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24 Infantry Battalion
June 1943, Appendices,
part 1 of 5

L.A.P.O.

2 Jun 43.

WAITER.2.

FILI,

per memo 110/43.

Forwarded herewith are copies of Sgt. HOGAN'S reports from the Jap Ambush position. The original reports were written in pencil and had suffered from the weather, so Pte HOCKADAY copied them out. As you will notice no sketch is shown, this is because Sgt HOGAN did not forward any sketch with his report. It should arrive tomorrow and will be forwarded as soon as it arrives.

Tomorrow (3 Jun) Cpl Robertson and Pte Hockaday leave for TIMNE to traverse a direct track from TIMNE to GABENSIS. This is a difficult track and W.O. Swanson of ANGAU has arranged a native guide for them. In the meantime Pte Jones will handle the Int. side from this H.Q. The map which Murray is doing is proceeding apace and all available information should be on the sheet by the 4th. The corrected NADZAB sheet will be forwarded to you as soon as completed and as recon patrols find other tracks, in accordance with the instructions which were issued by the Coy yesterday, you will be sent a tracing so that B.H.Q. will be kept up to date. In the meantime it may be worth your while to join the NADZAB and WAIME sheets and have Jack Wheat grid a sheet of trace so that corrections can be quickly noted.

Spoke to Cpl Westbrook today - the first time for about 10 days. I am afraid that I am out of the big picture quite a bit, but he tells me that you are working flat out as he was before moving. Believe me I won't waste any more time than I can possibly spare, as I want to get back to B.H.Q. as speedily as possible, to get into the picture, to help you out a bit, and also to clear up some apparent misunderstanding regarding Lieut Dawson's recent job. The Cpl also tells me that you had to re-arrange the entire office system, a somewhat monumental job which, the Cpl thinks, does not entail a very great improvement.

On the question of manning put these in your hat. NOCKADAY has improved a lot and has an appreciation of the job, OLIVER, I believe has been doing well, and this C Coy boy BROMAN is doing very well indeed here. He goes to TOSO tomorrow however and we must leave him out of our calculations for the next three weeks at least. When he returns, however, he is a distinct possibility and one of the weak horses may have to go down 2/- per day.

Still another I man has been requested here for the forward Pl. based at BENS O.P., but I am afraid that we can't do it at present, - or can we.

I did not go to BOBS this afternoon, as I was waiting on a reply to my lengthy message re the SUGAR LOAF job, so I will push on in the morning and get the job over with all possible speed. I will then have a look at the change over between ROBERTSON and WEST BROOK and will return as soon as practicable to give you a spell.

You have been doing a very good job from all reports and thanks a lot. Hope to see you soon

Samuel Reed

Copy.

PATROL REPORT.

after K war diary
APPX B2

3 Jun 43

Type of Patrol. Recce

To. I.O.

Date. 3 Jun 43.

Patrol strength. Sgt BOYLE, L/Cpl STALEY and 3 ORs
armament. 3 Owen guns, 2 rifles, 2 grenades each.

Time Out. 1030 hrs.

Time In. 1450 hrs.

Details - Sgt BOYLES, L/Cpl STALEY and 3 ORs moved forward to patrol for 1 hour marching time from our posn. L/Cpl STALEY and 2 ORs to recce track.

Heavy rain falling We moved along track, on 140° bearing proceeded for 15 minutes. Saplings with large blaze with Jap writing in blue pencil above. (Copy taken and will be sent on as soon as possible. At this point track junc. One track bearing 210° and one 80° reced 2 Jun. Proceeded along 210° track but managed to get off so returned to saplings, found track 192°. Trees blazed at intervals on both sides moved along track until 1130 hrs. Lunch.

1230 hrs - Moved back along track to blazed tree, returned to track junc.

1315 hrs - Proceeded along 80° track.

1350 hrs - Through barricade of def posn (2 huts 9 weapon pits) L/Cpl STALEY noticed a Jap presumably examining weapon pit 20 yards away. 6-8 Japs yelled and opened fire with automatic rifles. Explosive bullets heard from hidden posn. Jap dived into pit, our patrol opened fire with Owens to cover their getaway. Moved back to our own posn.

1450 hrs. Arrived at our posn. Map ref of point of contact NADZAB 1 in. 562430.

Casualties. NIL on either side.

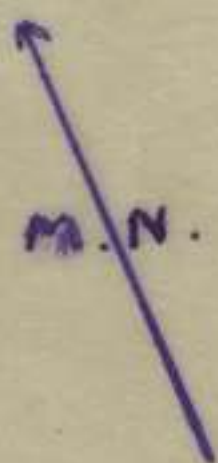
Amn expended. 57 rounds.

(Sgt. BOYLE.)

ROUGH SKETCH HOTE-CISSEMBOB AREA

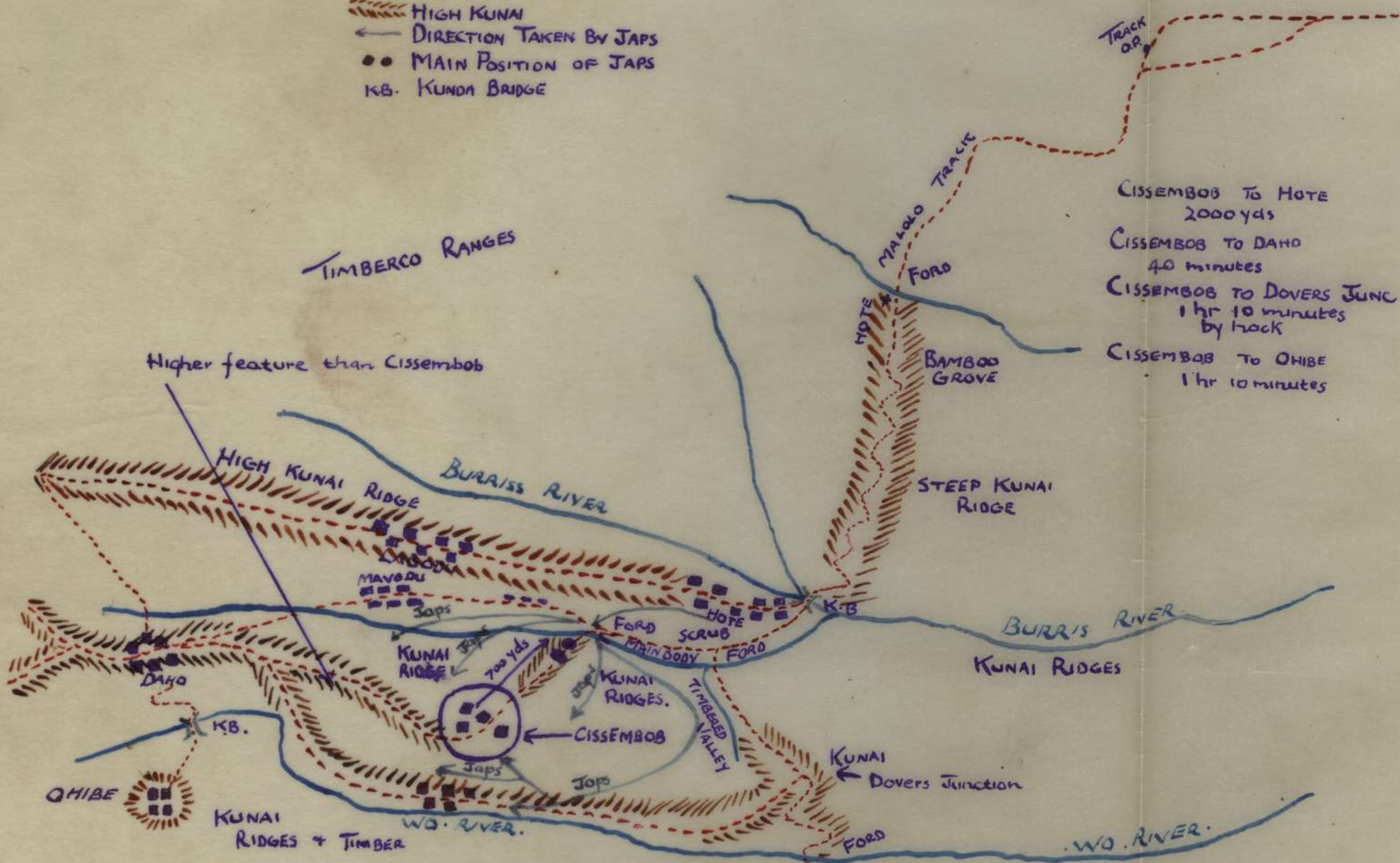
AS IT WAS 19/20 MAY 1943

CISSEMBOB IS HIGHEST FEATURE IN AREA
-BAR RIDGE AT REAR.



LEGEND

- TRACK
- RIVERS
- NATIVE HUTS
- HIGH KUNAI
- DIRECTION TAKEN BY JAPS
- MAIN POSITION OF JAPS
- KB. KUNDA BRIDGE



CISSEMBOB TO HOTE
2000 yds
 CISSEMBOB TO DAHO
40 minutes
 CISSEMBOB TO DOVERS JUNC
1 hr 10 minutes
by track
 CISSEMBOB TO OHIBE
1 hr 10 minutes

Time 1600hrs
 Date July 6th 43
 Copied by *[Signature]*
 1 Sect. 24th Bn.



In association with the
AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND
IN N.S.W., VIC & TAS.

Delroy
12 June

The Adj

1. Herewith report from
Lieut Locker on recent
action of his pl.
2. Lieut Locker omitted to
mention in his report that
natives stated the Japanese
were from the LAE area. They
were ~~to~~ well built, bigger
than the average Australians,
well dressed and equipped
Carrying packs on their
backs. The officers carried
their swords.
3. I regret the delay in
forwarding this report. For
15 days. I carried FULL
MARCHING order plus all the
accoutrements lavishly
bestowed on officers. I had

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a strained ankle right from
the kick off which gave up
the game and got better in
the end desperation.

Today I repaired and
collected my HQ and have
attempted to set up on a
new site.

Pfc GIBSON L.F. reported
in today giving us some
news of the Bn latest postings
etc.

✓ Can Bn arrange a further
issue of tobacco, papers, washing
soap and for sweets from
Coy funds.

All fit & keen for action

Whitlow

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16/6

Bemerkungen

Todesursache, Kurzer Lebenslauf u.s.w.

L.O.

24th Aust. Inf. Bn.

8th June 43

Report on 18 Pl as from 11th May 43, strength 1 Officer 33 OR's.

- 11th May 43 Left Sunshine Camp for Powerhouse, trip covered in 2 1/2 hrs.
- 12th May 43 Left Powerhouse for First Water, trip covered in 4 1/2 hrs, 1 3/4 hrs longer than laid down, delay caused by four of Pl who just couldn't take it, these men replaced from Powerhouse.
- 13th May 43 Left First Water for Upper Baurne, trip covered in 6 hrs. All stages after leaving Powerhouse were fairly hard going, condition and spirit of men at all times was very good, no complaints at all.
- 14th May 43 Left Upper Baurne for Pihimung trip covered in 6 hrs, this stage was wet and tough, but still no complaints, at each stop for the night meals and sleeping quarters good.
- 15th May 43. Number 9 section under command Sgt Marsh left for Mission, detached from Pl. 18 Pl strength now being 1 Officer 22 OR's, under my command left for Hote area. Trip covered in 8 hrs, worst stage of whole trip, owing to the fact of stores carried, each section carrying 1000 rounds per Bren, 50 rounds per man, 2 grenades per man, 3 days Field OP's, plus personal gear, making rather a heavy load for the man in this type of country. Defense position 2000 yds from Hote taken up by 18 Pl. Position known as Eissenbob.
- 16th May 43. Quite a few sore feet in Pl, but men all still keen, gave them rest for day, Defense position looked over, men detailed for these positions. Position not very good owing to the fact of having to place men in these positions on forward slopes, to get good field of fire, plenty of cover from view, but none for protection. No tools of any sort available, cabled for tools.
- 17th May 43. Fighting patrol of 10 men under my command moved out early along Hote - Malalo track for 5 hrs to recon track forward of our defense position. Patrol had to move careful on this track, wonderful ambush positions all along. Our defense position is roughly 7 hrs march from Salamaua via Malalo. Patrol after being out for 10 hrs returned to Eissenbob with-out contacting or observing enemy.
- 18th May 43. Fighting patrol of 10 men under command Cpl Hollis, moved out again along Hote - Malalo track for 4 hrs still no contact with enemy patrol returned safely.
- 19th May 43. Fighting patrol of 10 men under command Cpl Walker, moved out Hote - Malalo track. This patrol had been gone about 1 1/2 hrs, when they ran into gap ambush of 20. Our patrol when ambushed, was moving up very steep Hunai ridge, Hunai being 6 feet high. Patrol had been ordered to move with automatic weapons forward, if surprised, strike and go back, return to defense position with-out being observed. Gaps opened up with everything at our patrol who were in middle of ambush, with-out causing any harm. Leading scout of our patrol Pte Waters was cut off from patrol. Remainder of patrol reported back to me. Patrol under my command left to pick up Pte Waters after 2 1/2 hrs he was picked up by my patrol. We then laid in a ambush position for 2 1/2 hrs with no results. At 1630 hrs moved back to defense position. 1715 hrs 170 gaps moved into Hote village, where they were observed until dark. (Note) will include rough sketch of defense position to give better idea of tracks to be covered.
- 20th May 43. Men at Eissenbob 26, weapons, 1 M.M.G. 2 Brens, 3 Owen's, 16 rifles early hrs of morning 2 men and Bren sent to cover Doves Guns, three men with 1 Owen 2 rifles to cover track at Doho. That left 24 men at Eissenbob including three Vickers crew, 1 sig, 1 1/2 Field ambulance. During night booby traps had been set covering tracks to defense position men stood for all night. 0530 hrs booby trap on main track was sprung

Laufende No.	Nummer des Jahres	Gr- schlecht	Name des Verstorbenen	Tauf Reg No.	Todestag	Wohnort	Alter
<p>light was still very bad., so gave order to hold fire, and save ammo. 0550 hrs three Jap automatics opened fire from position along main track 700 yds from us. These were dealt with by Vickers crew, after Japs getting position and arc of fire of Vickers, they moved very quickly large bodies to our left and right flanks, keeping also rather a large number trying to come forward in direction of main track. Roughly automatic weapons used by Japs against us would be (15), mortars were also used, what size couldnt say. 0900 hrs roughly Pte Greene 24th Battalion and Pte Featherington 2/3rd Indep Company were wounded by automatic weapon from arange of 25 yds, this was silenced by hand grenades. In regards getting wounded out, position was serious, all natives had gone bush (bar 1) Pte Greene was sent out with aid of 2 men also one as escort. Couldnt get other wounded man out, because it would have made position very weak in some parts. Men through-out the action were rather nervous, but carried on like old soldiers. (Next action will be 100% better.) 1200 hrs they started with mortars most bombs falling a little short but they were slowly getting our range. After first 1 1/2 hrs of action, our only L of 6, which was one 308 W/T was out of use, our nearest L of 6 then being 5 hrs return trip away. At about 1200 hrs automatic weapons were in front of us, also on both flanks, all with in arange of 400 yds. Large party of Japs observed moving towards back 1000 yds rear of our defence position, 1300 hrs ordered a running fight back along ridge, only Bren gun we had to cover our rear, four men at a time to take these turn with wounded man on stretcher, withdrawal taking place back along very open ridge 700 yds long. Then ordered force to take up a defence position at village called Ohibe. During this running fight all men were under very heavy fire, but once again it was brought out what rotten shot the Japs are. During this running fight not one of our boys were hit, and believe me things were hot. Night of 20th May, 8 of Pl carried Pte Featherington for 16 hrs until met by native bearers from Pulumung. Work by these lads was wonderful doubt if it could be beaten by anyone. Enough praise cannot be given to the 2/3rd Indep Company Vickers crew for use of gun, these lads accounted for roughly 30 Japs, rest of 24th boys getting 20. Information received from 1 section and Natives by Chgau were killed and wounded 50. This gave the 24th the hono of getting 52 Japs either killed or wounded, our loss being 2 wounded for the action 19/20 May 43.</p> <p>21st May 43. Still in position at Ohibe, rather good defence but really too much ground to cover by small party of men under my command. Early hours of morning recce party of four, under Cpl Hollis moved out to village of Dabo to observe enemy movement. After 12 hrs away, this recce party were forced to return, owing to the fact Japs were beating bush around Dabo, with the purpose we supposed of trying to locate such party, then still here, but all very weary.</p> <p>22nd May 43. Still in position at Ohibe, active patrols on all tracks in area, building up our Field OP's and ammo. Rather heavy raid by our aircraft on Ersemlob. Hote area, five of our aircraft in all. Information gathered by us, casualties caused by aircraft 5 Japs. Gathered information that Dabo, Bamboo ridge, Ersemlob and Hote were only lightly held, received orders by cable, which was right with us by this, that we were to try and take above named areas at dawn. By this time strength of force in Ohibe was 50.</p> <p>23rd May. 0300 hrs left force of one section to hold Ohibe and pushed remainder of force on to Dabo, reached Dabo with-out contacting enemy. Small force left to hold Dabo, rest pushed onto clear ridge overlooking Dabo, known as Bamboo ridge. Still no contact with enemy on receding there. Two or three men left there to hold ridge remainder pushing onto Ersemlob to find Japs had cleared off back along Hote-Malalo track, late afternoon of 22nd May 43. Patrol was then sent forward of Ersemlob 1 1/2 hrs to pick up information.</p>							

Bemerkungen
Todesursache, Kurzer Lebenslauf u.s.w.

Cissembob was once again made into one main defence position, sections of six were then put out left and right flanks, forward also rear, making position much better than before, Pahol returned from Hote-Malalo track, making no contact with enemy whole of trip.

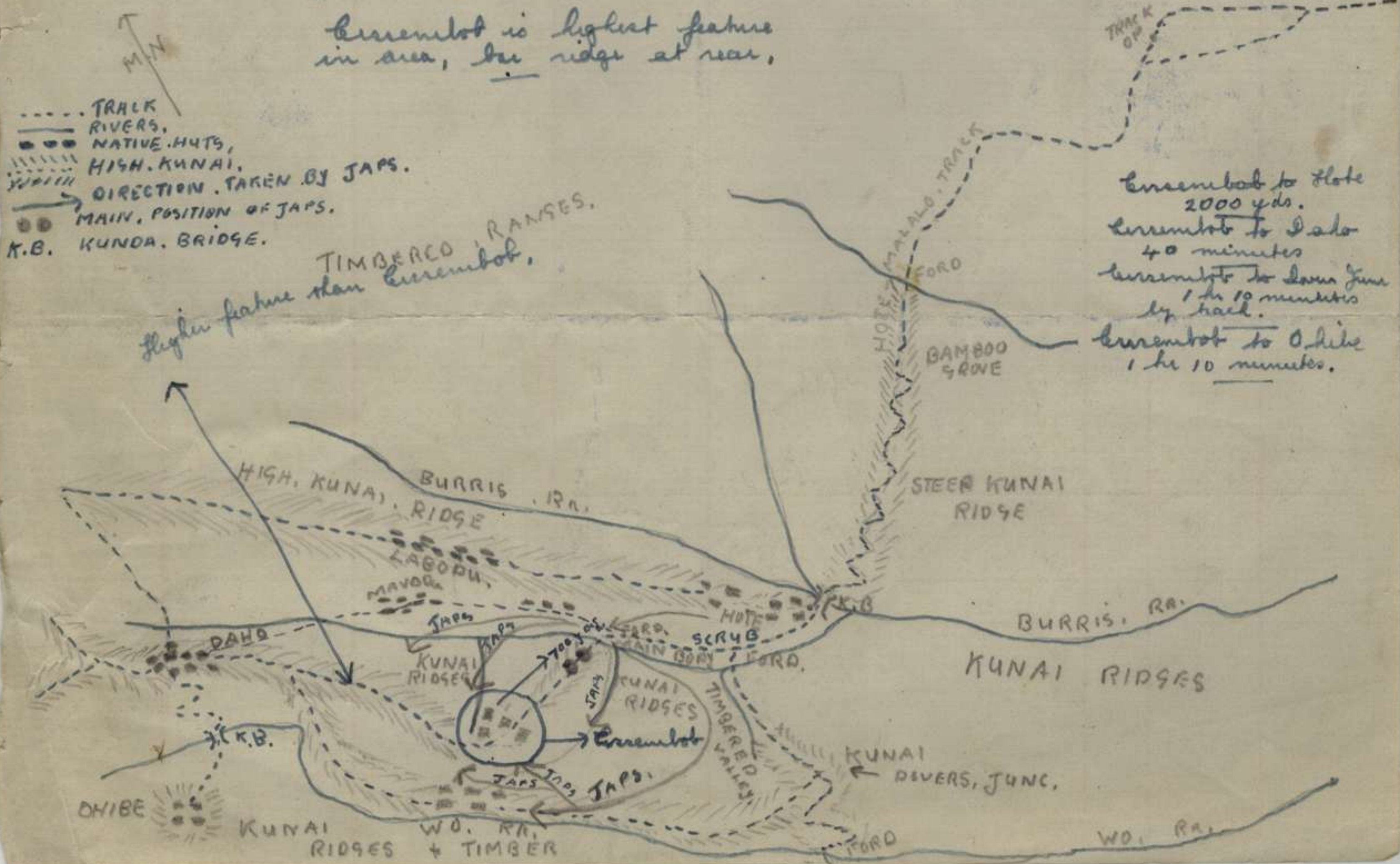
24th May 43 Tools were brought forward, each section making dug in positions, with one or two alternatives, also embank position forward of these fixed defence were used,

Fighting pahol was again sent out Hote-Malalo track with orders to push out for 4 1/2 hrs to try and make contact with enemy, no contact made, but information was picked up, 2 1/4 hrs from Cissembob sleeping bays were discovered, there would hold roughly 250 to 300 men, Position is now known as Jap staging camp, my forward position is now around there,

25th May 43. From this day onwards very little to report, pahols out on all tracks each day, no sign of enemy seen since 22nd May 43.

NOTE. Through withdrawing from Cissembob our losses were two wounded, all our blankets, and a good part of our weeks ration which came in night before attack, clothing etc was lost. Quite alot was reported lost, but was all regained after retaking Cissembob, Vieles's gun was just as we left it, his locks, slides and a few other small parts, five minutes after returning to Cissembob, Vieles's was again fit for action, allen of 18 Pl although out were quite as good, I'm sure, as any seasoned troops,
Luthooker O C 18 Pl.

ROUGH SKETCH. HOTE-CISSEMBOB AREA.
AS IT WAS 19/20 MAY 43.



2 copies pls

1 for O/C

PATROL REPORT.

I.O. for Clayfield

TYPE OF PATROL

RECORDED

3134

NO.

Camp 13

DATE

19 Jun 43

PATROL STRENGTH

1 Offr 1 Cpl 2 ORs

ARMAMENT

Rifle, Owen, Rifle, Owen, Grenades, Pistol

OBJECT

To recon Eastern side of DEEP CREEK, to obtain site for Mortar to fire on village, to ascertain what had happened to beehive traps placed on cliff face (A) by previous pl, and to investigate possibility of gap ambush being occupied at night. As per sketch

WEATHER

Fine

ROUTE OUT

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ROUTE IN

" " " " " " " "

TIME OUT

1300 hrs

TIME IN

1615 hrs

DETAILS

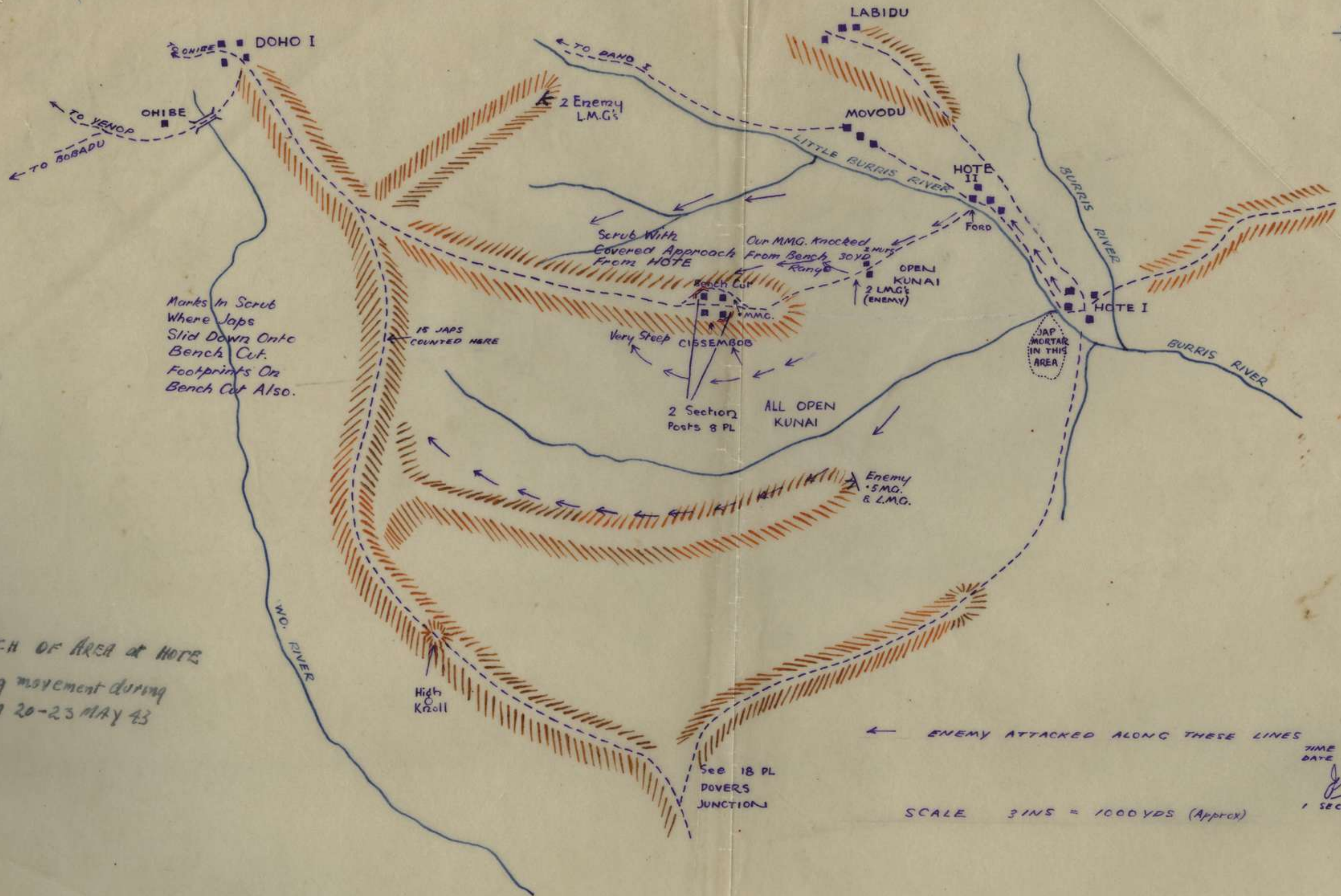
Patrol consisting of Lieut. BABER, Cpl GIBBETT, Ptes BETSON, Pte CHRISTEY, left CAMP 13 at 1300 hrs. 19 Jun 43 and proceeded to DEEP CREEK crossing about 100 yds up the creek from main log crossing, and patrolled along side of main track towards KUNAI spur. Arrived at CHIFF FACE and after a preliminary look around climbed the CHIFF FACE. This was examined for beehive traps previously laid by another pl. No traces were found, either of those on the cliff face (4) or of the one 30x beyond. Patrol then cut off to right of track and proceeded up KUNAI spur. Gap papers were found pre-usable, message forms. A strip of kunai had been cut for a distance of 50x. After observing for a while patrol proceeded ~~to~~ back to main track and along the left hand side of the track towards gap ambush posn. Arrived at point about 100x ahead of ambush posn and observed from point near river bank for about 10 minutes. Arms were carried on fellows Rifles belt BABER and Pte CHRISTEY, Owens Cpl GIBBETT and Pte BETSON. After observing for a while it appeared as though ambush was unoccupied, it was impossible to flank position to the right owing to a steep hill so patrol crept Signature. to the left. Lieut BABER went forward Rank and scaled hill to left and on Date arrival at top observed two empty pits Place

Note - Sketch map to be drawn on the back of this sheet.

Apparently patrol had not, up to the time, been observed.

While Lieut BABER was examining empty weapons
pit (A) Pte BETSON came up and went forward
two paces. ~~Pte~~ Pte CHRISTEY was at the base
of the hill as also was Cpl GIBBETT. Pte BETSON
heard a knock and observed a gap about three
or four yards ahead and then saw him raise
his arm to throw a grenade. The party on
the alarm, retired in the following order, Cpl
GIBBETT, Pte CHRISTEY, Pte BETSON, Lieut BABER. Cpl
GIBBETT moved across to the left. The ground was
soft and covered with tangled grass and all
members of the patrol fell at one stage or another
in getting out of the clearing. The enemy (estimated
at at least fifteen) were firing with what
appeared to be either two or three LMGs,
rifles, and later with a heavier calibre M.C.
which sounded like a "lazy" Vickers. Cpl GIBBETT
was observed to break bush to the left. The patrol
retreated about fifty yards clear of the
clearing and tried to find traces of Cpl GIBBETT
but no sound could be heard of bush being
broken. The enemy continued to fire with
LMGs and the heavier calibre gun. Patrol
retreated along track, passing approx each 100x
to listen for sounds of GIBBETT. Patrol crossed
creek and returned to camp at 1615. Contact
was made with the gap at approx 1545.
Creek bank was patrolled until dark but no
sign of the enemy were observed nor was any
trace seen of Cpl GIBBETT. Other endeavours
were made to find GIBBETT as per later
reports.

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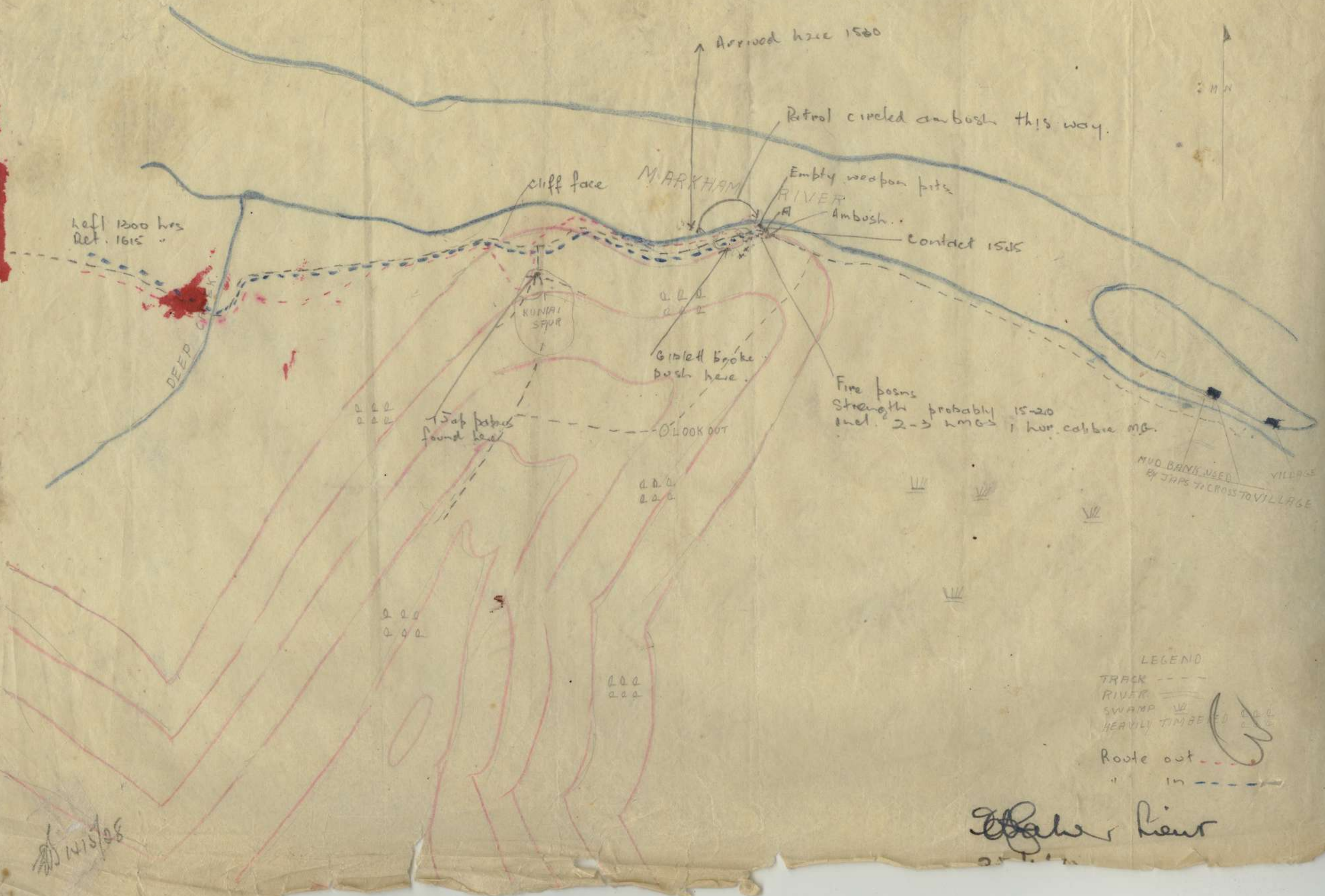
SKETCH OF AREA at HOTE showing movement during action 20-23 MAY 43

← ENEMY ATTACKED ALONG THESE LINES

TIME 1005 HRS
DATE 21 JUN 43
J. Wheat. PTE
1 SEC 24 BN

SCALE 3 INS = 1000 YDS (APPROX)

DEEP CREEK JAP AMBUSH AREA



Left 1300 hrs
Ret. 1615

Arrived here 1500

Patrol circled ambush this way.

cliff face

M. ARKHAM

Empty weapon pits

RIVER

Ambush..

Contact 1505

KUNIAI SPUR

Gravel broke push here.

Fire posns
strength probably 15-20
incl. 2-3 hmg's, 1 hor. calibre mg.

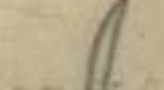
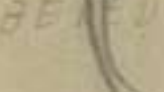
Jap pits found here

LOOK OUT

MUD BANK USED BY JAPS TO CROSS TO VILLAGE

VILLAGE

LEGEND

- TRACK - - - - -
- RIVER - - - - -
- SWAMP 
- HEAVILY TIMBERED 
- Route out - - - - -
- " in - - - - -

W. Baker, Lieut

1415/28

PATROL REPORT.

To. I.O.

TYPE PATROL

STANDING
RECCE
FIGHTING

3136

From.

Camp 13

DATE

19 Jun 43

PATROL STRENGTH

1 Officer 1 Cpl

Lieut BAKER
Cpl. Johnstone .L.

ARMAMENT

2 Owen's, 1 pistol, grenades

LOAD

14 lbs

OBJECT

Recce East side DEEP CREEK to
endeavour to find Cpl GIBBETT

WEATHER

Fine and moonlight - Rain later
cloudy

ROUTE OUT

Camp 13 to DEEP CREEK & along
tracks toward cliff face

ROUTE IN

Reverse to above.

TIME OUT

2130

TIME IN

0230

DETAILS :-

Patrol left when moon was bright and proceeded along tracks to DEEP CREEK. In spite of bright moon light going was very difficult and travelling slow. Light was obscured by timber and cloud. Crossed DEEP CREEK and proceeded along tracks toward cliff face for about fifteen minutes. Going became very hard and it was impossible to follow tracks. Patrol remained as listening post but no sound indicating presence of Cpl GIBBETT could be heard. Rain commenced to fall about 0130 and no noise apart from rain falling could be heard and patrol returned to camp arriving at approx 0230.

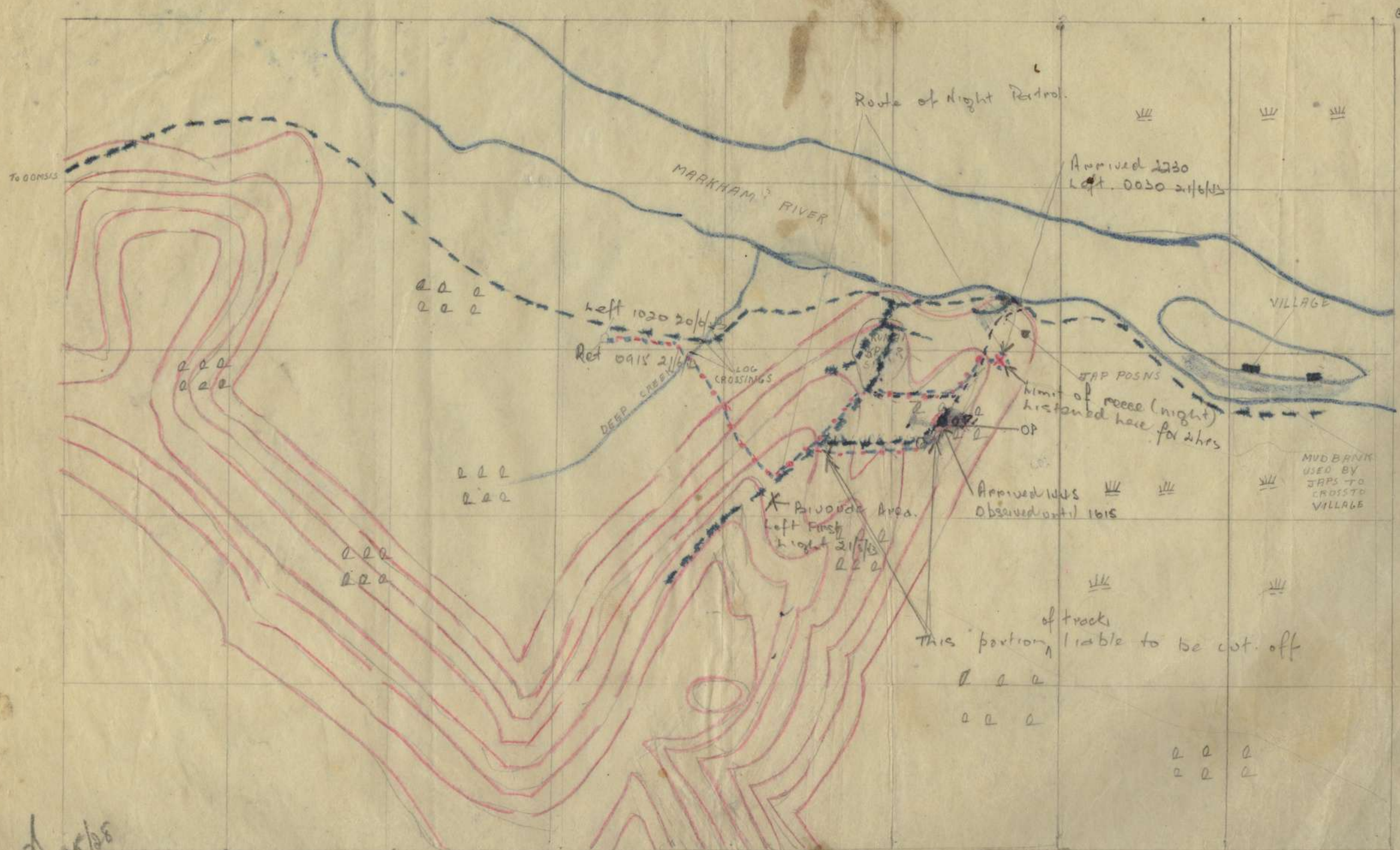
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Baker Signature
Lieut Rank
21 Jun 43 Date
Camp 13 Place

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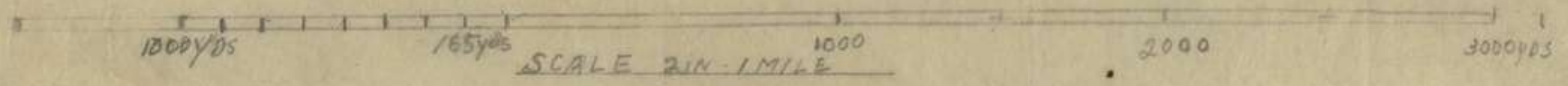
DEEP CREEK - MARKHAM POINT AREA



21/6/43

LEGEND

- TRACK -----
- RIVER ~~~~~
- FORM LINES - - - - -
- HEAVILY TIMBERED o o o
- SWAMP ||| |||
- VILLAGES ■ ■
- TRACKS USED BY PATROL (dotted line)



John Lewis
28/6/43

PATROL REPORT.

TO I.O.

TYPE OF PATROL .

~~STANDING~~
RECCE
~~RECON~~

FROM.

Camp 13

DATE

20/21 Jun 43

3135

PATROL STRENGTH

1 Offn, 3 ORs

ARMAMENT

Load carried

2 Owen, 2 rifle, 1 pistol, Grenade
2.5 lb per man approx.

OBJECT

To Recce Jap bunkers near Lookout
to ascertain whether occupied at night and to
observe from Lookout

WEATHER

Day - Fine clear. Night moonlight but obscured
by cloud - rain during night.

ROUTE OUT

As per sketch

ROUTE IN

" " "

TIME OUT

1020 hrs 20 Jun 43

TIME IN

0915

DETAILS :- Patrol consisting of Lieut. BABER, Ptes LEMANE, GRADY, WALKOM left Camp 13 at 1020 on 20 Jun 43, patrolled down track to DEEP CREEK, and crossed to East bank. Searched area for signs of Cpl. GIBLETT but no trace found. They climbed up feature as per diagram to track. The route up the feature is fairly well blocked but is a hard climb at times almost perpendicular. Had near half way up hill and returned on at 1300 hrs arriving on track approx 1400 and proceeded down track in northerly direction arriving at KOKI turn off at 1425 and LOOKOUT at 1445. Observed until 1615.

Observations made. On sandy strip between Island 4 Japs and 10 natives were observed moving around but appeared to be doing nothing of importance. Six native outrigger canoes were on the beach. At 1600 2 canoes each containing four natives paddled down towards the mouth of the MARKHAM. 3 Japs were also observed behind the island on opposite side of MARKHAM.

At 1615 patrol returned up track and while party back heard bombers overhead and later bombing towards LAE. Then a position about 2000 yds above track back from LOOKOUT a glimpse can

.....Signature.

.....Rank

.....Date

.....Place

Note - Sketch map to be drawn on the back of this sheet.

He obtained of LAE and a fire was observed near LAE which was estimated to be either an oil

dump or a supply vessel close off shore, most probably the latter. Bivouac was made about 15 minutes back from KOKI turn off on the first slope of hill.

Before dark ~~was made~~ LIEUT BABER, and Pte Wankom made a preliminary recon along KOKI track to get an idea of route to be taken later. At about 2200 the two above mentioned went forward to KOKI turn off and recon along KOKI track for about 15-20 min. Visibility was practically NIL or near was obscured by clouds and also trees overhead. No patrol remained or listening post. It is believed that sounds of low voices could be heard at intervals (Night, up till midnight was very quiet.) Patrol remained until about 0230 returning to bivouac area at approx 0130 hrs.

Patrol left at first light on 21 Jun 43 arriving back at Camp 13 at 0915.

General remark ~~that~~ Route up feature is very rough and hard going. Portion of track shown in blue shows no evidence of Jap patrolling, but is showing clear signs of use by our troops. Use of lookout is rather insecure as return can be cut off by Japs coming back along track to KOKI turn off. A sentry is posted near here by each patrol.

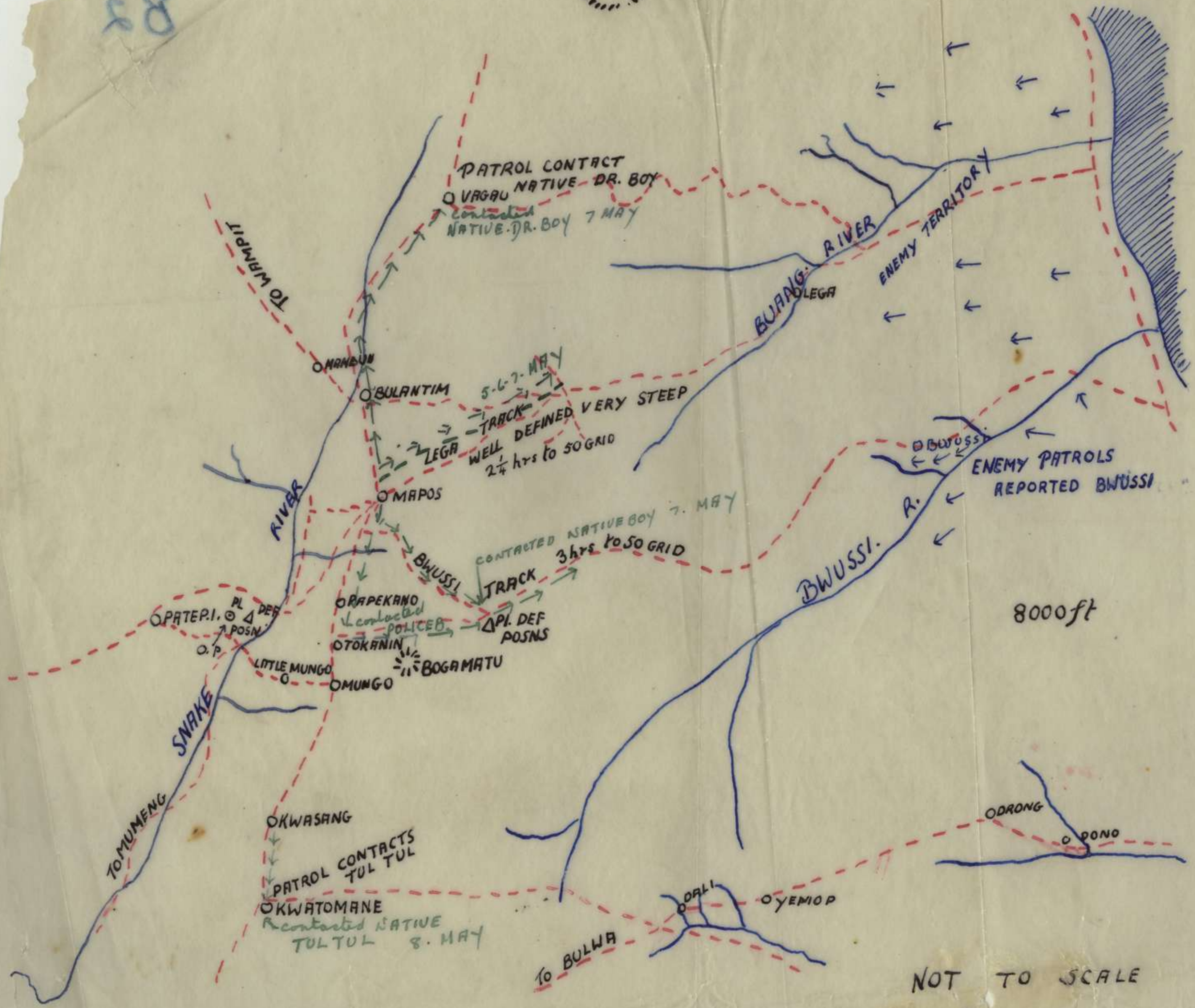
B. Baber.

LIEUT.

23 Jun 43

Camp 12.

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LEGEND

- PATROL ALLIED
- ENEMY

1450 hrs.
14 May

P. H. ...
Det to Search
Allen
Capt



From No.: V.X. 104151
 Name: Lieut. A.W.G. Dunsell
 Unit: BENS.

Date: 31 May 43

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Labourer 1,

I am asking W Jacobsen to take this back with him. Fortunately I was able to assist him in the selection of a site for his purposes and have been rewarded with some beautiful photographs of the terrain MT NCARANENO to EAST of MT MISANTUM. \$

I climbed over MT MISANTUM on 2 separate days and it was particularly hard. Thick jungle stops a view. Luckily I was able to give Mac Irving a time table for his job because I had been over the ground and it worked out very well proving the absolute necessity of previous recon particularly in this type of country. Today I am at BENS attending

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Unit:

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a conference then to BOBS, KIRKS, NARAGOOMA, MT NGARANENO and its O.P. I hope to finish that walkabout by next Sunday.

A more detailed report is following and will probably be written tonight.

Cpl ROBERTSON did a marvellous job at MARKHAM POINT and I will further report on that.

As Carl is going now I will close.

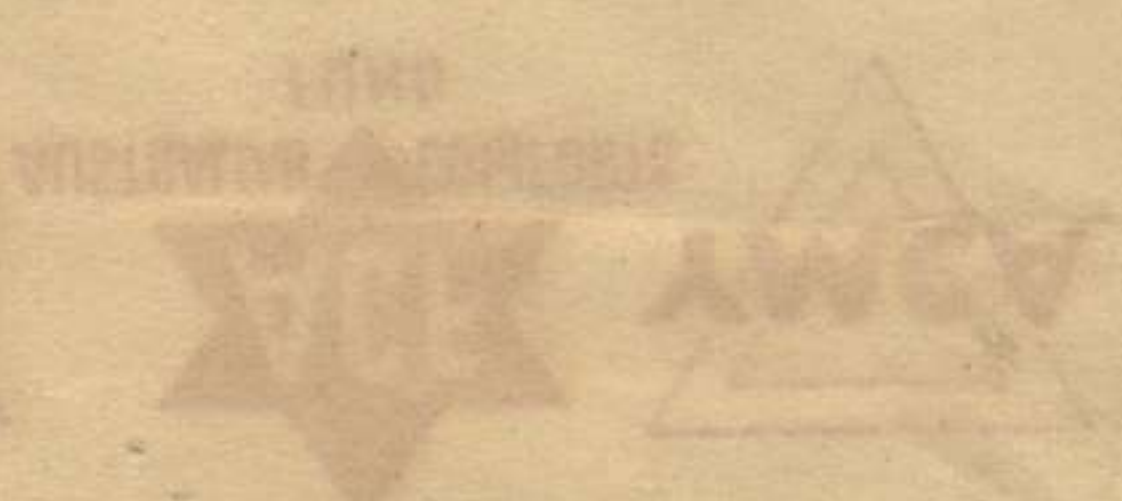
yours faithfully
Bunsell

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From No.: V X 104151
 Name: Lieut A. W. E. Bunsell
 Unit: _____
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Handmaid!

FILE,

In explanation of the use of this Comforts Fund paper, I cannot procure any other at the moment.

I returned today to DEX after spending 10 days at BEN O.P. This stay appears inordinately long at one Pl. position but in that time I went to DEEPWATER CK, twice to MT MISANTUM once to LAKE WANUM area with W Jacobsen and party, once to Forward O.P. I gave the Pl. Sgt, BOYLE, what assistance I could during Lieut IRVING's patrol to DEEPWATER CK, and more or less handled the information end of that show.

As mentioned previously I thought that Cpl ROBERTSON did a splendid job on that patrol (IRVING's) particularly as he had a

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festered foot and was suffering from chafe. This latter complaint appears to be common with patrols going to MARKHAM PT area - I suffered with it myself - and is most probably caused by the wet conditions at the creek.

Communications have been improved out of sight in the ten days, and tonight I spoke to Capt PECK from DEX over approximately 30 miles of line. L/T comm is now through to the creek.

Apropos of Epl ROBERTSON. This N.C.O. asked to be allowed to go forward again to see if he could get to the mouth of the river, and also to see if he could definitely locate the OLD TOSO track, and go over some portion of it. He was subsequently advised by Capt PECK that it was not practicable because he had been selected to attend a N.G.F. Int. school. He is leaving DEX on either 4th or 5th May and will

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report to you at SUNSHINE.

You will probably receive with this report a copy of the instructions issued to Pls. by Capt PECK following conference held at BENS on 31 MAY and attended by the Sig. O. and Capt SKINNER in addition to our two selves. I think the business is now getting on to a sound footing, and the active receiving for new tracks as outlined should ensure that a number of the troops will know the area thoroughly, and the majority of them will at least have a working knowledge of it.

Work is progressing apace with the plotting of an accurate and up-to-date map of the area, and it should be completed by 5 June at the latest, incorporating all the information gained. When completed it will be forwarded to B.H.Q.

In view of the fact that the BEN O.P. is the

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to secure a native guide for him, and if so,
HOCKADAY will start from the TIMNE end, probably
on 3 June. An alternative to the NAMPII-GABENSIS
track is required by the R.M.O. for speedier evacuat-
ion of casualties. The present track is atrocious,
and today was particularly muddy and slippery
Some miles of logs laid lengthwise along the
track are very slippery, and one narrow log across
a 40ft creek is a definite hazard. Evacuation of
stretcher cases along this track would be most
difficult. The R.M.O. Capt. Rawlings, is also preparing
his WAR DIARY report for the month of MAY, and this
report should reach F14 with it.

Yours faithfully
A. Burrell

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worst Pl. area from a health point of view
Capt PECK intends to site a fresh Pl. HQ within
the next couple of days and, as he believes the
name is misleading, proposes to name the new
HQ, IRVING. There is no doubt that the present
position is depressing and unhealthy, whilst
almost impossible to keep clean. At the time
that Lieut DELVES was called on to supply a
patrol to MARKHAM POINT, he could only raise 6 men
besides himself from 14 Pl. Of the six, - 3 had
made at least three trips into the ambush
form. He was forced, whilst manning the position,
to man the Jwd O.P. with light duty men
because of the call on every available fit man
for patrolling work etc. In the circumstances I
think he did a creditable job in organizing his
patrol at such short notice.

Lieut BABER intends moving to BENS O.P.

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tomorrow, all being well, and it is Capt PECK'S intention to make his fwd Pl. a four section one, utilising the MMC's, and to have one section engaged on track rece work.

I intend moving on to BOBS tomorrow afternoon and working then across to NARAGOOMA, and including KIRKS, SHELDONS and MT. NGARANENO. Mr Jacobson pointed out to me, on the map, crossings, previously used, and I intend to have a look at them, also a track direct to NARAGOOMA track from BOBS, and in addition to check over the information angle from the point of view of the Pl. in that area. If alternative routes to the MARKHAM PT area can be found, Mr Beattie hopes to eventually supply an alternative communication channel.

I have recommended to Capt Duell that he try to procure American two-man tents for use by standing patrols because of the rain which invariably falls nightly. Capt PECK agrees that these shelters are desirable provided man, or native, power is available for transportation.

Pte HOCKADAY (I. Sec) today attempted to find a track from vicinity GABENSIS to TIMNE direct, but could NOT locate one from the GABENSIS end. W.O. SWANSON, A.N.G.A.U., who is stationed at TIMNE, hopes



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Time Table

Sat 15 May - Left SUNSHINE 0700. Arrived
MUMENGI 1300. Left 1530. Arrived
PARTER 2. 2015 hrs. Advised Fleweller
of form YAGAU-MAPOS, KWASANG patrols etc

Sun. 16 May - Church pde. Advised
Dawson by phone of set up of patrols
to go LEGA, KARESTE, BUANG, BWUSSI
and, the special patrol to SUGARLOAF
Viewed some of the def forms with Capt
PATERSON. Sited hut for fwd B.H.Q.
Lgt Bennett & Pte Russell commenced prepn
of hut

Monday 17 May - Left Partep 2 0830 hrs via
Partep village. Arrived TIMNE 1145
Left TIMNE 1330 arrived DEX 1615 hrs.
Discussed form with Capt Chandler and
formation of MARKHAM POINT patrol

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TUESDAY 18 MAY - Visited WAMPIT (13 PL) in morning. In afternoon inspected MMG & MORTAR posns with Capt. Quell Inspected I set-up. from Coy & Bn point of view. - Americans arrived

WEDNESDAY 19 May - Morning - Reports, and discussions with Cpl Robertson re patrols, reces etc.

Afternoon - With Capt Clandler visited HOUSE KIAP whilst Capt Kingdom of ANGAU interrogated 3 Labu natives who said that Japs had evacuated MARKHAM POINT on 16 MAY. They also reported a number of Jap huts in vic. the POINT. Capt Clandler decided to send patrol to the Point to discover if this true. Decided that I.O. would accompany as far as DEEP WATER CK.

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THURSDAY 20 MAY - Left DEX 0630 breakfasted
NAMPIT 0700hrs. Lunch BEN 1130 - 1400
GABENSIS 1500 BEN O.P. 1630 hrs. Arrived
with Lieut IRVING. Advised Lieut DELVES of
posn (his first knowledge) and he arranged a patrol
of 7 from 14 Pl. (incl himself) and 9 from 13 Pl.

FRIDAY 21 MAY - Left BEN O.P. 0630 - OOMISIS
0750hrs - our ambush posn 1015 - First CK
1100hrs Lunch to 1200 hrs. Arrived DEEPWATER
CK. 1600 hrs. Bivouacked 200 yds SOUTH of
track within 50 yds of CK. Heavy rain during
night and through till morning

SATURDAY 22 MAY - First light 0600 hrs. Patrol
led by Lieut DELVES left 0630 hrs and
completed crossing of log by 0700 hrs. Returned
0830 hrs. Complete patrol left 0900 hrs lunch
at our ambush posn 1230 hrs. Left 1400
viewed RIVER from WINDOW till 1500. OOMISIS
1630. BENS IN YOUR LETTER DO NOT REFER TO: O.P. 1730 hrs

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SUNDAY 23 MAY - Resting BEN O.P. - Prep'n of report with Lieut DELVES, Maj. CLUTTERBUCK & CAPT CHANDLER at O.P. Directions received for recon of MT MISANTUM for possible alternative O.P. to MT NGARANENO

MONDAY 24 MAY - 0730 hrs left BEN O.P. Arrived OOMSIS

Patrol. 1.0 v patrol by Lieut SAUNDERS & Sgt STEVENSON

0850 hrs. Left OOMSIS 0930 hrs. Got to within 1 1/2 hrs of top of EASTERN peak of the MT but unable to continue because of thick jungle lunch in timber 1130 - 1230 hrs. Returned down slope, through DRY CK and PIT PIT swamp to WESTERN Spur, through jungle to OOMSIS CK and back to OOMSIS at 1800 hrs Arrived BEN OP area 2000 hrs but unable to find track. Arrived BEN OP 0700 hrs 25 MAY

TUESDAY 25 MAY Arrived BEN OP 0700 hrs Prepared Report. Arranged timetable for Lieut IRVING'S patrol to MARKHAM PT on 27 MAY. Left ROBERTSON & Plt JONES arrived 1700 hrs from MT NGARANENO over new track

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WEDNESDAY 26 MAY - Patrol I.O. & Batman Sgt BOYLE

left BEN O.P. 0800 moved via BWARIP track & across
OOMSIS CK to WESTERN spur of MT MISANTUM, thence
EAST to DRY CK bed. Lunch 1230-1330. Reached top
of MT. 1540 hrs. Very limited view LAE from this
point. Heavy timber & jungle scrub. Moved across
to WESTERN spur. NO view of MARKHAM R.

Retnd to DRY CK 1700 hrs. reached BEN O.P. 2300 hrs.

THURSDAY 27 MAY - Lieut IRVING's patrol left for POINT

Assisted Sgt BOYLE with R. adm and details

FRIDAY 28 MAY - Writing reports & censoring

mail. Instructed Sgt Boyle & other NCO's
in observing & patrol reports.

SATURDAY 29 MAY Lieut IRVING's patrol

returned. Afternoon - Writing patrol
report with Lieut IRVING, Cpls ROBERTSON &

MURPHY. Maj. WATSON (U.S. Forces), W. JACOBSON

(INT) and S/Sgt Anderson (U.S. Forces). ~~on crash~~

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arrived BEN O.P. with object of finding suitable crash landing grounds for a/c damaged in action over the area.

SUNDAY 30 May 1100 hrs - Guided JACOBSEN

and party to crash landing ground adjacent to & immediately SOUTH of LAKE WANUM. BWARIP track followed to point where creek crosses. Native hunting pad OOMSIIS - BWARIP track followed along SOUTH side of OOMSIIS CK for approx 1 1/2 miles on to BWARIP track.

Returned 1800 hrs to BEN O.P.

MONDAY 31 MAY 0830 Visited Fwd O.P. with

s/Sgt Anderson (U.S. Forces) who took panoramic photo of area to NORTH of posn. Ret'd BEN O.P. 1030 hrs Left 1100 hrs arrived GABENSIS 1200 hrs & BEN 1245 hrs where Coy Cmd. 'C' Coy. - Capt PECK

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Capo
 and SKINNER met. Held conference with
 Mr JACOBSON. Later conference held with
 CAPTS PECK & SKINNER, Lieuts BEATTIE &
 IRVING, and Cpls ROBERTSON and MURPHY
 as advisers. Notes taken at the conference
 for forwarding to Capt Duell and subsequent
 promulgation to PIs & advice to BHR.
 1 JUN. Left BEN 0830 hrs. Arrived WAMPIT
 1230 hrs. DEY 1300 hrs. Notes of conference
 of 31 MAY handed Capt DUELL who typed
 instructions therefrom for forwarding to PIs.
 Afternoon - Writing reports.

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advantage of I.O. in fwd areas.

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Conference BENS 31 May 43 - 1630 hrs
Present Capt Peck, Lieut Iwing, Capt Skinner
Lieut Beattie Lieut Bunsell, Cpl
Robertson Cpl Murphy.

1. Comms. 12 m. of cable required to complete
comms to Jap Ambush posn. 4 miles
DIII cable to be laid from end of battle
line at OOM515. Will reach a point about
1 m. past our ambush posn. From
there on battle cable will be laid
as far forward as cable will allow
(recovered battle cable OOM515 fwd)
Sufficient rations for legs now on job. Line
should be as far fwd as possible Sat morning
208 W/T not practicable. Possible to lay
finally from Jwd. O.P. to OOM515 direct
using separate line from BEN O.P. fwd.

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Reqn for 2 man American tents (10) Date:

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2-L.O.C. - Rations - Wampit cook to BENS in

2 days time

Fishers Post to be discontinued

Patrol from BEN O.P. to BEN - daily

Pl. HQ at BEN O.P. to be changed - possibly
down the creek behind present site.

Res. sec. at Pl. HQ

1 sec patrolling BWARIP & BENS

1 sec food at MARKHAM PT.

1 sec (MMG) at OOMSIS - (Recce)

Every patrol to carry mos. net, lotion &
6 ateborn, Aspro & salt tablet.

Extra sugar, cocoa, req'd for food patrols and
Pl. HQ 48 tins of res. rations to be placed food
at MARKHAM POINT.

Staging at BEN, OOMSIS, MARKHAM PT.

Rations to be broken at WAMPIT for IRVING and
each

OOMSIS

Clothing & blankets - 16 blankets to OOMSIS & BENS

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? NARAGOOMA 1 & 2.

? NARAGOOMA 2 (WEST of NAI)

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where natives will not allow entry

Patrol reports to be furnished for every patrol & accompanied by a sketch

Date:

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3. Patrols. Necessity for receiving alternative routes

I. GABENSIS - LABU. direct

II. BEN - WAMPIT alternative to present log track

III. OOMSIS - OLD MARI direct

IV. BWARIP - MARKHAM PT

V. OOMSIS - SAC SAC

VI. Track halfway between NARAGOOMA - KIRKS

VII. OOMSIS - BWARIP track

VIII. - OOMSIS - BWARIP VIA EAST of MISANTUM

going reports to be furnished for each of these when Pls change over it is essential to have ALL info passed on to incoming Pl.

Fighting patrols & recon patrols in to enemy occupied territory etc. outline plan showing strength, times routes Adm Intercomm etc etc. to be communicated to HQ & approved before patrol leaves etc HQ

Each Pl. Comd. to keep his own map up to date. -> SITUATION MAP

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O.P. reports. Summaries of O.P. logs to be
 fwded for SITREP purposes. Pl. comds respons
 Reductions must be stated as such.
 Facts must be stated as such.
 Map refs to be given for observations when reporting ^{to Coy.}
 Health Hygiene + Sanitation - To be
 rigorously enforced, Personnel not complying
 with mosquito refs to march to SUNSHINE
 and return with pack.

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~~3 DIV rptd A and D Coy 241~~

3 DIV rptd A and D Coy 24 Bn BOMO DUFA KIMA
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SECRET @ SITREP 163 to 0600K/30 @ C Coy MARKHAM
POINT @ Further to our SITREP 162 K/29 Our
ambush party of 7 occupied posn approx
map ref 545430 NADZAB one inch at
top of stone cliff face leading to
KUNAI SPUR to protect MORTAR at approx
552431 @ Although able to hold and
cause cas to JAPS moving WEST
along river track they would NOT hold
the encircling force of 20 JAPS moving
simultaneously down KUNAI SPUR @ Ambush
party protected mortar withdrawal after
attack and itself withdrew 0910K/29
to posn 545438 on WEST side of DEEP CREEK
to cover track @ 1430 K/29 rece patrol

crossed DEEP CREEK and searched hinter
vic KUNAI SPUR and river back
without result. © Shrapnel fragments
from JAP shell penetrated tree
18 inches in diameter at 540438 ©

Otherwise SITNOR © B Coy SITNOR ©

All informed

IMMEDIATE

by Fairfield
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0620

19 May 43

to Labourer 1
Land

This is by way of an interim report of some observations made by myself up to date. Firstly I found the trip up here to be not unduly hard although I found the walk across ZENAG a bit of a pull. My times, with pack, and without hurrying unduly were -

- 1st day. Sunshine to Mumeng - 5 1/2 hrs including stops.
- Mumeng to Partep II - 4 1/2 " " "
- 2nd day. At Partep II establishing & siting fwd. HQ.
- 3rd day Partep II to Timne - 3 1/2 hrs including stops.
- Timne to Dec - 3 1/4 " " "

J.B.

At Partep II I found the troops to be keen and enthusiastic. They were particularly interested in the supposed arrows said to be pointing their way, and lost no time in reporting everything they saw. I contacted Lieut Dawson at Partep I by phone and he appears to have everything under control with regard to the establishment of his new Pl. HQ. and the sending of the patrols down the Lega and Bwassi tracks. As I moved from there on Monday morning I don't know how those two patrols, nor the preparations for the Sugarloaf job, went. Lieut Dawson thinks it would pay us to get copies of the Angau reports as submitted by W.O. Sherlock. I agree with him because often the information obtained by the ANGAU men from natives would be of assistance to us. As far as I can gather W.O. Sherlock does not pass on information, obtained from natives, to us.

The most reports from Partep II and Timne should prove very interesting and informative. Extensive alterations and improvements are being carried out by Capt. Hewellen at Partep, and the area looks pretty good.

1730/21

Improvements, including drainage and mosquito control, are being carried out at DEX. Capt. Chandler is back to health again after a bout of fever, and is as lively as a cricket. He visited BOB'S yesterday and made the trip there and back without any difficulty at all. He is now back to his best form.

The three Americans Maj Knox, Capt Van Dyne and the Sgt. returned to DEX last night. From their description they followed the old track from GABENSIS through SAC SAC to Old Tojo and up to Tojo i.e. they appear to have gone along the track which was placed out of bounds. They were guided by a police boy, so I will see Capt Kingdom of ANGAU about it.

Whilst at Tojo the Americans observed what they think are 5 MMS^o, open on a single Allied plane, and they say that there are quite a number on the south bank of the river. The matter is covered in a message I sent to LANO today.

I have obtained some more info regarding the ambush where Cpl Mackey was wounded. He was shot by a tree sniper and after picking up his Owen, which was knocked to the ground, he shot the sniper out of the tree. Ptes Betson and Sherwill both shot the forward ambush men but don't know whether they scored kills although they both silenced their man.

Tomorrow I intend to move on to BEN'S O.P. then down to Deep Water Ek, back to BEN'S then up round MT MISANTUM, LAKE WANUM, BWARIP and MT NGARANENO. The Arty Survey officer, Lieut Eridland, reports some new, ~~or~~ unmapped, tracks, and I will have Cpl Robertson and Pte Jones, of the i. Sec., prepare a going report for the area. After they have cleaned up that area I will get them to have a go at GABENSIS - TIMNE and GABENSIS - VAGAU tracks if they exist.

Maj. Clutterbuck, and Sgt. Stephens of 2/6 Bn, have just reported in. I will contact the Sgt. as soon as he has rested and tee everything up with him.

These 'C' Coy lads are keen alright. They are keen as mustard although I believe the men themselves think a recon patrol of three too small if they run into trouble. They don't like back pedalling out *W. B. Russell*

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
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OFFICE DATE STAMP

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(ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO CARPENTER YOGI ^{Ref} LABOURER. 2 LANO

FROM LANO

Originator's Number

Q 238

Date

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In Reply to Number

Ref. patrol to SUGERLOAF by COCO
 Repeat to LANO urgently the instructions you gave to COCO regarding the above with special reference to use of DUCHATEL'S GUIDES and start time of the patrol also mention the person at COCO to whom these instructions were given.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN** BY ANY MEANS. (* (EXCEPT) WIRELESS)

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* ORIGINATOR MAY DELETE "EXCEPT" AND INSERT "INCLUDING."

THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT **IN CYPHER** IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS.

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T.H.I. 1720

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LANO

CARPENTER YOC1 1R85 22 Q238

ref patrols @ Lieut DAWSON was contacted
by phone from COCO he was instructed to
arrange with Sherlock at MPO on 16 May

and arrange details of patrol @

CARPENTER left COCO on 16 May and attempt-
ed to contact DAWSON from YOC1 but
without success @ matters covered in CARPEN-
TER'S report from YOC1 on 17 May @ LABOURER
COCO was advised of full details 15 May @
NO report received by CARPENTER from
COCO concerning patrol since

1920
1930

FR 2253

2055

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

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.

Further infm from ANCAU at MAPOS advises EWUSSI village visited ~~Monday~~ 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~~ 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.

Bens O.P. YOGI.

23 May 43

Labourer 1

Lano,

On 19 May I was present with Capt Chandler at House Keep NAMPIT whilst Capt Kingdom ANGAU interrogated the three LABU natives. It was a most interesting experience and has been covered rather fully in my report. Major Knox & Capt Van Dyne of U.S. Forces went out to BOB'S with Capt Quell & Sgt Greenwood. On his return Capt Quell took ill and was still in bed when I left on the 20th.

My batman & I had breakfast on the 20th at NAMPIT, lunch at BENS and tea at BENS O.P. At the O.P., Lieut Delves received instructions to take a patrol of two secs to DEEP WATER CK, leave one sec at the ck, and push on with the other into the Jap. ambush point in the vicinity of OLD TOSO track. Sgt. Stevens of 2/6 Bu, who had arrived at DEX on the morning of 19 May, had only made BEN~~X~~ by the evening of the 20th. As Lieut Delves had been told to push forward with his job as soon as possible, he decided to leave the O.P. at 0600 hrs on 21 May in order to reach the creek at a reasonable time. Capt Chandler also instructed that 2 S.B's and 2 runners move from BEN to OOMSIS and that Sgt Stevens move through and catch up with patrol as soon as possible.

The patrol left the O.P. at 0600 hrs and comprised Lieut Delves and 6 men from 14 Pl, 9 men from 13 Pl and my batman and myself. At our ambush point about 3 hrs from the O.P. the standing patrol there was relieved & they moved back to the camp. Although a GABENSIS native named Katang had told them that Markham Point had been evacuated they had not moved from the

ambush post to investigate. #

The track from our ambush post to DEEP WATER CK was very hard and entailed climbing rain forest spurs and passing through swampy creeks. The creek was reached at approx 1600 hrs and Lieut Selves decided to camp the night and move off at first light on the morning of 22 May. A watch was kept on the track up to approx 1800 hrs in case Sgt Stevens arrived but as he had not shown up by dark it was presumed that he had ~~left~~^{camped} along the track. As mentioned in a message sent to LANO from DEX the Sgt has NOT been over DEEP WATER CK.

Heavy rain fell during the night with the result that everyone was drenched. First light did not come until 0615 hrs, and at 0630 the patrol comprising Lieut Selves and 6 men from 14 Pl. plus Cpl Murphy from 13 Pl, left the bivouac site. The creek crossing was difficult and the patrol took until 0700 hrs to cross the creek. They returned at approx 0815 hrs, having found the ambush post unoccupied. This phase will probably be covered by Lieut Selves report.

The entire party moved back and approx 1 hr from the creek met Sgt Stevens on his way down. As the information had been obtained he returned with the patrol. After lunching at our ambush post the patrol returned to BEN O.P. Whilst observing from "the window", an O.P. about 10 mins above the ambush post, which shows the Markham Valley in vic of HEATHS, EDWARDS and MARKHAM POINT, two Japs were seen fishing from ~~the~~ mud ~~bank~~ banks at what is thought to be HEATHS. As I had no map no check could be made but the bearing was 95° and the time 1340 - 1415 hrs.

It is not known what your intentions are now, regarding

Sgt Stevens but he is at BENS O.P. awaiting further orders. It is suggested that he may be used if a patrol should push through the ambush position to the river mouth.

The morale of the 14 Pl men is not as good as might be. They are feeling the strain of almost continuous patrolling and O.P. work, a fairly large percentage have been ill, mainly dengue, and it is not surprising considering the surroundings, that the men get depressed. There have been some complaints re messing, particularly as regards catering for visitors, but I have not been able to go into that matter fully.

Until I arrived here Lieut Selves had no idea of the Markham Point - river mouth task. He told me that he has been maintaining a fairly continuous patrol forward of our ambush form, whereas 2/6 Bn only sent patrols at irregular intervals. He also said that there were no booby traps outside COMSIS as stated in the original instruction. Taking sickness as a factor his platoon has had a hard and trying tour of duty. This is evidenced by the fact that he could only spare six men besides himself, for the patrol. The change over with 13 Pl. is now, however, under way.

Tomorrow I intend moving around the MT MISANTUM area in search of tracks. At Maj. Clutterbuck's suggestion, Lieut Saunders and Batman will accompany me.

Lack of information here regarding the rest of the Bn, is not conducive of content. For instance, it was only by ringing DEX twice today that I was able to obtain information concerning 18 Pl. of D Coy in the CISENBOB area. As it is, the latest information is that of 21 May.

May. Clutterbuck, Capt Chandler, and Lieut Saunders arrived here at approx 1200 hrs 22 May. The Major & Capt Chandler left for BEN approx 1000 hrs this morning. Whilst here May. Clutterbuck discusses the establishment of a new Pl. H.Q. in the vicinity of OOMSIS. Lieut Irving will look into the matter as soon as his Pl is established here.

I cannot understand how any query should arise over the Sugarloaf job. I contacted Lieut Dawson by phone last Sunday 16 May whilst I was at Partep II and he was then to send the Sec. Ldr at Partep I to MAPOS on the Monday to contact W.O. Sherlock. I rang several times on the 18th May, but could not get on to Partep I from DEX.

Pending other instructions from you, I intend to look over the BOBS - KIRKS area after this one, and then move back to Partep II.

Cpl Robertson and Pte Jones are at present logging new tracks from BOBS, NGARANENO and across to LAKE WANUM. These two men, the Cpl in particular, are doing a splendid job under very adverse conditions, and their traverse of the track to DEEP WATER CK was a particularly fine effort, considering the state of the track and the conditions.

W. Dunsell
Lieut.

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REPORT OF INTERROGATION OF GABENSIS NATIVES

by Lieut A.W.C. BUNSELL at BEN O.P. at 1700 hrs 25 May 43.

Copy to Dir
31/5/43

1. Natives Interviewed. KATANG - Boss boy GABENSIS village.

~~name~~ MAMU - GABENSIS boy.

2. Narrative. KATANG, who acted as spokesman, stated that he was returning to GABENSIS from LABU area, where he had been, with MAMU and another native named JIMMUM, under instructions from Capt KINGDOM, ANGAU, to investigate reports from LABU natives that Japanese had evacuated MARKHAM POINT area.

LABU villages Nos 1, 2 and 3 were visited and NO Japs were seen. From questioning it appeared that KATANG had acquired a LABU canoe and had moved along the SOUTH bank of the MARKHAM RIVER probably from 19-22 May. KATANG stated that Japs had evacuated MARKHAM POINT (date unknown). He also said that he had gone through the Jap huts in the vicinity, and, although he had nothing with him at the time, it is probable that he picked up some things there, because of his demeanour. He could NOT say how many huts were there. He also said that he had walked along the track from the POINT to the mouth (LABU No 1) and the time was 3 hours. Despite repeated questioning he said he had seen neither Jap soldiers nor MMGs (A/A). The apparent date of this visit was Friday 21 May. KATANG stated that there were 3 broken Jap pinnaces vicinity LABU 1.

he had

Apparently on Sat 22 May the natives visited LABU No 2 and found NO trace of Japs and on an unascertained date visited LABU 3 where KATANG said one Mary had been killed but did NOT know the date.

NO Jap pinnaces were seen in vicinity MARKHAM PT and KATANG did NOT investigate mangroves near EDWARDS for supposed pinnacle hideout. He said that he had contacted the LABU boy MAALAN who would return to Capt KINGDOM at HOUSE KIAP about next Wed 2 June. KATANG was questioned closely about the ambush posn at the POINT and the sappling placed across the track nearby as reported by Lieut DELVES. KATANG made only a superficial examn of the ambush posn and paid more attention to the Jap huts.

LABU boys told KATANG that 800 Japs had moved down the coast road to SALAMAUA. He did NOT know the date so it would appear that this body is the same one reported by the LABU boys to CAPT KINGDOM.

KATANG was told to report to Capt KINGDOM at HOUSE KIAP, WAMPIT on Wed 26 May and he left at approx 1740 hrs.

(signed) W. BUNSELL Lieut.
27 May 43.

27 May

Cpl STALEY, N.C.O. in charge of our ambush posn stated on his return, that KATANG had 7 others GABENSIS natives with him when he moved ~~was~~ through their posn on Tue 25 May. They had a meal at the small creek 20 mins fwd of our posn and were seen to be carrying Jap rations tins. These may, therefore, be located in the vicinity of the village. From BEN O.P. approx 12 bcys, 4 Marys and some monkeys were seen by myself at OONSIS on Mon 24 May. They said that they were down on OONSIS CK, hunting and fishing.

(signed) W. BUNSELL Lieut.
27 May 43.

3 DIV
24 A/B

SITREP 15 Book/ra C Coy. Patrol at LOOKOUT
~~observed~~ 1445 hrs to 1615 hrs saw 6 native canoes
 on mudbank between island & South bank MARKHAM
 map ref 578428 NADZAB On East end island
 there are 4 large huts 3 japs seen North bank
 MARKHAM approx map ref 595426 4 japs 6 natives
 crossed from island to mudbank 4 natives from
 island in 2 canoes went downstream Patrol left
 LOOKOUT moved forward to 5 miles past back junction ~~off~~
~~point~~ which goes to jap village map ref. 562430. I saw nothing.
 1645 hrs heard bombing direction LPE saw thick
 black cloud of smoke either small ship or oil
 dump on fire close to shore Patrol camped 15 miles
 behind back junction 2200 hrs 10th IOR. moved
 fwd. 15 miles towards jap village ~~visibility~~ visibility
 bad thought heard low voices suggesting ambush
 pos. occupied at night BEN FWD OP report
 large new earthwork approx sq 4858 NADZAB also
 large fire at approx map ref 609428 at 1015/21K

No 2430

Further to SITREP 140
~~air activity observed from BENS and~~
~~NGARANENO~~ 1115 hrs 6 japs twin engine bombers
 9 ZEKES flying SE from NGARANENO 1116 hrs
 6 jap twin engine bombers over OOMISIS flying
 NE accompanied by 3 ZEKES left in front and
 12 on left flank were closely followed by
 unknown number P38 dog fight resulted
 in wide area between OOMISIS and Coast
 1 P38 seen dropping in thick column smoke at
 1125 hrs at bearing 134 deg. distance ~~8-10 miles~~
 8-10 miles from BENS FWD OP 2 ZEKES
 definitely shot down at 1130 hrs at magnetic bearing
 120 ~~and~~ 740 degrees from BENS FWD OP distance
 further away than P38 4 P38 went into
 formation heading towards LPE 1140 6 jap
 bombers seen flying SW from BENS FWD OP 1150
 hrs NGARANENO OP reports black smoke
 posn P38 down 2 W/1 aircraft dived on

LA heavy explosions followed 1207 hrs. @ ~~1215~~ P38's
returned SOUTH 1215 hrs jop planes scattered in
clouds

3 AUST DIV up to LUJU, LERA LEHA KUPO.

24 AUST INF BN.

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SITREP	141	15	1500 K/21	<u>C Coy</u>
0	Patrol	at	LOOKOUT	1445 K/21
15	1615 K/21	0	Saw	6
native island map	Canoes and ref	on South	mudbank bank	between MARKHAM
On large	East	side	island	4
3	map japs	huts seen	seen	0
MARKHAM	aprox.	map	North	bank
0	4	japs	ref	595426
Crossed	from	island	6	natives
Down 0	4	natives	to	mudbank
in	2	Canoes	from	island
0	Patrol	left ^{seen} for 5	went	downstream
track	junction	To jap	minutes	past
ref	562430	NADZAB	Village	map
0	1645 K/21	heard	saw	nothing
LAE	Saw	Thick	bombing	direction
of smoke	0	either	black	cloud
or	oil	dump	Small	ship
Close	to	shore	on on	fine
1	off	1	0	patrol of
heard	low	voices	OK.	thoughts
Ambush	Map ref 562430	NADZAB	vicinity	jap
<u>BEN</u>	<u>FWD OP</u>	Map ref 455440 NADZAB	2200 K/21	0
		report large		new

earthworks approx. square 4858
~~4858~~ ~~ref~~ ~~ref~~ NADZA
 also large fire approx map
 ref 609429 NADZAB at 1015 K/21
 further to SITREP 140
 1115 K/21 6 Jap twin-engine bombers
 9 ZEKES reported flying SE
 NGARENENO 0 1116 his 6
 Jap twin engine bombers over BOM SIS
 flying NE accompanied by 3
 ZEKES in front and 12
 on left flank were closely
 followed by unknown number P38
 0 dog fight resulted in
 wide area between BOM SIS and
 Coast 0 1 thick his column smoke
 dropping in his degrees at distance
 at 1125 134 BEN FWD OP 0
 bearing 134 from BEN FWD OP 0
 miles definitely shot down at
 ZEKES his at magnetic bearing
 1130 and 140
 120 BENS FWD OP distance further away from
 P38 0 4 P38 than
 into formation leading towards LAF 0
 6 Jap bombers seen flying

2811
contd

SW	from	BENS FWD OP	1150	his
⊙	NGARENEND	O.P.	reports	black
Smoke	premmed	posn.	P38	down
⊙	2	4/1	planes	dived
on	LAE	heavy	explosion	followed
1207	his.	⊙	P38s	returned
South	1215	his	japs	scattered
in	Clouds	⊙	otherwise	SITNOR
B	Coy	⊙	1	P38
seen	1135	his	heading	West
over	PARTEP 2	and	2	short
bursts	MG	fire	heard	shortly
after	in	same	direction	⊙
otherwise	SITNOR			

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24 AVST INF BN. I 505 23

SITREP No 145 To 0600 R/23 0 SITNDR

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3 Div rptd LUJU LERA LEHA KUPO DUDI

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22.

SITREP 143 10 1800 K/22 ©

C Coy © ANGAU WAMPIT
advised RYAN ANGAU safe HOWLETT
killed and buried at CHIVAISING

© Date of attack NOT
stated © ~~Natives report JAPS~~

~~Patrol~~ Patrol of 12 est
ambush vic NARAGOOMA following native
report intended JAP crossing vic

CHIVAISING © Map ref of
ambush NOT yet recd ©

Natives report ZERE crashed vic
OLD TOJO track 21 Jun

© B Coy SITNOR ©
HQ Coy © Number of

Report of Agt. ~~HOVING~~ ~~MARKHAM~~ ~~activities on NORTH bank of MARKHAM. The report is very good and copy is included herewith. Sketch will be forwarded when completed.~~

Continued search ^{up to night 21 Jan} ~~continued~~ for Capt GIBBETT missing in the MARKHAM POINT area, ^{since 19 Jan} has proved unsuccessful and this NCO has now been posted as missing. During the action in the ambush it was estimated that enemy LMGs fired approx 300 rds. WGARAKENO O.P. continues to report numbers of fires on NORTH side of MARKHAM R. Following were reported on 19 Jan - 1300 hrs 3 fires 263°, 264° & 277° whilst at 1930 hrs/19 3 flashes similar to a torch were seen on NORTH side of river in vic. of KIAP House at GABMATSUNG ref 416545 NADZAB one such.

15 Pl. at OOMSI/S ~~at OOMSI/S~~ are now maintaining 2 defensive watch posts at BWARIP track junc. ref 439458, and at 470460.

B. Coy PARTER Area. Capt Bartley BARTLEY has completed patrol from TOKANIN to KARESTE (KALETTA) and has reported no sign of Jap activity. Track was difficult with no food and little water and in the Capt's opinion can only be traversed with aid of a native guide. This NCO. prev. ~~traversed~~ the patrolled to the mouth of the BUANG River and is now fairly conversant with the KARESTE area.

(G.F. SMITH)

May
Adm Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn.

3 AVST DIV

24 AVST INF BN

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SITREP 137 to 0600 A/20 @ C Coy
 @ Ref our SITREP 136 @
 patrol NOT yet located missing
 man 0 + man post
 established at track June
 M/R 740459 and at M/R
 770460 WAD2AB @
 Ref our SITREP NO
 134 @ green object in
 tree definitely established as
 VINE 0 BEN fnd O P
 report earthworks observed WEST
 of NARAKAPOR drone approx
 3/4 mile from NORTH bank
 M/R NOT yet obtained @
 otherwise SITNOR 0 B Coy @
 BWUSSI and BUANG daily patrols
 NIL report @ otherwise SITNOR

A. Russell
Lieut

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24 Bn.

I 559

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Ret confirming our phone message

of 0330 hrs K/20 ref our ~~message~~

I 5570 HAND RAFFIER should read

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3 AUST DIV

24 AUST INF BN

C Coy
~~the~~ japs officers
 HEATHS informed
 went to
 reported from
 officers by
 between for
 drill large
 employed concentration
 continually reinforced
 natives crossing
 japs village
 LUMM
 0 3440
 please advise ANGAW Capt KINGDOM told that
 japs have located these two by radio locator
 and asks them to keep HAND RAFFIER rptd
 HAND RAFFIER for their own safety 0 no dates
 stated by natives

I 557

19

natives report
 TOMOOA at
 of japs
 POINT
 due
~~the~~ June
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SITREP	136	To	1800 K/19	0
C	Coy	0	1	Off
3	ORs	left	DEEP	CREEK
posn.	To	reced	Mortar	posn.
Kumai	spur	map	ref	approx
554430	NADZAB	0	all	booby
traps	previously	laid	Cliff	face
Square	5-5-44	NADZAB	missing	0
Old Old	Jap Jap	ambush	posn	at
Square	5-6-42	NADZAB	reced	and
3	empty	weapon	piti	seen
on	same	side	as	ambush
posn.	0	Jap	patrol	estimated
Strength	15	encountered	with	2-3
LMG	1	MMG	at	This
point	0	1	grenade	which
did	NOT	explode	thrown	from
10	Yds	0	approx	300
rd	fired	from	automatic	weapons
by	Japs	0	patrol	retired
0	1	OR	(Cpl GIBLETT)	
missing	remains	uninjured	returned	DEEP
CREEK	1615 K/19	0	otherwise	SITNOR
0	B	Coy	To	1630 K/19
SITNOR				

B.B. Beauchamp

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3 AVST DIV ~ Mtd LUTU LERA LEHA KUPO DUPI

29 AVST INF BN I 571 21

SITREP 139 to 0600 K/21 @ Ref
 OWV SITREP 138 @ R/m of sandbank
 at MARKHAM POINT 578428 NADZAB. Canoes
 in water on S.W. end of
 island. @ C Coy @ NO News
 M missing man, otherwise SITNOR @
 B Coy @ BWASSI and KWATAMANE patrols
 NIL Reports. @ 4 faint explosions heard in
 northerly direction between 2050 K/20
 and 2110 K/20 @ otherwise SITNOR @

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PK.

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SECRET	0	SITREP	121	No	25
1800 K/12		B	8 of	10	30
pl	have	now	relieved	12	35
pl	0	3	ORR	left	40
0630 K/12	for	IMPIT	shence	MARKHAM	45
POINT	0	Will	arramp	reach	50
VAGAU	from	MARKHAM	POINT	0	55
BWISSI	patrol	report	50-40	nift	60
sh	from	appro	LR 5320	HUON	65
GULI	1/4	inch	15K/12		70
C	6 of	DEEP	CREEK		75
and	ambush	moved	back	5	80
miss	from	DEEP	CREEK	ref	85
<u>WAK</u>	<u>MAZAB</u>	<u>54 1436</u>	<u>NADZAB</u>	<u>and</u>	90
inch	0	0 wide	SITROR		95
					120
					125
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T.O.R.

Monday 19 Oct 42 Intelligence Report E Coy
To Tuesday 20 Oct
0910 hrs.

Operations.

Monday This Coy had the role of independent Coy in reserve and moved behind B.H.O. all day. No action was seen.

Tuesday Coy left biv. train at 0730 and took up previously arranged position on road at 0800. Road blocks were established on both left & right flanks. The enemy contacted up to 0910.

Reactions of Mts.

Slightly fatigued by hot weather.

Morale

Normal

Rations & Messing

Individual cooking. Meat was exceptionally tough. Otherwise rations, although light, were satisfactory.

Sanitation

Satisfactory

Contact with Indians

Nil.

Condition of feet

Good.

Officers RR
I Section

3AUST DIV 2nd HASA KARI KUBI LAPO

24 AUST INF BN

I 545 18

SITREP	133	15	1800K/18	⊙
HOGANS	NADZAB	patrol	returned	This
morning	⊙	following	infirm	gathered
by	native	guide	⊙	300
japs	crossed	MARKHAM	last	Friday
at	MARKHAM	POINT	going	15
OOMSIS	⊙	200	japs	move
out	HEATHS	daily	100	15
GABENSIS	area	100	15	CHIVASING
⊙	2	7d	guns	2
miles	North	7	MARKHAM	opposite
GNARENENO	OP OP	exact	location	not
established	⊙	last	week	1
KIUP	5- PB	Killed	by	japs
# ⊙	HOGAN	reports	natives	will
not	cross	river	unless	out
Strength	10	⊙	GABSONKEK	natives
friendly	hostile	15	Japs	⊙
patrol	15	LOOKOUT	reported	seeing
3	natives	1	jap	out
SANDBANK	between	island	and	MARKHAM
POINT	⊙	launch	with	mark
seen	⊙	suspicious	object	seen
on	South	bank	⊙ full report	
following	⊙	otherwise	SITNOR	⊙
B	Coy	SITNOR		

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Ref	I 371	0	Paratrooper	report	5
received	0	Own	Ops	returning	10
from	rece	VAGAU	track	and	15
saw	Gaps	0	Gaps	used	20
explosive	bullets	automatic	rifles	ammunition	25
both	sides	NIL	0	time	30
of	contact	should	read	1350	35
0	VAGAU	track	proceeds	at	40
192	gaps	with	mess	blazed	45
at	intervals	0	gap	marking	50
on	one	me	0	length	55
of	track	yes	unknown	0	60
Own	patrol	still	active	keeping	65
village	under	observation	0	gap	70
messengers	considered	EAST	of	marking	75
positions	0	W.C.	have	requested	80
map	refs	for	point	of	85
contact	VAGAU	track	marking	village	90
and	native	gardens	0	Reported	95
marking	activity	NOT	required	certainty	100
					105
					110
					115
					120
					125
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(WRITE HORIZONTALLY)

SITREP	105	0	Patrol	3	5
OKs	from	DEEP CREEK	penetrated	beyond	10
old	JAP	ambush	posn	0	15
When	returning	through	that	posn	20
1452H/3	were	surprised	by	party	25
Gaps	estimated	6-8	0	Gaps	30
dived	for	cover	yelling	as	35
though	surprised	and	opened	up	40
auto	rifles	0	Our	patrol	45
returned	fire	with	own	firing	50
about	10	rounds	each	0	55
NO	casualties	own	Ops	enemy	60
NOT	established	0	Patrol	consider	65
enemy	having	a	look	but	70
NO	indication	given	of	where	75
they	might	have	come	from	80
0	Sharp	lookout	being	kept	85
any	further	news	will	be	90
advised					95
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TO 3 AUST DIV (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM 24 AUST INF BN	Originator's Number. 1488	Date 13	In Reply to Number.
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Natives	working	for	SHERLOCK	at	5
BWUSSI	report	following	0	Ref	10
map	WSL	back	1/2	inch	15
0	Left	JARI	19 May	returned	20
12 June	patrolling	from	BWUSSI	to	25
coast.	0	Saw	NO	enemy	30
or	patrol	0	Native	thanks	35
patrols OHIBE	discontinued NOTE	owing	recently observed	fighting sounding	40
patrol job	5 watching	Japs beach	BUSAMA 0	thinks Natives	45
at and	BUSAMA TUL-TUL	under appraised	Japs by	control	50
0 will	Native send	bulk patrol	indicates through	Japs LEGA	55
to 18 June	MAPOS 0	when Natives	now thinks	full Jap	60
will moves	use to	A/C JARI	when 0	patrol Native	65
recognized pay him out	by went out and	native endangered walked returned	in to his	Japs hold way This only.	70 75

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TO

FIL,

FROM

KUB,

Originator's Number

2161

Date

12

In Reply to Number

Report	by	NATIVES	working	for	SHERLOCK
at	BWUSS,	as follows.	He left	JARI	
MIR	WAVU,	SALAMPAO LAE.	Track	2 miles	
to 1 in MIR		40000	19 ^{MAY} returned	12 JUNE	
patroling to	BWUSS,	MIR	508109	from	
there to coast		and saw no enemy	or		
patrol	patrol	thanks	patrol discontinued		

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TO *FILI*
FROM *KVBI*
Originator's Number *F 161*
Date *12*
In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)				5
<i>owing</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>recent</i>	<i>fighting</i>	<i>OHIBE</i> 10
<i>M.R. 507009</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>NOTE</i>	<i>M.R. 606005</i>	<i>⊙</i> 15
<i>native</i>	<i>observed</i>	<i>standing</i>	<i>native</i>	<i>of</i> 20
<i>5 JAPS</i>	<i>buzama</i>	<i>M.R. 604009</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>he</i> 25
<i>thinks</i>	<i>there</i>	<i>JOB</i>	<i>watch</i>	<i>beach</i> 30
<i>⊙</i>	<i>natives</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>BWSAMA</i>	<i>UNDR</i> 35
<i>JAP</i>	<i>control</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>helpful</i>	<i>appointed</i> 40
<i>by</i>	<i>JAP</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>natives</i>	<i>talk</i> 45
<i>convey</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>JAP</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>lead</i> 50
<i>native</i>	<i>through</i>	<i>lega</i> ^{LEGAL}	<i>M.R. 503207</i>	<i>to</i> 55
<i>maps</i> ^{M.P.D.C.}	<i>M.R. 401204</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>native</i>	<i>talk</i> 60
<i>indicates</i>	<i>this</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>happen</i>	<i>when</i> 65
<i>noon</i>	<i>is</i>	<i>full</i>	<i>18 gun</i>	<i>⊙</i> 70
<i>natives</i>	<i>think</i>	<i>JAP</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>rise</i> 75
<i>a/c</i>	<i>when</i>	<i>this</i>	<i>native</i>	<i>moves</i> 80
<i>up</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>JARI</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>SHERLOCKS</i> 85
<i>native</i>	<i>recognized</i>	<i>By</i>	<i>another</i>	<i>native</i> 90
<i>in</i>	<i>JAP</i>	<i>pay</i>	<i>who</i>	<i>endeavoured</i> 95
<i>to</i>	<i>hold</i>	<i>him</i>	<i>but</i>	<i>talked</i> 100
<i>his</i>	<i>way</i>	<i>out</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>returning</i> 105
<i>⊙</i>	<i>this</i>	<i>is</i>	<i>native</i>	<i>report</i> 110
<i>only.</i>				115
				120
				125
				130

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TO *FIKI*

FROM *BUILDER I FIKI*

Originator's Number

PO 29

Date

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In Reply to Number

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<i>Refresh</i>	<i>dis</i>	<i>permission</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>send</i>	5
<i>Simple</i>	<i>MMG</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>crew</i>	<i>to</i>	10
<i>GULLETS</i>	<i>CASTLE</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>SUNSHINE</i>	<i>o</i>	15
<i>Platoon</i>	<i>now</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>PARTEP 1</i>	<i>to</i>	20
<i>proceed</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>TOKANIN</i>	<i>area</i>	<i>for</i>	25
<i>a</i>	<i>few</i>	<i>days</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>assist</i>	30
<i>dip</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>platoon</i>	<i>positions</i>	35
<i>at day</i>	<i>chosen</i>	<i>CHPT</i>	<i>GULLET</i>	<i>o</i>	40
<i>Return</i>	<i>PARTEP 1</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>conclusion</i>	<i>o</i>	45
<i>work</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>how</i>	<i>shifts</i>	<i>o</i>	50
<i>Booby</i>	<i>trap</i>	<i>BWASSI</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>LEGA</i>	55
<i>track</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>end</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>days</i>	60
<i>advent</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>keep</i>	<i>plan</i>	<i>o</i>	65
<i>booby</i>	<i>trap</i>	<i>area</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>Meet</i>	70
<i>DIVE</i>	<i>approval</i>	<i>first</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>ack</i>	75
				<i>✓</i>	80
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See Back for ACK.

*Instruction to KIBI (0185)
0855K/5*

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T.O.R. *1645*

Report on DAMBI area.

Covering period 25 June - 27 June 1943.

Training: Nil.

Work Completed: S. Section posn. on GULLETT'S CASTLE well on way to completion. Gun pits logged, earthed, roofed & camouflaged. Other pits in process of being deepened & strengthened. Concealed & protective entrance to pits has been completed.

Health: Health of sub. sec. is fairly good.

Patrols: Nil except for local trips to view position from various angles. Sgt Robertson moved to MUMENG along SNAKER. Time taken 5 hrs. Track fair - mostly benches cut, a few steep patches of rock & some mud patches. River crossings 18" - 2' deep.

Ammunition

303 in stipless belt in B.B(20)	5000
303 Rifle ammo. on man	300
380 Pistol ammo on man	18
Grenades H.E	3

Expenditure: Nil.

PARTEP II. 11000 stipless
1248 tracer
800 rifle reserve.
1600 9mm.

Weapons

In good condition. Still short of 1 Owen.

Miscellaneous

22 JUNE. Sgt. Robertson left 1235 hrs. for MUMENG arrived 1730 hrs. Left for SUNSHINE 0900 hrs
23 June arrived 1220 hrs. Awaiting Dept. to DENTIST at BULOLO. Pte. Murphy in chg. of Sub. Sec.
J.W. Robertson Sgt.
2 Sec. 2 Pl. 25 June 43

16. Richards 29 June 43

Report on DAMBI

AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND
In Conjunction with I.M.C.A.

I am at present at SUNSHINE I have been to the dentist for treatment & have to report again on 7 July 43. Pte. MURPHY has been left in charge of the sub sec. at DAMBI & any details can be had from him. You should be able to get in touch with him by phone. I will be up at ZENAG to see you, about Saturday & I can then run over the show with you.

The report on the other side is mainly correct. Our plan of work covered that much & it was a treat when I left, so I think it is near enough.

J. J. Donovan Sgt.
2 Sec. 2 Pl.
29 June 43

Mail Your Letters A.F.O.

Do Not Mention Military Statistics.

Report of DAMBI area

Covering Period from 17 June - 20 June 43.

Training

Nil.

Work Completed.

Position sited on GULLETT'S CASTLE. To date (18 June 43) pits have been dug & camouflaged for Nos. 3, 4 & 5. Pits are approx 3ft deep in almost solid rock of the flaky type. A platform has been dug into the side of the mountain for the gun position. Logs are required to make the platform safe, for it is on the very edge of a 3000' drop to the SNAKE R. valley. Approx. 40 6" x 5" logs have been cut & await hauling to the CASTLE which is approx 1800' distant. HNGAO is being contacted to supply carriers. Bamboo frameworks have been constructed for the covers of gun nos. pits. Sketch & Range card have been supplied to KUBI. Sketch of area is also enclosed for your information.

Patrolling

Nil to date.

Health.

O.K.

Ammunition

.303 in stripless belts in belt boxes	5000
.303 on man	300
.380 Pistol ammo. on man	18
grenades	3

Remarks. Remainder of ammo left in care of C.S.M. KUBI.

Weapons & Stores.

1 M.M.6 tripod. 1 Rangefinder 1 Spare Parts Box 1 spare parts case
1 Clinometer 1 Bar Foresight 1 Night Sighting Box. 1 Sighting Post.
1 Zero post 1 Spare Barrel in case 1 Cleaning Rod 1 Cases, cans, oil
1 Condenser Can & Tube 1/4 tin oil. 20 Bulb boxes as above.
6 Rifles 1 .38 Pistol. 1 In. Binoculars 1 Slide rule. 300' rope for use at position.
1 Owen gun, ^{mag.}urgently required, for sub. sec will be doing patrols as soon as construction of position is complete.
(There is only one Owen in section at present, & 2 are allowed.
It is at present with Cpl. ENGLISH at ZENAG)

Miscellaneous

Remaining stores were placed in care of C.Q.M.S. KUBI.

Issue of tobacco, soap, matches & chocolate took place on 17 June 43.

View from gun position is steep plunging. Very small beaten zone.
Ranges vary between 1000 + 2000'.

J.W. Robertson Sgt
2 Dec. 2 Pl.
18 June 43

ROUGH SKETCH LOOKING S.E.
from GUN POSITION,
17 June 43
Lt. Robertson
Sgt.



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Remarks	Frequency in K.c.s		Signal Strength		Signals Made and Received	From	To	Time
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Utd 24 bn 3 Aust Div					03603	30		—

SECRET @ SITREP 145 to 114-5K/30 @ MV30
 AREA @ NB definite news MACKECHNIE
 yet to hand @ D Coy 2/6 bn report
 all quiet their front but can
 hear rifle and mortar fire to
 south @ MISSIM AREA @ NB detailed
 report an attack - BOBDUBI yet
 available but OPS report south
 of bombing and dropping that
 area 0845 - 0915 K/30 also that
 18 MITCHELLS bombed SALAMAUH
 area at 1103K/30 all informed -

4T1315

1230
1240
1329

Operator

3288'

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 upd 24 Aust Inf Bn

FROM 3 Aust Div	Originator's Number. 03897	Date. 30	In Reply to Number. —
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SECRET @ PITREP 144 to 0800K/300

MUBO AREA @ D Coy 2/6 low reports

no contact with enemy @ Kwd

elements within 600 yds of BEACH @

Sounds of motor engines throughout

night @ Comms NOT yet established

with MUCKECHMIE all informed

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FROM

3 Aust Div

Originator's Number.

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Date.

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SECRET

⊙

PITREP

144 to 0800K/300

MUBO AREA ⊙ D Coy 2/6 bn reports

no contact with enemy ⊙ fwd

elements within 600 yds of BEACH ⊙

Sounds of motor engines throughout

night ⊙ Comms NOT yet established

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Signals Made and Received

From

To

Time

uptd 24 bn
3 Cust kliv

03607 30

SECRET CITREP 146 to 1400K/30 @

MARKHAM AREA @ MORNING 30 June 24 bn

ambush MARKHAM preparation to

524433 MADZAB 1 inch ⁱⁿ swing of flooding

DEEP CK @ MUBO AREA @ Result

TIC RDWALI MASSAU BAY 1310K/30 @

3 empty barges returning FABANGA

Island @ 19 barges beached MASSAU

BAY approx 831788 BADEN BAY 1 inch

@ US dfts observed along coast
beach and bushes on foreshore

@ no sign of enemy @ WAU BUKONO AREA

@ 1255 - 1303 K/30 One DINAH over WAU

BUKONO height 14000 ft all informed

1425

1432

1500

3336
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Time	To	From	Signals Made and Received	Signal Strength	Frequency in Kcs	Remarks
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0605^K/30 HQ 58/59 Rn established
 682977 Komiatum 1/25000 1230
 K/30 a. Coy attacks on ORODUBI
 commenced 1355^K/30 c. Coy occupied
 huts at 695969 10 No estimate enemy
 casualties 1 down 1 wounded 0 On attempt
 -ing to take OLD VICKERS GUN posn
 702973 met opposition from 2 MG.
 sand light mortar fire 1925^K/30
 attacked this position supported by
 3 in mortar 0 R Coy moving along top
 of spur to 905964 0 MUBO AREA 0
 10015 and 10100^K/30 portion first
 and second waves in combat team
 162 US regt landed Nassau bay 0
 No casualties during landing 0 Tenoy
 surf many boats beached 0 1430^K/30
 pl. d. Coy 2/6 Rn encountered
 booby traps 1926826 MUBO 1/25000
 0 2 enemy MG's opened fire from
 30 yds East and a light mountain
 gun fired 2 rounds from approx.
 828829 0 Enemy could not be enticed
 from posn 0 1510^K/30 pl withdrew
 slightly all informed

7/2125

IMMEDIATE 2035
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Station Call Sign Name 169 Z

24 bn
 3 Aust kviv 0 3629 30 —
 SECRET @ SITREP 148 to 2330 1/30 MISSIM
 AREA @ ref sitrep 147 @ MARONO raiding
 party were attacked by 30 japs who
 were later reinforced by 40 @ enemy
 casualties 12 killed certain other unit @
 5 missing having returned @ Afternoon
 30 Jun a coy 168/59 bn attacked
 ORODUBI was SUCCESSFUL @ 1700 K/30
 D Coy moving to OLD BOB DUBI
 704977 Komiatum 1/25000 @ Casualties
 reported to 1900 K/30 A Coy 1 killed
 3 wounded B Coy 2 killed 4 wounded
 @ MUBO AREA @ MACK FORCE reports
 17 LCVs and 12cm on beach probably
 all wrecked by WYSEBS @ 0930 K/30
 coy B TABALI no enemy contacted
 coy A mouth of BITYI SOUTH @ ARM
 contacted unknown number enemy
 @ Beach bitoi to TABALI clear of
 enemy @ much mortar ammo were
 and other eqpt lost in landing @
 No ~~to the~~ casualties @ MACK ECHNE
 not YET MADE contact with d Coy
 2/6 bn other than beach party
 all informed

2353

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RPTD 24 BN
3 Aust Div

03622 30 -

SECRET. 0 SITREP 147 to 2000k/30. 0 MARKHAM
 AREA 0 1600k/29 patrol from B Coy 24 Bn
 established ambush soon mouth BUANG
 RIVER 0 1530k/30 B Coy PIB less 7 pl.
 arrived TIMNE 0 ANGAU patrol to NEW
 CHIVISING 221510 WAIME 1 inch reports
 village burned. 3 canoes destroyed
 no natives contacted but were in close
 proximity 0 MISSIM AREA 0 Evening 29
 Jun 2/3 Indep. Coy ~~was~~ raiding party
 to MAHOHO area surprised by Japs
 at deserted village 700039 SAKAMAUA
 1/25000 0 Party split 0 5 men missing 0
 Enemy casualties 11 killed 0 Party
 now in ambush soon 632027 0

3 AUST DIV ~~area~~ HASA KARI KUBI LAPO.

24 AUST INF BN.

I 546

16/18

SITREP	134	0	further	To
SITREP	133	0	C	Coy
Reference	GABENSIS	Should	read	GABMATZUNG
0	HOGANS	guide	KWEILA	reported
KIAP	Killed was	LUMM	and	was
killed	by	300	japs	moving
& to	BOANA	and	now	occupying
BOANA	0	HOGAN	moved	50
yds.	across	SOUTHERN	edge	drome
but	wt	on	it	no
obstructions	seen	owing	height	Kunai
and	no	gun	fil's	seen
0	found AT	map	ref	406538
NADZAB	found	^{smooth} wheel	tracks	2 1/2
1 HOGAN	wide	and	28	inches
inches	apparently	iron	resembling	found
apart	bank	MARKHAM	25	yards
North				
into	Kunai	0	KWEILA	thought
tracks	5 To 6	days	old	0
patrol	to	LOOKOUT	at	1015 K/18
observed	on	piece	of	land
jutting	out	from	South	bank
near	MARKHAM	POINT	dead	tree
with	green	object	near	top
and	colour	not	same	as
jungle	0	investigating	0 otherwise	SITNOR

C.P. ~~Acum~~ ~~is~~ IMMEDIATE

2320.

3 AUST DIV rptd LUSU, LERA, LENA KUDO

24 AUST INF BN T 588 22

SITREP	142	to	0600 K/22	0
SEARCH	for	crashed	in 38	in
vicinity	^{SQUARE} 7741	NADZAB	one	with
unsuccessful	0	C Coy	0 1450	K/21
	allied	BOMBERS	started	BOSTONS
flew	down	MARKHAM	RIVER	from
WEST	very	low	0	Explosions
followed	at	LAE	0	Otherwise
SITNOR.	0	B Coy	0	Daily
patrol	NIL	report	0	otherwise
SITNOR				

6. Ingsfield
Phil.

IMMEDIATE

0620

3 AUST DIV. *optd* LUJU LERA LENA KUPB DUDI
24 AUST INF BN I 617 23

SECRET	⊙	SITREP	146	to
1800	K/23	⊙	C Coy	0930 K/23
fires	seen	map	ref	346369
NADZAB	⊙	ANGAU	advise	NO
natives	known	in	area	⊙
Patrol	5	ORS	1	PB
investigating	⊙	LOOKOUT	M.P.	area?
1045 K/23	12	JAPS	2	NATIVES
reports				
moved	in	canoes	Advised	times
between	NEW	LABU	ISLAND	and
MUDBANK	TO SOUTH	of for	NO	apparent
nason	finally	held	ISLAND	1130 K/23
⊙	7	JAPS	4	NATIVES
in	2	large	canoes	moved
downstream	from	N.E.	end	of

ISLAND 1130 K/23 but jumped from
 canoes and took cover on
 EAST end of ISLAND when
 LIBERATOR attacked LAE at that
 time. () B Coy SITNOK
 () HQ Coy () Explosions
 heard S.E. intermittently 0710 to

1515 K/23 () RYAN ANGPU advises CHIVISING
 natives told him ALL details of our patrols

*Samuel
 West*

IMMEDIATE

1850

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3 AVST DIV mtd LERA, LEHA, KUPO. DUDI

24 Avst Inf Bn I 622 24

SECRET G

SITREP

147

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0600 K/29

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Ref

SITREP

146

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MESSAGE FORM.

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TO 3RDST DIV 1ST BATTAL LUJU LENA, KUPO, A Coy 24 BN, D Day 3

FROM 24 Coast Inf Bn

Originator's Number.

Z 648

Date.

25

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(Write horizontally)

SECRET	⊙	SITREP	NO	145
to	1800 K/25	⊙	C. Coy	⊙
ANGAU	adone	GABENSIS	natives	gone
bush	⊙	Unconfirmed	NATIVE	report
JAPS	sent	message	saying	they
were	coming	⊙	LOOKOUT	at
of map	of	NADZAB	560420	reports
20	Japs	turned	Several	times
between	NEW	LABU	ISLAND	and
MUDBANK	on	24	Jun	⊙
appeared	to	do	NOTHING	on
mudbank	⊙	ONE	exceptionally	tall
JAP	in	bright	blue	coat
around and	light	blue	brown	appeared
to	be	of	⊙	1550 K/25

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ONE	JAP	and	natives	passing	5
between	ISLAND	and	mudbank	⊙	10
B Coy	SITNOR	⊙	H. R.	Coy	15
SUNSHINE	O.P.	map	ref	255026	20
BULOLO	1	inch	⊙	1200 K/25	25
U/I	A/C	above	clouds	approx	30
20,000	ft	apparently	circled	KWATOMANE	35
area	moving	from	EAST	and	40
departing	NORTH	⊙	1415 K/25	WHITE	45
BALLOON	in	N.E.	30,000	ft	50
drifting	NORTH	ft ⊙	Disappeared	behind	55
clouds	1500 K/25	⊙	ALL	informed.	60
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TO 3 AUST DIV ~~1st~~ ACoy 24BN D Coy 24BN LEHA, KUPO, LUTU

FROM 24th ~~AUST~~ BN

Originator's Number. 1692 Date. 27 In Reply to Number.

(Write horizontally)

SECRET	SITREP	NO155	101700 K/27.	C Coy	5
0	Further	details	of	strike	10
3 rd	mortar	0600 K/27	to	0608 1/27	15
0	Mortar	found	from	position	20
WEST of	KUNAI	RIDGE	0	JAP	25
mortar	opened	up	at	0620	30
1/2	and	found	8	rounds	35
all	HE	until	1630	his	40
0	ONE	JAP	bomb	was	45
due	for	which	a	search	50
is	being	conducted	0	JAP	55
mortar	position	could	NOT	be	60
perforated	0	Probably	over	new	65
an	NEW	LABU	ISLAND	0	70
JAP	bombs	landed	between	new	75
	JAP	bombs	landed		

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TO	Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number.
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FROM <i>(Write horizontally)</i>				
<i>bank</i>	<i>map</i>	<i>ref</i>	<i>61542</i>	<i>NADZAB</i>
<i>o</i>	<i>TWO</i>	<i>canoes</i>	<i>observed</i>	<i>this</i>
<i>morning</i>	<i>crossing</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>NORTH</i>	<i>bank</i>
<i>to</i>	<i>island</i>	<i>EIGHT</i>	<i>occupants</i>	<i>NOT</i>
<i>recognized</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>benches</i>	<i>appeared</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>have</i>	<i>cargo</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>middle</i>	<i>of</i>
<i>on</i>	<i>return</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>NORTH</i>	<i>bank</i>
<i>no</i>	<i>cargo</i>	<i>was</i>	<i>observed</i>	<i>o</i>
<i>the</i>	<i>informed</i>			

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3 AUST DIV. ^{uptd} A Coy 24 Bn D Coy 24 Bn LEHA KUPO LUJU
24 Bn I 679 27

SECRET SITREP No 154 © C Coy
 © 0602K/27 to 0608K/27 Three
 inch mortar fired 36 ~~can~~ bombs
 into JAP CAMP ~~poor~~ ~~vicinity~~
 565432 NAD2AB one such. all
 bombs fell in target area
 © JAP replied with TEN
 mortar bombs which ALL fell
~~behind~~ WEST of DEEP CREEK
 CAMP at 540437 NAD2AB one
 inch last TWO bombs close
 NO CAS reported © FULL
 report being obtained © all
 informed

Samuel L. Lewis IMMEDIATE 0714

MESSAGE FORM.

3161
Serial No.

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TO 3 AUST DIV Rptd. A Coy 24 Bn. D Coy 24 Bn. LEH A
FROM 24 AUST INF BN. I 714 Date 28 In Reply to Number - KUBO LUTU

(Write horizontally)
SECRET SITREP 158 To 1800K/28. C Coy 5
0845 to 0930 K/28. WINDOW map ref. 506424 10
NADZABI reports native canoes made 4 trips 15
each way NORTH bank of River + NEW LABU 20
ISLAND. Occupants not identifiable. 25
1630 K/28. Two canoes with natives came up 30
MARKHAM RIVER + dropped one man on NORTH 35
bank map ref. NADZABI 535450 + returned 40
downstream. B. Coy. SITNOR. H.Q. Coy. SUNSHINE O.P. 45
1100 K/28. ONE up. A/C. flew from EAST to N-W. 50
1845 K/28. B Coy less 9 PL. P.I. B. arrived SUNSHINE. 55
ALL INFORMED. 60
65
70
75

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SERIAL No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

3171

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TO ANGAU . BULOLO .

FROM 24 AUST. INF. BN.

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

I715

DATE

28

IN REPLY TO NUMBER

(WRITE HORIZONTALLY)

C Coy	report	Capt. LYNDON	has arranged	5
for	Sgt. BARNETT.	ANGAU.	5 P. M.	10
job	Will	not	require	troops
Punitive	action	not	advisable	as this
would	turn	natives	definitely	against
our	troops	BARNETT	will	strike
canoes	and	tell	natives	to
keep	over	river	job	to
be	done	29/6	leaving	OLD
NARAGOOMA	just	light	returning	late
afternoon				

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TO	Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number.
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(Write horizontally)

ref tracks	NADZAB near	10/11 DEEP	564432 CREEK	and TWO	5
540446 near	track	between	DEEP	CREEK	10
and	NEW	LABU	near	MUNAI	15
SPUR	TWO	200-400'	NORTH	of	20
CAMP	13	TWO	300-400'	WEST	30
of	CAMP	13	15/5 11/26	THREE	35
to	LOO TOUT	reported	with	mast	40
30-ft	lower-driven	lanchees	with	on	45
and	17	native	outrippers	LABU	50
sand	strip	between	NEW	bank	55
BEARD	and	SOUTH	articles	from	60
JAPS	observed	carrying	but	on	65
one	canoe	towards	JAPS	seen	70
island	0	TWO	LABU	NORTH	75

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TO 3 Aust Div spld A Coy 24 Bn D Coy 24 Bn KUSU AEMHA KUPO

FROM

24 Bn

Originator's Number.

2931

Date

29

In Reply to Number.

(Write horizontally)

MARKHAM	SIT REP 1510 PT	0940 K/29	boat	thought	5
power driven	crossed	from	NORTH	bank	10
to	NEWLABU	ISLAND	with	THREE	15
occupants	1000 K/29	boat	thought	power driven	20
crossed	to NEWLABU	returned	with	extra	25
occupants	thought	wounded	to NORTH	bank approx	30
621415	NADZAB	approx	6	Jap dead	35
on	track	covered	by Jap	L.M.G.	40
out	mortar ranging to engage	5 Jap	wounded		45
made	off in bush	Ref 3 DIV	0.3582		50
attempting	to fix point by cross bearings and observation				55
but apparently firing	from NORTH BANK	Over the			60
advised	of performance of 70	m.m. MORTAR GUN			65
to assist	identification				70
					75

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TO 3 DIV

FROM 24 BN

Originator's Number

I 734

Date

29

In Reply to Number

C Coy	report	1930 K/28	bright	light	seen
top	of	feature	possibly	white	map ref
960 558	WAIME	Shone	for 10	mins	answered
by	flashes	NORTH	that	feature	probably
address	MARKHAM				

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SIGNATURE *Shumell*

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TO 3 Div 1st Lt A Coy 34 Bn 2 Coy 24 Bn LEHA KUPO LUJU

FROM BUDD

Originator's Number. 1744

Date. 29

In Reply to Number.

(Write horizontally)

SECRET	SITREP	162	to 1800 K/29 @ C	5
Coy MARKHAM POINT	@ following ambush of 20 Japs 0905			10
K/29 further Jap patrol	moved SOUTH of our ambush from			15
KUNAI SPUR map ref 545430	NADZAB forcing withdrawal			20
@ 1148 K/29 our mortar	fired 23 bombs ranging area			25
Jap camp map ref 570430	to KUNAI SPUR @ 1155 to 1202 K/29			30
Jap gun	fired 9 rts all NORTH to N.E. of our post DEEP			35
CREEK @	Closest 200 yds NO comm @ afternoon patrol to			40
KUNAI SPUR did NOT observe	any more Japs apparently			45
having withdrawn with	dead @ B Coy. SITNOR @ HQ			50
Coy @ SUNSHINE OP @	0930 K/29 7 of A/C flying			55
SOUTH to NORTH @ 1100 K/29	1 of A/C flying SE to SW			60
10000 ft @ B Coy less 2 Pl P.I.B	left SUNSHINE 0730 K/29			65
armed MUDIENG	1150 K/29 @ All informed			70
				75

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TO

FROM *3 BN 1st A Coy 24 Bn D Coy 24 Bn LEHA KU PO* Originator's Number. Date. In Reply to Number.

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<i>34 BN</i>		<i>L 722</i>	<i>29</i>		5
<i>SECRET</i>	<i>SITREP</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>10 0930 K/29</i>	<i>C Coy</i>	10
<i>MARKHAM</i>	<i>POINT</i>	<i>0632</i>	<i>hrs out</i>	<i>mortar</i>	15
<i>ford</i>	<i>SIX</i>	<i>tds</i>	<i>Jap def</i>	<i>form</i>	20
<i>and</i>	<i>village</i>	<i>square</i>	<i>5643</i>	<i>NADZAB</i>	25
<i>0 Jap</i>	<i>reflected</i>	<i>welt</i>	<i>probable</i>	<i>MORTAR</i>	30
<i>gun</i>	<i>firing</i>	<i>approx</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>tds</i>	35
<i>to</i>	<i>0825 K/29</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>apparently</i>	<i>NORTH</i>	40
<i>bank</i>	<i>NOT yet pinpointed</i>		<i>0 0905 K/29 approx</i>		45
<i>20</i>	<i>Japs moving along</i>		<i>track to DEEP CR</i>		50
<i>entered our ambush form</i>	<i>KUNAI</i>		<i>SPUR</i>	<i>map ref</i>	55
<i>595430</i>	<i>NADZAB</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>We opened with</i>	<i>gren</i>	60
<i>and</i>	<i>grenades</i>		<i>SIX killed</i>	<i>FIVE</i>	65
<i>wounded</i>	<i>Japs then withdrew</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Our cas</i>	<i>NIL</i>	70
<i>tds still in form</i>	<i>0 Mortar det. having difficulty with</i>				75

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

Headquarters

3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 64.

3 AUST DIV
30 Jun 45.

From information received up to 2000K/30.

This report excludes information previously given in Sitreps.

1. MARALINAH AREA.

29 Jun. One Section 7 Pl P I B arrived at LR0347.
30 Jun. OP from 15 Pl D Coy 57/60 Aust Inf Bn reports that MARUM natives are occupying OP, on track to their village. Two or three natives are in occupation, all carrying rifles.

2. MISSEM AREA.

0630K/29 8 Pl D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn less two sections moved to CISSEMBOB.

3. MUBO AREA. Ref map MUBO 1 : 25000.

An area believed to have been the site of a Jap Coy H, has been found in the area 698348.

4. PATROL ACTIVITY:

0800 - 1300K/22 via BULIAPAL CREEK up OBSERVATION HILL to 682871 where they remained in observation. No enemy were seen or heard but some "tabi" foot prints were noticed. Some effort had been made to cover up these tracks which were 2 - 3 days old.

5. 30 Jun : Listening posts established at 701855, 693857 and 693853 with base at 694847.

6. Movement 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

1300K/30. 12 Pl with one mortar arrived REEVE's OP 673880 from HILL 7.
B Coy H, and 10 Pl arrived HILL 7 from WAIPALI.
One sub-sec 2 Pl arrived MAT MAT from SADDLE.

7. Section 1 Aust Mountain Bty now in position at 698330.

Distribution.

- NCF (2)
- 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
- 17 Aust Inf Bde
- 24 Aust Inf Bn ✓
- Comd
- I Recorder
- Battle Board

W. J. ...
Lt-Col.
CS 3 Aust Div.

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TO 3 div 1st Lt 2 A bn

FROM WARE 0/11A Co E 177 TRS TA

Originator's Number Date In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

0825 hrs 1 explosion SOUTH LABU @ 5

0830 hrs several explosions LAE @ 10

1 unidentified plane heading NORTH @ 15

0957 hrs fire near MARKHAM valley 20

rd vicinity high WHARF 25

flames seen followed by large 30

puff black smoke large body 35

man near by in 2 groups @ 40

men left in truck half hour later 45

1055 hrs smoke NEW LABU men 50

patching up centre from vicinity 55

Wagon B34 B3 with gravel @ 60

1400 70

1405 75

1608 80

4/1530 85

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Repeated to C Coy

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uptd 24 Aust Inf Bn

3 Aust Div

03592 29

SECRET O PITREP 143

MARKHAM AREA

mortar fired

the posns

one inch

with 25 rds from

gun PROBABLY

ma O 0905K/29

ambushed at 545430

to killed 5 wounded

W/L O enemy withdrew

the bodies with LMB

mortar fired further

26 rds into

jap posns incl LMB

posn O 1155

with 9 sh shells

1130K/29 B Coy

PIB left 7 pl arrived

MUMENG

from SUNSHINE

O markham area

O 0930K/28 7 pl

PIB and sled

rips 3 av arrived

THILI THILI

O 7 pl PIB established

surah ch

on 458295

roamer ONE inch

O MISSIM area

O 0800K/29 Ha 15

close preliminary and reopened

MISSIM same time

O C Coy 58/59

by resting for day at 669974

to 2000K/29

O 0632K/29

24 b

6 rds into

jap

5643

marked

believed 70mm

MARKHAM

partly approx 20

japs

O enemy casualties

O our casualties

O enemy withdrew

but covered

the bodies with

LMB O 1148K/29

mortar fired further

26 rds into

jap posns incl

LMB posn O

1155

with 9 sh shells

1130K/29 B Coy

PIB left 7 pl

arrived MUMENG

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3 Aust Div
29 Jun 43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 53

From Information received up to 2000K/29

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LAE OP
1. 0700-1930K/28. Fog, no visibility.
0930K/29. Aircraft from north heading south.
1155K/29. Unidentified aircraft from the north heading south

SALAMAUA
2. 1600K/28.- 0600K/29. No visibility.

MARIGLUM
3. Ref MADRAB one inch to one mile; WAIME one inch to one mile.
Further information re engagement on MARIGLUM PT ref Sitrep 143.
After firing the 6 rounds at 0652K/29 the mortar det withdrew
to the base at DEEP CREEK 541436.

*Dranglaman
- ops map
203*

4. 1930K/28. Bright light seen on top of feature possibly 960358.
This light shone for 10 minutes and was answered by flashes north
of that feature.
0940K/29. Boat believed to be power driven crossed from north
bank to NEW LABU ISLAND with 3 occupants.

5. 1000K/29. Boat believed to be power driven crossed from north bank
to NEW LABU ISLAND and returned with extra occupants thought to be
wounded. The boat landed at 621415 approximately.

KOMIATUM
6. Ref maps SALAMAUA; KOMIATUM - 1/25000.

WELLS OP
During the last 10 days parties of about 40 men have been seen
several times either fishing or collecting oysters on the rocks at
763034.
1030K/28. 15 Japs crossed footbridge at mouth of FRANCISCO RIVER
towards SALAMAUA.
1400K/28. 10 Japs moved north along KOMIATUM track.
1415K/28. 56 Japs crossed footbridge moving north. 4 Japs moved
north along KOMIATUM track.
1430K/28. 70 heavily laden figures apparently coolies moved south
over footbridge and then along south bank of FRANCISCO RIVER.
1550K/28. 120 figures moved north over footbridge.
1635K/28. 22 coolies and Japs moved south along KOMIATUM track.
1615K/28. 30 figures moved north over footbridge. 32 figures
moved south over footbridge.
1625K/28. 67 Japs moved north along KOMIATUM track.
1400K/29. 2 stretchers, 110 natives moved north along KOMIATUM
track.
1545K/29. 60 unidentified personnel moved north across footbridge.
20 - 25 June - 6 Japs seen on three occasions apparently examining
or setting booby traps on GOVT BRANCH CUT - ORODUBI track,
1750 hours on each occasion.
During day one sentry posted 20 yards on ORODUBI side of booby trap
disappears 1755 hours daily.
Maximum number seen in village at any time is six. The Japs move
about openly and freely.

MUBO AREA
7. 1600K/29. One pl B Coy 2/5 Bn arrived WAIPALI from BANANA.
1700K/29. 12 Pl 2/5 Bn arrived HILL 7.

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*John Henry Carr
Lt-col*

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NEW GUINEA FORCE

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COMIATUM 1/25000 O Panday party
 6 men to KEHA HILL area fixed
 on by Jap sentry on top of
 KILA O sentry reinforced O our
 party withdrawn to MEARS CK O
 1155 K/29 large column of smoke
 SHAMUA 1/25000 757027 after one
 APC had been over area O MUBO
 area 1400 K/29 food elements D Coy
 2/6 bn at 810827 MUBO 1/25000 O
 1548 - 1645 K/29 LABABIA OP reports
 by bombing and strafing OUAH
 NASHU BAY area all informed

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

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Headquarters

8. 1905K/25. Troops on MAT MAT heard an explosion in the direction of MUBO airfield. It is believed to have come from the booby trapped area in that vicinity and to be connected with the recent observed enemy activity in the BITOI RIVER bed.

9. ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

One respirator captured on LABABIA RIDGE has been forwarded. It has a green grey stockinette covered face-piece.

A spent .256 bullet has been forwarded. It has a conventional envelope of gilding metal, a hollow steel case and a lead plug in the base.

10. 28 JUN Patrol Activity.

Jap sentry was seen at 696853. Chopping was heard at 694849 and 699852.

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AREA	0 1345k/28	R Coy	PIB	10
less	7 pl	arrived	SUNSHINE and.	15
came	under	comd.	24 Bn	20
MISSIM	AREA	0 1530k/28	HQ 58/59.	25
Bn	arrived	MEARS	CK	30
KOMIATUM	1/25000	0 MUBO	AREA.	35
0	28 Jun	patrol	fired on	40
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SECRET	SITREP	138	15 0800 ^h /27	0 MARAWAN	
AREA	0 0602' - 0608 ^h /27		3 in mortar fired.		10
36 bombs into	Jap camp post		vic inty		15
565432	NADZAB	1 in	0 Jap repud with?		20
10	mortar bombs.	0	Our casualties.		25
Nil	Enemy	NOT	Known	Missim	30
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Headquarters 3 AUST DIV.
28 Jun 43.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 62.

from information received up to 2000K/28.

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1. LAE OP. Ref map LAE LOCALITY.

0855K/28 Aircraft from NORTH heading SOUTH.

0935K/28 Aircraft returned from SOUTH.

1243K/28 Aircraft from West over LAE 25 minutes and returned North West.

0640K/28 Plane from South heading North. Engaged by intense A/A.

Track activity from gravel pits to patches near No 4 Blast Bay. These patches could be craters.

Trucks working from the SW corner of the AIRFIELD where there is a probable A/A position or dump near DRONE HQ.

Prior to 27 Jun the crashed plane lying on its belly south of No 5 Blast Bay at 3921 appeared to be intact, but now appears broken in the centre with one wing in the air.

2. SALAMUA OP.

0930 - 1030K/28. Heavy smoke from left of quarry.

1030K/28 Two trucks from quarry to isthmus.

1300 - 1515K/28. Small canoe in SAEOA HARBOR.

3. MARKHAM AREA. Ref map MARKHAM 1 inch to 1 mile.

0845 - 0930K/28. Four single canoe trips were made between the north bank MARKHAM RIVER and NEW LABO ISLAND.

1630K/28. Two canoes with natives came up the MARKHAM RIVER and dropped one man on the North Bank at 535450. The canoe then returned down stream.

4. 1100K/28.

one unidentified aircraft flew from east to NW over SUNSHINE.

5. MARALINAN AREA.

Ref map MARKHAM strait

1600K/27. Patrol returned from PEBER having patrolled tracks to NUK and AMANI and forward to MARKHAM R. No contact was made with the enemy. NUK L(2)9551 AMIANI L(2)9567.

6. MISDIE AREA.

BELLS OP.

0800K/28. 9 Japs moved north along track toward SALAMUA. one Jap south towards KOMIATUM.

0945K/28. 22 Japs moved south towards KOMIATUM.

7. MUBO AREA.

Ref map MUBO 1/25000.

25 Jun patrol to 694847 found approximately 300 one-man weapon pits in the area. Apparently our artillery and mortar fire was particularly accurate. From this point a new track was found running in a NW direction.

3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 50.

HQ 3 Aust Div.
16 Jun 43.

From information received up to 2000K/16.

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1. LAE OP
 - 1412K/15 Barge to MALAHANG WRECK, returned after 28 minutes.
 - 1425K/15 2 trucks working on bomb craters vicinity of No 2 Blast Bay.
 - 1503K/15 6 canoes with sails proceeded up river.
 - 1610K/15 Barge from LAE to MALAHANG WRECK returned after 65 minutes.
 - 1735K/15 Barge to end of VOCO PT and back.
 - 1750K/15 Barge from LAE passed VOCO PT via MALAHANG WRECK.
 - 1806K/15 Same barge returned to MALAHANG WRECK.
 - 0605K/16 Unidentified aircraft approached from SE at a high altitude. Spasmodic AA of heavy type fired.
 - 1125K/16 Truck working from gravel pit at south end of drome appears to be patching up central drome area, and south side No 5 Blast Bay.

 2. SALAMAUA OP
 - 1635-1700K/15 18 carriers with 7 escorts south along KOMLATUM track.
 - 1615K/15 Row boat from buoy to quarry.
 - 1700K/15 Two row boats from KELA to QUARRY.
 - 1415K/16 Small boat at BURNUNG PT.

 3. MISSIM AREA WELLS OP
 - 1711K/15 laden 3 heavily/launches arrived at SALAMAUA from the direction of LAE.

 4. Ref map KOMLATUM 1/25000. Recce patrol to junction KOMLATUM and BENCH CUT tracks approx 705921 from 6 to 9 Jun. From DIERKE'S OP the patrol went south for half an hour to the junction of STEPHENS TRACK. This track was followed to the east. After 1½ hours a hut was reached approx 701921; 200 yards further east, 4 or 5 sets of footprints were found with V shaped imprints formed by rubber studs. They were believed to be Japanese. After another 40 minutes a hut in the centre of a kunai patch a 100 yards long was found. A vegetable patch near the hut was recently trampled and there were signs of a recent small fire and Jap footprints. The junction of STEPHENS TRACK and BENCH CUT TRACK 705922 is 50 yards past the hut. South down the BENCH CUT track for 10 minutes signs of a recent Jap bivouac were found. The track here had been recently repaired with picks and shovels. Proceeding to the junction of STEPHENS and KOMLATUM tracks the latter track was found to be recently repaired.
- Next day, 8 Jun, patrol made their way from DIERKE'S OP by a more southerly track to junction of BENCH CUT and KOMLATUM tracks. At 1500 hours the patrol observed 10 Japs resting at the foot of an enormous BUTTRESS TREE, smoking and talking with their rifles and equipment stacked against the tree. 4 Japs donned their equipment and moved north along the KOMLATUM track. 2 more appeared from the south very exhausted. Clothing and equipment worn by the Japs was boots, knee length puttees, drab green trousers, only two wore shirts (one green, one blue), green peaked cloth caps, leather type web equipment (all very new). All carried pistols in leather holsters on right side and each carried a rifle, two haversacks slung, one on each side.

Big packs with helmets were carried on their backs. Before donning packs Japs placed a grayish cloth over their shoulders. Two Japs were small, the other fairly big and all appeared in good condition except the last two arrivals.

- 5. 0830K/16 BUGASU JUNC reports 2 unidentified air craft overhead.

NUNNS POST reports smoke on BOBDUBI RIDGE south of COCONUTS.

- 6. MUBO AREA 16 Jun MMG pl 2/5 Aust Inf Bn moved from SKINDEWAI to BALLAMS.

- 7. Ref map MUBO 1/25000. Listening point at 702855 reports sound of chopping at 702858.

Comment: (by 17 Bde)

Previous patrols down this re-entrant had, on occasions, reported signs of enemy patrols, but this is the first report of enemy preparations in this area.

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137. To 20004/260

MUBO. AREA 26 Jun patrols both sides JAP TRACK report sound of enemy activity 6954856 MUBO 1/25000. MARAWINAN AREA 24 Jun 3 police boys bound and beaten by MARUM VILLAGE natives of 9037 markham strat rifles and amm stolen boys escaped Report threats against white men WALL BUKHO AREA 1022-1033 4/26 1 type LBY over WALL BUKHO SUNSHINE Height 20000 ft. Morning 26 June B. Coy. fib. less 9 pm. arrived WALL BUKHO all informed.

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SITMOR all informed

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Date. 25

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SECRET @ SITREP 133 to 2000K/25 @ SALAMAUH

OP 0650K/25 by bombs dropped 15 boots

on POLICE BARRACK area Salamaua 1/25000

734015 @ mission area 1900K/25 by 59/50

by the coy & coy mission & coy

depts two pls SELEBOB two pls PILIMUNG

C coy LESS two pls MISSION two pls

SELEBOB @ 1400K/24 wells of report

footbridge mtd mouth FRANCISCO

River rest repaired @ MUBO area @

1800K/25 B coy 2/6 by plus 4 pl

8th HQ coy arrived same BITOI and

buyawina rivers from NABABIA

made @ one pl @ coy 2/5 by now at

BASK Camp @ Wan bulolo area @ 1220 12/25/41

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TO *Rptd 24 bn*

FROM *3 Aust div*

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SECRET

area C 1430K/21 C coy 58/59 bn arrived

BRANCH CR from BULWA @ Night 21/22

RE HQ coy 58/59 bn staying BATHUNE @

A coy 58/59 bn arrived PILIMUNE @

clubs area @ afternoon 21 June

D coy 2/6 bn heavily attacked @

1500K/21 C coy 2/6 bn moving fwd

to support D coy @ D Coy 2/5 bn

leaves two pls moving fwd to

SADDLE from HOUSE BANANA @ 1200K/21

near HQ 17 ball closed KHISINIK

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

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3 Aust Div

27 Jun 43

3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 61

From information received up to 0600K/27

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LAR OP

1. No visibility.

SALAMUA

2. No visibility.

MARKHAM

3. Ref map NADZAB one inch : 1 mile.
Further details of mortar shoot (ref Sitrep 158).
0630K/27 Jap mortar opened up and fired 8 rounds NN until
0630 hrs. His position could not be pin-pointed, but it was
thought to be on NEW LABU ISLAND 530430. Jap mortar bombs
landed between 564432 and 540446.
Further details of enemy activity on mudbank (ref Sitrep 159)
Japs were observed carrying articles from one canoe towards
a hut on the island. Two Japs were seen going into a hut
on the north bank of the MARKHAM at 615424 and two canoes
were seen from the north bank to the NEW LABU ISLAND.
The eight occupants could not be identified. The canoes
appeared to be carrying cargo in the centre, but on their return
trip to the north bank no cargo was observed.

Comment:

Natives reported the Japs originally came to MARKHAM from
the north bank of the river in three powered-barges each
carrying 30-40 men. It was stated that these barges
were collapsible, having been brought up to HEATHS by MT,
and carried from there to the river bank where they were
erected. The launches now reported probably came up the
river.

Our OP reports that several small fires are to be observed in the
vicinity of NARAKAPOR and NADZAB village about every meal time.

Comment:

These are possibly the enemy camps.

KIOMI

4. ref map SALAMUA 1/25,000.
Dispositions 2/3 Aust Indep Coy:
ops Map → 5 Sec, B Pl BASE 4 682915

5. WELLS OP
0730K/27. 4 stretcher cases moved north along KOMIATUM track.
During the morning 17 Japs moved north in small, well-dispersed
groups and at long intervals.

MURO AREA

6. ref map MURO 1/25,000.
27 Jun. Enemy activity was heard by patrols who moved out to
ops map positions at 692853, 693853 and 698853.

Distribution: See over

Steffens Capt
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3 Aust Div

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15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
17 Aust Inf Bde
24 Aust Inf Bde
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Further details of enemy activities on the north bank of the Markham at Okapa and two canoes were seen from the north bank to the Markham. The right component will not be observed, but on their return reported to be crossing over in the night, but on their return trip to the north bank no signs were observed.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

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7. Ref map MUBO 1/25,000.
Patrol sent to investigate track reported by natives to go to MUBO from 793854 returned having followed it until certain that it ran round the west and north edges of LAKE SALUS to the coast. Track was old and not in good condition.
8. 15 Jun. 6 Japs and 2 natives moved from west to east and 7 Japs in the opposite direction, across BITOI at 692866,
9. 0639K/15. 2 canoes moved from LABABIA ISLAND to DUALI.
1425K/15. 1 small sailing craft made similar move.

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SALAMAUVA OP

1. 1315K/26. Unidentified aircraft south. No visibility.

MUBO AREA

2. Changes in dispositions 2/5 Aust Inf Bn

HQ Coy less 2 and 5 Pls
2 and 5 Pls

SKINDEWAI
NEILS CREEK

MISSIM AREA

3. WELLS OP

1645K/25. Approximately 20 coolies carrying one stretcher
crossed footbridge from the south

0930K/26. 30 Japs crossed footbridge from the south.

1100K/26. 19 Japs moved north from KOMIATUM, all heavily laden.

1400 - 1500K/26. Continual movement of coolies carrying cargo
from south to north across footbridge and returning
empty handed.

One stretcher case and 20 well dispersed Japs
moved north from KOMIATUM.

AM 26 Jun. B Pl 2/3 Indep Coy patrol moved down STEPHENS TRACK
to Jap L. of C/ without seeing any sign of the enemy.

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1. LAE OP 0926K/21. 1 barge with superstructure and funnel at rear in LAE HARBOUR.
1100K/21. 1 fighter landed.
1100K/21. Unidentified aircraft heading north.
1112K/21. Bombers and fighters heading south intercepted, battle obscured by fog.
1245K/21. 8 aircraft parked on airfield.
1300K/21. 1 aircraft took off.
1310-1400K/21. Sound of engines at LAE
2. SALAMAUA OP 1645K/20. Motor boat from KELEA to QUARRY.
0800K/21. Small boat in SAMOA HARBOUR.
1120K/21. 6 enemy bombers south.
1130K/21. 5 enemy dive-bombers south.
1140K/21. 6 enemy bombers north.
1142K/21. 2 enemy dive-bombers north.
1147K/21. 5 enemy dive-bombers patrolling.
1150K/21. 5 enemy dive-bombers north. Truck activity quarry area all morning.
3. MARKHAM AREA Ref NADZAB one inch to one mile.
Ref para 5 Intelligence Report 54.
The two Japs and three natives on sandbank were observed at 578428.
Remark:
This is the location of NEW LABU.
4. P.M. 21 June. 6 native canoes were observed on the mud bank between NEW LABU and the south bank of the MARKHAM. On the east side of the island 4 large huts were seen.
Comment:
This is evidently the terminal for the canoe traffic up the MARKHAM.
- 3 Japs were seen on north bank of MARKHAM at approximately 595426.
4 Japs and some natives crossed from island to mud bank.
4 natives from island in 2 canoes went downstream.
Patrol to 562430 saw nothing.
1645K/21. Bombing heard in direction of LAE and a thick black cloud of smoke seen.
B ENS FWD OP, 455440, reports large new earthworks approximately square 4858.
1015K/21. Large fire seen at 609429.
1115K/21. 6 Jap twin-engined bombers, 9 ZEKES flying SE over NGARONENO.
1116K/21. 6 Jap twin-engined bombers and 15 ZEKES flying NE over OOMISIS followed by unknown number of P 38s. Dogfight resulted in area between OOMISIS and coast.
1125K/21. One P38 seen dropping in thick column of black smoke at bearing of 134 degrees magnetic and distance 8 to 10 miles from BENS FWD OP.
1130K/21. Two ZEKES definitely shot down at 120 and 140 degrees magnetic, further away than P38.
1150K/21. 6 Jap bombers flew SW from BENS FWD OP.
NGARONENO OP reported black smoke presumed to be from the P38 which was shot down.

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5. MISSIM AREA. WELLS OP.
 1530K/20. 6 Japs moved south towards KOMIATUM.
 1600K/20. 26 Japs crossed footbridge at mouth of FRANCISCO RIVER moving south.
 am K/21. 80 Japs crossed footbridge to SALAMAUA seemed to be carrying 12 stretchers.
 1800K/21. 145 natives and 6 stretchers moved north from KOMIATUM.
6. PILIMUNG
 1140K/21. 6 medium bombers north along coast over SALAMAUA at high altitude.
 1152K/21. 1 single-engined aircraft circling SELEBOB at height 200 feet.
 1435-1437K/21. 14 loud explosions heard to the east; unidentified aircraft heard in the same direction.
7. Ref Map SALAMAUA 1/25,000.
 2/3 Indep Coy patrol to MALOLO area reports no sign of recent movement along HOTE-MALOLO track.
 19 Jun natives fishing using explosives.
 1700K/19 big launch from direction of LAE called at village 704046 for 5 minutes and left in direction of SALAMAUA, 8 Japs aboard.
 1705K/19 one small fire in ASINI and then wisp of smoke in MALOLO. Friendly natives from village at 698041 said that there were only 5 Japs in MALOLO and 5 in village at 704046 and no others in whole area. They also reported that the Japs at MALOLO watched the track during the day and sleep at night. The Japs who attacked CISSEMBOB were reported to have landed and withdrawn by submarines, 55 stretcher cases being carried out. The ASINI natives are pro-Jap and watch the track on their behalf.
8. Ref ~~three~~ Japs shot at ambush position south of KOMIATUM (sitrep 126).
 Attempt to trap and take a prisoner was unsuccessful and all 3 Japs shot. One was ~~wounded~~, one had an LMG and the other a rifle with a brass muzzle cover. Diary and badges of rank found but no new equipment. One Jap was wearing Australian web belt, braces and pouches, and one had an Australian groundsheet.
9. MUBO AREA
 1130K/21. SKINDEWAI reports one P 58 observed on bearing 300 degrees magnetic on southerly course losing altitude with spluttering engine.

Comment:
 This is probably the same aircraft as reported from BULOLO ref Sitrep 124.
10. Ref map MUBO 1/25,000.
 1650K/18. Standing patrol at 695850, reports sounds of talking and chopping heard at approximately 695852. No estimate of the number of Japs was given.

Comment:
 This is adjacent to 20 weapon pits previously occupied by A Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn and it is possible that the enemy are using these pits.
11. 1730-1825K/18. Patrol, strength two, moved out to vicinity 694848 where there are several huts. 3 Japs were observed and they opened fire on our patrol who retaliated probably wounding 1 Jap. Our patrol withdrew slightly but were again fired on. When fire was returned no further movement occurred.
12. 1800K/17, to 1715K/19. The object of patrol was to locate enemy dispositions OBSERVATION HILL - KITCHEN CREEK area. The patrol moved out from REEVES OP, across BUIAPAL CREEK then north to KITCHEN CREEK where they observed for some time. MG fire was heard but the position could not be located. T then moved back to 680875 and proceeded north along VIALS tr. for 1,800 yards in an endeavour to locate a track down to

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KITCHEN CREEK, but were unsuccessful. Patrol after returning to 680875 moved to within 150 yards of an enemy ambush position where they heard SMO fire apparently directed to the west. An attempt to move south around ambush position was unsuccessful. The patrol reports that VIALS TRACK shows no sign of recent use.

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LAE CP

1. 1510K/22. One barge barge LAE to vicinity HULU plantation ref map HUGH GULF Special 9842.
- 1750K/22. Same barge returned.
- 1756K/22. Barge from LAE past LABU and returned.
- 1800K/22. Barge from MALAHANG PT to LAE.
- 1820K/22. 2 barges heading LABU.
2 barge: disappeared seaward.
- 1559-1730K/22. Five explosions heard.
- 1945-2200K/22. White and red lights on and off HIGH SHARP, TERRACE.
- 0700K/23. Visibility nil.
- 1110K/23. One plane took off and headed east.

SALAMAUA CP

2. 1630K/22. Party of 3 Japs from QUARRY to ISTHMUS.
- 1645K/22. Two row boats KELA to QUARRY.
- 0800-1230K/23. No visibility.
- 1455K/23. 8 men carrying heavy object from wharf along CEMENTRY ROAD.
- 1440K/23. Truck taking on stores from boat near OVERHANGING TREE.
- 1545K/23. 55 men working at 752051 SALAMAUA revised 1 inch:1 mile.

MARKHAM AREA

3. NO RYAN who has just returned from CHIVASING reports that the enemy has constructed a well-made road BOANA PRDAU DAIWONG BROK WANTOAT the LERON and KAI APIT, belived to be for the transport of artillery. Carriers have been recruited by the enemy.
4. MARKHAM PT Lookout.
1045K/23. 12 Japs, 2 natives moved in canoes several times between NEW LABU island and mudbank to south for no apparent reason, finally remaining on island.
1130K/23. 7 Japs, 4 natives in 2 large canoes moved downstream from NE end of island, but jumped from canoes and took cover on east end of ISLAND when LIBERATOR attacked LAR.
5. Ref map WAIMS NADZAB 1 inch : 1 mile.
Ambush position established at 285486 with a daily patrol from BOBS to CHIVASING CROSSING each 3 days.

MARALINAN AREA

6. One sec 17 Pl B Coy 57/60 Bn now at PERRI.

MISSIM AREA

7. Further information re booby traps which our patrol ran into at 698902 SALAMAUA revised 1 inch : 1 mile (ref Sitrep 115). Booby trap was made with British pattern 36M grenades. Two other booby traps were found set with a pair of boots and a steel helmet as decoys. No Japs came to investigate the detonation of the booby trap

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8. WELLS CP.
 1300-1545K/22. 105 Japs moved south over footbridge at mouth
 of FRANCISCO RIVER.
 1600K/23. 60 Japs moved south over footbridge.

Ref maps MT MISSIM, SALAMAUA, one inch : 1 mile.
 Disposition D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn as at 1900K/23.

This HQ NOT advised

Coy HQ	SEALES CAMP	MM 584038
8 Pl less two secs	" "	MM 584038
One sec	OHIBE	
One sec	DAHO	
16 Pl less two secs	DAHO II	S 608028
One sec	DOVERS JUNG	
One sec		S 614027
18 P 1 less two secs	GIBBENOB	
One sec		S 620036
One sec	HOTE-MALOLO TRACK	S 664053

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9. Ref maps MUBO 1/25,000
 GUADAGASAL 1/25,000.

Summary of action LABABIA RIDGE 22 June 43

0745K/22. Two small parties of Japs observed west of BASE CAMP. Movement in the same area was again observed later in the morning.
 0955K/22. 18 Pl D Coy 2/5 Bn at at the junction of BITOI and BUYAWIN RIVERS report that they are still maintaining communication with LABABIA CP and a patrol has been sent out to contact them.
 1000K/22. The remaining two Pls of D Coy 2/5 Bn arrived at BASE CAMP.
 1200K/22. One P 1 D Coy 2/5 Bn moved out from SADDLE to secure the track BASE CAMP - SADDLE and patrol north from the track. At this stage it appeared that the enemy were going to mount another attack but this did not eventuate.
 1245-1630K/22. A Jap mortar believed to be in position in the vicinity of LABABIA RIDGE fired intermittently into D Coy 2/5 Bn perimeter, and between 1400 and 1430K/22 one of these bombs out the line between SADDLE and BASE CAMP. During the afternoon a patrol from BASE CAMP moved out cross country south of track towards LABABIA CP but encountered enemy and returned to BASE without reaching the main LABABIA RIDGE Track.
 1530K/22. Five BOSTONS bombed and strafed the PIMPLE, GRASS HILL area. Throughout the day the enemy was active on the north and east and occasionally on the west flank of the D Coy 2/5 Bn position, and it is estimated that our troops inflicted 54 casualties by sniping. Activity was also observed during the day in the vicinity WOODY ISLAND DRY CR BED and the Mountain Battery fired 4 rounds into this area.
 1800K/22. A patrol from the pl D Coy 2/5 Bn astride the BASE CAMP - SADDLE track reported that they had reached 692844 without seeing signs of the enemy. During the evening the enemy fired a considerable number of mortar bombs and BAA on to our forward troops on the east flank. The enemy appeared to be in strength in this area but at 2030K/22 the firing ceased and all was quiet.
 0330K/23. Patrol of 18 men arrived at LABABIA CP from the junction of BITOI and BUYAWIN RIVERS.
 0530K/23. A further 11 moved off to LABABIA CP. There was no patrol activity during the night but the enemy commenced firing again at 0530K/23. Our total casualties from commencement of action on 21 June to 0700K/23 are 11 killed and 11 wounded. HQ 2/5 Aust Inf Bn is now located at 672214.

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0815K/25. D Coy 3/6 Bn reports intermittent fire continuing including light mortar from the north and west side of their position. Our 3 inch mortar silenced a Jap mortar.

0950K/25. Mountain Battery opened fire on enemy in vicinity 695651 dropping to within 150 yards of our FIE's. The forward troops report that the fire was extremely accurate and squealing was heard. There are 3 enemy automatic weapons situated to the west of our perimeter.

Our sniping on the left flank continues to inflict casualties on the Japs who are within 30/40 yards of the perimeter.

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 1700K/23 C coy 58/59 bn less one pl a used
 PILIMUNG @ B Coy slapping BAIUNE @ 1512K/23
 large pinnace or schooner unloading
 stores at jetty north side SAHAMAWA
 (sic) isthmas @ Mubo area @ D Coy 2/6 bn
 reports intermittent firing during mornin
 @ One 3 in mortar silenced a jap
 lt mortar on west of perimeter mtn
 bdy engaged close target with in 150
 yds of our FDS @ Squealing heard @
 our sniping continues to inflict
 casualties on the enemy who are
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2 pls. D. Coy. 2/5 Pk arrived	5
3 ADPH 1245 1630/22 1st mortar.	
suspected posn LABABIA TRIG fired	10
intermittently into our perimeter	
110 2/6 Pk now at 672814 GUADAG	15
ASAH 1/2500 0 Total casualties	20
D. Coy 2/6 Pk 11 killed. 11 wounded	
all. informed	25

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3 AUSTR DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 56

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LAE OP

1. 1430K/21 Unidentified aircraft over LAE.
- 1620K/21 Very fast large barge in harbour.
- Same type as barge reported at 0920K/21 ref Intelligence Report 55.
- 1720K/21 Two small explosions LAE.
- 1754K/21 Two barges LABU to LAE.
- 1806K/21 Explosion in direction of HEATH'S.
- 0505K/22 Unidentified aircraft flew south.

SALAMAUA OP

2. 1230K/22 Rowing boat in SAMOA HARBOUR.
- 1425K/22 Heavy smoke from ISTIMUS.
- Usual activity at quarry.

MARALINAN AREA MARCHAM strat.

3. Dispositions as at 1000K/21.

Bn D Coy 57/58 Aust Inf Bn plus det ASC.	DUNGATUNG VILLAGE L/9729
16 Pl less one sec	AMBURIDGE L/9932
One sec	MARALINAN AIRFIELD L/0421
17 Pl less one sec	L/9731
One sec	patrolling to FESSE and WAIME.

Sitmap

MARCHAM AREA

4. BMUn. A native police boy from Capt HOWLETT's patrol reported in to WAMPIT and states that the Japs fired on HOWLETT and RYAN with MG at CHIVASING. All natives and police boys ran away. HOWLETT and RYAN also were seen to run. A later report states that Capt HOWLETT was killed but that WO RYAN is safe at KIRKS. A native report states that the Japs intend to cross the MARCHAM from CHIVASING.

MISSIM AREA Ref maps SALAMAUA, KOMIATUM 1 : 25000.

5. 1225K/21 Yellow flare observed MISSIM approximately 2 miles away on a bearing of 199 degrees.
6. The following was observed from vicinity of GOODVIEW JUNG 706916 on 20 Jun.
 - 0930K/20 12 Japs with big packs and no weapons moved south along track towards MUBO.
 - 1300-1350K/20 15 Japs, majority without packs or weapons and apparently tired moved north towards KOMIATUM.

7. Locations 58/59 Aust Inf Bn as at 1900K/21.

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Bn 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | BAJUNE |
| Hq Coy | |
| One Lt Sec 15 Aust Fd Amb | |
| A Coy | PILIMBO |
| B Coy less one pl | PAIWA |
| C Coy plus one pl B Coy | BRANCH OK. |

Sitmap

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8. Patrol to BORDUBI RIDGE 19/20 Jun reports :
 No enemy movement in LITTLE BURALI CREEK.
 Early 19 Jun smoke seen at OLD COY H; 696965.
 1500K/20 Rifle and LMG fire was heard from the same area and also
 OLD VICKERS POST 699974, where fire lanes out in the kumai
 were later seen.
 The village at 694966 was deserted. One Jap was seen near the
 COCONUTS on the ridge at 704974.
 Ref map MUDG 1/25000.
9. Further details of the attack by 50 Japs on both flanks on 20 Jun :
 during the ground attack on Japanese aircraft dropped one bomb
 NW of our position at 695945. The enemy ground troops immediately
 fired a flare.
 In attacking troops used the usual tactics, being camouflaged with
 boughs tied to their backs. The attack was launched with much
 shouting and whistling and the usual attempts at out-flanking were
 made.
 It is believed that the enemy followed one of our observation
 patrols as it came back along the Jap track. There is a line of
 booby traps across the front of our listening posts, there are
 however none across the track itself.
10. MUDG
 The following is an outline of the action on LABABIA RIDGE on 21 Jun:
 0730K/21. A sig line party to LABABIA OP contacted the enemy 300
 yards east of the D Coy 2/6 position on LABABIA RIDGE. The
 Japs were also found to be north from this point on the
 track. Intermittent firing and the sound of two booby traps
 exploding was heard.
 1345K/21. Warning order to C Coy 2/6 Bn to move forward to support
 D Coy was issued and D Coy 2/5 Bn less two pls was ordered
 to move forward to take over the SADDLE area. They
 arrived in this area at 1715K/21.
 1415K/21. The position on LABABIA RIDGE was reported to be quiet.
 1500K/21. C Coy commenced forward move and by 1650K/21 13 pl had
 contacted D Coy.
 1510K/21. A Coy 2/6 Bn stood to when movement was reported on east
 side of BITOI near the kunda br at 683945. However, a
 patrol to this area reported NMS at 1545K/21.
 1610K/21. D Coy were attacked on the right flank by an enemy force
 estimated at one bn. The enemy penetrated to within 10
 yards of our positions between BASE CAMP and LABABIA TRIG,
 but were pushed back leaving over 100 casualties, our
 casualties being 9 killed and 7 wounded. All was reported
 quiet by 1800K/21.
 D Coy 2/5 Bn were placed under command 2/6 Bn and the
 remaining two pls at HOUSE BANANA placed on notice to
 move to SADDLE.
 The morning sitrep 22 Jun states that the night was quiet
 but fwd tps report that the enemy were heard in the same
 area as the attack came from on 21 Jun, and also repor
 large concentrations of enemy on PIMPLE and GREEN HILL.

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pl C coy 53/59 Bn and one lt sec 15 fd amb arrived PILLIMONG. C coy 58/59
Bn less one pl BAIUNE. B Coy POWER HOUSE. MUBO AREA. Japs made
further attack on D Coy 2/6 Bn at midday but were again repulsed our
casualties 3 wounded estimated enemy casualties 64. enemy still in
contact with our fwd posns. our patrols searching for enemys flank.
situation well in hand. 1530K/22. bostons bombed and strafed PIMPLE
GREEN HILL areas. further details NOT to hand. ref sitrep 126 4 men
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and	one lt	see	15th	climb		20
arrived	PIL	LIMUN	pl C	coy	58/59	25
br	des	one	pl B	AILINE	coy	30
power	house	0	muho	area	0	35
gaps	made	for	further	attacks		40
one	D	coy	2/6	Rn	at	midday
but	were	ag	air	repulsed	our	50
casualties	5	wounded	estimated			55
many	casualties	64	0	enemy		60
still	in	contact	with	our		65
food	posn	0	our	patrols		70
searching	for	enemies	flank	0		75
situation	well	in	hand	0		80
15:30	K/22	0	BOSTONS	bombed		85
and	strapped	PIMPLE	green			90
hill	areas	0	further	details		95
NOT	to	hand	of	sitrep		100
126	4	men	since	died		105
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SECRET

① Litch 126 to	0800K/22	② 21 June	5
① men ambushed 3	japs on	KOMINTUM	10
track at 706916	KOMINTUM	1/25000	15
① all japs killed	① mubo area	①	20
1510K/21	① japs attacked	D Coy 2/6 bn	25
with force estimated	one bn		30
(japs) ① were within	10 yards of	mtf/	35
our fwd posts between	BASE CAMP		40
and LABABIA RIDGE	① BAW believed		45
to have withdrawn	north towards		50
PIMPLE leaving	over 100 casualties	①	55
our casualties	5 killed 11	wounded	60
all informed			65
			70
			75

IN L/T 2/50

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MUBO area

9. 25 Jun. One pl 2/7 Aust Inf Bn relieved one pl C Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn at FRANKERS MINE.
10. 1510K/25. 3 Japs crossed HITOI at north tip of WOODY ISLAND from east to west.
1636K/25. Further four crossed and mtn bty fired two rounds into the area.
11. Changes in dispositions 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

B Coy SUMMIT to SKINDEWAI.
H Coy less 4 and 5 Pls. SUMMIT to SKINDEWAI.
The whole of C Coy now at HOUSE BANANA.

WBS 1145/26.

W. J. ...
Lt Col
GS 3 Aust Div

Distribution:

NGF (2)
15 Aust Inf Bde
17 Aust Inf Bde
24 Aust Inf Bn ✓
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SECRET	0 SITREP	132	to	0800k/25	0 MISSIM	5
area	0	1910k/24	25 Japs.	seen at	953006	10
SALAMAYA	one inch	0 MUBO	AREA	104k/24	4	15
Boston	ACCURATELY	BOMBED	AND	STRAFFED		20
DRY CK	bed	Banana	patch	and		25
ARCHWAY	0 MUBO	AREA	24 June	Tracks		30
from	BASE	CAMP	to	LABARIA		35
OP	and	VICKER	RIDGE	reported		40
Clear of enemy	0	Japs track	reced to	6948k7		45
MUBO	1/25000	no mvt	seen	but number		50
of weapons	pits	found	0 Pits found to the			55
north and west	of our	posts	0 other patrol all			60
round area	report no	mvt	evening 24 Jun a			65
patrol from 2/3	Ind Coy	reached	MAT MAT and reports			70
VMS	Track	Clear of enemy	all informed			75

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3 Aust Div
24 Jun 43

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3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 56
(N. B. Report 56 of 23 Jun should be numbered 57)

From information received up to 3000K/24.

This report excludes information previously given in sitreps

LAK OP.

1. 1400K/23. 1 barge LAKU to LAK.
- 1510K/23. 2 fighters landed, refuelled and took off heading NE.
- 1610K/23. 1 barge LAKU to LAK.

SALAMAUA

2. 1635-1710K/23. Truck activity from PISHINSULA to QUARRY.
- 1630-1715K/23. Approximately 150 Japs moved in and around shed in front of QUARRY.
- 1800-1815K/23. Heavy explosions SALAMAUA area. Flash from vicinity 762075 SALAMAUA revised, suggest gunfire.

Remarks:

Confirms report from HUNDIS OP.

- 0930K/24. Two rowing boats and one launch to QUARRY.
- 0945K/24. Small fire on GAMBNEY to the east of the QUARRY.
- 1230K/24. Boat under overhanging tree.
- 1345K/24. Unidentified aircraft south.
- 1530K/24. 10 men at gun pits above QUARRY.

MAKHAM AREA

3. NOGALANING OP
1100K/24. Three enemy twin-engined bombers flew high over OP to the NE.
1230K/24. Unidentified aircraft over PARTER II.
4. WO RYAN reports that the CHIVASING natives helped the Japs to arrange the ambush in which Capt HOWLETT was killed. He also reports that there is a Jap track north of the MAKHAM RIVER from GAMBATUNG through CHIVASING thence indefinitely to the west. This may lead to the SATUT.

MISSIN AREA.

5. WELLS OP.
1430K/23. Nine Japs moved north towards SALAMAUA.
1500K/23. 37 Japs heavily equipped with MGs and rifles moved north towards SALAMAUA.
6. HUNDIS OP.
1500K/23. Explosions heard SALAMAUA thought to be blasting.
1810K/23. Loud explosion SALAMAUA possibly AA.

7. Further information from patrol to BOHEMI RIDGE ref para 8 Intelligence Report 56.
BOHEMI MISION was not entered but there was no indication of occupation. The patrol moved south along LITTLE BURALI CREEK and there was no sign of Japs. The patrol moved up to within 50 yds SE of GWAIBOLCH. No Japs were seen but indications of their presence was evident.

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MIFF AREA.
8.

- Ref map MWD 1/25000.
 1630K/23. Patrol 18 Pl 2/5 Aust Inf Bn reported Sig line
 HADN CAMP to LABANIA CP out in many places. Communications
 restored 1610K/23.
 1655K/23. Smoke observed upper slopes OBSERVATION HILL.
 1655K/23. Explosion and cloud of smoke NW slope of OBSERVATION
 HILL.
 1700K/23. REEVES OP and SADDLE report smoke rising from area
 687864.
 1710-1720K/24. Mountain Battery fired 11 rounds into this area.
 Suspected that the gun which shelled MAT MAT and
 GUADAGABAL is a 75 mm. Time of flight of shells
 from this gun 17 secs.
 1735K/23. Mountain Battery fired 4 rounds into KITCHEN CREEK area
 24 Jun. Burial parties engaged on Jap dead all day.

9. Locations 2/5 Aust Inf Bn as at 1900K/24.

HQ 2/5 Aust Inf Bn	GUADAGABAL
HQ Coy less 4 and 5 Pls	SUMMIT
4 Pl	SADDLE
5 Pl	WELLS CR
A Coy	GUADAGABAL
B Coy	SUMMIT
C Coy less one Pl	HOUSE BANANA
One Pl	BLACK CAT
D Coy (under comd 2/5 Bn)	SADDLE

10. 1300K/24. 18 Pl D Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn less one sec in position
 at LABANIA CP.

Steffens Capt
 Lt-col
 G3 5 Aust Div

Distribution:

- HQF (2)
 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
 17 Aust Inf Bde
 24 Aust Inf Bn ✓
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Rpta 24 Jn
3 Aust. Div.

FROM

Originator's Number.

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In Reply to Number.

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SECRET	0 SITREP	131. To	2000 ^h /24 0 MISSIM	5
area.	0 0815 ^h /24	WELLS.	OP reports	10
9 allied bombers		bombed and strafed.		15
SALAMAUA	airfield	0 Portion footbridge		20
mouth	FRANCIS CO.	destroyed	0 Oil	25
dumps south		of airfield ignited causing		30
black smoke		1000 ft high	0	35
SALAMAUA	OP	reports near miss on		40
O-DEAS. HOUSE		0 Confirms hit on		45
oil dump		0 MUBO area	0 0905 ^h /24	50
HQ.	17 Bde	closed	SKINDIWAH reopened	55
same	Time	GUADAGASAH	all informed	60
				65
				70
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TO *uptd 24 bn*

FROM *3 Aust Div*

Originator's Number. *0 3519*

Date. *24*

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SECRET @ SITREP 130 to 0800K/24 @ MISSIM area @⁵

*2120K/23 S/A off SALAMAUA lit up shoreline*¹⁰

*for few seconds @ seen from SELEBOB - MUBO*¹⁵

*area @ 1910K/23 mark BASE CAMP lababia*²⁰

*of reported clear of enemy @ total enemy*²⁵

*casualties 23 fun estimated 20 @ our*³⁰

*casualties from 21 June to 2000K/23 12*³⁵

*killed 12 wounded @ PM 23 Jun movt*⁴⁰

*observed WOODY ISLAND @ 1705K/23 matomar*⁴⁵

*and lower GUADAGASAL ridge shelled by*⁵⁰

*70 mm gun @ Kunda BR area shelled*⁵⁵

*with smoke @ flash reported south end*⁶⁰

*DRY CREEK bed @ At least 50 shells fired*⁶⁵

*by enemy @ Night 23/24 base camp reports*⁷⁰

*all quiet all informed*⁷⁵

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

Headquarters
3 Aust Div
25 Jun 453 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 59

From information received up to 2000K/25.

This report excludes information previously given in sitreps.

SALAMUA OP

1. 0900K/25. Men working on truck at QUARRY.
- 1000K/25. Rowing boat off CEMETERY.
- 1100K/25. 2 trucks from QUARRY to TOWN AREA.
- 1150K/25. Unidentified aircraft patrolling.
- 1215K/25. 4 ZEKES headed SE.
- 1222K/25. 4 ZEKES headed SE.
- 1250K/25. 4 ZEKES patrolling.
- 1400-1600K/25. No visibility.

MARKHAM Area

2. C Coy 24 Bn Routine patrols now operate daily as follows :
 - (a) BOBS-OLD NARAGOOMA-NEW MARI-BOBS.
 - (b) KIRKS-CHIVASING CROSSING-KIRKS.
 - (c) KIRKS-SHELDONS-OLD MARI-SHELDONS-MT NGARONENO.
 - (d) MT NGARONENO-OLD MARI-SHELDONS-MT NGARONENO.
 - (e) OGBIS-SWARIP-OGBIS.
3. During night 24/25 Jun 24 Aust Inf Bn ambush at NARAGOOMA was withdrawn.
4. An unconfirmed native report states that GABENSIS natives have gone bush when the Japs warned the natives that they were coming.
5. 24 Jun. OP at NABZAB, one inch to 1 mile, 560420 reports 20 Japs moved several times between NEW LABU ISLAND and MUDBANK. The Japs appeared to do nothing on the mudbank. An exceptionally tall Jap in bright blue coat and light blue trousers appeared to be in command.
1550K/25. One Jap and natives passing between island and mudbank.
6. OP at BULOLO one inch to 1 mile 255026.
Unidentified aircraft above clouds at approximately 20000 feet apparently circled KWATOMANE area coming in from the east and departed to the north.
1415K/25. White balloon observed to the NE at approximately 20000 feet drifting north. Disappeared behind clouds at 1500K/25.

MISSIM area Ref SALAMUA one inch to 1 mile.BOBUBI POST

7. 1035K/25. Smoke observed on BOBUBI RIDGE.
- 1200K/25. Explosion heard in direction of LAE.

HILLS OP

8. 24 Jun. Japs still in OROBUBI and appear to be guarding HAMLING track.
Between 1400 and 1600K/24, 50 Japs moved south across footbridge at mouth of FRANCISCO RIVER.
1400K/25. 40 Japs moved north along KOMIATUM track.
1430K/25. 1 stretcher case and 15 coolies moved north to SALAMUA.
1530K/25. 45 fully equipped Japs moved south from SALAMUA across footbridge.
1550K/25. 15 Japs with rifles and large packs moved south towards KOMIATUM.

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Apr 24 by
3 Aust Div

SECRET 0 Libby 124 to 1500K/21 @MIRKHAM
 area 0 12 enemy bombers 9 fighters
 intercepted by 12 P38 in
 WAMPIT area 0 OP 455439 NADZAB
 1 mech reports 1 P38 down 8-10
 miles away bearing 134 degree
 magnetic 0 2 ZEKES down bearing
 120 and 140 degrees 0 MISSIM area 0
 re/ ship 123 0 Now reported
 N/C did NO straff. No he but
 dropped bombs and straffed
 BURRIS RIVER north minus OP.

0 MUBO area 0 0730K/21 Line party
 to LABBIA OP conducted japs on
 track 300 yds East of east flank
 D Coy posn and north from track
 0 Several booby traps heard to
 explode 0 Intermittent fire 0
 Enemy strength unknown 0 NOT
 considered threat 0 Unknown number
 enemy casualties 0 own casualties
 nil 0 1130K/21 4 BOSTONS dropped
 12 bombs STONY CR pimple 5 bombs
 KITCHEN CR 0 1132K/21 6 enemy
 bombers south over LABBIA ridge
 EVIDENTLY jetisoned bombs

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as explosions heard SE of SADDLE
 @ 1145 K/21 4 of formation
 single engine A/c flying north
 dropped bombs vicinity GUADAGAS
 dropping ground @ All bombs
 fell native quarters @ 1 police
 boy wounded @ All natives missing
 @ WNU BUONO area @ 1130 K/21 one
 P 38 approached BUONO from NW
 losing height rapidly smoking
 badly @ Disappeared behind
 hills bearing 225 degrees from
 293873 BUONO one inch @ Distance
 6 miles all informed

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RPTD 24 Aust Inf Bn
3 Aust Div

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SECRET @ Sitrep 123 to 0800 K/21 @ MASSIM
AREA @ 1450 K/20 one type VAL on recce
drafted NOTE areas all informed

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

Headquarters 3 Aust Div
20 Jun 45

3 AUSTRALIAN DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 54.

From information received up to 2000 K/20.

This report excludes information previously
given in Sitreps

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1. Enemy aircraft activity is included at Appendix "A".
 2. SALAMUA OP.
1330 K/20 4 Japs north along KOMIATUM track
MARKHAM AREA.
 3. Following native information was obtained on 19 Jun.
 - (a) A Jap officer named TOMDA at HEATHS informed the natives of Jap movement to MARKHAM PT.
 - (b) They state that 100 Japs are due at GABSONNEK from MALAHANG on 19 Jun, officers and some others moving by jeep, remainder moving across country between the road and the MARKHAM RIVER looking for signs of our patrols. This is reported to be standard drill with Japs.
 - (c) Large numbers of natives are employed as labourers in LAE.
 - (d) Japs concentrating large force in LAE, which is being continually reinforced by submarine.
 - (e) The natives are nervous because of our patrols across the river.
 4. Ref NADZAB one inch to one mile.
24 Aust Inf Bn have established a post north of BENS OP.
 5. 1340K/20 2 Japs 3 natives observed on sand bank at MARKHAM POINT, then returned to ISLAND. Three low native BOK canoes were seen at the ISLAND.
MISSIM AREA. Ref map SALAMUA one inch : one mile
 6. 20 Jun. Patrol to knolls at 700005 and 721007 returned having seen no sign of enemy.
 7. WELLS OP.
0730 K/20 9 Japs seen leaving ORODUBI. Smoke was observed at GWAIBOLON.
MUBB AREA.
 8. 19 Jun. 3 Japs and 1 native moved east to west across BITOI at north tip of WOODY ISLAND.
 9. 20 Jun. During the morning bombing six Japs were observed in the vicinity of the ARCHWAY, apparently endeavouring to signal aircraft with red and white flag.
- CP

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Dispositions	2/5 Aust Inf Bn as at 2000 X/50.	<i>Headquarters</i>
	HQ 2/5 Aust Inf Bn	BALLANS
	HQ Coy less 2 Pl 5 Pl	BALLANS
	2 Pl HQ Coy 5 Pl HQ Coy	MACDUFFS NEILS GK.
	A Coy	MACDUFFS
	B Coy	SWING BR.
	C Coy less one Pl one Pl	SUMMIT BLACKCAT
	D Coy	HOUSE BANANA

W. Bennington Capt
Major
 GS 3 Aust Div.

Distribution

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17 Ede	
24 Bn	✓
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

Headquarters
APPENDIX "A" to 3 Aust Div
Intelligence Report 54.

SUMMARY OF ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

20 Jun 43.

LAB OP

0530K/20. Two aircraft heard to take off and head SE. -
1107K/20. 8 ZEKES landed on airfield.
1149K/20. 7 ZEKES took off and headed NE.
1200 - 1210K/20. 1 ZEKKE and 1 NATS landed.
1230K/20. 2 ZEKES took off heading NW.
1243K/20. 1 ZEKKE landed.
1303K/20. 1 ZEKKE landed.
1412K/20. 4 ZEKES took off and headed south.
1415K/20. 2 single engined aircraft landed from south. 5
aircraft were on airfield at this time.

SALAMAUA OP

1030K/20. 1 enemy aircraft patrolling.
1040K/20. 5 enemy fighters patrolling.
1045K/20. 6 enemy aircraft south.
1100K/20. 5 enemy bombers with fighter escort south.
1400K/20. 2 enemy aircraft patrolling.
1500K/20. 10 enemy aircraft patrolling.
1505K/20. 12 enemy aircraft south.
1510K/20. 10 enemy aircraft south.
1525K/20. 15 enemy aircraft north.

MARKHAM AREA.

1150K/20. 7 twin engined aircraft over BULWA height 6000 ft
heading south.
1210K/20. 7 twin engined aircraft over SUNSHINE height 5000 ft
heading north.
1225K/20. 7 twin engined aircraft over PARTOP 2 heading north
at height 12000 ft.

MISSIM AREA.

BUGASU POST

1530K/20. 5 bombers 6 fighters flew from north over SALAMAUA
and proceeded south along coast.
1538K/20. 3 bombers 7 fighters proceeded same direction.
1538K/20. 2 u/1 aircraft over MUBO area. 3 explosions heard.
1545K/20. 2 u/1 aircraft very high over MUBO area.

MISSIM

1055K/20. 7 type LILY and 5 fighters flew east.

NUNNS POST

1450K/20. One type VAL made straffing runs ROTB Area.

MUBO AREA.

1022K/20. Single aircraft ^{approached} from SW. Dropped three bombs near
GUADAGASAL HOSPITAL and straffed HQ 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
area.

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MUBO AREA (cont)

- 1030 - 1055K/20. MAT MAT dive bombed and strafed by approximately 14 bombers and 9 fighters. Casualties 1 OR died of wounds.
- 1025 - 1100K/20. Aircraft heard to the east and west of SKINDEWAI.
- 1055K/20. Number of planes incl 10 type OSCAR and 1 type LILY flew to the east over SKINDEWAI.
- 1100K/20. Same aircraft flew over GUADAGASAL to the east.
- 1110K/20-1145K/20. Single aircraft circled whole 2/6 Aust Inf Bn area, occasionally strafing GUADAGASAL and SADDLE.
- 1155K/20. Aircraft heard well south of SKINDEWAI course east to west.
- 1215K/20. 7 aircraft which had previously flown over WAU dropped 4 bombs BALLAMS. Made second run strafing. Signal office damaged, communications broken including line to WAU. Communications restored by 1400K/20.
- 1455K/20. One aircraft dropped 2 bombs vicinity MCKENZIES KNOLL near SADDLE. Aircraft then circled to 1510K/20.
- 1550 - 1555K/20. 10 twin engined dive bombers and 9 bombers type unknown bombed and strafed GUADAGASAL RIDGE dropping at least 30 bombs. No casualties. Direct hit on AASC dump containing 100 three inch mortar bombs and some SAA

WAU BULOLO AREA.

- 1055K/20. 2 OSCARS, from a formation of 19 made a strafing attack on a WIRRAWAY on WAU airfield. One attacking plane was hit by AA and pulled out. WIRRAWAY was not damaged.
- 1100K/20. Aircraft departed over WAU on a bearing of 350 degrees.
- 1200K/20. 7 type LILYS flying at a height of 10000ft dropped 20 bombs on the WAU BALLAMS ROAD between the airfield and the HDS. 2 bombs dropped in the HQ 2/7 Aust Inf Bn area. One man slightly wounded. Slight damage done to one building. Bombs dropped in 2/1 Aust Pd Regt area. No damage no casualties.

Bombs dropped 2/46 Aust LAD Area

Damage Legend.

	BD	Badly Damaged	SD	Slightly damaged
SHEDS	2	BD		
		4	SD	
15 cwt Utility			BD	
3 ton truck			SD	
Trucks $\frac{1}{2}$ ton			1	BD
			5	SD
Trailers			1	BD
			2	SD
Charging Sets			3	SD
Car Batteries			4	BD
Tyres and Tubes			12	BD
			6	SD

Also quantity of personal equipment destroyed and portion of workshop damaged.

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Rptd 24 Aust Inf Bn

3 Aust Div

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SECRET @ sitrep a12 to 2000K/20 @
 MUBO area @ 1022K/20 1 enemy a/c
 dropped 3 bombs near GUADAGASAW
 hospital and strafed HQ. 2/6 Bn @
 1030 1055K/20 MATMAT dived ~~bombed~~
~~and~~ and strafed by approx 14 dived
 bombers and 9 fighters @ casualties
 1 killed @ 1100 1145K/20 single a/c
 circled fwd areas occasionally strafing
 GUADAGASAW and SADDLE @ 1455K/20
 one a/c dropped 2 bombs SADDLE @
 1550K/20 9 bombers bombed and
 strafed GUADAGASAW ridge dropped
 at least 30 bombs @ no casualties @
~~dropped~~ hit on ASC dump containing
 100 three in mortar bombs and
 SAA @ natives went bush none returned
 up to 1800K/20 @ 1254K/20 our
 Aps at 695845 MUBO 1/25000 fired
 on enemy party killed 1 one believed
 at off @ during afternoon is ~~at~~
 50 japs attacked our right and
 left flanks same area @ attack
 unsuccessful and enemy withdrew
 @ our casualties one wounded enemy
 9 killed 11 wounded @ WAW bulolo

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area 0 damage ~~not~~ attack
WAW 1200 K/20 1 slightly wounded
0 7 vehicles 1 ambulance 1 tyre
3 car batteries and 3 huts damaged
all informed

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its radio communication with CAPT
HOWLETT suggest you advise him to
maintain listening watch only © suggest
to him that he proceeds down RUMUR
R to MARKHAM avoiding main track

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TO Rptd 24 Aust Inf Bn

FROM 3 Aust Div

Originator's Number

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Date

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SECRET @ sitrep a12 to 2000 K/20 @ 5
 MUBO area @ 1022 K/20 1 enemy a/c 10
 dropped 3 bombs near GUADAGASAL 15
 hospital and strafed H.Q. 2/6 Bn @ 20
 1030 1055 K/20 MATMAT dive bombed 25
 and strafed by approx 14 dive 30
 bombers and 9 fighters @ casualties 35
 1 killed @ 1100 1145 K/20 single a/c 40
 circled food areas occasionally strafed 45
 GUADAGASAL and SADDLE @ 1455 K/20 50
 one a/c dropped 2 bombs SADDLE @ 55
 1550 K/20 19 bombers bombed and 60
 strafed GUADAGASAL ridge dropped 65
 at least 30 bombs @ no casualties @ 70
 Direct hit on ASC dump containing 75
 100 three in mortar bombs and 80
 SAA @ natives went bush none returned 85
 up to 1800 K/20 @ 1254 K/20 our 90
 Aps at 695845 MUBO 4/25000 fired 95
 on enemy party killed 1 one believed 100
 at off @ during afternoon estimated 105
 50 Aps attacked our right and 110
 left flanks same area @ attack 115
 unsuccessful and enemy withdrew 120
 @ our casualties one wounded enemy 125
 9 killed 11 wounded @ WAW bulolo 130

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