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2/2 Machine Gun Battalion

October 1943

BUSU R. Friday
1 Oct

Correspondence to DIV ref v lts held and for
what purpose.

QX19141 Lieut H.R. EDWARDS (B Coy) evacuated to
hospital.

Cpl CUST preparing design for Christmas card.

Tomorrow 5 AVST DIV sending pl A Coy P.I.B.
to HQ R/R4 Bn 68656R, to relieve pl C Coy P.I.B.

DIMINISH: R/13 Bn attack towards KAKAOGG was
partly successful, and Bn, less C Coy, now 100
yards N of village. Japs have evacuated large
part SALANKAUA pltn. Much air activity
by enemy in early morning. R/Bn secured
DREGER HARB and moved to TIMBULUM pltn in
afternoon. 7 DIV - R1 Bde continuing advance
towards GUSAP RIVER. Construction landing strip
5211.

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W Bennett Lieut.

BUSU R. Saturday
2 Oct

RSM cleaning up Bn HQ area.

Adj, Capt FA. VARLEY drawing up syllabus for one week's NCO Trg Course, to commence Monday. Lieut MOULDER to be C.I. and Sgt LONGHURST MMG instr. Other instructors are mainly offrs.

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TRG.]

WX 10699 Pte MONAGHAN, J.L. (C. Coy) killed in action by bomb in air raid.

QX15252 Pte HOGAN, J.L., missing believed drowned. Was swimming in upper BUSU R about 1800 hrs when he disappeared.

Comd of 2/R4 Bn + Pl A Coy PIB, passes from 9 Aust Div back to 26 Aust Inf Bde.

DIMINISH: 2/17 Bn crossed BUMI R at mouth and adv south through SALANKAUA pln. No enemy resistance but signs of hasty withdrawal. FINSCHHAFEN (644586) captured 1130 hrs + mopping up continued throughout the afternoon. By last light area reported clear of enemy + contact made with 2/R Bn across LANGEMAK BAY. Two pl of 2/43 Bn still isolated on SATELBERG track and two- Coy attack to relieve them unsuccessful.

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TDIV: Three bns of 2/Bde concentrated vicinity landing strip 5411 with patrols fwd to GUSAP R. 2/R Pns at KAIAPIT.

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BUSU R

Sunday

0900 Church parade

3 Oct

Outline weekly syllabus of trg due DIV each Sunday, covering trg to following SUNDAY.

2 evac to hospital.

D COY guard on ration dump relieved.

Sigs to be withdrawn from Coys to HQ Coy for trg.

C.O's Orderly Rm - SX14439 Pte SCOTT, G.S. (B Coy) on three charges : conduct to prejudice, using insubordinate language, and disobeying a lawful order. Fined L2 on each of the first two charges and L1 on the third.

NX42834 Pte BERGIN, J., QX8195 Pte McNAE, R.J., QX 5961 Pte WEBBER, J.T., TX 1564 Pte WOOLFORD, D declared illegal absentees by Courts of Inquiry. Deserted prior to embarkation for tropical service, at CAIRNS area.

22 Bn (4 Bde) comes under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde who will be responsible for control and defence of area from incl SCARLET BEACH to DREGER HARB. 22 Bn maintained in present location under arrangements 9 Aust Div. 4 Bde now reverts to comd 5 AUST DIV.

Two attacks by 2/43 bn to contact coy isolated JIVEVANENG 589660 unsuccessful. Enemy in posn 591661 between coy and main body. PIB runner reports amn and sups low but Coy intact. Strong enemy force attacked our posn north SCARLET BCH during afternoon, repulsed.

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7 Div- Div HQ vicinity SAK 4612. Two coys 2/16 bn crossed GUSAP R, patrolling fwd to KAIGULAN and DUMPU.

WB

BUSU R Monday
4 Oct

Capt WRAGGE to contact 26 Aust Inf Bde reference
MMG in Bde trg syllabus.

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2 evacuated to hospital

C.O. writes letters to next-of-kin of personnel
M.I.D. (Sep diary)

NX56677 Sjt K.B.ROBINSON prom A/WOii, CSM of B Coy
vice WOii LUFF (OCTU). Cpl ROBINSON, B.A. prom A/Sjt
(Sec Sjt B1P1) with Sjt POWNCEBY now P1 Sjt B1 P1.

In D Coy the Coy Tech Storeman, QX5344 L/Cpl D.S.R.
CLUGSTON, appointed A/Cpl and QX 8209 Pte BAXTER,
C.R., appointed Tech Storeman.

1330 C.O. opens NCO's School, on west bank of BUSU R
where Bn was previously camped.

Summer time takes effect tonight. Reveille 0700 hrs.

Order issued for move of 2/3 Pnr Bn and Sup Depot,
to DIMINISH 5 and 6 Oct by barge, for preparation
of Div Maint Area. From tomorrow 26 Bde responsible
for condition of inland track BUREP RIVER to BUSU.
LOB 26 Bde move to RED BEACH, relieve 2/3 Pnr Bn &
take comd det Div Carr Coy. From tomorrow, 2/32 Bn
to provide labour necessary at G BEACH.

DIMINISH: During day A Coy 2/43 Bn rejoined main
body. Repeatedly attacked during period isolation,
killing at least 50 Japs, many more probable or
wounded. Enemy north of SONG R withdrawn. Believed
str 3 and 152.

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BUSU R Tuesday 0715 Rain falling; heavy till 0900 hrs, then slackening
5 Oct off to a drizzle.

Capt CRIST evac to hospital.

C-in-C requests one volunteer offr for Parachute Bn, Capt or Lieut with experience as 2 i/c Coy, nominations by 1200 hrs 7 Oct.

NCO School continued.

NX37033 Pte McGUIRE, J.P., NX31230 Pte BROWN, N.A. and NX57706 Pte NUNN, E each fined L5 by C.O., and forf 2 days pay, on charge of AWL from 1800 hrs 2 Oct to 1545 hrs 4 Oct. Obtained flight in tpt plane to NADZAB from LAE, then to MORESBY, where they had to wait for returning plane.

DIMINISH: 2/17 bn in contact with enemy KUMAMA and 2/43 report enemy withdrawn from posn east of JIVEVANENG. Two coys 2/17 bn moving north of SONG R.

7 DIV: 2/13 bn overcame slight enemy resistance and occupied WAMPUN. 2/16 bn junc SURINAM-RAMU xi rivers with one coy occupying DUMPU village. Bde HQ KAIGUIAN. 2/27 bn junc BIWI-RAMU rivers. 25 Bde three bns with 2/7 Indep Coy airstrip. 2/2 Indep Coy area KESAWAI. Jap line of withdrawal, WAMPUN-GURUMBU.

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BUSU R Wednesday
6 Oct

3 evac to hospital ; one rejoined unit.

NCO School - A lecture by Adjut 0940, I by
Cpl OAKES 1110 hrs.

Lieut M. JOHNSON nominated by this unit as offr
1 Aust Parachute Bn. Lieut C.A. MOXHAM nominated
for post also.

Escort of 1 NCO (Sjt KEECH) 4 ORs taking 2 Jap
PW to PORT MORESBY.

Lieut H.J.C. COCKRAM (D Coy) to be att to 26 Bde
for MMG trg of inf bns for 7 days.

SITUATION : 2/17 bn moving north from KUMAWA
towards SISI. 2/43 bn less one coy in contact
enemy posn on SATELBERG track 580661. A and B
Cpys 2/17 bn moving to relieve 2/43 on
SATELBERG track. 2/15 bn crossing LANGEMAK BAY.

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7 DIV: Night 5/6 21 Bde HQ junc URIA-RAMU rvss
2/14 and 2/16 bns DUMFU 2/27 KUMBARUM. HQ 25
Bde vicinity KAIGULAN 2/25 bn between KAIGULAN
and WARRIS R (north), 2/31 bn ENTAPATOWUP. 2/33
bn junc BIWI-RAMU Rs one coy patrolling to KORAM.

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BUSU R Thurs 0830 Warning order received that 2/2 MG Bn (less C
3 7 Oct Coy) will prepare to move to FINSCHHAFEN, not before 8 Oct. Preparations immediately for move before nightfall to G BEACH. APPX
0900 Coy Comds conference. 'B'
1200 NCOs school disbanded.
1500 D Coy, BnHQ leave on march to G BEACH, down BUSU thence east along beach track.
1600 B Coy leaves. A Coy arriving from posns on upper BUSU and after rest make a start before last light. All Coys to bivouac on track for night.

Rain falling during late afternoon, later increased in intensity and heavy rain all night.

HQCoy remain in area for night, to leave at dawn, when 2 x 3-tonners, 3 jeeps will also leave with stores.

11 evacuated to hospital.

WO ii HUNTER, J.L., Cpl ROUGHLEY, W.E., Cpl DOWELL, G.I., and 7 ORs rejoined unit from X List (mainly schools).

2/4 Aust Indep Coy now re-designated 2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn. Forms part of 2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt.

Redisposition of forces in KUMAWA-JIVEVANENG area at FINSCHHAFEN.

7 DIV: 21 Bde HQ junc URUA-RAMU rivers 2/14 and 2/16 bns DUMPU 2/27 bn KUMBARUM 2/6 indep coy WAMPUN.

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W.F.

BUREP R- Friday 1000 Bn, less C Coy, at GBEACH, after most
FINSCHHAFEN 8005 uncomfortable night. Heavy rain all
night. Still overcast, with showers.
Vehs had trouble in negotiating BUSU
and coastal track, and one 3-tonner
bogged just west of GBEACH. Stores at
once loaded direct into LCM.

1200 Bn departs GBEACH in convoy of LCVs
and LCMs for move up coast to
FINSCHHAFEN. Afternoon clear and
sunny, and splendid view obtained
of southern shore of HUON PENINSULA.

2030 Convoy arrives FINSCH HARB and dis-
embarkation begins. Bivouac for night
near beach.

Two evac to hospital.

LIEUT R.W. CAMERON, DSO, det for duty to
HQ 9 Aust Div as MLO GBEACH.

0930 Enemy attacked C Coy 2/17 - repulsed with
considerable enemy losses but some elements
penetrated between C & D Coys, cut sig comms.
Posn restored & 2 Coys in closed perimeter
KUMAWA with 2/15 Bn astride track junc
565644-566640. Patrol activity in other
sectors.

TDIV - Patrol clashes.

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FINSCHHAFEN Saturday 0440 EA over area - no bombs dropped.

9 Oct

Slight rain during night.

Battalion moved to area on north bank of BUMI R, with Bn HQ 634603. A Coy on east end of Bn area, then HQ Coy, Bn HQ, D Coy & B Coy

Personnel constructing shelters, hygiene, etc.

5 evac to hospital.

Advice received that h/Sgt BEECH, M.C.W. &

Ptes CONNOLLY, M.L. & RICKERT, R.F. Trans

to 1 Aust Parachute Bn, w.e.f. 9 Aug 43

1000 B Coy 2/17 commenced outflanking move round Jap posn 585662, by 1200 hrs objective gained & Japs cleared from posn.

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Estimated 385 Japs killed in DIMINISH ops to date.

SITREPS

1200 3 brotons 12 Vultees attacked SATELBERG.

Bldgs destroyed, possible amn dump hit.

P. W/T sta seen 559678.

W.P.

FINSCHHAFEN Sunday
1005

Erection of cookhouses, BnOrdRm, RAP and other essential structures.

b rejoined unit - one was to hospital.

DCay moved down in afternoon to SALANKAVA, with one pl on beach defence SALANKAVA-KEDEM pts, and other two in reserve for use as protection and shore duties.

2000 Three or four EA over area, bombing and strafing. Several bombs fell within 1000' of Bn to N.W. and S.W. No damage or cas reported.

HQ R4 Aust Inf Bde arrived last night.

11 Vultees 9 Bostons bombed + strafed SATELBERG area. 4 Thunderbolts strafed and left burning 3 barges 3 fuel dumps
CAPE GLOUCESTER.

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W.B.

FINNSCHAFEN Monday
11 Oct

Portion of HQ 9 Aust Div and HQ 24 Aust
Inf Bde arrived in area last night.
Location of 24 Bde HQ 644681.

Cpl CUST preparing traces D Coy dispositions
for 20 Bde and Div.

3 evac to hospital.

Pte COWLEY to be charged for pilfering.

Arty registering on area MAPERVR to
SATELBERG, incl TIRIMORO, during
afternoon and evening.

Our A/c over.

2000 EA dropped 2 bombs to north, apparently
in gun area or SCARLET BEACH.

WB

FINSIHAFEN Tuesday
12 Oct

Div Operation Order 19 received, confirm-
ing verbal orders yesterday by Comd 9 APPX
Aust Div. Reorganisation of Div to continue "B"
offensive ops against Japs in SATELBERG-
WAREO area. R4 Aust Inf Bde to command
Northern Area, north from SATELBERG Track
and HELDSBACH to BONGA. R0 Aust Inf Bde
in comd Central Area, south to LANGEMAK
BAY, and R2 Bn (4 Bde), under comd 9
Aust Div, is responsible for Southern
Area to DREGER HARBOUR. C Coy of this
Bn is in support R4 Bde, with remainder
of Bn Divisional Reserve, for protection
Knoll 6259 with one Coy and protection
and provision labour in Div Maint Area.

C.O.'s Orderly Rm - Pte COWLEY. Remanded
for taking of Summary of Evidence.

1030 C.O. + Cpl OAKES to Division. Maps of
area sufficient for issue R each to A,
B, D Coys. Cpl OAKES went to R0 Bde HQ
(now TAREKO area) in afternoon w. Trace.

1500 Patrol by B Coy. pl patrol led by Lieut RC.
CANN left 633603 at 0905 hrs, thence to
623598 to track at 624604 along track
to 622611 thence track 623617 along
track to road 634613. Strength 1 offvr
31 ORs. Area clear of Japs. Footprints
along ridge of possibly 2 Japs, made
since rain. In at 1425 hrs.

All pl moved in late afternoon to ILEBBE
CK area.

Tuesday 2245 6 bombs dropped HELDSBACH area
1200 2300 5 bombs in BUMI R area. No damage or
(continued) casualties reported.

Cpl F.S. HOPKINS (C Coy) evac to hospital.

1600 Comd of northern area passed from
20 to 24 Bde. 20 Bde retains comd B Coy
2/3 Pm Bn, but will place it under comd
24 Bde soon as practicable.

Ref O.O. 19 - 2/2 MGBn will maintain
one Coy at R his notice to move on
orders 9 Aust Div. (B Coy)

APPX

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Pressure on enemy in JIVEVANENG
and KUMAWA sectors, clash near
BONGA.

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1200 Big air strike on RABAU. Preliminary
report 109 Mitchells 12 Beaufighters,
erected 90 lightnings destroyed 60
EA on ground, 11 shot down for loss 1
Mitchell 1 Beaufighter. About 80
liberators bombed shipping RABAU
Its sinking 2 destroyers, sinking or
damaging many other ships, incl
70 harbour craft. 14 of 60 intercepting
EFs shot down.

Gen MacArthur's communique claimed
177 aircraft knocked out (100 destroyed
on ground), 49 ships + 70 harbour craft.
Sunk or damaged 3 destroyers, 2 merchant
ships 5800 tons, one 7000 tons, 43 other
craft 100/500 tons. Damaged submarine
+ 5000 ton tender, 6,800 ton destroyer tender,
7000 ton depot ship.

W.B.

PINBOGHAFEN Wed 13
(Bumi R) Oct

C.O. reviews promotion and disposal of Unit Offrs, as Bn is now considerably under strength in senior officers. Of an Estab. of 3 Majors, we have only 2 on strength, Majs GREEN and the 2 i/c Maj G A SEARLE, who is LOB. Of an Estab of 9 Cpts, 5 including 2 T/Cpts are with the unit, two are detached or seconded, and one on X List. We have been notified of the return of Cpts GOLDSMITH and P.K;SEARLE, who have been absent from the unit on PSL for 18 months.

New Manning Chart prepared by C.O. has Capt GOLDSMITH as OC HQ Coy, T/Capt M.J.LAMB as QM, Lieut MELVILLE as Sig Offr, Lieut MOXHAM OC AA Pl, and Lieut CRAVEN A/ T.O. until the return of Lieut STUART. It is proposed to change Lieut R.BRERETON from 2 i/c C Coy to OC A2 Pl. Lieut C.E.JACK is to be 2 i/c B Coy, with Lieuts TIPPETT, CANN and JEFFCOAT as Pl Comds. C Coy at present has Lieuts GEE, HALL and ARMSTRONG as Pl Comds. Lieut R.W.CAMERON (2 i/c D Coy) is det for duty to HQ 9 Aust Div, as MLO G BEACH. Lieut J.F. LAVAN is suggested as possible replacement.

A Coy moved out of Bn area to take up defensive posns on feature 6259. Coy HQ 628594, A2 Pl on three rises in Kunai 626593. One Sec A3 Pl 621589 commanding track approach from TIRIMORO and other Sec 627592, at track junc A1 Pl has one Sec 624593 at track junc and one Sec north of BUMI R at 625599, commanding tracks leading down from north.

B Coy of this Bn, held at 2 hrs notice in Div Mob Res, maybe used by Q for unloading and beach clearance duties.

On arrival tonight and tomorrow night -2/28 Bn will come under comd 24 Bde.

11 Liberators bombed CAPE GLOUCESTER, 9 bombed CAPE HOSKINS, 4 bombed GASMATA and 1 bombed LINDENHAFEN Pltn.

0800 D Coy 2/13 occupied TIRIMORO without opposition Bn HQ 615558 B Coy 598562 C Coy 612559.

1000 A Coy 2/15 successfully attacked strong enemy posn 300x west KUMAWA, inflicting casualties. Posn occupied by A Coy plus 1 Pl C Coy.

1330 B Coy 2/43 Bn report BONGA clear of enemy. Patrols active.

7 DIV - 2/14 Bn consolidating on high feature N of KUMBARUM, where enemy withdrew after attack 11 Oct 2/27 Bn contact enemy 6960 inflicting hvy casualties. 2/33 Bn continued pressure on enemy 7656.

WB

FINSCHHAFEN 14 Oct 4 EA over area continuously 0130 hrs to 0600 hrs.
 Thurs. Some bombs dropped. in sea south

0405 2 bombs dropped in sea south LANGEMAK BAY.

0600 2 bombs dropped in sea off SCARLET BEACH.

0745 DINAH made recce of FINSCHHAFEN area.

NX 17710 Cpl MOSS, W.S. apprehended from AWL 2
 Aug QX 17674 Pte RYDER, B.S. surrendered from
 AWL 21 Sep and NX 36583 Pte GEALE, A.H. surrendered
 from AWL 6 Sep (all in AUSTRALIA)

1500 Patrol of 1 offr 30 ORs A Coy left Kunai 627594 thence
 north along track to Kunai 623605, west to river
 618605, down to ford 628598. Returned via track
 to start point. Out at 0930 hrs, in 1500 hrs NTR, except
 broken native bridge approx 626598.

Applications by offr for discharge uner new Army
 Order - Lieuts WALL, GEE, R. BENNETT, V. MOULDER.

Patrol activity on SATELBERG-BONGA secto s of APPX A
 local front. Arty harassing fire during day on SITREPS
 enemy - occupied villages WAREO, FIOR, PALANKO, MASANGKOO.

WJ

FINSCHHAFEN (BUMI R)	Friday 15 Oct	Hy rain after midnight - morning fine. 0145 EA flew south to north along coast no bombs dropped.
	0545	Single EA dropped two bombs in sea LANGEMAK BAY, 3 bombs in sea opposite approx 3 mls SE of FINSCHHAFEN. C.O. and RSM at A Coy in morning. SITUATION. 24 Bde - Remainder 2/28 Bn on APPX SCARLET BEACH 0300 hrs. Bn HQ 639691, A SITREPS A Coy at SCARLET BEACH, B & C Coys KATIKA, D Coy 613645. 2/43 Bn A Coy cap PW under white flag. Bn HQ 647694 At 2145 hrs last night enemy party unknown strength approached 43 Bn standing patrol BONGA 6474. Pl opened fire close range, results NOT known.
	1745	6 escorted Bs, med level, dropped 18 bombs west SCARLET BEACH- no damage reported. Bs then dropped 1 parachute each over SATELBERG area. Our Fs inter- cepted, but results NOT known. Our Fs also strafed 5 barges at 54793 damaging all.
	1750	DINAH at 20,000 ft made recce of area- also intercepted. sjt LORD (SB sjt) evac to hosp. 30 Lance-Corporals apptd to paid rank w.e.f. 1 Jul 43, vide GRO F659/1943. WB
FINSCHHAFEN	Saturday 16 Oct	Rain during early morning-fairly hy. Three ORs evacuated. O.O. No 20 received, warning that indic- ations are the enemy may c/attack. Towards either or both FINSCHHAFEN AIRFD and LANGEMAK BAY by any or combination landattack, sea- borne landing, naval bombardments on afternoon 16 Oct or night 16/17 Oct. 9 APPX "C" Aust Div is to hold in depth the area BONGA-DREGER HARB (See OO att as Appx) A & D Coys of 2/2 MG Bn under comd 20 Bde. 2/2 MG Bn less A, D & C Coys in DIV RES, near BUMI R. 0900 Coy Comds conference. Afterwards C.O., Capt WRAGGE (D) & Maj GREEN (A) met Brig WINDEYER for recce of areas to be defended. CAPT F R K STANILAND, Lieut MOXHAM, RSM receeing defensive posns for Bn HQ & B Coy areas. Later personnel dug the posns & B Coy sited guns. 1600 Captured Jap O.O. republished and warning that 24 Bde to site and hold all costs a post north of R SONGon direct track running through 620700 to WAREO which may be APPX "C" possible axis enemy land attack (OO & message att with Appx) 1700 D Coy take up dispositions for defence of beaches, FINSCHHAFEN area. D2 Pl has one Sec 644596 (Salankaua Pt) with rt of arc 66 degrees left of arc 324 degrees and PL 333 degrees No 2 Sec is at WB

FINSCHHAFEN
(BUMI R)

saturday 641599 (Kedem pt) right of arc 105 degrees,
16 Oct lt of arc 337 deg & FL 72 deg. D1 Pl has No 1
(contd) Sec 651568 (east of KOLEM) rt of arc ~~78 deg~~
244 deg, left 89 deg FL 158 deg and No 2 Sec
650573 rt of arc 78 deg left 328 deg FL 7 deg,
D3 Pl under comd 2/13 Bn and halted for night
598556. Capt WRAGGE has American 37 mm cannon
647567 (179 deg - 75 deg) and Bofors 644567,
651571, 643596, 641599. Inf Sec on KEDAM BCH.
Coast watching stations 651602, 651593.

As at 1700 hrs Bn HQ, A, B Cos in same areas, C
Coy HQ 638678, C1 Pl north hill 6469-6470, C2
Pl one sec 6272 one sec 6472, C3 Pl on
FINSCHHAFEN airstrip.

2015 D Coy & A Coy reported light signals to north,
red, red, red, red.

1930 Hy rain falling. scarcely any interruption until
2300 hrs.

1945 4 KITTYHAWKS circled area, attempted land on
airstrip, due lack of petrol after conveying
naval craft. All crashed, but all pilots safe.
One plane crash-landed airstrip, smashed into
MG pit C3 Pl, causing severe head injuries to
NX 53628 Pte IRVINE, E.A. QX 786 Pte PEARCE,
J.A., wounded & remaining on duty.

2030 White glow reported by D Coy, A Coy from area
of airstrip. intermittent glow, but did not
appear to be signal.

20 Bde: At 0500 hrs enemy est one Coy attacked
2/17 Bn from north. Reached track east JIVEVANENG
but c/attacked ~~and~~ and driven off. second attack
repulsed. At 1600 hrs attack again from north
(1 1/2 Coys with inf gun sp) was repulsed, but
fighting continued until 1800 hrs. APPX A SITREP
QX 5961 Pte WEBBER, J. apprehended from AWL
26 Sep in Australia.

W.B.

FINSCHHAFEN Sunday 0315 EA over area dropped 20 bombs between
17 Oct LANGEMAK BAY & BUMI R. Between 0315 & 0515 hrs
7 EA over area, 5 bombs dropped 626612, 11
bombs 637582, 5 bombs south end airstrip, 11
bombs south KAKAGOG, 12 bombs 1000 x w airstrip,
11 bombs area 632600.

0415 Three enemy barges approached coast and at 0420
hrs landed 646693. Bugle calls preceded the
landing, against our MMG, Tk A, & LMG fire.
Enemy in barges threw grenades. One enemy party
estimated 30 managed to cross the SONG R and APPX A
proceed north between coastal track & coast SITREPS
Met by fire from Pl locality 654696 at 0500
the Japs circled the locality and were reported
on a track at 651699 at 0605 hrs. Count of enemy
dead in vicinity of the two barges left on the
sandspit SONG R, was 37, but no estimate enemy
dead north of SONG R. (later believed 87 killed)
One barge escaped to north, but indications of
severe enemy casualties in it. Some enemy eqpt
cap. Our casualties 1 American killed, 4 Aust-
ralians wounded. Area S of SONG clear of enemy
by 0600 hrs.

0600 24 Bde has increased depth from SCARLET BEACH
(see Sitrep 39)

1500 Japs who moved north in sq 6570 engaged by B Coy
2/43 Bn 654706, suffered cas & withdrew into
jungle. Total of 29 dead counted.

1105 6 LILYS with 12 OSCARS dropped approx 40 bombs
in Div Area, intercepted by Kittyhawks & 3
bombers seen shot down into sea.

1830 Two Coys 2/13 Bn staging in KAKAGOG area, on way
north. Pl of D Coy at KOLEM moving in morning
to SIMBENG area, where reserve Coy 2/13 was.

2300 Unidentified craft moving along coast, may be
PT boats.

During the day the enemy developed an attack
from NW towards KATIKA (79IR) by infiltration APPX A
between posns of 2/3 Pnr Bn on high ground 6168 SITREPS
and 6067. At 1100 hrs enemy attacked Bn HQ 2/3
Pnr Bn 633682, beaten off. **Strong** attacks later
developed and at last light fighting proceeding
2/32 Bn now in area FINSCHHAFEN-KATIKA as Div
Res.

W.H.

FINSGH HAFEN Mon 18
(BUMI R) Oct

Advice received by signal from HQ 2 Aust Corps to HQ 9 Aust Div that the Commanding Officer, Lieut-Col E. MACARTHUR ONSLOW, has received a periodical award of the D.S.O.

1300

C.O. and R.M.O. on visit to A Coy area

1500

Bn HQ, HQ & B Coys may have to move to South side of BUMI R to establish a defensive perimeter.

C.O. and Maj GREEN leave to recce two possible defensive lines in QUOJA R area for 20 Bde to fall back on, should necessity arise.

5 ORs evacuated to hosp.

1600

Capt A D GOLDSMITH (OC HQ Coy), Lieuts W M BENNETT (I.O.), K.G.N. KIBBLE (C Coy) and D STUART (T.O.) rejoined unit.

W M

FINSCHHAFEN Tues 19
Oct

New allotment of officers now in operation.
Manning chart now is : C.O., Lt-Col E.
MACARTHUR ONSLW ; 2 i/c, Maj G.A. SEARLE ;
Adj., T/Capt F.A. VARLEY ; I.O., Lieut W.M.
BENNETT, R.M.O., Capt R.H.L. DUNN; Padre,
Chaplain G.E. JAEGER; RSM WO 1 R. MAGUIRE.
A COY - OC T/Maj P B. GREEN; 2 i/c Lieut F.
HERBERTSON ; A1 Pl Lieut R.J.R. BENNETT ;
A2 Pl, Lieut C.C. HALL (from C Coy); A3 Pl
Lieut M.D. JOHNSON. B COY : OC Capt F.R.K.
STANILAND; 2 i/c Lieut C E JACK ; B1 Pl,
Lieut W.N. TIPPETT ; B2 Pl Lieut C.P. CRAVEN;
B3 Pl, Lieut R.C. CANN. (Lieuts FERGUSON,
EDWARDS and JEFFCOAT all on X List at the
present; first back will go to B2 Pl).
C COY - OC Capt W.P. NICHOLAS ; 2 i/c, -- ;
C1 Pl Lieut H E GEE ; C2 Pl Lieut W.B.
ARMSTRONG ; C3 Pl, Lieut R. BRERETON; spare,
Lieut K.J.N. KIBBLE (On return Lieut A.B.
FARQUHAR he will resume comd C3 Pl and Lt
BRERETON replace Lt GEE at C1, the latter
becoming surplus). D Coy, OC Capt K.S. WRAGGE;
2 i/c, -- ; D1 Pl, Lieut H J C COCKRAM .
D2 Pl, Lieut V C MOULDER ; D3 Pl, Lieut P; E.
GARDINER ; spare, Lieut R.R. McLAREN.
HQ COY - OC Capt GOLDSMITH ; 2 i/c, -- ;
1 Pl, Lieut W.R. MELVILLE ; 2 Pl, Lieut C.A.
MOXHAM ; QM, T/Capt M.J. LAMB ; T.O., Lieut
D.R. STUART ; cadre, Lieut L.A. WALL.
OFFICERS not with Unit : Capt G.M. TURNER,
Junior Staff School; Capt R.J. CRIST, Lieut
G.T. FERGUSON, Lieut H.R. EDWARDS, Lieut G.J.
JEFFCOAT, all sick, evacuated ; T/Maj C.E.
WILLIAMS, T/Maj G.B. COMBES, seconded to HQ
9 AUST DIV; Capt H.B. STANILAND, sec as BM
Learner 26 Bde ; Capt C.L. FISCHER, seconded
to 2 AUST CORPS ; T/Capt J.L. MITCHELL, see
to MG School ; L.O.B. - Maj G.A. SEARLE,
Capt J.G. CAMERON, Lieuts I.Y. MILLS, R.J.
GINN ; Lieut R.W. CAMERON, DSO, det to HQ 9
Aust Div as MLO G BEACH (LAE); Lieut J.F.
LAVAN, MC, det as MG Offr with 2/48 Bn;
Lieut A.B. FARQUHAR, Capt P.K. SEARLE, T/Maj
J.K. MACKAY, all in transit to Bn from
AUSTRALIA.

0200-0600

12 to 14 unidentified aircraft over area,
dropped 86 bombs in areas BUMI R, AIRSTRIP,
KAKAGOG, QUOJA R- slight damage & casualties.

0530

Stick of 5 bombs fell across HQ Coy area
and bomb burst in centre of four slit trenches
occupied by Ptes Burr, & Thomas. Pte Johnson,
Sjt Boyd, J.T. and other Q personnel. All
buried. NX 16537 Pte BURR, J.E. killed in
action. VX 10058 Sjt BOYD, J.T. severely
wounded. NX 31159 L/Cpl THOMPSETT, J.T.
(picquet in area) wounded (frac pelvis).
Pte Johnson, A.M. and Thomas had lucky
escapes.

WB

FINSCHHAFEN Tuesday NX 65529 Cpl CAMPBELL, H. apptd L/Sjt w.e.f.
19 Oct 15 Oct.
(contd)

QX 3935 Pte MAY, C.P. notified AWL from LHQ School of Mechs (Wongabel). VX 26552 Pte BUTLER, T.F. notified as AWL from B Coy -presumed left on barge. TX 1564 Pte WOOLFORD, D. reported apprehended from AWL in Vic L of C area 3 Oct. NX 27242 L/Sjt CHAMPION, R.H. prom A/S/Sjt w.e.f. 7 Oct and NX 55479 L/Cpl WATSON, S;H. prom A/Cpl.

SITUATION. Slight enemy activity SCARLET BEACH perimeter. 2/28 Bn patrols unable contact 2/13 Bn at SIKICK. Successful attack 1920 hrs by A APPX & B Coys 2/28 cap high ground 637682. Estimated A enemy cas inflicted by 24 Bde 18 Oct - 500. SITREP 2/15 Bn patrol found SISI unoccupied. Patrols by 2/13 & 2/32 Bn Coys along SIKI CK and northern HELDSBACK.

FINSCHHAFEN

Wednesday
20 Oct

0055 One plane circled area - no bombs
0140 Numerous EA. One bomb SALANKAUA PLTN,
4 bombs south side LANGEMAK BAY and
KOLEM, 12 bombs vicinity Manager's
House KAKAGOG, 2 bombs KOLEM, 9 bombs
SONG R (Total, 52) and intermittent
bombing at sea.

0930 Enemy recce over area.

SITUATION. A & B Coys of 2/28 Bn now
astride KATIKA track 637684 -637682.
Enemy est 150 still dug in north SIKI
R posn incl KATIKA to coast. Under APPX A
harassing fire. Enemy on SATELBERG SITREPS
track 593662 heavily engaged by our
Arty, mortars, int attack by D Coy
2/3 Pnr Bn failed. C Sqn 1. Army Tank
Bn arrived last night and now 618547
26 Bde now established in area
FINSCHHAFEN AIRSTRIP.

1330 Enemy recce aircraft.

1530 3 Zeros strafed LCVs LAUNCH JETTY, sinking
one LCV and causing slight cas. Two Zeros
strafed CAPE BREDOW.

Restriction on movement of our small
craft in force 16/18 Oct no longer apply.
But challenges must be strictly adhered
to.

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FINSCHHAFEN Thurs 21 Oct EA over area 0145 hrs and at first light med Bs bombed SALANKAUA area. 3 bombs SALANKAUA Bch area (one D Coy kitchen) 5 bombs 627607, 5 bombs SALANKAUA PLTN. Engaged by AA fire. Patrol activity mainly in SCARLET BEACH and SIKI CK areas. Sounds of enemy digging in front of perimeter SCARLET BEACH EAST last night. B & C Coy Pnr Bn isolated to west) rejoined 24 Bde, 26 Bde - 2/48 Bn relieved 2/13 Bn in SIKI CK area 1630 hrs. APPX "A" SITREPS

1130 60 B24s (Liberators) bombed and strafed targets WAREO - SATELBERG - MASANGKOO. About 200 tons bombs dropped & results believed effective B 25s (Mitchells) later bombed & strafed the same area.

1030 Lieut W M BENNETT, Lieut KIBBLE (joining C Coy) and Padre JAEGER leave by barge to visit C Coy, with whom there has been no contact for several days. D Coy dispositions - D1 Pl now 616558 and D3 Pl 597563.

1530 Single E recce plane over area Order 0877 received for movements today. B Coy 2/32 moving HELDSBACH to SCARLET BEACH 26 Bde to relieve 2/13 Bn in sector coast excl north SIKI CK to incl main coast rd vicinity HELDSBACH to link with 20 Bde. 2/3 Pnr Bn to be relieved & come into Div Res, FINSCHHAFEN area. One bn 26 Bde also Div res where coast rd crosses R QUOJA. Message 0885 received - action to be taken by 26 & 24 Bdes when present relief completed. Execute mutual plan to eliminate enemy from mouth SIKI CK to KATIKA, advancing their left & right flanks respectively to general lines of track along spur 638672 to 628668. APPX D (b)

FINSCHHAFEN Friday 22 Oct Message 0892 detailing moves and changes in comd to take place today, also Bdes reorganise before taking offensive again. B & D Coys 2/3 Pnr Bn to return to FINSCHHAFEN area this afternoon & temp under comd 2/2 MG Bn. D Coy this Bn passes from comd 20 Bde and reverts Bn comd, D3 & D1 Pls under comd 22 Bn on LANGEMAK BAY. A & D Coys 22 Bn revert from comd 2/2 MG Bn to 22 Bn again. 2/2 MG Bn, less one Coy & 2 Pls, with additional tps as allotted from time to time, will be responsible for defence of its sectors & co-ordination of defences all sub-units, installations in area. APPX D (b)

1100 Lieuts L A WALL, C A MOXHAM and salvage party return after several days in MAPE R and area south of LANGEMAK BAY. Some enemy equipment found. Divisional instruction that Lieut M D JOHNSON, recommended as Parachute Bn officer, to move to 9 Div Recpn Camp, thence 1 Aust Corps Recpn Camp, for onward mvt to HQ 1 AUST PARACHUTE BN Dispositions, C Coy HQ 645685, C1 No 1 Sec 648707 2 Sec & Pl HQ 652703. C2, Pl HQ & 1 Sec 655706, 2 Sec 640693, C3 645693.

FINSCHHAFEN Saturday 23 Oct Major TRAINOR at Bn HQ from HQ 9 Aust Div for conference with CO Lt-Col E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW, on FINSCHHAFEN FORTRESS defence plan. The C.O. has been appointed Fortress Comd, with 2/3 Pnr Bn, our own Coys, AA & beach defences, & Engineers under his comd, 2/23 Bn is in Div reserve, assisting in defence of area. Arrangements made to

FINSCHHAFEN	Saturday 23 Oct (contd)	establish Coast Watching Stations and patrol areas on FORTRESS AREA.	
	0445 - 0515	EA over area. Dropped numerous anti-pers bombs in KAKAGOG-SALANKAUA area.	
	0615 1500	Approx 3 EA over area, dropping number of AP bombs C.O. visited 2/23 Bn to co-ordinate their part in FORTRESS DEFENCE plan SITUATION. 2/32 Bn less B Coy moved to SCARLET BEACH. Enemy abandoned posns from incl KATIKA to mouth of R SIKI, except for stragglers. Left 50 dead. Enemy also withdrawn from close contact west SCARLET BEACH, but APEX A attacked A Coy 2/28 Bn. Suffered casualties & SITREPS attack repulsed. Enemy dead counted since 17 Oct 510, estimated over 1000 killed.	
	1600	Warning by 9 AUST DIV of possible enemy prep- arations to attack our left flank between APPX "E" SATELBERG - MARAKUO and R MAPE. B Coys positions to be taken up if necessary APPX E placed on trace by Cpl Cust. Fire plan incl.	
FINSCHHAFEN	Sunday 24 Oct	AREA	
	0650	Enemy aircraft, 2 planes dropped supplies by parachute SATELBERG AREA, fired on by Lt AA.	
	1030	Bn HQ visited by Lt-Gen MORSHEAD and Maj-Gen WOOTEN. The former questioned the troops present re postal & comforts, services. The CO was unfortunately on a visit to DIV.	
	1400	Lt-Col TUCKER, C.O. 2/23 Bn with Lt-Col MACARTHUR- ONSLow to make further preparations for defence of FORTRESS area. 2/23 Bn responsibility,- ground immediately south R BUMI and two coast watching stations between R BUMI and JETTY.	
	1700	Bn sigs established L/T comm between CWSS 5,6,7 (respectively 635638, 632622, 639602) LANGEMAK BAY 1/25000, and this HQ. SITUATION. Three enemy attacks on 24 Bde area APPX SCARLET BEACH . All repulsed. Both sides "A" carried out patrol activities along whole SITREPS front.	
	1300	Lieut M D JOHNSON left en route DIV Reception Camp to take up duties with 1 AUST PARACHUTE BN.	
FINSCHHAFEN	Monday 25 Oct	0300 - 0600 Enemy planes active over area. Dropped HE and anti-pers bombs vicinity 9 AUST DIV HQ.	
	0900	Liasion between B Coy 2/2 MG Bn and 2/23 Bn re rece latters defensive posns in FORTRESS area. SITUATION. Mainly patrol activity by both sides, Arty caused explosions and fires at PALANKO.2 APPX A PAs knocked out three enemy 75 m.m. mountain SITREPS guns. Two enemy planes dropped supplies by parachute SATELBERG area.	
	1730	A Coy dispostions and fir e plan placed on trace FORTRESS area. APPX E	
	1600	MAJOR THOMAS O.C. 11 Bty 2/3 Tk A Regt visited C.O. Arrangements for co-ordinating Tk A guns 6 P & 2 P in defence of area. MAJOR THOMAS also stated intention of moving to vicinity KAMOLOA village with his HQ. A, B, D & HQ Coy still supplying working parties almost daily for unloading craft. C Coy still at SCARLET BEACH.	

FINSCHHAFEN 25 Oct Monday (contd) Sigs completed L/T comm to all C.W. stations in FORTRESS AREA. Lieut W MELVILLE has prepared Sig Diagram showing all comms to the Bn. APPX "E"

Tuesday 26 Oct First night for considerable time when no enemy planes came over

0900 C. O. and Adjt visited areas along coast and D Coy HQ to inspect progress of FORTRESS DEFENCE. Capt K S WRAGGE O.C. D Coy evacuated to C.C.S. (P.U.O.)
Capt A D GOLDSMITH now commanding the Coy.

0930 L/Sjt CAMPBELL and one OR advised to move to NG Corps School of Sigs. Former evacuated this morning, only one available, so there was no replacement.

0950 Major TRAINOR (LO 1) enquiring re progress made in FORTRESS defence. Later Maj HORDERN ~~rang~~ also rang with regard to same subject. He has six tanks south of LANGEMAK BAY and requires co-ordination for defence of that area. Discussed with C.O.

1400 C.O. & I.O. went to Div, saw L.O. 1 and arranged for visit to south of LANGEMAK BAY with Sqn Comd 1 ^{ARDAV} AUST TK BN for tomorrow morning. Also visited GI for any further information on FORTRESS defence.

1600 Received trace of proposed posns for 2/23 Bn, should they move into area.
Sig diagram of comm system by L/T with C.W. Stns APPX E

Maj P B GREEN OC A Coy resting at Bn, under observation of M.O. for possible dysentery. Lieut F. HERBERTSON administering comd of A Coy in his absence.

whx 1000 Trace from B Coy showing corrected tracks in and around their Coy area. Other Coys asked to assist in similar manner.

FINSCHHAFEN 27 Oct Wednesday 0900 C.O. left to contact Maj R HORDERN, & (L.O.1) MAJ TRAINOR thence to move across to south of LANGEMAK BAY to inspect present ~~fix~~ defences there and make any alterations considered necessary. Returned 1130 hrs. Unable to cross Bay, no craft available.

1100 CW stn 5 report t four ships presumably destroyers escorting two barges moving in towards coast, at present long way out.

1200 Report destroyers circling off coast, apparently after bringing in convoy.

1130 Message from 9 AUST DIV to all units in area, showing Lt-Col MACARTHUR-ONSLow as being responsible for co-ordinating all defences in FINSCHHAFEN-LANGEMAK BAY area. APPX "E".
Message from DIV allocating base installations.

SITUATION. Patrol activity on 24 Bde front & by PIB. Enemy withdrawal and extension of perimeter by 24 Bde and 48 Bn. 50 enemy dead found. Own air activity ALEXISHAFEN and north of SCARLET BEACH. APPX A SITREP

whx 1500-1630 C.O. in conference with MAJORS HORDERN, TRAINOR & THOMAS to co-ordinate Tks and Tk A guns in FORTRESS area. Also discussed recce report and suggested plan to be supplied to DIV. Arrangements made for trace to be supplied by Tk Sqn showing area where tanks can operate.

FINSCHHAFEN 27 Oct 1800 Report from A Coy, approx 9 E bombers escorted by 5 fighters dropped parachute supplies (estimated ten each bomber) over SATELBERG area. Arty putting down concentration in vicinity. Our fighters also over area.

1910 Div report three destroyers seen on horizon from ZAG ref 1/25000 615662, bearing 233 degrees magnetic. As yet unidentified.

2100 A2 Pl saw lights showing approx area KING & GEORGE ST corner. D Coy investigated. Jeep lights were cause.

WB

FINSCHHAFEN Thursday 0030 2/3 Pns heard explosions due west A 28 Oct Coy ^{our} Bn, who report these appeared to come from vicinity of SCARLET BEACH.

0900 C.O. & Adjt left to visit south side of LANGEMAK BAY. Picking up Maj TRAINOR en route.

1100 Confirmation of award of D.S.O. to Lt-Col MACARTHUR-ONSLOW, also periodical award to APPX "G" NX 23514 Sjt J E WOOD, of M.M. (first notice)

SITUATION. Again mainly patrol activity by all Bdes, and PIB. 32 Bn moved further west with three Coys. A Coys report of parachute supplies being dropped, confirmed. ~~24 Bn killed 4 Japs on SIO track north of BONGA.~~ APPX A SITREPS

Weekly return, (weeks ending 1 and 8 Oct) malarial evacuations - show unit as having had six and four per thousand evacuations rate, for those weeks respectively.

1300 Lieut JEFFCOAT, G.J. back from MDS at SCARLET BEACH, accompanied, C.O. and I.O. to A Coy, where he took over command of No 3 Pl.

1430 Capt P K SEARLE reported in after being seconded from unit to Training Bns for just over twenty months. Posted OC HQ Coy.

WB

FINSCHHAFEN Friday 0900 C.O., Adjt., L.O.1 and Major THOMAS on 29 Oct way to south side of LANGEMAK BAY.

0930 Received trace, showing country in which tanks can operate within FORTRESS area, from 1 ^{ARMY} AUST TK BN. APPX E

SITUATION. A Coy 2/28 Bn relieved D Coy on north western perimeter. Arty concentrations in various areas around SATELBERG. Otherwise only patrol activity and light clashes. ~~24 Bn fwd HQ established in vicinity of BONGA.~~ APPX A SITREPS

Patrol of 22 Bn killed 3, wounded others, of party of 10 Japs just north of MAPE R.

~~1500 C.O. and I.O. visited A Coy area.~~

1915 Message from DIV for one Mobile Coy to be held on one hrs notice. B Coy notified to be ready. All coast watching stations to insure that ship to shore challenge and reply system of sigs is rigidly applied. Craft failing to answer orgiving incorrect answer will be engaged by fire. APPX B

RAE widening main road north of air strip.

WB

FINSCHHAFEN	Friday 29 Oct (contd)	2/4 Cav Commando Sqn expected 1600 hrs 30 Oct HELDSBACK JETTY. Come into Div reserve, and their posn to be selected by 2/23 Bn.	APPX E
	1615	Report from Div two enemy barges sighted off BLUCHER PT, General warning, may be too late for air strike.	
	2110	C.O. informed DIV C.W.S. 5-6-7 do not carry equipment for challenging craft.	
	2330	C.W.S. 8 reported lights signalling SCARLET BEACH area. NOT decipherable. D Coy informed.	
FINSCHHAFEN	Saturday 30 Oct	0030 Div message 26 Bde C.W.S. states two probable enemy barges moving south, other C.W. stations informed.	
	0900	C.O. & I.O. visited 22 Bn to arrange for them to recce and select area between SIMBANG and southern limit of probable posns selected by 2/3 Pnr Bn. This would ensure a complete perimeter of FORTRESS area D1 Pl 2/2 MG Bn inspected.	
	1000	G branch enquired of location of our Battle HQ south of BUMI as 29/46 Bn are moving into the area. C.O. informed.	
	1130	DAQMG requires one coy KEDAM beach 1730 hrs for transporting to LANGEMAK BAY to unload L.C.Ts B Coy only one available and they are on one hrs notice. Adjt checked with G branch, and arrangements made for B Coy to be taken off notice until unloading completed.	
	1500	Coy Comds conference. C.O. passed on Corps Comds instructions. Certificate required from each Coy by 6 Nov. Also passed on congratulations to whole Bn, from Div & Bdes for work done on unloading etc and by C Coy in Ops. Badges of rank to be worn at all times by offrs & NCOs. Warned of tendency in Pls to live too much in the area of gun posns, which may give posns away to enemy. A Coy and D Coy require to know ship to shore recognition signal each night.	
		Capt W P NICHOLAS, O.C. C Coy at Bn HQ for conference, and to inform C.O. of move- ments over the last week.	
		Trace of Tank Going for south of LANGEMAK BAY received from 1 AUST TK BN. ARMY	

FINSCHHAFEN

Sunday
31 Oct

1100 Advice received from Div, 29/46 Bn
less A & D Coys arrived in area 635598.
This area is included in 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Battle HQ.

SITUATION. Patrolling on all Bde fronts and
by 22 Bn, several clashes occurred, resulting
in 18 Japs being killed. 2/13 Bn - B Coy
attacked & captured two enemy posts, later
repulsed two enemy counter attacks, causing
casualties. 2/4 Cav Commando Sqn located
631648. Adv HQ 4 Bde 617559. Natives report
parachute supplies dropped in SATELBERG area,
contained food.

APPX A
SITREPS

1500

Trace and report on area of responsibility
alotted to 2/3 Pnr Bn, shows one Coy with
Pl posns located on spur KREUTBERG RANGE,
with alternate Pl posns. These posns refer to
defence FORTRESS area.

C;O. received telegram from Maj MACKAY, stating
he would be returning to the unit early in
November.

All traces of fire plan and defence re FORTRESS
area handed in to DIV HQ, together with
proposed plan of defence.

1800

Church Pde at Bn HQ.

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MacArthur Custow.

2/2 AUST MG BN WAR DIARY

MONTHLY SUMMARY BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW D.S.O.,

COMMANDING OFFICER

OCTOBER -- 1943

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During the month the Unit, with the exception of "C" Coy, spent most of their time loading and unloading craft. The men are now becoming expert wharf labourers, and have the praise of all the "Powers that Be" by their proficiency. "C" Coy have been operationally engaged around SCARLET BEACH and in the initial attack on FINSCHHAFEN, and have had some most satisfactory shoots, despite the critics who contend that the Vickers in the jungle is useless.

The JAP method of indiscriminate night bombing is most annoying, if for no other reason than its nuisance value. He does not seem to like the area of our present HQ, and liberally splatters it. Fortunately we have only had one killed and two wounded.

The ration and supply situation is horrid and the men continue to draw the most uncomplimentary comparisons between our rations and those of the Americans, who receive a liberal supply of fresh food. Since arrival in NEW GUINEA, over three months ago, we have seen fresh meat once and eggs, if I remember rightly, twice. The remainder of the ration has been to all intents and purposes, hard. In view of the glut of dieticians which invaded us on the Mainland and spent much time impressing on the troops how antiquated and Crimean were our present methods of rationing - (Bully Beef and Biscuits! Bah! No vitamins, no calories, and useless! - We must have Blue Boiled Beans, Germinated Wheat, Unpolished Rice, Dehydrated Egg Powder, etc., etc.) - it appears somewhat odd that immediately on arrival in a Forward area we get - Bully Beef and Biscuits. One can only conclude from the foregoing one of two things, viz. -

- (i) The organisation, through inefficiency or some other cause, is incapable of maintaining properly a Force in the Field; or
- (ii) The Force in the Field does not matter anyway.

All the troops were delighted to see the Corps Commander in the area recently, as a result of whose visit, great hopes of improved conditions in the future are held by all.

The weather, although trying, has been reasonably dry, which is

2/2 Aust MG Bn WAR DIARY

MONTHLY SUMMARY

by

COMMANDING OFFICER

(Continued)

one of the blessings upon which we can count ourselves lucky.

The sickness rate has been most satisfactory, and the incidence of Malaria the lowest in the Division.

.....LT-COL
(E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW)
C.O., 2/2 Aust MG Bn

- General The Pl marched out from NORTH BUSU area and embarked at "G" BEACH arriving at FINSCHHAFEN on 8 OCT 43.
- Stores
- (a) Clothing & Equipment All surplus items were returned to ADOS at "G" beach. Idents were lodged weekly and with the exception of sheets ground and hats K/F were supplied in full.
- (b) Warlike and controlled stores. All rifles BOYS (18) and Associate Stores, Lamps and stands daylight signalling. Belts & boxes belt VMG together with portion of chests tripod VMG were handed over to ADOS at "G" Beach. All Spare Parts boxes were returned and contents transported in Cases, Cans oil. One VMG and tripod & tripod were damaged through a plane crash, the tripod being rendered U/S. The gun was later rebuilt and tested by the unit armourer. A report showing deficiencies in all controlled stores was rendered to HQ 9 Aust Div at end of month. This included two pistols, 1 Owen gun and 2 Rangefinders, destroyed by EA.
- Rations Generally the scale of issue was satisfactory though the tea and sugar were in short supply. A report was rendered covering all shortages. WO (ii) PERRY established a bakery and approx 55 loaves per day were ~~delivered~~ turned out, each Coy being issued with 11 loaves.
- Comforts
- (a) ACF and issue of 2 oz tobacco, $\frac{1}{2}$ pkt papers, 1 tube toothpaste, 1 cake toilet soap and two sheets of writing paper per man was received and distributed.
- (b) Bn Funds Two issues were made during the month. The first issue, the first issue purchased through Unit Rear HQ comprised 2 ozs tobacco, 20 cigarettes, 1 razor blade per man, 1 bar chocolate to non-smokers and 36 tins of matches per Coy. The 2nd issue was purchased locally consisted of 1 oz tobacco, 15 cigarettes, 2 pkts of papers, $\frac{1}{2}$ bar of chocolate, $\frac{1}{3}$ tin matches and $\frac{1}{2}$ cake toilet soap per man. In addition 2 tins of fruit per 25 men.
- Personnel General health of the Pl was good there being only minor cases of dysentery reported. There was one evacuation. 12 ORs under Sjt DAVIDSON R A were detached to DIV SIGS for line contribution work from 15 Oct. L/Sjt KEECH, S J was detached at "G" Beach for special duty.
- In the early hrs of 19 Oct evening aircraft bombed the Pl area, one bomb causing the burial of 4 personnel, 3 of whom were rescued alive. Total casualties were 1 killed (Pte BURR, J - bricklayer) 2 wounded (Sjt J T BOYD - armourer) & L/Cpl THOMPSETT, J. - butcher) although injured Sjt BOYD displayed rare coolness and directed his own extrication.

(sgd) M J LAMB, Capt
Quartermaster

EVACUATIONS:

Battle Casualties	-	7
P.U.O.	-	2 x 30
Dysentry & Diarrhoea-	2 x	7
Others		32
Diarrhoea NOT evacuated-		23
K.I. A.	-	3

1. SICKNESS

Since moving from the LAE area early in the month to FINCHHAVEN sickness in the unit increased considerably. This was mainly due to the new areas in which the unit camped being at one time occupied by the JAP and the increased mosquito menace.

2. P.U.O.

Of the 33 PUO evacuated 9 were from Malaria and 3 N.C. Malaria, 14 have since RTU. There were quite a number of PUO treated in the unit lines, mostly dengue fever which only last to 4 days. When patients were well enough they were transferred to Bn rest camp for a few days. The majority of Malaria cases evacuated were from "C" Coy. who were in a fwd area where anti-malarial precautions were not easy to take.

3. ~~DYSENTRY & DIARRHOEA~~ AIR RAID

Unfortunately the unit suffered several casualties during a night raid by enemy planes, 1 being killed and 2 injured. The deaths would have been much higher but for the wonderful co-operation of all personnel in HQ Coy who dug the burried men out with their hands. There were several "Anxiety states" among personnel next day one necessitating evacuation, the remainder settling down with treatment from RAP.

4. DYSENTRY & DIARRHOEA

Of all cases evacuated with dysentery all were chronic sufferers, having contracted the disease in the ME. Diarrhoea increased towards the end of the month but only in a mild form. This was mainly due to the flies, but with increased hygiene precautions this was soon overcome. Of the 32 evacuations, 9 were re-classified mainly through disabilities caused in ME campaign. 11 have RTU. There are still several men in the unit who should be re-classified, and this will be done when unit receives an RMO.

5. MEDICAL SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

Supplies have been quite good and easy to obtain from 2/3 C.C.S. During the month Bn RAP drew 6 Thomas leg splints and 12 blankets from 2/3 CCS. These are very essential by extremely difficult to carry. Since 9 blankets and 2 stretchers have been used, but as yet have not been re-placed.

6. MEDICAL PERSONNEL

At present the unit is suffering an acute shortage of medical personnel. Three SB have been evacuated sick and one is AWL. At present the unit is 7 SB short and also one AAMC orderly. So far the unit has been fortunate as ~~some~~ ^{men} in the pls short of SB have come forward and are willing to carry on the job until SB are available to relieve them.

7. HYGIENE

Has been very good in unit lines. All latrines have been of the DTL type and were satisfactorily made fly-proof. Burning of this is very essential and has not been carried out to the fullest extent by all cooks.

8. RATIONS

Have been quite good and showed an improvement towards the middle of the month when the unit baked and supplied bread to the Coys.

(sgd)

F. Christian
.....Sjt AAMC
(F. Christian)

APPX

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : 4 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR
BN : 2/24 BN : 2/4 INDEP COY : C COY PIB : 2/1 AUST HQ GD BN :
532 GP 2 ESB : 4 AC SQN : COMD : MLO RED BEACH : MLO G BEACH :
AASC : MEDICAL : G : AQ (Pass to ORD AEME PAY PRO) : CAMP : BMB :
WD (2)

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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sitrep 26 to 2000K/30 (.) 20 bde (.) 1545 hrs relief of 2/17 bn by 2/43
bn completed 2/17 bn now concentrating north R BUMI (.) 2/13 bn less C
coy began move to FUP preparatory for bn attack KAKAKOG from NW (.)
2/15 bn A and B coys now dug in on knoll west ILEBBE CREEK small force
approx 500 yds facing strong JAP posn on ridge east of creek (.) 4 bde
(.) 1500 hrs patrols 22 bn reached track junc 641487 no contact but
indications recent enemy withdrawal along track to LOG WENG (.) 2/24 bn
(.) PIB patrols to KEMEN found numerous fires in area (.) natives report
40/50 JAPS in vicinity apparently stragglers (.) 7 div (.) 2/16 bn
WANKON HILL 652016 (.) 2/14 bn moving WANKON HILL to MARAWASA (.) 2/27
bn RAGIT USUMA (.) 2/6 indep coy moving to ATSUNAS (.) patrol swam
RAMU R and ambushed 100 JAPS west of KESAWAI inflicting cas

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 ESB : 4 AC SQN : COMD : MLO RED BEACH : MLO G BEACH : AASC : MEDICAL :
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sitrep no 27 to 2000 K/1 (.) ref maps one inch series (.) 20 bde (.) 2/13
 bn less C coy 1115 hrs attacked towards KAKAKOG from NW (.) enemy resisted
 strongly but in spite of heavy opposition enemy was driven from several posns
 with heavy casualties estimated 100 killed (.) many weapons captured (.)
 enemy troops JAP marines (.) bn less C coy now established 100 yds north
 KAKAKOG village (.) enemy vacated large part SALANKAUA plantation (.)
 mopping up proceeding last light (.) C coy 625 590 attacked enemy repulsed
 with casualties (.) patrol 2/43 moving west on SATELBERG track contacted enemy
 in strength vicinity JIVEVANENG 584 565 (.) patrol withdrew with casualties
 (.) C coy moved fwd to contact enemy (.) posn last light not known (.)
 enemy air (.) 0545 hrs one DINAH dropped 8 bombs gun area (.) 0630 hrs two
 HELENS in two runs dropped bombs beachhead airfield area (.) 0645 hrs one
 DINAH recce plane (.) 0700 hrs 2 SALLYS bombed straffed QUOJA valley and
 airstrip (.) no damage or casualties (.) 1740 hrs 2 bombers low level
 bombing and straffing attack on gun areas (.) no details (.) 1600 hrs 2
 enemy barges in GREAT HARBOUR engaged by our arty with arty R one left
 burning (.) 4 bde (.) 22 bn moved from KASANGA 60 44 0600 hrs arrived BUKI
 65 50 and secured DREGER HARBOUR (.) 1545 hrs moved to TIMBULUM plantation
 624 547 via coastal track (.) no contact (.) 7 div (.) construction landing
 strip commenced 52 11 (.) 2/2 pnr bn moving KAIAPIT (.) 2/7 indep coy
 moving KAIGULAN (.) 21 bde continued advance towards GUSAP RIVER (.) no
 contact (.) BENA FORCE (.) ATEMBLE area 60 JAPS attacked patrol base KUMTRA
 captured our W/T set and maps

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2/1 AUST HQ GD BN : 532 GP 2 ESB : 4 AC SQN : COMD : MLO RED
BEACH : MLO G BEACH : AASC : MEDICAL : G : AQ (PASS TO ORD :
AEME : PAY : PRO) : CAMP : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

FROM:- 9 AUST DIV 0542 3

sitrep number 28 to 2000K/2 (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 20 bde (.)
2/17 bn crossed BUMI R towards mouth and adv south through SALANKAUA
plantation (.) no enemy resistance but signs hurried withdrawal (.)
FINSCHHAFEN VILLAGE 644 586 captured 1130 hrs (.) mopping up continued
throughout afternoon/(.) by last light FINSCHHAFEN area reported clear of
enemy and contact made with 22 bn across LANGEMAK BAY vicinity GOROWA
pt (.) much valuable eqpt abandoned (.) last light dispositions 2/13 bn
KAKAKOG FINSCHHAFEN area 2/15 bn SIMBANG area 2/17 bn KOLEM area (.) 2/43
bn (.) posn largely unchanged but some progress made (.) attack 1300 hrs
with two coys to attempt re-establish contact with two isolated pls on
SATELBERG track unsuccessful (.) our arty registering enemy posns this
area (.) small enemy patrol encountered BONGA tracks (.) ~~xxxxx~~ enemy
cas inflicted on JAP force estimated 40 strong which withdrew (.) 4 bde
(.) 22 bn continued patrolling through TIMBULUM PLANTATION and LOGAWENG
areas (.) no contact enemy but evidence recent evacuation (.) D coy
patrol up MONGI R reached SAMBEANG out NTR (.) 2/24 bn (.) PIB patrol
harassing JAP parties withdrawing along tracks killed 18 without loss (.)
7 div (.) ref maps one inch series (.) 3 ons 21 bde concentrated vicinity
landing strip 5411 (.) patrols fwd to GUSAP R (.) 2/2 pnr bn arrived
KAIAPIT (.) 15 bde (.) adv party 24 bn arrived camp DIDDY area 4460

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/ several JAPS killed some PW taken

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532 GP 2 ESB: 4 AC SQN: COMD: MLO RED BEACH: MLO G BEACH: AASC:
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sitrep number 29 to 2000L/3 (.) ref maps 1/25000 (.) 20 bde (.) further
patrol clash on BONGA track 500 yds north R SONG 0730 hrs (.) two
attacks by 2/43 bn to contact coy isolated JIVEVANENG 589660 unsuccessful
(.) enemy in posn 591661 between coy and main body (.) posn unaltered
by last light but PIB runner from isolated coy reported ammunition and
supplies low but coy intact (.) strong enemy force attacked our posns
north SCARLET BEACH during afternoon (.) attacks repulsed but enemy
party estimated one coy fwd elements 800 yds north of R SONG (.)
dispositions last light 2/13 bn KAKAKOG FINSCHHAFEN area 2/15 bn HQ
631 569 A coy 675 571 B coy 630 569 C coy 616 567 D coy 630 566 2/17 bn
HQ C and D coys area 631 631 A and B coys area 632 657 2/43 bn unchanged
22 bn HQ 650 525 A coy 649 533 B coy less one pl 657 497 one pl 630
500 C coy less two pls 651 524 one pl 648 540 D coy less one pl 406 428
one pl SAMBEANG (.) 2/24 bn nothing to report (.) 7 div (.) ref one inch
maps (.) 21 bde (.) two coys 2/16 bn crossed GUSAP RIVER patrolling fwd
to KAIGULAN and DUMPU (.) remainder bde GUSAP RIVER area 45 16 (.)
25 bde in area MARAWASA PLANTATION (.) 2/6 indep coy west of RAGITSARUA
(.) 2/7 indep coy KUMIANG 452 072 with patrol KAGULAN (.) HQ 7 div
vicinity SAK 46 12

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532 GP 2 ESB: 4 AC SQN: COMD: MLO RED BEACH: MLO G BEACH: AASC:
MEDICAL: G: AQ: (pass ORD AEME PAY PRO) CAMP: BMB: WD (2)

FROM: 9 AUST DIV 0 583 5

sitrep 30 to 2000L/4 (.) during day A coy 2/43 bn rejoined main body (.)
during period of isolation posn repeatedly attacked (.) at least 50 JAPS
killed many more probably killed or wounded (.) own cas light (.) enemy
abandoned posns occupied last light 3 oct north SONG R leaving 4 dead incl
one offr much eqpt (.) many other cas believed inflicted during enemy
attacks that area 3 oct (.) our cas nil (.) believed JAP strength that
area 3 offrs 152 OR (.) own patrols pursuing enemy located def posn
approx 654406 operation proceeding (.) recce in LCV along coast to north
of BONGA drew enemy fire from this posn only (.) patrols 2/13 and 2/15
bns along track KREUTBERG to TIRIMORO without contact (.) C coy 2/3 pnr
bn with det 2/43 bn surrounded enemy 500 yds north of R SONG (.) two
coys 2/17 bn crossed R SONG late afternoon (.) small enemy parties and
snipers this area (.) 26 bde (.) 2/24 bn patrols to KNABANEK and north
from MUSOM (.) no contact reported

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4 AC SQN : COMD : MLO RED BEACH : MLO G BEACH : AASC : MEDICAL : G :
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sitrep 30 to 2000L/5 (.) 20 bde (.) 2/17 bn less two coys moved from coastal
track at 63C631 ref map 1/25000 to KUMAMA 5664 (.) fwd tps encountered enemy
patrol of 16 in village killed 6 our cas nil in contact 1800 hrs (.) enemy
still in posn rd junc 568648 (.) 2/43 bn later report enemy withdrew from
posn east JIVEVANENG leaving weapons and eqpt (.) two coys 2/17 bn moved north
of SONG R to 639708 ref one inch map 1300 hrs to take in rear JAP posn on
track at approx 642 700 enemy withdrew from well sited diggings (.) 0920 h
2 BETTYS dropped 20 bombs incl 4 UXB south end airfield no damage or cas (.)
26 bde (.) 2/24 bn still in KUNDA br - MUSOM area with strong fighting
patrols to GAWAN KEMEN and northwards into mountains to cut off JAP stragg
(.) one JAP killed many small parties still in area (.) 7 div to 2000L/4
4 mile strat map (.) 2/14 bn overcame slight enemy resistance and occupied
WAMPUN (.) 2/16 bn junc SURINAM RAMU rivers with one coy occupying DUMPU
village (.) 2/27 bn junc BIWI RAMU rivers (.) bde HQ KAIGULAN (.) 25 bde a
three bns with 2/7 indep coy area airstrip NADZAB sheet 053107 (.) 2/2 pnr
KAIAPIT area (.) patrols 2/6 indep coy WAIMERIBA and MARAHAUSA and track 1
KESAWAI (.) 2/2 indep coy area KASAWAI (.) PW states JAP line of withdraw
WAMPUN - GURUMBU (.) airops 4 oct (.) 11 MITCHELLS attacked 9 barges along
RAI coast results unobserved 2 MITCHELLS missing (.) 22 KITTYHAWKS bombed
GASMATA fires started

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MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN : 2/24 BN : 2/4 INDEP COY : C COY PIB : 2/1 HQ GD
BN : 532 GP 2 ESB : 4 AC SQN : COMD : MLO RED BEACH : MLO G BEACH :
AASC : MEDICAL : G : AQ (pass to ORD : AEME : PAY : PRO) : CAMP :
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FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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sitrep 31 to 2000L/6 (.) 20 bde (.) 2/17 bn less two coys moved north from
KUMAWA 56 64 ref 1/25000 (.) enemy post at 566 650 fired on fwd tps engaged
by our arty (.) posn now contained by one pl while one coy moving NE on track
to SISI 57 65 (.) 2/43 bn less one coy in contact with enemy posn on
SATELBERG track at 580 661 (.) A and B coys 2/17 bn moving to relieve
2/43 bn on SATELBERG track (.) B coy 2/43 bn moving north on BONGA track
reached track junc 645 725 ref one inch map (.) 2/15 bn less two coys crossed
LANGEMAK BAY (.) 2/15 bn HQ now 631 547 C coy 634 547 D coy 607 546 (.) 7 div
(.) ref maps 4 mile series (.) dispositions night 5/6 (.) HQ 21 bde B coy PIB
junc URIA RAMU rivers 2/14 bn and 2/16 bn DUMPU 2/27 bn KUMBARUM (.) 2/6
indep coy vicinity WAMPUN (.) no contact (.) HQ 25 bde vicinity KAIGULAN 2/25
bn between KAIGULAN and WARRIS R (north KAIGULAN) one coy BOPURIMPU 2/31 bn
ENTAPATOWUP one coy WAMPUN and patrol NAMAPUT 2/33 bn junc BIWI RAMU rivers
one coy patrolling to KORAM via KAIGULAN (.) one JAP straggler killed other-
wise no contact reported

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C COY PIB : 2/1 HQ GD REGT : 532 GP 2 ESB : 4 AC SQN : COMD :
MLO RED BEACH : MLO G BEACH : AASC : MEDICAL : G : AQ(PASS TO
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sitrep 32 to 2000L/7 (.) 20 bde to 1830L (.) ref 1/25000 (.) C and D coys
2/17 bn in area KUMAWA 568 644 in contact with enemy all directions all day (.
our losses slight (.) A coy 2/17 bn moving first light 8 to JIVEVANENG (.)
2/15 bn moving to join 2/17 bn (.) 2/15 bn less two coys 613 632 (.) two coys
628 640 (.) 2/43 bn (.) ref one inch (.) bn HQ moved to 632 664 (.) D coy
relieved A coy 2/17 bn at 645 705 (.) B coy reports several tracks westward
from coast vicinity BONGA (.) patrol to establish main track result NOT
yet known (.) 1725 hrs 11 Bs 18 Fs dropped bombs beachhead and gun areas no
damage or cas reported (.) 26 bde (.) 2/24 bn ref map one inch series (.)
standing patrol one pl 648 568 (.) patrol one pl commenced 5 day patrol to
KEMEN via 609 611 (.) 7 div to 2000L/6 (.) ref maps 4 inch series (.) 21 bde
(.) bde HQ and sec fwd arty junc URJA RAMU rivers 2/14 and 2/16 bns vicinity
DUMPU 2/27 bn vicinity KUMBARUM 2/6 indep coy WAMPUN (.) arty fired on small
JAP party BEBEI (.) patrols report small JAP party KUMBARUM (.) 2/2 indep
coy report area south of RAMU to KASWAL clear of enemy (.) 25 bde no change

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2/3 PNR BN : 2/24 BN : 2/4 CAV (COMMANDO) SQN : 0 COY PIB : 2/1
HQ Gd REGT : 532 GP 2 ESB : 4 AC SQN : COMD : G : AQ (PASS TO ORD
AEME PAY PRO) : MLO RED BEACH : MLO G BEACH : CAMP AASC : MEDICAL :
BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

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sitrep 33 to 2000L/8 (.) 20 bde to 2000L/8 (.) ref maps 1/25000 (.)
approx 0930 hrs enemy attacked C coy 2/17 bn 566648 attack repulsed with
considerable enemy losses but some elements penetrated between C and D
coys and cut sig comms (.) posn restored and C and D coys now formed
close perimeter KUMAWA with 2/15 bn disposed astride track junc 565644
to 566640 (.) still in close contact enemy (.) A and B coys 2/17 bn now
in JIVEVANENG area with C coy 2/43 bn (.) B coy 2/43 bn still in same
posn (.) patrol track vicinity BONGA revealed no sign of enemy (.) by
rain 7 oct and during night hampering maintenance by portage on steep
tracks and progress slow (.) during mornings ops estimated 50 JAPS
killed (.) 26 bde (.) 2/24 bn (.) ref maps one inch series (.) patrols
areas 665523 and 650568 failed to find trace of enemy (.) 7 div to
2000L/8 (.) 21 bde (.) 2/16 bn BEBEI (.) 2/27 bn vicinity 6959 ref four
mile MADANG sheet enemy patrol activity this area (.) 25 bde (.) patrol
2/33 bn to 769538 ref DUMPU one inch sheet found hrs blown up at 771527
and 772528 (.) pl 2/2 indep coy reports no enemy ETABLE to 6360 ref four
mile MADANG sheet

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2/3 AUST PNR BN: 2/24 BN: 2/4 CAV (COMMANDO) SQN: C COY PIB: 2/1 HQ
GD REGT: 532 GP 2 ESB: 4 AC SQN: COMD: G: AQA (Pass to ORD AEME PAY
PRO): MLO RED BEACH: MLO G BEACH: CAMP: AASC: MEDICAL: BMB: WD (2)

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sitrep 34 to 1300 L/9 (.) 20 bde (.) ref maps 1/25000 (.) 1000 hrs B coy
2/17 bn commenced outflanking movement around JAP posn vicinity 585632
by 1200 hrs objective gained and JAPS cleared from posn (.) close contact
maintained KUWARA area (.) estimated number of JAPS killed DIMINISH ops
385 (.) own air ops (.) 3 Bostons ~~xxx~~ 12 Vultees attacked SATELBERG
1200 hrs (.) buildings destroyed possible amn dump hit at 561675 560676
(.) possible W/T sta seen at 559678 (.) 26 bde (.) 2/24 bn ref map
MARKHAM 4 mile (.) PIB patrols operating KEMEN LUMBOIP areas 8 bot killed
12 JAPS found 9 dead (.) JAPS very weak and poorly equipped (.) 5, div (.)
18 bde (.) ref MARKHAM 4 mile (.) natives estimate 100 JAPS in villages
BAWAN KUMLUN BAMBOK MANAKASAT MESOKKAWANGANDOANG (.) one coy 21 bn moving
CAMP DIDDY to BOANA (.) 29 bde (.) party JAPS reported moving BUANG R
area to MARKHAM (.) patrol 18 bn in contact (.) 7, div (.) no change

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 BN : 22 BN : 2/4 CAV (COMMANDO) SQN : C COY PIB : A COY 2/1 HQ 3D
 REGT : 532 GP 2 ESB : 4 AC SQN : REAR HQ 9 AUST DIV (2 - G & AQ)
 COMD : G : AQ (Pass to ORD AEME PRO PAY) : CAMP : MLOS G, SCARLET
 AND SALANKAU BEACHES : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

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 sitrep 35 to 2000L/12 (.) 20 bde (.) ref maps 1/25000 (.) A coy 2/13 bn
 drove enemy one pl from posns 591566 (.) A coy now 568591 one inch map (.)
 D coy patrol vicinity TIRIMORO 5858 which is occupied by enemy (.) B coy
 STMBANG area D coy 627593 (.) 2/15 bn KUMAWA area patrol to within 1000
 yds GURUNKOR 565620 occupied by JAPS (.) harassing MMG and arty shoots (.)
 2/17 bn area JIVEVANENG patrolled fwd to within 50 yds of PIMPLE feature
 581661 (.) further progress blocked by cliffs (.) enemy made slight
 withdrawal ~~xxxx~~ 11 oct under pressure inf with arty sp but still holding
 area in strength (.) 24 bde (.) ref map 1/25000 (.) HQ 24 bde arrived 10
 oct now located 644681 (.) 2/43 bn dispositions bn HQ 652696 A coy
 615663 pls 605665 628668 C coy 640680 B coy 653730 D coy 647734 ref one
 inch maps (.) PIB patrol reports 30 JAPS carrying sups approached BONGA
 from north (.) engaged by arty mortars LMGs enemy withdrew to creek north
 of BONGA (.) 2/43 bn patrol engaged (.) own cas lt enemy NOT known (.)
 2/3 pnr bn dispositions ref map 1/25000 bn HQ 638678 A coy 654705 B coy
 599629 C coy 634682 pls 622683 629687 D coy 638678 (.) patrols in area
 south SONG R west to 61 easting grid (.) 22 bn (.) A and C coys area
 BUTAWENG SAWMILL (.) B coy less one pl LOGAWENG (.) bn HQ 623547 (.) D
 coy moving to WASUTIENG to relieve pl B coy (.) 5 div (.) 15 bde (.)
 native reports indicate JAPS at BAIKDUANG QR6282 (.) 29 bde (.) 15 bn
 patrols contacted JAP force in small dispersed parties moving towards
 MARKHAM PT from south (.) 7 div ~~xxx~~ to 0900L/12 (.) ref map DUMPU one
 inch (.) 2/14 bn occupied high ground 705575 inflicting many cas on enemy
 (.) 2/16 bn 638553 with patrol to 684646 (.) 2/27 bn 694608 (.) 2/7 cav
 commando sqn 678500 (.) 25 bde (.) 2/25 bn 785400 2/31 bn 796419 2/33 bn
 drove enemy from 777454 night 10/11 oct now in contact area 7657 (.)
 2/6 cav commando sqn 694527 (.) local patrolling continues all areas (.)
 own airops (.) 10 oct 11 Vultees 9 Bostons bombed and strafed targets
 SATELBERG area (.) 4 Thunderbolts strafed and left burning 3 barges 3
 fuel dumps CAPE GLOUCESTER (.) 11 oct 4 Thunderbolts destroyed 8 definite
 3 probable enemy A/C WEWAK Beauforts bombed 2000 ton freighter CAPE ORFORD
 left sinking (.) Beaufighters destroyed 6 barges WIDE BAY (.) 12 oct (.)
 109 Mitchells 12 Beaufighters escorted by 90 Lightnings attacked airfields
 RABAU area 1030 hrs (.) about 60 enemy A/C destroyed on ground 11 shot
 down (.) fuel amn dumps blown up fires started (.) our losses one Mitchell
 one Beaufighter (.) 1200 hrs about 80 Liberators bombed shipping SIMPSON
 HARBOUR (.) 2 destroyers sunk 13 other ships burning (.) 14 of 60
 intercepting A/C shot down

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COMD : G : AQ (pass to ORD ATME PRO PAY) : CAMP : MLOS G, SCARLET
(and SALANKAUA BEACHES: AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WAR DIARY (2) :

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sitrep 36 to 2000L/13 (.) 20 bde (.) ref maps 1/25000 (.) A coy 2/13 bn
location sitrep 35 should read 591568 (.) D coy occupied TIRIMORO 0800 hrs
without opposition (.) patrol later in contact 590593 (.) bn moved 13
oct bn HQ 615558 B coy 598562 C coy 612559 (.) 1000 hrs A coy 2/15 bn
successfully attacked strong enemy position 300 yds west of KUMAWA in-
flicting hy cas (.) this position now occupied by A coy plus one pl C
coy (.) B coy moved to 568644 (.) 2/17 bn no change (.) 24 bde (.)
patrol B coy 2/43 bn reported BONGA clear of enemy 1330 hrs (.) other
patrols active (.) 22 bn (.) D coy relieved pl of D coy at WASUTIENG
625518 (.) 5 div (.) 26 bde (.) PIB patrol killed 3 JAPS LUMBOIF (.)
large number dead in village (.) 7 div to 2100L/12 (.) ref map DUMPU
one inch (.) 2/14 bn consolidated on high feature north of KUMBARUM
where enemy withdrew after attack 11 oct (.) 2/27 bn contacted enemy
area 6960 inflicting hy cas (.) 2/33 bn continued pressure on enemy area
7656 (.) 2/2 cav sqn now at BUNDI (.) enemy air ops 12/13 oct (.) 2245
hrs six bombs dropped vicinity HELDSBACH (.) 2300 hrs five bombs BUMI R
area (.) no damage or cas reported (.) own air ops 13 oct (.) eleven
LIBERATORS bombed CAPE GLOUCESTER (.) nine LIBERATORS bombed CAPE
HOSKINS (.) four bombed GASMATA and one bombed LINDENHAFEN PLANTATION

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 2/1 HQ GD REGT : 532 REGT & ESB : 4 AC SQN : REAR HQ 9 AUST DIV :
 (2 - G & AQ) : COMD : G : AQ (pass to ORD AEME PRO PAY) : CAMP :
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 sitrep 37 to 2000L/14 (.) 20 bde (.) PIB patrol located occupied enemy
 posn 568646 (.) otherwise no change (.) 24 bde (.) patrol C coy 2/3 pnr
 bn contacted JAP posn 614684 (.) pl C coy successfully attacked this
 posn 3 JAPS killed remainder fled (.) B coy 2/3 pnr bn came under comd
 24 bde moved to 614 684 (.) pl patrol 2/43 bn moved north from BONGA to
 636765 ref one inch no contact (.) pl B coy 2/43 bn at BONGA (.) other
 areas patrolling (.) arty harassing fire during day on enemy occupied
 villages WAREO FIOR 1 ALANKO MASANGKOO and track bend 540680 (.) enemy
 airops (.) 4 enemy A/C in area continuously from 0130 to 0600 hrs (.)
 2 bombs dropped 0405 hrs south LANGEMAK BAY out to sea (.) 2 bombs
 dropped in sea off coast SCARLET BEACH 0600 hrs (.) 0745 hrs one DINAH
 made recce FINSCHHAFEN area (.) own airops (.) 27 MITCHELLS 10
 MARAUDERS bombed ALEXISHAFEN (.) two sqns MITCHELLS took off to bomb
 CAPE GLOUCESTER (.) results not yet known (.) 7 div to 0900L/14 (.)
 ref map DUMPU one inch (.) 21 bde (.) HQ 21 bde moved to KUMBARUM (.)
 2/16 bn moved to 686590 (.) 2/27 bn (.) JAPS broke off contact (.)
 25 bde (.) 2/33 bn maintained pressure on enemy inflicting cas then
 relieved by 2/31 bn in area 7656 (.) 2/33 bn moving to KAIGULAN area (.)
 2/7 cav sqn moving to KESSAWAI

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2/3 PNR BN : 22 BN : 2/4 CAV COMMANDO SQN : C COY PIB : A COY
2/1 HQ GD REGT : 532 REGT 2 ESB : 4 AC SQN : REAR HQ 9 AUST DIV
(2 - G and AQ) : COMD : G : AQ (Pass to ORD AEME PRO PAY) :
CAMP : MLOS G, SCARLET AND SALANKAUA BEACHES : AASC : MEDICAL :
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FROM:- 9 AUST DIV 0 780 16

sitrep 38 to 2000L/15 (.) 20 bde (.) 2/17 bn dispositions bn HQ 590661
A coy 590659 B coy 591662 C coy 585661 D coy 587662 otherwise no change
(.) 24 bde (.) remainder 2/28 bn arrived SCARLET BEACH 0300 hrs now
disposed bn HQ 639691 A coy SCARLET BEACH B and C coys KATIKA D coy
613645 (.) 2/43 bn PW captured under white flag by patrol A coy (.)
2145L/14 enemy party unknown strength approached pl standing patrol
BONGA 6474 (.) patrol opened fire close range results NOT known (.)
balance B coy reinforced patrol at first light (.) dispositions now bn HQ
647694 with composite coys A coy 653732 B coy 633731 C coy 615662 D coy
637731 (.) patrol 2/3 pnr bn contacted 15 JAPS 623694 (.) both withdrew
after exchange of shots (.) another patrol fired on 613684 (.) mortar
fire later directed on this area (.) part 2/32 bn arrived SALANKAUA
PLANTATION (.) 22 bn no change (.) enemy air (.) 0145 hrs plane flew
south to north along coast no bombs dropped 0545 hrs single enemy A/C
dropped two bombs in sea LANGEMAK BAY three bombs in sea approx 3 mls
SE FINSCHHAVEN (.) 1745 hrs 6 escorted Bs med level dropped 18 bombs west
SCARLET BEACH no damage reported (.) Bs then dropped one parachute each
over SATTELBERG area (.) our Fs intercepted results NOT known (.) our
Fs also strafed 5 barges at S4793 damaging all (.) 1750 hrs one DINAH
at 20000 ft made recce of area also intercepted result NOT known (.)
native report villages EMBENGWANENG S3367 GUAUZAKO 3466 SAMANTIKI 4169
occupied 12 oct by JAPS from LAE (.) JAPS armed with rifles living on
native gardens (.) 1000 hrs 14 oct approx 200 JAPS armed with rifles
reported moving south along MONGI R approx S2949 (.) 7 div ref map
DUMPU 1 inch (.) 2/16 bn relieved 2/27 bn at 894607 (.) 2/27 bn now
684593 (.) HQ 21 bde KUMBARUM (.) no enemy contact 14 oct (.) 25 bde (.)
2/31 bn adv to area 7557 (.) 2/33 bn KAIGULAN (.) 2/25 bn 7652 (.) 2/6
cav commando sqn BEBEI patrolling north

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 532 REGT 2 ESB : 4 AC SQN : REAR HQ 9 AUST DIV (2 - G and AQ) : COMD :
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 SALANKAUA BEACHES : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrap 39 to 0600L/17 (.) 24 bde increased depth from
 SCARLET BEACH fwd tps now holding posns as follows (.) 2/43 bn B coy
 653734 ref one inch D coy 637733 ref 1/25000 one pl 2/3 pnr bn river
 crossing 625700 being reinforced by B coy 2/28 bn 2/3 pnr bn B coy 620684
 D coy 605675 (.) 0435 small party JAPS landed north of R SONG (.) estim-
 ated strength 30 (.) after landing moved north engaged by our tps inflict-
 ing cas (.) 2 barges remain on spit at mouth R SONG with some JAPS in
 vicinity (.) have been subjected to mortar fire and their escape cut off
 (.) no further details (.) 20 bde (.) 0500 hrs 16 oct enemy estimated one
 coy attacked 2/17 bn from north from posns occupied during night (.) enemy
 reached track ^{east} JIVEVANENG but were counter attacked and driven off (.)
 second attack repulsed but intermittent fighting continued (.) attack from
 north by estimated one and half coys with inf gun sp 1600 hrs again
 repulsed (.) fighting continued until 1800 hrs JAPS still in area last
 light (.) our arty shelled enemy posns 577659 and harassed at intervals
 during day PALANKO 5668 and diggings in village 573733 (.) 4 KITTYHAWKS
 circled area 1945 hrs attempting to land at FINSCHHAFEN airfield due lack
 of petrol all crashed (.) at least 2 pilots safe (.) reports indicate
 fourth pilot parachuted into sea off LANGEMAK BAY

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep to 0615 L/17 (.) 0415 hrs 3 enemy barges approached the coast (.) 0420 hrs landed 646693 bugle call preceded landing against our MG TKA and LMG fire (.) enemy in barges threw grenades (.) one enemy party estimated 30 crossed SONG R and proceeded north between coastal track and coast and was met by fire from pl locality 654696 (.) at 0500 hrs circled locality and were reported on bank 651699 at 0605 hrs (.) Count of enemy dead vicinity barges 31 (later estimate 37) (.) No estimate available enemy dead north of R SONG (.) Cap eqpt included 30 rifles 3 to 4 LMGs 2 knee mortars 2 flame throwers NO SMG (.) personal eqpt good (.) own casualties one American killed 4 Australians wounded (.) area south SONG R clear of enemy (.) operations proceeding against enemy north of SONG (.) one enemy barge apparently withdrew proceeded northwards (.) 2 barges only remain on spit at mouth R SONG (.) 24 bde increased depth from SCARLET BEACH fwd tps now holding posns as follows (.) 2/43 bn B Coy 653734 ref one inch D Coy 637733 ref 1/25,000 one pl 2/3 pnr bn river crossing 625700 being reinforced by B coy 2/28 bn 2/3 pnr bn B Coy 620684 D coy 605675 (.) 20 bde (.) 0500 hrs 16 oct enemy estimated one coy attacked 2/17 bn from north from posns occupied during night (.) enemy reached track east JIVEVANENG but were counter-attacked and driven off (.) second attack repulsed but intermittent fighting continued (.) attack from north by estimated one and half coys with inf gun sp 1600 hrs again repulsed (.) fighting continued until 1800 hrs JAPS still in area last light (.) our arty shelled enemy posns 577659 and harassed at intervals during day PALANKO 5668 and diggings in village 573733 (.) 4 KITTYHAWKS circled area 1945 hrs attempting to land at FINNCHHAFEN airfield due lack of petrol all crashed (.) at least 3 pilots safe (.)

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 BN : 22 BN : 2/4 CAV (COMMANDO) SQN : C COY PIB : A COY 2/1 CD
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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 40 to 2000L/17 (.) 24 bde (.) late afternoon
 16 oct patrol 2/3 pnr bn attacked approx 15 enemy in kunai 626688
 killing 6 (.) enemy withdrew 6 (.) 1730 hrs 2 JAPS killed at 617684 (.)
 fighting patrol sent at first light 17 oct that area (.) 37 JAPS killed
 during morning 17 oct in vicinity of barges which beached SCARLET BEACH
 (.) approx 30 escaped and moved north in sq 6570 between tr and coast
 (.) engaged by B coy 2/43 bn 654 706 suffered cas and withdrew into
 jungle (.) mopping up continued and a total of 24 dead was counted by
 1500 hrs (.) ~~XXXXX~~ area north of R SONG now reported clear of enemy
 except for few stragglers (.) during day enemy developed attack from
 NW towards KATIKA 6468 by infiltration between posns of 2/3 pnr bn on
 high ground 6168 and 6067 (.) 1100 hrs enemy attacked bn HQ 2/3 pnr
 bn 633 682 attack beaten off but strong attack again developed last
 light fighting still proceeding (.) 20 bde (.) 2/13 bn less two coys
 moved area KAKAKOG as bde res (.) 2/32 bn vicinity FINSCHHAFEN
 AIRFIELD KATIKA as div res (.) large fires observed on high ground NW
 SATELBERG 1900 hrs and 1930 hrs (.) 7 aust div (.) * patrol activity
 continues (.) enemy airops (.) between 0315 and 0515 hrs 7 enemy
 bombers over area (.) 5 bombs dropped 626 612 11 bombs 620 597 11 bombs
 637 582 5 bombs south end airstrip 11 bombs south KAKAKOG 12 bombs
 1000 yds west airstrip 11 bombs area 632 600 1105 hrs 6 LILLYS with
 12 OSCARS dropped approx 40 bombs in div area intercepted by
 KITTYHAWKS and 3 bombers seen shot down into sea (.) all 4 pilots of
 KITTYHAWKS which crashed in div area evening 16 oct now safe as well as
 pilots of A/C which crashed vicinity ARNDT PT and area of 532 Regt 2
 ESB (.) own airops (.) 1020L 55 LIGHTNINGS 3 KITTYHAWKS intercepted
 30/40 enemy fighters ORO BAY - BUNA area (.) 24 enemy A/C destroyed
 6 probable (.) own losses 3 (.) 1500L 9 MITCHELLS 9 BOSTONS attacked
 SATELBERG buildings destroyed (.) ground tps reported strike very
 effective (.) MITCHELLS later searched coast to SIO no unusual
 sighting

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 2/3 PNR BN : 22 BN : 2/4 CAV COMMANDO SQN : C COY PIB : A COY
 2/1 GD REGT : 532 REGT 2 ESB : 4 AC SQN : REAR HQ 9 AUST DIV
 (2 - G & AQ) : COMD : G : AQ (PASS TO ORD AEME PRO PAY) : CAMP :
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FROM:- ADV 9 AUST DIV 0851 19

 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 41 to 2000L/18 (.) ref maps 1/25000 (.) 24 bde (.)
 2/43 bn fwd tps withdrawn night 17/18 to line approx 71 northing grid to
 637710 thence linking with B coy 2/28 bn at 628702 (.) enemy attacks on
 bn HQ 2/3 pnr bn continued after last light 17 oct and bn HQ withdrew to
 2/28 bn perimeter at KATIKA (.) fighting continued throughout day chiefly
 between 67 and 69 northing grids particularly astride track west of
 KATIKA 640680 (.) 1000 hrs enemy attacked lt AA posns at 637692 from SW
 and 635674 from west (.) gnrs fought enemy with direct fire from bofors
 and LMGs and 24 fd bty astride coastal rd area 639672 assisted with fire
 over open sights (.) inf chiefly engaged on this front 2/28 bn west of
 KATIKA (.) 1000 hrs 2/28 bn preparing to attack posn vacated by bn HQ
 2/3 pnr bn attacked while forming up (.) attack repulsed (.) further by
 attack 1050 hrs repulsed (.) enemy moved down KATIKA track swinging SE
 into sq 6367 (.) by 1300 hrs SCARLET BEACH was being attacked and MDS
 was successfully evacuated (.) attack also directed towards HQ 10 AA bty
 644683 (.) JAPS occupied posn 200 yds west of this pt and to coast near
 mouth SIKI creek (.) 2/28 bn repulsed all direct attacks and inflicted
 hy cas (.) by last light perimeter formed around SCARLET BEACH from
 promontory 645683 due west 600 yds thence due north with a depth of 500-
 600 yds from beach (.) B coy 2/28 bn and 15 pl C coy 2/3 pnr bn have
 returned within the perimeter (.) ~~xxxxxxx~~ bde HQ unchanged (.)
 20 bde (.) patrol 2/17 bn moving east along SATELBERG track found JAPS
 estimated as more than one pl astride track 598663 with at least 3 LMGs
 (.) JAP patrol moving east to south of ~~XXXXX~~ JIVEVANENG engaged by our
 tps cas inflicted (.) patrol from A coy 2/13 bn discovered JAP ambush
 at 580555 ref 1 inch 800 yds fwd of coy posn (.) enemy estimated at one
 pl two killed three wounded (.) coy 2/13 bn still at TIRIMORO (.)
 remainder 2/13 bn moved to HELDSBACH area as 20 bde res (.) patrol 2/15
 bn found GURUNKOR/565621 unoccupied (.) enemy still in posn 566647 and
 570654 (.) 2/32 bn remains in res area ARNDT PT FINSCHHAFEN ~~xxxxxxx~~
 airfield TAREKO KATIKA (.) 22 bn (.) two coys moved to KAKAKOG area and
 came under comd 2/2 MG bn (.) other coys 22 bn LOGAWENG and BUTAWENG
 SAWMILL (.) airops (.) 0300 hrs 1 or 2 DINAHS over sea LANGEMAK BAY
 0345 hrs 2 bombs to sea south of FINSCHHAFEN (.) 7 div ~~xxxxxx~~ to 0900L/18
 (.) HQ 25 bde moved to head MOSIA R (.) 5 div to 1800L/18 (.) 42 bn
 relieved 2/24 bn which has now moved to area vicinity HQ 26 bde (.)
 26 bde reverted to comd 9 div 16 oct (.) adv HQ 2/24 bn established
 HANOBMAIN 635795 ref 1 inch (.) patrol MUNAKASAT area killed 3 JAPS (.)
 one pl attacked TELAI 614785 killed 27 JAPS captured 2 (.) two coys 29
 bn now at 445436 ref map FINSCHHAFEN 1 inch

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22 BN : 2/4 CAV (COMMANDO) SQN : 0 COY PIB : A COY 2/1 GD REGT : 532
REGT 2 ESB : 4 AC SQN : REAR HQ 9 AUST DIV (2 - G & AQ) : COMD : G :
AQ (pass to ORD AEME PRO PAY) : CAMP : MLOS G, SCARLET & SALANKAU
BEACHES : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

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FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 42 to 2000L/19 (.) ref maps 1/25000 (.) 24 bde (.)
dispositions (.) 2/28 bn HQ 643684 A coy 637682 D coy 642685 C coy
643683 to coast at 644682 B coy 637683 (.) 2/43 bn D coy 642690 B coy 643692
A coy NORTH HILL 647710 comp coy area 6469 bnHQ 645694 C coy ZAG/615661 (.)
2/3 pnr bn A coy 646705 B coy and C coy less one pl out of comm reported by
tac R to be in former posns squares 6168 6268 6269 D coy moved to SATELBERG
track 608663 (.) patrol along SATELBERG track encountered enemy estimated 60
at 592663 (.) slight enemy activity SCARLET BEACH perimeter (.) 2/28 bn t-
rols attempted to contact C coy 2/13 bn at SIKI CREEK without success fired
on from enemy vicinity KATIKA and SIKI CREEK (.) attack by A and B coys 1920
hrs against KATIKA captured high ground 637682 against lt opposition (.) now
astride enemy sup line between KATIKA and SIKI CREEK both of which still
occupied by enemy (.) estimated enemy cas inflicted by 24 bde 18 oct 500 (.)
20 bde (.) dispositions 2/17 bn HQ 590661 A coy 590662 B coy 592662 C coy
584661 D coy 585663 (.) C coy in contact small party JAPS early morning (.)
2/15 bn dispositions A coy 568643 B coy 567644 C coy 570640 D coy 562642 (.)
patrol along main track KUMAWA - SISI found SISI unoccupied (.) JAPS heard
on SATELBERG track (.) 2/13 bn C coy 644 678 B coy pls 637671 and 639672 (.)
C coy attacked 3 times during night 18/19 oct enemy cas 12 killed (.) in
contact with enemy SIKI CREEK area ambushing JAPS moving west with sups
along north bank killed 15 during day (.) patrol to ARNDT PT no contact (.)
patrol to mouth SIKI CREEK 1300 hrs met by fire from mouth of creek (.) patrol
from A coy 589567 moved along QUEMBUNG track past pt where enemy encountered 17 oct
without contact (.) D coy 593587 (.) patrol to north no report (.) 2/32 bn (.)
dispositions A coy 635663 B coy 628641 C coy 639659 pl 635661 D coy 637660
pl 636649 (.) patrol from 637659 direct to coast and along SIKI to C coy 2/13
bn found no JAPS on south bank SIKI (.) patrol through northern HELDSBACH
PLANTATION no contact (.) 22 bn no change (.) TAMI ISLAND force pl 2/32 bn
relieved by pl carr coy and rejoined bn (.) enemy atrops (.) 0800 - 0600 hrs
12 to 14 unidentified planes over area dropped '86' bombs in areas BUMI R
AIRSTRIP KAKKOG and QUOJA R (.) slight damage and cas caused (.) 5 div (.)
ref maps 1 inch (.) pl 29/46 bn arrived 200399 17 JUL/18 (.) natives report
JAPS at BUGA KAMING SAMBEANG ref LAE strat (.) adv HQ 24 bn at KWAMBELANG
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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 43 to 2000L/20 (.) 24 bde (.) 2/28 bn A and B coys astride KATIKA track B coy 637 684 A coy 637 682 (.) enemy estimated 150 still dug in north R SIKI from incl KATIKA to coast harassed throughout day by our arty mortar and MG fire and gas inflicted (.) D coy 2/28 bn unsuccessfully attacked mouth R SIKI (.) 1720 hrs patrol 2/28 bn made contact 2/13 bn south R SIKI approx 638 677 (.) enemy dead counted since 17 oct exceed 267 (.) 20 bde (.) enemy astride SATELBERG track 593 662 engaged by arty and mortar from east to west (.) D coy 2/3 pnr bn tried without success to follow in after arty concentration and dislodge enemy (.) patrol 2/15 bn drove enemy from ~~xxxxx~~ 570 635 killed one remainder withdrew (.) 26 bde (.) bde HQ now 630 653 2/23 bn 629 657 2/24 bn 625 644 2/48 bn 627 641 (.) B coy 2/3 pnr bn reported moving south with all eqpt (.) C coy 2/3 pnr bn observed by tac R aircraft still in same posn (.) 22 bn no change (.) C sqn 1 aust tk bn 618 547 (.) enemy airops (.) 0055 hrs one plane circled over area no bombs 0144 hrs to 0730 hrs one bomb SALANKAUA PT 12 bombs DID SALANKAUA PLANTATION 4 bombs south side LANGEMAK BAY 12 bombs between LANGEMAK BAY and KOLEM 12 bombs vicinity ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ MANAGERS HOUSE KAKAKOG 2 bombs KOLEM 9 bombs SONG R and intermittent bombing at sea (.) 0930 and 1330 hrs recce aircraft over area (.) 1500 hrs 3 ZEROS strafed barges LAUNCH JETTY sinking one LCV and causing slight cas and two ZEROS strafed CAPE BREDOW (.) 5 div (.) 4 bde (.) ref maps one inch (.) D coy 29/46 bn 407 428 patrol to 345 422 no contact (.) 24 bn patrols inflicted cas on enemy at 641 792 AVIN and BANGDAP (.) enemy cas to date 123 killed 3 PW own cas 2 wounded (.) 7 aust div (.) ref map DUMPU one inch (.) 2/31 bn now 62 57 2/6 cav sqn 53 03

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2/4 C.V COMMANDO SQN : C SQN 1 AUST TK BN : 22 BN : C COY PIB :
DET 4 AC SQN : 532 REGT 2 ESB : COMD : G : AQ (PASS TO ORD AEME
PRO PAY) : CAMP : MLOS G, SCARLET, SALANKAUA BEACHES : REAR 9
AUST DIV : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

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FROM:- ADV9 AUST DIV

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 44 to 2000L/21 (.) 20 bde (.) patrol activity
only NO enemy movements seen (.) 24 bde (.) sounds of enemy diggings
heard during night 20/21 in front of SCARLET BEACH perimeter (.) mock
shoots failed to draw enemy fire (.) patrol activity fwd of perimeter (.)
B and C coys 2/3 pnr bn rejoined 24 bde (.) 26 bde (.) 2/48 bn relieved
2/13 bn in SIKI CREEK area 1630 hrs (.) last light dispositions bde HQ
630 653 (.) 2/23 bn HQ 629 637 A coy 627636 B coy 629636 C coy 628637
D coy 629635 (.) 2/24 bn HQ 637664 A coy 649666 B coy 639665 C coy 637667
D coy 634665 (.) 2/48 bn HQ 636673 (.) 22 bn (.) pl withdrawn from
NASINGNATU 635475 to rejoin coy (.) PW captured SIKI CREEK states enemy
have some mountain guns (.) 5 div to 0800L/21 (.) ref map MONGI R 1 inch
(.) 29/46 bn (TILLEY FORCE) HQ and A coy 407428 (.) D coy and PIB sec
BUGA 387458 (.) one pl 447438 (.) no contact (.) BUGA clear of enemy (.)
7 div (.) no further report (.) own airops (.) 1130 to 1200 hrs 60
Liberators bombed strafed targets areas WAREO SATELBERG MASANGKOO (.)
about 200 tons bombs dropped results believed effective (.) Mitchells
later bombed strafed targets same area (.) enemy airops (.) night 20/21
(.) 3 bombs SALANKAUA BEACH area 5 bombs area 627607 5 bombs SALANKAUA
PLANTATION (.) single recce plane over area 1530 hrs

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 2/23 BN : 9 DIV CARR COY : 2/4 CAV SQN : C TK SQN : A COY 2/1 GD REGT
 22 BN : C COY PIB : det 4 AC SQN : 532 REGT 2 TSB : COMD : G : AQ
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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 44 to 2000L/22 (.) ref maps 1/25000 (.) 24 bde (.)
 2/32 bn less B coy moved to SCARLET BEACH bnHQ 645691 A coy 644691 B coy
 641684 C coy 645692 (.) 2/28 bnHQ 641681 A coy unchanged B coy 638686 C coy
 639690 D coy 640694 (.) B coy 2/3 pnr bn 639683 (.) enemy abandoned posns
 from incl KATIKA 640680 to mouth R SIKI except for stragglers leaving 50
 dead (.) enemy also withdrew from close contact west SCARLET BEACH but enem
 still at 630682 (.) 1700 hrs D coy 2/32 bn attacked by enemy (.) 1945 hrs
 enemy attacked A coy 2/32 bn east down KATIKA track supported by hy LMG fir
 (.) both attacks repulsed inflicting cas (.) total count enemy dead to date
 510 since 17 oct (.) estimated total cas exceed 1000 (.) 20 bde (.) disposn
 2/17 bnHQ and A coy 590661 B coy 592661 C coy 585661 D coy 587661 (.) patrc
 2/15 bn moved to SATELBERG rd ambushed enemy party at 567662 killing 2 and
 wounding 2 remainder withdrew (.) A and D coys 2/13 bn relieved by 22 bn nc
 at KAKAKOG (.) disposns 2/15 bn HQ 599663 B coy 598663 C coy 600663 (.) 26
 bde disposns 2/48 bn HQ and A coy 638672 B coy 645680 moving to 628678 C
 coy 635674 D coy 640675 moving to 637678 (.) 2/24 bn HQ 638665 A coy 650666
 B coy 640666 C coy 634665 D coy 637668 (.) 22 Bn HQ now 615558 A coy 590567
 D coy 593587 (.) bnHQ and C coy 2/3 pnr bn FINSCHHAFEN area D coy at LAUNCH
 JETTY (.) PIB patrols and native reports confirm enemy sup line by inland
 route KALASA WAREO (.) large enemy camps area 565676 headwaters R SIKI
 558661 568667 575695 and BONGA WAREO track (.) enemy air ops (.) 0545 hrs
 8 enemy planes dropped bombs area R BUMI no damage reported except to sig
 comms (.) 5 div (.) 4 bde (.) patrols operating BUGA area no contact (.) 15
 bde (.) JAPS killed BAINDUANG and KUMBUM areas (.) 29 bde (.) PIB patrols
 killed JAPS at LUMBAIP and track LUMBAIP - KEMEN (.) 7 div no change

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2/2 Aust MG Bn

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN :
2/23 BN : 9 DIV CARR COY : 2/4 CAV SQN : C TK SQN : A COY 2/1 GD REGT :
22 BN : C COY PIB : det 4 AC SQN : 532 REGT 2 ESB : COMD : G : AQ
(pass to ORD AEME PRO PAY) : CAMP : MLO SALANKAUA : REAR 9 AUST DIV :
AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WD (2)

FROM : 9 AUST DIV - - - - - 0 918 - - - - - 24

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 46 to 2000L/23 (.) ref maps 1/25000 and one inch
(.) 24 bde (.) reorganization carried out during day (.) 2/43 bn less
C coy north R SONG 647715 to 640696 2/32 bn R SONG 640 696 to 639 689
2/28 bn on south bank 639 689 to SIKK OK at 638 679 (.) 1435 hrs enemy
attack developed at 639683 (.) 1745 hrs determined enemy attacks area
638683 to 1945 hrs (.) all attacks repulsed (.) further attack 2000 hrs also
repulsed (.) patrol 2/43 bn to 648745 NMS (.) ENEMY enemy movement
observed moving west from PALANKO patrol along north bank R SONG NMS (.)
patrol encountered small parties JAPS 638637 and 635687 (.) 26 bde (.)
patrol activity no contact (.) 20 bde (.) A and D coys 2/15 bn moved from
KAKAKOG to SATELBERG rd relieving C coy 2/43 bn which is staging with 2/48
bn on move to SCARLET BEACH (.) 2 small JAP patrols active in vicinity 2/15
bn (.) 2/15 bn patrol contacted JAPS 555643 killed one wounded one (.)
arty fire directed on posn (.) arty fire on area 565665 caused large
explosion possibly gun amn (.) 2/2 MG bn no change (.) 22 bn patrol
activity both banks R MAPE and beyond TIRIMORO no contact (.) 2/3 pnr bn
D coy in LAUNCH JETTY to SALANKAUA area (.) enemy airops (.) 0455 hrs
20 bombs FINSCHHAFEN area 0505 hrs 10 bombs at sea 0605 hrs 12 bombs and
0610 24 bombs all FINSCHHAFEN area (.) 5 aust div to 0800L/23 (.) 24 bn
total enemy cas to date 139 with 2 PW (.) 7 aust div no change

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

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2/3 PNR BN : 2/23 BN : 9 DIV CARR COY : 2/4 CAV COMMANDO SQN :
C TK SQN 1 AUST TK BN : A COY 2/1 GD REGT : 22 BN : C GOY PIB :
DET 4 AC SQN : 532 REGT 2 ESB : 808 ENGR BN : COMD : G : AQ
(PASS TO ORD AEME PRO PAY) : CAMP : MLO SALANKAUA : REAR 9 AUST
DIV : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

FROM:- ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 938 25

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 47 to 2000L/24 (.) ref maps 1/25000 and 1 inch (.)
24 bde (.) patrol encountered JAP party of 22 at 653733 killing one (.)
later patrol this area reported NMS (.) patrols to 633697 630690 and
629692 NMS (.) 0730 hrs enemy observed digging in 200 yds west C coy 2/32
bn (.) 1300 hrs enemy 75mm gun 636681 knocked out by 2 pr fire (.)
A and B coys 2/32 bn encountered opposition in moving to 639680 (.) area
now occupied by own tps (.) 1900 hrs enemy fire on B coy 2/32 bn returned
(.) dispositions 2/32 bn HQ 641681 A coy 639685 B coy 638686 C coy
640682 D coy 639681 (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/48 bn killed 3 JAPS 635677 (.)
JAPS seen 637679 (.) 20 bde (.) 2/17 bn sup route blocked by JAP patrol
at track junc 597658 (.) later party found posn evacuated (.) patrol
2/13 bn encountered enemy digging in at 594665 (.) dispositions 2/13 bn
A coy 613659 pl 606656 D coy 615663 pls 611667 608664 (.) 22 bn patrol
activity no contact (.) 1400 hrs 16 guns engaged PALANKO causing large
fire and explosions (.) airops (.) 0640 hrs 2 Helens dropped parachutes
over SATELBERG area then strafed SATELBERG to KOLEM (.) 0815 hrs 1 Kitty-
hawk strafed area where parachutes fell engaged by 25 20mm fire (.) 5
Div to 0800L/24 (.) ref maps 1 inch series (.) 29/46 bn TILLEYFORCE
sighted JAPS at 388512 (.) 24 bn (.) JAPS sighted BAINDUANG KISITAWN (.)
7 div to 2100L/23 (.) ref maps 1 inch series (.) dispositions 2/7 cav sqn
490669 2/6 cav sqn 532646 HQ 25 bde 612577 2/33 bn 604577 2/25 bn 618575
2/31 bn 627586 (.) HQ 21 bde 705562 2/14 bn 708566 2/27 bn 687591 2/16 bn
716610 (.) small JAP parties encountered several pts

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Capt General
M. Wilmott Capt

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TO : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : 1 AA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN :
2/3 PNR BN : 2/23 BN : 9 DIV CARR COY : 2/4 CAV COMMANDO SQN :
C TK SQN 1 AEST TK BN : A COY 2/1 GD REGT : 22 BN : C COY PIB :
DET 4 AC SQN : 532 REGT 2 ESB : 808 ENGR BN : COMD : G : AQ (PASS
TO ORD AEME PRO PAY) : CAMP : MLO KEDAM : REAR 9 AUST DIV : AASC :
MEDICAL : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

FROM : ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 945 26

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 48 to 2000L/25 (.) ref maps 1/25000 (.) 20
bde (.) TAREKO track now clear (.) 2/17 bn LOB have rejoined bn (.) 2/15 bn
patrol to 554644 found JAP water pt (.) enemy heard 562652 (.) 24 bde (.)
intermittent fire night 24/25 oct in KATIKA area and some enemy movement on
2/43 bn sector (.) PIB patrol encountered enemy party 653731 (.) patrol to
631698 NMS (.) patrol encountered enemy at 636687 636689 635688 (.) patrols
to 627696 648715 NMS (.) 2/32 bn in close contact throughout day (.) D coy
2/43 bn moved north up BONGA track approx 1000 yds (.) A coy 2/3 pnr bn
moved to 641680 (.) minor reorganization carried out during day (.) 26 bde
(.) patrol 2/48 bn located enemy posn 635678 killed 4 (.) patrols to 624674
NMS (.) mortar fire directed to 636677 (.) 22 bn patrol to GURUNKOR
encountered 1 JAP 559605 (.) patrols to 581601 and 526596 NMS (.) Alrops (.
0315 to 0545 hrs 7 enemy planes dropped 41 bombs north and south shores
LANGEMAK BAY causing some cas and slight damage (.) 5 and 7 divs no change

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2/2 MG Bn

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 J.O. *WB.*

TO : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3
 PNR BN : 2/23 BN : 9 DIV CARR COY : 2/4 CAV (COMMANDO) SQN :
 C TK SQN : A COY 2/1 GD REGT : 22 BN : C COY PIB : DET 4 AC SQN :
 532 REGT 2 ESB : 808 ENGR BN : COMD : G : AQ (pass to ORD AEME
 PRO PAY) CAMP : MLO KEDAM : ~~REAR~~ REAR 9 DIV : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB
 WD (2)

FROM : ADV 9 DIV

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 49 to 2000L/26 (.) ref maps 1/25000 and one inch
 (.) 24 bde (.) patrols during day to 629 699 NMS 633 691 three unident-
 ified tps seen 634 683 NMS 639 681 NMS 50 enemy dead found 637 730 NMS
 650 730 5 enemy digging in native garden further 15 enemy approached and
 were ambushed killing 2 (.) shots fired from 635 734 (.) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXX~~ patrols found enemy withdrawn in 2/32 bn front and perimeter moved
 west (.) dispositions 2/43 bn HQ 647 695 A coy 646 705 B coy 647 710 C
 coy 649 699 D coy 656 704 2/28 bn HQ 643 690 A coy 642 688 B coy 638689,
 C coy 637 690 D coy 640 695 B coy 2/3 pnr bn 639 693 ~~XXX~~ 2/32 bn HQ
 641 680 A coy 634 685 B coy 637 685 C coy 633 683 D coy 638 681 B coy
 2/3 pnr bn 640 680 (.) 26 bde (.) enemy posn 636 678 heavily mortared
 during night 25/26 enemy withdrew patrols crossed SIKI CREEK occupied
 posn (.) movements 2/48 bn D coy and one pl B coy to 632 681 two pls B
 coy 627 677 A coy 640 676 C coy 633 673 Bn HQ 633 672 (.) 20 bde (.)
 patrols 2/13 bn killed JAP at 599 661 (.) patrols to GURUNKOR and 558649
 NMS (.) PIB patrol encountered JAPS 1000 yds south west of GURUNKOR (.)
 patrol encountered 8 JAPS at 568 648 (.) 22 bn patrol activity NMS (.)
 no enemy air action during last 24 hrs (.) own air ops 24 oct (.)
 ALEXISHAFEN bombed and strafed (.) 25 oct BOSTONS bombed strafed enemy
 posns 638 775 633 786 613 808 and village MASAWENG R mouth (.) by
 LIBERATOR attack on RABAUL preliminary report states 37 intercepting Fs
 destroyed 15 probably destroyed (.) 5 div no significant change (.)
 7 div no change

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TO: 0720L

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 BN : 2/23 BN : 9 DIV CARR COY : 2/4 CAV (COMMANDO) SQN : C TK SQN :
 A COY 2/1 GD REGT : 22 BN : C COY PIB : 4 AC SQN : 532 REGT 2 ESB :
 808 ENGR BN : COMD : G : AQ (plus to PRO : PAY) : ORD : AEME : CAMP :
 MLO KEDAM : REAR 9 DIV : AASC : MEDICAL : PUBLIC RELATIONS : BMB :
 WAR DIARY (2)

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 51 to 2000L/28 (.) ref maps 1/25000 and one inch series (.) 24 bde (.) A coy 2/28 bn relieved D coy (.) patrol 2/43 bn to 638721 encountered enemy (.) 2/28 patrol to 624701 encountered enemy fire (.) patrol 2/43 bn to 655710 PIB to 654730 NMS (.) 2/32 patrol to 896268 NMS (.) 26 bde (.) patrol to 610678 encountered strongly held JAP posn estimated 50 JAPS 1 killed (.) patrol to 623683 NMS (.) 20 bde (.) small party JAPS reported by natives sq 6165 (.) 2/15 bn patrol to 594662 NMS JAP voices heard nearby (.) 2/15 bn patrol to GURUNKOR NMS (.) patrol to 563651 observed 2 JAPS (.) jeep track now completed to KUMAWA (.) 22 bn (.) patrol sighted 10 JAPPS 553573 followed to 522572 where attacked killing 3 and wounding several (.) other patrols NMS (.) PIB patrol to BONGA reports no JAPS in BONGA but 37 dug in 300 yds north (.) tracks from BONGA well used but not during the day (.) our arty engaged PIOR 565699 and 579682 and hill 63720 (.) no enemy airops during last 24 hrs (.) airops 27 oct (.) 1735 hrs 8 airacobras intercepted 12/15 enemy Bs 15/20 Fs FINSCHHAFEN area 6 enemy planes destroyed 4 probable (.) 1740 hrs 8 kittyhawks intercepted 15 enemy Fs 9 lt Bs FINSCHHAFEN area 6 enemy planes destroyed 4 probable (.) own total losses both interceptions 1 F (.) 1645 to 1800 thunderbolts searched coast TALASEA - SIO - FORTIFICATION PT (.) 8 barges strafed 5 destroyed (.) 5 div (.) TILLY FORCE report NAMUKI clear of enemy (.) 42 bn (.) patrolling to GAWAN BAMBOK BANGDAP and NIMBA R (.) adv HQ 24 bn 625738 no contact (.) 7 div (.) 2/2 pnr bn moving to KUMBARUM (.) indications that JAP force which opposed 25 bde WAMPUN to GURUMBU now have withdrawn along track to north coast

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 PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

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 2/3 PNR BN : 9 AUST DIV CARR COY : A COY 2/1 HQ GD REGT : 2/4 CAV SQN :
 C SQN I TK BN : 4 AUST INF BDE : C COY PIB : 532 REGT 2 ESB : 808
 AVIATION ENGR BN : 4 AC SQN : COMD : G : AQ : REAR HQ 9 AUST DIV :
 CAMP : MLO : AASC : MEDICAL : ORD : AEME : PUBLIC RELATIONS : BMB : WD(2)
 FROM : 9 AUST DIV 0 1000 30

 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 52 to 2000L/29 (.) ref maps 1/25000 and one inch
 maps (.) 24 bde (.) one pl B coy 2/28 bn moved to north bank R SONG (.)
 D coy 2/28 bn in pl localities SCARLET BEACH (.) arty shoots areas 639 719
 and 624 703 (.) MG shoot area 639 719 (.) 2/43 bn patrol to 653 730 PIB
 observed two small parties JAPS 656 733 (.) patrol 2/28 bn to 625 702 where
 fired on by JAP post estimated one sec (.) 2/28 bn patrol to 628 695 NMS (.)
 2/28 bn patrol to 631 695 found abandoned JAP posns at 623 683 and 623 684
 NMS (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/48 bn contacted three JAPS 612 674 wounded one
 (.) 20 bde (.) patrol 2/15 bn and PIB contacted 20 JAPS 564 656 who had
 disappeared before action could be taken (.) patrol reported JAP posn astride
 track between 564 656 and KUMAWA unoccupied (.) patrol 2/15 bn and PIB
 found QUEMBUNG occupied by enemy estimated one coy (.) 2/13 bn (.) one pl
 moved fwd and dug in at 594 664 (.) patrol to 595 661 found further progress
 impossible owing to thick bamboos (.) patrol 2/17 bn east from 593 663 fired
 on by JAP post causing cas (.) one pl moved east to 596 662 (.) 22 bn (.)
 C coy moved to 617 548 (.) patrol activity NTR (.) 2/3 pnr bn C coy moved to
 633 609 (.) own airops 29 oct (.) RABAUL area (.) 57 liberators escorted
 by 67 lightnings attacked VUNAKANAU airstrip and dispersal areas at approx
 1230 hrs (.) preliminary reports target area covered with smoke many large
 fires (.) Bs shot down 11 definite 3 probable (.) Fs destroyed 12 definite
 5 probable (.) one lightning missing 4 damaged (.) MADANG area (.) 17
 mitchells attacked targets along GOGOL R - JABOB village fires started (.)
 all informed

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO:- 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : 4 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/23 BN :
2/2 MG BN : 22 BN : 2/3 PNR BN : 9 AUST DIV GARR COY : A COY 2/1
HQ GD REGT : 2/4 CAV SQN : C SQN 1 TK BN : C COY PIB : 532 REGT
2 ESB : 808 AVIATION ENGR BN : 4 AC SQN : COLD : G : AQ : REAR
9 AUST DIV : CAMP : MLO : AASC : MEDICAL : ORD : AEME : PUBLIC
RELATIONS : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

FROM:- ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 14 31

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 51 to 2000L/30 (.) ref maps 1/25000 and 1 inch
series (.) 24 bde (.) patrol 2/28 bn to 635710 NMS (.) patrol 2/43 bn to
629726 NMS (.) standing patrol this posn heard movement and voices
between 2400 and 0200 hrs 30 Oct on BONGA - WAREO track (.) 15 JAPS
observed on track during morning (.) JAPS appeared to be sick or wounded
(.) all movement towards BONGA (.) patrol 2/32 bn to 631686 NMS (.)
patrol 2/43 bn and PIB observed enemy sentries at 634724 and 635723 (.)
26 bde (.) patrol 2/48 bn encountered enemy patrol 618679 killed 4 incl
1 offr (.) enemy estimated 1 coy heard at 616680 (.) patrol to 605676 NMS
(.) C coy 2/48 bn moved to 641599 (.) 20 bde (.) B coy 2/13 bn moved round
northern flank JAP posn 597664 (.) attacked and captured two enemy posts
killing 5 remainder withdrew towards rd (.) C coy patrolled north and
south of rd 150 yds west of 598663 (.) one sec penetrated to within 20
yds JAP posn 597662 killed 4 but enemy still in posn covering rd (.)
enemy twice counter attacked fwd pl B coy 1900 hrs and 2000 hrs ~~xxxxxxx~~
attacks repulsed with cas (.) dispositions last light B coy and one pl C
coy 597663 (.) C coy less one pl 597662 (.) one pl D coy ZAG to 597663 (.)
patrol 2/15 bn to JAP posn 555643 found posn strongly held (.) pl 2/17 bn
moved to 596662 killed 3 JAPS (.) 22 bn patrol activity (.) arrivals 30
oct (.) 2/4 cav (commando) sqn 631648 adv HQ 4 bde 617559 29/46 bn less A
and D coys 635598 (.) arty harassing fire during day on enemy posns (.)
no enemy air activity over area (.) natives report containers recently
dropped by parachute SATELBERG area contained food (.) 5 div to 0800L/30
(.) JAP cas to date 155 killed 13 captured 115 found dead (.) 7 div to
0800L/30 (.) ref map DUMPU 1 inch (.) patrol 2/6 cav sqn encountered JAP
posn 582722

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-TOO: 0740L

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1/2 Aust Regt Bn

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MESSAGE FORM

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No. OF GROUPS GR.

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TO 2/2 AUST. M.C. Bn Rptd 24BDE 26BDE

FROM 9 AUST DIV

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
0618

DATE
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IN REPLY TO NUMBER

WARNING	ORDER	⊙	2/2	AUST	M.C. Bn
less	1 Coy	will	prepare	to	move
DIMINISH	not	before	8 Oct	43	⊙
vehicles	and	write	equipment will		be
taken	details	later			

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2/2 MG BN : C COY PIB : 532 GP 2 ESB : 4 AC SQN : COMD : G : Q :
REAR 9 AUST DIV : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : W D (2) SPARE

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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SECRET (.) OO number 19 (.) confirmation of verbal orders issued by comd 9 aust div 11 oct (.) ref one inch map (.) INTENTION (.) 9 aust div will reorganise and continue offensive ops to gain control of approaches to WAREO and SATELBERG with view to capture that area (.) METHOD (.) fwd tps (.) northern area HQ 24 bde with under comd 2/43 bn 2/3 pnr bn and further units to be allotted on arrival and in sp 24 fd bty C coy 2/2 MG bn one pl C coy PIB (.) centre area 20 bde with in sp 23 fd bty one pl C coy PIB (.) southern area 22 bn with in sp F tp 62 fd bty (.) bndys of centre area (.) right (.) all incl SATELBERG - JIVEVANENG 5865 thence all excl rd to northern edge HELDSBACH 6366 thence CAPE 648669 (.) left (.) incl to centre area R MAPE (.) comd of northern area passes from 20 bde to 24 bde earliest possible as mutually arranged by bde comds and notified to HQ 9 aust div (.) comd of fd arty lt AA arty dets RAE 2/2 MG bn C coy PIB less one pl dets AASC and AAMC reverts to HQ 9 aust div same time (.) comd of 22 bn passes to HQ 9 aust div 1200 hrs 12 oct (.) 24 bde on assumption comd northern area will protect SCARLET BEACH and gain control with NOT less than two coys of track juncs vicinity BONGA preparatory to capture of WAREO recce towards which will be limited to PIB patrols (.) 24 bde will ensure sufficient depth to west of SCARLET BEACH to keep open comms SCARLET BEACH - BONGA in case of enemy attack from west or NW (.) 24 bde will make A coy 2/3 pnr bn available to CRE for works (.) 20 bde will continue to exert pressure against enemy lines of approaches towards SATELBERG with view to its ultimate capture (.) 22 bn will protect the area of and approaches to TIMBULUM sawmill - TIMBULUM PLANTATION - LOGAWENG - WASUTIENG 630521 (.) C coy PIB will in accordance with separate instns patrol in area north of BONGA and in area WAREO - SATELBERG after arranging detailed activities with 24 and 20 bdes (.) 2/2 MG bn (.) C coy in sp 24 bde (.) remainder in div res for protection of knoll 6259 with one coy and for protection and provision of labour in div maintenance area (.) shore coys of 532 gp 2 ESB will be responsible for protection of area SCHNEIDER and DREGER HARBOURS (.) RAA (.) all fd arty under CRA for sp of 9 aust div (.) allotment FOOs and arty LOs will be notified separately (.) AA (.) coordination by CRA (.) priorities of areas to be protected are fd gun areas FINSCHHAFEN and GREAT HARBOUR SCARLET BEACH and as additional guns become available KOLEM and SCHNEIDER HARBOUR (.) RAE (.) all fd engrs under comd CRE (.) tasks (.) development of comms and maintenance area and sp of 24 and 20 bdes and 22 bn (.) ADM (.) present arrangements stand until varied by Q ACKED

If liable, etc DRIS and
A. Barbara Orderly

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

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2/2 MG BN : C COY PIB : 532 GP 2 ESB : 4 AG SQN : COMD : G : Q :
REAR 9 AUST DIV : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

FROM:- 9 AUST DIV 0716 12

ref my 00 19 (.) comd of northern area passes from 20 to 24 bde 1600 hrs.
12 oct (.) 20 bde retains comd of B coy 2/3 pnr bn but will as soon as
practicable place it under comd 24 bde **ack** all informed

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R. W. Merritt Maj.

IMMEDIATE TO 20 BDE,
24 BDE, C COY PIB,
REAR 9 AUST DIV
ORDERLY AND DRLS FOR
REMAINDER.

TOO: 1340L

MESSAGE FORM.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No. of Groups GR.	Serial No.
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TO *9 AUST DIV.* (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM *2/2 AUST MG BN* Originator's Number *086* Date *13* In Reply to Number *0716*

<i>0716</i>	<i>ACK</i>				

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C COY PIB : A COY HQ GD REGT : 532 GP 2 ESB : COMD : G : AQ : AASC :
MEDICAL : ORD : AEME : CAMP : PRO : BMB : WD (2)

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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as the size of 9 aust div operational area precludes the blocking of every possible enemy approach into it it is essential that HQ 9 div should know exact location of all units and dets (.) all projected moves of ~~units and subunits~~ will be notified through normal channels to HQ 9 aust div advising time route and destination in sufficient time for div HQ to take any necessary action

to BHQ be notified

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MEDICAL : ORD : AEME : CAMP : PRO : BMB : WD (2)

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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all tps in FINSCHHAFEN area will carry arms and amm at all times and be prepared to come into action of their own accord if situation requires or on orders higher authority (.) all units and subunits will be responsible for own local protection including control of approaches into their areas such control being obtained by patrols or appropriate stratagem

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2/2 AusA MG Bn
curriculum official

MR Wilmoth Capt

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO:- 2/2 MG BN rptd SIGS : Q : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

FROM:- 9 AUST DIV

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ref my 00 19 (.) confirmation (.) 2/2 MG bn will maintain one coy at
2 hrs notice to move on orders 9 aust div

If liable, etc

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TOO: 1400L

R/Mamet Maj.

Imp. *fail*

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO:- 2/8 MG BN rptd 30 BDN : 24 BDE : SIGS : COMD : G : AQ : MLO :
BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

FROM:- 9 AUST DIV 0735 13

ref my 0717 (.) X Coy of 2/8 MG bn held at two hrs notice in div mob res
may be used by G for unloading and beach clearance duties in vicinity
PINSCH HARBOUR but remains at two hrs notice at all times ack
If liable, etc. DRIS TOO: 1910L

Capt.

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO:- 24 BDE rptd 20 BDE : RAA : RAB : SIGS : 22 BN : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3
PWR BN : C COY PIB : COMD : G : AQ : MLO : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB :
WAR DIARY (8)

FROM:- 9 AUST DIV 0734 13

SECRET (.) ref my 00 19 (.) on arrival nights 13/14 and 14/15 oct 2/28 bn xxx
will come under comd 24 bde

If liable, etc.

J. Sum

Capt.

IMMEDIATE 24 BDE
DRLS REMAINDER

TOO: 19101

0847

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2/R Aus 4 MG Bn

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M. M. [unclear] Capt

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Dec
HAW
WB

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO:- 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : C TK SQN : 22 BN :
2/23 BN : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN : C COY PIB : 532 REGT 2 ESB :
COMD : G : Q : REAR 9 AUST DIV : AASC : AEME : ORD : MLO KEDAM
BEACH : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

FROM:- ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 950 25

ref 1/25000 maps (.) the following areas are allotted for base installa-
tions and will NOT be occupied by other tps except for operational
reasons (.) ONE (.) area between BUSOM R and main rd from junc to 657
northing grid (.) TWO (.) area included by main rd from 632645 to 631640
thence west to 625641 thence north to 625644 thence east to 633645 (.)
THREE (.) area between main rd and coast from 610 northing to 613 northing
(.) FOUR (.) area included by coast 636608 to 642591 thence west to
634591 thence NW to creek junc 621599 thence NE to coast 637608 (.) FIVE
(.) area 600 yds radius from pt 608563 all informed

Except W/T in clear

TOO: 1130L

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Capt.

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2/2 MG Bn.

FROM

Adv 9 Aust Div

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

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IN REPLY TO NUMBER

<i>Ref</i>	<i>1/25000</i>	<i>map</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>inter</i>	<i>Bde</i>
<i>body</i>	<i>between</i>	<i>2H</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Bde</i>
<i>with</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>incl.</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Bde</i>
<i>rough</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>615684</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>incl.</i>	<i>KATIKA</i>
<i>incl.</i>	<i>646680</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>informed</i>	

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1800

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TO

2/2 MC Bn.

FROM

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DATE

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IN REPLY TO NUMBER

<i>in</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>out</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>coys</i>	<i>2/3</i>	<i>Parsons</i>	<i>Ben</i>	<i>come</i>	<i>single</i>
<i>command</i>	<i>RPAE</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Dir</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>works</i>
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TO 26 BDE 2/2 MGBN 22 BN *Q*

FROM ADV 9AUST Div

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
0870

DATE
20

IN REPLY TO NUMBER

26	BDE	2/2	MGBN	22	BN
will	provide	labor	up	to	one
coy	strength	on	request	by	<i>Q</i>
at	area	HELDSBACH	JETTY	KEDAM	BEACH
and	TIMBULUM	BEACH	respectively	o	sub
units	engaged	on	labor	will	be
at	same	notice	for	ops	as

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FROM	ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER	DATE	IN REPLY TO NUMBER
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J. P. WB

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TO 2/2 MG BN 2/3 Pioneer BN Rptd 20 Bde 24 Bde 26 Bde

FROM Advance 9 Aus Div

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

0996

DATE

29

IN REPLY TO NUMBER

RAE

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2/3 Pioneer

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2/2 MG BN

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FROM

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

DATE

IN REPLY TO NUMBER

will	ensure	alternative	means	of
intercomm	to	its	affected	and
will	keep	H. Q.	informed	of
location	composition	and	positions	of
each	dets			

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TO *2/2 MG Bn*

FROM *2 Coy Sigs 9 Div*

Originator's Number

Sigs 298

Date

29

In Reply to Number

<i>RAE</i>	<i>extend</i>	<i>widening</i>	<i>main</i>	<i>road</i>	<i>north</i>
<i>of</i>		<i>air</i>	<i>field</i>	<i>commencing</i>	<i>operations</i>
<i>30</i>	<i>Get</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>SECS</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>take</i>
<i>action</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>make</i>	<i>lines</i>	<i>safe</i>	<i>on</i>
<i>west</i>	<i>side</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>clear</i>	<i>off</i>
<i>road</i>	<i>inform</i>	<i>Battalion</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>Btr's</i>	<i>o</i>
<i>Ack</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>			

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6.0 Div
adjt
J.O. WB.

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TO *2/2116 Bn*

FROM *9 AVST DIV*

Originator's Number

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Date

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DISPOSITIONS 2/2 Aust MG Bn as at 1700 hrs 16 Oct :

Bn HQ, HQ Coy 634603 B Coy 633602 A Coy HQ 628594 A2 Pl
626593 on three small features in kunai A3 Pl one sec tk junc
627592 one sec 621539 on feature commanding track A1 one sec
624593 at track junc and one sec on feature 625599 commanding
tracks leading into area (.) D Coy HQ 641595 D2 Pl one sec KEDAM
PT 642599 one sec SALANKAUA PT 644596 D1 Pl KOLEM area one sec
6456 ~~any sec~~ firing south one sec 6557 firing east (.) D3 Pl
under comd 2/13 Bn approx 595565. C Coy (.) HQ ref 1" maps
638678 C1 Pl NORTH HILL 6469-6470 C2 Pl one sec 6272 one sec
6472 C3 Pl on FINSCHHAFEN airstrip 6363

APPX

SECRET

13 Oct 43

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : 20 BDE (4) : 24 BDE (4) : RAA (5) : RAE (2) : SIGS : 22 BN : 2/32
BN : C COY PLB : REAR HQ 9 AUST DIV : 2/2 AUST MG BN : 532 GP 2 ESB :
COMD : G : Q : MLO KEDAM : MLO SCARLET BEACH : AASC : MEDICAL (4) :
CAMP : BMB : WD (2)
FROM : 9 AUST DIV O 779 15

SECRET (.) OO number 20 (.) ref one inch map (.) INFM (.) indications
are that enemy may counter attack towards either or both FINSCHHAFEN
AIRFIELD and LANGEMAK BAY by any or any combination of land attack
seaborne landing naval bombardment on afternoon 16 oct or night 16/17
oct (.) INTENTION (.) 9 aust div will hold in depth the area excl BONGA
incl DREGER HARBOUR (.) METHOD (.) important ground to be held at all
costs is (.) track juncs area sq 6473 hill 6372 hill 6272 spur 629708
spur 651705 hill 6470 hill 6168 spur 610677 hill 5966 hill 6166 present
posn 5865 present posn 5764 spur 600630 hill 598582 track juncs 605562
TIBULUM SAWMILL TIBULUM VILLAGES 6264 spur just west TIBULUM PLANTATION
LOGAWENG ESB bivouac areas SCHNEIDER HARBOUR DREGER HARBOUR (.) only
changes in bndys and allotment of tps follow (.) right bndy of centre
sector all incl SATELBERG JIVEVANENG 5865 thence all excl rd to R QUOJA
thence R QUOJA to coast (.) additional tps under comd 20 bde are A and D
coys 2/2 MG bn and for ops all parts of 532 gp 2 ESB in centre area (.)
20 bde will coordinate defences south of R QUOJA to incl LANGEMAK BAY (.)
defensive policy all three areas (.) hold important ground at all costs
defence in depth maintenance of local mob res beach watching systems and
coastal defence (.) 24 bde will maintain one bn in res (.) 20 bde will
maintain two coys in res for employment in area FINSCHHAFEN (.) in div
res vicinity R BUMI 2/32 bn on arrival and 2/2 MG bn less three coys (.)
RAA (.) only changes are lt AA guns sited near coast will sp their area
comds in beach defence (.) should comms fail fd arty allotted in sp of
area comds will come under their comd (.) none of own craft will move
between all incl ARNDT PT - DREGER HARBOUR between 1800 hrs 16 oct and
0800 hrs 17 oct (.) any craft moving in that area in that period will be
treated as hostile (.) precautions to be taken in all units and subunits
night 16/17 oct follow (.) no firing after 1700 hrs except at possible
enemy preparations for or actual attack (.) precautions against naval
bombardment (.) local security measures by all units and subunits and
individuals in accordance with previous instns (.) all ranks ready to
stand to at short notice (.) rigid PAD particularly no lights torches
striking matches near coast (.) all defensive measures will be complete
by 1700 hrs (.) ADM (.) at least three days sups amn and water in all
fwd posts (.) MT pool maintained by 9 aust div in area FINSCHHAFEN for
movement of res (.) INTERCOMN (.) all possible alternative means will be
ready (.) code words for reporting enemy land attack northern area
BUBBLES centre area PIPSQUEAK southern area WILFRED (.) code words for
reporting seaborne attack northern area MULLET centre area MACKEREL
southern area MARLIN (.) light signals for arty defensive fire northern
area red red red centre area green green green southern area white white
white (.) authorized ship to shore system of challenging will be rigidly
applied and current recognition signals must be made known to all ranks
concerned ack

If liable, etc.

K. Hamer Maj

IMMEDIATE by SDR
DRLS Rear HQ 9
Aust Div

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TO 2/2 MG Bn

FROM Adv 9 Aust Div

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

0789

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SECRET	<u>6</u>	<u>rel</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>map</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>ref</u>	<u>captured</u>	<u>000</u>	<u>republished</u>	<u>separately</u>	
<u>24</u>	<u>Bde</u>	<u>will</u>	<u>site</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>hold</u>
<u>at</u>	<u>all</u>	<u>costs</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>post</u>	<u>north</u>
<u>of</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>BONG</u>	<u>on</u>	<u>direct</u>	<u>to</u>
<u>running</u>	<u>through</u>	<u>620700</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>WAREO</u>	<u>which</u>
<u>back</u>	<u>possible</u>	<u>axis</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>enemy</u>	<u>land</u>

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
attack			
permits			
immediately			
lighting			
SATELBERG	HEIGHTS		
fires			

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9 Aust Div
16 Oct 43.
I 356/66/1

Translation of captured Operation Order (issued in conjunction with
9 Aust Div signal O 789 dated 16 Oct 43).

20 DIV OO A No 329
20 DIV ORDER 12 Oct 43 - SA (SATELBERG) HEIGHTS

1. After dusk on X Oct the main strength of 79 Inf Regt will attack the enemy in ARNT PT area (Note: From captured map ARNT PT is shown at the mouth of the SONG R (ref map 1/25000)) from the north side. The assault boat butai will penetrate through the north coast of ARNT PT on the night of X Day.

2. The comd of 2 Bn 26 Arty Regt will comd his ^{unit} ~~regt~~ and the left flank defence Tai and will take action as follows :-

To destroy the enemy which is in north sector of ARNT PT.

- (a) Will occupy the south area of BONGA by the evening of 14 Oct.
- (b) On the X Day of Oct at 1400 hrs will attack the enemy arty which is on the south bank of SONG R.
- (c) Approx one third of the ammunition carried will be used.
- (d) X Day will be decided on X minus 1 Day at 2200 hrs and a fire will be seen for 20 minutes on the SATELBERG heights.
- (e) When the fire (signal) is seen answer back at a suitable spot (by fire).
- (f) After the firing (translator's note - gunfire) is finished the rear left flank defence Tai will remain and will advance to SATELBERG heights and will come under the comd of the Div.

The left flank defence Tai will take orders from 2 Bn 26 Arty Regt.

(Sgd) Lt Gen KATAGIRI
20 Div Comd

DISTRIBUTION:

{ Comd left flank defence Tai
{ 2 Bn 26 Arty Regt
Comd 79 Inf Regt
Comd 3 Bn 80 Inf Regt
Comd 4 Bn 26 Arty Regt

NOTE: Ref map 1/63360. Captured map shows a track from KATIKA running NW to cross the SONG R approx square 6069 through village 5971 to WAREO. This track has also been located near SONG R by patrols and confirmed by Tac R.

DISTRIBUTION:

20 Bde C Coy PIB
24 Bde 532 Regt 2 ESB
RAA Comd
RAE G
SIGS Q
2/2 MG BN AASC
22 Bn Medical
2/32 Bn BMB
War Diary (2)

*R. W. ... Lt Col
GS*

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TO

2/2 MG BN

FROM

ADV 9 AUST DIV

Originator's Number

0803

Date

17

In Reply to Number

<u>ref</u>	<u>msg</u>	<u>0030</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>0768</u>	<u>dated</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>oct</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>same</u>	<u>preparation</u>	<u>as</u>
<u>for</u>	<u>night</u>	<u>16/17</u>	<u>oct</u>	<u>will</u>	<u>be</u>
<u>taken</u>	<u>night</u>	<u>17/18</u>	<u>oct</u>	<u>except</u>	<u>that</u>
<u>craft</u>	<u>will</u>	<u>only</u>	<u>be</u>	<u>treated</u>	<u>as</u>
<u>hostile</u>	<u>between</u>	<u>LA ngamak</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>northwards</u>	<u>sent</u>
<u>only</u>	<u>between</u>	<u>1900</u>	<u>hrs</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>oct</u>

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
<i>and</i>	<i>0800</i>	<i>has</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>naval</i>	<i>protection</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>that</i>
<i>been</i>	<i>permitted</i>	<i>night</i>	<i>area</i>
<i>won</i>	<i>ESB</i>	<i>craft</i>	<i>19/18</i>
<i>due</i>	<i>arrive</i>	<i>FINCH</i>	<i>HARBOR</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>1800</i>	<i>has</i>	<i>today</i>
<i>informed</i>			

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TO

2/2 AUST MGBV

FROM

9 AUST DIV

Originator's Number

0790

Date

16

In Reply to Number

tac	HQ	9	AUST	DIV	opens
at	636575	at	1800	hrs	16
RET	⊙	all	informed		

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: - 30 BDE : 2/52 BN rptd 34 BDE : RAA : RAB : SIGS : R/S HQ BN : 32 BN :
532 GP 3 ESB : COMD : C : AG : REAR HQ 9 AUST DIV : AMCO : MEDICAL :
ENB : WAR DIARY

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

0 806

17

one coy 2/52 bn will move earliest possible to TARKO where it will be
disposed by 30 bde (.) tasks to hold TARKO area and track juncs in
vicinity (.) coy remains under comd 2/52 bn in div res and will not be moved
from TARKO without ref to 9 Aust Div or if coms fail ref ~~to~~ to 30 bde

all informed

If liable, etc.

R/Hamer Maj

IMMEDIATE to 2/52 Bn, TOO LOCAL
30 and 34 Bdes.
Remainder ENB

9 896

2/2 Aust MG Bn
DALS

Residual Official

J. Burns Capt
1A

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. *13.*

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TO

2/2 M G B

FROM

Adv 9 AVST DIV

Originator's Number:

0808

Date

In Reply to Number

<i>ref</i>	<i>1/25000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>coast</i>	<i>watching</i>	<i>stations</i>
<i>established</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>5/12</i>	<i>fd</i>	<i>reg</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>light</i>	<i>signs</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>indicate</i>	<i>approach</i>	<i>enemy</i>
<i>craft</i>	<i>are</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>follows</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>650 677</i>
<i>white</i>	<i>red</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>ARNOT</i>	<i>PT</i>	<i>654 672</i>
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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	20	See Flak	No. of GROUPS GR.	SERIAL No.
	OUT	adjt. - 10.	Flak		

TO 2/2 AUST M.G. BN. (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

FROM <u>Adv. 9 AUST DIV</u>	ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <u>0839</u>	DATE <u>19</u>	IN REPLY TO NUMBER
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SECRET	⊙	24	BDE	will	Garrison
and	hold	at	all	with	an
inclusion	NORTH	HILL	and	SCARLET	BEACH
to	include	SIKI	CREEK	⊙	Boundary
between	20	and	24	BDE	including
to	24	BDE	SIKI	CREEK	⊙
POLICY	wide	my	0834	added	20

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MESSAGE FORM

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SECRET

16 Oct 43

Copy No 6

2/2 AUSTRALIAN MARINE BATTALION O.C. No 2

Ref maps 1" : MASAWENG RIVER
PINSCHHAFEN

INFM

1. Indications are that enemy may counter attack towards either or both PINSCHHAFEN AIRFIELD and LANGEMAK BAY by any or any combination of land attack, sea-borne landing, or naval bombardment on afternoon 16 Oct or night 16/17 Oct.

Important ground to be held at all costs is shown on attached trace, Appx "A". A and D Coys are under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde and C Coy in support 24 Aust Inf Bde.

INTENTION

2. 2/2 AUSTRALIAN MARINE BATTALION less 3 coys will defend present posn and remain in Div reserve vicinity RIVER BUMI (prepared to move if required).

METHOD

3. (a) Bn HQ Area. Defence of Bn HQ - HQ and B Coys will hold present posns, defence of which will be co-ordinated by Capt F.R.K. STANILAND. (Practice stand-to by all personnel 1600 hrs). B Coy will have one PI astride main track through Bn area, ref 634600. BnHQ and HQ Coy will man a small perimeter defence, which can still operate should B Coy be withdrawn. HQ Coy to man the above posn if B Coy withdrawn.
- (b) Beach defence. Lt AA guns sited near coast will sp their area comds in beach defence.
- (c) Arty. Should comms fail, fd arty allotted in sp of area comds will come under their comd.
- (d) Craft. None of our own craft will move between all incl ARNHEM PT - DRAGER HARBOUR between 1800 hrs 16 Oct and 0800 hrs 17 Oct. Any craft moving in that area in that period will be treated as hostile.
- (e) Security. Precautions to be taken in all Coys and sub-units night 16/17 Oct follow. NO firing after 1700 hrs except at possible enemy preparations for, or actual attack. Precautions against naval bombardment, personnel slit trenches. Local security in accordance with previous instrs. All defensive measures will be complete by 1700 hrs.
- (f) P.A.D. Rigid P.A.D. particularly no lights (except for ship-to-shore signals), torches or striking matches near coast.

ADM

- 4. (a) Sups. At least three days sups, amm and water in all fwd posts. In area NOT considered fwd. Coys to arrange own rations in that regard. Q.M. to check.
- (b) Med. Alternative site for RAP, if shelling occurs, at mouth of small creek between InHQ and HQ Coy.

INTERCOMM

- 5. All possible alternative means will be ready. Code words for reporting enemy land attack northern area BUBBLES centre area PIPSUBAK southern area WILFRED (.) code words for reporting seaborne attack northern area MULLET centre area MACKEREL southern area MARLIN (.)

Light signals for arty defensive fire, northern area RED RED RED centre area GREEN GREEN GREEN southern area WHITE WHITE WHITE.

Authorised ship to shore system of challenging will be rigidly applied, and current recognition signals (attached as Sppx "B") must be made known to all ranks concerned.

ACKNOWLEDGE

F.A. Varley Capt.
(F.A. Varley)
Adjt., 2/2 Dist HG Bn

METHOD OF ISSUE By hand

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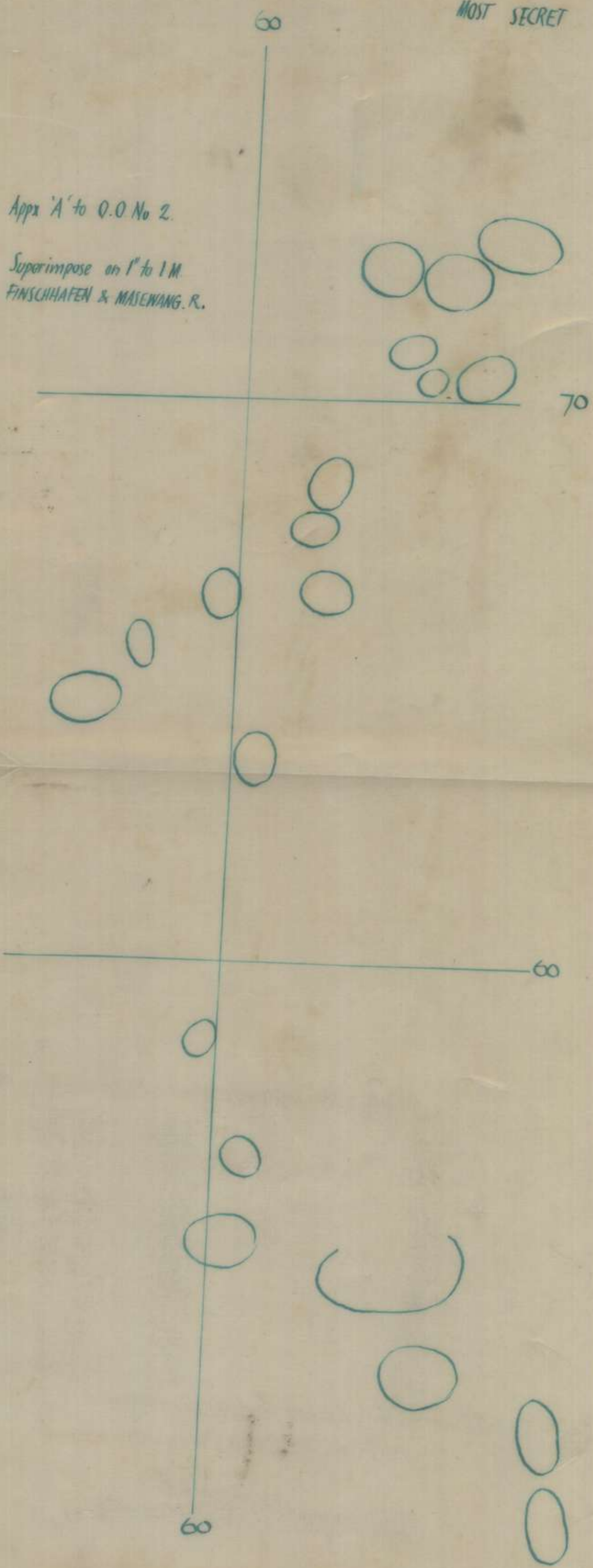
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A Coy	2	(available to Q.M.)
B Coy	3	
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D Coy	5	
C.O. and Adjt	6	
War Diary	7	

MOST SECRET

Appx 'A' to Q.O No 2.

Superimpose on 1" to 1 M.
FINSCHHAFEN & MASEWANG. R.



SHIP TO SHORE IDENTIFICATION SIGNALS
- SMALL CRAFT

1. The following will apply from 16 - 31 Oct 43.

	By day (sunrise to sunset)	By night (sunset to sunrise)
16 Oct	KBD	GMB
17 Oct	UTL	NIS
18 Oct	WQX	SEP
19 Oct	GHO	BUC
20 Oct	LOM	GUR
21 Oct	CFB	CAN
22 Oct	TFP	LEM
23 Oct	MOV	TIP
24 Oct	JCK	ONK
25 Oct	CJR	GEM
26 Oct	FPS	PAC
27 Oct	ZDP	DOL
28 Oct	BWV	FUP
29 Oct	YLF	DAS
30 Oct	XOI	YMT
31 Oct	WVH	TOC

2. These signals change daily at 1101 hrs L.

MESSAGE FORM

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

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TO

2/2 M. S. Bn.

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FROM

9 Aus. Div.

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

0871

DATE

20

IN REPLY TO NUMBER

<i>The</i>	<i>restriction</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>movement</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>our</i>
<i>small</i>	<i>craft</i>	<i>which</i>	<i>were</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>force</i>
<i>night</i>	<i>16/17</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>17/18</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>no</i>
<i>loggers</i>	<i>apply</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>But</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>challenge</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>recognition</i>		<i>system</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>
<i>rigidly</i>	<i>applied</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>both</i>	<i>craft</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>shown</i>	<i>stations</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>officers</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>charge</i>

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<i>of</i>	<i>beach</i>	<i>Def.</i>	<i>Dets.</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>ensure</i>
<i>that</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>system</i>	<i>is</i>	<i>understood</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>current</i>	<i>recognition</i>		<i>signals</i>	<i>held.</i>	

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Dairy

2/2 MG Bn.

19 Oct —

Owner unknown.

at SALANKAUA

14 May

Received instruction from the
65 Div commander

25 June

Paid the call to MANO HEIDAN (group)
Left TSULUBU at 1800

26 June

Stayed at BUSSHING

24 July

Arrived FINSCH.

3 Feb.

Call to the members was issued.
Duplicate was received at
15 A/A 1944. TAI.

Probably
belongs to
a Pom
unit, of which
several passed
through FINSCH
from NEW
BRITAIN
Jul - Aug
1944

42 MG Bn

Translation of extract from diary

sent in by you.

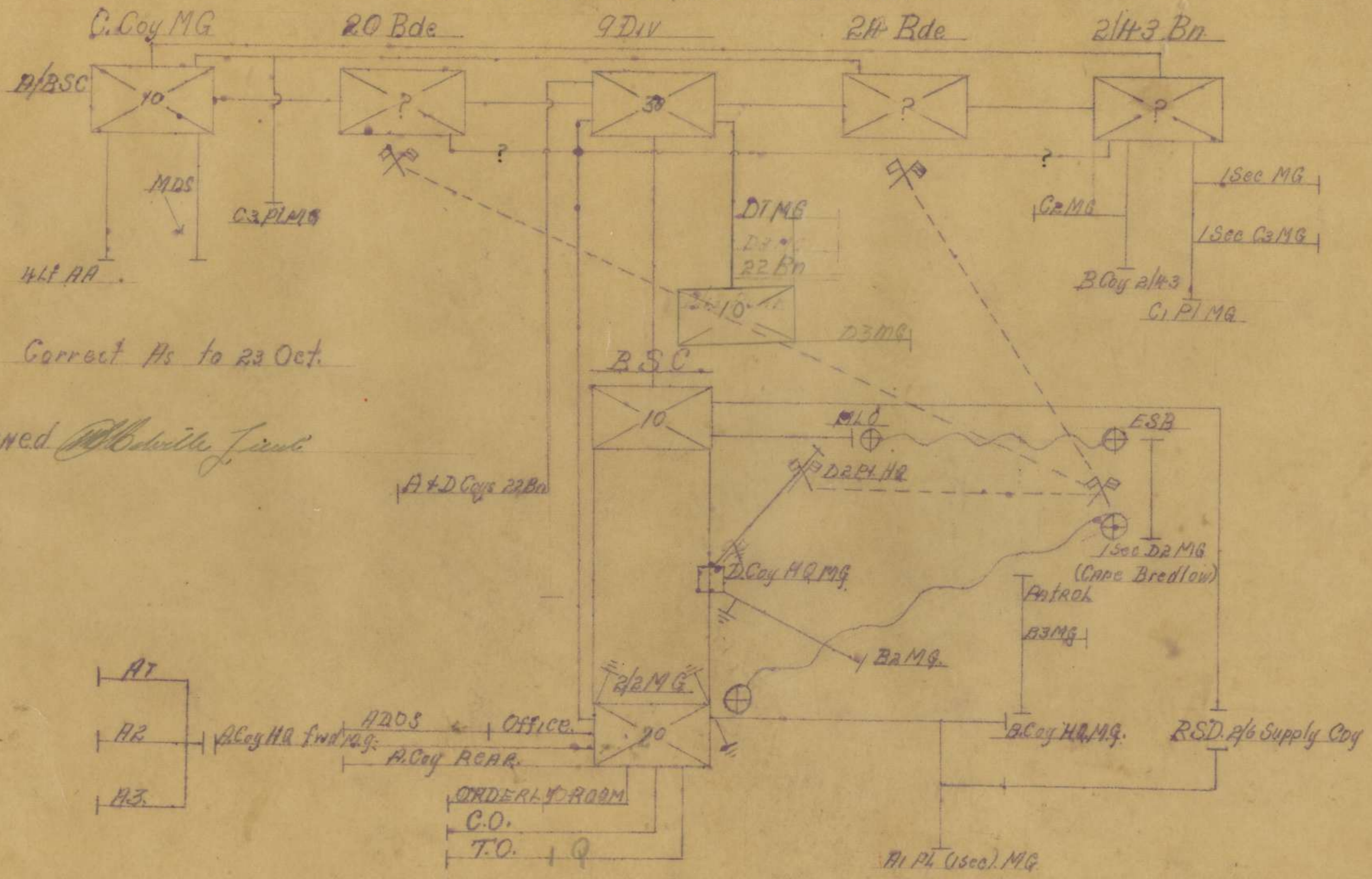
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2/2 Aust MG Bn
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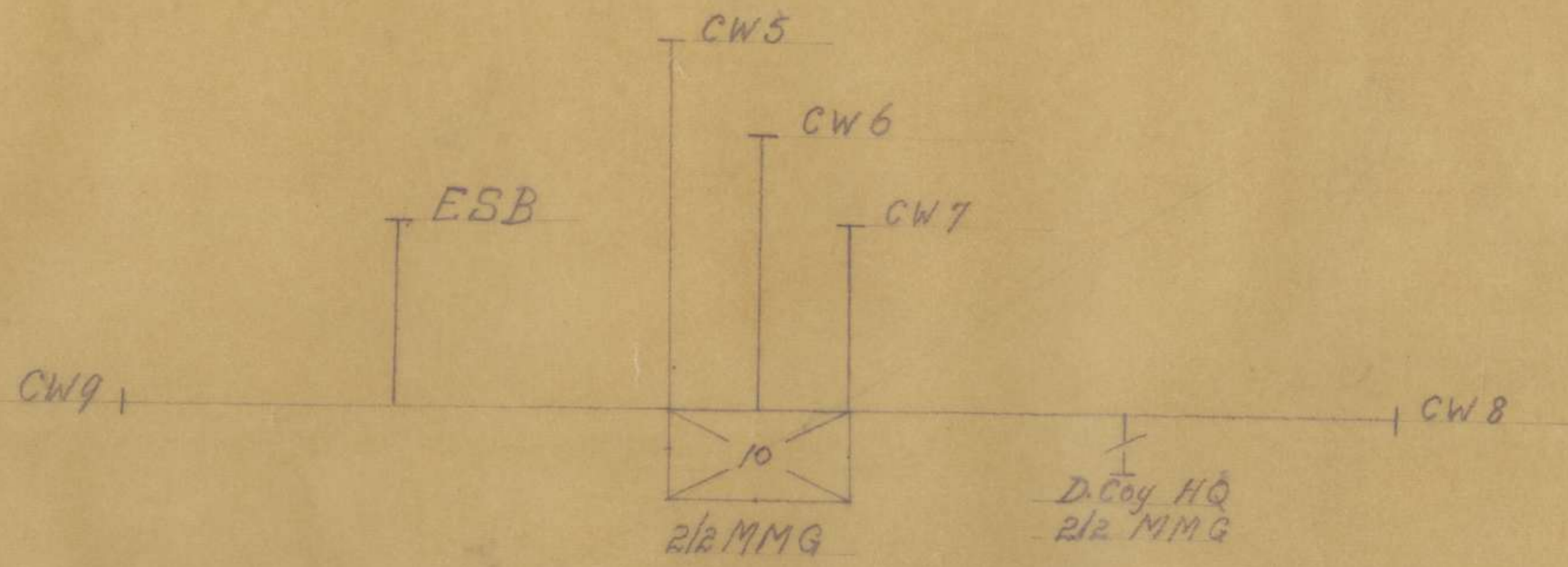
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2/2 MG Bn. SIGNAL DIAGRAM



Sig Diagram 2/2 MG. Bn.

Defence System



W. H. L. Frost
26-10-42

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TJ : 20 BDE : 22 BN : C COY PIB : rptd 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE :
SIGS : 2/23 BN : C TK SQN : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN : 532 REGT
2 ESB : COMD : G : Q : REAR 9 AUST DIV : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB :
WAR DIARY (2)

*b. o see war
war
L. C. 103*

0 911

23

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

although enemy appears to be withdrawing west from vicinity KATIKA and to
have most of his forces to the NNW and NW of our posns he may possibly be
preparing to attack 20 bde area or to move round our left flank between
SATELBERG - MARARUO and R MAPE (.) 20 bde and 22 bn will organise by
patrol activities to get early warning of and avoid being surprised by
such moves (.) C coy PIB will sp both 20 bde and 22 bn in addition to
giving sp in 24 and 26 bde sectors and will detail PIB effrs to report
earliest possible to 20 bde and 22 bn (.) 20 bde and 22 bn will mutually
co-ordinate the activities of their patrols where their sectors adjoin
to ensure that all tracks in the area south of MARARUO - SATELBERG through
QUEMBUNG and TIRIMORO to R MAPE are adequately covered

If liable etc

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2/2 MG BN 12

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MVS DIVIA (3)

3 ESB : COMN : 0 : 0 : KEVE 3 VUZZ DIA : VUZZ : MEDICVT : EMB :
SICS : S/32 BM : 0 LK 20M : 0/3 NO BM : S/2 EMB BM : PZE BKOL
: SO BDE : 53 BM : 0 COL BIV : LDC 34 BDE : 52 BDE : EYU : EYE :

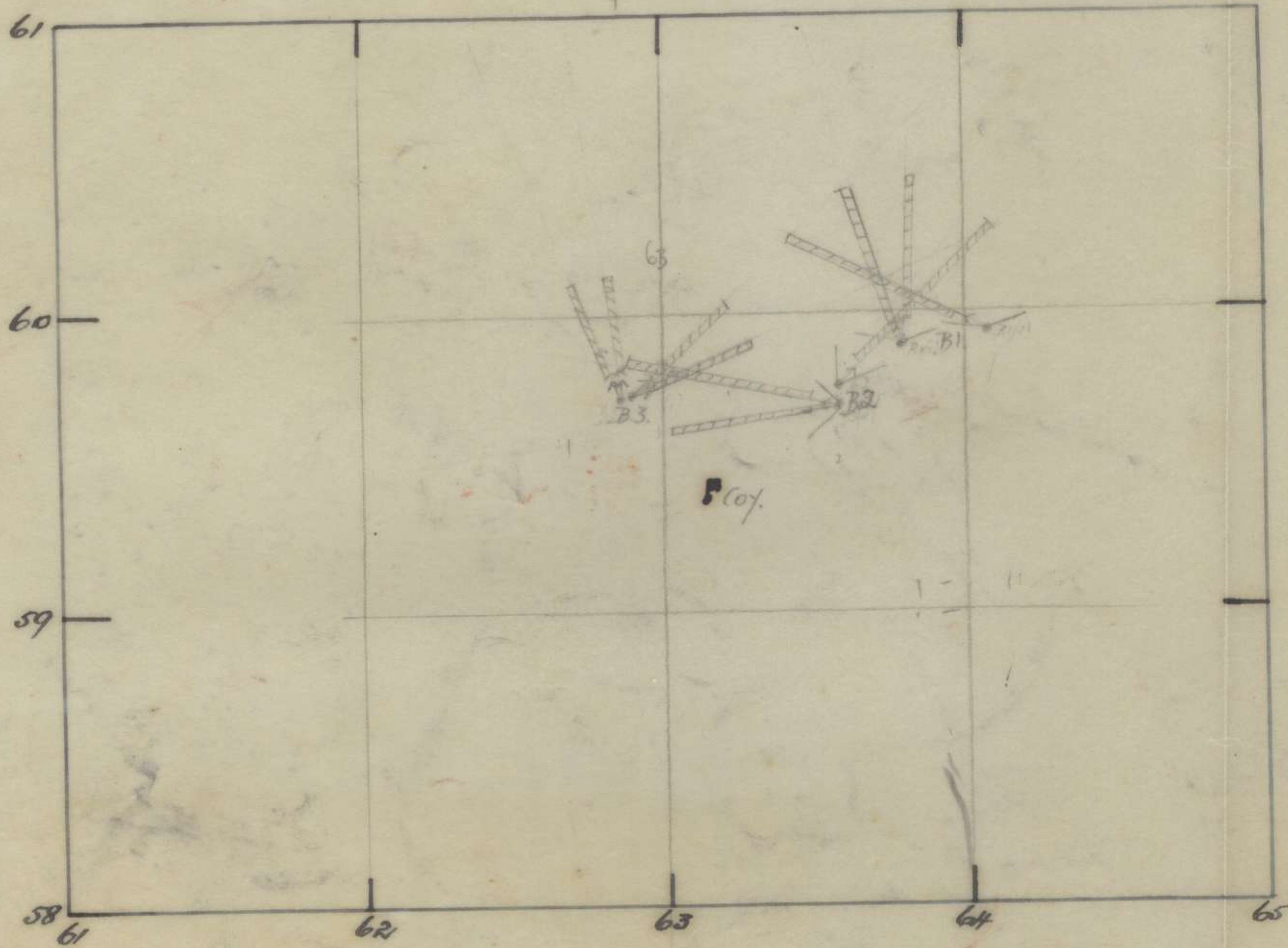
WATERLOO MUSEUM

TRACE

M.G. FIRE PLAN (B. Coy.)

BUMI RIVER AREA 22 Oct. 43.

To be placed on LANGEMAK BAY SHEET 1:25,000.



LEGEND

M.G. Post. & Guns

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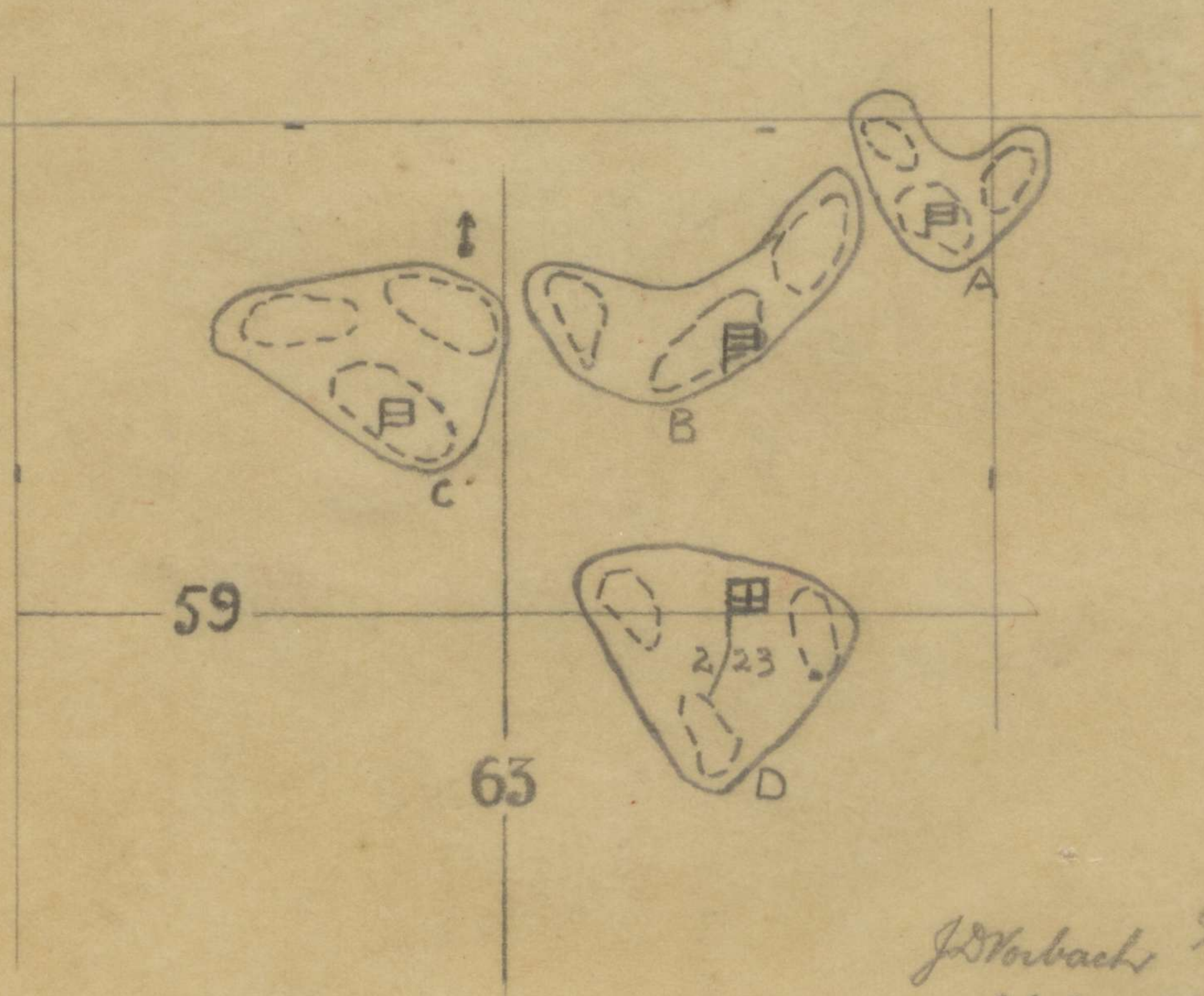
BEATEN ZONE

To 2/2 Aust M.G. Bn

2/23 AUST INF BN - PROPOSED DISPOSNS

ON MOVE TO 9 DIV FORTRESS AREA

Ref LANGEMAK 1:25000



J. Vorbach Plc
26 Oct 43.

60
adv -
20
- Dec
- 7/11
WB.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN : C SQN TKS
22 BN : 2/23 BN : 532 REGT 2 ESB : COMD : G : Q : AAS
MEDICAL : ORD : AEME : DAPM : POST : MLO KEDAM BEACH :
BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 951 26

lt col MACARTHUR-ONSLOW 2/2 MG bn in addition to unit duties
is co-ordinating local defences of units and establishments
in area FINSCHHAFEN and co-ordinating coast watching and coast
def in LANGEMAK BAY (.) will have the status of a div staff
offr in organizing recces^{for} and preparing plans for the close
def of area FINSCHHAFEN

TOO 1615L

R/Hamer
May

DRLS

MESSAGE FORM

SERIAL No. 15

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

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Capt

OUT *J. O. Wb.*

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TO *20 Bde 24 Bde 26 Bde 22 BN 2/23 BN 2/2 M. 9 BN 2/3 Pioneer*

FROM *532 Reg 2nd ESB 308* ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER *0995* DATE *29* IN REPLY TO NUMBER

all defence craft shore sigs facing seaward

concerned in operations will challenge is to

in operations will insure that challenge and is regarded as shown or

coast watchmen control ship system of aircraft

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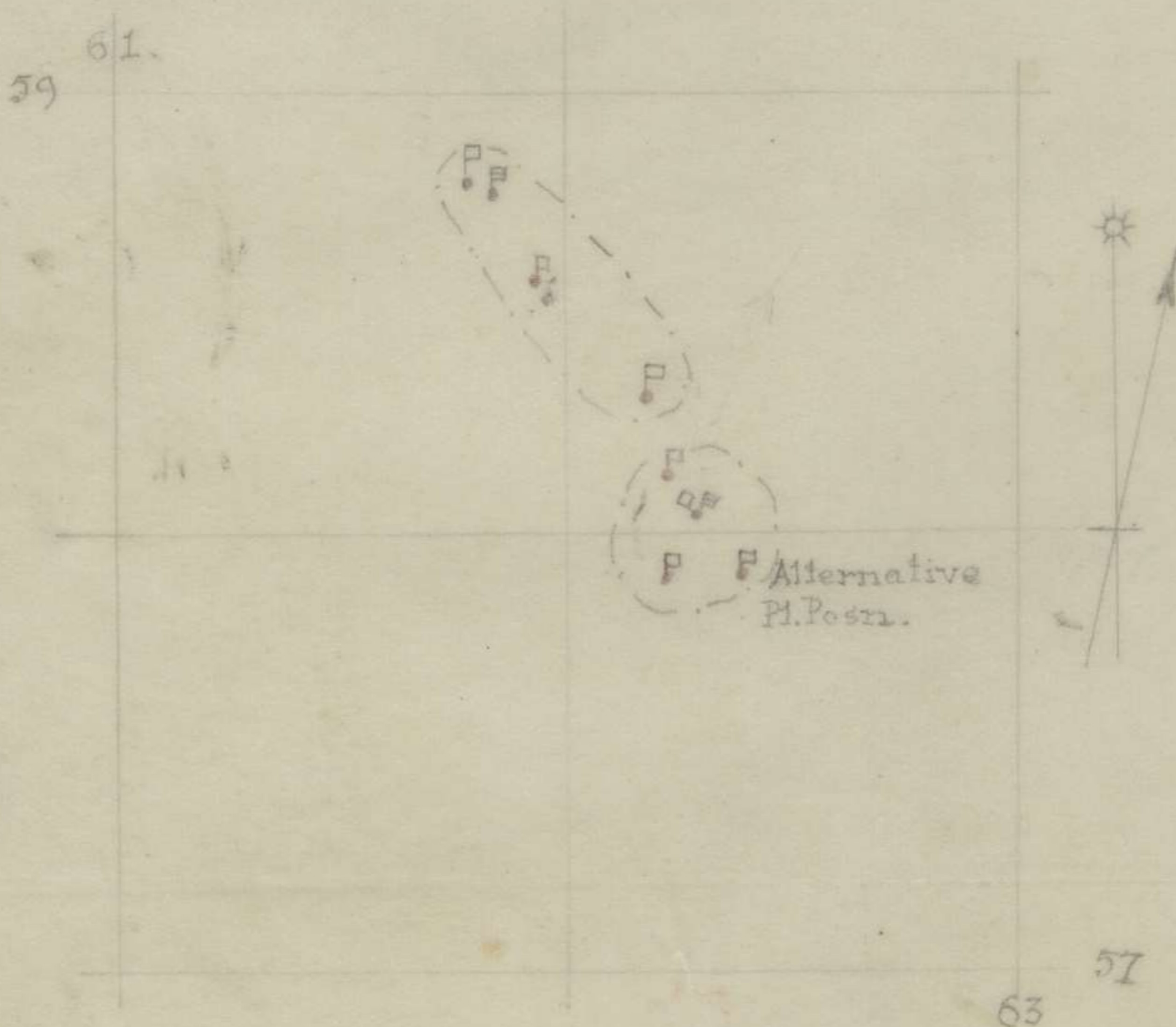
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2/3 Aust. Pnr. Bn.

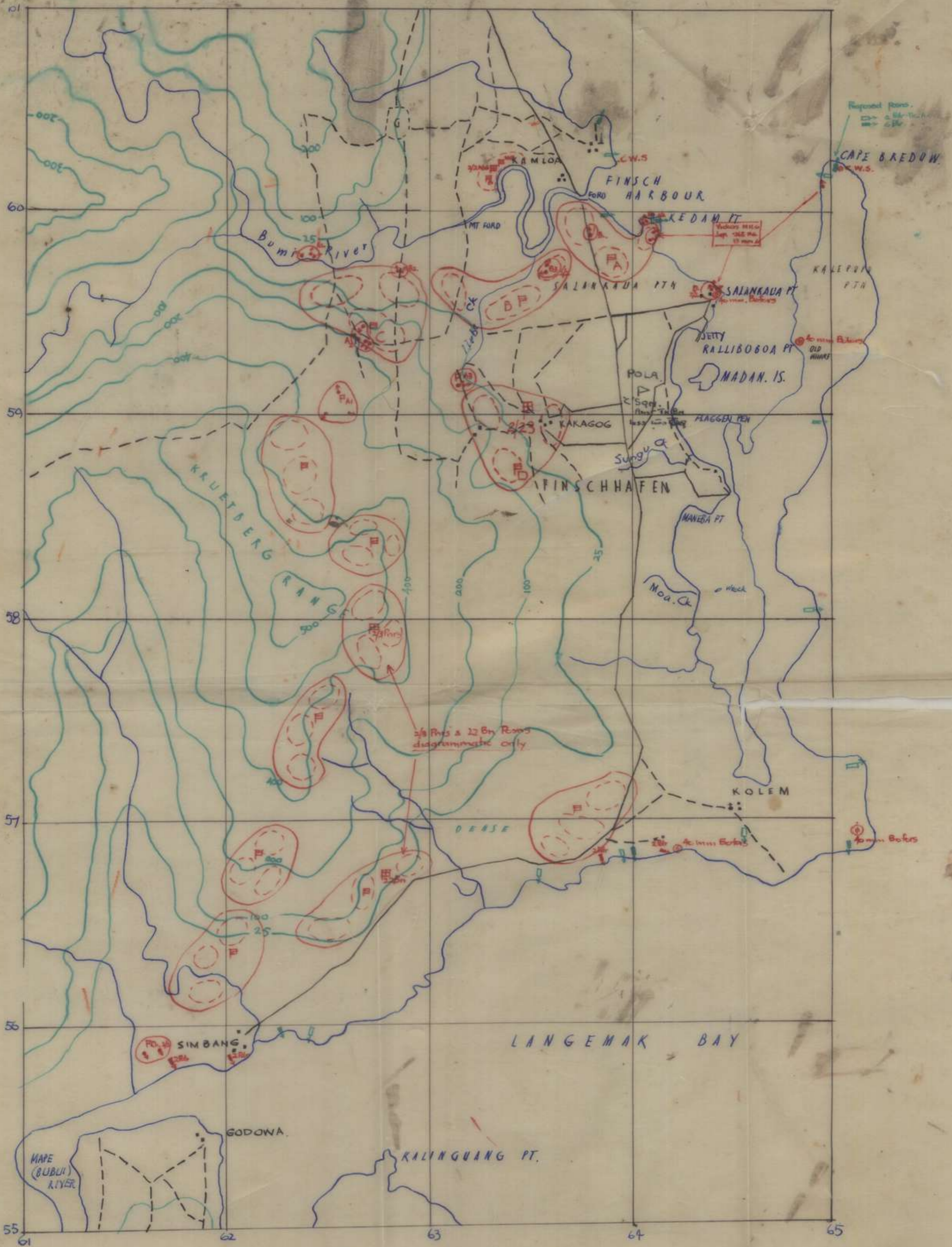
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from
1-25.000. Series.

1:12,500

Enlarged from 1:25,000 LANGEMAK BAY



24 Pns & 22 Bn Pns diagrammatic only



Cpl E. J. Cust
2/2 M.G. Bn
19 Oct 43

2/3 AUSTRALIAN PNR BN
31 OCT 43
Q/40/3/20

SUBJECT: DEFENCE FINSCHAVEN AREA.
REF MAP LANGEMAK BAY 1:25000.

2/2 AUSTRALIAN MG BN.

1. Area allotted this unit for defensive positions has been received and company positions are shown on overlay attached.
2. Communications - by L/T - suggested routes:-
 - a. Through A Coy, 2/2 MG BN along TIROMOKO track.
 - b. Along spur running SE from square 6258 to approx 640575.
3. Supply Route: by carrying parties from approx 640575 along small pad running up spur to square 6258.
4. Water: water is obtainable from a small creek at approx 623583. This is a suitable point for both coy areas.
5. Topography: country in general conforms with the map except that the ground falls away very steeply from the main features, with a pronounced re-entrant between the spur running from the KUNAI patch 618588 and the 500ft contour feature. Timber consists of rain forests with little undergrowth allowing free movement.
6. Platoon positions are marked by tree stumps pointed and ring barked.

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A.V. GALLASCH

Lt Col
COMMOG 2/3 AUSTRALIAN PNR BN.

PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE CLOSER DEFENCE OF
FINSCHHAFEN

Submitted by : LT-COL E. MACARTHUR-ONSLOW, D.S.O.

Reference Map : LANGEMAK BAY 1/25000

1. TERRAIN

- (a) NORTH of LANGEMAK BAY -
Coastal Strip - flat, Plantation, mostly coral base - good going - rising WESTWARD on to steep hills of KREUTBERG RANGE.
- (b) SOUTH of LANGEMAK BAY to 54 EASTING.
Coastal Strip - Plantation, coral base, good going, rising SOUTHWARDS into steep hills of LOGAWENG PLATEAU.
- Coast - Impossible to make satisfactory landings except at specified beaches.
- Tracks as Shown on Map - Most inaccurate - area honeycombed with tracks NOT shown.

2. PROPOSED LINE

- (a) Landwards NORTH of LANGEMAK BAY.
From the Coast WEST along R BUMI to approx 615596, thence WEST along the general line of KREUTBERG RANGE to 615558.
- (b) Seawards NORTH of LANGEMAK BAY.
From SIMBANG along the Coast to KAMLOA.
- (c) Landwards and Seaward, SOUTH of LANGEMAK BAY.
From BUTAWENG SAWMILL along the general line of the 54 EASTING to the Coast.

3. PROBABLE LINES OF ENEMY APPROACH

NORTH of LANGEMAK BAY - LANDWARDS

- (a) Coast Road - KAMLOA.
- (b) From NW to R BUMI - particularly M.T. FORD 628598.
- (c) From WEST - Track from TIRIMORO - KREUTBERG RANGE.
Several minor re-entrants into KREUTBERG RANGE along R MAPE to SIMBANG.

SEAWARDS

- (a) Sand Spit, SIMBANG 620558.
- (b) BEACH 637567
- (c) BEACH 647567
- (d) BEACH - KEDAM 641598

SOUTH of LANGEMAK BAY - LANDWARDS

- (a) From WEST - along R MAPE.
- (b) From SOUTH - along numerous tracks leading down from LOGAWENG PLATEAU.

SOUTH of LANGEMAK BAY - SEAWARDS

BEACH 619551

4. REQUIRED FORCE TO HOLD AREA

(I have also attached a trace showing how the Units at present presumed to be available could be disposed).

Four (4) Inf Bns	
One (1) Bty FD ARTY	One (1) MG Coy
One (1) Bty Tk/A	Two (2) Tps "I" Tanks (if available)
One (1) Bty A.A.	
	Two (2) Search Lights

PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE CLOSER DEFENCE OF PINSCHHAFEN (CONT)

5. TRACES ATTACHED

- (A) Proposed Dispositions.
- (B) Arty and MG Fire Plan.
- (C) TANK GOING.
- (D) Dispositions of Units at present available.

6. ADMINISTRATION AND "Q"

As most of the Dumps are situated within the perimeter, the question of supplies, with transport has been left in abeyance.

.....LT-COL
(E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW)
C.O., 2/2 Aust MG Bn

SUBJECT: Defence Finschaven
Area

HQ 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

2/3 Aust PWR Bn.

2 Nov 43

Q/40/3/21

1. Herewith further details of defensive
positions ref. our Q/40/3/20 of 31 Oct 43

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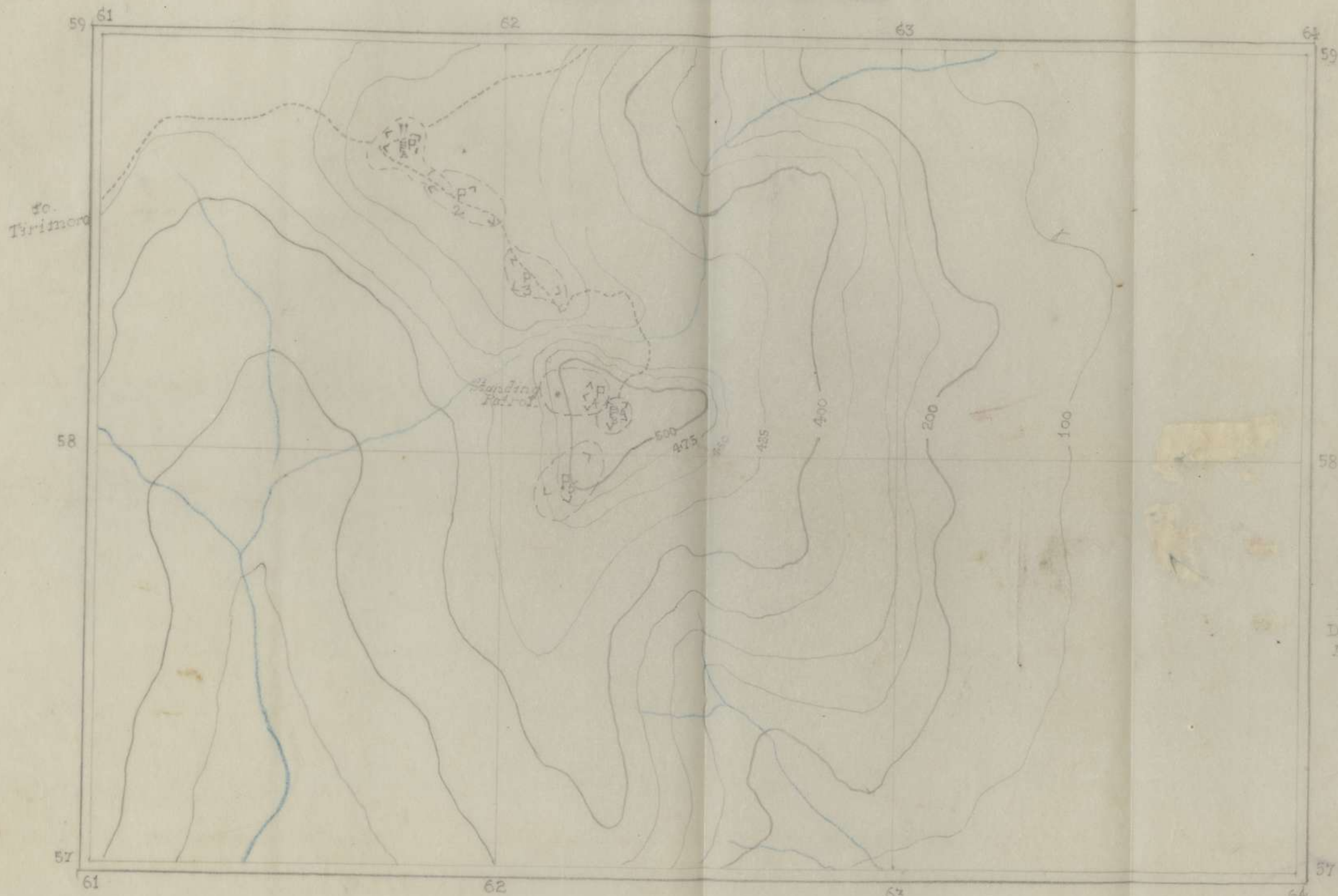
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J. A. ANDERSON. Major

2/c 2/3 Aust PWR Bn.

2/3 AUST. PIONEER BN.

Suggested Dispositions
Down to Section Posns.



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H. Kelly

I. Section 2.11.43.

LOCATION OF SEC POSTS FROM PI HQ

COY PL

Post M Brq from PI HQ

Distance

A	1	1	311°	90x
		2	247°	100x
		3	68°	50x
	2	4	282°	100x
		5	62°	50x
		6	124°	135x
	3	7	303°	95x
		8	224°	75x
		9	102°	120x
	B	4	1	302°
2			265°	35x
3			205°	45x
5		4	215°	40x
		5	157°	45x
		6	43°	110x
6		7	337°	45x
		8	72°	40x
		9	116°	50x
		10	176°	19x

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 No. of Groups

Date

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 Serial No.

In Reply to Number

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T.H.I.

TIME OF ORIGIN

28 Sep 43.

9 AUST DIV TRAINING INSTRUCTION No 1

1. Organised training will be commenced by all units forthwith.
2. Outline training syllabus for month of Oct will be -
- submitted to HQ 9 Aust Div by addressees by 1 Oct 43.
 - revised outline weekly syllabi are due at HQ 9 Aust Div /training each Sunday to cover/ to following Sunday.
 - Formations will have detailed unit syllabi available for inspection at least one full day ahead.
3. Five hours, exclusive of rest periods, will be devoted to training daily. Object: to keep men hard and maintain fighting efficiency.
4. Subjects will be as decided by formation and unit comds but will include :-
- Tactical training governed by object stated above.
 - Weapon training including care of arms.
 - Night work.
 - Close attention to precautions against malaria.
 - Instruction in and observance of PAD in bivouac, on the move and during training and recreation periods. Concealment and camouflage will be taught and practised.
 - Reports - vide para 6.
5. Discipline
- At all times, irrespective of set training periods, will be given the personal attention of all comds. Organised supervision is essential throughout each day.
 - Advantage will be taken of moves to and from training areas to improve march discipline.
 - All officers must insist on the paying of compliments when they are addressed by NCOs or men. Senior officers must insist on compliments from junior officers.
 - Indiscriminate firing, which has cost lives lately, will be treated as an offence. There will be no firing on the coastal strip or bivouac areas except in emergencies.
 - Smartness will be demanded in all close order work.
6. Reports during operations
- The recent operations show the need for training officers of all units in preparing oral or written reports. Many reports have been passed which have done nothing to help comds in their appreciations.
 - Officers submitting reports will be trained to adhere to the undershown sequence which shows the form for written sitreps:
 - Serial number
 - Period
 - Ref map
 - Own troops - in appropriate sequence
 - Enemy
 - Maintenance position of force and detachments
 - Intention.
- Discretion must be used in omitting any of the above points.

- (c) Reports must be framed so as to give comds sufficient information on which to base deductions and make plans.
- (d) Officers will also be trained to receive and record reports. To do this they must cross-examine reporting officers so as to check reliability and to obtain complete and definite information. They can quickly check by seeing that the report covers :
When, where, who, what, why (where applicable).
- (e) Map references will be given whenever possible. Times of events are most important. The description of atmosphere and reasons for own and enemy actions can completely alter the effect of a report on recipients.

7. Affiliations for training

24 Bde - 2/13 Fd Coy
 26 Bde - 2/7 Fd Coy.

24 and 26 Bdes will arrange cooperation with machine-gunners and pioneers where required direct with 2/2 MG Bn and 2/3 Pnr Bn.

Further instructions will be issued regarding infantry cooperation with field artillery.

8. Allotment of training areas

Training areas allotted are shown in sketch issued separately.

9. Field firing and musketry ranges

Units may select 30 yards or classification ranges within their training areas. Details of ranges showing location and proposed arch of fire will be submitted to this HQ for approval.

Units desiring to carry out field firing exercises within training areas will submit details to this HQ showing limits and location of proposed area.

No firing of any kind will take place without prior approval of this HQ.

10. Practice ammunition

Estimates of requirements for Oct will be submitted by 1 Oct 43. Demands will reach this HQ 48 hours before the date of each practice.

11. Swimming

Swimming in organised parties may be organised in conjunction with route marching, etc., but will not count as training time. Swimming parties will not move in valleys of BUREP or BUNGA, south of 44 northing grid (1/25000 series) and there will be no swimming between 729 and 747¹¹⁷ easting grids. 24 Bde will recce and cut track from approximately 725¹¹⁷ 440 to coast at 772 424. 715

Areas allotted for swimming :

24 Bde	}	779 to 772 eastings
2/2 MG Bn		
26 Bde	}	West of 772 easting
2/3 Pnr Bn		

Other units east of 747 easting.

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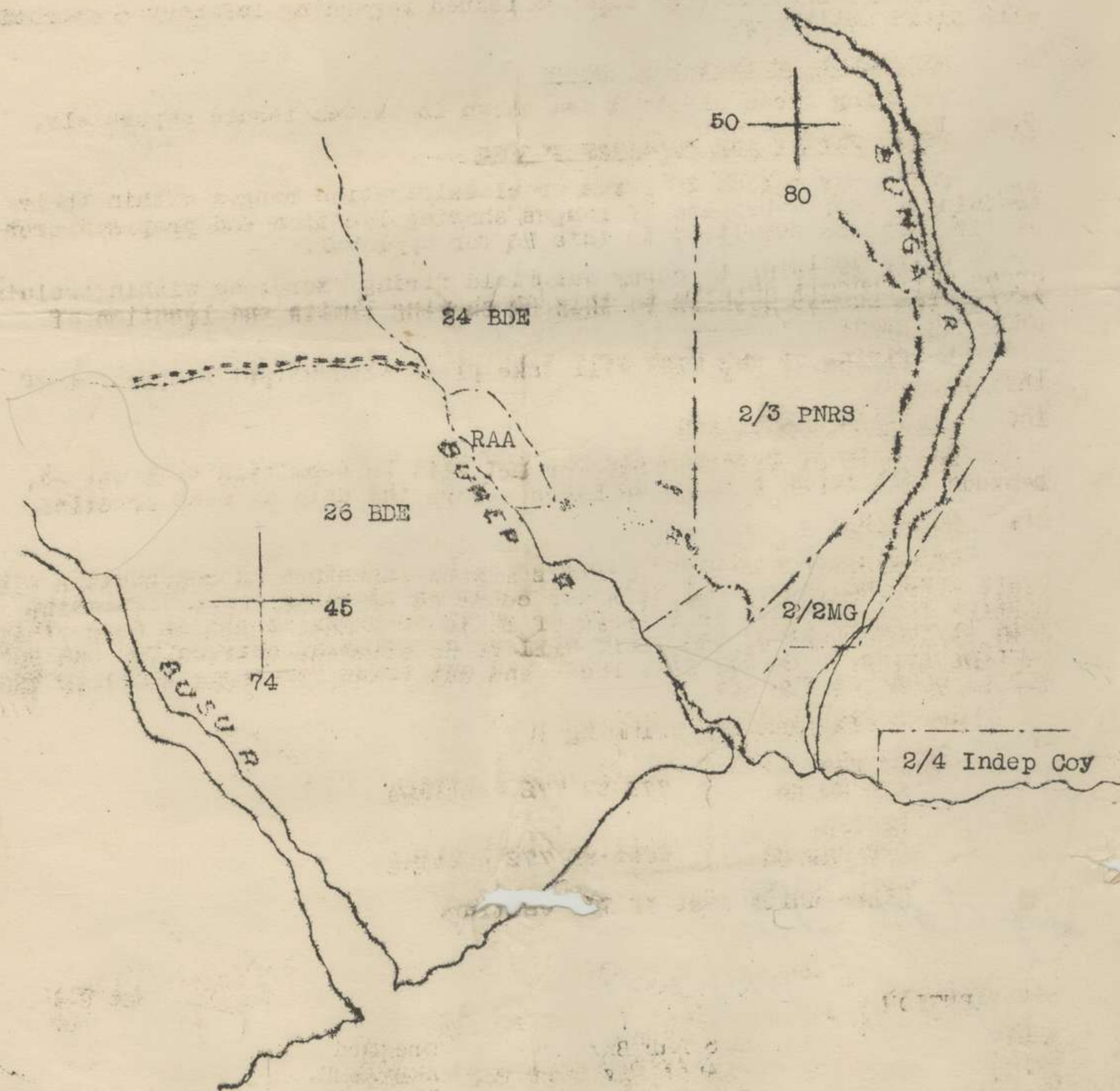
4 Bde	2/3 Pnr Bn	Ord
24 Bde	9 Aust Div Carr Coy	AEME
26 Bde	A Coy 2/1 HQ Gd Bn	Pro
2/4 Indep Coy	B Sec FSW	Pay
RAA 9 Aust Div	G (2)	Postal
RAE 9 Aust Div	AQ	2/9 Aust Div Salv Unit
Sigs 9 Aust Div	AASC 9 Aust Div	Camp
2/2 MG Bn	Medical	File
		War Diary (2)

R. Hamar Lt Col GS

9 AUST DIV TRAINING AREAS.

Issued in conjunction with 9 Aust Div Trg Inst Nol

Ref Map LAE 1:63360.



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7 DAYS NCO COURSE - 4 OCT to 11 OCT

1. OBJECT: To cover subjects as undermentioned designed to give NCOs further knowledge and requirements of NCOs general duties.:-
SUBJECTS: MMG - Fire control - direct;
 Elementary tactics and ~~Survival~~ Occupation of sec & pl positions - defence of bivouac area - movement through jungle - def. river crossing - Lectures on "A", "Q" Intelligence and Medical - close order drill.
2. COY NOMINATIONS
 5 NCOs - names to be submitted day before course commences. Depending on movement of Bn or Coys it is intended to have further similar courses.
3. REPORTING FOR COURSE
 Students will report to Lieut V.C. Moulder for first course, outside Bn HQ at 0830 hrs 4 Oct. For future courses at Course site WEST bank of BUSU .
4. CLOTHING - EQUIPMENT AND GUN STORES.
 - (a) Students will report in battle order with full kit including rifle, bayonet and compass.
 - (b) Complete gun stores for 2 guns from "A" Coy - 1 gun and stores each from "B" and "D" Coys
5. INSTRUCTORS Chief Instructor - Lieut V.C Moulder,
 Offr Instructor - Lieut M.D. Johnson,
 Course R.S.M - Sjt Buchanan C.L
 MMG Instructor Sjt - Sjt Longhurst A.W.

 Officer Instructors for miscellaneous admin subjects:-
 Lieut Col E Macarthur-Onslow,
 Maj P.B. Green,
 Capt. F.R.K Staniland,
 Capt F.A. Varley
 Capt M. Lamb,
 Capt R.H.L. Dunn,
 Lieut W.R. Melville.,
 Cpl Oakes E E
6. RATIONS Cook and "Q" representatives will be detailed by Q.M and rations provided daily commencing mid-day meal 4 Oct 43.

F.A. Varley Capt
Adjt
 (F.A. VARLEY)
2/2 AUST MG BN

TIME TABLE AND SYLLABUS

TIMES	4 OCT	5 OCT	6 OCT	7 OCT	8 OCT	9 OCT	11 OCT
0830	MAKE	FALL IN & INSPECTION	FALL IN	AND	INSPECTION		
0845 0930	bivouac	CLOSE ORDER DRILL 1	CLOSE ORDER DRILL 2	CLOSE ORDER DRILL 3	CLOSE ORDER DRILL 4	CLOSE ORDER DRILL 5	CLOSE ORDER DRILL 6
0940 1040	as a	MMG 1	"A" LECTURE 1	MMG 3	"Q" LECTURE 1	"A" LECTURE 2	"Q" LECTURE 2
1040 1100	drill	S	M	O	K	O	S M O K O
1100 1200	" "	INTELLIGENCE 1	MMG 2	ELEMENTARY TACTICS 2	COMMUNICATIONS 1	MAKE & MEND 1 & C.O 2	INTELLIGENCE 4
1215 1315	LUNCH	L	U	N	C	H	L U N C H
1330 1430	C.Os OPENING ADDRESS	GENERAL LECTURE 2	ELEMENTARY TACTICS 1	MMG 4	ELEMENTARY TACTICS 3	MMG 5	MMG 6
1430 1445	SMOKO	S	M	O	K	O	S M O K O
1445 1545	GENERAL LECTURE 1	MEDICAL 1	INTELLIGENCE 2	INTELLIGENCE 3	MEDICAL 2	ELEMENTARY TACTICS 4	INTELLIGENCE 5
1830 1930	NIGHT TRAINING 1	NIGHT TRAINING 2	NIGHT TRAINING 3	NIGHT TRAINING 4			

MMG - OFFICER INSTRUCTOR AND, SGT LONGHURST.

1. Fire control principles - Range and ranges.
2. Fire control orders - direct,
3. Fire " " "
4. Fire control orders - Mutual instruction,
5. Occupation of sec & pl positions,
Emphasising NCOs duties,
6. Development of a position experimenting with weapon pits and use of
" fox holes" and fire lanes.

CLOSE ORDER DRILL AND ROUTE MARCHES
COURSE R.S.M AND BN R.S.M

1. Arms drill without bayonets, slope, order, Present,
2. Arms drill with bayonets, slope, order, present,
3. Guard procedure (NCOs duties).,
4. Guards " " "
5. Route march with periods of drill and march discipline,
6. " " " " " " " " " "

INTELLIGENCE - CPL OAKES E.

1. Intelligence and how it operates,
2. Compass - Offr instr,
3. Compass march through jungle and direction by compass - keeping contact,
offr instr,
4. Messgaes and abbreviations - (exercise Course)
5. Intelligence reports and map reading.

"A" LECTURES - CAPT F.A. WARLEY .

1. Administration as affecting NCOs and operation of admin. services,
2. Military Law and conduct of C.Os Orderly Room;
- 3.

"Q" LECTURES | CAPT M.J. LAMB

1. "Q" Administration as affecting NCOs;
2. Operation of "Q" services.

MEDICAL

1. Hygiene and sanitation;
2. Malarial precautions.

MAKE AND MEND

1. Weapon and equipment cleaning - Camp administration;

COMMANDING OFFICER

1. Opening address.
2. Reserved.

ELEMENTARY TACTICS.

1. Lecture - Principles of elementary tactics;
2. Protection during movement through jungle;
3. Protection of bivouac area - cutting fire lanes.
4. Elementary tactical exercise - NCOs duties;

COMMUNICATIONS. - LIEUT W.R. MELVILLE.

1. Fundamentals of communications .,

GENERAL LECTURES

- (n)
1. Principles of instruction - Lieut V.M. Moulder.
2. NCOs responsibilities - Capt F.R.K. Staniland.

NIGHT TRAINING

1. March through jungle keeping contact.
2. Compass march,
3. " "
4. "Stand to " in defensive position - with reports to pl & Coy HQ.

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30 Sep 43

72 MG Bn

25 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BDE TRG INSTN NO. 1.

Ref map LAE 1 inch.

1. General

In order to keep men fit and to carry out further training embodying lessons learnt from recent ops, all units will start organised training as soon as released from operational roles.

2. Training Areas

Tentative training areas are given in attached trace.

3. Time of training

Five hours per day excl of rest periods.

4. Detailed syllabus

Units will submit weekly syllabus to reach this H.Q. by 1200 hrs each Sunday for the following week.

5. Training Period

The first training period will cover the month of October which will be sub-divided as follows :

- a. First Week : Individual and section and platoon training.
- b. Second Week : Coy training
- c. Third Week : Bn training.
- d. Fourth Week : Bn training.

6. Basis of training

The following subjects will be covered during the undermentioned periods :

a. Individual and section and platoon training

- i. Weapon training, including care of arms and amm
- ii. Route marches.
- iii. Cutting of tracks by platoon and section cutting teams.
- iv. Section and platoon contact drill.
- v. Night training: Movement of pl patrols by night.
- vi. Pl perimeter - fire lanes.

b. Coy Training

- i. Coy contact drill.
- ii. Encircling moves by the coy from a firm base ^{bn} covering: Keeping of direction, speed, cutting of tracks and maintenance of comms.
- iii. Building up of sig lines by coy personnel during temporary or periodic halts.

- iv. Formation of coy perimeter - fire lanes.
- v. Night training. Movement of the coy by night - encircling moves by the coy carried out by night as in ii. above.

c. Bn Training

- i. Bn contact drill.
- ii. Movement of bn through jungle on a three-track front. Cutting of tracks and laying of sig lines on alternative tracks. Building up of sig lines by bn personnel.
- iii. Bn perimeter - fire lanes.
- iv. Use of MMG in bn perimeter.
- v. Night training. Attacks on bn perimeter by one coy. Patrolling from perimeter.
- vi. River crossings. Opposed and unopposed. Supporting arms, viz., Eegrs and MMGs will be available.
- vii. Bn training in mountainous country.

7. Miscellaneous training.

The following subjects will be covered during the whole of the training period :

- i. Discipline and controlled movements. saluting by both officers and ORs.
- ii. Camouflage and concealment.
- iii. P.A.D. both during training and in bivouac.
- iv. Anti-malarial precautions.
- v. Reports and passing correct information.
- vi. Map reading.
- vii. Trg in river crossings with and without aids.

8. Rifle Ranges

Units will carry out recess of their own trg areas forthwith for possible 30 yd ranges. Any such areas will be notified to this HQ as early as possible.

9. Indiscriminate Firing.

No firing of any kind will take place in any area without prior approval of this HQ.

10. Reorganisation

On return of units or sub-units from operational duty, this HQ will lay down a period during which reorganisation and re-equipping will take place.

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11. Swimming

- a. Swimming may be arranged in organised parties in conjunction with route marches etc, but will not count as training time.
- b. Swimming parties will not move in the BUREP and BUNGA river valleys south of the 44 northing grid.
- c. A track is to be cut by 24 Aust Inf Bde from 775440 to coast at 772424.
- d. 26 Aust Inf Bde swimming area west of 772 easting.

12. Supporting Arms

Units from 2/7 Aust Fd Coy and 2/2 Aust MG Bn are requested to report to this HQ during the first week of the training period to discuss cooperation with their respective units.

*capt bragg
noted
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(H.B. STANILAND) Capt
for Major
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

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2/2 Aust MG Bn
30 Sep 43

GENERAL TRAINING SYLLABUS

1 Oct - 31 Oct 43

<u>Period</u>	<u>Working days</u>	
1 - 9 Oct	8	Route marching - carrying stores MMG Training Road building Fd engineering, including bridging Message making and passing Hygiene and Sanitation - Med and Malaria control <u>Special Training</u> : NCOs and Fire Unit Comds Course (two weeks duration).
11-16 Oct	6	Movement through virgin jungle Occupation of Pl and Sec posns Cutting fire lanes Pl Bivouac defence Fd engineering and road building Hygiene and sanitation Medical Malaria Messages
18- 23 Oct	6	Coy tactical exercises (preferably with Inf) Occupation of Coy defensive posns Coy bivouac defence Hygiene and Sanitation Medical Malaria Start of second NCO Course Messages
25-30 Oct	6	Bn HQ tactical exercises Coy tactical exercises (preferably with Inf) Field Firing Hygiene and Sanitation Medical Malaria Messages

- NOTES :
- (a) Detailed Coy and Tech Pl syllabi prepared. (To include close order drill).
 - (b) Lack of text books hinder advanced tactical MMG trg.
 - (c) One, or more, Pls are required for maintenance and guarding supply lines to 2/24 Bn.
 - (d) Coys will ^{give} three days notice for amn requirements.

Lt-Col
(E. Macarthur Onslow)
C.O., 2/2 Aust MG Bn

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18 Oct 43

2/2 Aust MG Bn

HONOURS AND AWARDS

1. Advice has been received by signal from HQ 2 Aust Corps that the following periodical award has been approved:

D.S.O. Lt-Col. E. Macarthur-Onslow

2. Complete MS List and confirmation will follow in due course.

3. The G.O.C. 9 Aust Div wishes to congratulate Lt-Col Macarthur-Onslow on his receipt of this award.

[Signature] Lt-Col.
AR & QMG 9 Aust Div.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

(65-66)

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONLOW

IN THE FIELD

COMMANDING

4 OCT 43

2/2 AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION

65. LOSS OF PAYBOOKS.

During the recent operations the number of paybooks lost by neglect has increased very much more than should be - even under difficult conditions experienced. All ranks are again warned to give paybooks more care and that if losses continue offenders will be charged with "losing paybook by neglect".

66. DISCIPLINE.

- (a) SX 14439 Pte Scott G.S., W.O.A.S. conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline (AA sec 40) was fined L2 by C.O. 3/10,
- (b) SX 144439 Pte Scott G.S., W.O.A.S. using insubordinate language to a superior officer (AA sec 8 2) was fined L2 by C.O 3 Oct 43.
- (c) SX 14439 pte Scott G.S., W.O.A.S, disobeying a lawful order given by his superior officer (AA sec 9 2) was fined L1 by C.O 3 Oct 43.
- (d) NX 58302 pte Brown P W.O.A.S failing to appear on a place of Parade (AA 15 2) was awarded 3 days C.B.O.C.D Coy, on 10 Aug.43.
- (e) SX 12778 pte Barton C.D W.O.A.S failing to appear at a place of parade (AA 15 2) was awarded 3 days C.B. by O.C.D. Coy 10 Aug.43.
- (f) QX 11648 pte Mathers J.R. W.O.A.S. failing to appear at a place of parade (AA 15 2) was awarded 3 days C.B by O.C.D. Coy 10 Aug.43.

F. Varley Capt.
Adjt.
(F.A. VARLEY)
2/2 AUSTR MG BN.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC:

- NX 56677 Sjt Robinson K.B, promoted A/W.O.II w.e.f 9 Sept.43.
- NX 28383 Cpl Robinson B.A, promoted A/Sjt w.e.f 9 Sept.43.
- QX 5344 L/Cpl Clugston D.S.R, relinquished t.gp III tech storeman, 5 Sep.
- QX 5344 L/Cpl Clugstob D.S.R, promoted A/Cpl w.e.f 5 Sep.43.
- QX 8209 Pte Baxter C.R appointed t.gp III tech storeman w.e.f 5 Sep.43.
- QX 5699 Pte Ryan J.F, appointed L/Cpl w.e.f 5 Sep.43.

- QX 1600 L/Sjt Beech M.O.W transferred to 1 Aust Parachute Bn 9 Aug.43
- NX 47175 Pte Connolly M.L " " " " " "
- QX 16059 Pte Rickert A.F " " " " " "

N O T I C E S.

1. The following Comforts issues have been made from 2/2 Aust MG Bn Regt funds:-

- 2 oz tob. per man, 1 pk cig papers per man
- 2 1/3 pkts sweets per man, 2 boxes ~~matches~~ matches per man,
- 1/4 lb choc. per man (1/4 lb choc. extra to C & D Coys whilst in forward areas.)

1/5 cake lifebouy soap per man, 1/20 tube tooth paste per man, Strict rationing by canteens bulk supplies owing to pilfering necessitate fractional issues. The above comfort issues were made available as follows:-

- RED BEACH 1 oz tob. per man, 1 pk cig papers per 2 men
- 1 pkt sweets per man, 1 box matches per man,
- 1/5 cake soap per man, 1/20 tube paste per man,
- (1/4 lb choc. per man to C & D Coy)
- BUSU (1) 1oz tob. per man, 1 pkt cig papers per 2 men,
- 1 pkt sweets per man, 1/4 choc. per man,
- 1 box matches per man.
- BUSU (2) 1 pkt sweets ~~XXXXXX~~ per 3 men.

- xxx 2. (a) The following comforts are acknowledged from the Y.M.C.A and have been issued:-
 1000 sheets of writing paper, 500 envelopes,
 50 lbs coffee, 25 lbs cocoa,
 20 lbs tea 144 tins milk,
 120 lbs sugar,
- (b) The following A.C.F. comforts acknowledged, were issued by Y.M.C.A and have been issued:-
 640 cakes washing soap, 900 cakes toilet soap,
- (c) The following comforts are acknowledged from the RED CROSS and have been issued :-
 3000 sheets writing paper, 700 envelopes,
 6 bottles Hynor fruit juice (R.A.P) 2 bottles lemon cordial (RAP)
 4 tins Milo (RAP) 6 tins coffee & milk (RAP)
 5 doz pkts Surf cigarettes (RAP)
- (d) The following comforts are acknowledged from the Salvation Army and have been issued :-
 1000 sheets writing paper, 500 envelopes,
3. The following surgical instruments are acknowledged from 2/2 AUS
 MG HS Comforts Fund Auxiliary :-
 6 x 1.5 CC hypodermic syringes, 1 x 5 CC hypodermic syringe,
 12 hypodermic needles, 6 prs dressing forceps,
 6 pr S.B. scissors, 6 pr surgical scissors,
 1 doz suture needles, 2 pkts sur. suture (cat-gut)
4. FOUND
 RED BEACH Area where packs were stacked - 2 photos, (1 Bride,
 1 group three children, 2 girls & a boy) Addressed on back to
 Bob from Denmark Hill, Ipswich.
 Owner may obtain same by application to Bn Ord. room.

RESTRICTEDROUTINE ORDERSBYLT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

(67-69)

COMMANDING2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALIONIN THE FIELD5 Oct 4367. POSTAGE - USE OF STAMPS

Postal Authorities will no longer accept letters marked "NO STAMPS AVAILABLE" AIR MAIL. Personnel who are not financial to buy stamps may have an issue made from their Coy Comd, which will be debited to Bn Regtl Funds.

68. REVEILLE

As from 6 Oct 43 Reveille for Bn will be at 0700 hrs.

69. DISCIPLINE

1. NX 37033 Pte McGUIRE, J.P. WOAS AWL for a period of 46 hrs was fined 5 pounds and notified of aut forf of two days pay by C.O. 5 Oct 43.
2. NX 57706 Pte NUNN, E. WOAS AWL for a period of 46 hrs was fined 5 pounds and notified of aut forf of two days pay by C.O. 5 Oct 43.
3. NX 31230 Pte BROWN, N.A. WOAS AWL for a period of 46 hrs was fined 5 pounds and notified of aut forf of two days pay by C.O. 5 Oct 43.

F. A. Verley
CAPT
(F. A. Verley)
Adjt 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

QX 6979 Pte HOSKINS, G.R. appointed L/Cpl w.e.f. 9 Sep 43

RESTRICTEDROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

(70-76)

COMMANDINGIN THE FIELD2/2 AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION11 Oct 4370. BATTALION BIVOUAC AREA

While in this locality, instructions previously issued regarding hygiene, water sterilisation, and Malarial precautions will apply.

71. MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

All ranks are warned that this is a highly infested mosquito area, and during working periods, when at all possible, shirts will be worn.

72. BATHING

There will be no bathing in the river, but water may be drawn for ablution purposes providing it is disposed of at a reasonable distance away from the bank.

No washing will be allowed in the creek dividing the Bn area, as this is the main Bn water ~~water~~ supply. Personnel up-stream will ensure it is not fouled.

73. FIRES

There will be no fires before 0700hrs, nor will they be left burning after 1900hrs daily, and at all times they should be made with as little smoke as possible.

74. SENTRIES

All sentries posted in this area will remain at one post, without any attempt at patrolling an area. Suspicious personnel and movement will be challenged and password called for.

75. SALVAGE

In spite of previous instructions, on vacating the last bivouac area far too much useful salvage was dumped, including personal issues of clothing and equipment, etc. This ~~shows~~ defeats all salvage campaigns and shows lack of training and bad discipline. To prevent this, personnel and Coys will ensure that indents are not surplus to requirements necessary when moving.

76. DISCIPLINE

Coy Comds will render a certificate to this HQ by 1600hrs 13 Oct 43 that the under-mentioned has been promulgated to all ranks --

(i) A private soldier was tried by DCM on 3 Oct 43 being charged with having stolen 2 tins of preserved fruit.

He was found guilty and sentenced to undergo detention for 90 days and to be fined the sum of 15 Pounds.

(ii) A private soldier was tried by DCM on 3 Oct 43 being charged with having stolen 1 tin of preserved fruit.

He was found guilty and sentenced to undergo detention for 90 days and to be fined the sum of 10 Pounds.

F. A. Varley
CAPT
(F A VARLEY)
Adjt., 2/2 Aust MG Bn

NOTICE

LOST - One issue type Map Case, owned by Capt F.R.K. Staniland. Lost somewhere on track coming into Bivouac Area. Contained Chinagraph pencils, and PINSCHAFEN Sheet 1 in to mile.

RESTRICTED

AMR 20 1967

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT-COL R MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

COMMANDING

2/2 Aust MACHINE GUN BATTALION

(65-89)

IN THE FIELD

23 OCT 43

85. COY AND PLATOON RECORDS

Coys will report by 1800hrs 26 Oct 43 if records are now held by Coy HQ, Pl Comds, and HQs, of "Q" and "A" Admin records for personnel under their command - reference instructions issued to CoC Coys and HQs School at River MWSU. At a later date to be notified, these records will be called in for checking purposes.

86. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROMOTION

Coys are again reminded when submitting nominations for promotions, to use pro-forma as issued previously by this HQ.

87. TELEPHONE PROCEDURE

Officers, HQs, or personnel making telephone calls, will remain on the line until the person with whom they desire to speak answers. This saves considerable time, particularly where higher formations are involved, and is the correct procedure. Sig personnel will see that the above procedure is used.

88. AIR RAIDS PRECAUTIONS : ANTI-MALARIAL

(a) In the event of Air Raids it is most essential that before troops evacuate their bunkers for their slit trenches that mosquito Repellent be applied to all bare areas.

It is of little use saving yourself from a shrapnel wound if you are to go down with Malaria. Remember Malaria also kills, and as a disease it can be most serious, and will reduce the number of effectives in a Unit more rapidly than any battle.

If you should have to make a rapid move to your slit trenches, then apply mosquito repellent at the earliest opportunity when immediate danger has passed.

The best plan is on waking and noting the presence of enemy aircraft, put on your shirt, trousers and boots, then apply repellent to all areas that may be bitten, especially remembering ankles and legs.

If this procedure is carried out, it will greatly help to reduce the risk of Malaria, and so enable the Unit to remain an effective fighting force for a maximum time. Also, you will not leave more work for your fellow soldiers, as will occur if you are absent with sickness contracted by lack of common sense.

(b) Some personnel are NOT carrying out anti-mosquito precautions as previously issued, in that shirt sleeves are NOT rolled down and anklets web being worn at 1830hrs. This must apply to personnel returning from working parties.

89. LETTER CARDS

To supplement writing material available, it is suggested Coys make pro-forma Letter Cards to conform with those issued on the Mainland. This will assist also with Postage Rates, 1d only being required.

If arrangements can be made, a printed Pro-forma will be issued to Coys from this HQ, at least until paper supplies are exhausted.

J. Marley
CAPT
(P A VALLEY)
Adjt., 2/2 Aust MG Bn

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, ETC:

OX 5355	A/CPL	FRYAR C	Rank confirmed	20 Oct 43
HX 27242	L/SJT	CHAMPION R H	Promoted A/S/SJT	w.e.f 7 Oct 43
HX 55479	L/CPL	WARSON S H	Promoted A/CPL	w.e.f 2 Oct 43
HX 29661	PTR	NEUBAUS F J	Appointed L/CPL	20 Oct 43
HX 65529	OPL	CAMPBELL H	Appointed L/SJT	15 Oct 43

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, ETC (CONT)

NX 23672	A/CPL BOLCH C	Reverts to Rank of PTE	20 Oct 43
NX 23672	PTE BOLCH C	Apptd Spec S/Gp (11)-Cook w.e.f	20 Oct 43
NX 20445	PTE HENDERSON J	Apptd Spec T/Gp(11)-Cook w.e.f	27 Sep 43
NX 20445	PTE HENDERSON J	transferred to AACC	27 Sep 43
NX 10996	PTE FOSTER H.A	Apptd Spec T/Gp (11)-Cook w.e.f	27 Sep.43
NX 10996	PTE FOSTER H.A	transferred to AACC	27 Sep 43

NOTICES.

It has been notified that NX 52628 Pte Irvine H.A, recently wounded, has been placed on the seriously ill list.

MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES FROM COMD 2 AUST CORPS

The following message was received from 2 Aust Corps on 16 Oct 43, prior to the recent enemy attack.:-

" Good shooting and good luck to you all."

(Signed) WORSHEAD

The GOC 9 Aust Div. replied as follows :-

" Personal for Gen Worshead. Thank you for good wishes. Div. in great heart. WOOPEN"

PARCELS AND PAPERS

Parcels and papers have been received which ^{have} deteriorated and in some cases are valueless. Papers, when addresses are washed off or destroyed, have been issued to coys on a pro rata basis.

A.P.O. 1587

WAR DIARY

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT-COL B MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

(90-91)

COMMANDING

IN THE FIELD

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

26 OCT 43

90. SWIMMING IN RIVER BUMI

Coys are advised that swimming may take place in the river between 1600hrs and 1800hrs daily. This will conform with 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn who will also swim between these times. Care will be taken to preserve any foliage at the water's edge to prevent the area being located as one definitely occupied by troops.

91. DAMAGE TO SIGNAL LINES

(i) The difficulties of maintaining line communication in NEW GUINEA have been greatly increased by careless and sometimes deliberate interference with signal lines by some troops. Unless this is checked the task of Signals is almost impossible.

(ii) Instances of wanton damage to signal communication are :-

- (a) Vital lines to forward troops cut, and cable pilfered to make clothes lines, fishing lines, etc.
- (b) Careless driving, and failure to disentangle lines when caught by vehicles.
- (c) Indiscriminate felling of trees carrying signal lines.
- (d) Hanging clothing and bedding on lines.
- (e) "Teeing-in" on lines without authority.

(iii) Action to be taken by Coys.

- (a) All ranks will be told immediately that interference with signal cables amounts to sabotage and is a serious breach of discipline.
- (b) Signal cable will not be used for ANY purpose except inter-communication.
- (c) Coys will advise Signals of areas closed to movement of linesmen at night.
- (d) Coys will provide escorts for linesmen where necessary.

(iv) Action To Be Taken by Signals

- (a) All lines to be built to MINIMUM height of 10 feet and as far as possible off jeep tracks and roads.
- (b) Signals will make mutual arrangements with RAE for the building of signal lines along a specified side of all routes and for engineer developments to proceed on the other.
- (c) Signals will ask for and will be given, as far as possible, all necessary assistance in carrying, clearing, and poling their lines.
- (d) Sigs 9 Aust Div will promulgate a system whereby lines may be readily identified. There will be no "teeing-in" on any line unless expressly approved by higher authority.

F. A. Valley

CAPT

(F A VALLEY)

Adj., 2/2 Aust MG Bn

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, ETC

NX 60350 LIEUT M D JOHNSON transferred to 1 Aust Parachute Bn 24 Oct 43
 NX 29868 L/CPL CONN J H transferred from AEME & taken on strength 7 Oct 43
 NX 29868 L/CPL CONN J H relinquished I/SpII (Fitter MV) 7 Oct 43
 NX 29868 L/CPL CONN J H promoted A/CPL w.e.f 7 Oct 43

NOTICES

Coys would assist the Postal Sjt by notifying him of new addresses of personnel evacuated. This should be brought to the notice of all ranks who receive letters from evacuated personnel from time to time.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW D.S.O.

(92 - 95)

COMMANDINGIN THE FIELD2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION30 OCT 43.92. AVIATION PETROL UNLEADED (GRO 9/797)

No indents will be placed on RAAF or US Army Air Force for 75 octane aviation gasoline (containing no tetra-ethyl lead) unless specifically required for use in aircraft engines. Any such indents will be endorsed by the officer commanding the indenting unit "required for aircraft engines".

93. APPOINTMENTS - LANCE-CORPORALS.

Attention is drawn to GRO A/693/1943 3(b), which states :-

"Pending the issue of amendments to war establishments or the issue of new war establishments, no further appointments of paid lance-corporals will be made in any unit which would have the effect of increasing the number of paid lance-corporals on the posted strength of that unit beyond the number equal to 75 per centum of the posted strength of corporals of that unit".

94. HONOURS AND AWARDS (PERIODICAL) - AIF MIDDLE EAST.

It is advised that the following awards have been approved by His Majesty the King :-

D.S.O.

NX 12629 LT-COL Edward MACARTHUR-ONSLOW 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

M.M.

NX 23514 Sjt. J.E. WOOD 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

95. DISCIPLINE.

QX 5644 Pte. WATTS G.T. W.O.A.S. neglecting to obey camp orders on 10 Oct 43 at 1600hrs. Was fined £3 by C.O. 113 Aust Con Depot (AIF).

F. A. Valley
Capt.
(F A VALLEY)
Adjt., 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, ETC.

NX 34672 Capt K S WRAGGE evacuated to hospital 26 Oct 43
 NX 15827 Lieut R BREWSTER " " " 17 Oct 43
 QX 17967 " G J JEFFCOAT Rejoined Unit & Posted to A Coy 25 Oct 43
 QX 6363 Capt. P K SEARLE Marched in from 2 Aust MG ENG Bn. & taken on strength 28 Oct 43
 QX 841 Pte PROUDFOOT A E Promoted A/CPL W.E.F. 12 Oct 43
 QX 8838 L/CPL CHAPPLE J B Promoted A/CPL W.E.F. 12 Oct 43
 QX 8832 CPL SIMONS R W Revert to rank of PTE at own request W.E.F. 12 Oct 43
 NX 53262 Pte SUMMERS H B Reling 2de Gp(ii) Sig w e f 25 Oct 43
 NX 53262 Pte SUMMERS H B Promoted A/CPL w e f 25 Oct 43
 NX 56686 Pte NICHOLLE R F Apptd A/Tde Gp(ii) Sig w e f 25 Oct 43
 NX 25107 Pte DESERY A W Apptd. A/Tde Gp(ii) Sig w e f 25 Oct 43
 NX 52547 Cpl WEBB B S Promoted A/Sjt w e f 7 Oct 43

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, ETC (CONT)

NX/ 26324	L/CPL	LOVE N	Prom A/CPL	w.s.f.	7 Oct 43
NX 65161	PTE	MYERS R J	Apptd L/CPL		7 Oct 43
NX 31230	PTE	BROWN N A	Apptd Spec E/Sp III(Lr Mech)		7 Oct 43
NX 32842	PTE	FREEMAN W F	Apptd Spec GpIII(R Taker)		23 Oct 43
QX 6350	CAPT	GOLDSMITH A B	Tekan on strength		15 Oct 43

NOTICES1. "KHAKI AND GREEN"

With the Australian Army at home and overseas. Successor to "Active Service" of 1941 and "Soldiering On" of 1942.

Produced by the Aust Army for publication in Australia in Dec 1943. "Khaki and Green" will contain 204 pages bound in cloth and will include 66 pages of reproductions (20 in colour) of the paintings and drawings by the official War Artists and Photographers published for first time and many other illustrations.

Price to members of the Australian Army 5/6. Order Forms available through Coys, to be forwarded with paybooks to Pay Sjt for debit to be entered.

2. ALLOTMENTS TO SUPERANNUATION

Any members of the Commonwealth Public Service who have allotments in favour of the Superannuation Scheme should please contact the Pay Sjt.

3. CHURCH SERVICE

Church Service will be held at Dn HQ on Sunday 31 Oct 43 at 1800hrs.

MESSAGES OF GOOD WISHESANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF EL ALAMEIN1. Received from 30 Corps

To 9 Aust Div

From LHQ. "following from 30 Corps for 9 Aust Div begins:

on the anniversary of EL ALAMEIN all ranks send you greetings and good wishes ends".

Reply by 9 Aust Div

To 2 Aust Corps

From 9 Aust Div

" for LANDFORCES(.) following for 30 corps from 9 aust div(.) begins(.) we are all grateful for your message and heartily reciprocate your greetings and good wishes(.) we take pride and pleasure in your continued success(.) ends

2. Received from Comd 2 NZ Div

To 9 Aust Div

From 2 Aust Corps.

"following from LANDFORCES(.) quote(.) following from commander 2 NZ DIV addressed to 9 AUST DIV begins(.) personal for gen WORSHEAD from Lt-gen FREYBERG(.) we will be thinking of you on anniversary of ALAMEIN (.) we are following your present great effort with admiration and all ranks of 2 NZ DIV send best wishes to 9 AUST DIV in the battle now being fought(.) unquote

Reply by 9 Aust Div.

To 2 Aust Corps

From 9 Aust Div

" for LANDFORCES (.) following for 2 NZ Div (.) begins (.) personal for Gen FREYBERG from Gen WORSHEAD (.) had great pleasure in personally conveying your message to 9 Aust Div (.) all ranks appreciative and send all their remembrances and every good wish (.) the division is fighting in its very best form (.) ends

3.

ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF EL-ALMEIN (CONT.)

3. Received from M. EMILE BUSTANI of the Contracting and Trading Coy.
LEBANON:

"The Contracting and Trading Coy. who worked for you in LEBANON
rejoice at your latest victories wishing you continuous success"

A letter has been written to M. BUSTANI thanking him for his good
wishes.

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AMR&C 1587

WAR DIAR
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW, D.S.O.

(96-99)

COMMANDING

IN THE FIELD

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

96. UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT. (GRO A/716)

1. Attention ~~XXXXXXXX~~ has been directed to the unauthorised disposal of AMF equipment to members of the Allied Forces and civilians and the unauthorised receipt of Allied equipment by barter and otherwise by members of the AMF.
2. Members are forbidden to part with, dispose of, or exchange by barter or otherwise, any item of AMF equipment or to receive by barter or otherwise any item of Allied equipment without the consent of the commanding officers of their units. Such consent will only be given on the direction of superior authority or when the exigencies of the service render it necessary and reference to superior authority is impracticable.
3. Disciplinary action will be taken against members unlawfully disposing of AMF equipment or unlawfully in possession of Allied equipment, charges being laid under AA 17, AA 18(4) or AA 40, whichever is appropriate.

97. INFORMATION REGARDING LOCATION OF GRAVES (NGF Order A405)

1. It has been noticed that letters of condolence sent to next-of-kin by commanding officers, chaplains and others have, in some cases, disclosed the location of particular units by referring specifically to the place of burial of deceased members.
2. Letters of condolence to next-of-kin and others from Commanding officers, chaplains and others will refer only to the actual burial service and contain no information regarding the location of the grave.

98. DRESS (NGF Order A407)

1. No further issues of shorts will be made to personnel in NEW GUINEA.
2. (a) In the Moresby Base Sub-Area (excluding the L of C from TERAPO to SUNSHINE) between 0630 hrs and 1800hrs the following will be worn :-
Slacks and shirt or safari jacket, boots and socks with -
 - (i) anklets web; or
 - (ii) gaiters SD; or
 - (iii) puttees short.

PROVIDED THAT -

- (A) personnel who are now in possession of shorts may wear them until worn out, in lieu of slacks.
 - (B) at the option of Officers only, shoes may be worn.
 - (C) members of organised working parties may, when specifically permitted by their COs to do so, work with the upper portion of the body bare. (No general permission however will be given by COs to dispense with articles of uniform. Definite orders must be given by COs on each occasion).
- (b) During the above-mentioned hours only, sleeves may be worn rolled up or shortened.
3. In the area mentioned in para 2, between the hours of 1800 and 0630hrs, and in all other areas at all times, the following will be worn :-
 - (a) slacks and shirt or safari jacket. Shirts or safari jackets will be worn with long sleeves fastened at the wrists and buttoned in all respects except at the collar where the button may be left undone.
 - (b) boots and socks, with anklets web or gaiters SD or puttees short.
 4. Members issued with American Gaiters may wear same in lieu of gaiters SD.
 5. During periods in which daylight saving time is in operation, paras 2 and 3 shall be read as if for "0630hrs" there were substituted "0730hrs"
 6. (i) Officers and WOs Class 1 may wear Sam Browne belts (without shoulder straps) or belts web.,
 - (ii) W.Os class ii may wear belts, waist, brown, leather or belts web.,
 - (iii) All other ranks may wear belts web.
 7. Hats will be worn by all ranks except that officers and drivers MT. at their option, may wear, in lieu, caps officers pattern or SD respectively.

- 8. Safari jackets may be worn only by those ranks who:-
 - (a) Have returned from service with the AIF out of Australia, or are serving in New Guinea as members of the AIF., or ~~xxx~~
 - (b) Have had such articles issued by ordnance to them.
- 9. Personnel will wear the right arm colour patch of their unit on the RIGHT hand side of and in the centre of, the hat band.

10. In the area mentioned in para 2, above, the practice of personnel engaging in sport with the upper portion of the body bare will cease and a singlet or other article of clothing will be worn over that portion of the body.

11. Notwithstanding that personnel wear other types of identity discs all ranks will wear the identity discs issued to them.

12. Coy comdrs will be responsible for ensuring that members of their coys are made fully conversant with the requirements of this order, and will take all necessary measures to bring ~~back~~ about strict compliance therewith. Disciplinary action will be taken in respect of breaches of this order.

99. TIME FOR REVEILLE
(NGF order A408)

1. To minimize the ~~danger~~ danger of malarial infection from the activities of the Anopheline mosquito prior to sunrise, all coys will ensure that except for special reasons reveille is not sounded earlier than 1 quarter hour prior to sunrise.

(ii) Particular attention will be given to this order in view of the introduction of daylight saving time.

(iii) Where, for special reasons, reveille is sounded before sunrise, troops will not be permitted to perform their ablutions until sunrise and coy comdrs will ensure that in the meantime the provisions of New Guinea ~~Army~~ Force order A407/43 is strictly complied with.

F. A. Varley
(F. A. Varley) Capt.
Adjt 2/2 ADST MG BN

PROMOTION

OX5250 L/Cpl Sanderson J, promoted A/Cpl w.e.f. 8/10/43.

NOTICES.

1. APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER TO DIRECTORATE OF RAILWAY AND ROAD T/PORTAID
It is advised that the vacancies in the above mentioned directorate, in respect of which applications were called in General Orders No.42/43, have been filled.

The applications of those personnel who have not been notified to the contrary were unsuccessful.

2. SEEKING AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SONG ABC ANNOUNCERS COMPETITION.
A competition for an Australian National Song is announced by the ABC. The Commission hopes to discover a song with the qualities that will cause it to become eventually "National", says the General Manager of the ABC (Col. Charles Moses).

Prizes totalling L105 will be awarded for the best songs written by Australian composers. First prize if L60, second L30, third L15. The merits and appropriateness of the lyrics will be taken into consideration.

There will also be special prizes of L20, L10 and L5 for the lyrics of the winning songs, if written expressly for the competition. The verses, new or old, must be by an Australian Author.

The closing date of the competition is December 31. If the adjudication can be completed in time, it is hoped to broadcast a performance of the winning songs in the Australia Day programme, (January 26) on the National relay. Entry forms and copies of competition rules may be obtained from the ABC Manager in each Capital City. ~~Take~~ There are no entry fees. The competition is open to: (i) Australian born citizens, (ii) British subjects and naturalised Australians domiciled in Australia.

MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP

3. A unit Melbourne Cup sweep is to be conducted with tickets at 1/- each. All money subscribed will be paid out as prizes as follows:-
FIRST HORSE 50%, SECOND HORSE 25%, THIRD HORSE 15% and the remaining 10% divided among those who draw ~~starters~~ starters. Further particulars and tickets are available at Coys.

NOTICES - CONTINUED

4. Receipt is acknowledged of the following from 2/2 Aust MG Bn NSW Comforts Fund Auxiliary :-
5 parcels of books, 1 parcel of periodicals, 1 parcel of playing cards.
5. LOST - In vicinity Bn HQ Area, the sum of L11/2/-. Finder please return to Bn HQ. REWARD L3.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

(Adapted) (Page 1)
Revised Jan., 1943

26/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/10/1943

2/2 AUST MIG BN

(Unit)

W.E. 2/10/43. OFFRS. 29 O.R's. 649 plus OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 40 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
			1 1 7 24 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.C	1			
			34			1			

	DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E[1] & E[2].	A.		30							30
	E.[1]									
	E.[2]									

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
0X19141	LIEUT	EDWARDS H.R		1/10/43	EVAC. TO HOSPITAL

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/2 AUST MIG BN (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED 2/10/1943.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].
0X6273	LIEUT	STUART D.R	ATTENDING SCHOOL
NX90852	"	BENNETT W.M	" "

2/2 AUSTRALIAN ARMY BN Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/10/1943 (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit [insert Yes or No]	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LIEUT COL	NR12169	MURPHY	W.S.	O.O	YES		
MAJ	QX6263	SEARLE	G.A.M.	2 1/2	NO	DET 208 HQS	
CAPT.	NR425	FISCHER	G.L.		NO	" 2 AUSTRALIAN CORPS HQS	
CAPT./MAJ	NR34794	GREEN	P.B.		YES		
"	NR12333	TURNER	G.M.		NO	DET 208 HQS	
"	NR12356	STANILAND	F.A.H.		YES		
"	NR34666	NICHOLAS	W.P.		YES		
"	NR34673	WRADGE	K.S.		YES		
"	NR34673	CAMERON	T.G.		YES		
"	QX6275	CAIST	R.S.		YES		
LIEUT	QX6670	WALK	L.H.		YES		
"	QX6261	CAMERON	R.W.		YES		
LIEUT/T/MAJ	NR124886	LAMB	M.S.	QM	YES		
"	QX6364	HERBERTSON	F.		YES		
"	NR12409	JACK	C.F.		YES		
"	NR34687	LAVAN	T.F.		NO	DET HQ 20 AUSTRALIAN INF REG	
"	QX6375	STUART	D.R.	T.O	NO	ATTENDING SCHOOL	
LIEUT/T/MAJ	NR14551	VARLEY	F.A.	HQS	YES		
"	QX96154	FARGUEAN	A.B.		NO	DET 2 AUSTRALIAN METAL BN	
"	NR15827	BRETON	R.		YES		
"	QX19119	BENNETT	P.T.R.		YES		
"	NR19717	FIPPERT	W.N.		YES		
"	NR15827	CARDINAR	P.E.		YES		
"	NR20729	MOULDER	V.C.		YES		
"	NR70852	BENNETT	W.M.		NO	ATTENDING SCHOOL	
"	NR33335	MEVILLE	W.R.		YES		
"	NR70915	MICHAEL	C.A.A.		YES		
"	NR60350	JOHNSON	M.D.		YES		
"	NR25071	MILLS	I.Y.		NO	DET 208 HQS	
"	QX19139	CRAVEN	C.P.		YES		
"	QX19141	EDWARDS	H.R.		NO	HOSPITAL	1/10/43
"	NR65673	ARMSTRONG	W.B.		YES		
"	NR35339	GAR	H.E.		YES		
"	NR37113	COCKRAM	H.T.R.		YES		
"	NR57627	CANN	R.C.		YES		
"	QX17467	JEFFCOAT	C.J.		YES		
"	QX22731	CLIFF	P.T.		NO	DET 208 HQS	
"	NR47043	MICKELSON	P.R.		YES		
"	NR77802	HALL	C.O.		YES		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	VR37013	DUNN E.H.L.	ANMC	22/8/43	R.M.O
CHAPLAIN	VR63807	JAEGER C.C.	ANMC		CHAPLAIN

3 Oct 43
Date of Despatch

Salisbury
Signature of Commander
First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A72—62M—5/43.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

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3743 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/10/1943 3/2 AUST. M.G. BN (Unit)

W.E. 9/10/43 OFFRS. 29 O.R's. 449 plus OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 40 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 2 3 4				5	6 7 8 9 10									
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
			1 17 24 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.C	1								
			34			1								
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	35									35
				E.[1]										
				E.[2]										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E[1] & E[2].

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
Q16261	LIEUT	CAMERON R.W	HQ. 9AUST. DIV	3/10/43	DEF. FOR DUTY
Q16273	CAPT	CRIST R.J	EVMC.	2/10/43	HOSP.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 3/2 AUST M.G. BN (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED 9/10/1943.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].
Q16273	LIEUT	STUART D.R	ATTENDING SCHOOL
N140852	-	BENNETT W.M	

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/10/1943 (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LIEUT. COL	NA11164	ROBERTSON	D.M.C.	(NO)	YES		
MAJ	QA6263	SEARLE	G.M.	4111	NO	DET. L.O.B. HQS	
CAPT	NA4435	FISHER	F.L.		NO	DET. H.Q. 2ND ST. CORPS	
CAPT (T/MAJ)	NA34794	GREEN	P.B.		YES		
CAPT.	NA11333	TURNER	G.M.		NO	DET. HQ L.O.B.	
"	NA11356	STANILAND	F.R.K.		YES		
"	NA34664	NICHOLAS	W.P.		YES		
"	NA34762	WRACLE	K.S.		YES		
"	NA34763	CHAMBERN	J.G.		NO	DET. HQ L.O.B.	
"	QA6275	CRIST	R.T.		NO		
LIEUT	QA6470	WALK	L.M.		YES		
"	QA6261	CHAMBERN	R.W.		NO	DET. HQ 4TH ST. DIV 9/10/43	
LIEUT. TRAPT	NA34986	LAMB	M.T.	Q.M.	YES		
LIEUT	QA6364	MERBERGEN	F.		YES		
"	NA34409	JACK	C.B.		YES		
"	NA34687	LAVAN	J.F.		NO	DET. 26 AUS. INF BDE	
"	QA6375	STUART	D.R.	T.O.	NO	ATTENDING SCHOOL	
LIEUT. TRAPT	NA34551	VARLEY	F.M.	ADPT	YES		
"	NA34618	FARQUHAR	A.B.		NO	DET. 2ND INF REG TROOP	
"	NA34827	BREKENTON	R.		YES		
"	QA6114	BENNETT	R.T.R.		YES		
"	NA34719	TIPPETT	W.W.		YES		
"	NA34827	GARDNER	P.R.		YES		
"	NA34729	MULLERER	W.C.		YES		
"	NA34852	BENNETT	W.W.		NO	ATTENDING SCHOOL	
"	NA34855	MELVILLE	W.R.		YES		
"	NA34915	MORHAM	C.M.H.		YES		
"	NA34852	JOHNSON	M.O.		YES		
"	NA35071	MILLS	L.Y.		NO	DET. HQ L.O.B.	
"	QA6134	CRIVEN	C.P.		YES		
"	QA6141	EDWARDS	H.R.		NO	HOSPITAL	
"	NA34823	HARRISON	W.B.		YES		
"	NA35339	GEE	H.C.		YES		
"	NA3463	COCHRAN	H.T.R.		YES		
"	NA34927	CANN	R.C.		YES		
"	QA62415	JEFFLAT	O.J.		YES		
"	QA62731	SHAW	R.C.		NO	DET. HQ L.O.B.	
"	NA34843	MILAREN	R.D.		YES		
"	NA34862	HALL	C.C.		YES		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT.	VA31013	DUNN R.H.L.	2ND AUS. INF BATT	3/1/43	R.M.O.
CHAPLAIN	VA63807	JACGER J.G.	2ND AUS. INF BATT		CHAPLAIN

10/10/43
 Date of Despatch

Allday
 Capt. for C.O. 2/2
 Signature of Commander
 First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A72—62M—5/43.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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29/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/10/1943 2/2 M.G. Bn (Unit)

W.E. 16/10/43. OFFRS. 29 O.R.'s 649 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 40 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
			1 1 23 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.C	1						
			33			1						
		DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	34									34
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
	LIEUT	JEFFCOAT GJ	EVAQUATED	15/10/43	HOSPITAL

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/2 M.G. Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 16/10/1943.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
DL6273	LIEUT	STUART D.R.	ATTENDING SCHOOL
IX70852	"	BENNETT W.M.	" "

2/2 AUST M.G BN Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/10/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LIEUT. COL	NX12169	MCARTHUR-UNSON	KON E	C.O.	YES		
MAJ.	DX6263	SCARLE	G.A.M.K	A.I.C.	NO	DET. HQ 2.0.B	
CAPT.	NX425	FISCHER	G.L		NO	" " 2AUST. CORPS	
" (T/MAJ)	NX34294	GREEN	P.B		YES		
"	NX12333	TURNER	G.M		NO	ATTENDING STAFF SCHOOL	
"	NX12356	STANILAND	F.R.K		YES		
"	NX34664	NICHOLAS	W.P		YES		
"	NX34263	WRAGGE	K.S		YES		
"	NX34263	CAMERON	J.G		NO	DET. HQ 2.0.B	
LIEUT	DX6270	WALL	L.A		YES		
"	DX6261	CAMERON	P.W		NO	DET. HQ 2AUST DIV	8/10/43
" (T/MAJ)	NX24886	LAMB	M.J	D.M	YES		
"	DX6364	HERBERTSON	F		YES		
"	NX12400	JACK	C.E		YES		
"	NX34687	LAVAN	J.E		NO	DET. 26AUST INF BDE	
"	DX6375	STUART	D.R	T/O	NO	ATTENDING SCHOOL	
" (T/CAPT)	NX14551	VARLEY	F.A	ADJT	YES		
"	DX9618	FARDUHAR	B.D		NO	DET. 2AUST MG TRG BN	
"	DX15837	BRETON	R		YES		
"	DX14119	BENNETT	R.J.R		YES		
"	NX70717	TIPPETT	W.N		YES		
"	NX15827	GARDINER	P.E		YES		
"	NX20738	MOULDER	V.C		YES		
"	NX70852	BENNETT	W.M		NO	ATTENDING SCHOOL	
"	NX55535	MELVILLE	W.R		YES		
"	NX90715	MOKHAM	C.A.H		YES		
"	NX60350	JOHNSON	M.D		YES		
"	NX35071	MILLS	L.Y		NO	DET. HQ 2.0.B	
"	NX14180	DRAVEN	C.P		YES		
"	NX15673	ARMSTRONG	W.B		YES		
"	NX35339	GEE	H.E		YES		
"	NX27163	COCKRAM	H.J.C		YES		
"	NX57247	CANN	P.C		YES		
"	DX22731	GINN	P.J		NO	DET. HQ 2.0.B	
"	NX47043	MCLAREN	P.R		YES		
"	NX77262	HALL	C.C		YES		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	VX39063	DUNN R.H.L	RAAF	2/10/43	R.M.O
CHAPLAIN	NX63007	JAEGER J.G	RAAF		CHAPLAIN

17/10/43
Date of Despatch

F. Marley
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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(Revised Jan., 1943)

24/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/10/1943. 2/2 Aust MG Bn (Unit)

W.E. 23/10/43. OFFRS. 29 O.R's. 644+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 40 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5				6	7	8	9	10		
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
			1 1 6 25 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.W.S.	1								
			34			1								
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	35									35
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
Q16350	CAPT	GOLDSMITH A.D.		18/10/43	
Q16273	LIEUT	STUART D.R.	LHQ SCHOOL OF MECH (No 1 Mob Wing)	"	SCHOOL COMPLETED
N170952	"	BENNETT W.M.	No 10 WAR COURSE-INT STAFFS (ODE+UNIT) WING	"	"
Q19340	"	KIBBLE R.J.V.		"	ON HOSPITAL

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
Q15337	LIEUT	BREKTON R		17/10/43	EVAC. TO HOSPITAL

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

24th Aust M.G. Bn Unit

39 / 43 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/10/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LT COL	NX12169	MACARTHUR-ONSLOW	DW E	C.O	YES		
MAJ.	DX6263	SEARLE	GAI/AL	2/10	NO	DET. HQ L.O.B	
CAPT	NX4435	FISCHER	C.L		NO	" " 24th AUST CORPS	
"	DX6350	GOLDSMITH	A.D		YES		
"(T/MAJ)	NX34244	GREEN	P.B		YES		
"	NX12333	TURNER	G.M		NO	ATTENDING S/SCHOOL	
"	NX12336	STANLAND	F.R.I.K		YES		
"	NX34664	NICHOLAS	W.P		YES		
"	NX34762	WRAGGE	R.S		YES		
"	NX34762	CAMERON	J.G		NO	DET. HQ L.O.B	
LIEUT	DX6370	WALL	L.A		YES		
"	DX6261	CAMERON	R.W		NO	DET. HQ 9th AUST DIV.	
"(T/CAPT)	NX24586	LAMBS	M.J	Q.M	YES		
"	DX6204	HERBERTSON	F		YES		
"	NX12407	JACK	C.E		YES		
"	NX34657	LAVAN	T.F		NO	DET 26th AUST INF BDE	
"	DX6375	STUART	D.R	T/O	YES		
"(T/CAPT)	NX14551	VARLEY	F.M	POST	YES		
"	DX6168	FARQUHAR	A.B		NO	DET 24th AUST MOUNTAIN DIV	
"	DX15337	GREENBERN	R		NO	HOSPITAL	17/10/43
"	DX14114	BENNETT	R.J.R		YES		
"	NX70412	PIPPETT	W.N		YES		
"	NX15317	GARDINER	P.E		YES		
"	NX20728	MOULDER	V.C		YES		
"	NX70352	BENNETT	W.M	I.O	YES		
"	NX54535	MELVILLE	W.R		YES		
"	NX70715	MORHAM	C.H.A		YES		
"	NX60350	JOHNSON	M.D		YES		
"	NX20071	MILLS	I.Y		NO	DET. HQ L.O.B	
"	DX14734	CRAVEN	C.P		YES		
"	NX65673	ARMSTRONG	W.B		YES		
"	NX35334	GEE	A.E		YES		
"	NX27105	CULHAM	H.S.P		YES		
"	NX32447	LANN	R.C		YES		
"	DX14731	GINN	R.J		NO	DET. HQ L.O.B	
"	NX41003	WILKINSON	R.R		YES		
"	DX14731	WILKINSON	R.J		YES		
"	NX71002	HARRIS	C.C.		YES		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	NX39863	TURNER J.C	24th AUST M.G. Bn	22/10/43	Returned from

24 OCT 43
Date of Despatch

Fuller
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

/..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/10/1943 .. 2/2 Aust MG Bn (Unit)

W.E. 30 / 10 / 43 OFFRS. 29 O.R's. 649 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 40 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
			1 1 7 24 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AA MC	1.							
			35			1.							
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		35									35
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
OX6368	CAPT	Searle PK	2 Aust MG Tsg Bn	28/10/43	
OX17967	Lieut.	Jeffcoat GJ	Hospital.	"	Rejoined Unit.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
OX60350	Lieut	Johnson MD	1 Aust Para Bn	27/10/43	Transferred.
OX54162	CAPT	WRAGGE KS.	Evacuated	"	Hospital.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. /..... /194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

2/2 Aust MG Bn Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30/10/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lieut-Col	Nx 12169	McCarthy-Owston	E	C.O.	Yes		
Major	Gx 2263	Searle	G.A.M.	2/c	No	Det. HQ LOB	
Capt.	Nx 425	Fischer	C.L.		No	Det HQ 2 Aust Corps	
"	Gx 6350	Goldsmith	A.D.		Yes		
"	Gx 6363	Searle	P.K.		Yes		
" (T/Maj)	Nx 34794	GREEN	P.B.		Yes		
"	Nx 12333	Turner	G.M.		No	Attending Staff School	
"	Nx 12356	Stanford	F.R.K.		Yes		
"	Nx 34664	Nicholas	W.P.		Yes		
"	Nx 34762	WRAGGE	K.S.		No	Hospital	27 Oct.
"	Nx 34763	Cameron	J.G.		No	Det. HQ LOB	
Lieut.	Gx 6220	WALL	L.A.		Yes		
"	Gx 6261	Cameron	R.W.		No	Det. HQ 9 Aust Div	
" (T/Capt)	Nx 24286	LAMB	M.J.	Q.M.	Yes		
"	Gx 6264	Herbertson	F		Yes		
"	Nx 12409	Jack	C.E.		Yes		
"	Nx 34687	LAVAN	J.F.		No	Det 26 Aust Inf Bde	
"	Gx 6275	Stuart	D.R.	I.O.	Yes		
" (T/Capt)	Nx 14551	Varley	T.A.	Adjst.	Yes		
"	Gx 9612	Faragher	A.B.		No	Det 2 Aust MG Trg Bn	
"	Gx 19119	Bennett	R.J.R.		Yes		
"	Nx 70717	Tippert	W.N.		Yes		
"	Nx 15927	Gardiner	P.E.		Yes		
"	Nx 20725	Moulder	V.C.		Yes		
"	Nx 70852	Bennett	W.M.	I.O.	Yes		
"	Nx 58535	Melville	W.R.		Yes		
"	Nx 70715	Moxham	C.H.		Yes		
"	Nx 25071	Mills	I.Y.		No	Det HQ LOB	
"	Gx 19139	Craven	C.P.		Yes		
"	Nx 66674	Armstrong	W.B.		Yes		
"	Nx 35337	Gee	H.E.		Yes		
"	Nx 27163	COCKRAM	H.C.		Yes		
"	Nx 57247	CANN	R.C.		Yes		
"	Gx 11967	JEFFCOAT	G.J.		Yes		
"	Gx 22734	GINN	R.J.		No	Det. HQ LOB	
"	Nx 47043	McLAREN	R.R.		Yes		
"	Gx 19340	Kibble	K.J.N.		Yes		
"	Nx 77262	HALL	C.C.		Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	Nx 37013	Dunn R.H.L.	H.A.M.C.	22/8/43	R.M.O.
Chaplain	Nx 6380	JAEGER J.G.	H.A.Ch.D.		Chaplain

31 Oct 43
Date of Despatch

F. Marley Capt. for Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander

2/2 Aust M.G. Bn. Unit
NEW GUINEA FORCE.

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Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	24	22	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers	13							Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	6	6	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	27		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	3	3		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians		1		Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.	657	577	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	2					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	15					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	15	15					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	4		CARRIED FORWARD	3	7		CARRIED FORWARD	55	66		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	689	650	

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10 OCT 43
Date of Despatch

F. W. W. W.
Signature of Commander
C.O. 2/2 M.G. Bn.

NEW BRUNSWICK
30/11/1918

N.C. Os. IN. TD. Cpls.

C.P. I.
NIL.

C.P. II.
CARPENTER - 1. CPL.
SIGNALLER - 4. CPLS.

C.P. III
CLERKS. 1. SGT. 7. CPLS.
TAILORS. 1. SGT. 1. CPL.

Unit
1st Aust M.G. Bn
New Guinea Force

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / / 194 .

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Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	24	22	24
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers	1	3						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	6	6	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	28		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
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Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
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17 OCT 43.
Date of Despatch

Fall only
Signature of Commander
CO. 1st M.G. Bn.

SPECIALIST NCOs.

GP I

NIL

GP II

CARPENTERS - 1 CPL.

SIGNALLERS - 4 CPLs.

GP III

CLERKS { 1 SGT
7 CPLs.

TAILORS { 1 SGT
1 CPL

SURPLUS WOs & NCOs

NIL.

SPECIALIST N.C.Os.

Gr. III

NIL

Gr. (III)

CARPENTER - 1 CPL
IGNALLERS - 4 CPLs.

Gr. (III)

CLERKS { 1 STT
7 CPLs.

TAILORS. { 1 STT.
1 CPL.

SURPLUS W.O.s. & N.C.O.s.

NIL.

A COY WAR DIARY FROM 17 OCT 43

	Oct	
Thursday 7 Oct	7	Coy moves from camp on BUSU R to beach and camps for night. Raining all night.
Friday	8	Coy continues march to mouth of BUREP R. Collect packs and load on LCM approx 1330 hrs. Arrived at FINSCHHAFEN at approx 2030 hrs that night. Moved off beach and camped for night.
Saturday	9	Coy moves up the BUMI R approx 200 yds and joins Bn HQ camp made.
Sunday	10)	Coy built shelters and beds.
Monday	11)	
Tuesday	12	Coy moves out and approx 1 1/2 miles up KREUTBY RANGE from the Coast. Pl takes up posns on this range. Climb approx 400 ft.
wednesday	13)	Pls made small patrols.
Thursday	14)	
Friday	15)	
saturday	16	Coy warned to stand to and double all piquets that night. Jap expected to make an attack either by land or sea. Bombers over during night, no bombs in area.
Sunday	17	Reports of attack on SCARLET BEACH area - three barges of Japs accounted for by Bofors. Our bombers attacked SATELBERG. Our fighters shot down three Jap bombers during afternoon. Bombers were over in force at night - very little sleep.
Monday	18	Maj GREEN goes out on recce party with the C.O. in Arty area. Pte Nelson also went. Day very quiet.
Tuesday	19	Maj GREEN goes on recce party with offr from DIV HQ. Pte Nelson also went. Report of tanks arriving.
Wednesday	20	N.T.R. from Coy. Bombers over during night.
Thursday	21	Maj GREEN goes on recce party also Pte Nelson & two personnel from Bn HQ. Our bombers over SATELBERG again. Mail arrives - quiet night.
Friday	22	Coy supplies working party to beach of approx 80. Maj GREEN becomes ill. Lieut JOHNSON, Sjt LONGHURST, Ptes NELSON, SCOTT, O.F., GARLAND go out on recce party. Coy HQ bombed during early hours of morning 4 bombs falling in area. Cpl KING & Pte HAMILTON lose all their gear, also rations lost. No casualties - mail arrives.
Saturday	23	Anniversary of EL ALAMEIN . Coy supply working party to beach approx 80 personnel. Coy HQ moves to new location on further ridge. Maj GREEN still ill.
Sunday	24	Recce by Lieut HERBERTSON, Ptes NELSON, RANDALL, HEALY, LYONS from Sjt KENYONS posn to LANGEMAK BAY. Lieut JOHNSON transferred to 1. AUST PARACHUTE BN, marches out. Coy supplies working party for beach 60 men approx. Mail arrives. Bombers over in force during night, none in area.
Monday	25	Surface mail arrives N.T.R.
Tuesday	26	Maj GREEN & Pte HOGGAN, J. evac to rear HQ. Lieut JEFFCOAT marched in & posted to A3 Pl.

A COY WAR DIARY FROM 17 OCT 43 (CONTD)

Oct

Wednesday	27	Rain all morning. Coy supplies working party under Lieut BENNETT during afternoon approx 60 personnel. Bombers attempt to drop supplies to JAPS on SATELBERG. Our fighters take part.
Thursday	28	Mail arrives. N.T.R. from Coy.
Friday	29	Rain starts. N.T.R. from Coy - quiet night.
Saturday	30	Still raining. Issues of tobacco, papers, chocolates & matches. Quiet night.
Sunday	31	Still raining. Mail arrives. Advised of KHAKI & GREEN book for sale. Quiet night.
Monday	1	

B COY WAR DIARY 1-31 OCT 43

OCT

- 1 0900 Pls move on further defensive work on posns beyond BUSU.
1400 Lt H R Edwards evac
1600 Pls return to area
- 2 0800 Cfire Pl Comd recomm for board fwd Bn
0900 B2 to posns B1, B3 part to posns part on gun stores
1600 OCs cfire - trg admn etc
- 3 0900 Bn church pde. Capt Crist on enquiry Pte Hogan (A Coy) - missing
1330 Pte Scott 3 charges disobedience-conduct prejudicial-Insurbordinate language. Remanded C.O. Fined 5 pounds. Pte Walters E H returned from hosp. L NCO 6 ORs on working party at NCOs School Area.
2000 Ptes Nunn, McGuire, Brown, N.A. reported AWL
- 4 0800 A/WO (ii) Robinson K I B takes over as CSM. RSM advised AWLs as above.
0830 Coy less HQ on route march by Pls. Trg syllabus (one month) commences. NCOs for 7 days course move to area across BUSU- Cpl Poyting, L/Cpls McVey, Watson, Love, Davies.
0930 Recoms for boards -Results L/Cpl MacKay, W M to be evac Pte Barry, R., Carty, T (QX 12290) Pte Freeman, W F., Pte Gard, D G recommended B
1545 AWLs return
1600 L/Cpl MacKay W M evac - MOs recommendation - X ray and board B Pls return from all day march up track N bank of BUSU. Load carried - gear plus 5 belt boxes and stores. Cfire general opinion that with full Pl 4 belt boxes and stores could be carried, but amm would be stumbling block.
- 5 0830 AWLs remanded CO Fined 5 pounds each and forfeit 2 days pay. B3 on all day route march with stores.
0900 Capt Crist to div member DCM
1100 2 pounds stamps from Regtl Funds drawn by Coy.
1330 OC lecture NCOs Course -responsibilities of NCOs
1500 B3 return from march
- 6 0900 Pte Walter to ADS for treatment - not evac. Normal trg on syllabus
1100 Pte Faint m/i ex hosp. Pls Pls on recce for bridge building site.
- 7 0830 Pls on bridging 2000 yds up river
0900 Warning order for mvt Oct 8
1000 Warning order for mvt 1600 hrs. Pls recalled - Preparation for move. Capt Crist, Sjt Goodland, Ptes Walter, Faint evac.
1600 S/Sjt Davis, Pte Webeck evac. Ptes Cox, Freeman, Carty, Berry evac for boarding. Coy moves out on march to mouth of BUSU, order B3, HQ, B2, B1. ~~L/Sjt Champion to setting up ABNE.~~
- 8 1800 Coy bivouacs for night on coast - torrential rain high wind.
- 8 0600 Reveille
0815 Coy move out along beach order as before.
1000 Reach "G" beach. Pte Whittaker, T evac.
1100 Ptes Lees, Mahoney, m/i ex hosp
1130 Coy stores boarded LCM
1200 Coy embarks 6 LCVs and proceeds in convoy to FINSCHHAFEN (Convoy 10 LCV 4 LCM - 2 missions). Journey uneventful with exception of light flashing from shore - not indentified.

2/2 AUSTRALIAN MG BN

20 Oct 43.

CASUALTY LIST NO 3

KILLED IN ACTION

HQ COY

NX 16537 PTE BURR J.E. 19 Oct 43

WOUNDED

HQ COY

VX 10058 SGT BOYD J.T. 19 Oct 43

NX 31159 L/CPL TOMPSETT J.T. 19 Oct 43

C COY

NX 53628 PTE IRVINE E.A. 17 Oct 43

QX 786 PTE PEARCE J.A. (Remained on duty) 17 Oct 43

Capt.

(F.A. Varley)

Adjut 2/2 AUSTRALIAN MG BN.

B COY WAR DIARY L-31 OCT 43 (contd)

- 2030 Convoy reaches FINSCHAAFEN - Coy disembarks proceeding to nearby bivouac area.
- Oct 9 0645 Reveille
0900 Move to Bn area by track above river to Coy area above Bn HQ & D Coy
1100 Stores arrive
1400 B1 att Div Maintenance area
1600 2 guns to B1 - Pl task includes protection Div maint area. Pte Steen evac
1715 Warning order L Sjt 1 Cpl 25 ORs to report MLO 1945 hrs.
1945 Party as above moves out i/c L/Sjt Thompson
2015 Enemy air raid over general area. No damage or casualties in Coy area
2300 Party return from beach
- Oct 11 0615 Trial stand-to. OC CSM allot posts for general alarm
0900 OC on recce with CO - possible move to take over 2/13 Bn posn Ptes Siebuhr, Mardon evac
1400 Pl at Div returns
1800 B2 relieve B3 on "Liberty" post above Coy area. Warning order for patrol Oct 12 and for 2 Sjts 40 ORs for beach
- 12 0015 Party as above to beach
0300 " " returns
0700 Protection party (Div Sigs) 1 - 20
0800 3 Pl on patrol- Ref LANGEMAK BAY 1/25000 route 63303 to 623598 to track at 624604 along track to 622611 thence track 023617 along track to road 634613 - 1 offr 31 ORs. Area clear of enemy footprints along ridge possibly two enemy - made since rain.
1600 Protection party return N T R Coy becomes Div reserve and on 2 hrs notice
- 13 1800 B1 relieves B3 at Liberty post.
- 14 0015 Working party 100 men to beach for loading
- 15 2000 1 Sjt, 2 Cpls, 30 ORs to beach on loading
- 16 0400 return
0900 OCs confere with CO. Warning order attack by sea probably Coy to occupy defensive posns - on 2 hrs notice to move if required Pls set up guns
1100 Lt Jack, C E Pte Bowen m/i ex A Coy
1600 B2 less sick (Wallen, Jones) detailed guard DID dump
1900 Posts manned - Coy HQ man bren posts. Picquet L/Cpl Conn 5 ORs detailed listening post on beach. Picquets doubled river picquets posted.
- 17 0420 Stick of bombs between B1 guns and Liberty - Pte Munro blown off feet by blast
0645 Stand down NTR during night except as above
1400 Party to beach for loading
1630 Return. Pte Steen returns from hosp
1900 Precautions as yesterday
- 18 0800 67 men to beach loading
0900 Log bridge across river beneath Coy area commenced for crossing if required.
0930 Ptes Richards, Bowen evac

B COY WAR DIARY 1-31 OCT 43 (Contd)

OCT
 18 1700 Further party all available men
 1800 1st party returns
 1900 2nd party returns - no work available
 19 0800 Further party to beach 40 (i/c CSM)
 0900 Pl Comd cfre - OC on recce
 1000 Pls on digging posns - Pte Butler (on beach party) AWL last seen leaving beach
 1700 Beach party return - Pte Butler advised to RSM as AWL
 20 0900 Further work on defensive posns
 1400 5 Zeros over general area at 800 ft strafing - no Coy damage or casualties
 21 1100 Hvy force of bombers seen bombing SATELBURG. Pte McGrath H V evac
 22 Further work on bridge -
 L/Sjt Champion promoted A/S/Sjt as from 7:10:43
 L/Cpl Watson " A/Cpl " "
 Pte Neuhaus " L/Cpl " "
 23 0400 40 men to beach
 0700 Return to await call
 0900 OC on recce
 24 0900 Pls & HQ work on posns
 1400 Working party to beach
 25 0900 OC on recce
 1800 Warning order all available personnel for unloading party LANGEMAK BAY (S side)
 26 0900 Coy less duties, sick, move out embarking on 4 LCV proceeding LANGEMAK BAY remaining all day - no craft arrived.
 1800 Coy returns to camp
 L/Cpl Conn trans AEME to 2/2 MG Bn relinquishes T/Gp (ii) (MT fitter) promoted A/Cpl (MT) w.e.f. 7:10:43
 27 0900 Coy again moves to LANGEMAK BAY
 1000 4 LSTs arrive. One unloaded this Coy and elements 22 Bn 200 tons in two hrs
 1400 Stores shifted and camouflaged - 2 LCVs loaded
 1700) Coy returns by parties to camp.
 1830)
 28 1200 Advice received Sjt Wood A/Pl Comd B2 awarded M .M.
 1100 A/S/Sjt Champion evac - Pte Mahoney (sig att) tfd Coy HQ
 Cpls Villiers, Batterham, Albertson to rest camp
 29 0900 1 NCO 30 ORs to beach - HQ B2 on posns
 30 1100 Coy on 1 hr notice between 1830 - 0830 hrs to move when required
 1730 Coy less essential duties to LANGEMAK BAY for loading. 2 LCMS unloaded (Coy again works with 22 Bn)
 31 0600 coy returnsto area
 1800 Bn church pde - Pte Mahoney re attached - Pte Wallen (sig att to HQ Coy)
 Cpl Webb promoted A/Sjt
 L/Cpl Love " A/Cpl
 Pte Freeman apptd Gp (iii) (R/tker)
 " Brown, N.A. " " 2" (Dr-Mech.)

WAR DIARY - OCTOBER, 1943 - "C" COY - 2/2 AUST MG BN

- Friday - 1st. Still forward of Bde. Strength 4 x 58 remd att 2/43 Bn. C3 did harassing shoot 3 belts per gun rapid across BUMU R to known enemy strong post. ~~Mortar~~ fired on by Mortars & SA fire. 1200 hrs from Ref 151146. Enemy Mortar & fire on the north bank of river. C3/d8 harassing shoot on barges not required, otherwise all quiet. Pte BRUDO received burns on shoulder carrying gun out.
- Saturday-2nd. Strength 4 x 58 detached C1 & C2 71-C3 ready in posn to give covering fire to 2/17ⁿBn as they crossed river. Not required as all enemy strong points deserted. C3 moved fwd through plantation and on to SALANKAUA posns to be able to bring fire on Peninsular and in a S direction CAPE BREDOW area FINSCHHAFEN. Everything quiet. Coy HQ still in same posn, but on notice to move. Quiet night. 260 pounds of NG shillings sent to BDE HQ from C3.
- Sunday -3rd Strength 4 x 58. 71 det. C3 had quiet night. Unloaded LCM with stores. Coy HQ moved 0900 hrs and new location on small beach n of C3 posn on point ref 154140. Everything quiet. C2 moved in direction of SATELBERG and take up posn TAREKO VILLAGE. C1 took up posn on NORTH HILL; 2/43 patrol to BONGA ambushed. This track to BONGA was patrolled by us nearly every day and met no enemy.
- Monday -4th Strength 4 x 58. 71 det. Our Air Force atcive on SATELBERG. Capt NICHOLAS, Sjt MARTIN & Pte FOLEY left for C2 Pl. Everything quiet. Went to Bde then picked up COL JUNP, Br Army Offr. Went to C1 on North Hill. 1 Sec of Coy HQ only. Came down approx 1200 hrs and in scrub at bottom talked to Maj BROADBENT MLO & comm SONG FORCE and gave him information on tracks in area. Then proceeded to coast track ~~2/17~~ ~~Bn~~ contacted 2/17 Bn gave Capt McLAREN information on tracks and terrain area. Showed him where caost pad started approx 1320. Had hot lunch - good meal (MLOs rations). 1400 left for C2 reaching SATELBERG track -caught track to 2/43 Bn rear at ZAAG 136207. Debused and walked to C1 at TAREKO VILLAGE. Left 1600 hrs received left to main track-walked nearly to Bde and Maj MOLES picked us up and ret'd us to Coy. Pte MONAGHAN burried by Padre of A.A. L/Cpl Day was evacuated.
- Tuesday -5th Strength 4 x 58. 69 att 6 x 125. Sound of ~~mmg~~ fire on North Hill. Party left Coy HQ LOV 0830 hrs SCARLET BCH arrived N HILL 0945 hrs. Straight past C1 to Capt McLAREN who had been asking for us. Again gave information on local terrain. He was preparing attack on Japs in that area. Had lunch and well looked after. Cpl LEIPER sick. C1 did harassing shoot 1400-1405 odd bush at enterance where enemy posns suspected. 4 belts rapid. 1500 Inf att went in no enemy seen. 1 Jap moved quickly through Kunai grass. No shots fired. 2/17 Bn were held up by dense scrub. Broke through to coastal track and coming across enemy diggings of Coy strength. Col JOSHUA at 1400 hrs at C1 sent written message and 2 i/c to move C2 to SONG RIVER and requested Cpl HOPKINS to place in posn. Sjt KELLY, Pte Stephens arrived 1745 hrs on SCARLET BCH and were taken to posn. Pl arrived 1900 hrs exhausted. Spent night with MLO to dinner and bed.

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- Wednesday 6th Strength 6 x 125. 0630 visited C2 and saw Lieut ARMSTRONG and all seemed OK. Arrived home again at approx 1030 hrs.
- Thursday 7th. Strength 6 x 124. L/Cpl Milliken evac. Coy HQ ready to move by 0900 hrs. Was conveyed by barge to position where we first landed. Landed approx 1400 hrs at SCARLET BEACH. Now in touch with 1 & 2 Pls. Hy bombing raid by 11 bombers. Quite a lot of bombs dropped in sea. Otherwise quiet.
- Friday 8th. Strength 6 x 123. Pte Coughlin evacuated. Capt NICHOLAS went with patrol to BONGA. Report given to C.O. 2/43 Bn. Quiet day. Word received approx 2200 hrs from Maj WILLIAMS that Bn had arrived. Tried to contact Lt-Col MACARTHUR-ONSLOW
- Saturday 9th Strength 6 x 122. Pte RICE, D.V. evac.
- Sunday 10th Capt NICHOLAS & Cpl HOPKINS visited C1 and C3 HQ in the morning and paid a visit to Bn HQ in the afternoon. Roads in a fearful state. Arrived home approx 1700 hrs. Quiet night.
- Monday 11th. Capt NICHOLAS & Cpl HOPKINS paid visit to C1 & C3 HQ during morning. Everything OK.
- Tuesday 12th. Strength 5 x 125
Quiet day. Capt NICHOLAS paid a visit to SATELBERG track in the afternoon. N.T.R.
- Wednesday 13th Strength 6 x 124.
Capt NICHOLAS and ~~party~~ party visited pls in ~~morning~~ morning and laso C2 in afternoon. Took adre with him. Church parade at 0630 hrs. Ptes PICKERSGILL & BLACK evac. Pte O'BRIEN, E.W. returned. Quiet night.
- Thursday 14th Capt NICHOLAS & Lt-Col E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW & Lieut MELVILLE visited pls morning & afternoon. Padre returned to Bn HQ this morning. Lone bomber dropped bombs on MTBS at 0545 hrs this morning. No reports of any damage. Cpl HOPKINS & Pte KOOREY evac to MDS. Quiet night.
- Friday 15th Capt NICHOLAS visited C1 & C2 this morning. Everything OK. Lieut WALL arrived from Bn HQ brough writing paper and soap from YMCA. Capt NICHOLAS visited Engrs this afternoon, also C2 later. Lone bomber dropped bombs in MTBS no report any damage. Very wet night but fine today.
- Saturday 16th Quiet night. Strength 1 x 121. Pte BLAKE R.T.U. Sjt LORD 16 Oct evac to MDS. Wet night. Stand to 0600 hrs to 0700 hrs M.M.S. Capt NICHOLAS visited C3 also C1. Both lines to Bde and to 2/43 Bn out after bombing raid this morning. OK in half an hour. Several bombs dropped 0845 hrs. 2/28 Bn had casualties. Capt NICHOLAS visiting Bn HQ this evening and may stay for tea. Maj BROWN of 2/28 Bn accompanying him. Coy HQ sill in same location. Posns strengthened. Reasonably quiet day. Air Force very active. C3 on AIRSTRIP. Approx 2000 hrs planes with lights circling overhead. Two heard to crash within 10 mins of each other. Later reported that one plane crashed into C3 posn on top of 1 VMG - gun smashed - tripod salvaged. Pte IRVINE was injured. Ptes SOLOMON & PEARSON received slight injuries but stayed on duty.

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Sunday - 17th. C3 moved back from AIR STRIP to Coy HQ and from there with their gear ~~was~~ moved to posn S bank SONG near old location. Cpl HOPKINS rtd from MDS. Quiet afternoon. Bombing and strafing raid on SATELBERG by our planes. Stand-to at 1900 to 2200 hrs. Firing heard along river SW of posn. Stand to again at 0315 hrs until 0700 hrs. Things starting to liven up considerably. Invasion unsuccessful 2 enemy barges. All enemy killed.

Monday - 18h Stand to all morning. Firing heard in vicinity MDS. 2/28 attacked along river and advancing towards KATIKA VILLAGE. MDS coming under fire and an orderly evacuation began. 2/28 Bn withdrawn and a perimeter formed. Japs appeared to be in fairly large numbers and appeared to be everywhere. Coy HQ were taken inside perimeter and settled on SCARLET BEACH by 1800 hrs approx. Reasonably quiet night - intermittent firing. Barges arrived in afternoon to take off all wounded and sick. Capt NICHOLAS given comd beach and to organise beach defences. Beach reasonably well defended and ready for action. PT boats arrived tried signals no success. Capt NICHOLAS tried to swim out but PT boats left. He swam approx 200 x.

Tuesday - 19th Strength 4 x 118.
2/28 Bn beat off and attack in morning. Intermittent fire and Arty fire throughout day. Position a little more clarified. 2 Coys 2/28 Bn attacked and took high ground around KATIKA without much opposition. Bombers over during afternoon and did bombing and strafing raids. Three barges landed and ~~took off~~ ~~supplies~~ brought supplies and took off some sick and wounded. Quiet afternoon. PT boats arrived at approx 2000 hrs. Had an important dispatch so advised them to take it back to FINSCHHAFEN. Not much success with signals. Quiet night. Some firing near C3. 12 beach sigs now attached.

Wednesday- 20th Strength 4 x 117. Lt Cpl JACOB evac. Pte BEGHIN evac. PT boats arrived early morning. Tried to send message but boats moved off. Rather quiet morning. 2/28 Bn opened with MGs and drew enemy fire. Things quietened and were to do shoot at 1730 hrs to find out enemy posn. Very little return fire. Reasonably quiet night C2. Sjt Kellys section opened up and accounted for 1 Jap. Capt NICHOLAS very busily engaged as OC SCARLET BCH and at everybody's call night and day. Doing good job.

Thursday- 21st All quiet.

Friday- 22nd Strength 4 x 117
Quiet day. 2/32 Bn awaiting by barge and being guided to areas. Lieut JEFFCOAT. Padre held services at C1 & C3 & Coy HQ at night. Sigs connected line ~~with~~ with 20 Bde. Lieut BENNETT rtd to Bn.

Saturday-23rd Strength 4 x 116. Fairly quiet. Track now open to Bde. Capt NICHOLAS, Cpl MILLIKEN & Cpl HOPKINS paid a visit to Bn in afternoon. Quite a pleasant time. Received fresh bread. Capt Nicholas visited all pls; Cpl JACOB rtd. ~~Also brought a Vickers Gun.~~

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- Sunday - 24th Strength 4 x 115. Pte RYAN evac. P.U.O. Jap counter-attacked 5 times during night but repulsed. Bugles blowing etc. could be heard from beach. Arty also very active. Capt NICHOLAS visited all pls. - took stamps and papers. C3 move to perimeter with 2/32 Bn. Move complete by 1730 hrs and reserve amm taken up. Pte BEGHIN rtd. Lt-Gen MORSHEAD and Maj-Gen WOOTEN visited area.
- Monday - 25th Strength 4 x 116. C3 did shoot during afternoon of Sun 24th. Sjt Kelly's section moved with 2/43 Bn BONGA. Fairly quiet day. Pte SANDERS rejoined Bn. Pte McIntosh wounded hand, box of mortar amm. Capt LAMB paid a visit, brought tobacco and comforts issue. Also brought a Vickers gun.
- Tuesday - 26th Strength 4 x 114. Very quiet day. Enemy appears to have withdrawn. Movements reported in BONGA area. Capt NICHOLAS visited all Pls and found everything OK. Quiet night & everything back to normal. Capt NICHOLAS to arrange areas on beach for B eschs 2/32 & 2/28 Bns.
- Wednesday - 27th Strength 4 x 112. Sjt KELLY evac also Pte WARD, C. Very quiet day. Patrols active to BONGA. Padre visited us also M.O.
- Thursday - 28th Strength 4 x 112. All quiet.

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Report by OC C2 P1

2/43 Bn D Coy P1 took over and had hardly finished doing so when they moved out and the posns at 642699 - 642703 (Massaweng 1:63342) were occupied by HQ Coy 2/43 Bn Pioneer Pl.

There was nothing noteworthy until the night of 1 Oct 43 when my signaller Pte O'BRIEN intercepted a call warning C1 to move at 0730 on 2 Oct 43. At 0630 on 2 Oct 43 I Lieut GEE discussing the move with Maj TUCKER OC HQ Coy 2/43 Bn and a result of this conversation I was ordered to move 2 Pl to the ZAG (ref photomap FINSCHHAFEN 1:2000 1368 2070) There I saw Maj JEANES 2 i/c 2/43 Bn and was instructed to occupy and hold TAREKO village (ref photomap FINSCHHAFEN 1:2000 13902005). I did so and so far have experienced nothing but quiet and hope it remains so. I am far from unhappy about the posn. There is only one real weakness in the area which gives a line of approach from the junction of the TAREKO track and the SATELBERG track (ref photomap 11332086). This is ~~the~~ potentially dangerous. I have patrolled myself some 600 x along the track toward the junction but as the forces at my disposal are limited and the country ideally ~~suited~~ suited for ambushing. I could not leave myself open by advancing further. I am maintaining a standing patrol by day in the area of ref Photomap 13672018. This guards the junction of the TAREKO track and a pad which leads to our water point ref 13692050 and to our supply point at the Zag. I might add that this journey entails a climb into a really deep ravine. Water is actually a greater problem than it was North of the SONG R and we have to carry our own rations. If I might make a suggestion I would like to point out that the Vickers are doing a Bren task. If I had two Brens the task would be simpler and if a pl doing this task in the future could be equipped with 2 Brens and 2 Vickers they could do a far better job. In my present posn if I had to evacuate I would have to leave my guns behind. The real task of this pl is to hold 2/43's left flank.

In passing I might add that I am very displeased with the state of No 2 sections guns and stores on their return from Coy maintenance had not been properly carried out and as a result the stores had suffered and had rusted.

On the morning of 2 Oct QX 9228 L/Cpl DAY, E.C. was evacuated on the advise of Pte LITTLE. ~~By~~ L/Cpl Day had a low temperature (97.2) and this was accompanied by a profuse skin action. I did not consider him fit to take into the line and accordingly evacuated him.

I have a few colds in the pl and may have to evacuate L/Cpl BRANDRICK. STEPHENS is also seedy. KELLY handled the journey badly and was in a state of near collapse. On arrival O'BRIEN fell climbing down the ravine and ~~joined us most badly~~ jarred him wrist badly. He is remaining on duty.

My only great worry is Owen gun amm. Should we be engaged and isolated in this area we would soon be short of amm. Is there any chance of DOOLEY getting one case?

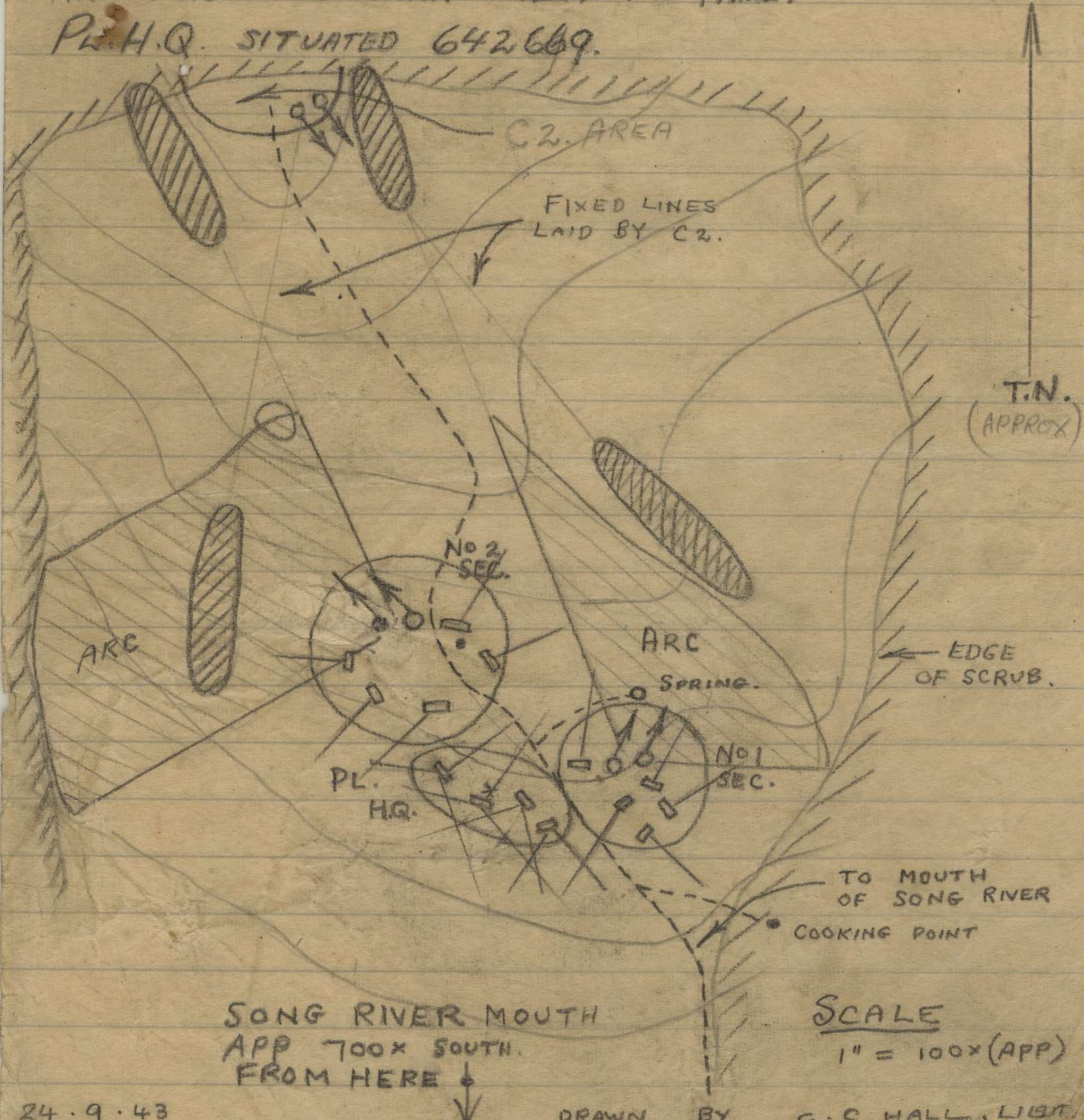
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(sgd) B Armstrong, Lieut
OC C2 P1

SKETCH MAP
SHOWING DISPOSITIONS OF
C3 Pn. 2/2 M.G. BN.

REF. MASAWENG RIVER SHEET 1" = 1 MILE.

PL. H.Q. SITUATED 642669.



SONG RIVER MOUTH
APP 700x SOUTH
FROM HERE ↓

SCALE
1" = 100x (APP)

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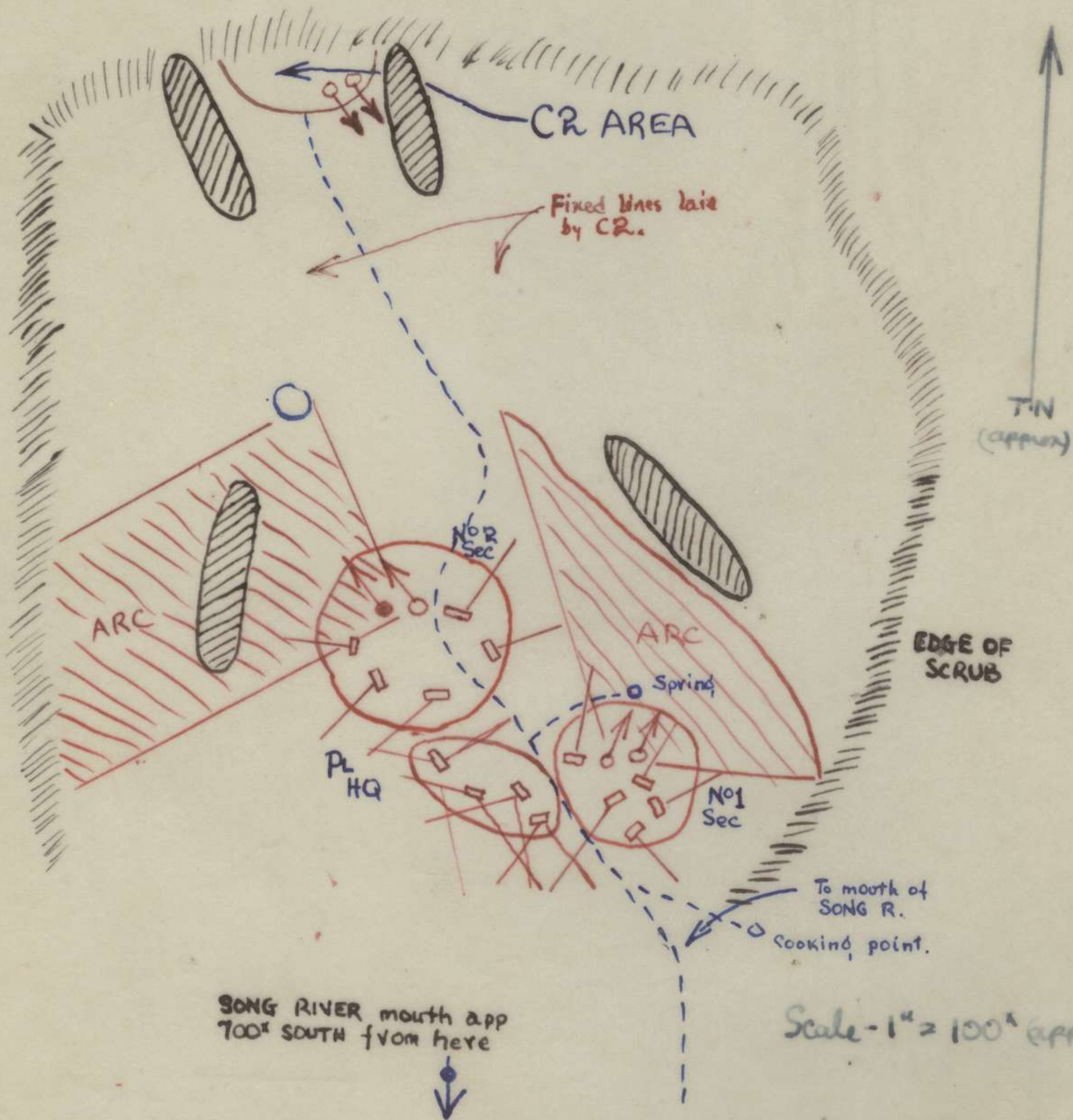
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SKETCH MAP - DISPOSITIONS

C3 PL 2/R Aust M.G. Bn

N of MASAWENG RIVER - 1" = 63360

PL HQ situated 642669



Scale - 1" = 100' (app)

copy from sketch
by Capt C. Hall.

APPX A TO "C" COY WAR DIARY

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REPORT BY O.C. C3 PL, COVERING PERIOD FROM 1530 hrs 21/9/43 to 0700 hrs 22/9/43

At 1530 hrs 21/9/43 I was allotted to the comd of C3 Pl and immediately received orders for the FINSCHHAFEN operation from Capt NICHOLAS OC, "C" Coy. At 1655 hrs 21/9 the Pl moved from the R/v down the right bank of the BUREP R thence south along the beach to RAMP NO 4. At approx 1815 hrs 21/9. 9 E bombers approached with fighter escort above the beach. A.A. guns on all LSTs on the beach and on APDs off the shore opened fire. No bombs fell in the beach area. Maj SEEKMAN, 2/2 AUST PNR BN, O.C. TROOPS of LCI 26, on which C3 were to embark instructed me to embark first on the Port side and to move into No 3 hold. LCI 26 beached at 1935 hrs 21/9 and the Pl embarked at 1940 hrs I attended a conference conducted by OC Troops and was appointed OC No 3 Hold. Pl stores were stowed inside the bulwark of the fore deck, on the Port side. Reveille on 22/9 was at 0400 hrs. Breakfast followed immediately. Consisted of hot sea and cold hard rations on a meagre scale. O.C. Troops ordered the following disembarkation ~~due to C3 Pl's slow movement with stores. I decided to move remaining~~ order. Port side - No 3 hold, No 4 starboard side, No 2 hold, No 1. To avoid delay in disembarkation due to C3 Pl's slow movement with stores. I decided to move remaining personnel of No 3 hold (3 Aust Fd Coy) out first. At 0440 I moved these personnel on the fore deck, port side, just as the Naval bombardment was ending. C3 Pl moved on deck immediately behind the Engrs. As LCI 26 moved into ROCKY COVE, immediately SOUTH of SCARLET BEACH, small arms and MG fire, together with some light Arty or mortar fire was opened from both sides of the Cove. Rifle fire was also coming from some of the tree tops. The A.A. guns of the LCIs returned this fire. During this period one casualty was sustained by the Engrs. LCI 26 beached at 0505 still under fire. Due to some defect, the gang-way on the Port side could not be lowered so that all disembarkation had to be carried out from the Starboard side. The Engrs moved off first and C3 Pl disembarked at approx 0512 hrs 22/9. Some of our amm had to be abandoned on the CLI due to the area between the bulwarks being congested ~~with naval personnel~~ with naval personnel. As disembarkation was taking place, the LCI drifted off the beach. Pte Pearson carrying a tripod, jumped from the gangway into about 6' of water just as the LCI commenced to move in again - he was struck by the gangway and dropped the tripod. The LCI moved right over the tripod, which therefore had to be abandoned. After making a preliminary check of the Pl on the beach, I commenced to move them North to the appointed R/V, 200 x up the mouth of the SONG RIVER. During the necessarily slow movement of the heavily laden Pl around the northern head of ROCKY COVE. L/Cpl CHAPPLE overshot the Pl and followed a party of Engrs. Near the north end of SCARLET BEACH he saw a party of 5 Japs emerge from a trench and run into the scrub. He opened fire with his Owen Gun and accounted for one. Moving the Pl forward toward the R/V, I contacted 13 Pl of 2/15 Aust Inf Bn at north head of ROCKY COVE and later ~~sides of the cove. Rifle fire was also coming from some of the trees~~ about 300 x SOUTH of SONG RIVER and on SCARLET BEACH, contacted Capt NICHOLAS, who instructed me to wait there for further instructions. This was at approx 0615 hrs. At approx 0625 hrs C2 Pl arrived at the same spot and I passed on the instructions I had received to Lieut ARMSTRONG. We then both moved down to the beach and reported to the MLO, who ordered us to the pre-arranged R/V. We returned to our Pls and commenced to move. Nearing the mouth of the SONG R, a message was passed back to me to move across to the North bank of the river. Arriving there at 0652 hrs the Pl adopted a protective formation. At 0654 hrs an orderly arrived from OC C Coy with a verbal order to move NORTH along the track 171230 at 0700 behind "B" Coy 2/17 Aust Inf Bn (Capt Sheldon). At 0700 hrs C3 Pl moved off.

(sgd) C.C. Hall, Lieut
O.C. C3 Pl.

All map references from PHOTOMAP 3592 FINSCHHAFEN.

