron Pl Comds. Sec Comds and I Pte reced Fwd Def Posns.

I340 Hrs IO Pl. I2 Pl. moved out to improve and maintain these areas. This is quite a big undertaking, as each area constitutes a Coy Posn with quite a lot of work to be accomplished. Ref Map APPENDIX A. SKETCH MAP D FENCE POSITIONS PATEP. 2. You will see that there is 5 Coy areas to maintain.

Sitrep received from PATEP I advised us of the fact -- 2 Men at MAPOS Map. Ref. 440223. 2 Men KWSANG 382I50 leaving 2 pte I. R. A. P. Mr Dawson at PATEP I plus the men that arrived at I400 Hrs.

Advised by phone 2245 Hrs LIEUT DAWSON contacted Malaria. Native bearers are returning Mr Dawson to this area today 5 May for attention.

May 5. 43

0730 Hrs. 7 Men moved out for PATEP I.

0815 Hrs. Improvement and maintenance continued on Def. Posns.

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Locations. Coy. H. Q. 3I3202. Io Pl 3I3202. II Pl 3I4202 I2 Pl I3 Men incl Pl H. Q. 3I42 03. Mapos 440223. KWASANG 382I50. PA TEP I. 395I99.

Medical. 6 personnel DIARRHOEA 4 Cases Chill in Kidney I Case Fluid on Knee. all cases receiving adequate attention.

This coy is sending back to LANO a number of maps that are superfluous to our establishment. -- please find list herewith.

2/5 I sec before being relieved by this Coy, commenced Recce's on reported track tracks etc not included on existing Maps. and recommended that the finalization of this work be placed high on the priority list of I work to be done, underlining suspected track from I Hr Nth. TIMNE direction Nth. East to LEGA, as this would be an ideal line of Communication for the enemy. This work I intend to do commencing from this area Monday IO May 3. Please find list herewith of



CONTINUED.

OF TRACKS AS LEFT BY Cpl NANKERVIS of 2/5 I Section.

MORALE. The Morale of this Coy is Good, and is bucked up considerably by the receipt of news contained of other fronts in the GUINEA GOLD. The general impression is, that we will have a hard Job to do, and that we are quite competent to deal with it.

SANITARY CONDITIONS- are quite good and under the circumstances leave nothing to be desired.

Cooking kitchens. Have been improved and are now satisfactory.

AMMUNITION.

*[Handwritten signature]*

*Pte.*

*W. Hammon*  
*O.C. Coy*

*Dunnell*  
*6/5/43*



"B"      2/5

I . Report.    May. 2. nd 1943.

REF. MAP. PATEP.II. 938

Activity.

MAP REF. 2742I2.

April. 30.

I2. Pl. moved to new Camp area, 0930 Hrs. II Pl. moved to new Camp area 1000 Hrs. Both Pl occupied bedding themselves and improving Camp conditions as much as possible.

1000 Hrs. R. M. O. and I6 03Hrs. moved out of area to destination TIMNE and WAMPET. Pte. BOSCOE Hygiene moved out with this part Pte HOLLOW Hygiene who came up with the R. M. O. now attached to this Coy. LIEUT. DAWSON. MOVED OUT WITH Capt. GULLET TO Recce PATEP. I. I2. Pl. will be moving out early this week.

MAY. IST.

IO Pl moved to new Camp Area at 0900 Hrs  
Coy. H. Q . est. 1500 Hrs. Coy employed moving stores and ammunition.

SITREPS. sent out on all occasions at the required time.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Line Communication has now been established between this Camp Timne. WAMPET, and all adjacent switches.

W. T. by. 208 now established from this area with Lano at SUNSHINE. Communications are now very satisfactory.

SANITARY.

The Sanitary conditions in this area are very much better than those that we had in the previous area. The Cookhouses will be improved considerably as soon as the labour becomes available.

Mud is a problem, but ways and means are being explored to overcome this disability.

MORALE.

The Morale of the Tps is Good , but the lack of War News from the other fronts is very often commented upon and if it could be passed on in any way I am sure that the effect would be noticeable

*GUINEA GOLD, was received by 2/5 Bn & possibly arrangements could be made for its receipt here*

GENERAL.

Yogi. SITREPS are arriving here very regularly and are passing f from this Area upon receipt. Cpl. Robertson. Suggests, that the time SITREPS required by LANO are not satisfactory, in as much as the Patrols have very often not returned by 1630 Hrs and thus the Sitnorm News is delayed.

Great help was received from the 2/5 I. Coy. I. Section, who passed on very many useful maps, and Track Sketches.







Copy,

"B" 24

H. Q. 2/5 Aust. Ind. Coy.  
29 April 1943.

MEMORANDUM to 2/6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

The following Track Recces were on our immediate Agenda of this "I" Section when received by the 24 Aust. Inf. Bn. It will be noticed that they provide Bye-Passes of the present Defence Positions.

- (a) To N.NE of PATEP I there appears to be a track following the ridge to GURUKOR or TIMNE. There are tracks from PATEP I. to MUMENG.
- (b) From TIMNE/ GURUKOR, a track passing through OMALA, BUPU YANTA probably connects that WAMPIT and WATUT Valleys. From YANTA and probably BUPU, tracks go to PERICLES and from PERICLES to PATEP 2 and another to MUMENG.

There is a track, leaving the TIMNE WAMPET track 1 hour from TIMNE, going to LEGA, across the range in the BUANGs. This is a difficult track, but could provide a possible L of C between Jap Drives up the WAMPET VALLEY and through the BUANGS.

At the banus at the creek immediately south of MACKEYS Staging Camp I PATEP 2. There is a well defined though overgrown track to the left of the existing track and may provide a good covered access for supplies and reinforcements to the defences around the PATEP Village.

Signed. H. I. WINNING. CAPT.  
O. C. 2/5 Aust. Inf. Coy.

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10-4-43.

I REPORT FROM BCOY FWD. Ref. Map MOORESBY Spce. 1 inch = 1 Mile

SITUATIONS

Coy. H. Q as prev. reported

10 Pl.

11 Pl M.R. 893359

12 Pl

as prev. reported

M.3. M.R 896362

M.M.G. M.R. 898359

490

2 f.

MORALE Good

SANITATION GOOD

COMMUNICATIONS. GOOD

MESSING. GOOD

GENERAL.

WORK on POSNS proceeding. M.M.G's now constructing pit which will cover all entrance from WALTER BAY TO KONIBADA, and apart from UNAVOIDABLE Dead ground immediately FWD of GUN, will be most effective.

TPS received thorough drenching during 9/10. Salvation Army unit supplied music & coffee between 1930 hrs - 2100 hrs.

FPW minor INJURIES caused by mishandled machettes. All attended B.S.B Personnel.

Acute Paper shortage for I work, caused by Rain.

BRIG. B.M. <sup>C.R.E.</sup> etc inspected forms at approx 1000 hrs

10 Hf.

Her burrows. Pte.

O.C. Beaumont Capt 1350.







Jan 11 08 - CONTINUED

R. A. L.P.

Report no increase in Dysentery cases. Nearly all personnel so affected now O.K.

Food

Independent notices (6) (0)

General

Tracks around area, muddy & slippery making hard going, caused by heavy & continuous rain 29/30

Men are very fit and O.C. Coy very pleased with show put up by troops since departing SUNSHINE

Cpl NANKERVIS 2/5 I Sec very helpful, and is passing on valuable

Data & Maps to this Coy.

No any tracks yet by Resce's

I suggest that one I reinforcement would be necessary to cover the job effectively.

TRACK Map of Resce Patrols herewith showing distance covered etc & minor details.

Map now being received

Plat 5 Pte

O.C. Manning



APPR AR

with diary cpl

I. Report B. Coy Exercise. Pt. MCCRESBY Spec.

Map. Ref 89B364.

GENERAL

Coy moved out Bn Area 1400 hrs 8 Apr. 3.

Arrived posn 1545 hrs each Pl. taking up Def. Posns & Bedding down for night.

Apr. 9. 3. Improvement on existing Posns commenced. (crawl) trenches being lengthened. Firing Bays cleaned & made tenable. M.M.G's constructing Pit in suitable area. No. 3. constructing Pit in suitable Posn.

Apr 10 Maintenance work continued in all posns.

Apr. 11. Maintenance Work continued. 180 Star Pickets. 2 Rolls Wire Netting 4 Rolls Garnishing arrived in area



continued I Report.

as camouflage materials. Work on this job was started  
Engineers in area, advising the Pl. Commanders on any trouble or difficulty experienced.

Apr. 12. Work and improvement continued leaving area for Return Bn Area 1755. arrived Bn Area 1900 hrs.

Conditions.

SANITARY. Good.

MESSING ARRANGEMENTS. Good

MORALE. Good.

Apr 12 1020 hrs approx. 3 Shots warning AIR RAID. OBSERVED ENEMY Bombers with Fighter escort. ATTACKED



## CONTINUED I REPORT

by our A/A guns, not observing any tangible results.

WARDS DRONE. SEVEN MILE DRONE BOMBED. Petrol Pump near KILLA BOMBED starting 3 FIRES.

Communications. Good 9-10-11.

Ap. Rained heavily 8. 9. 11 April for approx 3 hrs each night effecting 2.08 to some degree, but not seriously interfering with communications until 0730 hrs 12 Ap. when set would not operate either for transmission or receiving.

O.C. Coy expressed opinion that R.A.E. should inspect Area with O.C. some days prior to occupying Def Posns to enable an estimate of work & materials to be estimated. Camouflage materials as



CONTINUED.

Supplied inadequate not being enough for 1 Pl.

Work and maintenance effected improved Posns to a big extent but four day more would be required to complete area. Camouflage & Barbed wire entanglements owing to low priorities not completed.

Much Dead Ground owing to nature of country unavoidable, but would consider posn a hard proposition from an attacking point of view.

Alt. Posns constructed for Fwd Pl. See Sketch. Same not feasible for 2 rear Pl. Sketch of AREA O.K'd by O.C. Coy.

Pte L. Hemmings  
0900 hrs  
13 Apr 43



F. O. V. B. Coy Good W 9-12

OBSERVED Raid approx 1020 hrs

NO Casualties

Memorandum Pte

1930



Rec'd 1849

9/4

(459)

9-4-43

B. Coy I Report to I.O.

Ref No of Maresby Spec. 1 inch, Mile

Posts:- Coy. H. Q. Map Ref 893364.

10 Pl. " " 895359

11 Pl. " " 893356

12 Pl. " " 892367.

M.M.G. " " 896359

Defa Work:- All Pl. in Sec Posts, & maintenance and improvements in full swing.

Morale:- Good

Sanitary:- Condition good in all Pl. Areas

S. B. evacuated 1 case of suspected lice to R.A.P.

Mortars:- constructing post at 894364.

General:- There is quite a lot of dead ground, impossible to cover, but with effective fields of fire by covering Pls, it would make an assault very costly, probably impossible especially when lanes of fire are completed

Chief of area following. Bentinck Pl  
McCameron  
Capt #/o.c.-



"B"

2 d.

Recd Report of GENAC Drome surrounded by Kabrus by pl Downy pl  
and Pyso etc

Obst. Def of Drome in event of invasion

Date 16 May 43.  
Visibility Fair  
Time 1230-1500 hr

PART I

Drome slopes gently <sup>down</sup> from NORTH to SOUTH. is covered by  
kanyaras & kumai grass about 2'6" high. This 1 1/2 miles NORTH to SOUTH  
and 1 mile wide. The main PART II - MOUNTING track

runs through Drome + 500' west of same a steep rise 40' high  
occurs. Well disposed along this feature (see plan) would  
have excellent fields of fire. The line would be disposed about  
500' from each other but could hold the ground until re-inforcement  
arrived.



PART II

DROME

Length 1 km as North to South. Width 1 mile

Surface Slight incline from South to North gradient 1 in 8  
Kangaroo & Kumi grass 2'6" high covers whole area.  
Any tracks made would be clearly visible if ones  
located. Main MUMINIG - PART II track  
runs ~~along~~ ~~through~~ through Drome  
about 700' from SNAKE River. 700' West of track  
an escarpment <sup>high</sup> 40' runs North & South along  
drome. <sup>Extending bottom of</sup> From high feature on West of drome  
the ground is flat for 400' and then drops  
suddenly (see note above re escarpment)

Surrounding Features.

North side of Drome is bounded by ch which  
flows into SNAKE Rv. This run bounds East  
side & high features are East of SNAKE Rv (see  
panorama)



Surrounding Features (contd)

South side is bounded by the flowing river SWAKE-ko.  
Key features are also prominent.

West side reconnaissance submitted by Capt Childs.

Water

Ch abundant North side suitable for drinking purposes.

Observation

O.P's could be selected from a no of posts each of which would give all round visibility.

F.O.P's (enemy)

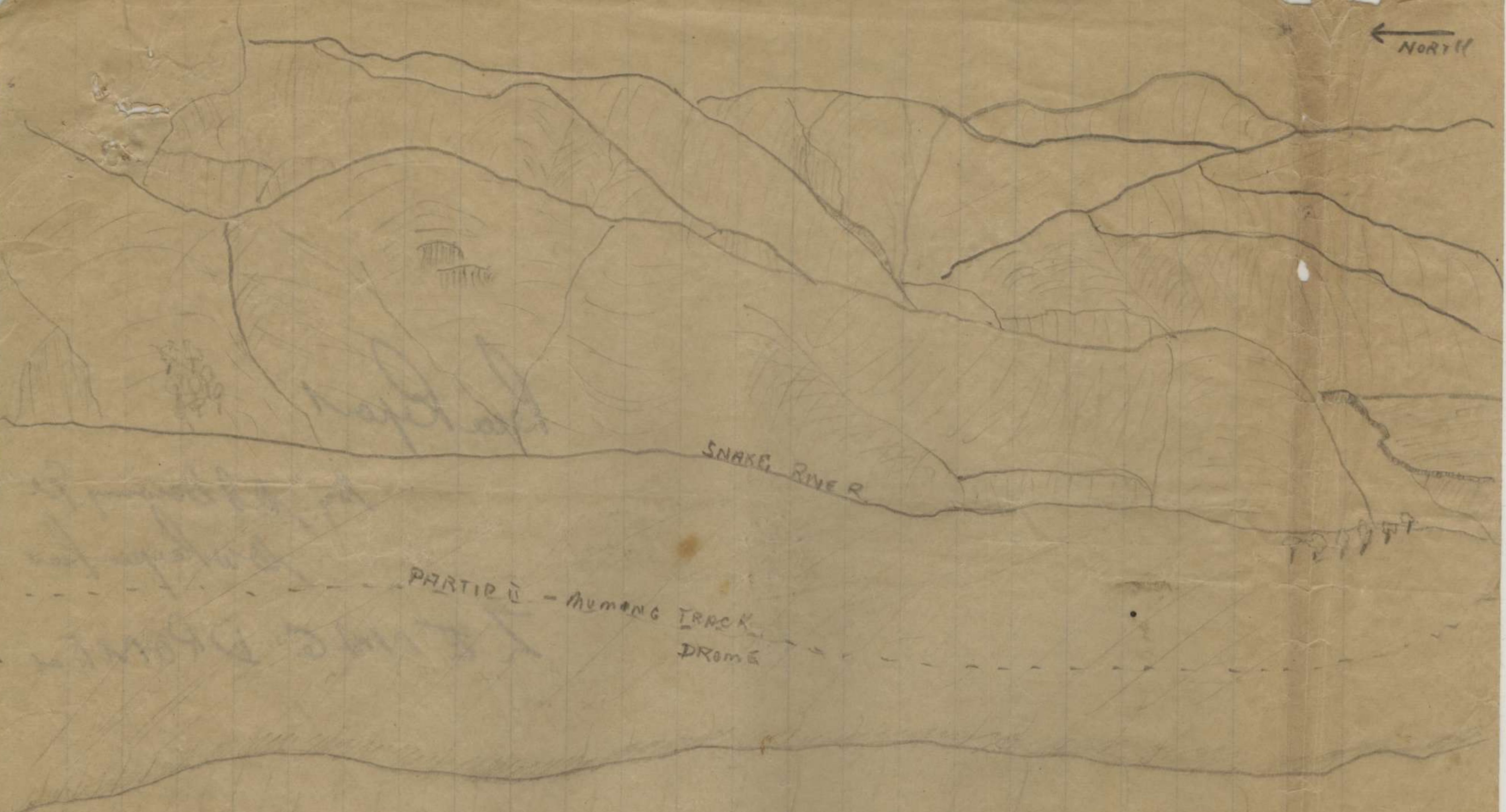
none suitable in area rec'd owing to use of good O.P's.

Cover from Air

Artificial camouflage would be necessary.



← NORTH



PARTIPU - MUMANG TRACK  
DROMA

SNAKE RIVER

Leys  
Flinders Cop  
17. 8. 43

S.S. Corning Gt  
Wahgan head  
Luna Lake, 20 min  
visibility fair



Recce Report

by P. J. Downy &  
C. W. Kaye & Co.

ZENITH. D. P. O. N. O. S.





Laborer 19  
11 P.  
16/5/43

ZENAG  
looking across River.

Seen from  
12 5-13



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FROM **LANO**

Originator's Number  
**0100**

Date  
**15**

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R.M. Patel	2	Ref 259171	for early	warning	of	any
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T.O.R.



LH 46

Coos

I 98

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1170 B2d

Ref verbal message re patrol of DOL @ patrol 9 sec  
 moving out with guide. Coos has 27 recce area @ members  
 2/6 survey by moving to new but DAMBI camp area to work  
 in area @ movement will be advised as soon as known  
 W Kangy base. Fleweller and  
 cancelled patrol. 1645 1535  
 1630



22-5-43

## Dalli Patrol

Cpl. Dooley Cpl. Bridal Pts. Mitchell Pte. Strachan

22-5-43

Received orders from Lohkain 0700. Left Kwawang 0800. Unable to get reliable guide at Kwatamane as Kanakas were on way to Mapos for poll call.

Proceeded without guide 0900. Track fair and well defined at start but after about 15 mins it is difficult, (muddy and steep) and enters jungle, but is easily followed. Very steep and tangled roots in places. Mud sometimes knee deep.

0930 Forged fair sized stream (probably tributary of Snake) jungle very dense and visibility nil.

10.15 Came to small clear patch of kunai (could see Kwatomane from here.) Similar patches on nearby ridge on left; some burnt.

11.15 Reached top of feature. track very muddy through kunai, but still fairly well defined. Recct faint tracks through kunai leading to right and reached fair O.P. (for glasses). Could see ~~one~~ village fairly close, (near presumed Sunshine track) and another on ~~opposite~~ other side of Snake. This O.P. no good for Dalli track because of jungle. Could see dredging along Snake. 11.55. Track leaves jungle and runs along its edge. This part of track is good (through short kunai and stunted shrubs).

Heard number of a/c. towards Salamana and noticed peculiar streaks in sky (may have been tracer) but could not see a/c. We looked down on Dalli front.

1345/25 OVER →



here, and it seemed deserted. Decided to leave one  
man here (Pte Strachan) as observer, and continued.  
Had noticed old boot tracks occasionally for the last  
hours. Could not tell how old, but (not recent).  
No movement at all in village, and decided to  
leave a man at approx 15 min intervals  
along track as it disappears in places, and  
enters small patch of jungle about 15 mins from  
Dolli. Fair sized stream here in valley, and  
village on far hill. Negotiated fast 15 mins  
alone and contacted members of Angau in Dolli  
abt 1300. He told me that a fighting patrol from  
Sunshine had left Dolli early this morning for  
Kwasang area, carrying supplies for 14 days. (Surmise  
they are from A Coy.) (Also carried booby traps.  
I signalled back OK. Patrol consisted of approx  
30 men. This man unfamiliar with this area.  
~~Summary:~~ ~~Track~~ He was in charge of stores  
(grenades etc) and was to build supply hut. Also  
attend to rations.  
Summary: Track probably useless in wet season  
and a lot of work needed to make suitable  
for native carriers. Could then be used as  
alternate supply line from Sunshine to Kwasang,  
Lokamin etc. Angau informed me that Kiap from  
Wau was with patrol as guide, and Karakas were  
probably working in gardens. They may have been  
searched by so many troops. Reached Kwasang 1710.  
Heavy rain from 1515 hrs. ~~Summary~~ J. Goble Cpl.



1097. 2D.

LAND  
COCO

193.24

Patrol. KWASANG to DOKI

① Left KWASANG 0700 hrs 23 May. Arrived DOKI

1300 hrs ① Village directly  
except for ~~one~~ ONE. ANGA

member acting as store

man for fighting patrol  
from SUNSHINE which

Left DOKI that morning  
Track considered. ~~not~~

passable in wet weather  
② Patrol arrived back.

at KWASANG 1710 hrs ②

Full report following

1920 1720  
1730

1932



# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.  
OFFICE DATE STAMP

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS**

IN  
OUT

No. of Groups  
GR.

863

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TO **COCO**

FROM **LAVO**

Originator's Number

Q 229

Date

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In Reply to Number

Patrol from	8 SEC	of	12 PL	to
peace for	Track	leading	from	KNOTAMANE
to	DOLI	To	leave	immediately
o	NATIVE	GUIDE	to	be taken
o	Duration at	least	THREE	HOURS
out	from	KNOTAMANE	o	Report
req'd	URGENTLY	or	completion	ACK

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DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

2345

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.



YOGI INT. REPORT

31 MAY '43.

KIRK'S OP. Bombing heard in direction of LAE.

at 0835 HRS. Numerous small isolated

fires observed during day - nothing of importance.

KIRK'S At 1145 HRS. 1 Sgt. 3 O/Rs relieved personnel

at KIRK'S. Sgt. Johnson left for BOBS at

1235 HRS. 2 O/Rs. left for BOBS at 1345.

BEN'S OP. Bombing heard in direction of LAE.

at 0835 HRS.

NGARENENE OP. Same bombing heard at 0835 HRS.

Numerous unimportant fires ~~observed~~ observed.

LABOURER No. 1. <sup>and CAPT from 4GF.</sup> YOGI, and 3 O/Rs left for  
 BEN'S at 0900 HRS. No arrival at BEN'S OP  
 some time tonight, then will proceed to MARK  
 HAM PT. to give it once over.

RMO., Sgt. and batman returned from  
 BOBS after successful operation on gun  
 accident victims.

He Lockaday and 1 O/R left at 1330  
 to receive track from HALF WAY HUTS to TIT.

Sgt. Robertson confined to bed at BEN'S

OP. - sore foot.

On

E. B. Jones  
 PTE



Sitreps Summary  
Nos 56, 57. 0430/30 TO 0430/31 May 43  
From Y061

Ngaraneneo. 6P 0830 Visibility nil 0930 Visibility good  
1250 Fire observed at 279 map approx 8 miles.  
1445 Fire observed at 349 map approx 2 miles at map  
Ref 405-545 L.P. Ref map.

Ngaraneneo 0945 Patrol left for Old Man. Returning  
1200 Nil Report

KIRKS OP 0830 weather fog lifting Visibility fair  
1000 Visibility good.  
1145 ct fire observed in a NW direction approx 4 miles  
which burned for 4 hrs  
1230 ct fire observed in a westerly direction  
approx 5 miles  
1330 Fire observed in a NE direction approx 3 miles  
1525 In a westerly direction natives observed  
lighting fires at approx 2 miles

KIRKS 0845 Patrol 20rs left for Old Man. Returning  
1300 Report. track in fair condition.  
1900 glow of a large fire observed in  
a NW direction approx 10 miles.

Bobs. 1045 Patrol 30rs left for Kirks to Relieve Patrol  
there

Ben OP 0230-0245. A/c heard flying in NW direction  
0600 weather cloudy and misty.  
0730 Lt. Staley left with Patrol for Bwanu. Returning  
1515 Reports. 2 hrs from Ben OP Large Patch of Kunai  
had recently been burnt at map Ref square 3757  
Ref map Nadzab. 1 inch. also native footprints on Bwanu  
track 10 mins from fire. an envelope with native  
writing on was also picked up.

General. I will be away on a track Reve for  
three days on the back track to Timne.  
Pte Jones will be looking after Business  
this end in my absence.

CW

Pte Hechodoy A



Sitrep Summary

no 55.56.

0430/29 TO 0430/30 May: 43

Bens O.P. 0600. weather. Low clouds. Foggy in Valley  
 Visibility nil  
 0710 Patrol in charge of Sgt Hogan and 7 ORs  
 left for fwd at Onbush Post.  
 0915 Patrol arrived at Oomsis  
 0915 Lt Jwing arrived at Ben O.P. from Special  
 Patrol 0925 VAC heard flying in westerly  
 direction.  
 1020 - 1545 Large fire observed burning at approx map  
 Ref Square 37.57. Ref map Nadzab 1 inch  
 1600 Rear Party of Special Patrol arrived at  
 Bens O.P. 7 in Party.  
 1600. weather fine cloudy Easterly Breeze.  
 Bobs 0930 Patrol 2 OR left for Kirks returning at  
 1315 nil report.

Ngaranemo O.P. 0830 Vis Bad. 0910 VAC heard direction Lac  
 1450 Large fire observed at 132° mag approx 373½ miles  
 1455 Small " " " 269° " 8 miles  
 1500 " " " " 268° " 8 miles  
 1530 Large " " " 260° " 12 miles  
 1605 Small " " " 280° " 8 miles  
 all fires appeared to be grass fires.  
 1635 Vis Bad.

Ngaranemo. 1400 Patrol 2 ORs left for Old man returning  
 1630. nil report

Kirks O.P. 0745 visibility nil heavy fog on North bank of  
 Markham River.  
 0815 Fog lifting on North side of River  
 0830 Fog still lifting but visibility poor  
 0845 Fog lifted to the N.E. and on North of River  
 Visibility fair  
 0920 VAC heard flying in an Easterly direction.  
 0959. VAC heard flying in a W.W. direction  
 1215 at. Raft with natives on it observed moving  
 down stream (no natives not stated)  
 1225 Small fire observed at 270° mag approx  
 3 miles. an object could be seen floating  
 down stream in same direction. it appeared  
 to be a log.  
 1530 Two small fires observed at 270. approx  
 3 miles and 285° mag approx 3-3½ miles  
 1550. Small fire observed at 300° mag approx  
 8 miles.

Rte H. K. Nadzab



Remarks: The weather around our O.P. the last three days has been very foggy, and observations have been hard to make.

O.P.s have been instructed to try and place the effect of their observations on to the map and give map Ref. The men arrived yesterday and these will be forwarded to the O.P.s which will help considerably.

Could you please send some pins so that we can bind up maps, drawing or household. Rether will do, and any paper, foolscap, that can be used, to write with Ink as the supply we have is not suitable for that purpose.

R. H. Hooday



From YOGI.

Bens OP 1905. ed light observed at 343° mag. distance unknown owing to visibility being poor.

0600/28. weather Raining and misty vis poor.

0625. Patrol. Left Staley 2 ORs. left for Buarip

0630. 2 Sigs 1 OR left to lay cable fwd of comms to our ambush position

0635 2 OR left for ambush position to act as Runner to Special Patrol.

1010. 2 natives observed moving along track forward of OP

1055. Laying of cable to comms completed. from

Bens OP. 1123. Comms. through to ambush posn. 1100 FT. hamon left ambush posn. for Deep creek. with message received from Jax. for Lieut Irving.

1715. Report received from Lieut Irving. as follows Recce Patrol left at 0730. Patrol went through Jap ambush posn. and in area 36 huts were counted. CPL Robertson. Examined the huts and found them in filthy condition. Several articles were found. and the patrol moved on to a village near coast. 12 natives houses were near the village. no mention made of Pinnaces. Patrol returned at 1400. Lieut. Irving and CPL. Robertson. expected to return to Bens OP. 1000 29 May. Patrol will occupy Jap ambush posn tomorrow morning. no ammunition. expended. Ambush posn. considered. Excellent site for 7/4 Rifle. Possible jeep track on Coastal side of posn.

Further Report. 1900/28

10 mins East. Jap ambush position. Jap camp is situated. accommodation 12-20 not 40. as stated a track 8 ft wide runs through the camp. 2 clearings beside 36 huts were in the camp. 15 mins East the camp a native village could be seen on a large island. which was densely timbered.

The area around village had been cleared. further along island facing mouth of Markham River another small village number huts unknown area around village had been cleared.

12 Lahotwis were in the water near village on the South Bank the track ends at the village. Recce Patrol attempted to cross Lake Swamp. for 15 mins until the water became waist deep. Patrol then returned. end of track approx 3/4 hrs from old Jap camp.



Cpl Robertson. considers it possible that the coast  
only 1 mile from native village. No A/A Poms  
were encountered along South Bank.

ngaranemo 0800 Mag Clutterbuck and Capt Chandler left

X for Bobs via Kirks

1310 Patrol left for old man arriving Back 1650

ngaranemo. OP weather up to 1300. Visibility nil 1330 Visibility

Fair but Improving. 1400 Visibility Fair

1400. 2 natives observed on Ridge at 190° mag approx  
3 miles. map Ref 410 490. L.P. 2 Ref map. disappeared  
in thick timber.

1600 Visibility Back 1700 Visibility nil

Kirks OP. 0830 vis nil Heavy Fog over River

0930 Vis nil

1000 Vis Poor. misty along River 1300 mist

cleared over River Visibility Fair

1445 A/K heard flying in an southerly direction

1510 A/K heard flying in an Easterly direction

KIRKS 1130 mag Clutterbuck and Capt Chandler arrived

left for Bobs 1225

Bobs 0910 Patrol left for Kirks returning 1300

X 1450 Mag Clutterbuck and Capt Chandler arrived  
from Kirks left for Dets at 1535.

arriving at Disc 1715.

weather. The weather here today has been rather wet  
It rained till 1435, and the ground is very  
slippery and muddy. The tracks very wet!

Camp area. Several improvements have been made  
around the camp. a small swamp at  
the Entrance of the camp has been drained  
and very little water lay there  
now. about a mile of the track has been  
repaired. Logs have been laid in wet places.  
and the track widened. New huts have been  
erected.

Pto Poshaday

TOR 1320/30.



YOGI

Further Sketch

2 f.

Kirks. OP 0800. Fog Lifted

Fires were observed at the following  
Bearings: 50° mag. approx. 2 1/2 miles  
for 5 mins at 1325. 320° mag. approx  
2 miles for 10 mins. at 1328.

60° mag. approx. 2 miles for 10 mins

1332. 310° approx 2 1/2 miles for 5 mins

at 1333 by 1342. No sign of any  
further fires.

1630. Fire observed due North

1633 at 60° mag. approx 2 miles

a fire was observed for 30 mins

1646. at 110° mag. approx 1 mile. Near

Nagavoomer 1735 Visibility Light fading

Report on area where gap papers found  
at Patrol searched all day. between Sheldon  
and Kirks a maze of small tracks  
were discovered. all leading on to  
Main tracks. a further gap paper  
was found this had not been folded  
and was very new. near Sheldon's camp  
a Rope ladder was seen hanging from  
a tree. on climbing up to the top a seat  
was found. This gave a view across  
to the North side of Markham. The appeared  
to be new. Australian names were cut  
in the base of the tree. dated 1942.  
A full Report and sketch will be forwarded  
at earliest possible opportunity.

Name der Eltern.

Name des Kindes.

Ge-  
schlecht.

Nummer  
des  
Jahres.

Laufende  
Nummer.

Beim



Rem of 0600. Patrol of 2 officers 1400.  
left to leave track past Deep Creek.

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Register.

Name der Mutter. Geburtsort. Geburtsort. Bemerkungen.



Sitrep.

No 51.52. 0430/24 TO 0430/28 May 43.

From Y061

Base OP 0600. weather. Cloudy. Fog. and light Rain.

0610 Patrol. 14th in 4 No 150R left on a Special Patrol to  
Rece as far as. New Labu. 10R. joined Patrol at Ambush  
Post 0955 Lt J Saunders and Bateman. left for rampit.  
1045. fwd O.P. Report. after Liberator had flown in  
direction Lae. heavy A/H was heard. Bombs bursting.  
could be heard.

1110 Further heavy A/H Bombing heard direction Lae.

1156 siren heard from direction of Lae 3 short and  
1 long blasts:

1240-1330. smoke observed from three small fires  
in squares. 37-57. Ref. Map. Nadzab. 1 inch

1250-1600. smoke from large fire observed. in square  
43-64. Ref Map Nadzab. 1 inch

1330 Lt Staley and 6 ORs arrived from Ambush Post

Report. They were relieved from Ambush Post. Map Ref

499-448 Nadzab. 1 inch. at 0900. They left Ambush

Post at 1000. on Tuesday 25 May. Patrol of 1 No 70R.

left for Ambush Post at 0700 arriving at 1030. 1105

loud explosions heard in direction Lae. after U/H

had flown in that direction.

1230. No 2 Coy. KATANG with 7 natives passed through  
Post from Labu. Natives Report gaps had left Labu

area. 1300. Lt Ferris 2 ORs left to Patrol fwd of

Ambush Post for 1 hour. to map Ref 524439. Nadzab

1 inch arriving back 1500. will Report.

Wednesday 26 May

0800 Patrol of Lt Stalley 2 ORs left to Patrol area  
to Deep Creek. map Ref. 545437 arriving 1100. left at

1130 arriving back at Ambush Post 1430 Report.

No sign of Enemy activity. following articles were

noted. at map Ref square 5343. 2 hrs fwd of our

Post. 1 Rubber condon. which had been there for

some time. and at map Ref 505.447. beside a creek

a cation tin was picked up leaving gap markings

It was discovered later that natives who passed

through from Labu. the previous day. were noted

carrying similar tins. and that they had stopped

beside a creek for a meal and may have left

tin there. 0830 following. A/H heard flying in

direction Lae 2 loud explosion heard



10.15-1030 A/C heard flying over head. flying direction  
Lae. was heard to clear his guns while over head.  
Immediately following. A/A was heard. in direction  
Lae. owing to the Patrol being in heavily timbered  
country. They were unable to observe where the A/A was  
made.

Thursday 27 May. 0830-0930 10R. Attended area fwd  
of Poon.

The Special Patrol had arrived at creek half an hour  
fwd of our ambush Poon. at map Ref. 505.447 at 1000  
Lunch was to be taken from then till 1100.

1855 Explosions heard direction Lae.

Ngaranene. O.P. 0930 visibility nil 0950 vis clear. 1020 vis good  
1030 Small fire observed at approx 2 miles behind mission  
1100 - 1105. after our A/C had flown over Lae.

Bombs could be exploding. also heavy A/A.

Large fires were observed on the visible part  
of the coast towards Lae. 1130 further Explosions  
heard. thought to be at murr. Mumpo.

1130 Small fire observed in a westerly direction in  
fast hills. 1130-1120. Extensive. An activity in  
direction of Salamaa.

1215 all fire in Lae area had burned out.

1245 2 small fires observed on hill across River

1335 fire observed North of OP

1340 fire observed North of OP at Back of Ranges

1345 small fire observed approx half mile from  
Mission. North of OP

1415 Large fires observed in Range to NE.

1415 2 small. 1 Large fires observed to North of OP

1425 native canoe observed moving up stream.  
with sail up. occupants. could not be

distinguished. canoe pulled into NARARAPOR.

old man. 1100 Bombing heard in direction Lae

Ngaranene. Patrol left for Old Mari. Returning 1500 nil  
Report

1050 Bombing heard in direction of Lae

Kirks 1055 Bombing heard in direction of Lae

0800 Patrol of 2 ORs accompanied Capt C handler

and May Clutterbuck. to Old Mari. 2 OR returned  
to Kirks 1330

KIRKS OP 0730 vis Poor 0900 vis fair 0945 vis good

0930 A/C heard flying in a Northerly direction

1025 Bombing heard in direction of Lae



1430 2 small fires observed at 310 mag approx  
2 1/2 miles and 10 mag approx 3 miles

1345 5 small fires observed at following  
degrees 300, 345, 350, 353, 14 mag. from  
approx 3-5 miles

1635. Bombing heard in Direction  
Lae

1640 Small Fire at 108° approx 6 miles

DEX 1100. Bombing and AIA heard direction

Remarks. <sup>Lae</sup> Enclosed find Report of area  
Ngaranene to Buarip.

The Bombing Reported at 1050 - 1000  
was very heavy, and could be heard  
quite plainly from here.



Rto Morhaday H.

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Patrol strength :- 1 N.C.O. and 2 O.R. (Cpl Evans Plea Coleman & Bomble)

Arms carried :- 2 Owen Guns and 1 rifle.

Time Out :- 0840 hrs.

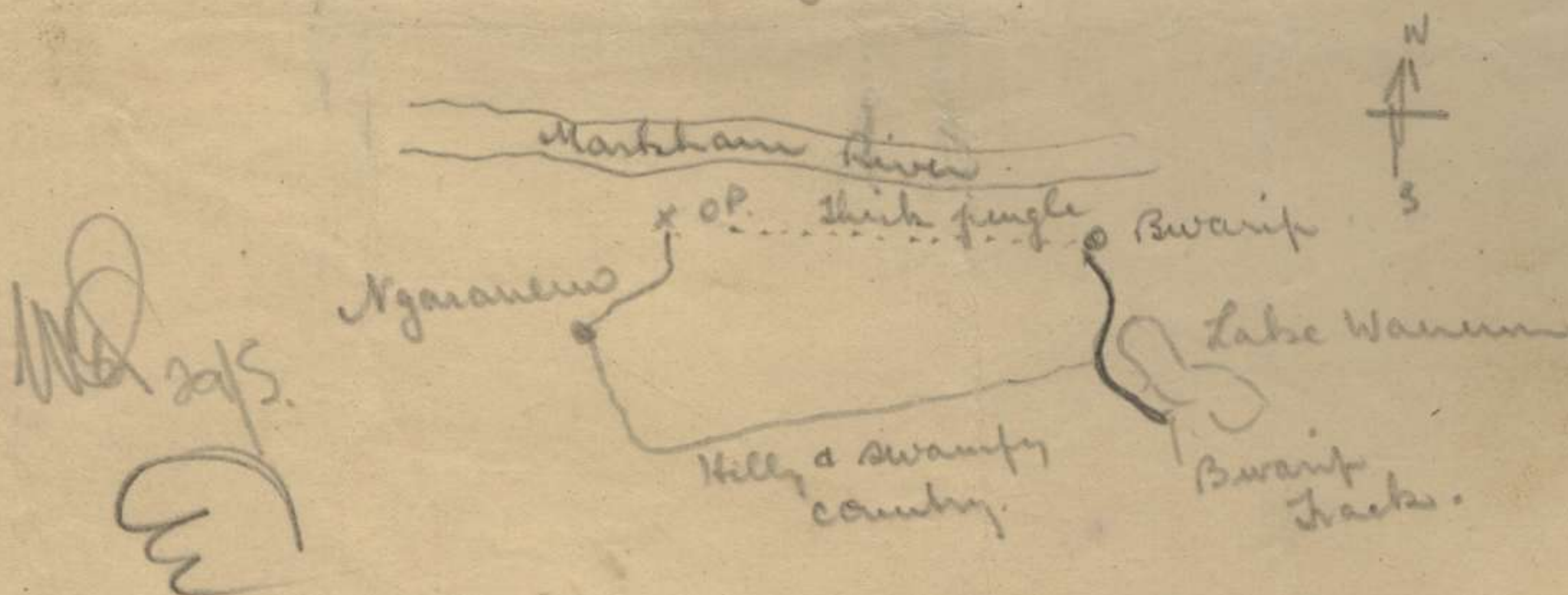
Time In :- 1630 hrs.

Object of Patrol :- To recce. a track from Ngaranens to the Bwarip track.

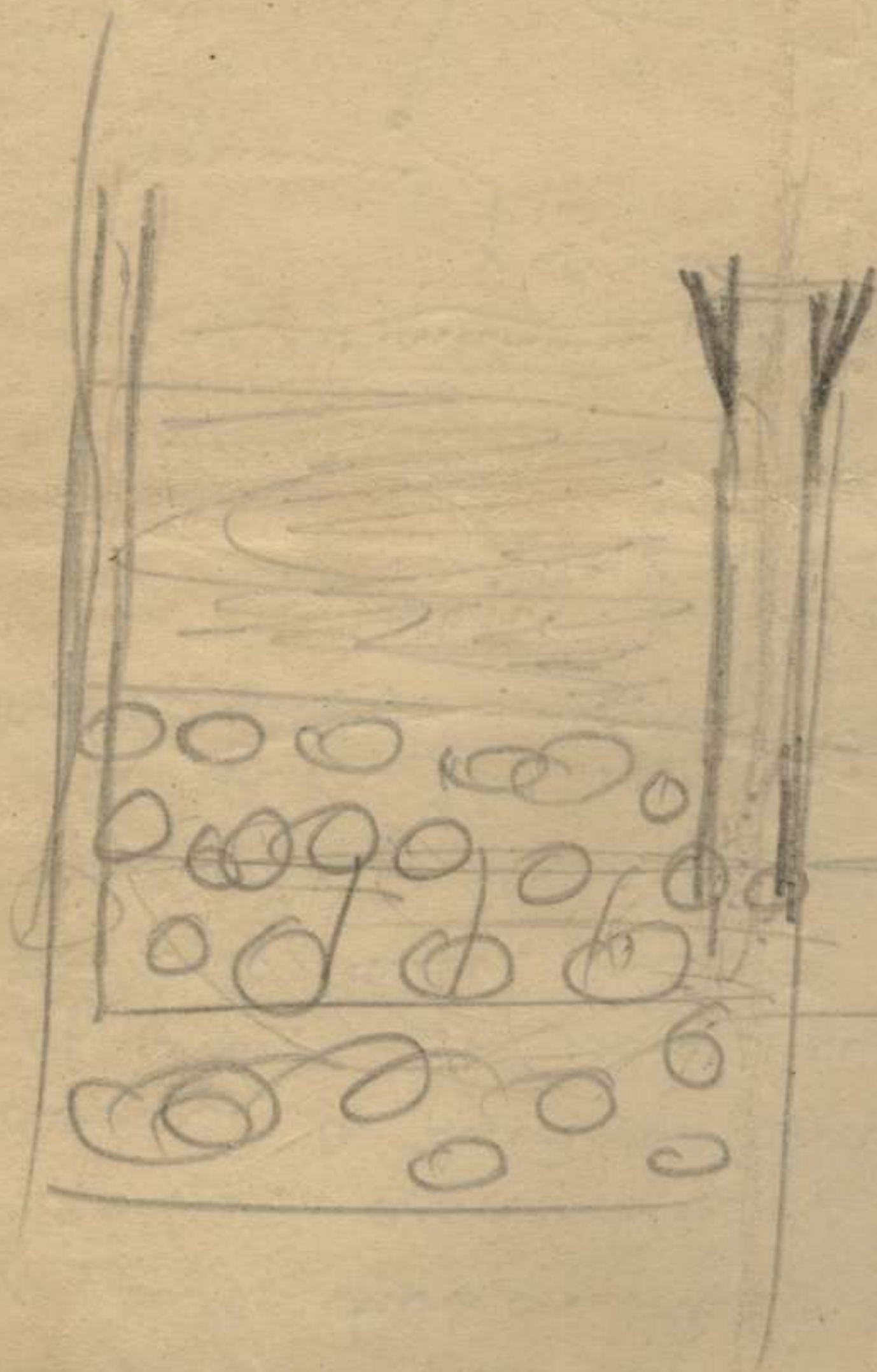
Date :- 23rd May 1943.

Report :- Patrol set out from Ngaranens and followed the track running south from here. The track followed, runs round the side of the hills & after a short distance is in an easterly direction for the remainder of the journey. In places it is very indistinct and hard to follow and crosses some swampy ground in a few places. The last half on of the journey we made our own tracks, having lost sign of a previously used track. This took us up a fairly steep gully & when we reached the top, the Bwarip track & Lake Wanum could be seen below us. We made our way down & hit the Bwarip track at 1030 hrs. on the N.W. bank of Lake Wanum. We then followed the track around to Bwarip. The track showed no sign of having been used for the past day or so, except for a few recent native footprints. Arrived at Bwarip at 1145 hrs. and inspected all the huts. They showed signs of recent use (by natives probably) & there are about ten huts in the village, with two or three in quite good order. We left Bwarip at 1230 hrs. and headed in a general westerly direction in an endeavour to find a track through to Ngaranens, and around foot of G.P.. We were unable to find any trace of a track, owing to very thick jungle and very high Kuni grass, & after pushing our way through the jungle, decided to make for the foot of the G.P.. We arrived at the G.P. at 1600 hrs. and Ngaranens at 1630 hrs..

Cpl. J. Evans







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The Stockaday  
Aer.



Sitrep

Nos 49.50. 0430/26 TO 0430/27 May 43

From YOGI

Geno O.P. 0600 weather fine and b cloudy.

0800 Lt Col Bunsell, Sgt Boyle Pte Parkinson left to  
see Mt Misantum

0945 Forward O.P. 20<sup>4</sup>/<sub>10</sub> observed flying direction  
of Lae all Bombers

1040 Enemy <sup>4</sup>/<sub>10</sub> seen flying from direction of  
Lae along Valley towards Wampit.

1215 <sup>4</sup>/<sub>10</sub> lined over head. Returned over  
forward O.P then flew off in a SE direction

1630 forward O.P Report 2 fires N of Bwamp

1800. weather cloudy. Strong Easterly Breeze

1805 Sgt Boyle Returned from Misantum Rice  
Reported. Lt Col Bunsell. carrying on Rice - may  
return tonight. If unable to do so would  
stay night at Comsis.

Obs. 0900 Patrol left for Kirks Returning 1510 hrs  
Report

KIRKS O.P 0730 - 0830 weather visibility not at

0830 fog lifting mist over River 0835

Bombing heard on North Coast

0847 Rifle shot heard across River at 30<sup>0</sup>/<sub>10</sub>

approx 2 miles

0900 fog lifting along river still heavy along  
foothills.

0930 visibility fair all around O.P.

0935 <sup>4</sup>/<sub>10</sub> heard flying East to West.

1015. Natives observed walking along track  
behind O.P towards Ngarameneo.

1025 <sup>4</sup>/<sub>10</sub> heard flying East.

1030 <sup>4</sup>/<sub>10</sub> enemy <sup>4</sup>/<sub>10</sub> flying West.

1045 2<sup>4</sup>/<sub>10</sub> flying NE a burst of Machine Gun  
fire

1105. <sup>4</sup>/<sub>10</sub> heard flying SW.

1205 <sup>4</sup>/<sub>10</sub> heard East of O.P. machine Gun fire

1410 small fire observed at 29<sup>0</sup>/<sub>10</sub> mag approx 4

1435 fire observed at 29<sup>5</sup>/<sub>10</sub> mag approx 5 miles

1610 small fire observed at 6<sup>0</sup>/<sub>10</sub> mag between O  
and Ngarameneo approx 2 miles

1620 small fire observed 5<sup>0</sup>/<sub>10</sub> mag approx 5 miles



Old Mani 0900. 8 A/C heard flying North.

1000 A/C heard flying West.

1200 A/C observed circling overhead for four minutes  
then flew away direction not stated

Ngaraneneo

1000 Enemy A/C observed flying west

1155 A/C heard flying direction of Lae

1310 Patrol left for Old Mani returning

1610 nil report.

Ngaraneneo O.P. 0830 Visibility fair

0930 Visibility good. 1015-1025 A/C overhead

1030 Enemy A/C observed flying direction Kirihs

1017 A/A heard in direction Lae

1120 3 Enemy A/C observed flying NW

1225 8 " " " " " " NW

1208 8 " " " " " " NW

1315 3 " " " " " " NW

1355 small fire observed near Mac's Camp

1420 fire observed. west of O.P. between

Kirihs and New Mani.

1420 Fire observed NW of Kirihs.

1420 Fire observed NW in foothills on north

Side Washham River.

1430 Mist descending on Valley

1800 Mist had descended on O.P. Visibility nil

Remarks. Machine gun fire heard from A/C possibly  
our A/C clearing their guns. As P38 when observed  
earlier in the morning clearing the guns, on  
Buss.

Enclosed will be found Report by Lt  
Belus on Special Patrol Washham & Area

morale. The morale of the troops is very high. A

Large supply of home mail has arrived during  
the last week which has helped a considerable  
amount.

Rto Perthaday



Sitings

1320

nos 47.48. 0430/25 to 0430/26 May 43 (2. (b))

from Y061.

KIRKS 0815. Patrol of INCO 10R left for OLD MARI  
Returned 1645. 0945. <sup>U</sup>A/C heard flying SW direction

KIRKS OP 0730 visibility poor

0800. 2 fires observed. 170° mag

0930. visibility NORTH NWE Improving.

0945. <sup>U</sup>A/C heading. South SE direction

1515. Small fire 287°. approx 6 miles east of  
Mt on North side of River.

1523 visibility Light fading

1535. fire observed North of OP.

Bens. O.P. 0600 weather. Foggy very light Rain

0650 Patrol of INCO 70RS. Patrol leader. CPL Staley  
left for ambush Post.

1100. 5 bombs heard exploding in direction  
of Lae also <sup>A</sup>/A fire heard same direction

1300 CPL Murray's Patrol. Returned from ~~ambush~~  
ambush Post.

1630 CPL Robertson and Pte Jones arrived  
from Ngaranenee. Report. The tracks from  
Dex to Bobs - Kirks - Ngaranenee Swamp  
- Bens OP had been seen. and a going  
trap was made.

~~Ngaranenee~~ 1630 CPL Robertson & Pte Jones left for  
~~Bens OP. weather~~

Ngaranenee O.P. 0820 - 0920 Visibility nil

1050 Bombing heard direction Lae

1515 2 fires observed due North in Look Hills  
along River.

1700 Vis. nil.

OLD MARI 0900 <sup>U</sup>A/C heard flying in an easterly  
direction



general. I hope you can understand this Report  
as a lightning system failed us last  
and I wrote this at the first break of day  
I will have to make this a short Report  
to get it away this mornny

Peto P. Arbuckle

1353/27



Streps

(1230)

No 44. 45. 0430/24 TO 0430/25 may 43

from YOGI

BENSOP 0600 weather fine but cloudy. no fog.  
 0730 Patrol of 1 MCO 7 ORs left for ambush. (Relieving)  
 " Patrol of 1 MCO 2 OR. left for Buarif. Returning  
 to BensOP 1405. nil Report.  
 1300 Patrol Returned from Markham Point  
 Ambush. (old Patrol) nil Report.  
 1605. "A/c heard flying in a westerly direction.

Ngaranemo. OP 1000. Vis good. sea visible.  
 1300 fire observed. NW. beyond Kirks.  
 1330 fire observed N.E. across River  
 1442. 2 fire N.E. between foothills and River  
 1615 2 fires observed N.W high in foothills.

Ngaranemo. 1330. Cpl. Robertson and Pte Jones  
 left to River Sheldons area. arrived back  
 at Ngaranemo. 1730. Report. Gap Papers  
 were picked up on edge of track.  
 which had been patrolled yesterday.  
 It is possible the papers were there  
 as they were laying in the grass  
 and could easily have been missed

Kirks O.P. 0745. Visibility nil  
 1000. Visibility good. 1630 small fire  
 observed in a westerly direction.

X

Kirks 0745. Patrol 1 MCO 1 OR 2 P. Boy left for  
 Naragoona. Returned to Kirks 1400.  
 Report: The Patrol was to search for the  
 two natives who killed a Plover  
 Boy. Natives at both Naragoona villages  
 1 and 2. Stated that no one had been  
 to the villages so far. but would keep  
 a look out for them.

13 pl. are now moving up to relieve  
 14 pl. this should be completed tomorrow  
 14 pl. are returning to Wampit for  
 well earned Rest. as the tracks that  
 have had to be patrolled are very



hard and tiring, especially the  
markham Point track.

Ngaraneneo O.P. The Patrol who man the  
O.P. have Requested that, if possible, a Telescope  
be sent to the O.P. as more detail could  
be obtained. The glasses at present are not  
powerful enough to distinguish several places  
that cannot be distinguished at present.

At the Hornaday Pt

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No 43 44

0430/23 TO 0430/24

May 13

From YOGI.

Bens OP. 1500. edman observed near Lone tree. near Buarip  
nationality could not be distinguished.

A Patrol <sup>will</sup> leave on 24 May to Rice area.

Ngaraneneo OP 0830 weather misty. visibility fair.

0910 Bombing and ack. ack heard in the  
direction of Lae. 0915 visibility good

1340 small fire in foothills

1445 2 grass fires started behind Gabatsung  
mission. 1500 small fire North side of River

N.E. of O.P. 1730 1 small fire still burning  
behind mission.

Nagananeneo. 0830 Patrol left for Old man. 1725

x Patrol returned. nil Report

Old man, 0925. Patrol arrived from Nagananeneo.  
left 1230. to Rice & Sheldon's area.

Kirks OP 0800. Fog lifted. visibility fair

0915. ack. ack. heard to the East

0930 VAK heard flying East to N.W.

1150 small fire 36' x 12' in burned  
for half an hour.

1340 small fire 240' x 120' in burned for half  
an hour.

1730 light Gadeny.

Bobs 1030 Patrol of 30. left for Kirks returning  
x Bobs. 1730 nil Report.

x Ngaraneneo 0840 Patrol of 10. 10 20 25 left to Rice track  
shown on Lae Palamau. 10 mi from Buarip mound.

Nagananeneo. O.P. Patrol returned 1630

Report left Nagananeneo to the Buarip track  
headed South for a short distance then

East for the remainder of the patrol. track

Indistinct in most parts and very hard going  
Reached Buarip track on NW Bank of Lake

Wanum. and followed track to Buarip.

The track shows little sign of use in

1345/25



the last 2 days or so except for a few native  
foot prints. arrived at Bwanip 1145 and  
Inspected all the huts. which showed  
Recent use. by natives left 1230 and  
Endeavoured to find track back along  
Markham River and around CP  
this was found impossible owing  
to the thick jungle.

4 Ngaraneneo. 123 Patrol of 200. left to Recce. Sheldon  
area. Returning 1720.

Report: Proceeded to Sheldon along track  
leading East. along Markham. Continued  
on Past huts previously found and further  
along. came upon 25 huts which showed  
previously occupied by our troops a fair  
time ago. track was then lost in Banana  
Patch near head of Ngaraneneo cr. Patrol  
arrived back at 1720.

General. A Church Parade was held at  
Wampit Sunday 23 May 1945.  
a good attendance was noticed.  
Personnel from Dese also attended  
the service was conducted by Padre  
(SAVILLE)

Two further copies of Gap Papers  
also enclosed with Reports. Please  
advise as soon as possible if  
papers are of value. so that can  
notify those responsible for the  
finding of them.

A further supply of Anteen goods  
arrived today and will be forwarded  
on to the forward areas tomorrow.

Pto Mchaday R.



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1066

FROM 4041. 42. 0430/22 TO 0430/23 May  
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Benn. O.P. Report of Patrol from Markham Point  
✓ which went to verify Native Report - Ref  
gaps in that area.

Patrol: Proceeded to Markham Point and  
area was searched to old gap ambush  
Posn. but no sign of any gaps could  
be seen anywhere in this area.  
On way back 2 gaps were observed  
fishing off a mud Bank across River  
just below heath. A full Report  
will be forwarded at earliest opportunity.

Kirks 0800 Patrol 20R left for Ngaranemo. Returning  
✓ at 11:15. Report. No activity observed. Tracks  
wet and greasy. River had risen  
and track was flooded in places.

1345. 1 Enemy A/c observed flying from  
a westerly direction half circled. Then flew  
towards Bobs. 1355 A/c again over head.  
and headed NE

KIRKS.O.P. 0830 Visibility fair fog lifting  
1345. Enemy A/c. circled over head and then  
flew towards Bobs circled around and  
Returned. Then flew East. Circled behind  
hills. after five mins. Returned and  
flew towards Bobs again  
1430. at 230 May approx 3 miles at foot  
hills across River.

Ngaranemo.O.P. 0830 arrived at O.P. Visibility good  
1040 chopping heard in scrub on North  
side of River. opposite O.P.

1410 Enemy A/c flew in from a westerly  
direction on the west side of mt. and  
circled Bobs then proceeded towards  
wampit. circled over wampit then flew  
and circled over Gabensis. Then circled  
over Benn O.P. and Returned and circled  
wampit then flew up valley and

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and circled over Yabensis then flew towards  
Lae and out to sea. Turned and flew  
south 1505 A/c observed in foot hills N.W.  
of O.P. across River

1530 Small craft possible canoe with  
sail up heading up River and pulled  
in at Narakapor Plantation. unable to  
distinguish occupants.

1545. A/c observed flying over Lae  
heading west appeared to be same  
A/c as previously reported.

Ngaranemo. 1030. Patrol of 1 Noo 10R. left for Old Man  
Returned to Old Man: 1230 left at 1400  
Arrived back at Old Man returning  
to Ngaranemo at 1800. Nil report.

Old Man. 0945 Sig arrived from Ngaranemo  
1420 Enemy A/c flying east of Old Man  
turned and circled overhead and  
then flew towards Bobs.

Bobs 0830. Patrol. 20R. left Bobs for Kirks  
Returning at 1600. nil report (daily  
Patrol between Bobs and Kirks)

1400 Kirks Reported enemy A/c flying  
west towards Bobs.

1405 Enemy A/c flying from westerly  
direction. Returned and circled over  
the area at approx 300 ft. then headed  
North. 1420 A/c returned passed overhead

at approx 500 ft heading towards  
Wampit. 1430. A/c heard flying east of  
Bobs heading North. Reported passing  
west of Kirks.

DEX Wampit. 1415. Enemy A/c approx 700 ft flew  
in from the North turned and  
flew overhead again. 15 minutes  
later same plane flew in again  
from the North and flew overhead  
and disappeared in a southerly  
direction. Bobs where reported



1066

Enemy A/C heading towards Wampit. When  
the plane was seen heading towards  
an area.

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Remarks forward Platoons. Reported A/C  
as ZEKE. But from our  
observations. This plane had non  
retractable under carriage. and  
could only be placed as WATE.

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General Further gap papers are arriving  
Dese tomorrow. and will be  
forwarded by courier on Monday  
24 May. Cpl Robertson and  
Pte Jones left this morning to  
traverse track from Ngaramere  
to Buarif. Maps arrived safely  
by courier yesterday afternoon.

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moral. quite a large amount of  
mail has arrived in the last  
three days. which has helped to  
keep up the high moral of the  
troops.



weather. Last night a very heavy  
storm caused a fair amount of  
inconvenience. Several small  
Log Bridges were washed away  
and the creek that runs through  
the camp area was running  
very swiftly.. at five o'clock  
it was very amusing trying  
to get a spot where the water  
was not so wide so as to cross  
over a small piece of wood  
was brought into use as a  
Temporary Bridge. by lunch time  
the creek had dropped to normal.

Pt Meehaday A



Bew OP 0600 weather foggy. light  
Rain. Visibility nil.

0800 Patrol left for Bwanip  
Returning 1410. will Report

0805 VAC heard flying overhead  
in fog flying very low.

0930. VAC heard flying from  
the direction of Lai

1440 Enemy AC circled over  
area

1550 Patrol Ret from OOMSIS

1700 Special Patrol returned  
from Markham Point

Report

In Connection with Reports of  
skeletons Kerk's area where Gap  
Papers found. Capt Kingdon Reports  
that the area concerned belongs  
to the Gabensis tribe and they  
have not been there for the past  
twelve months. and that natives  
from across River do not  
come into this area. also  
the River here is quite



Shallow. and natives from the  
south side can wade across  
to the North side quite easily

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Situpa.

Nos 410: 411. 0430/21 To 0430/22. May 43

Ngaranemo 20 May. 1430. Large fire N.N.W of O.P. in Range on North Side of River. 1500 Several Buildings (no. not stated) observed NW of O.P. at Base of Foot Hills between Crap River and a creek in distance west of Crap. distance was deceptive.

1515. 2 Canoes with sails up. observed moving up stream towards Warakapor at 1510

Canoes pulled into Plantation. Warakapor occupants could not be discerned.

1615 fire observed on Ridge opposite Markham Point. 1700. Explosion heard in direction of Sea. 1745 Light fading visibility Poor.

Ngaranemo. O.P. 21 May. 0815 mist rising. Visibility Fair

0820 mist descending in foot hills. 0845 visibility good

0845 fire observed approx 250° other side of River opposite Markham Point. 0915 A/c plane

heard in direction of Sea. 1000 8 natives emerged from scrub approx 200° East of Warakapor.

Plantation followed track to water's edge some carrying objects others had knife which glinted in sunlight. 1100. 1 native came from

Bank of River opposite O.P. waded upstream to mud flat where he appeared to drop something then swam back to Bank. 1145 4 natives

lit fire small fire on Eastern side of Warakapor apparently for cooking.

1525 A/c heard flying East. 1230 A/c heard flying N.W. (date?)

Ngaranemo. 0900 Patrol 1100 HOR passed through

old main. 1000 went along Kirk's track across creek. turned down track leading

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Name der Mutter.

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to Markham then through Plantations came across old Buildings consisting 2 huts 14 sleeping huts, 1 Rat hut approx accommodation 1 coy. 1430 Returned Old Mani. left Old Mani following track for 100 yds. then turned down track East well defined and had been cleared in places 20 yds wide. and found jap Papers. (old track) 3 old huts no recent occupation. Returned to Ngarareso 17

17.30

Continuation  
other sheet.

General. Enclosed are Reports and Papers found. No 1 Packet was picked up by survey person and our patrol. No 2 by Cpl McGinnis. No 3 Cpl. Giblett. The Papers appear to be similar. but all that have come to hand are being forwarded.

Ref. chalk marker mentioned in last night Report. was found to be dropped earlier in the day by survey Personnel.

Remarks. Stationary arrived today in good order. Carpenters and ANO. left for Markham Point area at 0600 this morning. Line communication has now been taken through to Ngarareso C.P. This will enable me to get the Report the same day. instead of relying on runner

Nummer der Karte	Nummer des Blattes	Ge-schlechts	Name des Kindes	Name der Eltern
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Sitrep

Rec'd 1350/22

No 38 39

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0430/20 TO 0430/21.

May 43

From Yagiz

Bobs OP 0600 Weather overcast, Visibility Poor

0645 v/c heading direction of lake

0945 v/c heard in direction of River direction unknown.

1600 Fire observed North side of Lake Wanam.

Bobs following on Report in Sitrep No 35.

2 Survey Personnel. Report on Tuesday they left Old Man and proceeded along Old Man Kims track looking for Old Native Pad.

They crossed the creek at map Ref 364 503

L.P.2 1 mile and then turned Right along creek and found old Pad 80 yds

from Creek Crossing on Markham River side. Followed Pad for 15 mins found

fresh Bae foot prints and occasional slashed twigs. They came across a

grove lean to freshly made. Large enough for two men to sleep in.

owing to the size of Patrol. They returned to Ngaranemo and reported.

Ngaranemo. OP 20 May a Patrol of 20 MC. Plus 2 Survey Pers left to Recv same track previously

Reported on the track at map Ref 374 509

L.P.2 gap Papers were picked up. They were partly torn. These were set

there two days ago. Patrol doubled back from track and went along

Sheldons track in order to get round on other side on Sheldons track found

fresh Bae foot prints leading to River and then along bank in westerly

direction Patrol then returned.

of further Patrol of 100 30 MC left to make further Investigation.

Send message for JAP reports.

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Ob Zeit der Gante Ort der Gante Gante



Bobo  
KIRKS  
x

0845 Patrol of inc 100 left Kirks for Old Man  
They met the Ngarameneo Patrol to Old Man  
Returned with Ngarameneo Patrol arriving  
1200. Ngarameneo. They accompanied the  
Special Patrol which left Ngarameneo  
at 1315. Passing through Old Man 1415  
arriving back at Kirks 1615. Report  
after getting on track to be Rice about  
100 yds more Jap Papers were picked up.  
Proceeding along track the vines on  
side had freshly been slashed. The sap  
being still wet it was very faint and  
hard to follow. The cut vines a further  
100 yds Rubber soled foot prints could  
be picked up. This Patrol then went a  
long track for a few yards then left  
the Special Patrol. After leaving  
they moved through Bush to Old Man  
Track and in the Bush found another  
Jap Paper. Half way between Sheldon  
and Kirks a chocolate wrapper was  
picked up. This was not here this morning  
note Investigation are being made as  
to the Identity of wrapper. as no printing could  
be found on it.

Why are  
they?

Ngarameneo  
x

Special Patrol Report. Left Ngarameneo at  
1315 Passed through Old Man getting  
on to the track to be Rice. traces of a fire could  
be seen on side of track this was recent.  
further on more Jap Papers were picked  
up. came on the side of track where cut  
in such a way that the tip of them pointed  
to the Markham River. traces of small  
heel mark was noticed these were much  
smaller than the dust Boot.

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Heidnischer Name  
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several tracks when noticed Branching off main track. one of these was followed which led to an old Hut this had not been occupied. then following main track to Markham River foot Prints of Bare feet were followed along Bank when signs of Broken Earth showed that it had been Broken Recently. by the size of foot Prints it looked like Native Prints. a crossing appears quite good, the bed of the River is stony fairly shallow. it may be possible to wade across. on way back they passed through what may be a possible ambush. a pole about 18 feet high was leaning up against a tree. pole had scratches on side which could have been made by nails on boots. the pole was strong enough to carry a light man. on some of small tracks they found similar footprints both heel marks and Bare feet.

The Patrol returned to Old Mani.

L.M.G. Post Kuru 1400. In a N.E. direction approx 15 miles across River in foot hills a thin column of smoke appeared for 3 minutes then went out. due North of Post approx 3-4 miles, due North approx 1 mile, approx 6 miles N.W. in valley between Road and Range 5-6 miles approx N.W. and approx 8-10 miles high up in Range. similar columns of smoke were observed for the same duration. all being across River  
 Note. I have been in touch with Capt Kyngdon. to see if the Natives use this as a type of signal. he said it was

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Not a custom for the natives to use signals.  
but Natives have desire for lighting fires  
he could not explain the reason for  
this.

Kirks 0840 Gc had flying North 1230  
1230 fires observed on foothills due  
North 1325 fires approx 2 miles 310 may  
1400. At 280 may further fires could  
be seen.

Kirks 0915 Patrol 2 ORs left for Nangoona  
Returning to Kirks 1300. Will Report  
Ngaranimo 19 may 1500 Patrol 2 ORs left for Old man  
P. Returning 1540.

20 may 0800 2 Survey Personnel left  
to Rice track Returning 12000 Report  
as previous.

19 may 1235 3 A/c flying North  
1235 Natives observed lighting fires  
across River. 1300 fires observed  
near Mack's camp another fire NE.  
1440 & 1500 fires North & NE across  
River.

20 may 0830 Visibility nil. 0845  
mist lifting 0910. Vis good, 0950 up  
East of Position heading North.

Lake Wannin covered by mist  
1110 small fire North Mars Camp  
mist lifting over Lake Wannin  
vis good.

old man. Nil Report.

General The Gaps Papers could not be fed  
with this Report. but will be fed  
as soon as they arrive here.

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Pto Markaday 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



Strip

Nos 36. 37. 0430/19 TO 0430/20

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From Page:

Bens O.P. 0600 weather overcast. Visibility Poor

X 0900 Patrol of 1 Nco 20N left for Buarip

1220 VAC observed flying North

1225 fire observed N.E. of Lake Wanam

1310 fire observed behind Ngarameneo

1545 VAC observed flying direction Lac

X 1545 Patrol that left for Buarip at

Ngarameneo O.P. <sup>18 May</sup> 1245. Large fire NW in Valley half way to foothills across River +3

1300 smoke from fire observed on edge of Plantation near Lake Wanam:

1445 smoke observed North of O.P. near Yabatsung

1630. All fires reported burnt out

19 May. 0900 Visibility Nil. 0930 Visible good

1215 fire observed in foot hills NW of O.P.

X Kirks 1000. Patrol of 20 N.S. left for Old

Mani, arrived at Old Mani. Returning to Kirks

at 1545. This patrol was to Recce track along

Markham River to Sheldon. for 300 yds

Report coming to a Banyana Patch the track

seemed to fade out. The track after half an

hour from Kirks. the track had collapsed

in several places. and new tracks had

to be cut. the patrol then proceeded to Old Mani

where they met Capt. Kingdom. who stated

he would investigate this track with natives

and report the result of investigation.

Kirks O.P. 0740. Fog lifted 1030 small fire

observed approx 1 mile at 270° mag. 1215 fire

observed behind Nanagoona at 240 mag.

1330 four small fires approx 4 miles at 260° mag

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1315 fire observed approx 2 miles at 345° mag  
1540 fire observed approx 3 miles 380° mag  
1715 fire observed in following direction  
240° - 280° mag 17:00 Light fading.

Bobs 2000 2 shot head from direction  
of Wampit River. Patrol sent out  
to investigate. Pto Moshaday

Ration. The Free Ration of Tobacco  
and Paper arrived today and will  
go out to the food pts tomorrow  
It will be very welcome as the  
supplies had become very low.  
also a Razor Blade issue will  
go out to each man.

Pto Moshaday

Dec 10  
1330/21

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# Taufregister

Nummer des Jahres	Geschlecht	Heidnischer Name	Christlicher Name	Wohnort	Ungefährliches Alter
C. COY. SITNOR. NO 34 x 35 18-19 MAY					
13 pl.		NIL Report			to 0500 hrs.
14 pl.		0600 Time - Vis good.			
Ben O.P. 0620 patrol left for ambush position on MARKHAM Pt. track to relieve present patrol					
1130 relieved patrol returned. patrol report following.					
1245 heavy smoke seen near BWARIP.					
1250 heavy smoke seen NW direction SOUTH of River towards NGARANENO					
1245 Ack Ack heard direction of LAE					
1500 Smoke seen NORTH of River off NGARANENO					
15 pl					
Ngaraneno O.P. 17 MAY.					
11230. 22 Bombers 26 fighters flying from NE then flew WEST (suspected enemy)					
1415. 3 P38's flying towards LAE					
1420. 2 fires started near MARKHAM. R bank N.E. of O.P.					
1435 Fire started EAST side of Deep CK. SOUTH side of MARKHAM RIVER.					
1520 fire on plain 2 1/2 MIs N.W.					
1615. 8 natives came from mission area and went upstream lighting fires indiscriminately					
NGARANENO O.P. 18 MAY.					
0830 Vis bad					
1000 Vis good					
1200 2 large fires NW of O.P. in foot hills					
1245 fires seen O.P. side of LAKE NYANUM.					
OLD MARI 17 MAY					
1430 patrol left for KIRKS					
1500 patrol left for NGARANENO.					



# Erwachsene

Ob Verheiratet	Zeit der Taufe	Ort der Taufe	Täufer	Bemerkungen
	18 MAY	OLD MARI		
	1430	patrol arrived from NGARANENO		
	1500	patrol arrived from KIRKS		
	0815	patrol left for NGARANENO		
	1430	returned NIL report.		
	1300	patrol arrived from Bobs.		
	1300	patrol left for OLD MARI. returned		
	1715	As this patrol were leaving OLD MARI.		
		they met 2 survey men who had seen small		
		hint off an old track near Sheldons. That		
		would house 2 men. Recce patrol are going out		
		to investigate		
	0830	Heavy Fog		
	0900	4/1 plane flying S.W.		
	1245	fires due NORTH of O.P. in foothills		
	1245	fires EAST of O.P. behind NGARANENO		
	1335	fire WEST of O.P. near NGARANENO		
		village.		
	1340	fire NE of O.P. in foothills.		
	1030	patrol left for KIRKS.		
	1700	returned NIL Report		
			J. A. Robertson Cpl.	

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## Geburts

Laufende Nummer.	Nummer des Jahres.	Geschlecht.	Name des Kindes.	Name der Vaters.
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0900 Vis good. 1040 Big fires observed NE of O.P. approx 3 miles from O.P.

1115 v/c. heard flying over Lac area

1116 sound cutting timber heard North of O.P. 1117 Bombing. heard in direction of Lac. 1125 Big fires observed NE of O.P. approx. 1 1/2 miles from O.P. 1125. Small fires NW at foot hills approx 5 miles from O.P.

Kirks 17. May 0800 v/c. Heard flying overhead above clouds vis was Bad direction in which v/c was travelling. unknown.

1000 Visibility good. 1045 fire on North side of River at foothills in a NW direction.

1130 2 small fires on North side River. in similar direction as previous fires

1210 Smoke observed at Ngarameno. Village

1240 23 bombers 28 fighters observed flying in a southerly direction. 1245 2 fighters observed flying south then turned east Round marking noticed under wing tips

1410 fire observed North of O.P. on North side of River. 1500. Small fires on North side of River. in a NW direction. 1730 Light fading.

Kirks 17 May. 1130 Patrol from Old Mani left. 1330 v/c observed flying North

1200 Patrol from Old Mani Returned Nil Report.

L.M.G. Report Nil Report.



# Register.

Name der Mutter.

Geburtsort.

Geburtsdag.

Bemerkungen.

General.

I am going up to Bobs and Kirks for 2 days so as to check on the Patrol Report so as to get information from the Patrol.

Some lantern goods arrived today and will be sent forward to the sections. The cigarettes will be welcome among the troops, as supplies have been very low.

*W. H. Horkaday*

Remarks as Reported from Ngaramenee O.P. sound of cutting timber heard. following on yesterday's Report from Bens O.P. Ref tracks and footprints. It may be possible that the Party may have moved toward Garamenee. a Patrol was sent out to ~~investigate~~ search for tracks along the Markham River awaiting Report from Patrol.

*W. H. Horkaday*

Note special patrol

*W. H. Horkaday*  
20/5.

*W. H. Horkaday*

1500/19.



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Sitings

Nos 33 34 17 May

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Old Mari 15 May. 7 Natives including 4 women  
Passed through to New Mari with fruit.  
Place where the Natives seen crossing  
the River. Previously reported they  
brought back food for a festival at  
New Mari.

16 May. 0600 Bombing heard in direction  
Lae " " A/C heard flying South  
" " A/C heard flying East.

Kirbs 16 May. 0710 Bombing heard direction  
Lae 1030 Smoke seen NE of Old Mari  
1245 10 Bostons flying very low along  
River towards Lae. 10<sup>PM</sup> 138 flying high  
above Bostons.

1505 8 gap A/C flying SE

1515 Large number of A/C heard in NW  
direction. 7 A/C seen. More heard following

Ngaranemo <sup>OP</sup> 16 May 0830 A/C heard above clouds  
but could not be seen. 0830-0930  
Visibility very misty. 1000. Sea was visible

1100 Bombing heard direction of Lae 5  
Explosions heard.

1315 Patrol of 1000 men left for Old Mari

Kirbs <sup>OP</sup> 16 May 0815 Patrol left for Ngaranemo.

0845 A/C heard above clouds flying  
SW. 1430 Fires observed west of OP

1435 Fires 2 miles west of first fire

1440 A/C travelling west then turned  
then flew East. 1600 Fires on North  
of River NW of OP

1630-1645. Similar Reports

L.M.G. Nil Report all these Reports

Name der Patrouille

Name des Kindes

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schlecht.

Numer  
des  
Kindes.

Geurts

Where handed in this morning  
by Runner. owing to communication



1200  
Beno OP 17 May. Explosions heard early in the night  
in direction Lae

0600 Weather fine visibility good.

0830 Patrol 1 W/O 8 OR left for Buauif

1230 7 UAC flying N.W.

1245 UAC flying from direction Lae

1305 2 UAC flying direction Lae

1415 3 P/38 heading for Lae

1520 Patrol to Buauif returned. Nil Report

Wampit. 1610 Patrol from Beno. Nil Report

Beno 1630 fire observed behind Ngaraneneo  
NW of OP

Boko 0745 Patrol 2 OR left for Wampit  
with strips for 16 May.

1140 Patrol of 2 OR left for Ngaraneneo

1245 Flight of heavy AC leading SW

1255 UAC observed flying N.E.

0915 Patrol left for Wampit returning

at 1555. Nil Report.

0940 Bombing heard in direction  
of Lae.

Old Mania 17 May 1145 40 AC flying North

Ngaraneneo. 16 May 1645 Patrol from Old

Mania returned Nil Report.

Ngaraneneo OP, 16 1600 2 fires in a

Westerly direction on North Side River

1700. fire observed at New Mania

17 May 1230 Patrol 2 OR left for Old

Mania. 1600 2 fires in westerly direction

on North Side River.

17 May 0800 Visibility Nil Fog lifting.

Bezeichnung.

Geurtsort.

Geurtsort.

Name der Mutter.

Register.

6/1/05



Sitings.

Nos 31 32 0430/16 TO 0430/17 May

Bens OP Patrol to Buarip Reports at about  
3/4 hrs from Bens OP Map Ref 443-450 approx  
L. Pz. 1 in footprints when discovered  
4 sets of heeled boots or shoes looked  
like Rubber Soles. Two sets Casting to  
OP and two to Buarip. Antennae on  
till half way creek was reached. Here  
the grass was broken down. approx  
20 men may have had Breakfast  
then tracks then led to Buarip at  
Square 4450 a locknet was discovered

This was as far as the Patrol went.  
0600 weather overcast and visibility  
good.

Explosion heard all night in direction  
Lae.

- 0740 vP Planes flying North Vis Bad.
- 0805 Patrol left for Buarip
- 1330 Patrol returned from Buarip Report  
Previously stated
- 1440 vP Planes flying direction Lae
- Bobs OP 0745 flight of vP Planes flying  
west.
- 0815 vP Planes flying NE direction



0915. ✓ Planes flying NE 0845. ✓ Planes flying

1045. Patrol 2 OR left for Kink

1045. Patrol from Mampit arrived

1445. 2 OR left for Ngarameneo. to inform them  
of discovery of ~~foot~~ foot prints and for them  
to send a patrol out in the morning  
to scout along Markham River to Bwanik

Bemo 1615. Big fire observed NW of OP.

Cpl Robertson returned this afternoon at  
16.30. Reports that on Saturday morning  
between 0700 and 0800 while at  
Markham Point they heard what  
appeared to be AC warming their engines

Rebo OP. NIL Report. Communications very  
difficult.

1415

1415



Report.

Regards to the weather Report.  
It is very difficult to get  
an accurate height of the  
clouds. So I am working on  
the principle of a low cloud  
are moving low. I will make  
the height 20,000. But if there  
should be any that are detached  
from the main group I will give  
an approx height!

At Landing Strip at present  
~~the strip~~ is overgrown with  
Kumai grass. It is believed a  
Parcel was dropped a few days  
ago, but has not been found.  
The strip could be made  
~~usable~~ usable in a few  
weeks.

Bob Horaday



Step (contd)

KIRKOP 0915. Bombing heard in a  
N.E. direction till 0930

0945 1/1 Plane flying North.

Visibility was poor.

1245 7 Bostons 11 P/38 flying NE

1330 Trns observed, on North side  
River in NE Direction

1445 4/1 Planes heading East

1515 Planes Bombers. Possibly  
Enemy Planes. by the type of Plane

1525 4/1 Plane flying in NE  
direction.

Remarks The Bostons mentioned between  
1220 and 1300 Possibly the same  
Planes. they passed at DEX  
at 1235. and cpl Robertson  
mentioned cpl Rhone tonight at  
about 1300. he saw the Bostons  
flying very low along

TOR 1225



Never then just thru the top of  
the hills heading for Lae. then  
he could just hear the Bombs  
going off. He will be returning  
to base tomorrow night.

Source open  
(a)



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Period:

From hrs. on

To hrs. on

Call Sign or Code Name

Time	To & From	Signals Made and Received	Signal Strength	Frequency in K.c/s	Remarks
	V.	Sitrep			
	V.	Nos 29-30			
	V.	From 0430/15 to 0430/16			May. 43
	V.	0810/14			Yap Plane passed over head from
BOBS OP	V.	South over Marham River in direction			
	V.	of Lae			
	V.	0820			Flight of 4 planes flying west
	V.	0855			Reports like gun fire heard north of OP
	V.	en North side of River			
	V.	0905 and 1000			Similar Reports same direction
	V.	1300			Fire north and NW. on North Bank
	V.	River			
	V.	1300			6 natives observed loading canoe on
	V.	North side of River near Sheldon crossing			
	V.	1323			Canoe left heading down stream at
	V.	1415			landed across River NE of OP at 1515
	V.	2 natives			crossed clearing from plantation
	V.	behind mission			then disappeared in jungle
	V.	6 cows			where observed in same area
	V.	1525			2 natives entered canoe and went
	V.	down stream			entering small channel
	V.	then went on to village			opposite Marham
	V.	Point			
	V.	1735			v/Plane heading north of OP
BOBS	V.	1000/15			Patrol left for WAKS
	V.	1235			12 Bostons flew overhead heading
	V.	North			1300 v/Planes flying over head in
	V.	a northerly direction			
	V.	1520			v/Plane over head direction unknown
BENS OP	V.	0600			weather over east slightly foggy
	V.	0615			v/Plane heading direction Lae
	V.	0625			Patrol 100R left for Cd/Busk Ben

Operators



Time	To & From	Signals Made and Received	Signal Strength	Frequency	Remarks
0945					4 Planes heading North.
1155					old Ambush Patrol Returned. Report on Wednesday morning. about 40 mins from old Ambush Post in a dry creek Bed. a new track was discovered leading to the Right up to the ridge. Several foot prints of Rubber Soled Boots could be plainly seen. Further investigations being made.
Bomb O.P.					1800. weather fine
					1800 Cpl Robertson and Pte Jones Returned from Markham Point
Bob					Old mail 14.
					1445 Patrol from Ngaraneneo arrived.
					1500 Patrol from Kurks left on Return trip
					1625 Nagananeneo. Patrol left on Return trip
					18 May.
					1030. Patrol from Kurks arrived.
					1220 10 Bostons and 6 P/38 heading direction of Lae
					1440. 7 of Planes flying South.
KIRKS					0715. Rifle shot heard on North side Markham River.
					0730 Bombing heard direction Lae
					0730 till 0830 Planes observed flying in Both directions Lae
					0945 Flight of Bostons flying NW direction
					1530 Enemy Plane flying NW direction
					0830 Patrol left for Old Mail
					Returning 1700. NIL Report



Setup.

Nos 28 29 14 May  
0430/14 TO 0430/15.

Bobs 0600 from KIRKS. zero observed flying at about  
✓ 1000 to 1500 ft heading east

DEX. ✓ <sup>KAMIKAZE (MITSUBISHI)</sup> Type 97A Enemy. Dive Plane flew overhead  
in a northerly direction at about 1500 ft.

BENS OP 0600 weather fine and clear.

✓ 0700 1/1 Plane observed flying direction  
Lae.

✓ 0815 1/1 Plane with under carriage down  
flying easterly direction

✓ 0825 4/1 medium Bombers flying in  
SW direction

✓ 0830 plane observed flying from  
direction Lae in a westerly direction

✓ 1200 Big Fires observed behind Ngarameneo  
✓ 1245 Fires had burnt out.

✓ 0900 Patrol of 200 left Bobs for Kirks

WAMPIT/0800 Patrols left for Bobs and Bens

✓ 1450 Patrol from Bobs returned

✓ 1545 Patrol from Bens returned.

KIRKS 0650 1 gap fighter plane flew directly over  
camp flying due east in direction of  
Ngarameneo OP at about 1000 ft.

✓ Markings clearly visible

1350/16



- ✓ 0900 Patrol of 2 OR left <sup>for</sup> Naraqsona Returning
- ✓ 1515 Rep. appears to be a Festival in Ngaraneneo Village apparently in honour of No 1 Boy
- ✓ 0925 Patrol of 2 OR left for Old Mani
- ✓ Returning 1655. Mill Report
- ✓ 1710 Bombing heard. direction unknown

KIRK'S OP 0650 gap fighter seen flying in easterly direction.

0815 10// Plane heard towards Ngaraneneo but sound similar to previous

✓ 0830 Flight of 4// planes travelling in a westerly direction

OLD Mani 0820 1 gap plane flying very low over head in easterly direction

1000/4 Natives arrived. on way to cross River. Stated they would be returning Monday (Possibly it is a Patrol. sent by Anqu to obtain further information of enemy)

General Possibly. Gap plane mentioned between 0600 to 1830 in several cases. was the one we observed flying over head.

Moral. of troops in forward areas is very high despite the tiring work of patrolling.



Sihup 13 May

Nos 26-27

0430/13 TO 0430/14

10R.

1400/15  
led.

Bens O.P. 0600. weather fine and clear. C.O.

✓ 0940 Patrol of 3OR left for Bwarip

✓ 1200 Fire observed behind Ngaramo.

✓ 1230 Two groups of 4/1 Planes observed flying in direction of Lac

✓ 1400 3 Explosions heard in direction of Lac.

✓ 1405 Liberator observed flying from direction of Lac.

✓ 1550 Patrol Returned from Bwarip  
nil Report

Bobs O.P.

✓ 0930 Patrol of 2OR left Kihls for Bobs  
Arrived at Bobs 1100.

✓ 0900 Patrol of 2OR left Bobs for Kihls

✓ 0900 Patrol of 1MCO 1OR left for Ngaramo.

Bens O.P. ✓ N.I.L. Report

Bobs

✓ Ngaramo O.P. 12 May

✓ Fires observed across River all afternoon

✓ 1415 Patrol 2OR left for Old Mani

✓ 1615 Patrol Returned from Old Mani  
nil Report

Ngaramo O.P. weather fine visibility good  
River falling considerably



0800 Explosion heard in direction Lac  
Bols ✓ 1705 Nganamo Patrol Returned

KIRKS

✓ 0830 Patrol 2 OR left Kirks for Old Man

✓ Returning Kirks 1645 Nil Report

LMG Posn. Reports fires all day across River  
✓ at foot hills

Kirk O.P. Visibility good.

Smoke observed other side River  
all day

1245 U/I plane observed travelling North

1245 Smoke observed on Island past

Nganamo

River fallen considerably now

possibly to wade to Island but  
not across River.

Pto Her Majesty

ME



Sheet.

Rec'd (1315)

0400 to 1630 12 May

13 pl. Nil Reports

Bobs 1015 Patrol of 2 OR left for Kurhs. Returning at 1500. Nil Report

0930 Special Patrol Returned from Investigating shots on left flank. Report following

Ben's O.P. 0600 Fine and Foggy  
0600 Patrol of 1 NCO 9 OR left for Ambush

Tom  
0910 1 P39 observed flying NORTH  
1150 Patrol returned from Ambush.  
NIL Report

Bobs O.P. Ngarano O.P. cont. 11 May visibility good a few misty periods during day 1400 to 1800. Fires observed in all directions both sides of river looked like grass fires

Horses again observed near Gabatsung 12 May. Visibility good  
0830 Fires <sup>grass</sup> observed all morning Ngarano. 11 May

1245 Patrol 2 OR left for Old Mari. Returned at 1600.

OLD MARI 11 May Reports 1 native from New Mari arrived during day.



he was questioned but nothing could be obtained from him.

✓ 0820 1P38 observed flying North

KIRKS OP

Fires observed all directions during morning. Fire at Nagarooma.

LMG Post Reports 1015 fires observed in NE NW directions across Markham River

✓ 1000 Explosion heard direction of OLD MARI.

\* KIRKS. 0930 12 May. Special Nagarooma Patrol Returned. Reports. Patrol followed track leading to Nagarooma O.P.

then through Native Village continuing till track came to dead end. Camped for night there. Returning same track arrived back at Kirks

✓ 0930 a few markings in the ground was noticed also a Bisunto tin was found.

detailed Report and sketch following.

0245 Patrol of 2 ORs left for Old Mari.

✓ 1700 Patrol Returned. Nil Report

Pto Markham 14/5



C. COY. SITNOR to 0500. 12 MAY

To IO <sup>by Reports</sup>

- 10 May 43
- X 13 PL SITNOR patrols to Bobs + Ben, NIL reports
  - 14 PL SITNOR, 0600 Fine - Foggy
  - X 0620 patrol left for MARKHAM Pt. to observe barge
  - X 0630 U/I plane heard over head
  - X 0915 patrol left for BWARIP.
  - X 0920 fire seen GABENSIS area
  - X 0930 heavy bombing heard and Ack Ack fire heard  
direction of LAE
  - X 1435 Fire seen N.E from other side of MARKHAM RIVER.
  - X 1545 fire seen direction of Bobs.
  - X 1515 patrol returned from Bwarip, NIL report.
  - 15 pl SITNOR (10 MAY) X Bobs 0845 one NCO 2 OR'S left for KIRKS
  - X 0900 two OR'S left on patrol to NGARANENO
  - X Bobs 11 MAY X 0400 patrol returned from KIRKS, NIL report
  - X 0500 patrol returned from NGARANENO NIL report
  - NGARANENO O.P. 10 MAY X 1315 fires observed across  
MARKHAM River NE and NW of O.P. along NADZAB track  
also NW in foothills
  - X 1530 fire seen between LAKE VYANUM and BWARIP <sup>investg</sup>
  - X 1615 Two horses observed near GABMATSLUNG Mission.
  - X 1700 gun fire heard NE O.P. behind range
  - X 1745 three cows across river near GABMATSLUNG. mission
  - NGARANENO O.P. 11 MAY X 0800 VISIBILITY Bad
  - X 0900 Vis good - sea could be seen
  - X 0945 explosion heard + Ack Ack fire seen bursting  
LAE area



NGARA O.P. 11 MAY

X 1100 fire NE of GABMAT SUNG mission

OLD MARI 0945 1 NCO 20R's arrived from Bobs -

X left for KIRKS 1100 NIL report.

X 1045 patrol arrived from KIRKS NIL report

X 1105 patrol arrived from NGARINENO NIL report

KIRKS 0630 4/1 planes heard flying NE.

X 0745 patrol left for NARAGONGA. 1 NCO 20R's  
went to observe raft activity - have not yet  
returned (believed nature)

✓ 0930 - 0940 bombing heard NE direction

KIRKS O.P. 0930 4/1 plane travelling towards LAE  
bombing heard soon after

0940 bombing ceased

1230 fire observed NNE. plane heard NE (4/1)

1410 fire observed NE.

1550 fire observed WEST on SOUTH side of MARKHAM  
River

1600 and 1700 explosion heard direction of  
NGARANENO sounded like grenades.

J. A. Robertson Cpl.





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AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND



In Conjunction with

Y. M. C. A.

(Use Military Address only)

No. ....

10 May 43

194.....

Dear Bill,

an unofficial note to tell you the state of affairs in relation to your order that signals must be originated by 0500 + 1700 hrs. These times are unpracticable. Daily patrols from this front do not return until approx 1700. This means info has then to be passed back to here. Communications are in such a bad way that this takes anything to half an hour. As for the 0500. NO light of any description is at Bens O.P. This means that during darkness nothing involved can be passed. I'd rather to that, during the night H/T comm. is useless owing to state of lines and general condition of system.

Secondly BOBS. Much the same applies but it is worse in one respect. At present no comm. exist between NCARE NONO and BOBS except the daily patrol. That means two days for anything to get back i.e. daily patrol

MAIL YOUR LETTERS A.P.O.

DO NOT MENTION MILITARY ACTIVITIES.



from NGARENENO<sup>2</sup> connects with one from  
KIRKLANDS. Next day the KIRKS patrol get its  
back to BOBS. Of course if anything  
happened, a runner would be sent back.  
NGARENENO OP is not manned at night  
∴ is it sensible to expect a report at 0500?

191 Here things are little better. We  
have one solitary lamp. At night there  
is always someone doing urgent work.  
For instance, last night Medyns Mayland  
& Rainfield & our Doc were discussing the  
medical situation after walking all day.  
Robertson was trying to get out the sick  
Capt. Peck was writing his report. I had to  
copy rough outline plan & put in detail  
which Capt Chandler was in no condition to do  
all that under one small light. The result  
that nothing was done properly. I was forced  
to give up. The result that plan was one  
day late. That gives you some idea of the  
state of affairs.

I can assure you that no one is  
sloeking at this Coy HQ. But some of the  
things coming from back there cause loud  
sweating. A visit by you would be  
convincing. Hope you realize what  
goes on.

Bob



11 MAY. '43

To, CARPENTER LAND.

From. YOGI.

(424)

MORALE - Very GoodHEALTH - Good - 1 definite clinical malaria - several dengue.  
long ~~trousers~~ trousers + shirts must be worn at all times.MESSING & RATIONS - Satisfactory.SECURITY - Nil

Sanitation Satisfactory

GENERAL - Pte Jones + myself are leaving tomorrow morning to do going map Bens O.P. - MARKHAM Pt. will have to take rations with us I expect the job to take at least five days this will take us to 16 MAY. I realise this job must be carefully done but will finish ~~with it~~ as soon as possible.Received pencils, books + inks today, very acceptable.

Punctuality of SITREPS will be concentrated on in future, but communication is still the big problem.

f A Robertson Cpl.

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1130/13



C. Coy SITNOR. to 1600 hrs

To I.O.

DATE 10 MAY 43.

13 pl ✓ 0800 patrol left for Bobs

✓ 0800 patrol left for Ben

1400 patrol returned from Ben NIL report

1545 ✓ patrol returned from Bobs. NIL report

14 pl ✓ 0600 Fine - Foggy

✓ 0800 patrol 1 NCO, 2 OR.'s left for Bwarij

0845 patrol 4 OR.'s left for Ben

1215 patrol returned from Ben NIL report

✓ 1345 patrol returned from Bwarij NIL report

✓ 1500 big fire observed NORTH from Ben O.P. looked to be in Bwarij area

15 pl. Bobs 0900 Cpl Giblett + 1 OR. left on Reece patrol for NGARANENO, will return tomorrow night, 2 OR.'s also left with them and went as far as OLD MARI then returned NIL report

✓ 0910 2 OR.'s left for KIRKS returned 1530. NIL report.

✓ 1005 both plane seen flying NORTH. This plane circled very low over WAMPIT drone.

13 pl SITNOR to 2000 hrs NIL report.

14 pl SITNOR to 2000 hrs NIL report.

15 pl SITNOR to 2000 hrs ~~NIL report~~

9 MAY NGARANENO O.P.

✓ 1220 Boston bomber flying EAST circled then flew WEST

✓ 1330 large fire on island WEST O.P.

✓ 1445 U/K plane flying WEST



NGARANENO 9 MAY

- 0800 patrol to Sheldons returned 1200 NIL report.
- 1300 patrol to Old Chari returned 1645 NIL report.
- 1330 patrol arrived at KIRKS from Bols

10 MAY SITNOR

- NGARANENO 0800 - 0840 Visibility bad
- 0845 U/I plane flying NORTH
- 0900 small fire NORTH opp O.P.
- 1005 two fires seen NORTH of NGARANENO O.P. <sup>Mussim area</sup>
- 11045 shot heard opp side of river WEST of O.P.
- 1120 Fire seen NE direction
- 1130 Fire seen foothills NW. of O.P.
- 1145 fire seen between Charkham pt and Mt Mussim then
- KIRKS 0800 patrol left for NGARANENO. O.P. returned
- 1215 at 0800 barge seen floating down river (unoccupied)
- also seen barge on sand bank WEST of position.

KIRKS O.P. 0900 fog lifted Visibility fair

- 1005 U/I plane flying NW
- 1015 U/I plane flying NE
- 1045 smoke seen opp side of river NE.

Bols 1000 Tiger of both plane observed flying NW.

- 1200 patrol left for Old Chari returned 1700 NIL report.
- 1455 Bombing heard from WEST.

18/07/12

J. Robertson Cpt.



# INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

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No 9/5743

Health of tps Apart from several tps who are suspected to have fever and tropical sores the health is good.

Food-messing arrangements Food is Good. messing arrangements satisfactory. ✓

Morale of tps. Very Good. ✓

Sanitation Satisfactory, another latrine is being built for the hospital. ✓

Weather conditions Usually warm - dull

General. Re message I. 95. The two O.R.'s who returned from MARKHAM Pt. <sup>patrol</sup> joined OOMSIS patrol and returned to Ben. A.P. after getting approx halfway between OOMSIS and Ambush posn. These men became exhausted and could not continue. I have not yet had an opportunity to make out report on my recent recce, but I will get Pte Hockaday back here again tomorrow, I will then make one out. Difficulty is still being experienced with communication.

J.A. Robertson, Cpl.  
Recd 205 1432/44m



C. COY. SITNOR to 1900 hrs To I.O.  
DATE 9. MAY 43.

- 13 pl SITNOR patrols to Bobs and Ben NIL reports.
- 14 pl ✓ SITNOR. 0700 U/I plane heard flying NORTH, firing was heard from plane.
- ✓ 1300 patrol returned from MARKHAM Pt. NIL report.
- ✓ 1430 patrol returned from BWARIP NIL report.
- ✓ 1800 large fire seen direction of LAE.
- 15 pl/Bobs ✓ 0900 patrol left for KIRKS returned 1515 NIL report.
- ✓ 0900 bpl Gublet + I. O.R. left Bobs to Recce track to Bobs. Nth. track comes out on to Bobs - NEW Mari. track sig wire goes part of way. Other tracks were also seen these had been used recently. A further recce will be made.
- ~~0915~~ patrol left for KIRKS returned 1515. NIL report
- ✓ KIRKS 0930 patrol left for OLD MARI returned 1700. NIL report
- KIRKS O.P. 0630 U/I plane flying N.E. Ack Ack fire heard
- 0930 Fog lifted
- 1210 U/I plane flying EAST
- 1230 one Boston flying from N.E. made circle of O.P. then flew N.E.
- 1300 U/I planes flying S.E.
- 1340 U/I plane flying N.E.
- 1600 Bombing heard direction of LAE.

OVER ✓



**BOBS** 0930 Patrol of 3ORS arrived from WAMPIT. Left 1300 hrs on return to WAMPIT.  
 7/5/43 0945 Patrol of 2ORS left for KIRKS Returned BOBS 1600 hrs (NIL Report)  
 1000 u/i Plane heard overhead.  
 1100 u/i Plane heard overhead.  
 1600 Patrol of 2ORS of 6/5/43 returned <sup>from</sup> NGARONENO via SHELDONS, KIRKS (NIL Report)

**NGARONENO O.P.**

6-5-43 Several fires observed during afternoon  
 1600 Natives seen moving upstream from Island to Island, were seen lighting fires in grass.  
 1715 4 Natives landed on Sth Bank of MARKHAM in line with our camp.  
 7-5-43 0800 Visibility NIL  
 0830 Loud Explosions heard NW of O.P.  
 0835 u/i Plane flying in from NW Direction  
 0900 Visibility NIL  
 0915 Explosions heard N/NW direction.  
 0920 Mist lifting Western Sector  
 0930 Mist lifting Eastern Sector. Sea Visible  
 0950 Loud Explosions heard Nth. Direction  
 1000 3 Fortresses heard N/PW. Direction  
 1045 Boston Bomber seen flying over Lac Area. Two horses seen in clearing near Mission  
 1110 Lockheed Lightning seen over Lac. Weather Warm and Cloudy

**NGARONENO**

7-5-43 1000 3 Fortresses heard. Easterly Direction  
 1045 u/i Plane circled area and headed East.  
 1400 Patrol of 2ORS left for OLD MARIE, arriving 1445 left 1545 returning 1645 (NIL Report)

**KIRKS**

7/5/43 0735 u/i Plane flying NW direction, Explosions heard possibly A/A or plane clearing guns.  
 0830 Bombing and A/A heard N.W. Direction  
 0830 Patrol 2ORS left for OLD MARIE arrived 1045. Left 1500 hrs arrived back 1700 (NIL Report)  
 0835 More bombings heard continuing at intervals up till 1430 hrs.  
 1010 Three heavy bombers estimated fortresses; approx. 6000 ft travelling South.  
 1145 Patrol of 2ORS left for NGARONENO, arriving 1245, left 1330 arrived back 1500 reporting that 1/4 hr on KIRKS side of NGARONENO. O.P. remains of fire approx 8 people had probably camped. Thought to be Natives.

**KIRKS. O.P.**

7-5-43 0900 u/i Plane heard travelling Sth. Direction  
 0915 Bombing heard N/W repeated again 0930, & 0945.  
 1000 3 fortresses seen flying Sth direction  
 1045 Boston observed travelling N.E. direction  
 1045 u/i Plane observed travelling NE direction  
 1110 Fog lifted in Sth.  
 1540 Two fires observed NW direction approx 6 Miles.  
 1700 Fire observed due Nth, weather warm, Visibility Fair

L.M.G. Post Nil. Report.

P.T.O

Rec'd 13/5/10

*Handwritten signature*



BOBS

8/5/43

0900  
1245  
1550

Patrol of 2 ORS left for KIRKS returning 1600 Nil Report  
2 U/I planes flying N.E.  
2 U/I planes flying WEST.

NGARDNENO. OP.

7/5/43

1400

2 Fires observed North of D.P.

KIRKS

1280  
8/5/43 1445

Patrol 2 ORS left for OLD MARIE returning 1700 Nil Report  
2 U/I planes flying NORTH

KIRKS OP.

8/5/43

0900  
1225  
1315  
1317  
1320  
1455  
1500  
1503  
1504  
1515

fog lifted  
yells and calls heard across river presumed to be Natives  
Three U/I Bombers flying N.W.  
Ten U/I planes flying toward LAE  
10 Bombers flying EAST presumed same planes  
2 U/I planes flying NORTH.  
6 Mitchell Bombers flying SOUTH  
3 U/I Bombers flying SOUTH.  
2 U/I planes flying SOUTH.  
1 U/I Plane flying NTH.

BENS.

SITNOR.

As communications were out of order until after dark and they have no lights. No reports in detail will be available until morning.

J. Greenwood

Mr Bunsell.

Cpt Robertson has returned from tour of Bens details of success to follow. He has had a pretty strenuous time over past few days and is feeling pretty knocked up at present.

Rt Honaday is still indisposed and not feeling at all well at present.

Hoping above report is in order.

J. Greenwood





Intelligence Report -

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SITREPS 14-15-1800/6 TO 18/00/7

WAMPIT. 0950 Patrol left for BOBS ✓ and BENS strength 2 OR ✓  
✓ Returned 1430 Nil Reports ✓

BEN'S 6/5/43 1800 weather fine and clear ✓

? 1830 Patrol returned from Omsis + 2 OR who started out of Markham Pt Patrol. Nil Report.

✓ 7/5/43 0600 weather fine. Foggy / Heavy Rain overnight.

✓ 0805 Patrol 1 NCO 2 ORS left for Bwamp

✓ 1015 3 flying Fortresses seen flying WAMPIT direction

✓ 1040 1 Boston circled OP then flew toward LAE

✓ 1100 1 Boston flew in from WAMPIT direction

✓ 1330 Patrol 2 ORS left for Omsis

✓ 1410 Patrol returned from BWARIP Nil Report

✓ 1750 Patrol returned from OMSIS + CPL ROBERTSON Nil Report.

Bobs / no communication.

DEX / 1450 CPL Mackey arrived and his arm was operated on.

general quite a few of the troops have been sick but only 3 serious.

Morale very high.

Food very good plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables



Communication between Plo is not the best at present  
and the line between here and Partep is very difficult  
to get through at times.

1330/9



SIT. REP. 0600 hrs To 1800 hrs 6/5/43.

WAMPIT 0800 Patrol 2 ORS left for BEN returning 1530. (SIT NOR)

0830 Patrol 2 ORS left for BOBS returning 1300 (SIT NOR)

BENS

5/5/43.

1630 hrs Pte HUNTER returned from OOMSIS reporting Cpl. MACKEY wounded.

1710 Cpl. MACKEY returned reporting that Patrol that left 1100 hrs 4th May for MARKHAM area had at 1130 hrs 5 May run into Enemy Ambush (approx strength 30). Enemy opened fire. Cpl. MACKEY being wounded in right arm by 1st shot. Our Patrol countered and covered withdrawal of Cpl. GRAY who was acting forward scout. They claim enemy casualties as 1. Killed. 2. Probably Killed. Cpl. MACKEY reports enemy very poor shots.

1800 Light rain and fog.

6/5/43. 0600 Fine but foggy.

0745 Patrol of 2 ORS left for BEN.

0945 Patrol of INCO. 9 ORS left for Ambush position MARKHAM AREA to replace ~~old~~ patrol of 4th MAY.

1030 Cpl. MACKEY and stretcher bearer left for BEN.

1300 Patrol of 4th May returned from MARKHAM POINT less. Cpl. GRAY and Pte WHELAN.

1545 CAPT. DUELL and Pte OSMOND arrived. BEN O.P. together with rations.

1630 Cpl. MURRAY and Pte WALKER left for OOMSIS.

1730 Fire observed at Mt. MISANTUM. N/R. 466 484.

1800 Cpl. GRAY & Pte WHELAN returned to BEN O.P. reporting that Pte HUNTER had taken a patrol forward of Ambush MARKHAM AREA. NIL report to date.

BOBS

0840. Patrol 2 ORS left for KIRKS arriving 1045. left KIRKS 1100 hrs returning BOBS 1300 hrs. Tracks good. NIL returns SIT NOR.

0900 Patrol 2 ORS left for 2 days patrol to. OLD. MARIE, NGARANENO, SHELDONS, KIRKS.

NGARANENO. O.P.

5/5/43. Visibility fair. Fires observed BWRIP at 1400 & 1600 hrs. Still burning at dark.

6/5/43 to 1200 hrs. Visibility bad to 1000 hrs. Very good from then onwards, Sea in clear view. NIL REPORT.

NGARANENO

Misty Early. Later Fine, Warm, Cloudless.

0830 Patrol of 2 ORS left for OLD. MARIE

KIRKS

1330 Patrol of 2 ORS left for OLD. MARIE arriving 1525, left OLD. MARIE 1550 returning KIRKS. 1750. Tracks fair. NIL REPORT.

L.M.G. Position NIL REPORT.

P.T.O



KIRKS. O.P.

Visibility Fair after fog lifted at 0930 hrs. During the day smoke was observed over MARKHAM River in all directions. Large fire still burning at NGARANENO at dark, appears to be on NTH. side of river but possibly on ISLAND in river. 2030 hrs. Explosions heard N/W direction. Large flare seen in sky, same direction.

2100. Further Explosions heard in same direction between BOBS and NGARANENO.

NO. W/T communication between BOBS and NGARANENO to date. Communication being maintained by runner.

W. Greenwood Cpl

Mr. Bunsell.

Pte Hochaday is suffering from slight fever and reaction from drip etc. So I have done my best to carry on the good work of Cpl. Robertson.

Yours truly,

W. Greenwood.

1800 Cpl GRAY & Pte WHELAN returned to BEN. O.P. reporting that Pte HUNTER had taken a packet forward of Cambridge MARKHAM AREA. Nil report & det.

1730 Fire observed at Mt MISAINTON. MR 700 484

1800 Cpl GRAY & Pte WHELAN returned to BEN. O.P. reporting that Pte HUNTER had taken a packet forward of Cambridge MARKHAM AREA. Nil report & det.

BOBS

0840. Packet Bobs left for KIRKS arriving 1045. Left KIRKS 1100. Returning BOBS 1300 hrs. Much good. Mr. KIRKS SITNOR. 0800. Packet Bobs left for 2 days forward to OLD HARRIE. NGARANENO, SHELTONS, KIRKS.

0880. Packet of Bobs left for OLD HARRIE. Mark copy. After five days, Cambridge. the message seen in clear view. Nil report. 0840. Visibility fair. Two observed BURT at 1100. 1000. Still burning at dark.

NGARANENO

1530. Packet of Bobs left for OLD HARRIE. Arriving 1825. Left OLD HARRIE 1830. Returning KIRKS 1850. Great fog. Nil report. L.M. 1800. Nil report.

KIRKS

P.T.O.



SitRep 1800/4-1800/5 504p.

SITREP 10- 14PL. BENS OP 0600 weather fine and

clear. Reports

- ✓ 0815 Patrol left for BWARIP
- ✓ 0830 Patrol left for BEN

15PL SITNORM.

13PL SITNORM

LAE OP

Reports. No activity LABU village Recently  
Barge activity LAE LABU Daily about 1600

14PL BENS OP Reports 1420 Patrol left for OOM SIS ✓

✓ 1510 Patrols Return from BWARIP and BEN. ✓

✓ BWARIP Reports Fire at 354° found to be started  
by Kanakas.

1655 MARKHAM Patrol met enemy ambush  
Cpl Mackey wounded. 1725 further Report.

Enemy ambush met. 40 mins Past DEEP ~~WAT~~

✓ WATER CREEK. At 1130 Enemy casualties  
1 killed 2 Probably killed.

~~ROB. OP.~~ 1

NBARONENO OP. 1300 Fires on North Bank MARKHAM

River 1300 4 natives on Raft moving down  
River N.E. direction.

✓ 1400 Patrol left for OLD MARI Arrived 1445  
left 1545 Arrived back 1630. ✓



KIRKS OP

0830 Patrol left NAGAROOMA arrived  
0900 observed for half an hour. Reports Natives  
Returning NAGAROOMA village.  
0800 Patrol left for OLD MARI arriving  
Back at Kirks. 1630 Report. Natives ~~quite~~  
questioned ~~Thomas~~ to how many white  
masters at OLD MARI.  
weather Fog lifted at 1000 Visibility Fair 1245  
Smoke seen across River. Easterly direction  
1300 Smoke seen across River NE direction  
Clouds low. Visibility Poor heavy Rain  
in afternoon.

General. Some difficulty in obtaining information  
in time to get Sitreps away before 1900  
as most of the Patrols do not get back  
till between 1730-1800. I had difficulty  
in getting it through tonight on account  
of heavy rain. If I send them at the  
times suggested before I left, most of the  
Reports will have to wait till the 0600  
sitrep: so I would like your advice on  
same. For the present I will just carry on  
as best I can at present ~~until~~.

Rte yesterday A.



1130

Report to hand. of MARKHAM, PATROL

Cpl. Gray was forward scout being about 150 yds ahead. Cpl Mackey with one OR following. Cpl Gray was allowed to enter the ambush. when the enemy opened fire. Cpl Mackey being hit in the Elbow. with the first shot. going to ground they opened fire on the enemy so as to let Cpl Gray escape. which he did. safely. ~~Cpl Mackey~~  
 Cpl Mackey's condition at 2010. ~~was~~ comfortable. he will come on to DDEX ~~in a few days.~~  
 to morrow if possible

*(Handwritten flourish)*

1350/17

P. Mackaday A

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Please quote this number when replying.

Date  
Address



To LANO from 0600

FROM YOGI (SITNOR) TO 1800 hrs 4 MAY 43

NO 8-9.

14 pl. (SITNOR) ~~Ben~~ Ben O.P.

0600 - Fine - Foggy

0745 Patrol left for Ben - Gabensis - Fishers pt - Oomsis to Ben O.P.

0815 2 U/I planes heard flying towards LAE.

0830 2 loud explosions heard towards LAE

0940 Patrol left for Bwarip

1110 Patrol of 10 left for Charkham Pt.

1210 Patrol left for Ben

1440 Fire observed 239° MAG. (LARGE)

1555 Patrol returned Bwarip NIL.

1655 ~~Patrol~~ Patrol returned from Ben, NIL report

1655 Patrol returned from Oomsis (Patrol which left 0745) They could not find track between Fishers Pt. and Oomsis. Another attempt will be made

15 PLATOON. (SITNOR.)

NGARANENO O.P. 0745 U/I plane heard towards LAE explosions heard short time after.

0725 Pis NIL (fog.)

1100 Smoke seen across Charkham EASTERLY direction also N.W. beyond KIRKS.

KIRKS O.P. 0815 bombing heard direction of LAE

1145 Smoke observed across Charkham River approx 2 ML upstream.

1230 Smoke observed across Charkham River approx 1 ML upstream

1325 Smoke observed across River NE in hills

1405 Smoke observed across River EAST. (long way off.)

1525 Smoke observed across River direction NORTH approx 2-3 MLS.

1100 patrol left for OLD MARI returned 1700. NIL report.

Bobs. 0815 plane hear overhead U/I

0900 patrol left for KIRKS returned 1600. NIL report.



1100 2 natives reported at OLD MARI. These boys are going over Charkham, into CHIVISING area to obtain information.

13 PLATOON Patrols N&L reports.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

To 1800 hrs.

Health of tps. Good. Two men dysentery one man tropical sores.

Food + messing arrangements Food-good  
messing arrangements - Good

Sanitation Satisfactory

Morale of tps Very good

Weather Foggy along Charkham River of a morning otherwise fine. No Rain.

General Pte Hockaday reported in at 1730 with  
2.0 R<sup>13</sup>.

Received instructions of 30 APR 43.

Re lack of reports etc. while on move, at each staging camp while on move up, messages were sent back informing of COY'S arrival in that area, as you must by now realize the difficulty in communication, and that was the cause of delay. We are still experiencing great difficulty in this direction, frequently when contacting PARTER I have to wait  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr and more, on two occasions I could not contact them at all. Re trip of Pte HOCKADAY. This man received instrns. at PARTER that he must reach here on 4 MAY. This trip should normally have taken two days, especially under present conditions of track, it is my opinion that a man should NOT be



compelled to overtax his strength and stamina,  
Hockaday was in pretty bad shape when He arrived,  
and will be unable to have a spell tomorrow, no  
harm has been done how-ever and He will be alright  
with in a day or two. I am not reporting this in  
form of complaint, but in case any other man  
has to come forward too much should not be expected  
as the condition of the track varies according to  
the weather. I am going out tomorrow to 14 PL.  
to check up on map and posns.

J. A. Robertson Cpl.



Recd 1355/5  
996

To LANO

FROM Y661. (SITNOR) to 1800 hrs 3 MAY 43.

14 pl. (SITNOR). 2 MAY

- 0650 Fortress seen flying direction of Rampet.
- 0830 Patrol left for Ben
- 0900 Patrol reported in from OOMSIS. NIL Report
- 0905 firing heard direction of LAE (indefinite)
- 1016 Patrol arrived at Ben
- 1150 Patrol left for Bwarip.
- 1440 Patrol returned from Ben
- 1640 Fire observed across MARKHAM R. 313° MAG.
- 1730 Bwarip patrol return. NIL Report
- 1800 Weather Fine - cloudy

3 MAY. 0315 plane heard direction of LAE.

-0600 light rain - later heavy.

-0805 Plane heard circling Rampet. (unidentified)

-0915 Patrol left for Fishers pt.

-0945 Fortress seen direction of Rampet flying N.W.

-1003. 4 - P 38' flying direction of LAE.

-1030 patrol returned from Fishers pt. NIL report.

-1230 patrol left for Ben.

-1245 patrol returned after 2 days. patrol report not yet to hand. will be sent on immediately it is received.

-1325 Lieut Bradland and Gnr Glasson of 2/6 Aust. Survey Bty. arrived Ben. O.P.

-1335 Lieut Erghart left for Ben.

-1515 Patrol returned from Bwarip. NIL Report.

-1630 Patrol returned from Ben. NIL Report.

15 platoon. (SITNOR) 2. MAY.

Bobs. 0900 patrol left for KIRKS

1500 patrol returned from KIRKS NIL Report

OVER



NGARANENO. O.P. 0800 visibility fair.

- 0815 explosion heard towards LAE.
- 0855 single shot heard over river NORTH of O.P.
- 0630 Fortress flying N.W.
- 0945 fog lifted
- 1200 smoke observed over river NADZAB area stopped at 1400 started again 1600 and continued.
- 1645 patrol left for OLD MARI returned 1700 also observed smoke.

3. MAY. (sitnor)

- Bobs. 0730 a/c heard overhead (unidentified)
- 0900 Patrol left for KIRKS.
- 0930 a/c heard flying towards LAE (unidentified)
- 1045 Plane heard circling above (unidentified)
- 1545 Patrol returned from KIRKS NIL report.

NGARANENO 0930 Fortress flying N.W.

1030 Fortress flying towards LAE.

NGARANENO. O.P. 0800 visibility NIL

0900 explosion heard direction of LAE.

1200 Visibility - Good.

- 1400 Patrol returned from OLD MARI. NIL Report
- No activity seen NORTH of LAE; this does NOT suggest that activity was seen in LAE.

KIRKLANDS 0815 patrol to NARAGOOMA.

1145 patrol returned from NARAGOOMA. Nil report.

1555 Patrol arrived from Bobs. NIL Report.

KIRKS. O.P. 0700 patrol left for Bobs.

0730 a/c heard travelling NORTH. (unidentified)

0930 Bombing heard LAE area.

0940 a/c from NORTH circled and headed NW. (U.S.A. plane)

0940 LAE bombing stopped. - 1010 Fortress flying N.E.

1015 Fog lifted - 1025 a/c heading EAST. (unidentified)

1745 Patrol returned NIL report.

13 PL Patrols maintained daily to Bobs + Ben.

NIL reports.

A. Robertson. Cpt.







INFORMATION

receipt of messages etc. are concerned. I have erected bit map on frame in office, with coy. posns. Files which are kept; - Log Diary, Locstats, Meteorological, Copies of Sit Reps, Copies of special patrol reports. Following is List of maps which were handed over by 2/5 Ind. Coy. - LAE AERODROME - 1.

LAE AREA - 2. LAE to HOPOI - 1. SALAMAUA to MOROBE - 1.

LAE to FINCHAVEN - 2. WAW - 1. YULE - 1.

WEST of MARKHAM - 1. LAE - PATEP No 2 - 3.

MOROBE No 1.2 - 1. LAE TOWNSHIP - 4.

LAE - SALAMAUA - 3. 3 sketches of HEATH'S - JENSONS - JACOBSENS.

I propose as soon as possible to go out to all posns. and check on info. which has been added to map, some of this info. is indefinite, this will take perhaps a fortnight, as some of the tracks are very hard and posns. are widely scattered. I have been expecting Pte HOCKADAY to come here, but if no one arrives the O.C. has agreed for bpl GREENWOOD to send the sitreps while I am out. As soon as I get info. I will put it on one of the LAE - PATEP No 2 sheets and send it back plus all supernumerary sheets which we are holding.

Communication has not been good, especially back to B.H.Q. I received a message from bpl HOOD today requesting that I make the sitreps shorter, as they are having difficulty handling the traffic, so I will only report anything that happens in future, or send back a sitnoz, any additional info. will go back by daily D.R.L.S. except in the case of observation or contact with enemy troops in which case info. will go back IMMEDIATE (or any info. of sufficient importance) Received

L.O. Ref submission of Sitreps. 1100 2 MAY.

Robertson. bpl

507 7/0011





RED SHIELD WAR SERVICE

See Collation file  
for LOCSTAT  
AD.

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27 APR. 43 194

C. Coy.

I.O.

14 + 15 PL.s. arrived at WAMPIT  
26 APR. main body got here about  
1400 hrs. 13 Pl. remained at PARTER  
2; they are expected to reach  
WAMPIT tomorrow. 1 Offr. and 18  
men of 14 pl are moving out to platoon  
area tomorrow (28 APR.) GABENSIS.  
O.P. area @ 15 pl. expect to move out  
to their pl area 29 APR. Bobs Camp.  
2/5 Ind. Coy. will cease to operate  
here on 30 APR.; C. Coy will begin  
operations 1 MAY. Coy had a rest  
today as the tps were very fatigued  
after their march here.

over  
ANY REFERENCE TO SHIPPING OR TROOP MOVEMENTS  
WILL RESULT IN THE DELAY OR MUTILATION OF THIS LETTER



The camp area here is in good condition and close to water.

"I" man here keeps a Log Diary and a copy of all sitreps and patrol reports. Sitreps are sent back once a day at approx. 2000 hrs as they have to wait for patrols to report in. Patrol reports go back immediately they are received, I will work on the same principle unless notified to do otherwise.

I have received three LAE-PARTER NO 2 1" = 1 ML sheets, they appear to be the most accurate, although I have set up the sit map on the 2" to 1 ML track map. temporarily Communication from platoon and H.Q.'s are by line. It appears that I am going to be short of paper, I will also need ~~a couple~~ two exercise books, I have





RED SHIELD WAR SERVICES

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already received one from Coy  
P & O Lpl. a rubber and some  
tracing paper. There is nothing  
to report as we do not take  
over till 1 MAY.

J. A. Robertson Lpl



you may have noticed  
some of the things  
I have written

BY HAND

"I" SEC.

SUNSHINE

CAMP



Intell Report from SAGO, for 24 hrs ending 1800 hrs 11 May.  
APPX A2 (D Coy)

INF MN.

(28)

General:-

In the morning cleaning and checking of all weapons and amm in preparation for going to POWERHOUSE. In the afternoon Hpts did any washing, or mending clothes, and got as much rest as possible. One pl HEHA replaced 17pl which had previously sent out on patrol and the balance being transferred to 16pl.

Morale:-

Good owing to letters received yesterday and last night, also the receiving of parcels today. Pl which went to POWERHOUSE at 0600 hrs were eager to get to their destination.

Messing and Rations:-

Excellent.

Sanitation and Hygiene:-

Health:-

There are still two cases of Ringworms and a few with the with chafing and bruised feet.

O.C. Coy.

W. H. [unclear]

Out

MR

11/5.

1830/11

DATE. 11 May.

TIME. 1750

Signature [unclear]  
Rank.



Intell report from SAGO, for 24 hrs ending 1800 hrs 9 May.

INFMN.

(293)

General:-

Church Parade and mending of clothes in the morning. Digging of slit-trenches in the afternoon.

Usual patrol parties passed over camp area.

Rumors:-

NIL.

Morale:-

Mail which was expected today and did not arrive somewhat downheartened the. However canteen supplies and comfort funds issue of tobacco and razor blades were very much appreciated.

News from other fronts caused ~~much~~ <sup>many</sup> discussions.

Sanitation and Hygiene:-

Very Good.

Messing and Rations:-


Excellent.

Health:-

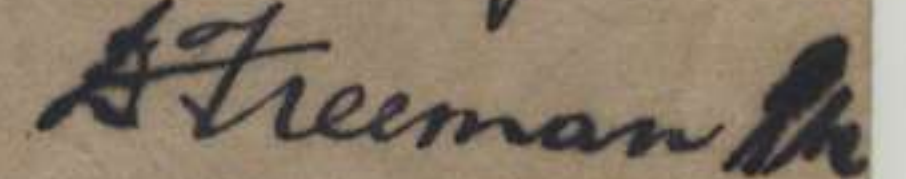
No further cases of diarrhoea or Ringworms, those that have same are improving. Only a few other minor sicknesses.

O. C. Coy.

Whoohe Lieut.



Time:- 1805 hrs.  
Date:- 9 May.

Signature   
+ Rank:- I. Sec.

1920/10



Intell Report from SFC<sup>o</sup>, for 24 hrs ending 1800 hrs.  
10 May.

INFMN

General:- Coy marched to Sunshine Camp. The march was very successful as all tps finished in one body.

Rumors:- NIL.

Morale:- Raised greatly after getting two lots of inward mail. This was the first mail for several days. All tps are eager to push forward, especially pl which is going into forward zone.

Sanitation and Rations:-

Messing and Rations:- Excellent.

Health:- Very good. Two tps left back at camp. One with scolded foot, the other with Ringworms.

O.C. Coy.

M. J. Sec  
10 May

Time 1800

Date. 10 May

Signature J. Freeman  
+ Pte.

I. Sec.



Intell Rep from SFGO, for 24 hrs ending  
1800 hrs 7 May

Infmr.

(152)

General:-

In the morning patrolling, one pl against the other. In the afternoon each pls had their ambushing exercises. Three secs ~~are~~ of each pl were competing against each other. Both exercises were carried out very successfully.

One plane heard going in NW direction circled around camp and headed in NE direction at 0730 hrs. Also another <sup>up</sup> / <sup>pl</sup> heard at 1000 hrs going in NORTH direction. Cloudburst at 1600 hrs.

Rising of creeks due to heavy rain yesterday had fallen to normal height this morning.

Rumors:-

Nil.

Morale:-

Very good after hearing news from other theatres of the war. However lack of mail is disheartening.

Sanitation and Hygiene:-

Excellent.

Messing and Rations:-

Very Good.

Health:-

~~Thorough~~ Thorough throughout the ~~pl~~ <sup>Boys</sup>. Only one case of Diarrhoea now reported. However 4 cases of Ringworms were reported today.

O.C. Coy.

Dunnell  
1400/8.

Rec'd  
1400/8.

TIME:- 1815 hrs.

DATE:- 7 Mar.

Signature. Streeman  
L. Sec.

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Intell report from SFG O, for 24 hrs ending 1800 hrs 8 May.

(190)

General:-

INFMN.

8/5/43

Sylobus for today. Route March to  
Sunshine in morning, and return in  
afternoon. Whilst at Sunshine C.O. gave  
lecture to Coy.

Two Lock-heed lightnings posted over  
Coy area heading in S.W. direction at 0800hrs

Rumors:-

NIL.

Morale:-

Morale soared after hearing lecture  
by C.O. Its eager to get into action.

Messing and  
Rations:-

Very good.

Sanitation  
and Hygiene:-

Excellent.

Health:-

Good throughout Coy. No more cases  
of Diarrhoea or Ringworms reported.

O.C. Coy.

*[Signature]*  
M. J. ...  
Capt

Time:- 1835  
Date:- 8 May.  
Signature & rank:-

*[Signature]*  
D. Freeman Plt.

I. Sec.

Recd. 1027/9.



To I.O. Intell report from Saigo for 24 hrs  
ending 1800 hrs 6 MAY.

(85)

Information.

General.

Two pls. on patrolling exercise this morning  
and ambushing exercise this afternoon.  
Results of both exercises satisfactory. Pls  
seem to put all they have into - all the  
exercises the 2/6 conduct, they enjoy  
them.

Cloudburst at approx. 1730 hrs, camp area being  
on outskirts of same, creek through area  
has risen a foot to eighteen inches.

Four planes came over ~~from~~<sup>towards</sup> N.W. 1150 hrs  
circled overhead and made off to SE. Three  
were identified as P38s, and were in line  
at rear of fourth, unidentified.

Kumors

None.

Morale

Soared, at news of C Coy's first action and  
Bn's new C.O.

Sanitation &  
Hygiene

Very good

Dessing  
rations

Excellent.

Health

Very good, no more diarrhoea, previous  
cases improved.

TIME 1830

DATE 6 MAY

Boisier RFB

11030/7

W. Hill  
M. L. ...



To I.O.

Intell report from Sago, for 24 hrs ending 1800 hrs. 5 May. 67

Information

General

Ips repeated yesterday's exercises and despite unfavorable weather conditions, did very well.

one Pl was engaged in cleaning area repairing tracks etc.

An explosion was heard at 1948 hrs but owing to heavy rain at the time & dense timber, were unable to fix direction.

It has just been reported that two large trees have fallen in HEHA's area. This possibly was the noise referred to above.

Rumors

Morale

Very good

Message Ration

Excellent

Health

Two new cases of diarrhoea, four cases of ring worms otherwise good.

Amuletine  
G.P.  
Rec'd  
2050/5  
S.S.

2100

TIME 1840  
DATE 5 MAY  
A. Oliver. PFC.



To I.O.

Intell. report from Sago, for 24 hrs. (5)  
ending 1800 hrs 4 MAY.

Information

General

Ips practiced air busting today, Lesson today showed the advantages in choosing a position, whenever possible, with a down grade approach for the enemy. Due to a little carelessness on the Ambushers side, enemy won today's exercise, but as the 2/6 instructors reason, the mistakes made today will be remembered and rectified in a future exercise and to further their knowledge, they must make mistakes occasionally. On the whole, they are very pleased with the Ips performances. Ips are still very keen and are overheard discussing the days doings, over the mess tables.

A recce to O.P. on hill S.S.E. of this area, was made today. Smoke was seen rising from three different points - at 41° from behind hill, on a ridge at 56° and on a lower ridge at 26°. When recce party was approaching O.P. planes were heard but not seen flying in a N.W. direction, time 1930 hrs.

Going map of this recce is attached hereto. Pte. Steven's drying room is proving a huge success.

Rumors

Kil.

Morale

Very good. Ips appear quite happy and are pleased with the reappearance of Guinea Gold, also with comforts issue of tobacco papers & matches.

Messing +  
Rations

Good. Considering the nature of the rations, the cooks do a really marvellous job and turn out excellent meals.

Sanitation  
Hygiene

Rations are in very clean & good condition and favorably situated.

P.T.O.



To 10

Health report from Camp  
ending 1800 hrs 4 MAY

Health.

Very good. Drying room may also have a  
good effect here as pts. seem to be washing  
out their wearing apparel more frequently.

No more cases of dandruff reported, those  
reported during the previous two days have  
now recovered.

Summary of all cases through R.A.P. for  
week ending 1800 hrs attached

TIME 2100 hrs.  
DATE 4 MAY.  
L. Olive, RE.

Received  
15/30/14

Very good. The afternoon quite bright and a few  
with the appearance of minor spots. The  
comparative number of these spots is rather  
low. The temperature of the air is about 70°  
and the humidity is about 60%. The  
direction of the wind is from the  
west. The barometer is at 30.0.

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To I.O.

Intell. report from Sago, for 24 hrs ending 1800 hrs. 3 MAY.

Information.

General

Two pls. in Ambushing & Patrol exercises with 2/6 instructors, who report "a pleasing performance". Duty pl. engaged, repairing paths - round area. Pte. Stevens has solved the problem of drying clothes, by building a tin shed 8' x 8' approx. and a tunnel shape fireplace 6' long covered also by sheet of tin - It works.

Father Morgan arrived 1625 hrs.

Plane flew South at 0746 unidentified

" " NE " 0900 "

Planes " N.W. " 1000 } not seen, believed to be Lightnings.  
" " S " 1040 }

Anteen supplies arrived this morning. Six full lines of clothes dried in two hours.

Humors

nil.

Morale

Good. Comfort issue of Tobacco, Papers and matches is being sorted at this moment.

Sanitation

Hygiene

Excellent.

Dressing & Rations

Two tins of biscuits opened today, had been knocked about and punctured in several places, contents of both tins a total loss, being mildewed & infested with live. stock.

Meals have been excellent. Ips enjoyed a liberal helping of home made plum duff and custard.

R.T.O.



To Lt. Col. [illegible] 1800 hrs. 3 MAY.

Health Seven more cases of diarrhoea reported at R.A.P. this morning. ~~Health~~ Health otherwise good.

TIME 1900 hrs.  
DATE 3 MAY.  
D. Oliver. Pfc.

1045/24

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To I.O.

Intell report from Sago. for 24 hrs,  
ending 1800 hrs. 2 May.

Information.

General

Church Pde. this morning was conducted  
by Capt. Whitelaw, the adj. assisted.  
Mr. Thomas gave short talk on his visit to  
forward area.

Mr. Robinson & other members of patrol have  
returned to area. due to their departure being  
postponed.

This afternoon being free, the busied themselves  
by washing, writing, etc.  
One unidentified plane flew North at 1310 hrs &  
four Lightnings in a southerly direction at 1315 hrs.

Rumors

Nil.

Morale

Good.

Sanitation

Good

Hygiene.

Health.

Two cases of diarrhoea otherwise very  
good. these two cases will be reported upon  
more fully in weekly summary.

Rations

Satisfactory.

1545

Whitelaw

W. J. Oliver

TIME 1830  
DATE 2 MAY.  
W. J. Oliver. PTE.



To I.O.

Coy. Int. Reports File

Intell. report from Sago, for 24 hrs  
ending 18~~00~~ hrs 1 day.

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Information

General :

Route march to quarry swimming  
pool, vicinity Sunshine for whole  
Coy. with exception of cooks, Sigs  
and few others on duty. Trip was  
unsuccessful.

Rumors

None

Morale

Reasonably high:

Sanitation &  
Hygiene

Good

Health

Excellent

Messing &  
Rations

Very good. First bread ration arrived  
today and received a very warm  
reception at this evening's meal.

*W. J. [Signature]*  
2007/2

TIME. 2145 HRS.

DATE 1 MAY.

W. J. [Signature] Pte.



24 AUST. INF. BN. OP. INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

Ref Maps - LAE PARTEP No. 2 (Provisional) 1" - 1 mile. (L.P.2)  
WAU - SALAMAU - LAE 1/2" - 1 mile. (W.S.L. Track)

Further to message 48 from BOMO in confirmation of I 39 from LANO.

1. Further infm. of enemy strength, movement and activities on SOUTH bank of MARKHAM RIVER is required.
2. A fighting patrol Pl. strength will carry out the above task in two phases.
3. PHASE 1. On receipt of these orders, Pl. will establish a patrol base within half a days march of MARKHAM POINT, and obtain maximum infm. of enemy posts in vicinity of MARKHAM POINT by small recon. patrols, from infm. gained, Coy. Comdr. will appreciate and form outline plan to complete task and forward to this HQ for approval before commencing Phase 2.
- PHASE 2. On approval of plan from this HQ, fighting patrol will move to obtain the necessary information, mentioned in para. 1.
4. Coy. Comdr. to seek advice of BOMO personnel and if necessary attach one to the patrol for advice.
5. One Pl. COCO at PARTEP 2 will be kept on one hours notice to move to WAMPIT to replace Pl. used for patrol should this be considered necessary.
6. Ack.

Method of Issue - By Safe Hand.

Time of Signature - 1500 hrs. / 2.

Signed A.H. FALCONER. Lt. Col.,  
Comd. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

DISTRIBUTION

1. C Coy.
2. B "
3. C.O.
4. War Diary.
5. 2/6 Bn.
6. Ops file
7. File (Patrol reports)



MOST SECRET

THIS INSTN MUST NOT BE TAKEN FWD OF PARTEP II.

HQs 2/6 Aust Inf Bn  
12 May 43

Subject - INSTNS FOR MARKHAM AREA.

24 Aust Inf Bn.

The limit of normal patrolling will be SOUTH of the MARKHAM RIVER and WEST of MARKHAM POINT.

2. These patrols are primarily responsible for fwding infm as quickly as possible.
3. They will resist possible enemy patrols into this area, mainly by ambushing and the use of booby traps.
4. Patrols will be reinforced, if necessary, by their secs or any part of the fwd coy available.
5. Reinfts will NOT be sent fwd from PARTEP II without ref to this HQ.
6. Should it become necessary for the fwd Coy to withdraw they will fight a delaying action, using ambushes and booby traps and destroying tracks to PARTEP II.
7. PARTEP II is vital ground and must be held, unless orders to withdraw are received from this HQ or HQ 3 ASUT DIV.
8. Providing reports are quickly received by this HQ, there should NOT be any difficulty in sending reinfts before it becomes hecessary for the fwd coy to withdraw.
9. Patrols will NOT cross the MARKHAM RIVER without ref to this HQ.
10. Ack.

Signed. F.G.WOOD. Lt-Col  
Comd 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.Gp.

13/1  
To COCO

1 copy of above with covering letter

To VCO

1 copy of covering letter stating that instns may be seen at COCO.



SECRET.

*War Diary*  
APPX B2  
H.Q. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
14 May, 43.

PLATOON STATIONED PARTEP 1 AREA.

Instructions if attacked.

- Cpl Barley* 1. No. 7<sup>8</sup> Sec. at TOKANIN will hold ENEMY until it appears to be in danger of being by-passed and/or encircled, when it will fight by fire and manouvre a delaying action to:-
- (a) KWASANG.
  - (b) GULLETT'S CASTLE (MAPOS-PARTEP 1 track)

whichever appears to the Sec. Comd to be the most practicable.

The Sec. will maintain contact and observation of the ENEMY during the whole of any delaying action. It will combine with No. 8 Sec. at KWASANG to fight to hold and delay ENEMY'S progress towards MUMENG or SUNSHINE or BULWA.

- Cpl Dooley*  
*Cpl Bridal* 2. No. 9<sup>9</sup> Sec. at KWASANG, will hold and delay as above and may move fwd to reinforce TOKANIN sec. if required. Sec. will send 1 Sentry and native runner to KWATOMANE FOR observation at track junc. and early warning.

*Lieut Dawson*  
*Lt Norton*  
*Cpl Smith* 12 Pl. H.Q. and 7<sup>7</sup> Sec. at GULLETT'S CASTLE area will hold area until reinforced, ordered to withdraw, or outflanked, when it will fight a delaying action to PARTEP I or to PARTEP II.

COMMS. Until Sec. have L/T they will construct signal fires to be lit ONLY in case of attack.

As they are now placed these Secs. must be aware of necessity of maintaining watch by day and night and of making and sending in intelligent reports whilst on patrol.

(G.F. SMITH)

Major,  
Adm. Comd. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.







WTP.

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Appx B  
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SECRET.

COPY No. 3

21 May, 43.

OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION No. 2A.

1. Further to Operational Instruction No. 2 issued on 21 May, 43,  
8 HEHA will assume the following role:-

To deny to enemy the track NARI-ELLERS-SUNSHINE.

2. In order to carry out this role the following action will be taken.

(a) Establish a strong ambush position vicinity Track Jn. HUON GULF I4607 and give early warning of movement of enemy.

(b) Delay and hold the enemy but NOT to last man and last round. If in danger of being outflanked, fight a strong delaying action with frequent ambushes along track towards SUNSHINE.

3  
Ack  
This instruction will  
be destroyed immediately.

*W. Robertson*  
Capt.,  
Adj. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Dist:- HEHA 1 & 2  
I SEC. 3  
FILE 4.



PATROL REPORT.

Copy. *C Coy*

*War Diary Appx B2*

To I.O. 24 Aust Inf Bn.

*Action 5 May 43*

<u>Type of Patrol.</u>	Recce	From BEN O.P.	Date 5 May 43.
<u>Patrol Strength.</u>	2 NCOs and 2 ORs.		
<u>Armament.</u>	2 Owen guns. 2 rifles. 4 grenades.		
<u>Object</u>	To recce 1½ hrs fwd of DEEP CREEK.		
<u>Weather</u>	Fog until 1000 hrs - otherwise fine.		
<u>Route Out</u>	BEN O.P. OOMSIS DEEP CREEK. MARKHAM PT.		
<u>Route in.</u>	MARKHAM PT. DEEP CREEK. OOMSIS BEN O.P.		
<u>Time out.</u>	0630 hrs.	<u>Time In</u>	1350 hrs.

DETAILS. Leaving the edge of the spur at 0630 hrs we had the first 40 minutes of going down a very steep hill. The country all this time is jungle. From there to DEEP CREEK it is fairly level going but is still jungle. At DEEP CREEK we had a smoke from 0950 hrs to 1010 hrs. The crossing of the creek itself was only a small log 18 inches at the butt. When you got out about 10 or 12 ft the log sways and makes it damned hard to get over the rest. The creek itself is approx 40 ft wide and is fairly deep and slow running. From there to where we struck the enemy was 50 minutes from the Creek. The country itself was fairly hilly for a few minutes and then we had a little flat going and then over another spur coming to the edge of the MARKHAM RIVER. We followed the River along for a few more minutes. The country all the way from DEEP CREEK is all jungle while following the MARKHAM River we could distinguish the hills on our right. We followed the river on until we came to a small clearing on our left. We decided to cross one at a time. I had got across safely and Cpl MACKEY was almost across when he was fired on. The clearing was about 20 yards wide. The firing came from the hill on our right so the other two opened fire with the idea of giving Cpl MACKEY and myself covering fire while we came back over the clearing. We then put a few more bursts of Owen gun along the spur and then headed for DEEP CREEK where we fixed Cpl MACKEY's wound as best we could. The Map ref was ~~SHERKUM~~ <sup>566433</sup> (LAE-PARTEP 2) In my opinion it is a death trap to send any less than 12 men across DEEP CREEK. I also wish to commend on the coolness of Cpl MACKEY, Ptes SHERVILL and BETSON.

Signed. H.D. GRAY. Cpl.

Signed. B.L. DELVES. Lieut.

8 May 43



Report to hand of MARKHAM PATROL.

5 May 43

Cpl. GRAY was forward scout being about 150 yards ahead of Cpl  
MACKEY with One OR following. Cpl GRAY was allowed to enter the  
ambush when the enemy opened fire. Cpl MACKEY being hit in the  
elbow with the first shot. Going to ground they opened fire on  
the enemy to let Cpl GRAY escape which he did safely. Cpl MACKEY's  
condition at 2010 hrs. was. comfortable. He will come on to DEX  
tomorrow if possible.



## REPORT OF ACTION IN HOTE-CISSEMBOB AREA.

20 MAY 43 - 23 MAY 43 Incl.By Lieut. R. COULTER.  
-----H Q 3 Aust. Div.  
28 May 43.

1. A diary of information received at HQ 2/3 Aust. Indep. Coy is as follows :-

20 May 43. 0830 hrs. Patrol from 18 Pl 24 Bn who were occupying CISSEMBOB clashed with Jap patrol on HOTE-MALOLO track. Both patrols withdrew - 2 Japs killed, one 18 Pl man missing returned to Sec later. Patrol went forward again later to find enemy in ambush position on track. Withdrew again and were followed into HOTE by 11 Japs. Japs returned from HOTE to bamboos EAST of HOTE.

1700hrs. 150 Japs entered HOTE. 18 Pl. had booby trap main track between HOTE and their position at CISSEMBOB AND HAD MMG covering the track.

21 May 43. 0530hrs. First indication of attack was Japs contacting booby trap, where upon our MMG immediately opened fire. Attack was held up by this MMG fire and Pl weapons until 1300hrs. Medium machine gunners claimed to have fired 6000 rds at observed targets. Casualties claimed - 40 Japs killed, 30 wounded. One enemy MG (.5) and two enemy LMGs knocked out. An enemy MG was covering the track CISSEMBOB-DAH0.

1300hrs. Lieut LOCKER, OC 18 Pl., ordered withdrawal and destruction of MMG. All withdrew except 3 medium machine gunners, one of whom was wounded.

1640hrs. Cpl DOVERS, 2/3 Indep Coy, stationed with one section of 18 Pl under Sgt MARSH at DOVERS JUNG, moved to CISSEMBOB to ascertain situation and contacted MMG crew, learned of withdrawal, returned to Sec, collected 6 men to act as stretcher party for wounded man. Sgt MARSH moved back to BUGASU post. Stretcher party contacted Lieut LOCKER WEST of CHIBE.

1800hrs. Report no enemy in CISSEMBOB-thought by machine gun crew to have withdrawn.

2200hrs. Lieut STEPHENS left BOBADU for defensive position on BOBADU - HOTE track. Recce patrols from 18 Pl and BUGASU post ordered to recce HOTE area.

22 May 43. 0800hrs. No enemy CISSEMBOB - HOTE area. Lieut LOCKER reported he thought 7 Japs in DAHO area. Fighting patrols ordered.

23 May 43. 0600hrs. Lieut JEFFREYS patrol reported HOTE I, HOTE II and BOBADU clear and no movement in CISSEMBOB.

1100hrs. Lieut STEPHENS patrol reported DAHO clear.

1600hrs. " " reported occupation of CISSEMBOB.

2. I visited Lieut. LOCKER at CISSEMBOB on 24 May 43 and discussed the action with him and made the attached sketch from information given by him.



2. Contributing factors to render the position at CISSEMBOB untenable were given as follows:-

- (a) 2 in mortar was left at POWER HOUSE together with reserve ammunition and grenade discharges. Carriers did not arrive at POWER HOUSE to carry these forward. All however had by this time come forward.
- (b) 208 wireless did not function after approx 0800hrs 21 May 43.
- (c) The Pl was not dug in, shovels had been asked for but were not available.
- (d) No weapons pits and position on forward slope did not afford any cover from fire.
- (e) Lieut LOOKER considered a 3 in mortar was required to deal with enemy LMGs on flanks.

4. At the time of my visit the Pl were in position again at CISSEMBOB and all weapons and stores had been recovered including MMG.

Sgd. D. COULTER. Lieut.



2nd Instns & 2nd Syllabi  
War Diary  
Appx B.3

DTP. WIP

V.O. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.,  
19 May, 45.

TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 3.

An N.C.O. course for the purpose of training rifle coaches will recommence as from 1745 hrs. 19 May. 45.

All N.C.O.'s from B.H.Q., H.Q. and A Coy's will attend from 1745 to 1815 hrs. each evening (Sunday excepted.)

Instructors, Senior - Sgt. SIMMONS.

Others - W.O.I BURTON, W.O. II HARTRICK,  
Sgt. HUNT, Sgt. WALKER.

Sgt. SIMMONS will be responsible for the organisation and conduct of the school.

Reports on individual progress will be submitted to H.Q. by 1800 hrs each Saturday.

(D.V. FECK),  
Capt.,  
Adj. of Aust. Inf. Bn.

C.O.  
2 1/2  
H.Q. Coy.  
A  
Adj.  
Q.M.  
War Diary.

1405 hrs.



*New Day*COACHING REFRESHER COURSE FOR N.C.O's.SYLLABUS.CAUSES WITHIN THE FIRER'S CONTROL:

- DAY 1. - POSITION.  
 (1) Body and elbows. Incorrect holding.  
 (2) Eye too close to cocking piece.  
 (3) Left wrist and forearm (or rifle) incorrect.
- DAY 2. - AIMING.  
 (1) Inclined sights.  
 (2) Dwelling too long in the aim.  
 (3) Failing to maintain elevation when aiming off for wind.
- DAY 3. - TRIGGER PRESSING.  
 (1) First pressure.  
 (2) Snatching trigger instead of squeezing.
- Faults in Rifle  
 (1) Wrong bolt.  
 (2) Cordwear  
 (3) Loose butt or screws due to carelessness.
- DAY 4. - Faults in Firer.  
 (1) Incorrect breathing.  
 (2) Gun shyness.  
 (3) Over keenness.  
 (4) Untruthful declaration.  
 (5) Lack of determination.

CAUSES OUTSIDE THE FIRER'S CONTROL.

- DAY 5. Atmospheric Conditions.  
 (1) Bad light.  
 (2) Mirage.  
 (3) Strong or variable winds.
- Faults in the Rifle.  
 (1) Sights in need of boring.  
 (2) Not zeroed or incorrectly zeroed.  
 (3) Butt not fitting the firer.  
 (4) Worn chamber or barrel.  
 (5) Nickeling in bore.  
 (6) Loose screws due to vibration in firing.
- DAY 6. - Faults in Coaching.  
 (1) Inexperienced coach.  
 (2) Impatience.  
 (3) Too much hustle.  
 (4) Inadequate preliminary instruction.

PRACTICAL.

30 yd. Range.

PROGRESSIVE REPORTS.

*D.V. Peck* (D.V. PECK),  
 Capt.,  
 Adj. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.



TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO.1.

The following allotment of amm. has been made for training purposes:-

	<u>A.</u>	<u>B.</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>HQ.</u>
<u>.303.</u> For Rifle personnel who have NOT fired own rifle.	500	320	60	230	580
For jungle practice (5 rds. per man)	500	565	635	540	1720
For practice of personnel who have not fired Bren.	100	340	260	430	580
For personnel who have not fired Bren on issue.	60	180		20	40
For personnel not fired Bren in jungle.	300	350	390	300	300
Total .303.	1460	1755	2045	1520	3220
<u>9 m.m.</u> For personnel who have not fired OWEN gun.	315	235	355	295	260
For Owen gunners.	200	200	200	200	250
	<u>515</u>	<u>435</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>510</u>
<u>2" Mor.</u> H.E.	12	12	12	14	-
<u>36 Gren. Man.</u> Rif.	140	115	40	60	145
	48	54	64	24	10
<u>.55 Tk/A Rifle.</u>	150	204	250	243	153
3" Mor. H.E.					12
3" " Smoke.					150
2 Pdr. Tk/A					50

As far as practicable, Grenades will be thrown under service conditions, due consideration being given by the Coy. Comd. to Jungle tactics.

No action will be taken by B, C or D Coy. to expend any of this amm until further instructions are issued by these H.Q.

Every endeavour will be made to have this amm. supplied at first opportunity after W.E. has been completed.

30<sup>x</sup> range and jungle range will be prepared in anticipation.

(G.W. INGHAM)

Lieut.,  
A/Adj. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Distribution:

C.O.  
2 i/c  
Adj. Gen.  
Q.M.  
HQ. Coy.  
A "  
B "  
C "  
D "  
War Diary.



APPX B.4

"A" and "D" Coys.

TRAINING SYLLABUS.

FRI 30

MORNING

AFTERNOON

Two pls patrolling using sections.

Same two pls in biv area, active patrolling, quick decisions.

Third pl - camp duties.

Third pl - camp duties.

SA T 1

Each coy route march in marching order. Each coy decides own route; prior recce of route. Route to be advised to B.H.Q.

SUN 2

Church parade. Day of rest. Discussion by offrs of notes on AMBUSH.

MON 3

Repeat of Friday's training, except that the pl which was on camp duties on Friday will change with another pl.

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"A" COY.

TRAINING SYLLABUS

WED 12 MAY

0930 0945 Introduction to explosives.  
0945 1000 ~~Types and uses of non-lethal explosives.~~  
Types used most in service.  
Handling of explosives by squads.  
1000 1015 Low explosives and safety fuses ( det no. 6 etc ).  
1015 1030 Preparation and timing of low explosives ( demo ).  
1045 1100 Explanation and demo of detonation explosion.  
1100 1130 High explosives - gun cotton, primer cord, flow, amount )  
1130 1230 Demo of falling trees in required direction.  
Grenade booby traps.  
1330 1350 Introduction to electricity, resistance, flow, amount etc.  
1350 1415 No. 33 detonator, connection, series parallel, demo.  
1415 1445 Murray switch, action, construction, handling by all.  
1445 1515 Booby traps, ambush, trips, lethal and non-lethal traps.  
1515 1545 Setting of Murray switch ( trips by 24 men in teams from  
each pl, and timing of each ).  
1545 1550 Quiz on day's lectures.  
1600 1610 Demo of high explosives.  
1610 1625 Bursting of non-lethal charges- above squad's heads and  
in close proximity on either side.  
1625 1630 Conclusion and recapitulation.

THU 13 MAY.

0830 1215 Occupation and arming of pl bivouac area.  
1330 1630 Patrols and attacks against non-lethal-armed bivouac area.

FRI 14 MAY.

0830 1215 Pl exercises, scouts and patrols.  
1330 1630 Ambush, recapitulation, camouflage and concealment.

SAT 15 MAY.

0830 1215 Pl exercises - Quick decisions.  
1330 1400 Quiz on general tactics.  
1400 1445 Lecture - Summary on training.  
1500 1600 "Donts" on malaria., hygiene, sanitation in field., duties  
of a private soldier.



CGCO  
22 May

Syllabus.

Monday. Rifle coy. MMG's. Mortars.

Digging on Right Res )  
coy , res Pl. )

Left Forward , Right rear )  
Left rear Coy )

3 Days to finish )

All to have alternative position )  
Sec Hqrs Dug. )

Tuesday.

also Coy & Pl H. Qrs )

This applies to MMG & Mortars. )

Wednesday.

Thur. Left Res Coy Res Pl. )  
2 Days work to complete )

Friday. Also Coy & Pl Hqr's )

Saturday. Assault course construction.

*Glennan Capt.*

O. C. "B".

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