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2/2 Aust. M.G. Bn.

WAR DIARY, DECEMBER 1944

FINSCHHAFEN.

- Dec. 1. 0900. C.O. and Major MACKAY and Lieut. Ginn left en route C Coy. Lieut Ginn to take over a Pl of that Coy.
1400. C.O. and Major GREEN P.B. attending conference at H.Q. & Bde re projected ops- A Coy will be under comd. 4 Bde.
1830. 9 Div. order 0469. 2/17 Bn to relieve 37/53 Bn. 20 Bde will relieve 24 Bde of responsibility for holding SCARLET BEACH, and assume operational comd 24 Bde L.O.B. 24 Bde will remain responsible for defence of NORTH HILL. C tk sqn less 11 tanks, 20/46 Bn, A Coy 2/2 M.G.Bn, 9 Pl P.I.B., and on relief 37/52 Bn. will come under comd 4 Bde, who will be responsible for their move same day to assembly posns, South and S.W, of BONGA. D³ Pl at present in support 20 Bde will revert to command of and rejoin 2/2 M.G.Bn. One tp C Sqn tks west of JIVEVANENG ceases to be in support 26 Bde, and will support 2/2 M.G.Bn. 2/2 M.G.Bn will adjust dispositions preparatory to projected move on short notice of 9 Div. Carr coy to come under R.A.E. 9 Div. at 20 Bde jeephead earliest possible after 2 Dec. to protect Engineer road construction parties.
2140. Order sent out from ~~XXXXX~~ Bn to whole of Comp. Force, D Coy less D1 Pl will move earliest 2 Dec. and relieve 2 Pls 9 Div Carr Coy at STEEPLE TREE posn. 548647, one Pl at KUMUWA. On relief 9 Div Carr Coy move to 20 Bde jeephead. Capt K.S. WRAGGE to remain as O.C. Comp Force at ZAG. 1 tp C sqn Tanks now at STEEPLE TREE comes in support of 2/2 M.G. Bn. A coy 2/2 M.G.Bn comes under comd 4 Bde.
- 2130 B coy reported seeing lights and hearing 3 shots fired from direction of 2600 feature.
- SITUATION
- 20 Bde. 2/13 Bn A and C coys advance towards NONGARA. At last light believed close to village. contacted enemy scouts this area.
- 24 Bde. 2/28 Bn patrol fired on North of GUS-IKA. 2/43 Bn A and B coys supported by tanks adv. from PABU ref ~~XXXXXX~~ 637730 westward, and meeting some opposition at ref. 632728. 26 Bde. 2/27 Bn. Bridgehead 113117 captured and secured by C and D coys. Enemy force estimated at more than 50 wiped out. Perimeter for the night in close contact. 2/24 Bn. A coy moved to FIOR.

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DEC. 2. THURSDAY.

Light rain fell during the hours of darkness. As a result road very slippery this morning, but passable at least as far as STEEPLE TREE position.

1130. Advance party D2 pl passed Bn HQ. en route to KUMUWA to relieve pl Carr coy. D3 pl. unable to move whole distance in one day, staying the night in HQ coy area. Coy HQ moved through early in the afternoon.

Present posting of officers :-

C.O. Lt-Col. E. MACARTHUR-ONSLOW. D.S.O.

2 i/c. Major J.K. MACKAY.

Adj. Capt. F.A. VARLEY;

I.O. Lieut. W.M. BENNETT.

M.O. Capt. W.N.C.G. BENNETT.

Chaplain. Padre G.E. JAEGER.

Q.M. & O.C. HQ Coy. Capt. P.K. SEARLE

T.O. Lieut. D.R. STUART.

Sig. Offr. Lieut W.R. MELVILLE.

O.C. TAMI IS. FORCE; Lieut. C.A.H. MOXHAM

O.M.E. Capt. G. FOSTER-KNIGHT.

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THURS. Dec. 2 cont. Present posting of officers ; - cont.

A coy.

O.C. Major P.B.GREEN.
 2 i/c. Lieut F.HERBERTSON.
 No.1 pl. Lieut R.J.R.BENNETT.
 No.2 pl. Lieut C.C.HALL.
 No.3 pl. Lieut.G.J.JEFFCOAT.

B coy.

O.C. Capt. F.R.K.STANILAND.
 2 i/c. Lieut C.E.JACK
 No.1 pl. Lieut W.N.TIPPETT
 No.2 pl. Lieut H.E.EDWARDS
 No.3 Pl. Lieut G.T.FERGUSON
 Attached Lieut R.C.CANN.

C coy.

O.C. Capt W.P.NICHOLAS
 2 i/c. - - -
 No.1 pl. Lieut R.R.GINN
 No.2 pl. Lieut W.B.ARMSTRONG
 No.3 pl. Lieut C.P.CRAVEN

D coy.

O.C. Capt A.D.GOLDSMITH
 2 i/c. - - -
 No.1 pl. Lieut H.J.C.COCKRAM
 No.2 pl. Lieut V.C.MOULDER
 No.3 pl. Lieut P.E.~~XXXXXX~~ GARDINER
 Attached Lieut R.R.McLAREN

SCHOOLS.

Major G.A.SEARLE. Staff & Command School, BEENLEIGH.
 Capt G.A.TURNER. Junior Staff School. BRISBANE.

SICK.

Capt. J.G.CAMERON
 Capt. R.J.CRIST
 Capt. M.J.LAMB
 Lieut. R.BRERETON
 Lieut. A.B.FARQUHAR
 Lieut. K.J.N.KIBBLE

SECONDED.

Capt. H.B.STANILAND
 Capt. C.L.FISCHER
 Major E.C.WILLIAMS
 Major G.B.COMBES
 Capt J.L.A.MITCHELL

L.O.B.

Lieut I.Y.MILLS

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lieut R.W.CAMERON D.S.O.
 Lieut L.A.WALL
 Lieut H.E.GEE.

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1600. Report from Capt.F.R.K.STANILAND, patrol from D1 pl found pool of blood and blood drops along the SIKI creek. Possibly caused by escaped prisoner from 2600 feature.

SITUATION. 20 Bde. 2/17 Bn no sighting of enemy.
 2/15 Bn located enemy on the ridge east of MONGORA one coy attacked with arty, m.m.g. and mortars support and drove enemy off ridge. Further contact made to north.
 24 Bde. B coy 2/47 Bn continued advance with tank support, inflicting casualties. Enemy erratically shelled area 608715. 2/72Bn found numerous unoccupied posn along former L of C.

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Situation cont.
2/28 Bn. patrol work north of GUSIKA, not yet returned. 26 Bde. 2/2⁷ Bn occupied KUANKO, made three unsuccessful attempts to ~~and~~ dislodge enemy north of village. 4 Bde. 22 Bn less A coy moved to vicinity BONGA. Adv Bde HQ 6³722.

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FRIDAY
DEC. 3.

0900. C.O. and I.O. left for C Coy and A coy, taking mail and despatches. A coy preparing to accompany 4 Bde, Al pl moved fwd with 22 Bn crossing KALUENG River at 1200hrs. With Capt W.P. Nicholas, C.O. and I.O. then continued to GUSIKA, returning via 2/28 Bn. Inspected pl positions at EXCHANGE C2, PABU C1 and C² in fwd position with 2/4⁷ Bn. C.O. instructed B,D, and C coys each to supply one N.C.O. and one O/R to 4 Bde in an advisory capacity with each MG pl. 9 Div Op order No.23.

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9 Div to advance along the coast to an ultimate objective to be notified later.

Fwd tps. 4 Bde with under cmd. C sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn less 11 tks. A coy 2/2 M.G.Bn. 9 pl C coy P.I.B. two dets AASC. two beach control parties 5³2 Regt 2 ESB. One amphibious scout party 5³2 Regt 2 ESB. 4 Aust Fd Amb. less one coy. Det. 2/8 Fd Amb. Det 9 Aust Div Pro.coy. Det ANGAU and in support initially 2/6 Fd Regt. 2/7 Aust Fd Coy. Will advance along coastal route by bounds and capture FORTIFICATION ~~XXXX~~ HILL.

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Assembly area south and SW of BONGA.

24 and 26 Bdes will continue present tasks until line BONGA-HILL 1800-579718-WAREO has been captured. Ground to be held by 24 Bde will include area BONGA.EXCHANGE 616723.NORTH HILL and HILL 1800-579718. By 26 Bde will include high ground in 5672 and WAREO and SATELBURG features.

On D day 20 Bde come into Div reserve, continuing present tasks until notified.

2/2 M.G.Bn Comp force continue to protect SATELBURG RD and KUMAWA.

Malarial precautions.

08³⁰. 1 Tp C sqn Tks no longer in support 2/2 MG Bn. Moving to 4 Bde area.

SITUATION

20 Bde. 2/1³ Bn patrol encountered enemy dug-in 570715. 2/15 Bn forced enemy from the ridge east of NANGORA. 2/17 Bn relieved 37/52 Bn

24 Bde, 2/28 Bn patrol north of GUSIKA unable to draw fire from north bank KALUENG River.

2/4⁷ Bn resumed advance with tanks brushing aside resistance. Onr tank bogged, one damaged by arty fire. 26 Bde, 2/24 Bn moved to 545684. A coy 2/48 Bn relieved 2/4 Cav at MARARUO. 2/2⁷ Bn made some progress but were held up by enemy who had been reinforced. 29/46 Bn moved to 6³3721. 37/52 Bn moved to 629721.

2100. D day not before 5 Dec.

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FINSCHHAFEN
SATURDAY
DEC. 4.

0900. Re D.C.M. Pte FARR J. Prosecuting Officer Lieut.H.E.GEE. Defending Offr. Lieut McLAREN, accompanied by witnesses and Lieut GARDINER (to give evidence of character) left for Rear Div.

1400. Patrol from B coy report seeing Jap footprints (possibly day old) leading east along track SIKI Creek.550666.

Booby trap at White Rock set off accidentally, failed to explode. Apparently fuse was too wet to burn.

1530. C.O. interviewed Brig.D.A.WHITEHEAD at 26 Bde HQ. 3200 feature, re Comp force taking over responsibility defence of SATELBURG and MARARUO.

C.O.requires relief of some responsibility at present held, namely defence of road to STEEPLE TREE posn.548647 and would need Tk tp now at SATELBURG.

FINSCHHAFEN
SATURDAY
DEC; 4. cont.

2145. G.I rang the C.O. enquiring time required for first tps of Comp force to be at SATELBURG to relieve 26 Bde tps. Six hours from first notice. B coy placed on notice to move.
- SITUATION. 4 Bde. D coy 22 Bn supported by arty & mortar fire advanced to 623737. B coy moved to 614732 after encountering enemy resistance estimated two pls at 619737. 27/52 Bn moved to 619727. 20 Bde. 2/17 Bn made deep patrol North of WILDE 570712. 2/15 Bn patrols area NONGORA, some contact made. 24 Bde. 2/43 Bn forced some slight withdrawal (enemy) but were fired on from North and South. Unable to make further progress. 2/72 Bn less two coys moved fwd in support Bde HQ 623696. 26 Bde. 2/23 Bn patrol found possible route to cut main Jap track. Fwd coys made slight withdrawal. Repeated advances and attacks by enemy repulsed. 2/24 Bn. employed carrying supplies and amn to 2/27 Bn. 2/4 Cav. sending three day patrols to KULUNGTUFU. P.O.W. captured.
2200. D day - Dec.5. Hour - 0730.

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FINSCHHAFEN
SUNDAY
DEC. 5.

0900. 2 i/c, M.O. and Adj. took Jeep to A coy, leaving it for their use during ops with 4 Bde. Visited all C coy pls, and 2/43 and 2/32 Bns. All sub-units Comp-force warned of possible move on short notice,
1300. C.O. enquired on progress being made by B coy on jeep track, to KUMAWA. Capt. F.R.K. STANILAND considers track jeepable in fine weather as far south from main road as QUOJA River. C.O. then rang D2 asking Lieut MOULDER what amount of stores and amn still remained at KUMAWA. D2 to commence moving stores to QUOJA River crossing. Pl can then be relieved at KUMAWA and used in defence positions on SATELBURG;
1715. Pnr L.O.B. saw track thought to be made by enemy approx one hour old, sent out patrol to investigate. Found natives had made tracks.
- SITUATION 4 Bde. 22Bn contacted dug in positions and four rows anti-tank mines. One tp tks crossed river KALUENG. 20 Bde. 2/15 Bn attempting to cut NW track behind enemy line. 24 Bde. 2/72 and 2/43 Bns continued pressure on enemy positions and made some progress. Enemy gun fired 48 shells into Bde area. No damage or casualties. 26 Bde. Japs cut track, new track being used. 3 attacks beaten off during the day. 2/24 Bn moved into close contact with enemy. 2/4 Cav sqn patrol reached JUNGAING. Natives report Japs in area FASEO. Discovered enemy position unknown strength area 515697. Arty fired more than 4000 rds in close support and C.B tasks on WAREO LAGOON AND KILIGIA. Extensive air ops.

FINSCHHAFEN
MONDAY
DEC. 6.

1300. C.O. to KUMUWA inspecting state of track and extent of stores remaining in village. Contacted D2 pl. Considering possibility of extending track to KUMUWA from QUOJA River.
- 1400, I.O. to B coy and pls B7 and D1, taking maps showing latest developments, and passing on relevant information. Supply problem becoming acute owing to jeep shortage and widely scattered dispositions of Coys and pls. One Jeep on loan from A.S.C for day for rationing and water.

~~SITUATION~~

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MONDAY
DEC. 6.

SITUATION. 20 Bde. 2/15 Bn patrols - no contact.
4 Bde. 20/46 Bn with arty and tk support success-
fully advanced to LAGOON. Small Jap pocket still
in area. 22 Bn no contact. 24 Bde. 2/28 Bn.
N.M.S. 2/72 Bn still in contact, pushing west
with B and D coy s 2/43 Bn. Some short clashes,
killed 7 Japs. 26 Bde. 2/23 Bn patrols made
some contact. 2/24 Bn. N.M.S. 2/4 Cav. on patrol
to KULUNGTUFU finding going very difficult.

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FINSCHHAFEN
~~MONDAY~~ TUESDAY
DEC; 7.

SITUATION. 4 Bde. 20/46 Bn with arty sup-
port drove enemy North. 75mm gun found intact
at 619749. Bn not in contact last light. Whole
Bn moved north. 37/52 Bn. B coy ambushed enemy
party 600742 killing 10 incl. 2 Offrs. 22 Bn.
B coy cleared enemy pocket 619738. 20 Bde.
2/15 Bn. enemy withdrew during night from posns
NW of NONGORA. Located at 577716. 2/32 Bn. con-
tinued westerly advance, held up by fire and
precipitous terrain. 2/43 Bn. A coy cut track
KUANKO - KWATINKO. A coy attacked East to PEAK
HILL, surprising enemy and causing casualties.
2/48 Bn and 2/4 Cav. patrols N.M.S. Some enemy
air activity in the area.

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0900. C.O., I.O. and Sig Offr en route to A and C coys.
A coy carrying 24 belts per gun, most of which
must be manhandled by pls. fwd from native car-
riers dump, approx. one mile. Coy jeep forced
to cut own track when tanks (bogged and blown)
blocked further progress on track.
Pte RIDDELL killed in action Dec.6. by own arty
shell. burst close in front of fwd positions.
Splinter coming back caused fatal wound. Pte
Elmer wounded by enemy shelling Dec.6.
C coy pls -no change- except C3 who are still
moving fwd with 2/32 Bn. Track over which guns
and stores are carried very slippery and steep.
Perconnel of pl showing signs of extreme physic-
al exhaustion, due to constant movement over
difficult terrain with heavy loads and lack of sleep.

0543. 2/13 Bn will relieve 22 Bn of responsibility of
GUSIKA beach head defence at earliest possible.
Each coy of 22 Bn on releif will be at immediate
disposal of 4 Bde.

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FINSCHHAFEN
Tuesday
DEC 8...

1130. I.O. on visit to KUMUWA. Passing on information
local and general situation. Small party of
natives have recocuppied village
1530 Heavy rainstorm. Road becoming difficult for as-
-cent of Jeeps.
1400. Warning Order. Battn less 2 Coys and attached g
groups prepare for move to Scarlet BEACH AREA.
Passed on to all sub-units.
2050. Confirmation of warning order to move.
1620 One Officer, 11 ORs of 2/3 Pnr Bn en route KUMUWA;
to relieve D2 Platoon.
2130. Continuous rain. C.O. rang Div for permission to
delay move to SCARLET BEACH 24 hours should rain
continue throughout night, in which case SATELBERG
road would be almost impassable to all wheeled
traffic. Permission granted. Steady rain throughout
night. Sub-units advised.
Capt. W.P; NICHOLAS contacted for possible Bn areas
SCARLET BEACH;

SITUATION..... 4 Bde. 30/46 Bn patrol reached
River TUNIN where strong opposition encountered.
Bn made progress ag inst opposition. 37/52 Bn
indications enemy force by-passed by B Coy.
22 Bn. A Coy relieved by 2/13 Bn. Advance of tanks

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WEDNESDAY

DEC 8.(cont.)

held up by built up mines and soft going. LAGOON reported unsuitable for barge landing. 20 Bde ~~2/13~~ 2/13 Bn moved to Gusika. 2/15 Bn contacted enemy. 2/32 Bn made some progress but enemy still on 1800 feature. 26 Bde 2/4 Cav patrol reached JOANGENG. No signs recent enemy occupation. Located enemy 512704. 2/23 moved North encountered strong enemy posn 549716. 2/24 Bn inflicted heavy casualties on enemy parties (some retreating in disorder) KWATINKO and PEAK HILL. Jap posns cover all tracks leading to Wareo. Over 2300 rounds fired by Arty on enemy posns WAREO, LAKONA, KILIGIA areas. PT boats destroyed four enemy barges west of SIO. Lieut H.E. GEE evac to 2/9 A.G.H.

APPX A.

FINSCHHAFEN

THURSDAY

DEC 9. 0900

Lieut W.M. BENNETT with two ORs left for SCARLET BEACH area, to contact Capt. W.P. NICHOLAS and make recce for Bn area. Posn previously occupied by 2/17 Bn selected. 687676.

1430 Major J.K. MACKAY inspected 2/17 Bn area, sited Bn HQ. Coy and L.O.B. Groups.

1630 G.I. phoned C.O. Bn to move further North than Scarlet BEACH. No definite area allotted.

1700 Adj. advised I.O. of changed plan. Possibly use 2/17 Bn area for staging. C. Coy HQ to move to ORIENTAL 100830 L.

Capt. J.G. Cameron rejoined C. Coy.

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Friday

DEC 10. 0830.

First transport reached 2/17 Bn area. Dump established there.

1000 21 x list, 28 reinf. arrived SCARLET BEACH. X list personnel rejoined Coys, reinf. remaining temporarily with Bn.

1100 C.O. reached SCARLET BEACH, rang G.I. informing him first group had arrived SCARLET BEACH.

Instructed to move Bn and attached trps to NORTH HILL area.

One Coy to come under comd 20 Bde GUSIKA. B Coy warned to move immediately.

C.O. then rang 24 Bde for allotment possible area.

Given vicinity 615690. Accompanied by I.O. and Sig Offr C.O. inspected that area, choosing 614688 as Bn HQ site. Remainder of Bn and attached trps reached new posn during afternoon. Sig. com. established 1700 hrs.

SITUATION

4 Bde. 29/46 Bn secured Beachhead mouth River TUNOM. B Coy killed probably 12 enemy 613738. B and C Coys relieved by B and A Coys 22 Bn respectively. 37/52 Bn crossed river 602751 encountered opposition estimated two pls. Posn engaged by Arty. 20 Bde. 2/15 Bn contacted 2/32 Numerous abandoned enemy posns and fd gun sites found on track N. of NONGORA. 2/17 Bn moved North to GUSIKA. 24 Bde. 2/32 Bn patrol to contact 2/24 Bn fired on. Visual contact only, made. 26 Bde. Large MDS found on high ground east of BAZULUO. Strong enemy posn captured by 2/4 Cav. A and C Coys, 2/24 Bn in close contact. Bde HQ FIOR.

APPX A.

FINSCHHAFEN

SATURDAY

DEC 11. 0900.

Coy Comds conference. C.O. not satisfied with move as carried out on previous day. Too much surplus gear being accumulated by all personnel, requiring

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SATURDAY

DEC 11. cont. excessive use of vehicles available for carrying essential material. Training to, be carried out whenever possible in the near future to eliminate delays and weight on future moves. Offrs to ensure each man is capable of moving whole of own belongings and equipment. Be prepared to move at short notice(half hour) and quickly set up shelter in new posns. Latrines dug during all halts.

0920. Capt. F R K STANILAND at Bn en route GUSIKA. C.O. left with Capt. STANILAND for, 20 Bde.

1530. Warning order from C.O. by phone, Bn., less 3 Coys, and LOB Grps move to GUSIKA. No move before 0730. No 15 cwts. Cannot be used on NORTH HILL track.

1900 C.O. issued instructions for move to GUSIKA. One LCV available from SCARLET to GUSIKA Beach. This will carry amm., guns, rations and accommodation stores. Movement of personnel to commence 0900 hrs. Order of march.. 2/3 Pnr Bn LOB., 26 Bde LOB., 2/4 Cav LOB., HQ Coy, Bn HQ and D Coy. Light rain fell almost continuously during afternoon and night.

SITUATION.

4 Bde. 29/46 Bn reached KILIGIA area with 2/2 supp. COCONUT BEACH very suitable for landing craft. 20 Bde. No contact. 24 Bde. Contact made between 2/32 Bn and 2/24 Bn. 26 Bde. 2/4 Cav Sqn found FASEO unoccupied. Natives report Japs were warned. Bde HQ PEAK HILL. 2/23 Bn less D Coy WAREO D Coy BAZALUO. 2/24 KWATINKO-FIOR. PT boats night 9/10 sank-destroyed 15 brges off REISS PT. 5 more off HARDENBERG PT.

APPX A.

FINSCHHAFEN

SUNDAY

DEC 12. 0700. Jeeps commence carrying stores from Bn area to SCARLET BEACH for loading on LCV. Unit 15 cwts having difficulty to reach Bn owing to state of track during rain. Bn HQ closed old location 1100 hrs, reopened 630733 same time. 2/13 Bn remaining in posn at 630733 until 0900 hrs 13 Dec. Remainder of day spent ferrying stores from GUSIKA to new area and personnel erecting temporary shelters. Locations as at 1800 hrs 12 Dec. Bn HQ 630733, A Coy under comd 4 Bde, B Coy staging GUSIKA en route 20 Bde. C Coy under comd 24 Bde 625720. D Coy 624738. HQ Coy 625732 until relieved by Carr Coy. the n move to 631731, 26 Bde LOB 612733, 2/3 Pnr LOB 625735 2/4 Cav (Commando) Sqn 613733 (4 T C Sqn tanks) moving to 625734 13 Dec in sp 2/2 MG Bn. Lieut V.C. MOULDER reporting to B ech pending reclassification.

SITUATION.

4 Bde. 29/46 Bn mopped up and consolidated mouth R. SOWI, numerous Jap stragglers killed during day. 37/52 B Bn ambushed 7 Japs, believed all killed. Later ambushed 18 more, 5 killed. 22 Bn patrol found amm dump and med supplies and parts of fd gun. 20 Bde. 2/17 Bn relieving 37/52 Bn. 24 Bde. No significant change. 26 Bde. 2/23 Bn patrol killed 2 Japs wounded one of a party of 20. 2/24 Bn A Coy penetrated enemy posn inflicting casualties. Wiped out party moving down track. PT boats night 10/11 sank 2 damaged 3 barges. Fired on from shore.

APPX A

FINSCHHAFEN

GUSIKA.

MONDAY

DEC 13

0800 2/13 Bn moving out. Clear of area by 1000 hrs. 0930 Major HASH OC Carr Coy contacted C.O. re posn for his Coy and their role. He expects to take over from H.Q. Coy tomorrow. Lieut F. HERBERTSON, Lieut JACK, Capt. A.D. GOLDSMITH and Capt. W.P. NICHOLAS visited Bn today in that order.

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GUSIKA.

MONDAY DEC. 13
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C.O. ordered all map refs used by Comp Force to be given from Photo-Maps BONGA-WAREO and LAKONA until further notice. Sitrep each day to Div.

1600

Capt. H.B. STANILAND called at HQ, hoping to see his brother. Remaining overnight. He leaves for Junior Staff School morning 14 Dec.

1730.

Maj. J.K. MACKAY rang DAQMG re possibility of obtaining ten natives for carrying purposes.

SITUATION.

4 Bde. 22 Bn continued advance against light oppn. By passed small enemy posn 609778. 29/46 Bn reorganised in present posn. 37/52 Bn A Coy across R. SOWI. 20 Bde. 2/15 Bn moved into area vacated by 22 Bn. 2/17 Bn patrolling. 24 Bde. 2/32 Bn patrol found much enemy amn and equip. 26 Bde. 2/4 Cav report Japs using tracks WALANGAI, ZAGAHAM, SIO. 2/32 Bn killed one Jap at enemy posn 548732, could not outflank posn. Other patrols killed 2, wounded 2, Japs. 2/24 Bn captured enemy posn after six hours fighting. BONGA WAREO Track, now open. Estimated 25 enemy killed. PT boats night 11/12 sank 3 barges off Cape KING WILLIAM.

APPX A.

GUSIKA
TUESDAY

DEC 14. 0930.

C.O. on visit to B and A Coys.

1030

Ten natives arrived for use of Bn. Employed carrying water and supplies.

Carr Coy will not now come under comd 2/2 MG Bn., but move to COCONUT BEACH and come under comd 20 Bde.

Ref PHOTOMAPS patrol 1 offr 4 ORs from 26 Bde LOB along north bank R. KALUENG to 171146. Further patrol, 1 offr 10 ORs along South bank R. KALUENG to 176154.

1110.

Leit K J N KIBBLE marched in from 9 Div Reception Camp. Ordered by MO to rest at Bn until Monday 20 Dec.

1300.

C.O. reviewing posting of offr. On return Lieut Farquhar he rejoins C. Coy, Lieut KIBBLE rejoins C Coy 20 Dec. Lieut C.P. GRAVEN and Lieut R C CANN to Bn and carry out liaison duties. Lieut COCHRAN goes to SAS BONEGILLA. Lieut R.R. GINN to D Coy.

1445

Warning to HQ Coy and 2/3 Pnr Bn LOB mutual exchange of posns, possibly 15 Dec.

1520.

LO Div rang. Brig D.A. Whitehead would like Lt. Col. MACARTHUR-ONSLOW to ring him first opportunity.

1530.

Message (phone) Gll Learner. 24 Bde LOB moving to GUSIKA BEACH from SCARLET BEACH 1100 hrs 15 Dec. Will come under comd 2/2 MG Bn. All groups informed of possible change of plan for defence of GUSIKA Beachhead.

1800

CEME would like permission for 2/77 LAD to be used by fwd troops, (4 and 20 Bdes) C.O. agreeable.

SITUATION.

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4 Bde. 22 Bn attacked enemy posn 606784, causing withdrawal, killed 10. Enemy found dug in 597747. B Coy attacked posn at 598783 killing 8. A and C Coys (37/52) ~~drove enemy off high ground~~ Bn after relief by 2/13 Bn drove enemy off high ground north of R. SOWI. 29/46 Bn protecting KILIGIA BEACH. 20 Bde 2/13 Bn relieved 37/52 Bn.

APPX A

GUSIKA.
WEDNESDAY.
15 Dec.

0930. Group Comds. conference. HQ coy to establish water point at FORD and arrange to police same. No washing or bathing West of FORD.

D coy Comd. to superimpose coy over comp-force area and co-ordinate MG's in defence of area linking with C coy MG's plan.

Patrols to be carried out West and NW. West to ref. maps 1/25000, 60 easting. North to 75 northing. APPX
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24 Bde group L.O.B take over D coy area on arrival.

2/3 Pnr L.O.B. relieve HQ coy and carry out training with tanks. HQ coy take over responsibility defence of GUSIKA BEACH and coast. Reliefs to be complete by 171800L. Daily returns re strength of each group available for work. Natives to be used for distribution of rations and amm. Kunai patches in area to be burnt off.

1200. C.O. rang C.R.E. for permission to use bulldozer to improve tank crossing KULUENG River, and to improve entrance GUSIKABEACH. At present only one barge can beach there. A passage could easily be blown to allow two or more to operate together.

Capt BROWN O/c Tk A Bty to call 160000L and arrange mutual use of boat repaired on BUMI RIVER by Capt J.T.LAMB, which now has an outboard motor.

Lieut R.C.CANN and C.P.CRAVEN arrived at Bn HQ to carry out liason duties.

1500. Lieut C.P.CRAVEN marched out. P.U.O.

1230. 24 Bde L.O.B. arrived GUSIKA. Met by Capt. A.D.GOLDSMITH who guided them to area.

SITUATION. 4 Bde. 22 Bn. D coy attacked Jap position 596787 40/50 strong. Killed 5 - remainder withdrew. A coy attacked enemy position 595786 forcing withdrawal and killing 5. 37/52 Bn. A and C coys in contact during the day. Jap. position 600773 vacated leaving 9 dead. Enemy movement observed, one pl strength crossing MASAWENG River, engaged by arty. 29/46 Bn after relief by 2/13 Bn moved to rear of 22 Bn.

20 Bde. 2/13 Bn took over defence of KILIKIA area. APPX

2/15 Bn. unloading duties ~~xxxx~~ COCOANUT BEACH. A

24 Bde. found abandoned enemy gun positions 577718 and 580719. 26 Bde. 2/24 Bn after four hours fighting and two unsuccessful attempts to outflank enemy position at 657777 drove enemy out. 2/4 Cav. patrol to MALOLO.NMS. Native carriers with further patrol attacked with spears by hostile natives. Arty fired 660 rds.

One E/A. (L14) dived bombed PT boats SCARLET BEACH without success.

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0900. Lieut R.C.CANN left Bn to visit A coy and obtain information of their locations and activity.

0930. Capt BROWN at Bn. Arrangements made for boat to leave GUSIKA BEACH daily at 0930 hrs running alternate days to Northern and Southern beaches.

During the morning Pnr L.O.B's relieved HQ coy, who then took up positions GUSIKA BEACH area. Capt.A.D. GOLDSMITH making recce to position M.G's in Bn area.

1400. Lieut L.A.WALL marched out to G.D.D. Brisbane for release from Military service.

1600. Capt W.P.NICHOLAS at Bn. Obtained permission from the C.O. and Comd.26 Bde to accompany 2/4 Cav.(Commando) Sqn. long range patrol. Bte and route to be specified later. Capt.NICHOLAS since the original landing at SCARLET Beach has commanded C coy in such a manner as to gain the admiration of Bns 24 Bde while his ~~xxxxxxx~~ leadership and devotion to duty under all circumstances has been an inspiration to all under his command.

1800. Advised 4 Bde L.O.B. arriving GUSIKA 17 Dec. and will come under comd 2/2 Aust. M.G.Bn., and area occupied by A and C coys 2/17 Bn to be included in defence plan GUSIKA BEACH.head. Ref PHOTOMAP 168169, B coy. A coy 171171.

SITUATION; 4 Bde. 22Bn drove enemy from LAKONA to coast at 594790,

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where they are now encircled. Tanks unable to cross the creek owing to the steep banks. 37/52 Bn A coy with mortar and M.M.G. support successfully attacked enemy position 589771 - 20 killed. 29/46 Bn relieved by 2/13 Bn. Moved to rear of 22 Bn. 20 Bde. moving in rear of 4 Bde. 26 Bde. 2/4 Cav. on extensive inland patrols. 2/24 Bn in contact unable to outflank. Arty activity

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0000hrs. C.O., Major SNELL, I.O., and Lieut CANN left to contact 2/17 Bn and inspect positions occupied by A and B coys 2/17 Bn. On return C.O. rang G.I.. He considered that the force at his disposal was insufficient to effectively hold present area plus the ground occupied by those coys. Suggested as alternative holding ridge ref PHOTOMAP 164157 to 167163 and sending patrol including ambush patrol to North and West. G.I. concurred to alternate plan. I.O. and Lieut CANN left B coy position 168169 hoping to find possible supply route to 26 Bde L.O.B. HQ. 174158. Followed track to ~~1615~~ 161158. Turned off South at this point as track continued in general Westerly direction. Country in this area thickly timbered and mostly re-entrants. While no further tracks were encountered until 26 Bde L.O.B. HQ reached, by following re-entrants North of KALUENG River, a track which could be developed as supply route runs from 174158 to 173163 then to 167163. Major SNELL O/C 26 Bde L.O.B. to position 4 Bde L.O.B. and outline their task and patrol activity. 1540. Bde advance party reached 26 Bde L.O.B. HQ., remaining in area till morning. 1800. reported 2 guns A coy now U/S after firing with acute angle of depression. Sliding valve in steam tube ~~was~~ would not allow escape of steam, causing the barrels to bulge through over-heating. Barrels could not then be removed. New guns being sent up. No. 3 pl A coy after giving supporting fire to an attack by the 22 Bn located a Jap pocket in rear of their position. They attacked the position with pistols and S.M.G.'s, killing 13 Japs without loss to themselves

SITUATION.

4 Bde. Heavy fighting LAKONA area during the day. 22 Bn in close contact. Tank support held up by creek. 30 enemy killed. 37/52 Bn moved to high ground overlooking the SANGA River. 29/46 Bn in reserve area 589685. P.I.B. patrol West from KILIGIA observed considerable Jap movement. Ambushed 1 party. 20 Bde further advance in rear 4 Bde. 24 Bde. Patrol activity only. 26 Bde. 2/4 Cav patrol to ZAGAHEMI report village occupied by enemy. 2/24 Bn found enemy withdrawn from position of previous day. TACR reports signs of hy movement between LAKONA and HUBIKA. no signs defensive positions south of ORTIFICATION POINT. Heavy arty support and air strikes along the coast.

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SATURDAY
DEC. 18.

0930. Conference of group comds at 26 Bde L.O.B.HQ.
All spare L.M.G's held at "Bech to be issued to 4 Bde L.O.B. who have no automatic weapons.
A section of M.M.G's made up of D coy personnel using the repaired guns from A coy to take up defensive positions in 4 Bde area. 2/3 Pnr L.O.B. require 1 MMG.
Further weapons for 4 Bde L.O.B.-
2 x 2" Mortars.
1 x 2" Mortar.
12 S.M.G's
2 Verrey pistols.
Coy comd D coy to recce and position MMG Sec in 4 Bde L.O.B. area.
Patrols to be arranged by Major SNELL. No booby traps for 4 and 26 Bde L.O.B to be set at present. Natives to be used for supply of 4 Bde L.O.B. and move to 26 Bde L.O.B. area. Jeep head will be extended as far as possible along supply route. Bulldozers required for short time on portion of proposed track.
Sub-units will arrange to build or select miniature ranges and carry out practices. Further adm arrangements made.
0930. Lieut CANN took two MMG's to A coy by barge.
20 Bde moving north accompanied by B coy 2/2 M.G.Bn.
1800. Sjt. J.KENYON to leave 191200L for OCTU.
Capt W.BENNETT (M.O.) evacuated to M.D.S.. (P.U.O.)
29/46 Bn across SANGA River. Enemy fled North in disorder. Enemy, 150 strong, heavily mortared at 587801. 22 Bn B and C coys moved West along North bank of SANGA River, mopping up. Counted 74 enemy dead. Leading platoon ambushed and killed 7 Japs. 27/52 Bn. A and D coys in close contact. Bde HQ moved to 595784. 2 Pl A coy 2/2 M.G.Bn after supporting attack by C coy 22 Bn at LAKONA descended cliff and killed 17 Japs with pistols and SMG's without loss. 20 Bde. slight advance. 24 Bde. found ~~xxxx~~ evidence of large HQ at 570728.
26 Bde. 2/4 Cav. patrol inland established O.P. on ridge 500 yds south of ZAGAHEMI. W/T jammed for the last three days. 2/23 Bn patrols failed to contact. 2/24 Bn no contact. Arty fired 2400 rds mainly on enemy position north of MASAWENG River.

SITUATION.

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SUNDAY
DEC. 19.

1000. Lieut H.J.C.COCHRAM, Sjt GEANY and Sjt MONTGOMERY arrived at Bn HQ en route to S.A.S. BONEGILLA.
1100. Sjt.J.KENYON at Bn en route to OCTU.
Report by Cpl WHITE K.E. on observations whilst M.G. adviser with 4 Bde.

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WARNING ORDER area GUSIKA south to excl. SONG, west to BAZALUO become 24 Bde responsibility. 2/4 Cav Sqn to protect left flank. Incl under comd 24 Bde, 2/2 M.G.Bn., and all L.O.B. groups at present under their comd, who remain in position GUSIKA.

SITUATION.

Lieut R.R.GINN deloused three UXB vicinity PABU.
4 Bde. 29/46 Bn forced enemy retreat after arty concentration and crossed MASAWENG River unopposed.
22 Bn moved up in rear. 27/52 Bn covering Bde left flank. 20 Bde. 2/17 Bn at LAKONA. 24 Bde N.T.R.
26 Bde. 2/4 Cav Sqn inland patrol report small enemy party in ZAGAHEMI. ~~XXXX XX~~ 2/23 Bn patrols to BAZALUO. Arty fired 1240 rds in support 4 Bde.
One enemy A/C dropped 6 bombs on SCARLET BEACH.

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MONDAY
DEC. 20.

2/28 Bn to relieve 2/27 Bn and come under comd of 26 Bde. 2/27 Bn will move earliest on 22 Dec. in 26 Bde reserve ready to continue to destination to be notified later. 2/43 Bn retained SCARLET BEACH? NORTH HILL area in reserve 24 Bde.

- 10³⁰. D3 carrying out firing practice, firing out to sea. Lieut R.C.CANN evacuated to M.D.S. (P.U.O.) Major H.K.MACKAY visited B coy and 11 Bty TK/A Regt. at COCOANUT BEACH. B coy moving to beach north of MASAWENG RIVER on 21 Dec.
2100. C.O. to be present at A.S.C.HQ. GUSIKA 211445L when General BLAMEY calls there.

SITUATION.

4 Bde. 29/46 Bn encountered strong enemy position at 584818. After arty.MMG, and tk support, attacked & cleared position by 1800hrs. Preliminary count of enemy dead - 18. Further 28 enemy dead found.

20 Bde. 2/13 and 2/15 Bns moved to area south of MASAWENG RIVER. 2 Pls 2/2 M.G.Bn with 2/13 Bn.

24 Bde. TAC HQ at 582718.

26 Bde. Inland patrol on return report three enemy positions S.W. of ZAGAHEMI. 2/27 Bn patrol to contact own troops LAKONA. 2/24 Bn patrols report new tracks along SOWI RIVER. Arty fired 1104 rds in support of 4 Bde. Enemy A/C dropped one bomb south of LAKONA & 14 at KATIKA, 5/6 more south of LAKONA. PT boats night of ~~xx~~ 18/19 destroyed 2-100ft MLC, sank 6 and destroyed one barge on beach at REISSPOINT.WALANGI, damaged 5/8 loaded barges headed south.

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GUSIKA
TUESDAY
DEC. 21.

0730. Boat sent to B coy to assist their move.
0800. 2 i/c left with Jeep and trailer for B coy.
1000. Lieut R.R.CINN at Bn en route to D coy where he will take over comd No.1 Pl vice Lieut COCHRAN.
0930. C.O. left by barge for LAUNCH JETTY.
1300. In absence of the C.O. - Capt GOLDSMITH warned to be prepared to deputise for him when General BLAMEY visits GUSIKA.
- Major P.B.GREEN at Bn to see C.O. - remaining overnight.
1130. The boat which had gone to B coy swamped, and is probably damaged beyond repair. One Bn jeep with damaged sun wheel in MASAWENG RIVER. New part sent for urgently.
- ~~0207~~ 0.297 from 24 Bde TAC. 2/2 M.G.Bn under comd 24 Bde in present area, 24 Bde to hold area GUSIKA -WAREO incl, LANFEMAK BAY excl. Relieving 26 Bde.
- 9 Div.0.880. 24 Bde relieve 26 Bde earliest. On relief 2/4 Cav.Sqn, 2/2 M.G.Bn Comp force pass to comd 24 Bde. 16 tks in support 24 Bde. 24 Bde responsible for ~~fxd~~ defence GUSIKA-WAREO-LANGEMAK BAY, and hold SATELBURG with one coy. Hold one Bn in reserve area NORTH HILL-SCARLET BEACH. 26 Bde will on relief come ~~ix~~ D into Div reserve area - mouth of MASAWENG RIVER;

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Training syllabus received from subunits under comd 2/2 M.G.Bn.

SITUATION;

4 Bde. FORTIFICATION HILL captured. 29/46 Bn no contact. 26 enemy dead counted. 37/52 Bn no contact. Saw large bodies of Japs who were engaged by arty & MMG. 20 bde. B coy 2/2 MG Bn now at 583803.

24 Bde. 2/28 Bn moved to WAREO. 26 Bde. Patrol activity only. Airops, 20 Dec. HUBIKA, WANDOKAI, WALANGAI heavily bombed and strafed.

GUSIKA 0930 Court of Enquiry held on loss of £170 canteen
WEDNESDAY money 12/13 Dec. Lt. Col. President,
22 DEC. Capt. GIOVANELLI, member.

1025 MLO GUSIKA requires 30 men to unload three LCMS
1100 hors. D Coy supplying 20, 24 Bde. LOB 10.

1540 Obtained permission from 24 Bde. to use M.M.G.,
L.M.G's and rifles on miniature ranges 23/24 Dec.

SITUATION 21 DEC. 4 Bde: FORTIFICATION HILL captured;
29/16 Bn. no contact, 26 enemy dead counted. 37/52
Bn. no contact. Saw large bodies Japs who were en-
gaged by artillery and MMG. 20 Bde. B. Coy 2/2 APPX
M.G.Bn. now 583803. 24 Bde. 2/28 Bn. moved to WAREO. A
26 Bde. Patrol activities only. AIROPO 20 Dec.,
HUBIKA, WONDOKAI, WALANGAI heavily bombed and strafed.

SITUATION 23 DEC. 20 Bde. 2/13 Bn. continued ad-
vance. Jap head HUBIKA. Major engineering task
required to extend further. Water scarce. 2/15
Bn. moving behind 2/13 Bn. 24 Bde. reorganized to
take over 26 Bde. area. 2/28 Bn. H.Q. 553718 2/32 APPX
Bn. H.Q. 543660. 26 Bde. began move to coast. A
4 Bde. local patrols NMS. Air strike WONDOKAI.
TAC reports further developments defensive positions
WONDOKAI. PT boats nights 21/22 sank 2 damaged 1
barge WALANGAI. Met two 100 ft. armed craft off
coast NEW BRITAIN. Two PT boats damaged and some
casualties.

GUSIKA
THURSDAY
23 DEC.

A questionnaire formulated by Capt. J. G. CAMERON
and circulated throughout Pls. of C. Coy brought
the following suggestions to improve existing con-
ditions, and pointed out some of the lessons learned
in the current operations.

- (1) The issue groundsheet would be greatly improved
if made rectangular and the size increased 7'6" x 4'6"
- (2) Metal buttons either rust or cut the cotton and
fall off. Bone buttons would be much more service-
able.
- (3) Entrenching tools, Japanese style, preferred to
picks and shovels, these being heavy and cumbersome.
1 Pl. suggests tomahawks instead of machetes.
- (4) Rations: Need for more sweet foods, e.g. rice
and milk very popular.
- (5) Small type hydro-burner for cooking when fires
cannot be used.
- (6) General request for reduced weight in all issue
equipment which must be carried.

GUSIKA
FRIDAY
24 DEC.

General activity throughout the Bn. collecting
Xmas food and ACF parcels. Distribution difficult
owing to shortage of transport. One jeep still
being repaired.
Beach at 557854 will be known as NORTH HUBIKA.

SITUATION 24 DEC. SITREP: 20 Bde. 2/13 Bn. H.Q.
moved to 550865. Came under mortar fire. No ca-
sualties. 24 Bde. 2/4 Cav. patrol ambushed, 1 mis-
sing, 1 wounded. Enemy strength unknown. 2/23 Bn.
less B. Coy. 598708. 2/24 Bn. moving north. 2/48
Bn. LAKONA area. Bde. H.Q. 578813. 4 Bde. patrols
N.T.R. PT. Boats night 22/23 off REISS PT sank two
8-100 ft. barges, sank further 2 and damaged 2 B. type
damaged 3 barges off SHARNHORST PT., where heavy shore
fire encountered. Considerable air activity.

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GUSIKA
SATURDAY
25 DEC.

1000 Capt. L. J. LAMB returned from hospital.

C.O. evacuated to M.D.S. after being visited by Major K.J.J. DORNEY of 2/3 Fld. Amb.

Day mainly one of rest for all ranks. Only essential routine work carried out.

An excellent meal provided for all ranks, consisting of turkey, ham, and pudding. In addition, each man was given a Xmas hamper.

1700-2000 Very large convoy escorted by warships seen moving in direction of NEW BRITAIN. Estimated between 100 and 150 craft all types.

SITUATION: 20 Bde. 2/13 Bn. occupied WONDOKAI. Many dead found, and large ammunition and supply dumps. 2/15 Bn. H.Q. 557855. 2/17 Bn. HUBIKA. Bde. H.Q. 575848. One tk. landed WONDOKAI beach. 24 Bde. 2/4 Cav. Sqn. on 4 day inland patrol. Enemy patrolling ZAGAHEMI area. 4 Bde. recce. and patrolling all tracks N.W. R. MASAWENG. P.T. boats night 23/24 between GNEISENAU and SHARNHORST PTs. holed a 100 ft. submarine, destroyed 1 barge. Tac. R. signs heavy movement on inland track WONDOKAI, ZAGAHEMI, WALANGAI.

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GUSIKA
SUNDAY
26 DEC.

Two additional jeeps issued to Bn. by Div. Present allotment of jeeps: One for C.O. Two with H. Q. Coy. One each to A. B. and C. Coys. Lieut. C. P. Craven rejoined unit ex CCS; remaining at Bn. H. Q.

26 Bde. LOB personnel being changed over. Unit groups at present LOB rejoining their Bns. On arrival GUSIKA of new LOB group, another unit carries out same procedure.

5000 Unit Xmas cards arrived today, having been approximately seven weeks in transit. Though late, they are being distributed to Companies for sale at 2d. each. 3000 more are on the way.

SITUATION: 20 Bde. 2/13 Bn. patrol to 519905 no contact. Enemy equipment found north bank R SANGA. A/TK mines found buried WONDOKAI beach. 24 Bde. 2/4 Cav report native sent recruiting 10 Dec. captured by Japs. 11 Dec, escaped 20 Dec. States reinforcement groups were moving through ZAGAHEMI to WAREO. Line of retreat from WAREO-ZAGAHEMI-KANOMI, thence by sea to SIO. ANGAU consider reliable.

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GUSIKA
MONDAY
27 DEC.

1000 C.O. returned from M. D.S.

From 271200 rear Div. H.Q. will be with main H.Q. 608780.

Tac H.Q. 9 Aust. Div. will open 271200 L WONDOKAI 515878. Op. Sigs. will be added to Tac H.Q.

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9 Aust. Div. 0979 INF M PT boats patrolling close inshore from NAMBARIWA failed to draw fire. INTENTION as for 0023. METHOD as for paras 2, 3 & 4 of 0023. PHASE FOUR. Holding of GUSIKA - LANGEMAK BAY - WAREO - FORTIFICATION HILL, and adv. to line NANDA 4303, spur 430020. 4 and 24 Bdes. continue present tasks. 20 Bde. will continue advance with 26 Bde. in immediate reserve. 20 Bde will recce. as far forward as SIALUM, by joint landward and seaward recce. 20 Bde. be prepared to despatch one Bn. and sp. arms by sea to SIALUM immediately SIALUM reported clear.

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GUSIKA SITUATION 20 Bde. 2/13 Bn. B. Coy 530899. Enemy
MONDAY dead buried WANDOKAI area 30. Buried equipment
27 DEC. and stores found 549899. 24 Bde. 2/4 Cav. APPX
(CONTD) inland patrols report slight enemy movement north. A

GUSIKA 1000 I.O. left by jeep for B Coy, taking canteen stores.
TUESDAY Reached jeephead 493939 at WALANGAI ANCHORAGE 1320
28 DEC. hrs. Unable contact O.C. B Coy, who was forward
on a recce. Whole of 20 Bde. and attached tps.
moving forward. For this reason B. Coy returned
the canteen stores. On return called at Tac Div.
and A Coy.

Lieut C. E. JACK evacuated P.U.O. Capt. L. J.
LAMB evacuated - constitutional insufficiency.
Lieut. J. FERGUSON to take over duties as Q.M.,
being replaced in B Coy by Lieut. M. D. JOHNSON.

1930 Warning order. 26 Bde. LOB to move WONDOKAI. 5
LCV'S made available by Q. and will be at GUSIKA
290730 L. Major SNELL advised.

1945 Pictures were shown by mobile cinema at Bn. H.Q.

SITUATION 20 Bde. 2/13 Bn. AGO, WALANGAI captured
forward tps. 493942. No opposition. Dead and
equipment scattered along track. Our supporting
tanks at AGO moving to WALANGAI. 8 Tks. WANDOKAI.
26 Bde. 2/23 less one Coy. moved to bivouac area
578813. 4 Bde. patrols N.M.S. P.T. boats
260645L sank 2 barges off NAMBARIWA. Air strike
WALANGAI KANOMI NUZEN area.

GUSIKA 26 Bde. LOB area being taken over by 4 Bde. LOB.
WEDNESDAY surplus arms and ammunition held by 26 LOB returned
29 DEC. to Q.M.

0900 Capt. W. BENNETT and Lieut. R. C. CANN rejoined Bn.
from M.D.S. Lieut W. R. MELVILLE evacuated P.U.O.

SITUATION 20 Bde. 2/13 Bn. encountered enemy approx.
20 strong at 472987. Arty. and mortar fire with
outflanking move forced enemy to withdraw west, APPX
where engaged by M.M.G'S. Several snipers mopped A
up. Enemy casualties believed considerable. Es-
timated one Jap. Coy in area 281845. 70 withdrew
from RUA. 2/15 Bn. area 4796. 2/17 Bn. area
4994. Bde. H.Q. 488957. One Tp. Tks. KANOMI area.
Troop sp. arty. moved by sea to anchorage 493938.
Enemy left 39 dead 26 new graves WANDOKAI area, also
ammunition and supply dumps. 26 Bde. 2/23 Bn.
WANDOKAI area. 2/24 Bn. less one Coy 533897. A
Coy 499919 2/48 Bn. 546896 Bde. H.Q. 507916. Air-
strip WALANGAI BLUCHER PT. bombed and strafed. Two
formations enemy A/C made high level attack FINSCH-
HAFEN. One A/C shot down in flames off TAMI P.

GUSIKA 0900 CAPT. W. BENNETT accompanied by Lieut R. C. CANN
THURSDAY left for A Coy. The M.O. being requested by O.C.
30 DEC. A Coy to interview some of the Coy. personnel.

1130 Lieut. C. P. CRAVEN taking a jeep to B. Coy, their
own having become U/S. Condenser burnt out. LAD'S
sending up new condenser. When B Coy's jeep is re-
turning again other jeep will be sent back.

2130 CAPT. P. NICHOLAS and Lieut. A. B. FARQUHAR to be
attached 26 Bde. subject to approval by C.O. and Div.
Comd.

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GUSIKA 2130 LIEUT. R. J. R. BENNETT (X Ray)
THURSDAY
30 DEC.

SITUATION. 20 Bde. 2/13 Bn. patrol activity only. Arty. and supplies brought up. Much abandoned equipment KANOMI area. 26 Bde. 2/23 Bn. moved forward to 4796. 2/24 Bn. to 4895. 2/48 less two Coy's 500930, two Coy's WANDOKAI area. Captured OO shows 1 Bn. 79 Regt. had been WANDOKAI area. PT boats report much activity HARDENBERG PT. Tac R. reports small parties Japs moving north SIALUM area.

GUSIKA
FRIDAY
31 DEC.

LIEUT. W. R. MELVILLE, LIEUT. G. E. FERGUSON, and LIEUT. D. R. STUART evacuated to hospital, all PUO.

1000 LIEUT. A. B. FARQUHAR called on C.O. re transfer to 26 Bde. C. O. decided to retain Lieut. Farquhar in unit.

Lieut. FARQUHAR and Lieut P. E. GARDINER nominated as having all necessary qualifications to fill vacancy as instructor L.H.Q. S.A.S.

Lieut. C. P. CRAVEN posted to A. Coy. Lieut. R. C. CANN to B. Coy. M.O. considers latter will be fit to leave Bn. H. Q. by MONDAY 3 Jan.

SITUATION. 20 Bde. No SITREP available.

David A. ...

.....Lt.-Col.
CO 2/2 Aust MG Bn

W Bennett Lt

" A " COY DIARY.

- Dec. 2. Coy moved to area 632724 and joined 4 Bde.
Arrived in area at 1600 hrs and formed perimeter for the night.
- Dec. 3. 1000 hrs A1 moved fwd with gun stores and four belts per gun to GUSIKA village and contacted 22 Bn. Spent the night in this area.
Coy less A1 remained in area 632724.
QX 30613 Pte ELMER W.G. wounded in action. (S.W.)
- Dec. 4. Coy received warning order to move, later cancelled.
A1 in support of 22 Bn moved into position forward of GUSIKA.
Remaining coy gun stores and amm moved to this village, a party being detailed to remain with them over night.
- Dec. 5. 0530 hrs. Coy less A1 moved forward with 29 Bn to Gusika village, picked up stores and moved across the forde at 624735.
1500 hrs coy moved forward with HQ 29 Bn to area 624737, forming perimeter defence for the night. C.S.M. established amm dump in this area, amm being brought up per Jeep.
- Dec. 6. Pl cmds with orderlies moved at first light with forward inf coys Lt Hall (2 Platoon) with A Coy 29 Bn. Lt Jeffcoat (3 Platoon) with D coy and later with C coy 29 Bn. 1 Platoon in reserve with 22 Bn. During the afternoon A2 moved forward, joined Lt Hall and took up position at 615755. Major GREEN with party of 8 inf. patrolled LAGOON area, returned and joined A3 who moved to 618746. with 29 Bn. HQ. forming perimeter for the night.
Pte RIDDELL (sig) Killed in action. shrap splinter.
- Dec. 7. No.1 Sec. A2. fired on re-entrant in support of A coy 29 Bn.
No.2 Sec. fired on timber on the coastal sector.
No. 1 Sec. was then subjected to shelling by our own arty, and was forced to withdraw 400 yds to permit arty to shell the enemy posns.
A3 later moved to area recently occupied by A2 No.1 Sec, together with 9 Platoon 29 Bn.
Coy HQ moved to position with No.1 Sec. A2.
Major Green on recce, fired Bren on enemy position. Amm exp. 3000.
- Dec. 8. 0845. A3 supported attack by C coy 29 Bn on re-entrance. attack not successful. Major Green struck in forehead by splinters of explosive bullet. Remained on duty.
A3 continued harassing fire on enemy during the morning.
1130. enemy seen withdrawing through the cocoanut plantation - engaged by ~~arty~~ 2 Sec. A2. in area shoot.
Mortars firing on the enemy positions started a grass fire, forcing A3 to withdraw temporarily.
Fire brought under control by A2 and A3 by approx. 1600hrs.
A3 return to previous position and continue harassing shoot.
A2 again fired on the cocoanut plantation.
A1 moved during the day from their original position in support of 22 Bn to 29 Bn HQ area. Amm exp. A2 - 18 belts, A3 - 13 belts.
Weather - rain all night. Roads in very bad state.
- Dec. 9. 0620. A2 fired 12 belts harassing shoot on Cocoanut plantation-
A3 fired 10 belts in support of attack on the re-entrant.
Amm exp. 22 belts. Weather - rain all night. Roads very bad.
- Dec. 10. A1 moved and consolidated with D coy 29 Bn across the TUNOM river.
A2 carried out overhead support fire for A coy 29 Bn attack.
A3 fired in support of attack on re-entrant, and also carried out harassing shoot on SCARFACE feature. Approx. 1600 hrs A2 moved forward and consolidated with B coy 29 Bn on SOWI River.
Weather - rain during the afternoon. Roads bad.
- Dec. 11. Major Green carried out recce but platoons remained in the same areas as on the night of Dec.10. During the night A1 shot a pig in mistake for a Jap.
Weather - very hot all day. Roads muddy. Shower during afternoon.
- Dec. 12. Major Green and party made recce forward with A Coy 22 Bn. N.M.S. Further recce during the afternoon.
A3 moved forward into jungle East of A2, late in afternoon and formed a perimeter for the night. Coy HQ moved to beach area.
Pig for tea. Weather - showery, hot during the day.
- Dec. 13. No.1 Sec A1 moved into position to cover A2 in advance up "SCARFACE" feature. A2 with 20 boys in the rear, advanced up the feature without opposition, then to the Eastern side of "400" feature, later they were joined by A and C coys 37 Bn.
Enemy located in the timber on the western side of "400" feature, fire was exchanged. Perimeter formed for the night.
A3 moved forward to the 22 Bn HQ, No.2 Sec. A1 moved up and

"A" COY DIARY CONT.,

- Dec. 13. cont. joined No. 1 Sec. in A2's old area. "Boys" made two trips with amm and stores to A2. Jeep carried reserve amm forward to dump with 22 Bn HQ. Amm. exp. NIL.
Weather - fine in morning, windy and cloudy in the afternoon
- Dec. 14. All platoons remained in the same positions. Boys with 8 reinf's carried rations, water and amm to A2. Later A1 moved up with B coy 22 Bn to a position on the left flank.
- Dec. 15. A1 was to move to a position and lay down harassing fire on the North bank of the MASAWENG RIVER, but took 4 hours to take up posn. In the meantime No. 1 Sec A3 did harassing overhead shoot, and handed over to A1 on their arrival. A1 continued the shoot. A3 then moved forward to LAKONA village and formed a perimeter for the night with C coy 22 Bn. A2 moved down off "SCARFACE" preparatory to moving forward to take up positions on the forward slope of "SCARFACE". Amm. exp. 12000 rds. Weather - very heavy rain from 1400 - 1600 hrs, making the roads almost impassible, causing many washaways to roads and bridges.
- Dec. 16. A1 continued harassing fire on the North bank of SANGA River, and forward slopes, firing 8000 rds. A3 remained in their position and fired 2000 rds to wipe out snipers in coconut palms. A2 with 15 "boys" moved forward and up the forward slope of "SCARFACE" Coy HQ moved forward to within 500 yds of LAKONA by jeep. Jeep also carried amm as far forward as possible. Amm. exp. 10000 rds.
- Dec. 17. A1 and A3 gave supporting fire for 29 Bn attack across the river. Both platoons fired five mins rapid from -5 mins to Z. A1 then fired 15 mins normal on pre-arranged targets. A3 in order to secure their gun sites, attacked a Jap pocket on the Cape side of the point, cleaning out the opposition and killing 14 Japs in 45 mins. Loot included sword, binoculars and compass was secured. A1 moved forward with 29 Bn across the SANGA River at approx. 1100hrs A3 moved across the river at about 1400hrs and took up positions on SANGA Beach. A2 carried out harassing shoots on timber across the river, guns firing at acute depression. After 4 belts, two guns seized and at the completion of the shoot three barrels were found to be bulged. Only one of these barrels could be removed from the gun. This barrel was also replaced. Jeep carried amm forward all day, and on one trip slipped on the rocks and broke two springs. A jeep was borrowed from Bde to complete the carrying during the afternoon. Coy HQ moved to Bde HQ, area. WO. 11. Longhurst took a train of 20 boys up to A2 with amm and rations. A release was obtained from ADOS for three guns. Amm. exp. 24000 rds.
- Dec. 18. A1 moved to a position on the hill overlooking MASAWENG River, and fired harassing shoot on North bank of river, and also on small party of Japs farther North. A2 moved to the mouth of the SANGA River and picked up two new guns moving forward in the afternoon to a position in the Coconut Plantation on the south bank of the MASAWENG river. A3 picked up one new gun and moved to the creek south of MASAWENG river. Platoon commander made recce of the south bank, and the platoon moved forward to the same position as A2. C.S.M. with 25 "boys" carried amm to A1, then proceeded up SCARFACE and brought down amm from A2 old area. Canteen stores were brought up and distributed by 2 i/c. Coy jeep now back on the road. Jeep borrowed from 4 Bde carried amm all day. Amm. exp. 2000 rds.
- Dec. 19. A2 and A3 occupied positions on the south ~~side~~^{bank} of MASAWENG to support infantry advance on FORTIFICATION POINT. At approx. 1400hrs Infantry struck opposition in the timber. They withdrew to enable supporting fire to be laid down on the following plan; - Z - 33 to Z - 30 rapid, Z-5 to Z, rapid. Z to Z+10 normal. last 10 mins being overhead in support of advancing infantry. Inf. with tanks in support then cleared the timber. A2 and A3 laid fire lines to protect the infantry. A1 in support 22 Bn moved to mouth of SANGA River for defence of LAKONA Beach. Coy jeep was first jeep on the banks of the MASAWENG and transported rations and amm to platoons. The platoons firing in support of infantry advance were in charge of Lt Hall, Lt Jeffcoat with orderly

B"A" COY DIARY (CONT)

- Dec. 19. cont. being with advancing inf. 6.C. - marked out fire plans of shoots, and supervised platoon's firing. Amn. exp. 24000 rds.
- Dec. 20. A2 relieved by B3 at approx. 1000 hrs.
A3 relieved by B2 at approx. 1000 hrs.
A1 remained on beach defence at LAKONA beach. During the afternoon A2 moved forward to defensive positions Northern end of MASAWENG beach in support of 2^o Bn. A3 took up defensive positions on the southern end of the beach.
- Dec. 21. Major Green and Pte Nelson went by barge to Bn HQ. Lt, Herbertson moved to HQ at 4Bde. Jeep moved remainder of Beach with the assistance of an American jeep to position near A3, move being completed by last light. Platoons in same positions of defence. Canteen stores, parcels and mail received and distributed.
- Dec. 22. Major Green and Pte Nelson returned from Bn HQ with money for pay. More parcels and mail received. Jeep returned to Bn HQ and picked up clothing and mail. Platoons in same position taking advantage of the salt and fresh water.
- Dec. 23. Coy pay. Eleven reinf's and two "X" men join the coy. Canteen stores received. Capt. Searle delivered quantity of clothing to Platoons. Platoons in the same positions - resting.
- Dec. 24. Jeep picked up mail and parcels from Bn HQ. No change in Platoons.
- Dec. 25. Christmas Day. Major Green and part of Coy HQ moved up from 4 Bde and had dinner with A3. Major Green visited all platoons and went to Bn HQ during afternoon, bringing back mail for the coy.
- Dec. 26. Jeep returned to Bn HQ and picked up mail for the Coy. No change.
- Dec. 27. Platoons in the same positions. Major Green and the remainder of Coy HQ moved from 4 Bde and joined Coy HQ in position near A3.
- Dec. 28 to 31. No change in position or area. Cleaning guns and stores.

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- Dec. 1. Platoon patrols. NMS. Lts Ferguson and Edwards, Pte Donohoe (Xlist) Pte Perry (reinf.) march in.
- Dec. 2. Platoon patrols. NMS.
- Dec. 3. D1 platoon patrol reports fresh bloodstains on river track. Report forwarded to Bn.
- Dec. 4. 0830. Work started on Jeep track. Warning order - Coy on three hours notice to move.
- Dec. 5. 1000. Memorial service at Coy HQ by Padre for Ptes Mooney and Steen, (D.O.W.) Bald Rock.
- Dec. 6. Further work on Jeep track. Coy no longer on notice.
- Dec. 7. 1630. Jeep track completed. Cpl Poynting, Pte Neville attd to 24Bde.
- Dec. 8. Pte Mitchell B and Mitchell A.K. march in
0900 O.C. on visit to C Coy (area)
1400 Warning order for Coy to move at 0900 - 9 Dec. to SCARLET BEACH
2100 Move postponed owing to effect of heavy rain on tracks.
- Dec. 9. Preparations for move. Camp cleaning etc throughout day.
1800 Fairly large mail received.
- Dec. 10. 0830 Lt. Jack returns from i/c Coconuts Area to take charge of
proposes rear party and certain stores.
0900 1 Pl D Coy reverts to D Coy Command. B Coy less rear party moves
with gun stores down S[^]Burg track. Order of march.. B1, B HQ., B2 and
B3.
1200 Halt for midday meal junction Satelberg and Scarlet Beach
tracks.
1345 Coy moves out continuing march.
1500 Coy reaches Scarlet Beach area.
1600 Move in bivouac area above DND. Ptes Zweck, Wilson march in.
1830 O.C. on returning from cfce advises PL Comds Coy to come under
command 20 Bde. Warning order.. reveille 0630, move 0830. Lt. Jack arrives
with rear party.
- DEC 11. 0830 O.C. CSM Cpl Dowell move out in Jeep to 20 Bde and race new
area. Coy i/c Lt. Jack moves off. Order of march B2., Coy HQ, B3, B1.
Gun stores carried. Ptes Lewis, Cameron evacuated.
1200 Midday halt. Owing to stores and heavy going rate of march
considerably slowed.
1300 Move.
1500 Pass through Bonga.
1600 Reach bivouac area on banks of river... Gusika.
1700 Camp established.
- Dec 12. 0900 Ptes Mitchell B, Mitchell D, Mavin, Donohoe M evacuated. O C s
conf.. 4th Bde expected to take Lakona today. Coy to remain in area.
Probably move with 2/13 Bn tomorrow.
1800 Warning order.. move tomorrow Ref 624753. B2 to move with A Coy
2/15 Bn to ref. 614752.
Reinfs move in... Ptes Robertson Haddon to B2, Ptes Collins, McCurdy B1.
- Dec 13. Pte Mackay evac to Bn. Ptes Neville, Col Poynting move out.
0800 B2 move out as above.
0830 O.C. Lt. Tippett, Lt. Cann move out in Jeep to recce new Coy
area.
1030 Coy less B2 and in comd Lt. Jack move out.
1200 Arrive in area (ref above) make bivouac. O.C. to B2 area.
1800 CSM having completed amm arrangements, arrives.
- Dec 14 0800 B1 B3 move out in support 2/13 Bn. O.C. and CSM to B1 and B3
areas
1100 Col Poynting, Pte Neville march in from 4 Bde and rejoin Pls.
1200 O.C. returns. Pls in position near Kaligia. B1 with C Coy, 2/13
Bn. B3, one sec fwd, remainder in reserve Bn HQ.
Lt. Jack arrives.
- Dec 15. 1600 Advised Sgt. Geany to attend Sec Comd School duration 3 mths
at Bonegilla.
1700 Warning order.. Coy HQ to move 16 Dec .. later postponed.
- Dec. 16. 0800 O.C. to 20 Bde. B2 to move forward with 2/15 Bn. O.C. on
recce finds area too congested - C Coy 2/17 Bn in the same position.
Movement order postponed. B2 having carried stores to road return
to original position. Lt. Cann to Bn as L.O.
1200 Torrential rain - road closed.
1600 Return re state of training of reinf's phoned to Bn.
- Dec. 17. Pte Robinson G transferred to Div. HQ.
1600 Mail received. Ptes Lewis and Cameron return from evac.

"B" COY DIARY (CONT.)

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- Dec. 17. 1600. Warning order for B2 and Coy HQ to move to Bde area.
- Dec. 18. 0830. O.C. and Lt. Jack move to new area. Ptes Munro and Churchyard evacuated. Coy HQ (C;S.M. i/c.) and B2 move in easy stages. 1400, Coy HQ reach new area and bivouac. 2000. Warning order B3 to move up South bank of MASAWENG RIVER. B2 move to same area., both in support 2/13 Bn.
- Dec. 19. 0845. O.C. on recce of B2 and B3 area. B2 and B3 Move. 1400. B2 and B3 arrive at area - 200 yds South of Masaweng River and bivouac for the night in C Coy 2/13 Bn area. ref.596803. 1300. Two elements of 29 Bn supported by tanks, arty and mortars moving up towards FORTIFICATION PT.
- Dec. 20. 0830. O.C. moved by Jeep to MASAWENG RIVER area. Amn being moved fwd 1300. B1 received orders to move to general area 300 yds south of Masaweng River. All platoons well fwd to support 20 Bde, when they pass through 4 Bde. 1330. Bde commanders conference. O.C. attends at 2/13 Bn.HQ. PLAN is as follows;- 20 Bde will advance to a line 800 yds East of WONDAKAI. Advance guard of 2/13 Bn moving with 2 Coys 1500 to 2000 yds inland from coastal track, remainder of Bn moving along Coastal track. ~~2/15~~ 2/15 Bn will follow. B Coy 2/2 M.G.Bn will move with 2/15 BN. 2/17 Bn in rear. Tanks will support forward troops. 3 Pl. 2/2 M.B.Bn (B Coy) warned to move with 2/13 Bn. Nos 1 and 2 Pl together with Coy TAC move with 2/15 Bn. Day 21st. Hour - H. Arrangements for advance guard to carry gun stores and four belts. Coy HQ will move from their present area at 0700 to new location with 20 Bde. ref.588799. "Q" to move to amn and supply point 400 yds North of Masaweng River. 1600. B1 in bivouac position, same area as that vacated by 2 and 3 Pl
- Dec. 21. Ptes Beaman and Clair evac. to Bn R.A.P. Sgt Geany to School at Bonegilla. 0700. Coy HQ moved to new area. 0800. B3 with 2/13 Bn move across the MASAWENG River and move towards HUBIKA. 0930. B1 and B2 Pl move through with 2/15.Bn. O.C. moved with Pl. 1400. 2/13 B. advanced to general area of COCOANUT GROVE ref.678844. without contact. 1500. B3 carried out short harassing shoot on HUBIKA from 100 yds West of creek junction,ref.569847, prior to A coy advancing on HUBIKA, - 20 or more dead Japs on this creek. 2/13 Bn then occupied HUBIKA and stayed in this position for the night with B3 in fwd coy area, 100 yds west of HUBIKA BEACH. 2/15 Bn occupied general area of COCOANUT GROVE (sq.6784.) B1 and B2 in defensive position with fwd coy. 2000. Conference at Bde HQ tomorrow. O.C. to attend.
- Dec. 22. 1100. B3 moved fwd with 2/13 Bn to position 549867 with fwd coy. B1 and B2 take up position with 2/15 Bn covering HUBIKA. Ref. B1 - 544845. B2 - 565847. All amn now fwd at HUBIKA. 1800. Jeep head at HUBIKA with no chance of extention for 3 days. water has been very scarce, and has to be Jeoped fwd, imposing an almost impossible task on our transport, (1 Jeep.)
- Dec. 23. 0800. O.C. leaves for fwd area. B3 moves up into position at ref.544868 to be ready to neutralize COCOANUT GROVE at 534876 in support of "D" coy 2/13 Bn moving to garden area ref.541874. B1 and B2 pl. remain in the same area. Pte Hardaker evac.
- Dec. 24. Advance continues. Ptes Mardon and Kelly evac. 1200. 2/13 Bn occupy WANDOKAI. full of Jap dead. Abandoned amn and general stores found. Unconfirmed reports credit M.G.'s with 15 Jap dead. 2/15 Bn occupy area vacated that morning by 2/13 Bn. 2/17 Bn occupy area vacated by 2/15 Bn. 2/17 Bn remain at HUBIKA. Between 1745 and 2145, 84 mortar and 75mm shells in WANDOKAI area. No damage or casualties. Mardon, Cpl Park, Ptes Clarke and ~~Mardon~~ return. Pte Ireland, Cpl Miller and the C;S.M. evacuated
- Dec. 25. XMAS DAY. No general change. Turkey and Ham and the A.C.F. parcels arrive. Particularly good items generally. Parcel mail also. Owing to transport difficulties B2 and B3 do not receive their Xmas issues till late.
- Dec. 26. Ptes Haddon, O'Farrell, Keates, and Johnson evacuated. 0830. O.C. moves fwd with TAC HQ. Remnants of Coy HQ remain /-

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"B" COY DIARY (CONT)

- Dec. 26. (Cont.) with stores. B3 on beach ~~in~~ defence in C Coy 2/13 Bn area, WANDOKAI BEACH. B2 moved into position 2/13 Bn area on WANDOKAI BEACH. Coy HQ to area on beach near B3
B1 move up in rear 2/13 Bn.
Cpl Batterham evacuated.
- Dec. 27. Lt Jack and Sjt Champion move up to WANDOKAI.
1400. Remainder of rear party move up
0800. 2/13 Bn advance to AGO supported by Arty and MMG.
B3 ~~attaek~~- to support attack. B2 will move with 2/13 Bn
0900 Advance proceeds. B3 do perfect shoot under ideal conditions from extremely good positions. Neutralised several areas giving close support to advance. Expenditure 9,500 rounds.
1500 AGO occ pied - 2/13 advance to anchorage.
- Dec 28. 0900 Bde advance continues. 2/13 in the van. B2 in support. B3 in support 2/15. B1 in support 2/17.
Ptes Kemp, Lace A., Parkes, Neilsen and Cpl. Btown evacuated.
1700 2/13 Bn reached BLUCHER POINT area. Heavily mortared and some 75 mm fire. 2/15 moves to village (name UNKNOWN) with B3 on beach defence. 2/17 with B1 move to anchorage. Coy Hq tac. move to 2/15 Bn area (UNNAMED VILLAGE).
- Dec 29 No general advance. Coy personnel becoming exhausted (strength 4 and 92) Impossible in future to carry stores unless in case of extreme urgency.
Pte Selby, Wilson, Bicket, Cpl Sawell evac.
Pte Wallen (Sig) marched in. Pte Harley, Whiteman evac.
- Dec 30. Coy HQ move to Bde HQ area.
2/15 Bn passed through 2/13 Bn and took the van. B3 in support.
Bivouac outside NANDA. Snipers met and 2/17 with B1 remained static.
- Dec 31 Coy HQ remained in position. During night enemy evac NANDA and 2/13 moved up to UNGUI. B1 moved to Pandanas area in rear of 2/15 Bn. B3 took up position on left flank of C Coy. No. 2 Sec fired one belt on fleeing Japs on hillside.

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"D" COY DIARY.

- Dec. 1. Camp improvements. Patrol to track junction (ref.592671)- contacted standing patrol of 2/13 Bn at this particular point. No contact with enemy.
- Dec. 2. Camp improvements continued. Patrol repeated. NMS.
- ~~Dec. 2.~~ 3. Warning order to move received by Coy HQ. Also information received that D3 had been given warning order to move.
- Dec. 3. 0900. Movement order received for movement that day to Ref.543651. Verbal message sent at 0930 to D3 to move to same area. Written message confirming above at 0940. Coy moved at 1045. D3 received message at 1045 and moved at 1300, carrying all personal gear, gun stores and amm to 4 belts per gun. Subsequently ascertained that D3 had not received warning order. Contacted D2 at 0915 and ordered them to move to KUMAWA (ref.554360.) to take over and occupy that area for defence and guard DID supply dumps. Area reached by HQ at 1530 and bivouaced for the night. Recce made of the area. Capt Wragge remained with ~~XXXXXX~~ HQ Coy.
- Dec. 4. 0900. Carr. Coy moved out and Coy HQ took over the area with under command 9 Div Cav. Commando L.O.B's under Lt Marshall. D3 arrived at 1200 hrs having bivouaced for the night at ref.690655, and took over positions in the area.
- Dec. 5. Patrol to 546654 and 590656 to JIVEVANENG and return, also patrol to QUOJA River at 547936, contacted party from D2 at that point and returned. Both parties NMS. Water available only at 540646 and from the ford at approx. 539656. Water recce party reported no soaks ~~XXXXX~~ closer to bivouac area.
- Dec. 6. Patrols as on Dec.5th. N;M;S.
- Dec. 7. Patrols as on Dec.5th. N.M.S.
- Dec. 8. D2 reported natives reoccupying villages at KUMAWA and SISI. Warning order to move received.
- Dec. 9. Order cancelled. Further order to move to GUSIKA. D2 notified to move and that their position would be taken over by the Carryng Coy. D1 notified to move.
- Dec. 10. 0900. departed camp site, moved by the Satelburg track carrying all stores and up to 4 belts per gun amm. Contacted 2 L.A.D. trucks at ZAG (ref.694649.) and loaded one truck with gun stores and bed rolls with instructions to the driver to deposit the load at Scarlet Beach Lunch at the foot of the track (ref.614658) move from here at 1500 via Scarlet Beach, intending to bivouac the night. Arrived at ref. 622675 at 1540. Contacted Capt Staniland who told us we were to join Bn at approx. ref.616686, and that we might bivouac on the SONG River if desired. Also told us that stores had been carried on to the new Bn area. It was decided that as blanket rolls were with the gun stores, to move to the Bn area that day. Arrived at new Bn area at 1700. Total distance covered by Coy HQ and D3 approx. 8 mls D1 - 7 miles, D2 - 9 miles.
- Dec. 11. Checked through all personal equipment and gun stores, returning all non-essential items to B ech. Warning order to move to GUSIKA received at 0730. Coy commanders conference at 1930. Movement order received for movement at 0900 on Dec.12. to GUSIKA area. Barge arrangements for transportation of gun stores.
- Dec. 12. Moved out at 0900, movement delayed by troops ahead. Marching with 5 min. spells each half hour then 10 min spell at the hour. Arrived BONGA village at 1145 hrs. Midday meal. Departed 1300 hrs. Arrived ref.622738 at 1345. Met by guide from the 2/13 Bn., and led to our bivouac area at ref.623738. Recced area to take over.
- Dec. 13. 2/13 Bn moved out at 0945 and D coy took over. Coy dispositions D1 - 62257375. D2 - 62207390. D3 - 62257385 and HQ - 622738.
- Dec. 14. Camp improvements. Contacted 2/3 Pnr L.O.B. at 625735
- Dec. 15. Contacted 26 Bde L.O.B. Made detailed recce of their area with view to superimposing D coy over complete Northern and Western front of Bn area. 24 Bn L.O.B. moved in. Met by D coy guide at GUSIKA beach. Led to position at ref.622739 and orders for their roll issued to them in accordance with C.O's instructions.
- Dec. 16. D2 moved to ref.611738. D1 to ref.61257330.
- Dec. 17. D coy HQ moved to ref.616735. Camp Improvements.
- Dec. 18. D1 patrol to PABU feature. NMS.
- Dec. 19 to 24. Camp improvements and training.
- Dec. 25. Christmas Day.
- Dec. 26 to 31 Rest. Camp improvements and Coy Training.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 12 / 1943. 2/2 Aust MC Bn (Unit)

W.E. 4 / 12 / 43 OFFRS. 29 O.R's. 649+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 39 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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		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.	36									36.
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 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.
NX 20037	Capt.	Bennett W NCG	AA MC	27/11/43	Attached as RMD.
NX 15828	Lieut.	Ferguson G T	ex-hospital	29/11/43	
OX 19119	"	Edwards HR	✓	✓	
NX 27163	"	Cockram HJC	✓	28/11/43	
NX 65687	"	Armstrong WB	✓	27/11/43	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 39013	Capt.	Dunn RHL (AA MC)	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	27/11/43	Ceases to be Attached
NX 34687	Lieut.	Lavan, J.F.	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	28/11/43	Trans. to Auth 9 Div A4/20/578.
OX 9618	"	Farquhar AB.	Evacuated		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).

2/2 Aust MG Bn Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/12/1943 (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	Macarthur-Onslow	E	C.O.	Yes		
Major	Qx 6265	Searle	G.A.Mch	2.1/c	No	Attending LHQ STAFF School	
Capt (1/maj)	Nx 34079	Mackay	J.K.		Yes		
"	Qx 6365	Goldsmith	H.D.		Yes		
"	Qx 6363	Searle	P.K.		Yes		
" (1/maj)	Nx 34784	Green	P.B.		Yes		
"	Nx 12333	Turder	G.M.		No	Attending 3rd STAFF School	
"	Nx 12856	Staniland	P.R.K.		Yes		
"	Nx 24664	Nicholas	W.P.		Yes		
"	Nx 34672	Wragge	K.S.		Yes		
Lieut.	Qx 6270	Watt	L.A.		Yes		
"	Qx 6261	Cameron	R.W.		Yes		
"	Qx 6264	Herbertson	F.		Yes		
"	Nx 12409	Jack	C.E.		Yes		
"	Qx 6375	Stuart	D.R.	T.O.	Yes		
" (1/capt)	Nx 14551	Varley	F.A.	Adj.	Yes		
"	Nx 15828	Ferguson	G.T.		Yes		
"	Qx 19119	Bennett	R.J.R.		Yes		
"	Nx 70717	Tipperr.	W.N.		Yes		
"	Nx 15827	Gardiner	P.E.		Yes		
"	Nx 20728	Moulder	V.C.		Yes		
"	Nx 70865	Bennett	W.M.	I.O.	Yes		
"	Nx 58535	Melville	W.R.		Yes		
"	Nx 70715	Moxham	G.A.H.		No	Det. L.O.B.	
"	Nx 25071	Mills	I.V.		No	Det. HQ L.O.B.	
"	Qx 19139	Craven	C.D.		Yes		
"	Qx 19141	Edwards	H.R.		Yes		
"	Nx 65687	Armstrong	W.B.		Yes		
"	Nx 35339	Gee	H.E.		Yes		
"	Nx 27163	Cockram	H.J.C.		Yes		
"	Nx 57427	Cann	R.C.		Yes		
"	Qx 19967	Jeffcoat	G.J.		Yes		
"	Qx 22731	Gind	R.J.		Yes		
"	Nx 47043	Meharen	R.R.		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 30037	Bennett W.A.C.G.	A.A.M.C.	27/11/43	R.M.O.
Chaplain	Vx 63807	Jaeger J.G.	A.A.Ch.D.	-	Chaplain.
NO OFFICER WITH SERVICE PRIOR TO 3 SEP 39					

5 Dec 43.
Date of Despatch

J.H. Wulley
Signature of Commander
2/2 M.G. Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
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34 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 12 / 1943. 2/2 Aus MCBH (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 43. OFFRS. 29 O.R's. 649+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 39 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10						
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 8 23 - -	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	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.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.										34.		
				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.
NX 35339	Lieut	Gee H.E.	Evacuated	10/12/43	To hospital.
NX 20728	✓	Moulder, V.C.	✓	11/12/43	✓

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).

34/43 (Serial No.)

2/2 Aust MG Bn, Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943 (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	Macarthur, Onslow	F	C.O.	Yes		
Major	QX 6263	Searle	G.A.M.	21E.	No.	Att. LHQ Staff School.	
Capt(T/Maj)	NX 34079	Mackay	J.K.		Yes		
"	QX 6365	Goldsmith	A.D.		Yes		
"	QX 6363	Searle	P.K.		Yes		
" (T/maj)	NX 34784	Green	P.B.		Yes		
"	NX 12355	Turner	G.M.		No	Att. Jnr Staff School	
"	NX 12356	Staniland	F.R.K.		Yes		
"	NX 24664	Nicholas	W.P.		Yes		
"	NX 34672	Wragge	R.S.		Yes		
Lieut.	QX 6270	Wall	L.A.		Yes		
"	QX 6261	Cameron	R.W.		No	Det HQ 9 Aust Div.	
"	QX 6264	Herbertson	F.		Yes		
"	NX 12409	Jack.	C.E.		Yes		
"	QX 6375	Stuart	D.R.	T.O.	Yes		
" (T/capt)	NX 14551	Varley	F.A.	Adj't.	Yes		
"	NX 15828	Ferguson	G.T.		Yes		
"	QX 19119	Bendroff.	R.J.R.		Yes		
"	NX 70717	Tippett	W.N.		Yes		
"	NX 15827	Gardiner	P.E.		Yes		
"	NX 70865	Bennett	W.M.	I.O.	Yes		
"	NX 58535	Melville	W.R.		Yes		
"	NX 70715	Maxham	C.A.H.		No	Det. LOB	
"	NX 25071	Mills	I.Y.		Yes		
"	QX 19139	Craven	e/p		Yes		
"	QX 19141	Edwards	H.R.		Yes		
"	NX 65687	Armstrong	W.B.		Yes		
"	QX 27163	Cookram	H.J.C.		Yes		
"	NX 57427	Carr	R.C.		Yes		
"	QX 19967	Jeffcoat.	B.J.		Yes		
"	QX 22731	Ginn	R.J.		Yes		
"	NX 47643	Mcharen	RR		Yes		
"	NX 77262	Hall	CC		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 20037	Bennett, W.N.C.G.	AFMC	27/11/43	RMO.
Chaplain	NX 63807	Jaeger, J.G.			Chaplain.

12 Dec 43.
Date of Despatch

J. Mackay Capt. for Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

34 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 12 / 1943 2/2 Aus MG B1 (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 43 OFFRS. 29 O.R's. 649 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 39 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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 8 23 - -	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	ARMC	1						
			33			1						
		DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CEVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	34									34.
		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.
NX 35339	Lieut	Gee H.E.	Evacuated	10/12/43	To hospital.
NX 20728	✓	Moulder, V.C.	✓	11/12/43	✓

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).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943 (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	Macarthur, Onston	F	C.O.	Yes		
Major	QX 6263	Searle	G.H.M/d	2 i E.	No.	Att. LHQ Staff School.	
Capt (T/maj)	NX 34079	Mackay	J.K.		Yes		
"	QX 6365	Goldsmith	H.D.		Yes		
"	QX 6363	Searle	P.K.		Yes		
" (T/maj)	NX 34784	Green	P.B.		Yes		
"	NX 12353	Turner	G.M.		No	Att. Jnr Staff School	
"	NX 12356	Staniland	F.R.K.		Yes		
"	NX 24664	Nicholas	W.P.		Yes		
"	NX 34672	Wragge	K.S.		Yes		
Lieut.	QX 6270	Ball	L.A.		Yes		
"	QX 6261	Cameron	R.W.		No	Det HQ 9 Aust Div.	
"	QX 6264	Herbertson	F.		Yes		
"	NX 12409	Jack	C.E.		Yes		
"	QX 6375	Stuart	D.R.	T.O.	Yes		
" (T/capt)	NX 14551	Varley	F.A.	Adjt.	Yes		
"	NX 15828	Ferguson	G.T.		Yes		
"	QX 19119	Benderf.	R.J.R.		Yes		
"	NX 70717	Tippett	W.N.		Yes		
"	NX 15827	Gardiner	P.E.		Yes		
"	NX 70865	Bennett	W.M.	I.O.	Yes		
"	NX 58535	Melville	W.R.		Yes		
"	NX 70715	Moxham	C.H.H.		No	Det. LOB	
"	NX 25071	Mills	I.Y.		Yes		
"	QX 19139	Craven	C.P.		Yes		
"	QX 19141	Edwards	H.R.		Yes		
"	NX 65687	Armstrong	W.B.		Yes		
"	QX 27163	Cockram	H.J.C.		Yes		
"	NX 57427	Cann	R.C.		Yes		
"	QX 19967	Jeffcoat.	B.J.		Yes		
"	QX 22731	Ginn	R.J.		Yes		
"	NX 47043	Nichard	R.R.		Yes		
"	NX 17262	Hall	CC		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 20037	Bennett, W.N.C.G.	AAMC	27/11/43	RMO.
Chaplain	QX 63807	Jaeger, J.G.			Chaplain.

12 Dec 43.
Date of Despatch

J.W. Varley
Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/12/1943.

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	NR
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographers, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers	1	1						Radlographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	6	6	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	25		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd'r. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	2	2		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.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				MACHINE GUNNER	339	351	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	14					
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				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				HYGIENE INSPECTOR	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				CHIROPDONT	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	15	13	NR	SHOEMAKERS	1	1	
Pharmacist				Massens				Driver Tptn. Plant				FITTERS MV	5	4	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				ARMOURERS	2	1	
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				MECH MV	4	2	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				ARCC	21	21	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				ARMC	2	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				ARPC	1	1	
												ARPC			
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	3	4		CARRIED FORWARD	58	57		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	188	171	*

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

C.O. of 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

35/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/12/1943 2/2 Aust. MG Bn (Unit)

W.E. 18/12/43 OFFRS. 29 O.R's. 649 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 39 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 9 23 - -	* * 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							
			34			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.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		35									35
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 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.
Capt.	NX34673	Cameron J.G	ex-hospital	15.12.43	
Lieut	QX19340	Kibble K.J.N.	✓	14.12.43.	
	QX9618	Farguhar A.B	✓	16.12.43.	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX6270	Lieut	Wall L.A.	Transf. GDD Redbank	15/12/43	For Retirement from this Unit. Auth. 2 Aust Corps M/S 2683
QX19139	✓	Craven C.P.	Evacuated	15/12/43-	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).

2/2 Aust MG Bn A.I.F. Unit

35/43 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/12/1943 (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	Macarthur-Onslaw	E.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	Qx 6263	Searle	G.A.M.	2/c	No	AM. LHQ STAFF School	
Capt (T/maj)	Nx 34079	Mackay	J.K.		Yes		
"	Qx 6365	Goldsmith	A.D.		Yes		
"	Qx 6363	Searle	P.K.		Yes		
" (T/maj)	Nx 34784	Green	P.B.		Yes		
"	Nx 12333	Turner	G.M.		No	AM. Jnr STAFF School	
"	Nx 12356	Staniland	F.R.K.		Yes		
"	Nx 24664	Nicholas	W.P.		Yes		
"	Nx 34672	Wragge	K.S.		Yes		
"	Nx 34673	Cameron	J.G.		Yes		
Lieut.	Qx 6261	Cameron	R.W.		No	Det. HQ 9 Aust Div.	
"	Qx 6264	Herbertson	F.		Yes		
"	Nx 12409	Jack	C.E.		Yes		
"	Qx 6376	Stuart	D.R.	T.O.	Yes		
" (T/CAPT)	Nx 14551	Varley	F.A.	Adj.	Yes		
"	Nx 15828	Ferguson	G.T.		Yes		
"	Qx 9618	Farguhar	A.B.		Yes		
"	Qx 19119	Bentley	R.J.R.		Yes		
"	Nx 70717	Tippett	W.N.		Yes		
"	Nx 15827	Gardiner	P.E.		Yes		
"	Nx 70865	Bennett	W.M.	I.O.	Yes		
"	Nx 58635	Melville	W.R.		Yes		
"	Nx 70715	Moxham	C.A.H.		No	Det. LDB	
"	Nx 25071	Mills	I.Y.		Yes		
"	Qx 19141	Edwards	H.R.		Yes		
"	Nx 65687	Armstrong	W.B.		Yes		
"	Nx 27163	Cockram	H.J.C.		Yes		
"	Nx 57427	Cann	P.C.		Yes		
"	Qx 19967	Jeffcoat	G.J.		Yes		
"	Qx 22751	Ginn	R.J.		Yes		
"	Nx 47043	McHaren	R.B.		Yes		
"	Qx 19340	Kibble	R.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 20037	Bennett W.N.C.G.	RAMC	27/11/43	RMO.
Chaplain	Vx 63807	Jaeger J.G.	HACHD.		Chaplain.

19 Dec 43.
Date of Despatch

H. W. ...
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

37/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/12/1943 2/2 Aust 1st Lt Bn (Unit)

W.E. 25/12/43 OFFRS 29 O.R's 649 + OFFRS 1 O.R's 39 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 9 28 - -	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.													
			334														
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				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.												334	
				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.
1260350	LIEUT	JOHNSON M.D.	1 AUST PARABN	23/12/43.	
120728	"	MOULDER V.C.	HOSPITAL	20/12/43.	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
1257427	LIEUT	CANN RC	HOSPITAL	20-12-43.	
1220037	CAPT	BENNETT WNGC	"	20-12-43.	(H.M.C. ATT)

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).

2/2AUST MG BN Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/12/1943 (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	NX18109	MURPHY	E	C.O.	YES		
MAJOR	OX6263	SEARLE	GH	2 1/2	NO	ATTOR. LHQ STAFF SCHOOL	
CAPT (T/INT)	NX34079	MACKAY	JK.		YES		
	OX6365	GOLDSMITH	AD.		YES		
	OX6363	SEARLE	P.K.		YES		
(T/INT)	NX34184	GREEN	P.B.		YES		
	NX12333	TURNER	GNL		NO	ATTOR. JNK STAFF SCHOOL	
	NX12360	STANLAND	F.K.K.		YES		
	NX24664	NICHOLAS	W.P.		YES		
	NX34672	WRAGGE	K.S.		YES		
	NX34673	CAMERON	J.G.		YES		
LIEUT	OX6262	CAMERON	K.W.		NO	DET HQ 7AUST DIV	
	OX6304	HERBERTSON	F		YES		
	NX18409	JACK	CE		YES		
	OX6370	STUART	DR.	TD	YES		
(T/INT)	NX14361	VARLEY	F.H.	AWT	YES		
	NX15828	FERGUSON	GT		YES		
	OX9618	FARQUHAR	H.B.		YES		
	OX17117	BENNETT	K.J.K.		YES		
	NX70717	LIPPETT	W.V.		YES		
	NX15382	WARDINER	F.E.		YES		
	NX70705	BENNETT	W.N.	I.O.	YES		
	NX15833	MELVILLE	W.R.		YES		
	NX70715	MOXHAM	C.H.		N.	DET LQB	
	NX60350	JOHNSON	M.D.		YES		
	NX65011	MILLS	I.Y.		YES		
	OX17141	EDWARDS	H.O.		YES		
	NX65687	ARMSTRONG	V.B.		YES		
	OX17107	JEFFCOCK	G.J.		YES		
	OX62731	GINN	R.A.		YES		
	NX4704311	LAREN	K.H.		YES		
	OX17370	KIDBLE	K.G.N.		YES		
	NX77264	HALL	C.C.		YES		
	NX20728	MOULDER	V.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.
CHAP	NX63801	HEGER J.G.	HALAD	-	CHAPLAIN

26-12-43
Date of Despatch

H. Marley
Signature of Commander

EVACUATIONS

P.U.O. 7 - 131
Diarrhoea - 4
Dysentery - -
Others 1 - 23

BATTLE CASUALTIES

1 K.I.A.
1 Wounded

1. RE SICKNESS IN UNIT

P.U.O. over the past month, illness in the unit increased considerably. This was mainly due to a few weeks spent on SATELBERG, where the Malarial control measures could not be properly carried out. Most of the patients evacuated were only away from the unit for a period of one week and were cases of Dengue Fever. Only a small percentage had malaria, as is shown in the weekly malarial chart, which shows the Bn to be among the lowest in the Div.

2. DIARRHOEA & DYSENTERY

Have been practically nil in the unit, only one man being evacuated for this complaint. Most of the men are Hygiene conscious. They have carried out hygiene measures to the fullest extent possible under the conditions. There have been several mild cases of diarrhoea which were cured in a few days. There were 1 - 23 evacuated with other ailments, none of which were serious.

There have been quite a few men re-classified who are now awaiting movement.

On the whole the increase of sickness can be attributed to a lowering of reserve sub-clinical Vitamin B deficiency.

During the month two of our Coys were in action, doing all which was asked of them. Our casualties were light 1 OR/and 1 wounded. The two Coys engaged in action, have had a very high sickness rate. But this was only to be expected as the "going" was very hard and tedious. The increase in P.U.O. was due to the tactical situation and not to faulty anti-malarial precautions, such as could be carried out.

2. HYGIENE

Hygiene throughout the unit has been excellent. In all Coys the hygiene conditions in the field are excellent. Lack of Dysentery and Diarrhoea shows how well the hygiene section works.

3. MALARIAL CONTROL

Although supplies have been difficult to obtain, work has been carried out by improvisation which was successful. This is shown by the low malarial rate in the unit. The troops are malaria conscious and take heed to all precautions required of them.

4. FOOD

This has been excellent over the last month. Fresh meat and butter now appear on the diet. The cooks have sound appetizing dishes and there is no monotonous fare. Especially was this noticable over the Christmas and New Year period.

5. MEDICAL PERSONNEL

The Bn is still short of trained Stretcher Bearers, but this is being remedied by a S.B. school from which the depleted ranks will be filled. All the Stretcher Bearers and Medical Orderlies have worked in an excellent fashion and have done all which was required of them.

6. MEDICAL SUPPLIES

These have been sufficient for our own needs. Thermometers have been hard to obtain owing to large demand for them by Div. We have had the full co-operation of the 2/3 AUST FD AMB, and have obtained all necessary supplies from them.

W Bennett Capt
(W.N. Bennett)
M.O. 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

DECEMBER 1943MOVEMENTS

Dec. 11/12 moved from Satelberg to Gusika village. "B" Ech. remained at Siki Creek until Dec. 26th. and then moved to Gusika and is now with the unit.

STORES

A quantity of V.M.G. Spare Parts obtained from A.D.O.S. Dump - Heldsbach.

Against unit recommendation to A.D.O.S. for V.M.G. Spare Parts to be carried for the Div., dated 7/11/43, 50% of the recommendation was received by the 2/118 O.F.P., of which quantity the unit received half. Method of replenishment to unit is by indent on O.F.P.

Stores received during the month included :-

- 8 - Watches G.S. (4 replacement and 4 to cover non-issue)
- 8 - Protractors Ivorine (no previous issue)
- 2 - Pistols .380 (repl. 2 lost by E.A.)
- 2 - Owen Guns 9mm. (repl. 2 destroyed by E.A. last month)

CLOTHING.

Owing to movement clothing and necessaries were delayed for one week, otherwise indents supplied in full with the exception of ground sheets, hats khaki fur, large sized trousers and water bottle carriers.

DESTROYED BY E.A. & U.S. STORES. Three V.M.G. replaced to "A" Coy, through 4 Bde, in lieu of three rendered temporarily unserviceable through firing at an acute angle (Depression) Barrels in guns being bulged and seized. Also two pistols lost through E.A.

XMAS MESSING. Turkey and Ham only items available. Sufficient purchased from Canteen Services for unit plus attached troops. Allowance of 1/- per man from A.D.C.S. and balance amounting to 9d. per man paid by Bn Funds.

A.C.F. XMAS HAMPERS. The unit received one hamper per man. A quantity was received on 24th. Dec. and the balance on the 29th. Dec.

2/2 M. G. BN. AUX. COMFORTS FUND. Received 18 pkgs. containing foodstuffs which were distributed to the companies.

RATIONS.

The scale of issue quite satisfactory. No shortages were experienced. Bread issued daily and frozen meat on various occasions.

TRANSPORT

Vehicles M.T. were increased by two Willys 4x4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton Jeeps, making a total for the unit of six. 77 L.A.D. left five 15cwt. trucks with the unit, which eased the transport position considerably.

PERSONNEL.

Capt. J. Lamb, Q.M. returned to unit but only remained a short while, being evacuated sick. The health of the platoon was fair - dengue fever being prevalent.

Percy Meade
CAPT.

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

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TO : ADDRESSES as For No 83

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 84 to 302000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series first
 edition (.) 20 bde (.) 2/13 bn (.) patrol GARABO to 1800 feature 5870
 NMS (.) patrol from 615684 along high ground to 613703 and return NMS
 (.) C coy moved to jeephead 628699 (.) A and C coys adv towards NON-
 GARA at last light were close to village believed to be NONGARA but
 darkness and mist prevented exact orientation (.) enemy scouts contact-
 ed this area (.) disposns HQ 627699 B coy 625791 D coy 625700 with one
 pl 627703 in posn found vacated by JAPS (.) 2/17 bn NTR (.) 24 bde (.)
 2/28 bn (.) patrol D coy along coastal track to 649750 fired on from
 649751 (.) patrol returned to coy perimeter 647744 (.) 37/52 bn (.)
 standing patrol 624700 fired on 2 JAPS 625705 results unobserved (.)
 patrol from 638696 to sq 6370 to 628706 and return NMS (.) 2/43 bn (.)
 patrol round southern half of sq 6373 NMS but many dead (.) A and B coys
 sp by tks 301600L adv from PABU 637730 westward brushing aside
 opposition at 632728 (.) our casualties one killed 3 wounded (.)
 perimeter formed for night 628731 (.) D coy moved to PABU (.) 26 bde (.)
 2/4 cav sqn found 70mm gun abandoned and made US by JAPS at 538674 (.)
 ref MASAWENG R one inch (.) patrol could NOT find village 515705 (.)
 village 475718 unoccupied (.) 2/23 bn (.) ref BONGA photo map (.) br
 head 113117 captured and secured by C and D coys (.) enemy force
 estimated more than 50 encountered D A and B coys in succession and was
 wiped out (.) bn perimeter for night 115125 in close contact (.) A coy
 2/24 bn moved to FIOR (.) 2/48 bn NTR (.) 4 bde (.) A coy 22 bn
 relieved one coy 29/46 bn (.) D coy 22 bn moved from KEDAM to 625644
 (.) bnHQ 2/2 MG bn moved to 586662 (.) own airops 29 nov (.) 49 tons
 bombs dropped on CAPE GLOUCESTER

If liable etc

DRLS

TOO 010730L

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 Capt

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

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TO : ADDRESSEES AS FOR SITREP 84 PLUS FIGHTER SUB SEC : ADV MTB BASE :
 22 D PORT HQ USASOS

FROM : 9 AUST DIV 0 474

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 85 to 012000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 second
 edition (.) 20 bde (.) patrol 2/13 bn moving to BONGA WAREO track
 reached 573696 without sighting enemy (.) patrol from f.d coys 2/15
 bn vicinity NONGORA located enemy on ridge east of village (.) one
 coy attacked with arty MMG and mortar sp drove enemy off ridge (.)
 contact made further north (.) dispositions A coy 585702 C coy 586701
 (.) bn HQ moved to 602687 (.) 24 bde (.) B coy 2/43 bn continued adv
 with tk sp to 599714 (.) enemy fire from 599717 and 601714 encountered
 but patrols mopped up area during afternoon inflicting casualties on
 enemy (.) 30 enemy seen moving north at 610744 smoke at 618749 (.)
 enemy fired 28 shells area 608715 (.) shelling erratic (.) patrol
 2/32 bn found numerous unoccupied enemy posns along former I of C
 622681 to 616697 (.) patrol 2/28 bn to recce enemy posn 623739 not
 yet returned (.) other patrols 2/28 and 37/52 bns NMS (.) 26 bde (.)
 2/23 bn continued adv against opposition and occupied KUANKO 011215L
 (.) 3 attempts during afternoon to dislodge enemy north of village
 unsuccessful (.) in contact at last light (.) dispositions bn HQ
 B D coys KUANKO area C coy 250 yds north and A coy 400 yds south
 of village (.) patrols 2/4 cav sqn and 2/24 bns throughout area NMS (.)
 2/24 bn dispositions bn HQ 545684 A coy 555697 B coy 544687 pls
 543693 547692 C coy 555695 D coy 531682 (.) 4 bde (.) 22 bn less
 A coy moved to assembly area vicinity BONGA (.) bn HQ 632725 (.) adv
 bde HQ established 633722 (.) PIB patrol located unoccupied enemy
 bn posn 612684 (.) no enemy air activity during last 24 hrs

 If liable etc DRLS TOO 020740L

Capt

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : ADDRESSEES AS FOR SITREP NO 85 plus NIO LANGEMAK BAY

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 86 to 022000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.)
 20 bde (.) patrol 2/13 bn encountered enemy dug in at 570715 (.)
 patrol withdrew to village WILDE 570712 and enemy engaged by arty (.)
 2/15 bn forced enemy from ridge east of NONGARA to posn 583706
 abandoning some eqpt and rifles (.) disposns A coy 584705 C coy 585704
 (.) 2/17 bn relieved 37/52 bn (.) disposns 2/17 bn HQ 617676 A coy
 612677 B Coy 611675 C coy 616681 D coy 618679 (.) other patrols in bde
 area NMS (.) 24 bde (.) patrol 2/28 bn to GUSIKA 635734 unable to
 climb north bank R KALUENG owing to flood and steep banks (.) patrol
 fully exposed themselves on south bank to draw fire without result (.)
 C coy 2/43 bn resumed adv with tks (.) opposition from flanks overcome
 enemy withdrawing into jungle (.) coy secured track junc 516716 (.)
 B coy advanced through C coy without opposition to 593717 (.) in contact
 with enemy 100 yds NW (.) 1 tk bogged and one damaged by enemy arty
 fire (.) 26 bde (.) C coy 2/24 bn moved to 545634 (.) A coy 2/48 bn
 relieved 2/4 cav sqn at MARARUO (.) 2/4 cav sqn moved to 531682 (.)
 2/23 bn (.) C coy moved fwd but progress blocked by hy MG fire from
 strong enemy posn (.) enemy apparently reinforced night 1/2 (.)
 attempts to outflank enemy posn by patrols all unsuccessful owing to
 terrain (.) enemy harassed during afternoon by arty mortars and MMG (.)
 enemy moved fwd last light engaged by arty (.) remained in close
 contact (.) 4 bde (.) 29/46 bn moved to 633721 (.) A coy 22 bn rejoined
 bn 632726 (.) 37/52 bn moved to area 629721 (.) A coy 2/2 MG bn to
 632723

If liable etc

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO ADDRESSEES AS FOR 86

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 87 to 032000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 4 b
 (.) 22 bn (.) D coy moved north along coastal track and attacked enemy
 estimated 50 strongly dug in at 623737 (.) attack with arty and mortar sp
 successful (.) D coy advanced to 623740 still in contact at last lt (.)
 B coy moved NW from GUSIKA and encountered enemy estimated ~~two~~ pls at 619737
 (.) posn heavily shelled and coy moved SW to 614732 (.) C coy moved along
 north bank R KALUENG then north to 609737 (.) slight opposition encountered
 from small enemy parties mapped up (.) A coy in posn mouth R KALUENG (.)
 bn HQ GUSIKA 626103 (.) 37/52 bn B coy moved to 619727 and D coy to 632727
 (.) 20 bde (.) patrol 2/13 bn found evidence of accurate shelling on
 enemy posn north of WILDE 570712 (.) 2/15 bn (.) patrol moved east of ene
 posn north of NONGORA along track to approx 587708 NMS (.) track appeared
 to end at this pt (.) fighting patrol moved to west of enemy posn to approx
 582707 where enemy fire encountered (.) second patrol moved to same area
 (.) enemy posn heavily shelled and ^{patrols} returned to NONGARA (.) enemy posn
 engaged by arty (.) 24 bde (.) C coy 2/43 bn successfully attacked enemy
 591716 from south forcing withdrawal (.) attempts to move further west
 prevented by enemy fire from west and north (.) patrols to areas 599719
 and 599720 NMS (.) 2/32 bn less two coys moved fwd in sp (.) bde HQ
 established at 623696 (.) one pl A coy moved to PABU 610713 (.) 2/32 bn HQ
 597715 A coy 601716 B coy 600715 C coy 624712 D coy 619682 (.) 2/43 bn HQ
 596714 A coy 602717 E coy 593717 C coy 591716 D coy 596716 (.) 26 bde (.)
 2/25 bn (.) patrol returned first lt having found possible route to cut
 main track at approx 549713 (.) fwd coys withdrew slightly night 2/3 dec
 to posn at southern edge of KUANKO village 556710 (.) enemy attempt to
 outflank posn to east repulsed (.) 031300L enemy attack with hy MG sp
 repulsed (.) repeated attempts by enemy to approach posn repulsed (.)
 further enemy attack 032030L broken up by arty and mortar fire (.) entire
 2/24 bn engaged in carrying sups and amn to 2/23 bn (.) C coy moved to
 554705 (.) three day patrol 2/4 cav sqn to KULUNGTUFU reached 475718 ref
 map MASAWENG R 1/63360 (.) PW captured at 486711 (.) further patrol fired
 on from direction ULUO 513704 ref map 1/25000 (.) 2/48 bn protective patrols
 NMS (.) RAA (.) extensive neutralising fire during day on enemy posns (.)
 2 enemy barges moved south to vicinity GUSIKA 1745 hrs then turned and
 returned north (.) PT boats night 2/3 dec no sightings (.) no enemy air
 activity last 24 hrs

If liable etc

DRLS

TOO 040730L

Capt

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : ADDRESSEES AS FOR SITREP NO 87

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET () sitrep 88 to 042000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.)
4 bde (.) D coy 22 bn discovered dug in enemy posns 618739 to 624739
(.) 4 rows anti tk mines 622739 (.) one tp tks crossed R KALUENG
041200L at 624734 (.) 20 bde (.) 2/13 bn (.) one pl C coy moved to
602687 otherwise no change (.) 2/15 bn (.) 041445L B coy moved north
to cut NW track behind enemy posns (.) at 532716 deep ravine to west
barred adv to track (.) coy perimeter at cablehead 582712 (.) bn HQ
and D coy 586701 (.) 2/17 bn NTR (.) 24 bde (.) 2/28 bn patrols NMS (.)
B and D coys 2/43 bn 040800L moved SW to encircle enemy posn at
589717 (.) reached track 585716 041330L (.) 041545L enemy party
approached from west (.) 2 JAPS killed (.) 041500L A coy 2/32 bn
moved west through C coy 2/43 bn to close contact with enemy area
589717 (.) 040030L enemy gun fired 48 shells into general area 625714
no damage or casualties (.) dispositions 2/32 bn B coy 594716 (.)
2/43 bn HQ 597717 B coy 587717 D coy 586717 otherwise no change (.)
26 bde (.) 2/23 bn (.) JAPS cut track 557710 (.) new track cut from
KUANKO to 557708 now L of C to 2/23 bn (.) 3 attacks on 2/23 bn
beaten off during day (.) 2/24 bn (.) C coy moved to close contact
with enemy at 557710 (.) 2/48 bn patrols NMS (.) 2/4 cav sqn (.)
ref map KULUNGTUFU one inch (.) 3 day patrol to KULUNGTUFU reached
JUNGAING 395745 (.) natives report JAPS in area FASEO 383778 (.) ref
map MASAWENG R one inch (.) patrol to 517696 contacted JAP patrol
killed 2 (.) patrol discovered JAPS unknown strength area 515697 (.)
C sqn tk bn (.) sqn HQ moved to 623724 (.) our arty fired more than
4000 rds in close sp and CB tasks and against WAREO, LAGOON and KILIGIA
(.) PT boats night 3/4 dec sank one large barge off LEPSIUS PT damaged
3 (.) own airops 4 dec (.) 31 MITCHELLS bombed and strafed coast from
REIN BAY to ROTTOCK BAY (.) 3 sqns LIBERATORS bombed CAPE GLOUCESTER
and REIN BAY (.) 8 KITTYHAWKS strafed luggers and barges HANSA BAY (.)
16 KITTYHAWKS bombed and destroyed br at BOGADJIM (.) 19 MITCHELLS
bombed SIO (.) 11 BOSTONS bombed and strafed coastal track BLUCHER PT
to WANDOKAI and dump area mouth R SANGA

If liable, etc

DRLS

TOO 050735L

W. H. H. H.
Capt

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: ADDRESSEES as for SITREP No. 89

FROM: 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 89 to 052000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 20 bde (.) 2/15 bn patrol from NONGORA to 582 608 thence 577704 and return NMS (.) tracks have NOT been recently used (.) B coy now 586701 (.) no other change (.) 4 bde (.) 050730L D coy 29/46 bn with arty and tk sp successfully attacked enemy posn 618738 and advanced to LAGOON at 619744 (.) B coy attacked enemy posn 619738 (.) attack partially successful (.) some JAPS still here at last light (.) dispositions Bn HQ C coy and tks 622738 A coy 619742 B coy 621738 D coy 619744 (.) B coy 37/52 bn with under comd one pl PIB patrolled to 603740 NMS (.) coy posn now 606739 (.) 22 bn no contact during day (.) D coy 624738 one pl A coy 620731 (.) one pl C coy standing patrol 617729 NMS (.) enemy minefield at 620743 (.) 24 bde (.) 2/28 bn patrol sq 6272 NMS (.) 2/32 bn (.) enemy posn across track sq 5871 now completely cleared (.) one JAP killed 586717 (.) B coy 2/43 bn captured wounded JAP serjeant at 582716 (.) 051000L contact made between A coy 2/32 and B coy 2/43 bns (.) D coy 2/43 bn patrolled westward to evacuated enemy mortar posn 582716 NMS (.) A and B coys 2/32 bn moved to 583718 (.) patrol located enemy at 582717 (.) in sharp clash 6 JAPS killed our cas 1 killed 4 wounded (.) coy withdrew (.) dispositions 2/32 bn HQ 597716 A coy 583718 B coy 584718 C coy 593716 D coy 603716 (.) 2/43 bn HQ 624582 A coy 624908 B coy 597715 C coy 618384 D coy 585716 (.) 26 bde (.) ref BONGA photomap (.) 2/24 bn (.) patrol west and north reached 105135 NTR (.) patrol to north 2/23 bn perimeter found enemy in strong posn overlooking village (.) 2/23 bn no material change (.) enemy still astride track (.) our snipers inflicted some casualties (.) 2/4 cav sqn patrol to KGLUNGTUBU reports going very difficult (.) no contact (.) ref 1/25000 series (.) further patrol saw 2 JAPS who fled at 514704 (.) patrol could not find ULUO but found recently vacated diggings at 516695 (.) 2/48 bn (.) patrol made contact with cav sqn patrol at 516676 (.) PT boats night 4/5 dec off NAMBARIWA found 5 bundles each containing 200 bags food and 3 rafts from which boxes believed amn were suspended (.) whole destroyed (.) believed deck cargo of submarine (.) own airops 5 dec (.) 6 BOSTONS successfully bombed occupied areas north KALLAGIDU PT (.) 10 MITCHELLS 8 MAURADERS bombed bridges BOGADJIM rd (.) 40 LIBERATORS bombed dumps and AA posns CAPE GLOUCESTER causing fires (.) one AA posn destroyed

If liable etc

DRLS

TOO: 030740L

Capt

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: ADDRESSEES as for NO 89

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 90 to 062000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 4 bde
 (.) 29/46 bn (.) B and D coys successfully attacked enemy posn 617747 with
 arty sp and drove enemy northward (.) D coy then moved to area 621752
 without serious opposition (.) local patrols failed to contact enemy (.)
 70 mm gun found intact at 619749 (.) B coy continued adv to 618746 without
 serious opposition (.) C coy moving west encountered enemy posn 616747 (.)
 enemy withdrew after attack and coy moved fwd to 614746 (.) A coy moved
 northwards to 617754 against continual ^{reorganised} opposition (.) bn HQ now
 618745 (.) bn NOT in contact last light (.) 37/52 bn B coy ambushed enemy
 party 600742 killing 10 incl two offr (.) dispositions bn HQ 621740 A coy
 619744 C coy less pl 622739 pl 617729 D coy less pl 621741 pl 615741 (.)
 22 bn contact patrols NMS (.) B coy cleared enemy pocket 619738 by 061300L
 (.) 20 bde (.) enemy withdrew during night 5/6 dec from posns fwd of 2/15
 bn NW of NONGORA (.) B coy less one pl moved fwd and occupied posn (.)
 patrols located enemy posns at approx 577716 (.) 24 bde (.) 2/32 bn (.)
 B coy followed by A coy commenced westerly adv encountered by enemy fire
 from 581718 (.) attempts to encircle posn unsuccessful owing to precipitous
 terrain (.) patrol located enemy at 583717 (.) coys formed perimeter posn
 583718 with C coy (.) D coy less two pls moved fwd to 593717 (.) B coy 2/43
 bn less one pl moved back to 602716 and one pl fwd to 593717 (.) 26 bde (.)
 patrols 2/23 bn found enemy had withdrawn from posn south of KUANKO during
 night 5/6 dec (.) A coy 2/24 bn continued northward adv and cut KUANKO -
 KWATINGKO track at 550713 (.) 10 JAPS of which 2 only armed all carrying
 packs observed moving eastward towards KUANKO (.) C and D coys moved up to
 same area (.) 061700L A coy attacked east to PEAK HILL ^{down} and track towards
 KUANKO D coy following to PEAK HILL and C coy moving to 549713 near KWATINGKO
 (.) attack apparently complete surprise to enemy and casualties inflicted
 (.) 062000L party 20 JAPS withdrawing from KUANKO encountered A coy and
 suffered casualties (.) bn HQ moved during day to 555708 (.) patrols 2/48
 bn and 2/4 cav sqn NMS (.) arty fired in sp 4 and 26 bdes and harassing
 fire on enemy posns (.) enemy air activity (.) 052020L one A/C dropped 6
 bombs between KAKAKOG and R BUMI causing slight damage and casualties (.)
 A/C engaged by hy AA and took violent evasive action (.) 052050L one A/C
 jettisoned bombs to sea when engaged by hy AA (.) 052155L one A/C approached
 SCARLET BEACH but withdrew without hostile action (.) PT boats nil sightings
 5/6 dec (.) own airops (.) one sqn BOSTONS 2 sqns MITCHELLS bombed dump
 areas KILIGIA 6177 and LAKONA 5978 and bivouac area R SANGA valley (.)
 caused large explosion and coln of black smoke at KILIGIA (.) 4 Fw from
 escort strafed fuel dumps LAKONA fires started (.) 42 LIBERATORS accurately
 bombed targets area CAPE GLOUCESTER (.) 30 MITCHELLS bombed coastal area
 BORGEN BAY (.) 18 MITCHELLS bombed ARAWA (.) tac R reports considerable
 track activity LAKES area and track WAREO - KALIGIA shows signs recent hy
 use

If liable etc

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TOO 070800L

R. Blackburn Capt

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : ADDRESSEES AS FOR SITREP NO 90

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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8

 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 91 to 072000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.)
 4 bde (.) 29/46 bn (.) B coy continued adv along coast encountered enemy
 posn 617755 (.) posn mortared and enemy withdrew (.) contact later made
 616759 (.) D coy passed through B coy and successfully attacked posn
 advancing against opposition to 615762 (.) A coy moved to 616758 without
 opposition (.) C coy moved to 609751 without opposition and patrol went
 north to TUNIM R where strong enemy posn encountered (.) arty fire brought
 down (.) further enemy posn encountered 612753 (.) indication that enemy
 force bypassed B coy 37/52 bn at 600742 during night 6/7 dec (.) coy
 moved down track to 599738 (.) A coy 22 bn relieved by C coy 2/13 bn (.)
 adv of tks delayed by very hvy built up mines on track (.) one tk badly
 damaged (.) lagoon reported unsuitable for landing of sup barges owing
 coral reef across entrance (.) 20 bde (.) 2/13 bn moved to GUSIKA area
 dispositions for night bn HQ 630733 A coy 628724 B coy 624736 C coy
 625734 D coy 623728 (.) D coy 2/15 bn took over protection of dump area
 604684 (.) patrol 2/15 bn contacted enemy 578715 and track junc 579716
 (.) 24 bde (.) 2/32 bn (.) patrols found enemy still in posn at 580719
 but NOT at 582717 (.) A and B coys moved westward and contacted enemy
 581718 (.) C coy moved along track to 580717 from which point patrol
 moved fwd to vicinity 578717 where fired on (.) further patrol contacted
 enemy posn at track junc 579716 inflicting casualties (.) could hear fire
 on 2/15 bn patrol to south but contact NOT made (.) hvy arty and mortar
 fire brought down on posn (.) final dispositions A coy 580718 B coy
 581719 C coy 580717 with enemy on western slopes 1800 feature (.)
 D coy 2/43 bn joined B coy at 602716 (.) local patrols 2/28 bn NMS (.)
 26 bde (.) patrol 2/4 cav sqn reached JOANGING 558756 ref one inch map
 where no signs recent enemy occupation (.) sup base formed at JAINGGENG
 396745 (.) further patrol located enemy posn 512704 ref map 1/25000 (.)
 area shelled (.) 2/23 bn (.) A and D coys moved fwd through enemy posns
 NW of KUANKO vacated night 6/7 dec to 549714 (.) patrol moved north to
 549713 but strong enemy posn prevented further progress (.) 2/24 bn (.)
 patrols inflicting hvy casualties on enemy parties KWATINGKO - PEAK HILL
 area incl several parties retreating in disorder towards WAREO (.)
 JAP posns cover all track approaches to WAREO (.) dispositions A coy
 552713 C coy 548715 D coy less one pl 549715 one pl 548713 (.) RAA (.)
 over 2300 rounds fired on enemy posns WAREO LAKONA KILIGIA areas (.)
 no enemy air activity (.) PT boats night 6/7 dec sighted 4 enemy barges
 laden with sups west of SIO sank 2 and destroyed other two on beach (.)
 further mission sank one enemy PT boat SW coast NEW BRITAIN

If liable, etc

DRLS

TOO 080730L

R. G. G. G.
 Capt

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: ADDRESSEES AS PER SITREP No. 92

FROM: 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 92 to 082000L (.) ref map 1/25000 series (.)
 4 bde (.) 29/46 bn (.) after mortar concentration enemy withdrew with
 by cas from 615759 (.) believed HQ posn (.) spiked 75mm gun one HMG
 and large wireless set (destroyed) found in area (.) posn now occupied
 by D coy (.) C coy surprised large body of enemy area 613758 believed
 25 killed (.) disposns A coy 616758 B coy 616759 C coy 609751 D coy
 616759 (.) 37/52 bn (.) disposns HQ 607748 A coy 606749 C coy 605747
 D coy 601751 (.) 22 bn (.) HQ 617749 A coy 613752 B coy 618745 C coy
 617754 D coy 617749 (.) MACFORCE 603745 report enemy 601748 and 599747
 strength unknown (.) bde HQ moved to 619748 (.) 20 bde (.) 2/13 bn
 relieved 22 bn (.) disposns HQ 631733 A coy 623738 B coy 625735 with pl
 618754 C coy 613731 with pl 609734 D coy 625734 (.) 2/15 bn mortared
 enemy posn 157139 ref BONGA photomap results unknown (.) 2/17 bn no
 change (.) 24 bde (.) 2/28 bn (.) B coy 602716 C coy 592717 D coy 625723
 otherwise no change (.) 2/32 bn occupied 1800 ring contour 580718 without
 opposition (.) patrol to 591721 NMS (.) disposns HQ 597716 A coy 679718
 B coy 579717 C coy 578715 D coy 579716 (.) 2/43 bn B coy 627725 D coy
 630729 otherwise no change (.) 26 bde (.) 2/4 cav sqn found ULUO
 unoccupied after arty concentration (.) ref MASAWENG R 1 inch (.)
 patrol met enemy patrol 508738 in difficult country (.) enemy believed
 digging in (.) ref photomap (.) 080915L D and A coys 2/23 bn attacked
 and entered WAREO (.) 2/24 bn (.) D coy moving west towards BAZULUO
 had leading pl ambushed at 537719 (.) B coy 2/23 bn encircled but enemy
 withdrew (.) A coy and C coy less one pl left at KWATINGKO moved NE
 from WAREO along BONGA track (.) strong enemy posn encountered 564728
 (.) coys still in close contact at last light (.) bn HQ 554713 (.) 2/48
 bn NTR (.) believed 70 enemy dead in KUANKO area (.) PT boats night 7/8
 sank 2 empty barges travelling north off REISS PT (.) airops 8 dec (.)
 10 MARAUDERS bombed dump areas WANDOKAI (.) 11 MITCHELLS accurately
 bombed bivouac and dump areas KALASA (.) night 6/7.26 BEAUFORTS bombed
 and strafed air strip and dumps BORPOP NEW IRELAND (.) bombing believed
 highly successful

If liable etc

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TOO 090745L

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: ADDRESSEES AS FOR SITREP No. 93

FROM: 9 AUST DIV

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10

 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 93 to 092000L (.) ref maps one in 25000 (.)
 4 bde (.) 29/46 bn (.) A and D coys secured beachhead mouth R TUNOM
 (.) preliminary recce reports on beach favourable (.) B coy killed
 probably 12 enemy 613758 (.) B and C coys relieved by B and A coys
 22 bn respectively and joined bn HQ at 615759 (.) 22 bn (.) A coy on
 high ground 611751 pl standing patrol holding NW slopes (.) B coy
 613758 harassed enemy pocket 615757 (.) otherwise no change (.)
 37/52 bn (.) MACFORCE (B coy) reverted to comd bn (.) A coy (.) patro.
 saw enemy movement 605755 (.) C coy found river crossing 601746
 impracticable owing to terrain (.) 2 JAPS killed (.) D coy crossed
 river 602751 but encountered estimated opposition two pls with AMGs
 (.) posn engaged by arty (.) disposns A coy 605749 B coy 605744 C coy
 601746 D coy 604749 (.) 20 bde (.) 2/13 bn NTR (.) 2/15 bn (.) patrol
 contacted 2/32 bn 579715 (.) numerous abandoned enemy posns incl fd
 gun sites on track north from NONGORA (.) bn now concentrated R SONG
 area 604634 (.) 2/17 bn moved north of GUSIKA (.) disposns HQ and C
 coy 617744 A coy 614743 B coy 613743 D coy 619742 (.) 24 bde (.)
 2/22 and 2/43 bns NTR (.) 2/32 bn patrol to contact 2/24 bn fired on
 at 566727 (.) enemy strength believed small (.) only visual touch
 with 2/24 bn by last light (.) bn HQ now at 578719 (.) 26 bde (.)
 after encirclement by B coy 2/23 bn and D coy 2/24 bn enemy withdrew
 from high ground east of BAZULUC (.) large MDS found (.) enemy took
 up strong posn 528716 which was captured just before last light by
 tp 2/4 cav sqn from 519713 (.) D coy 2/24 bn now at BAZULUC (.)
 A and C coys 2/24 bn in close contact with enemy all day vicinity
 track junc 565728 (.) pl patrol A coy moved south and east to contact
 2/32 bn patrol had not done so by last light (.) 2/23 bn concentrate
 WAREO area (.) 2/24 bn HQ KWATINGKO (.) bde HQ FLOR (.) enemy air
 activity (.) 091840L 2 DBS dropped 4 bombs and strafed area 623703
 no damage or cas reported

If liable etc

W. E. Green Capt

TOO 100740L

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : ADDRESS FES AS FOR SITREP NO

plus MLO LAUNCH JETTY

FROM : 9 A ST DIV

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 94 to 102000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.)
4 bde (.) 29/46 bn (.) adv continued with tk sp (.) slight JAP
resistance KILIGIA area ceased after few shots from tks (.) A coy in
occupation KILIGIA and has reached mouth R SOWI (.) COCONUT BEACH
616763 very suitable for landing craft was used during day (.) 37/52 bn
HQ 607747 A coy 606758 D coy 605748 (.) 22 bn (.) posns area 614754 now
clear of enemy (.) A coy 616760 otherwise no change (.) 20 bde (.) 2/13
bn NTR (.) 2/15 bn concentrated in square 6272 (.) 2/17 bn A coy 609746
B coy 612743 (.) bde HQ 621740 (.) 24 bde (.) 101015L contact made
between patrols 2/32 and 2/24 568728 (.) enemy still in posn 565728 (.)
abandoned fd gun posn found 589712 and evidence of our very accurate
OB fire (.) 2/28 bn HQ 598716 A coy 610718 B coy 596717 (.) 2/32 bn HQ
578718 A coy 580719 B coy 582719 D coy 579718 (.) 2/43 bn A coy 624711
B coy 617721 D coy 625721 (.) 26 bde (L) patrol north from WAREO saw
one JAP 548731 (.) ref map MASAWENG R one inch (.) patrol found natives
returned to village 519681 (.) 2/4 cav sqn (.) ref map KULUNGUFU one
inch (.) patrol found FASEO unoccupied (.) natives report JAPS were
warned and passed through FASEO 2 days before (.) ref maps 1/25000
series (.) bde HQ PEAK HILL (.) 2/23 bn less D coy WAREO (.) D coy
BAZULUO (.) 2/24 bn HQ and D coy KWATINGKO A coy less one pl and C coy
563727 one pl A coy 567727 B coy FIOR (.) PT boats night 9/10 sank or
destroyed on beach 5 barges believed empty moving north off REISS PT (.)
also sank or destroyed on beach 5 barges (one LCT size) moving north off
HARDENBERG PT (.) enemy 37 mm and 20 mm fire from shore partly silenced
by bafors

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TO: AS FOR SITREP No. 94

FROM: 9 AUST DIV

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 95 to 112000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.)
 29/46 bn mopped up and consolidated hold on beach mouth R SOWI (.)
 numerous JAP stragglers killed during day (.) disposns bn HQ and C coy
 615764 A coy 609772 B coy 609769 D coy 613768 (.) 37/52 bn 0812 hrs
 ambushed 7 JAPS 605760 all believed killed (.) later 18 enemy moving
 SW ambushed 607757 5 killed (.) B and D coys relieved by 2/17 bn and
 all coys now north of R TUNOM (.) disposns bn HQ and A coy 607758
 B coy 609761 C coy 604755 D coy 605760 (.) 22 bn (.) patrol in area
 east of track to cape 609783 NMS at 608772 large dump found of amn
 and medical sups and parts of fd gun (.) disposns Bn HQ 612768 A coy
 608774 B coy 618745 C coy 617754 D coy 612763 (.) 20 bde (.) 2/13 bn
 and 2/15 bn NTR (.) 2/17 bn (.) A and B coys relieved B and D coys
 37/52 bn (.) disposns A coy 606749 B coy 604745 D coy 612742 (.)
 B coy 2/2 MG bn 623723 (.) 24 bde (.) 2/28 bn (.) patrol reports north
 bank R KALUENG unclimbable from 610731 to 601728 (.) 2/32 bn C coy
 now 582724 (.) patrol found many vacated diggings 584727 (.) B coy
 2/43 bn moved to 617721 (.) 26 bde (.) 2/23 bn (.) patrol at 540733
 killed 2 JAPS wounded 1 of party estimated 20 (.) our cas nil (.)
 patrol saw movement 536724 (.) 2/24 bn (.) A coy penetrated enemy posn
 565728 inflicting cas (.) A coy less one pl with one pl C coy 565728
 (.) C coy less one pl and D coy 563728 (.) JAP party moving down
 track SW were wiped out (.) 2/48 bn contact patrol NTR (.) PT boats
 night 10/11 sighted 5 barges lying to off BLUCHER PT two sunk three
 damaged and driven ashore (.) by shore fire prevented further observat-
 ion

 If liable etc

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TOO
 120745L

L. M. Hall Capt

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2/2 MG Bn

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO ADDRESSEES AS FOR 95 plus HQ 1 AUST TK BN

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 96 to 122000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 4 bde (.) 22 bn continued adv along coastal track against lt opposition (.) small enemy party bypassed 609778 (.) last lt dispositions D coy 605784 A coy less one pl 602782 pl 604782 B coy 606782 C coy 608778 BHQ 609778 (.) 29/46 bn reorganised in present posn (.) dispositions A coy 608775 D coy 608773 BHQ 609771 B coy 608768 C coy 612767 (.) 37/52 bn (.) A coy crossed R SOWI 603765 to posn astride track on north bank (.) dispositions B coy 600763 BHQ 603763 C coy 609760 D coy 606761 (.) 20 bde (.) 2/15 bn moved into area vacated by 22 bn (.) dispositions BHQ 623752 A coy 614753 B coy 621751 C coy 618752 with pl 617756 D coy 610752 tk A pl 615762 (.) 2/17 bn (.) patrol found river impassable at 605753 and 604752 owing to 100 ft cliff (.) patrol to garden 601745 found block of explosive 6 x 4 in with 2 detonators probably intended for use against tks (.) 24 bde (.) 2/32 bn (.) patrol to 581720 found much enemy amm and eqpt (.) C coy returned to 577718 (.) pl at 567727 returned to D coy (.) 26 bde (.) 2/4 cav sqn inland patrol (.) natives report 10 JAPS arrived MASA 11 dec for taro (.) patrol returned via TULU (.) report JAP used tracks WALANGA - ZAGAHEMI, SIO - ZAGAHEMI for sups (.) 2/23 bn (.) patrol from B coy found JAP posn 543732 killed one wounded one (.) JAP returned fire with at least one LMG (.) patrol attempted outflanking move but approach impossible (.) patrol from D coy killed one JAP 537723 killed one wounded 2 at 541731 (.) 2/24 bn (.) A coy attacked SW towards enemy posn near track junc after 6 hrs fighting posn captured and contact made with C coy at 1540 hrs (.) BONGA - WAREO track now open (.) estimated 25 enemy killed (.) A coy reorganised at 564727 (.) C coy moved north along track across razor back at 565732 where further JAP posn contacted (.) D coy now at 563727 (.) PT boats night 11/12 dec sank 3 enemy barges moving north off CAPE KING WILLIAM (.) one barge thought to be towing 3 rafts (.) very hy shore fire prevented further investigation

If liable etc

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TOO 130800L

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : ADDRESSEES AS FOR SITREP NO 96

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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14

 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 97 to 132000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.)
 4 bde (.) 22 bn continued adv with D coy leading (.) enemy posn
 606784 attacked causing enemy to withdraw and enemy posn 601785 by-
 passed after killing 10 JAPS but further opposition encountered 597747 where
 enemy found dug in to west of creek (.) A coy moving westward on left
 flank by passed enemy posn 598783 and moved forward to 593785 (.)
 B coy later successfully attacked this posn killing 8 JAPS and one pl
 later attacked enemy posn 601785 with bayonets and tk sp causing enemy
 to withdraw (.) final disposns bn HQ 602784 D coy 597787 C coy 596787
 A coy 596785 B coy 600786 (.) A and C coys 37/52 bn after being relieved
 by 2/13 bn moved fwd to high ground north of SOWI R driving off an
 enemy party (.) remainder of bn moved along coastal track behind 22 bn
 (.) disposns bn HQ 606781 B coy 606782 D coy 607779 A and C coys 600772
 (.) 29/46 bn remained as protective force covering KILIGIA beach (.)
 extensive patrols all bns failed to make contact (.) 20 bde (.) 2/13 bn
 relieved 37/52 bn vicinity SOWI R (.) disposns bn HQ 611770 A coy 605766
 B coy 603762 C coy 609768 D coy 603769 (.) 2/15 bn reorganised posns in
 area TUNOM R (.) disposns A coy 617756 B coy 614760 C coy 621751 pl
 619755 D coy 615754 (.) 2/17 bn patrol activity NMS (.) 24 bde (.)
 extensive local and lateral patrols by 2/32 bn all NMS (.) 26 bde (.)
 enemy still in occupation razor back at 567733 (.) attempt to outflank
 this posn to east unsuccessful owing to precipitous terrain (.) bn HQ
 2/24 bn moved fwd to 565727 (.) patrols to 534727 and 554728 NMS (.)
 2/4 cav sqn reports that natives north of MALOLO are apparently hostile
 (.) arty fire 1150 rounds in sp 4 bde adv and engaged targets LAKONA
 592790 track junc 589793 bivouac area 586787 enemy posn 567733 and
 movement on track 568735 (.) no enemy air activity during past 24 hrs
 (.) PT boats night 12/13 dec sighted and sank 9 stationary enemy barges
 4 miles east of SIO (.) 4 barges were type A and it is thought that
 some barges were again towing rafts (.) /

If liable etc

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TOO 140730L

M Wilmoth Capt

own airops 13 dec (.) 143 tons bombs dropped GASMATA (.) 130930L 4
 AIROCOBRAS destroyed 3 type A 7 other type barges mainly empty between
 PORTIFICATIONS PT AND LEPSIUS PT

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: ADDRESSEES AS FOR No. 97

FROM: 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 98 to 142000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.)
 4 bde (.) 22 bn (.) D coy attacked enemy posn 30/40 strong 596787 (.)
 5 JAPS killed remainder withdrew (.) D coy advanced during afternoon
 to 595789 without further contact followed by C coy which moved to
 595788 (.) A coy attacked 30 enemy dug in at 595786 killing 5 and
 forcing remainder to withdraw (.) A coy then moved to high ground 590784
 (.) B coy moved SW up creek against slight opposition to 597782 (.) bn HQ
 598787 (.) 37/52 bn (.) enemy posn 600773 vacated during night 13/14 dec
 leaving 9 dead (.) A coy occupied this posn then moved to high ground
 598772 where enemy again contacted 597773 and 595777 (.) C coy attempted
 to patrol west to square 5877 but prevented by precipitous terrain (.)
 contact with enemy with MGs at 594772 (.) posn bypassed and coy now in
 posn 600772 (.) enemy movement reported during day area 593773 (.) B coy
 moved to 592777 and D coy to 598778 (.) bn HQ 599774 (.) enemy party
 estimated one pl observed crossing mouth of R MASAWENG to south at
 1800 hrs engaged by arty (.) considerable movement observed this area (.)
 29/46 bn (.) after relief by 2/13 bn 29/46 bn advanced up coastal track
 to rear of 22 bn (.) disposns bn HQ 606779 A coy 604782 B coy 609778
 C coy 609777 D coy 605779 (.) 20 bde (.) 2/13 bn took over responsibility
 def KILIGIA beach and KILIGIA areas (.) disposns bn HQ 612770 A coy
 607761 B coy 605784 pl 595760 C coy 608773 pls 605776 608776 D coy
 603769 (.) 2/15 bn engaged in unloading duties COCONUT BEACH (.) 2/17
 bn patrol to 587747 reached 595750 NMS (.) 24 bde patrols NMS but
 abandoned enemy gun posns discovered 577718 and 580719 (.) C coy 2/28
 bn moved to 617721 (.) B and D coys 2/43 bn moved to SCARLET BEACH area
 B coy 614669 D coy 619676 pnr pl 624683 (.) 26 bde (.) 2/24 bn (.)
 after two further unsuccessful attempts to outflank enemy posn at 657733
 followed by hy mortar concentration two pls C coy drove enemy from posn
 after four hrs fierce fighting (.) C coy advanced to 567734 (.) B coy
 moved from FLOR to 563727 and D coy to 565732 (.) patrol in squares
 5772 and 5773 found unoccupied enemy posns (.) enemy heard at 574733
 (.) 2/4 cav sqn (.) patrol to MALOLO NMS (.) patrol to village 418793
 found evidence of recent use track and village as base for forage parties
 (.) 2 day patrol to MAREKEO reached 513714 1500L (.) native carriers
 with patrol attacked with spears by hostile natives vicinity village
 391788 (.) 2/23 bn (.) patrol encountered in posn 541733 (.) further 2
 day patrol moving to 549738 (.) our arty fired 660 rounds in sp 4 bde
 and on enemy posn 573738 (.) enemy air activity (.) 0625L one LILLY
 dive bombed PT boat SCARLET BEACH dropping 3 bombs without result (.)
 PT boats night 13/14 dec no contact

is liable etc

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO SITREP DISTRIBUTION LIST NO 7

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 99 to 152000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 4 bde (.) 22 bn (.) 0710L D and C coys with arty sp attacked enemy estimated 60/70 SE of LAKONA forcing enemy to coast at 594790 (.) A coy moved down creek against lt opposition 595791 (.) one pl C coy moved round enemy to this posn (.) enemy completely encircled and several attempts by small parties to cross R SANGA at mouth prevented with casualties (.) enemy still surrounded in close contact at last lt with C coy in LAKONA D coy 595790 (.) tks unable to cross creek 596787 owing steep banks (.) bnHQ and B coy no change (e) 37/52 bn (.) A coy with mortar and MMG sp successfully attacked enemy estimated one pl 595773 killing at least 20 (.) enemy driven out and A coy moved west to 589771 (.) D coy moved to posn astride track at 592778 (.) extensive patrolling to west and to NW observed enemy movement at 585787 and 584770 (.) small enemy parties contacted at 588774 and one JAP killed (.) unoccupied enemy posns at 585777 and 594772 with 12 dead JAPS (.) 29/46 bn relieved by 2/15 bn and moved to posn in rear 22 bn (.) dispositions BnHQ C and D coys 599786 B coy 602784 A coy 604782 (.) patrols to west and north NMS (.) 20 bde (.) 2/15 bn patrols to 595765 and 596753 NMS (.) unoccupied JAP coy posn at 598753 (.) 2/15 bn less B coy moved to area vacated by 29/46 bn (.) dispositions 607777 A coy 606782 C coy 602778 D coy 603780 (.) B coy prevented by cloud burst from crossing R TUNOM still at COCONUT BEACH (.) 2/17 bn (.) patrol to 587747 NMS (.) C coy moved to 615758 and D coy to 610755 (.) 24 bde (.) patrols all NMS (.) A coy 2/32 bn moved to patrol base at 578785 (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/4 cav sqn to MEREKBO found unoccupied camp 490753 (.) signs of recent JAP occupation in village 477730 (.) base of inland patrol moved to 418793 (.) patrol 2/23 bn to SOWI R 556738 NMS (.) 2/24 bn (.) D coy contacted enemy at 571738 astride track on narrow saddle (.) patrol attempted unsuccessfully to bypass posn owing precipitous country (.) D coy moved fwd to 562735 (.) patrols in square 5674 found possible route bypassing enemy posns to SE (.) local patrols 2/18 bn NMS (.) arty fired 550 rounds on enemy posns 2/24 bn area and vicinity MASAWENG R (.) 1745L 20 JAPS moving south engaged at 585822 and 585819 and 10 JAPS moving north shortly afterwards engaged 585822 (.) rounds observed to fall among enemy (.) hostile 75 mm gun mouth of MASAWENG R shelled area 599785 during evening (.) engaged by our arty and silenced (.) no enemy air activity (.) PT boats no sightings night 11/15 dec

If liable etc

DRIS

TOO 160800L

*To Section
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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : ADDRESSEES AS FOR SITREP NO 100

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 100 to 162000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 4
 bde (.) hy fighting took place in LAKONA area during day (.) patrol A
 coy 22 bn to west located enemy posn 591791 (.) patrol engaged enemy
 and remained in contact until 1225L when A coy with mortar and MMG sp
 attacked and drove enemy back in hy fighting (.) coy still in close
 contact last light (.) D coy maintained pressure on enemy pocket in
 COCONUT PLANTATION 594791 enemy resisted strongly (.) tks unable to
 cross creek at 596787 until late afternoon but 1730L C coy with tk sp
 attacked enemy against hy fire (.) enemy posn dug in on series of small
 ridges which tks and inf cooperated in reducing one by one (.) in hy
 fighting at least 30 enemy killed and remainder driven back and finally
 jumped over cliff (.) at last light enemy on rocks below being engaged
 with small arms and grenades (.) B coy moved to 592790 in sp A coy (.)
 37/52 bn moved west to occupy high ground 5878 overlooking R SANGA (.)
 dispositions C coy 582778 D Coy 587784 B coy 585777 A coy 589771 (.)
 29/46 bn in bde res area 589685 (.) 2 day PIB patrol west from KILIGIA
 observed enemy building huts at 580750 (.) 12 JAPS observed moving west
 carrying rifles and LMGs up SOWI R at 583757 and again at 577753 where
 party ambushed 10 JAPS killed 2 wounded (.) further enemy party moving
 west at 581759 (.) 2 killed (.) 20 bde (.) D coy 2/13 bn relieved C coy
 37/52 bn at 600771 (.) B coy 2/15 bn moved from COCONUT BEACH to 608777
 (.) patrols from 2/13 bn found US 20 mm AA gun buried at 605758 (.)
 standing patrol 2/17 bn 587747 (.) 24 bde (.) patrol activity only NMS
 (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/4 cav sqn reports from observation ZAGAHEMI
 occupied by enemy (.) 2 day patrol MLREKEO staging night at WAREO (.)
 2/24 bn (.) enemy withdrew night 15/16 dec from fwd posns and B and D
 coys advanced to village 575740 without opposition (.) patrols to Lake
 568740 and gardens 570740 NMS (.) patrol 2/48 bn to MORENG found signs
 that natives had returned but natives kept out of sight (.) no enemy
 air activity (.) PT Boats nil sightings night 15/16 dec (.) tac R reports
 hy recent movement along coastal track between LAKONA and HUBIKA (.)
 no signs of prepared def posns south of FORTIFICATION POINT (.)
 movement of several small parties of enemy observed by arty observers
 and engaged on track north of MASAWENG R 585830 (.) general movement
 northwards (.) casualties seen being carried into JAP medical post 581785
 (.) arty fired 2500 rounds in sp 4 bde and engaged hostile guns 584807
 and 590793 (.) airops 16 dec (.) in sp 9 aust div 10 B35 bombed SIO
 nine B 26 bombed dump and bivouac area KELANCA 28 tons dropped excellent
 results smoke columns visible for 50 miles (.) at ARAWE 20/25 ZEKES and

TON's were intercepted (.) 9 enemy aircraft destroyed 2 probable also
 at ARAWE 19 B 25 carried out a successful sup dropping mission

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 101 to 172000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.)
 4 bde (.) A coy 29/46 bn advanced across mouth SANGA R after by arty
 concentration on enemy posn on north bank (.) crossing unopposed and
 enemy opposition overcome in timber after capturing gun posn HMG and
 4 LMG posns (.) enemy fled northwards in disorder (.) remainder of bn
 crossed river and advanced northwards until fwd elements contacted
 enemy at 585803 (.) posn shelled and A and D coys attacked and pene-
 trated enemy posn (.) A coy came under by fire from further enemy
 posns in creek and withdrew to 587801 while enemy estimated 150
 subjected to mortar fire (.) D coy withdrew to high ground 586799
 after engaging enemy with grenades (.) disposns last lt C coy 588799
 B coy and bn HQ 588795 (.) B coy 22 bn moved west along R SANGA to
 587788 overcoming lt opposition (.) C coy with MMG sp mopped up area
 north of LAKONA (.) 34 enemy dead counted this area and others seen
 to fall over cliff into sea (.) C coy remained at LAKONA (.) A coy
 crossed river and moved west up spur (.) leading pl ambushed and
 killed 7 JAPS 584793 (.) adv continued until strong enemy posns
 contacted 582792 (.) D coy 37/52 bn joined A coy and engaged enemy (.)
 after by fighting both coys still in contact at last lt at 583794 (.)
 D coy 22 bn moved north to 588797 and bn HQ to 586792 (.) 37/52 bn (.)
 B coy established standing patrol 581778 (.) further patrol along R
 SANGA found track recently heavily used at 579777 but NMS (.) small
 parties JAPS 580779 engaged by mortars causing ~~xxxxxxx~~ casualties (.)
 C coy relieved by 2/17 bn and moved to 588784 and A coy to 587779 (.)
 bn HQ 593780 (.) bde HQ moved to 595784 (.) 3 pl A coy 2/2 MG bn
 after supporting attack by C coy 22 bn at LAKONA descended cliff and
 killed 13 JAPS with pistols and SMGs without loss (.) 20 bde (.)
 2/17 bn less standing patrol at 587747 moved fwd to new area vicinity
 LAKONA (.) bn HQ and D coy 599787 C coy 592778 (.) A coy bivouaced
 for night at 607776 and B coy at 610772 (.) B coy 2/15 bn moved fwd
 to 599787 (.) 24 bde (.) patrol 2/32 bn found evidence of large HQ
 at 570723 (.) 26 bde (.) 2/4 cav sqn (.) adv party now at 478730 with
 remainder sqn staging night at ULUO (.) small recce party NW from
 MEREKEO saw party 7/3 JAPS foraging in garden at 477739 (.) inland
 patrol established OP on ridge 500 yds south of ZAGHEMI (.) W/T
 traffic jammed by enemy during each evening for last three days (.)
 patrols 2/23 bn failed to contact enemy but vacated medical post
 found at 530723 and unoccupied coy posn at 548729 (.) unoccupied
 shelters and ~~xi~~ evidence of recent movement on track 548736 to 547723
 (.) 2/24 bn (.) B coy advanced without contact to 578744 where
 abandoned HQ found (.) two-day patrol moving NE from this feature (.)
 arty fired 2400 rounds mainly on enemy posns and L of C north of
 MASAWENG R (.) PT boats nil sightings night 16/17 dec (.) no enemy
 air activity

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J. Burn Capt.

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 102 to 182000L (.) 4 bde (.) after arty concentration on enemy posn in creek at 585803 B and D coys 29/46 bn attacked posn (.) enemy driven out of creek after bayonet attack by B coy on approx 40 JAPS at 586804 (.) enemy retreated in disorder and adv continued (.) 1330L C coy captured south bank mouth of MASAWNEG R (.) B coy reached river at 587807 (.) adv continued across river unopposed (.) dispositions last lt C coy 584810 B coy 575810 bn HQ 583807 D coy 584806 A coy 578806 (.) A coy 22 bn and D coy 37/52 bn occupied without opposition enemy posn 580793 vacated during night (.) B coy 22 bn patrolled both banks R SANGA to 581784 NMS (.) 22 bn at 1500L moved to posns protecting L of C (.) dispositions C coy 585803 D coy 585800 B coy 589796 bn HQ 588792 A coy 580792 (.) 37/52 bn less D coy moved over difficult country to posns covering left flank of bde adv (.) dispositions last lt A coy 576796 B coy 583797 C coy 579797 bn HQ 585794 D coy 583807 (.) 20 bde (.) 2/17 bn completed move to LAKONA area disposition bn HQ 592786 A coy 593783 B coy 595786 C coy 592776 D coy 587783 (.) bde HQ moved to 613768 (.) PIB patrol to 585755 found quantity 75mm amm and three dead JAPS (.) 24 bde (.) NTR (.) 26 bde (.) HQ 2/4 cav sqn moved to 477730 (.) local patrols NMS (.) inland patrol reports small enemy party in posn on track north of ZAGAHEMI (.) 2 JAPS seen in villa (.) patrol to HOMPUA ~~xxx~~ 445782 discovered track believed to lead to (.) 2/23 bn patrol from BAZULU to gardens 542734 (.) patrol B coy 2/24 bn contacted PIB standing patrol 589758 remaining there overnight (.) coy moved back to 566727 (.) arty fired 1240 rounds in sp 4 bde (.) C coy PIB staging night vicinity S.TELBERG en route for KULUNGUFU (.) PT boats nil sightings night 17/18 dec (.) 180406L one enemy A/C dropped 6 bombs in sea off SCARLET beach

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 103 kix to 19200CL (.) ref map 1/25000 (.)
 4 bde (.) 29/46 bn (.) 0730L A and D coys moved across MASAWENG R to
 posns at 578809 and 580808 respectively (.) C coy advanced along
 coast and encountered strong enemy posn along creek at 584818 (.) B coy
 moved to high ground at 582821 (.) 1500L after arty concentration and
 with MMG and tk sp C coy made determined attack against stubborn
 resistance (.) at 586820 came under direct fire from 37 mm Tk A gun (.)
 attack was pressed on and gun captured (.) by 1800L enemy was cleared
 from posn and C coy had reached 586823 (.) preliminary count of enemy
 dead is 18 (.) at last light A and D coys had relieved C coy which
 moved to 581809 (.) 3 pl PIB patrol to 587750 to 585757 to 573770 to
 565765 (.) 1 JAP killed at 580763 (.) 28 dead JAPS and much eqpt between
 570769 and 565765 (.) 22 bn A coy patrol to 578795 NMS (.) 20 bde (.)
 2/13 and 2/15 bns moved to new areas south of MASAWENG R (.) last light
 disposns (.) 2/13 bn HQ 588799 A coy 583805 B coy 587801 C coy 585803
 D coy 588798 (.) 2/15 bn HQ 588797 A coy 587798 B coy 593790 C coy
 588798 D coy 588795 (.) 2/17 bn no change (.) B coy 2/2 MG bn (.) 2 and
 3 pls with C coy 2/13 bn otherwise unchanged (.) 9 div carr coy moved to
 600772 (.) 20 bde LOB (.) 2/13 bn LOB 606760 (.) 2/15 bn LOB 599760 (.)
 2/17 bn LOB 604763 (.) 24 bde (.) patrol to 592730 to 599737 to 594734
 NMS (.) disposns (.) tac bde 582718 (.) 2/32 bn (.) B coy 609717 (.)
 2/43 bn (.) B coy 617677 (.) otherwise no change (.) 26 bde (.) patrols
 (.) inland patrol to ZAGHEMI returned (.) report three enemy posts SW
 and ration gd in garden 1000 yds south of village (.) four day patrol
 left for MASAWENG R to contact local natives and check on tracks (.)
 2/23 bn (.) B coy left BAZULUO to follow NE track to 553744 thence
 towards LAKONA to contact our tps that area (.) 2/24 bn (.) patrol based
 at 571756 reported no track along SOWI R (.) track 3 to 4 ft wide running
 east west crosses creek at 576759 (.) no signs of recent use (.) patrol
 from lqke in square 5674 to 569750 to 569754 (.) much used track located
 569753 runs 140 degrees M (.) followed to 568753 where improvised ladders
 led down to SOWI R (.) no sign recent use (.) 2/48 bn NTR (.) arty fired
 1104 rounds in sp 4 bde + (.) enemy air (.) 0340L 1 bomb dropped south of
 LAKONA (.) 0430L 14 bombs dropped two sticks in sea one stick at KATIKA
 (.) by AA guns engaged and aircraft turned away (.) 0530L 5/6 bombs
 dropped south of LAKONA (.) PT boats (.) night 18/19 (.) REISS PT (.)
 destroyed 2 special large MLC 100 ft long and sank 6 type B barges
 destroyed 1 on beach (.) WALINGAI (.) damaged 5/8 type A and type B
 barges loaded and headed south

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 104 to 202000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 4
bde (.) 201600L FORTIFICATION HILL captured (.) 29/46 bn (.) dispositions
last lt A coy 584816 B coy 582820 C coy 583809 D coy 586822 (.) patrol
north to swamp 586830 NMS (.) NO contact by bn throughout day (.) 26 enemy
dead counted (.) 37/52 bn (.) one pl C coy adv to timber 569821 201400L (.)
A coy moved north over difficult ground and secured summit 201600L (.) B
coy took up posn 583824 (.) NO opposition throughout day (.) movement of
large bodies of heavily laden JAPS seen during day at 544810 (.) some
carrying stretcher cases/heavily engaged by MMG and arty (.) 22 bn patrols
NMS (.) 20 bde (.) B coy 2/2 MG bn now area 583803 (.) sick JAP straggler
captured by patrol div carr coy at 597768 (.) 5 pl PIB at 594757 killed
1 JAP (.) pl now 613766 (.) otherwise NO change (.) 24 bde (.) 2/28 bn
moved to WAREO area (.) A coy 2/32 bn now 597716 (.) 26 bde (.) 2/4 cav sqn
patrols NMS (.) 2/23 bn (.) B coy contacted patrol 2/24 bn 577758 201300L
(.) 2/24 bn (.) patrol to KILIGIA contacted 2/17 bn at 604764 (.) all
patrols NMS (.) 2/28 bn came under comd 26 bde in WAREO area dispositions
HQ A and B coys 551718 C coy 555720 D coy 545717 (.) airops 20 dec (.)
200915L 2 sqns med Bs accurately bombed HUBIKA WANDOKAI WALINGAI causing
large fire and explosion WALINGAI area (.) later aircohrs lead by
Boomerangs successfully strafed areas 162166 178138 184118 187108 ref
photomap WALINGAI (.) PT boats night 19/20 nil sightings

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 105 to 812000L (.) 4 bde (.) 22 bn local patrols (.) 37/82 bn (.) G coy patrol along south bank R MASAWENG to 543810 killed 1 JAP 547807 found small dump sig and personal eqpt also 5 fresh graves at 547810 and 4 at 543810 respectively (.) 20 bde (.) adv commenced north 2/13 bn leading with tk sp two coys along coast two coys along high ground on the left flank with 3/15 bn following up reached HUBIKA by 1640 hrs (.) A coy 2/13 bn entered village nil opposition except for tree sniper (.) captured 1 wounded JAP of 2 coy 79 regt stated enemy withdrawn WANDOKAI (.) 40/50 dead JAPS found creek bed west HUBIKA probably killed by arty fire (.) disposals last light (.) 2/13 bn HQ 563848 A coy 562848 B coy 560849 C coy 563842 D coy 566841 (.) 2/15 bn HQ 576844 A coy 573843 B coy 579838 C coy 575346 D coy 574845 (.) 2/17 bn HQ 585804 A coy 586802 B coy 584805 C coy 588897 D coy 583805 (.) B coy 2/2 MG bn (.) one pl with coastal coln 2/13 bn two pls with 2/15 bn (.) 24 bde (.) 2/32 bn (.) A coy moved to SATELBERG area B coy less one pl 610718 one pl 616721 (.) 26 bde (.) D coy 2/28 bn moved BAZULUO (.) 3/23 bn (.) main part B coy still LAKE area # 5575 where it joined LAKONA track (.) 2/48 bn NTR (.) 2/4 cav sqn (.) recce patrol to 531734 along track to 527752 to 527765 thence to 529776 to approx 543781 collected 200 natives from square 5278 (.) natives report JAPS left SANCA R area 18 dec (.) arty shelled suspected enemy posns BEACH 569847 HUBIKA BEACH 566848 L of C 544810 track 553824 east HUBIKA 563848 (.) MTB (.) no patrols night 20/21 owing bad weather (.) enemy air activity (.) 1 A/C circles FLINSCHLAFEN area where engaged by AA A/C withdrew (.) tac R WANDOKAI appears heavily defended enemy have prepared hasty defences on west bank of all creeks crossing coastal track between HUBIKA and WANDOKAI (.) much track activity some defensive posns on kunai terraces

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 106 to 222000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 20
 bde (.) 2/13 bn continued adv (.) fair going on coast but gorges make
 route impassable to vehs (.) jeephead HUBIKA requiring major task to extend
 further (.) beach at 557855 suitable for landing craft but hinterland im-
 passable to vehs (.) water sufficient one bn area reached today (.) inland
 HQ550865 A coy 551862 B coy 549866 to 546866 C and D coys from 543850 to
 546856 (.) 2/15 bn moving behind 2/13 bn disposed bn HQ 557854 A coy 556857
 B coy 555857 C coy 563844 D coy 557860 (.) 2/17 bn no change (.) 24 bde (.)
 bde reorganised to take over 26 bde responsibilities in addition (.) dis-
 positions (.) 2/28 bn (.) HQ 553718 A coy 548717 B coy less one pl 564727
 one pl 567733 C coy less two pls 552720 one pl 555722 and one pl 556721 D
 coy HQ BAZULUO one pl 535726 one pl 533719 one pl 532718 (.) 2/32 bn A coy
 HQ543660 one pl 536667 one pl 538666 one pl 544661 (.) 2/43 bn (.) A coy
 618681 B coy 621675 (.) otherwise no change (.) 2/4 cav sqn NTR (.) 26 bde
 (.) bde began move to coastal area (.) bde HQ 2/23 bn less B coy 2/24 less
 A and B coys GUSIKA area (.) 2/48 bn south KATIKA (.) B coy 2/23 still
 WAREO area (.) A and B coys 2/24 bn 564727 (.) 4 day patrol B coy 2/23 bn
 returned to WAREO (.) report one JAP killed (.) 4 bde (.) all local patrols
 NMS (.) PIB patrol to AIMOLAO thence NW to MASAWENG at 533813 thence east
 to 546807 and returned NMS (.) one pl D coy 22 bn now 582804 (.) 1 aust tk
 bn (.) A sqn 10 tks HUBIKA area (.) unable cross creek 561848 (.) estimated
 some days engr work required (.) air (.) strike at 220930L on enemy posn
 east WANDOKAI very successful (.) some AA fire believed 20 mm observed (.)
 kunai fires started (.) tac R reports further development WANDOKAI posns
 (.) PT boats night 21/22 dec sighted 3 laden barges moving south off
 WALINGAI (.) sank 2 drove one damaged on beach (.) off NEW BRITAIN coast
 met two 100 ft armd craft armed with 37 mm guns (.) 2 PT boats damaged
 and some casualties suffered

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 107 to 232000L (.) ref maps 1/25600 series (.)
 20 bde (.) 2/13 bn (.) patrol to creek 540876 NMS (.) inland coin moved
 to coast and one coy to 541874 (.) coastal coin moved inland along spur
 to 535862 (.) patrol to COCONUTS square 5387 found abandoned posn of
 about pl strength (.) area occupied by our tps and afterwards mortared
 by enemy from vicinity WANDOKAI (.) no damage or cas (.) 8 JAPS moving
 west 525879 and about 30 moving west from posn west of COCONUTS engaged
 with MMG and arty results NOT observed (.) PIB 2 day patrol to recce
 south and west WANDOKAI saw at 231600L one Jap observing through
 binoculars at 523354 (.) beach 553865 reported rit for 1 XM ICM after
 some rock blown (.) 2 days work required on exits (.) disposes HQ 550865
 A and B coys 535861 C coy 549866 D coy HQ 541874 pls 539874 534877 and
 530875 (.) tk A pl and sec MG 537872 (.) 2/15 and 2/17 bns no change (.)
 24 bde (.) sec patrol 2/28 bn to 555730 NMS (.) 2/4 cav sqm (.) ref map
 MASAWENG R 1 inch (.) inland patrol carr party ambushed in square 4732
 (.) 1 missing 1 wounded enemy strength ~~tk~~ unknown (.) 26 bde (.) bde
 moved into div res in MASAWENG area (.) disposes (.) 2/23 bn less B coy
 528728 (.) B coy moving WAREO to GUSIKA (.) 2/24 bn HQ and C and D coys
 581808 A and B coys GUSIKA area (.) 2/48 bn LAKONA area (.) Bde HQ
 573813 (.) 4 bde (.) 22 bn and 29/46 bn local patrols NMS (.) 37/52 bn
 (.) patrol R MASAWENG to 540809 NMS (.) PIB patrol SW through XM AIMOLAC
 to square 5277 thence to MASAWENG square 5430 NMS (.) tac R NTR (.) PT
 boats night 22/23 dec engaged three barges moving south off HARDENBERG
 PT (.) 1 believed damaged (.) by shore fire prevented further observation
 (.) sank 2 30-100 ft craft and 2 type B barges and damaged 2 type A
 barges all going north empty off REISS PT (.) damaged 3 type A barges
 southbound and laden off SCHARNEHORST PT where very by shore fire
 encountered incl two 3 inch guns (.) air 23 dec (.) 24 Bostons bombed
 strafed barge hideouts NAMBARIWA 3 barges destroyed 3 damaged (.) 12
 Mitchells 9 Marauders bombed dispersal areas dumps ALEXISHAFEN fires
 started and grounded A/C destroyed (.) 61 Liberators bombed CAPE
 CLOUGHSTER results unobserved (.) 6 Lightnings on coastal barge sweeps
 to ARAWA destroyed 2 type A barges

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 138 to 242000L (.) 20 bde (.) adv continued and by
 1100 hrs patrol D coy 2/13 bn occupied WANDOKAI (.) C coy moved through
 and occupied high ground west of river square 5087 flanking coin moved
 spur 5286 (.) many dead found apparently from air strike of 22 dec also
 from MG fire previously reported in sitrep (.) large dumps amn and
 explosives found in area (.) weapons and eqpt captured one 75 mm gun one
 81 mm mortar two 20 mm guns and four unused marine engines (.) dispositions
 (.) 2/13 bn (.) bn HQ 520880 A Coy 524865 B 520869 C 502884 pl 498882 D
 508873 pls 514879 and 513880 tk A pl 514882 one pl B coy 2/2 MG bn def
 WANDOKAI beach (.) 2/15 bn (.) bn HQ 557855 A 555858 B 555852 C less two
 pls 547865 one pl 545867 one pl 545860 D 556860 (.) 2/17 bn (.) bn HQ
 HUBIKA A 562846 B 560845 pl at 563839 C less two pls 368843 pls at 570845
 and 570845 D 561848 (.) bde HQ 575848 (.) one tk landed WANDOKAI beach (.)
 24 bde (.) 2/4 cav sqn (.) map ref 1/25000 series (.) 4 day patrol from
 MTRIKEO north and NW to MASAWENG R returned NMS (.) vicinity 489875 NMS
 (.) track west from 487784 runs to ZAFILIO (.) map 1 ml (.) patrol moved
 ZAFILIO to establish base and recce area village 4578 (.) patrol base TIKU
 4282 taken up ambush posn 1/2 hr west ONDEAU 4483 report NMS (.) same patrol
 reports enemy patrolling track from ZAGAHEMI 4786 and 1000 yds SW (.)
 otherwise no change (.) 26 bde (.) bde now complete in MASAWENG R - LAKONA
 area (.) dispositions (.) bde HQ 578815 (.) 2/23 bn less B coy 598788 B
 coy 599786 (.) 2/24 bn less B coy now at 581808 B coy 578806 (.) 2/48 bn
 LAKONA area otherwise no change (.) 4 bde (.) responsible for patrolling
 and recce all tracks north and NW MASAWENG R sent out following patrols
 (.) B coy 22 bn and one sec PIB also D 29/46 bn and two secs PIB moved
 west along MASAWENG R (.) A coy 57/52 bn moving west staging night 24/25
 dec 544815 (.) B coy moved 563809 (.) PIB patrol SW through AIMOLAO
 village to 523777 to MASAWENG R at 543807 thence east report NMS (.)
 local patrols all bns report NMS (.) PT boats (.) night 23/24 PT boats
 destroyed between GNEISENAU and SCHARNHORST PTS one type A barge one
 assault type picket boat and damaged large pile stores on beach (.) one
 submarine over 100 ft long in same area engaged by 37 mm holed and left
 stranded on beach (.) ops night 24/25 (.) 2 boats patrolling from DREGER
 HARBOUR to REISS PT (.) air (.) tac R reports indicate wheel tracks on
 beach north AGO (.) by sign movements on inland track WANDOKAI ZAGAHEMI
 VALINGAI (.) sightings (.) 230846L Bs returning from mission sighted 23
 barges moving north about 3 mls north VINKE PT not observed whether laden
 or not (.) 1 sqn HUNTERBOLTS took off to attack target (.) one submarine
 sighted moving seaward between SCHARNHORST and GNEISENAU PTS

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TOO 150730L

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 109 to 252000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.)
 20 bde (.) 2/13 bn patrol to 519905 no contact (.) track jeepable to that
 pt (.) 1 JAP seen 517904 (.) disposns HQ 547898 A coy 539896 pls 531396
 529898 B coy 547897 pls 547896 548897 C coy 529899 pls 525900 525902
 D coy 537896 pls 536898 538892 tka pl 540898 MG sec 543892 sec 540898 (.)
 2/15 bn found crashed JAP A/C with three blade airscrew 545867 (.) 2/17 bn
 no change (.) extensive evacuated enemy posns from 587791 to 585787 along
 north bank SANGA R (.) def posns also HQ area and medical post (.) saly
 incl 1 HMG 3 KMG several small mortars 2 rangefinder 3 dial sights (.)
 A tk mines found buried WANDOKAI BEACH (.) 24 bde patrols NTR (.) follow-
 ing report from 2/4 cav sqn (.) native sent foraging and recruiting. 10 dec
 captured by about 100 JAPS at ONDEO 11 dec (.) JAPS were moving ZAGAHEMI
 WARAO but returned ZAGAHEMI on learning that our tps in area (.) between
 12 and 20 dec two gps of reinfts strength 40 and 55 reached ZAGAHEMI (.)
 force dug in ZAGAHEMI (.) native escaped 20 dec (.) enemy line of retreat
 from WARAO stated to be ZAGAHEMI KANOMI thence by sea to SIO (.) report
 considered reliable by ANGAU (.) 26 bde NTR (.) 4 bde (.) local patrols
 NMS (.) A coy 37/52 bn at 543822 found 2 dead JAPS with Owen SMO (.) good
 foottrack to 539831 (.) coy now at 534838 (.) airops 25 dec (.) GAFE
 GLOUCESTER targets from SAG SAC to BORGEN BAY bombed and strafed by 61
 B 24 72 P 25 8 B 26 39 A 20 bombing accurate 255 tons dropped many fires
 (.) ARAWA 19 A 20s bombed and strafed mouth PULIE R to DIDMOP (.) RABAU
 9 beauforts bombed strips LAKUNAI 8 tons dropped fires seen (.) PT boats
 night 24/25 dec nil sightings

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 110 to 262000L (.) 20 bde (.) patrol 2/13 bn to 520904 fired on by 2 IAGs from 519904 (.) arty engaged subsequently 2 JAPS observed moving west along track at 517906 to AGO (.) patrol moved to 512909 (.) track jeepable to this point (.) 4 flame throwers 3 small mortars some engr stores found buried gardens 549898 (.) enemy dead buried WANDOKAI area 30 (.) disposns (.) B coy 2/13 bn 530899 (.) 2/15 and 2/17 bns no change (.) PIB two day patrol along ZAGAHEMI track no report yet to hand (.) 24 bde (.) 2/4 cav sqn (.) patrols along HOMPUA-ONDEO track to approx 480821 and east to where MASAWENG R crosses track report NMS (.) TIKU based patrols reced to ONDEO report NMS but police boys with patrols report 10 enemy moved north (.) NO contact made with 4 bde patrols (.) otherwise NTR (.) 26 bde (.) NO change (.) 4 bde (.) B coy 22 bn and D coy 29/46 bn moved west along MASAWENG R through difficult terrain report signs of JAP movement both sides R (.) large unoccupied JAP bivouac area located 522809 (.) PIB killed 2 JAP stragglers 555827 one 523813 (.) both coys and PIB pl staging night 26/27 526813 (.) A coy 37/52 bn located JAP dump containing 8 rifles 1 reels sig wire clothing respirators helmets medical stores and documents 543886 (.) well defined tracks up spur 534838 529840 523839 (.) patrol to 522840 found dead JAP 530839 report NMS (.) coy staging night 523840 (.) C coy 37/52 bn patrolled 563808 to 562788 to 558788 through AIMOIOA to 548786 found unoccupied def posns and 12 rounds 75mm amm 558783 (.) patrol returned same route NMS (.) 2 fresh graves found 548787 and 543786

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 111 to 272000L (.) 20 bde continued adv in coastal sector captured AGO and WALINGAI and fwd tps 2/13 bn reached 493942 (.) no enemy opposition met during day but signs of hurried evacuation with enemy dead and abandoned eqpt scattered along track (.) one 37 mm gun and amn captured 493838 (.) 4 wrecked barges on beach 493938 and 8 at 491946 (.) at 271730L one tp tks at AGO and moving towards WALINGAI (.) 8 tks at WANDOKAI (.) dispositions 2/13 bn A coy 494935 B coy 489938 C coy 493942 D coy 489941 (.) 2/15 bn A coy 502924 B coy 501918 C coy 505921 D coy 500922 (.) 2/17 bn A coy 523899 B coy 526898 C coy 530898 D coy 523903 (.) 26 bde (.) 2/23 bn A coy moved to area 537898 (.) 2/23 bn less one coy moved to bivouac area 578813 (.) 4 Bde (.) 37/52 bn A coy reached 517838 and patrolled tracks north and west from track junc 519839 for 800 yds NMS (.) 22 bn B coy and 29/46 bn C coy still moving west along R MASAWENG towards HOMPUA in very difficult going (.) last lt posn not yet reported (.) jeephead reached 449207 (.) 24 bde no report (.) PT boats 260645L sank 2 barges moving south empty off NAMBARIWA (.) 270930L airstrike WALINGAI KANOMI NUZEN areas appeared accurate explosion observed WALINGAI (.) /CAPE GDOUCESTER /26 dec targets in sp ground tps near SILIMATI PT accurately bombed and strafed by 106 B24 116 B25 32 A20 386 tons bombs and approx 200000 rounds expended (.) ground tps report air cooperation excellent (.) further 26 B24 salvaged 60 tons due weather 2 B25 shot down by our AA fire (.) interception enemy forces totalling 25/30 Bs 50/60 Fs intercepted by THUNDERBOLTS and LIGHTNINGS vicinity CAPE GLOUCESTER 59 enemy A/C definitely destroyed 4 probables our loss 2 LIGHTNINGS 2 THUNDERBOLTS 4 THUNDERBOLTS NOT yet reported in (.) delayed report RABAU period 23/24 dec 36 B24 bombed strips and shipping F 9300rt destroyed 58 enemy A/C for loss 7 (.) KAVIENG raided 6 nights in succession by CATALINAS many grounded A/C destroyed

If liable etc

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TOO 280800L

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TO : ADDRESSES AS FOR SITREP NO 111

FROM : MAIN 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 112 to 282000L (.) 20 bde continued adv in coastal sector with arty sp but encountered strong opposition in BLUCHER PT area (.) 2/13 bn fwd coy encountered approx 20 enemy with one HMG several LMGs at creek 472987 (.) by arty and mortar fire and outflanking movement by C coy to west forced enemy to withdraw west into jungle engaged by MMGs (.) 2/13 bn mopped up several snipers in plantation and adv to line running SW to BLUCHER PT (.) enemy casualties believed considerable (.) mopping up still proceeding KANOMI area (.) estimated one enemy coy in area 281845 approx (.) 70 JAPS withdrew from RUA 46003284 (.) enemy gun believed NANDA area fired 25 rounds during the day at our fwd inf (.) disposns 2/13 bn A coy 473997 B coy 473993 C coy 466994 D coy 470998 (.) 2/15 bn area 4796 2/17 bn area 4994 (.) HQ 20 bde 488957 (.) one tp tks reached KANOMI area two tps at 475962 (.) additional tp of sp arty moved by sea to anchorage 495938 and came into action in sp 20 bde by 1800L (.) enemy left 39 dead and 26 new graves WANDOKAI area also amn dumps incl 70 mm and 75 mm AP shells (.) large amn dump 523986 with explosive 75 mm and MG amn also large dump medical stores (.) 26 bde moved fwd in rear 20 bde (.) 2/23 bn WANDOKAI area (.) 2/24 bn less one coy 535897 A coy 499919 (.) 2/48 bn 546893 (.) HQ 26 bde 507916 (.) 4 bde (.) B coy 22 bn and D coy 29/46 bn reached hut 498819 (.) air (.) 27 dec (.) 29 tons bombs dropped in low level attack WALINGAI - BLUCHER PT area explosions observed straffing accurate (.) 31 tons bombs dropped airstrip MADANG area (.) BOSTONS struck in sp own tps CAPE GLOUCESTER and ARAWA (.) 32 THUNDERBOLTS 10 KITTYHAWKS intercepted 72 enemy A/C destroying 30 definitely without loss (.) at 281915L two formations of enemy A/C strength unknown made high level attack FINCHHAFEN area (.) number of bombs dropped 12 LANCEMAK BAY and some on airstrip damage or casualties not known (.) one A/C shot down in flames off TAMI IS

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 113 to 292000L (.) 20 bde dispositions remained unchanged during day to allow arty amn and supps to be brought into fwd beachhead preparatory to further adv but bde patrolled fwd and to west flank (.) 2/13 bn patrol along coastal track to creek 469003 thence west to RUA thence fwd to creek 468005 and return killed 2 JAPS captured 75 mm gun and 37 mm gun amn 471000 (.) much abandoned eqpt in KANOMI area incl 2 mortars tents medical stores amn and sig gear (.) enemy posns and dumps in cocomuts square 4798 had been accurately bombed and strafed (.) 2/15 bn patrolled to GA 4596 and KARAKO 4497 NMS (.) 2/17 bn patrol to LOOKOUT HILL 478932 thence village 473931 NMS and no sign recent movement on track (.) 26 bde (.) 2/23 bn moved fwd to area 4796 (.) 2 day patrol along river south from WANDOKAI to 487858 thence to 475856 and return NE along track NMS (.) 2/24 bn moved fwd to area 4895 (.) 2/48 bn less two coys moved fwd to area 500930 with two coys WANDOKAI area (.) 4 bde no report (.) 24 bde (.) 2/4 cav sqn PIKU patrol reached ZAFILIO NMS (.) patrol to HOLPUA NMS (.) captured OO shows I bn 79 regt withdrew from WANDOKAI night before our tps occupied area 24 dec (.) PT boats report 282100 L much activity HARDENBERG PT where beach strafed also intense with many shore lights in gen SIO area (.) tac R 291000L reports few small parties JAPS incl some moving north with packs SIALUM area strafed by aircraft and shows hy use of track BLUMER PT - SIALUM during last 24 hrs

If liable etc

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TO : 4 BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN :
 2/3 PNR BN : C SQN TKs : C COY PIB : 532 REGT 2 ESB : COMD : G :
 Q : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB

FROM : 9 AUST. DIV

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SECRET (.) ref map 1/25000 second edition (.) further to my 0462 (.) following will be effected 2 dec (.) ONE (.) 2/17 bn will relieve 37/52 bn (.) on completion above relief 20 bde will relieve 24 bde of responsibility for holding SCARLET BEACH and will assume operational comd LOB 24 bde (.) 24 bde will remain responsible for def of NORTH HILL (.) bndy between 24 and 20 bdes will be incl 24 bde track junc 578717-creek from 585709 to excl creek and river junc 607684 - thence ^{east} along excl R SONG (.) RAA on coast defs SCARLET BEACH and SIKI COVE will be in sp 20 bde (.) TWO (.) C.tk.sqn less 11 tks 29/46 bn A coy 2/2 MG bn 9 pl PIB and on relief 37/52 bn will come under comd 4 bde who will be responsible for their ove same day to assembly posns south and SW of BONGA (.) THREE (.) one pl D coy 2/2 MG bn at present in sp 20 bde will revert to comd of and rejoin 2/2 MG bn (.) one troop C tk sqn now at JIVEVANENG ceases to be in sp 26 bde and will sp 2/2 MG bn (.) 2/2 MG bn will adjust its dispositions preparatory to projected move on short notice of 9 div carr coy to come under RAE 9 aust div at 20 bde jeephead earliest possible after 2 dec to give protection to engr rd construction parties (.) FOUR (.) allotment C coy PIB from 2 dec (.) 9 pl under comd 4 bde 10 pl in sp 26 bde 11 pl in sp both 24 and 20 bdes

if liable etc

By LO to 4 BDE, 20 BDE TOO 011730L
 24 BDE, C TK SQN,
 2/2 MG BN, C COY PIB

J. Burns
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MOST SECRET

9 AUST DIV 0 0 No. 23

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Ref maps 1/25,000 series.

INTENTION

1. 9 Aust Div will adv along the coast to an ultimate objective to be notified later.

METHOD

2. The adv will be by phases.
3. In each phase the adv will be regulated by :
 - (a) Establishment of sup beachheads
or
 - (b) Failing these for any reason, sup by land along the coast.
4. (a) The leading Bde will capture beachheads in succession as it advances and will protect each one in use by disposns of its fwd tps. Throughout the adv a beachhead in rear will be maintained until a fwd one is established.
 (b) When the employment more than one bde becomes necessary, the rear bde may be maintained from either the rear or fwd beachhead.
5. Phase One will comprise completion of capture of line BONGA - WAREO - SAPELLERG, the holding of that line and the capture of FORTIFICATION HILL 58 82, 57 82, 56 82.

PHASE I

6. Fwd Tps

(a) 4 Aust Inf Bde with -

under comd : C Sqn 1 Aust Army Tk Bn less 11 tks
(total 7 tks)

- A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
- 9 Pl C Coy PIB
- Two dets AASC - for beach duties
- Two beach control parties, 532 Regt 2 ESB
- One amphibious scout party, 532 Regt 2 ESB
- 4 Aust Fd Amb (less one coy)
- Det 2/8 Fd Amb
- Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
- Det ANGAU

and in sp initially :

- 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

will adv by coastal route in accordance with paras 3 and 4 above and capture FORTIFICATION HILL.

- (b) Assembly posn - area south and SW of BONGA.
- (c) The adv will commence on a D day, not before 4 Dec 43 and to be notified by HQ 9 Aust Div.

7. 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes will continue present tasks until the line BONGA - HILL 1800 579 718 - WAREO has been captured, when -

- (a) Bndy between 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes will become all incl to 24 Aust Inf Bde :
 track junc 580 747 - track junc 576 719 - NONGORA - creek
 and river junc 537 687,

7. (Continued)

- (b) Ground to be held by 24 Aust Inf Bde will incl area BONGA - EXCHANGE 616 723, NORTH HILL and HILL 1800 579 718.
 - (c) Ground to be held by 26 Aust Inf Bde will incl high ground feature in 56 72 and WAREO and SATELBERG features.
 - (d) 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes will be responsible for organising the def of their sectors against possible enemy attacks or penetration, will patrol all tracks leading into their sectors and on all approaches which are likely lines of enemy attack will establish standing patrols in depth and backed by local reserves.
In addition, 26 Aust Inf Bde will prevent enemy movement on north south track through MARARUO.
8. (a) On D day 20 Aust Inf Bde will come into div res in area SCARLET BEACH - kunai spur through 610 663 - NONGORA and will have one bn and Adv HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde at 2 hrs notice and remainder of bde at 6 hrs notice to move.
- (b) Until notified 20 Aust Inf Bde will continue present tasks and operate with fighting patrols on north - south track through NONGORA.
9. RAA will sp the ops. Initial allotment as at present.
10. RAE will continue present tasks and in addition 2/7 Aust Fd Coy will be in sp 4 Aust Inf Bde for development of comms and beaches and co-operation with tks.
11. C Sqn 1 Aust Army Tk Bn : Allotment :
- C Sqn less 11 tks under comd 4 Aust Inf Bde
- Rear C Sqn (11 tks) :-
- One tp in sp 24 Aust Inf Bde
 - One tp in sp 26 Aust Inf Bde
 - Rear C Sqn, less two tps, in div res (five tks)
12. MG -
- (a) 2/2 Aust MG Bn less two coys, with under comd LOB 26 Aust Inf Bde and LOB 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn, will protect SATELBERG RD south and east of excl SATELBERG and protect sup dump at KUMAWA.
 - (b) A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn under comd 4 Aust Inf Bde.
 - (c) C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde.
13. PIB - tasks in accordance with orders already issued.
14. Malaria
- (a) Attention is drawn to 9 Aust Div GSI No. 15.
 - (b) Least possible quartering subject to tactical requirements will be done in areas KAMLAGIDU LAGOON and LAKES 59 71 until treated.
 - (c) Special preparation will be made for the early and continued provision fwd of the amount of anti-malaria stores required for treatment of the large number of enemy staging areas which will be encountered.

ADM

15. See 9 Aust Div Adm Order No. 5.

INTERCOMN

18. Main L/T trunk will follow 4 Aust Inf Bde.

ACKNOWLEDGE *D* *7AM*

R. J. Hamer Maj
for Lt Col.
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9 AUST ADM O No 5

Issued in conjunction with 9 Aust Div OO No 23

1. GENERAL

Supply of bdes advancing along the coast will be by sea and road. Owing to the difficulty of quickly constructing and maintaining all weather roads, and the scarcity of vehs, supply by sea will be the main method subject to weather conditions and availability of beaches. Overland routes will be pushed ahead as quickly as possible to provide alternative method in case the sea route is impossible.

2. SUPPLY BY SEA

General principles are:-

- (a) 9 Aust Div will supply to a beach or beaches in fwd bde area.
- (b) If disposition of units permit, one only beach will be used, and when a new beach head is secured all stores remaining at rear beach immediately will be moved under arrangements 9 Aust Div.
- (c) 4 Aust Inf Bde is responsible for:-
 - (i) Selecting beaches which are suitable for beaching LCMs or LCVs.
 - (ii) Notifying this HQ when beach-head is secured, and all necessary info regarding beach.
 - (iii) Providing labour to unload craft, clear stores from beach, and handle in and out of dumps.
 - (iv) Provide dump protection at rear dump when a fwd beach is opened, and labour to load rear dump for removal to fwd or div dumps.

3. ADDITIONAL ADM DETS

Following additional dets are placed under comd 4 Aust Inf Bde:-

- (a) Two beach control gps from 532 Regt ESB.
- (b) One Amphibious Scout det " " "
- (c) Two AASC dets.

Beach Control Gps are to control beaches from beach seaward. Amphibious Scout det will reconnoitre fwd beaches as directed by bde comd. AASC dets are detailed for normal AASC adm duties in bde dumps. Labour to be provided by bde.

4. SUPPLY BY ROAD

Normal by 9 Aust Div to bde dumps located by bde comd.

5. RESERVES

- (a) Supps - On the man. Two days fd op and two days emergency rations are available to be carried on the man. These rations will be consumed ONLY when normal rations are not available.

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5. RESERVES (contd)(b) In bdo dumps - all typos.

Subject to operational requirements NOT more than three days reserve will be held in bdo dumps at fwd beach-head or road head.

Bdo comd will, if he considers a larger holding is necessary, apply to Q branch for additional reserves.

6. SUPPLIES

Rations will be issued on full scale with proportion of expense stores.

7. AMMUNITION - INF

(a) 4 Aust Inf Bde will submit a local scale of daily maintenance requirements. This scale will be used for placing reserves and daily maintenance.

(b) Any variation of scale or additional requirements will be notified to Q branch at least 24 hrs before required at fwd dump if circumstances allow.

AMMUNITION - ARTY

By special arrangements with RAM 9 Aust Div.

8. ORDNANCE

(a) A small pool of weapons will be maintained at fwd dump. ADOS to arrange.

(b) Other Ord items on demand.

9. DEMANDS

To ensure that demands are filled 24 hrs notice of requirements should be given. Every effort will be made to immediately fill urgent demands, but it is necessary that fwd plans be made to obviate necessity of running special craft or vohs.

10. WATER

(a) It is likely that water will not be plentiful on coastal route. Water containers are in short supply. Authority is given for suitable bulk food containers to be used for water if necessary.

(b) RAE will establish WPs if required.

(c) Water will NOT be consumed unless sterilised in accordance with instns previously issued.

11. MEDICAL

(a) One lt sec fd amb with each bn.
22 Aust Inf Bn from 2/8 Aust ^{Fd Amb}
29/46 Aust Inf Bn from 4 Aust ^{Fd Amb}
37/52 Aust Inf Bn from 4 Aust ^{Fd Amb}

(b) Beach medical and evacuation posts will be established as required.

(c) Evacuation through beach medical posts under arrangements ADMS 9 Aust Div.

(d) MDS will be established only when operational circumstances permit and medical situation requires it.

12. HYGIENE

Instns previously issued will be enforced.

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13. MALARIAL CONTROL

Instns previously issued will be enforced.
Each man will move with 10 days atobrin and mosquito repellent. AMSC will ensure that ten days reserve is held readily available.

14. ALLOTTMENT OF SMALL CRAFT

- (a) As soon as the fwd bde controls a location suitable for "harbouring" LCVs three LCVs will be placed under comd bde for local requirements.
- (b) ADMS is allotted three LCVs for medical purposes.
- (c) Small craft will not be used during the hours of darkness other than during hours allotted by HQ 9 Aust Div.

15. RETURNS

- (a) "A" returns - normal.
- (b) "Q" returns.
 - (i) Daily, am expenditure as at 1800 hrs, by 0800 hrs following day.
 - (ii) Daily, stock states as at 1800 hrs, by 0800 hrs following day.
- (c) Every effort will be made to render returns regularly, complete and on time.

16. INTERCOMM

A "Q" W/T link is being provided.

17. ACK. *ED* *7111*

Signed at *1500* hrs.

BR J. and
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A. & QMG 9 Aust Div

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attachments	of	experienced	A.I.F	personnel	10
from	20	BDE	to	29/46	15
BNs	24	BDE	to	37/52	20
BNs	and	26	BDE	to	25
22	BN	as	advisers	and	30
to	coach	during	forthcoming	OPS	35
will	be	made	earliest	practicable	40
①	3	COY	OFFICERS	9	45
NCO's	9	O/R S	capable	of	50
leading	sections	1	O/R	will	55
versed	in	COY	①	work	60
1	3	inch	mortar	man	65
capable	of	commanding	2	mortar	70
detachment	①	when	these	attachments	75
are	made	training	teams	from	80
A.I.F	BDES	with	4	BDE	85
will	return	to	their	units	90
①	two	①	2/2	MGBN	95
will	similarly	attache	1	NCO	100
or	O/R	capable	of	commanding	105
a	machine	gun	section	to	110
each	BN	of	4	BDE	115
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arrangements	with	22	bde	for	10
earliest	possible	relief	22	BN	15
by	2/13	BN	who	will	20
then	became	responsible	defend	BUSIKA	25
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To 2/2 MG Bn 9 Div Cass Coy
From 9 Ansd Div 0711 //

on 12 Dec 20 bde will relieve 4 bde
of responsibility for coastal sectors
south of general line 762 northing grid
and will move 2/15 bn fwd earliest
possible to hold in depth coastal
track S of 614762 @ on 12 Dec 2/2 MG Bn
less three coys and with under comd
10B 26 bde 10B 2/3 but Bn 10B 2/4 Cav sqn
and on release by 9 9 Div Cass Coy will
relieve 2/13 bn earliest possible of responsibility
for def GUSIKA ~~beach~~ beach head @ 2/13
bn on release will remain 20 bde @ task
of 20 bde will be to hold important
ground 605749 and 605747 protect left
rear of 4 bde & hold in depth coastal
track between 614762 and excl ^{beach} head
defences GUSIKA all informed

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TO 2nd BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN
9 DIV CARR COY : 4th BDE : 2/4 CAV SQN : 1 TK BN : A COY PIB : G : AQ
AASC : MEDICAL : ORD : AEME : PRO : BMB

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

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SECRET (.) ref map FORTIFICATION PT 1/25000 (.) following area is reserved
for div HQ (.) 609783 - coast to 609777 - 607777 - west to existing jeep
track-excl track to track and creek junc about 606781 - coast 607783

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TK BN : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN : G : AQ :
AASC: MEDICAL : BMB : WD
FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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ONE (.) det LOB 24 bde of approx pl strength and commanded by an officer will forthwith relieve 9 div carr coy of responsibility of protecting sup dump R SONG and come under comd 24 bde (.) 9 div carr coy on relief will join and come under comd LOB 20 bde at SCARLET BEACH where it will remain at 6 hrs notice to move by sea to COCONUT BEACH (.) TWO (.) 24 bde will in addition to present tasks take over on 14 dec from LOB 20 and 24 bdes the def of area SCARLET BEACH - KATIKA (.) LOB 20 and 24 bdes on relief will be at 6 hrs notice to move to area COCONUT BEACH all informed

If liable, etc.
J Burn
for Maj

IMMEDIATE to
LOB 20 Bde,
9 Div Carr Coy,
24 Bde. DRLS
and Orderly Remainder
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Dec	the	organized	in	hrs	15
groups	for	cond	and	admin	20
10	one	group	will	be	25
directly	under	cond	CRA	9	30
DIV	the	the	other	will	35
be	under	cond	L-100	HOUSTON	40
2/12	fd	regt	who	will	45
be	responsible	to	CRA	9	50
DIV	the	the	later	group	55
will	be	known	as	2/12	60
fd	regt	group	and	comprise	65
following	units	to	2/12	fd	70
regt	including	attached	2	AUST	75
Mountain	Bty	M	AUST	Heavy	80
Bty	2/1	AUST	COMP	A/A	85
Regt	including	attached	2/4	W	90
A/A	Regt	including	attached	1	95
fd	section	3	AUST	SURVEY	100
BTY	H.Q	2/3	AUST	TK/Adm	105
regt	all	formed			110
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TO

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

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left-	flank	protection	⊙	Time	5
in	position	NOT	before	22	10
DEC	details	later	⊙	TAC	15
BDE	opens	vicinity	XMAS	17/16	20
on	19 Dec	MAIN	remains	present	25
area	ACK	all	informed		30
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AEME 9 AUST DIV
OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 1

Ref map; Fortification Point 2nd edit 1/25000
Satelberg 2nd edit 1/25000

27 Dec 43

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Adj.	
Q.M.	
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INFM

1. Enemy and own Tps - as per Daily Sitreps
2. 2/77 Aust LAD Type A augmented with dets from Bde wkshops and Bde Ord Fd Pk will operate vicinity COCONUT BEACH servicing all units North of the 72 Northing Grid, up to and including light second echelon repairs.
3. (a) Dets Bde Wkshops as detailed Appx A & B att will come under Comd 2/77 Aust LAD as from 1800hrs 18 Dec 43.

(b) Dets Bde Ord Fd Pk will be attached for rations to 2/77 Aust LAD as, and when arranged, by ADOS 9 Aust Div

INTENTION

4. 2/77 Aust LAD and att tps will carry out the role given

METHOD

5. Site ; (a) Vicinity COCONUT BEACH 616764; as reced by AEME and confirmed by "Q" 9 Aust Div.

(b) Detailed lay out of workshop will allow for future expansion and possible use by a Bde wkshop.
6. Composition of LAD

As per Appx A - Vehs att and Appx B-Personnel att.
7. MVT (a) LAD and att tps will move by sea from present area (616639) to COCONUT BEACH (616764).

(b) No move from present area before 0600hrs 19 Dec 43

REPAIRS

8. 2/77 Aust LAD will carry out repairs up to and incl light 2nd ech.
9. Details of eqpt and MT for repairs beyond the light 2nd ech facilities provided, will be notified to C.E.M.E. 9 Aust Div by quickest possible means.

COID

10. Capt Foster-Knight O.C. 2/77 Aust LAD.

WKSHOP SHELTERS

11. 2/122 Aust Bde Wkshop will supply wkshop shelters or materials, therefor, in addition to the truck 3 ton 4x4 wkshop (Appx A), to enable the Armourers, Instrument and Wireless Sections to operate

ACCOMMODATION STORES

12. Sufficient additional accommodation stores and cooking utensils will be provided by mutual arrangement between OC 2/77 Aust LAD and OC 2/122 Aust Bde Wkshop.

(2)

SECRET 7
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AEME 9 AUST DIV
OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 1 (Contd)

RATIONS

13. OC 2/77 Aust LAD will ration all personnel att incl det
Bde Ord Fd Pk.

INTERCOMM

14. Intercomm with C.E.M.E. 9 Aust Div will be by signal or
quicker means if available.

A. J. Cramp Major
C.E.M.E. 9 Aust Div.

ACK.

Distribution.
2/77 Aust LAD AEME
2/118 Aust Bde Wkshop AEME
2/122 Aust Bde Wkshop AEME
Q 9 Aust Div (for infm)
Ord 9 Aust Div (for infm)
2/2 Aust MG Bn (for infm)
DDME 2 Aust Corps (for infm) (2)
C.E.M.E.
War Diary (2)
File

Appx A to AEME 9 Aust Div
Op Instn No 1 17 Dec 43

Composition of L.A.D.
VEHICLES

Qty	Type of Veh	Supplied by	Remarks
1	Truck 3 ton 4x4 Garage	2/77 Aust LAD	
1	Truck 4x4 Breakdown Light (Aust)	2/77 Aust LAD	
1	Trailer, 2 wh 5 KVA P/E Set	2/77 Aust LAD	
1	Truck 15 cwt 4x4 G.S.	2/77 Aust LAD	On loan from 2/2 IG Bn
1	Truck 1/4 ton 4x4 Jeep	2/118 Aust Bde W/s	With Dr
1	Wrecker Diamon 'T'	2/122 Aust Bde W/s	With normal crew
1	Truck 3 ton 4x4 Wkshop	2/122 Aust Bde W/s	With Dr, for use of Armourers and Instrument Mechanics

Appx B to AEME 9 Aust Div
Op Instn No 1 17 Dec 43.

Composition of L.A.D.
PERSONNEL

Trade	Numbers Offrs OR's	Supplied by	Remarks
	1 16	2/77 Aust LAD	Capt G Foster-Knight
Armourers	- 2	2/122 Aust Bde W/s	With hand tools; 1 Sgt
Fitters M.V. Gp I	- 2	2/122 Aust Bde W/s	With hand tools (Incl)
Instrument Mech (Fd)	- 1	2/122 Aust Bde W/s	With hand tools
Mechanics	- 1	2/122 Aust Bde W/S	With hand tools
Wireless	-		
Cook	- 1	2/122 Aust Bde W/s	
	- 4	2/122 Aust Bde W/s	Normal crew Diamond 'T' Wkr
Dr	- 1	2/122 Aust Bde W/s	For truck 3 ton Wkshop
Dr	- 1	2/118 Aust Bde Wkshop	For truck 1/4 ton Jeep
Total	1 29		Excl Bde Ord Fd Pk att for rations

ARMY FORM C2128. (Pads of 100).

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FROM

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Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

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TO: - 4 BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : 1 AUST TK BN : RAA : RAE :
 SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN : A COY PIB : 532 REGT 2 ESB : COMD :
 G : AQ : REAR HQ 9 DIV : AASC : MEDICAL : ORD : BMB : WD (2)

FROM: - ADV 9 AUST DIV

0 858

20

SECRET (.) OO number 24 (.) ref my OC 23 (.) INTENTION (.) NO change (.)
 METHOD (.) paras 2, 3 and 4 of OO 23 apply (.) PHASE TWO (.) phase two will
 comprise the holding of area GUSIKA - LANGEMAK BAY - WAREO and the capture
 of line coast at 5288 - spur 1000 in 5286 (.) on 21 dec 20 bde with under
 comd B coy 2/2 MG bn two dets AASC for beach duties and in sp A tk sqn less
 two tps fd arty as shown below 2/3 fd coy 5 pl PIB 2/8 fd amb two beach
 control parties and one amph scout 532 regt will adv by coastal route and
 capture line coast at 520880 to spur 1000 in 5286 (.) 24 and 26 bdes will
 continue present tasks (.) 4 bde will be in immediate div res for the
 coastal adv and will protect its own left flank and the rear of 20 bde (.)
 RAA (.) 2/6 regt with under comd 23 bty 12 fd regt will sp 20 and 4 bdes
 with three and one bty respectively (.) 24 bty in sp 24 bde (.) 62 bty in
 sp 26 bde (.) LOB 20 bde and carr coy pass to comd 4 bde in present area (.)
 det two 37mm guns and 50 calibre MGs ESB comes under comd 4 bde at KILIGIA
 20 dec (.) 20 and 4 bdes will continue to observe orders in 9 div 0749 and
 0751 regarding patrols left flank protection and beach def (.) malaria (.)
 9 div GSI 15 applies (.) special preparation will be made for early and
 continued treatment of former JAP staging areas (.) ADM (.) separately

If liable, etc.

Wilmott Capt
 for Lt Col.

BY LO 4 BDE, 20 BDE AND 1 TK BN.
 T00: 201350L
 IMPORTANT TO 24 BDE,
 26 BDE, A COY PIB
 DRLS AND ORDERLY
 REMAINDER

NOTED *us.*

MESSAGE FORM

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21 DEC 43
2/2 MGBV

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TO 2/2 M.G. Bn.

FROM Adv 9 Cust Div.

Originator's Number

0865

Date

20

In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

on	21	Dec	Traffic	on	5
following	ads	will	be	restricted	10
to	minimum	consistent	with	operational	15
requirements	⊙	KILIGIA	to	LAKONA	20
1000 L	to	1100 L	and	1145 L	25
to	1245 L	⊙	LAKONA	to	30
MASAWENG	RIVER	1100 L	to	1245 L	35
⊙	KILIGIA	to	GUSIKA	1400 L	40
to	1500 L	and	1630 L	to	45
1730 L	⊙	GUSIKA	to	XMAS	50
HILL	5871	1500 L	to	1630 L	55
all	informed				60
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23 Dec
24 MG

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TO 2/2 M.G. BN

Originator's Number
21510

Date
23

In Reply to Number

FROM 9 AUST. DIV.

beach
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FORTIFICATION POINT
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APPX

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COMPFORCE.

1 Dec 43

2/2 AUSTRALIAN MG BN ADM INST NO 3Ref 9 Aust Div Adm Inst No 161. HYGIENE

- (a) Attention is again drawn to previous ~~si~~ instns on hygiene. It is appreciated that conditions are more difficult than normal, but it ~~is~~ must be understood that this fact must not allow any relaxation of action necessary to maintain coy or gps areas in 100% hygienic condition. Difficulties must be overcome. Practically anyone can produce results under favourable conditions, but difficult conditions soon show whether the individual is capable of carrying out his duties.
- (b) Main faults brought to notice are those which permit the breeding of flies. Empty food tins and scraps of food must be burned or deeply buried. Food tins should be crushed before burying. Otherwise the pit will fill quickly, resulting in excessive digging being required.
- (c) Particular attention must be paid to the siting of and attention to latrines in accordance with instns previously issued.

2. CLEANLINESS OF UNIT LINES

As with HYGIENE, operational conditions cannot be offered as an excuse for dirty or untidy coy or gp lines. Supervision of this subject will NOT be relaxed in any way.

3. ROAD DISCIPLINE

Road discipline of many drs is very lax. One common fault is that vchs are left standing on narrow roads or tracks so making it impossible for any other vchs to pass. Any dr who fails to observe orders regarding rd discipline will have his authority to drive Army vchs taken from him, and if he cannot be absorbed within his unit on general duties will be transferred to another unit within the division requiring reinforcements. Pro are patrolling roads and will report any breaches of this order.

4. MAINTENANCE OF MV

There is an acute shortage of motor vchs in this area. This shortage is made more acute by some drs failing to carry out daily maintenance on their vchs. Comds Coys etc will ensure that daily maintenance is carried out. Drs who fail to attend to their vchs will be dealt with in accordance with para (3).

5. USE OF MV

On account of shortage of MV, condition of roads and supply difficulties, all concerned will ensure that MVs are used only on essential op & adm duties.

6. MALARIAL CONTROL Appx "A" ^{NOT}/att.

F. A. Varley CAPT

(F. A. Varley)

Adjut 2/2 Aust MG Bn.DISTRIBUTION:

HQ, A, B, C, D Coys	-	1 ea	B Echelon	-	1
9 Div Carr Coy	-	1	War Diary	-	2
26 Bde LOB	-	1	File	-	1
2/3 Pnr Bn LOB	-	1			
2/4 Cav Sqn LOB	-	1			
Adj. C. Jk. Sqn.	-	1			

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2/2 M.G. BTM

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				5
TO	HQ. A, B, C, D Coys	2/2 MG BN		10
	9 DIV CARR COY, 26 BIDE LOB	2/3 PNR		15
	BN LOB	2/4 CAV COMMANDO SQN LOB		20
	TR C. TX SQN	QM. WAR DIARY		25
				30
				35
FROM	HQ COMPOSITE FORCE			40
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2/2 mg. BY

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number

0157

Date

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	SECRET	⊙	ref	map	5
1/25000	second	edition	⊙	following	10
will	be	effected	2	dec	15
⊙	ONE	⊙	D	coy	20
2/2 mg	to	less	D1	pl	25
will	move	by	march	route	30
to	STEEPLE	TREE	posn	507 648	35
relieve	9	dw	can	coy	40
⊙	1 pl	D	coy	to	45
move	KUMAWA	to	relieve	pl	50
9	dw	can	coy	⊙	55
TWO	⊙	9	dir	can	60
coy	to	come	under	RAE	65
9	assist	dw	at	20	70
bdh	jeephead	earliest	possible	after	75
relief	to	give	protection	to	80
engr	rd	construction	parties	⊙	85
THREE	⊙	one	jeep	available	90
D	coy	from	1100	hrs	95
⊙	FOUR	⊙	capt	WRAGGE	100
to	remain	as	OC	composite	105
coy	ZAG	⊙	FIVE	⊙	110
one	cp	⊙	dk	sgn	115
now	STEEPLE	TREE	posn	comes	120
in	support	composite	force	forthwith	125
⊙	A	coy	2/2	mg	130

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	OUT		OFFICE DATE STAMP <i>1 DEC 42</i> <i>2/2 m. g. By</i>

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(Write horizontally)	<i>bn</i>	<i>comes</i>	<i>under</i>
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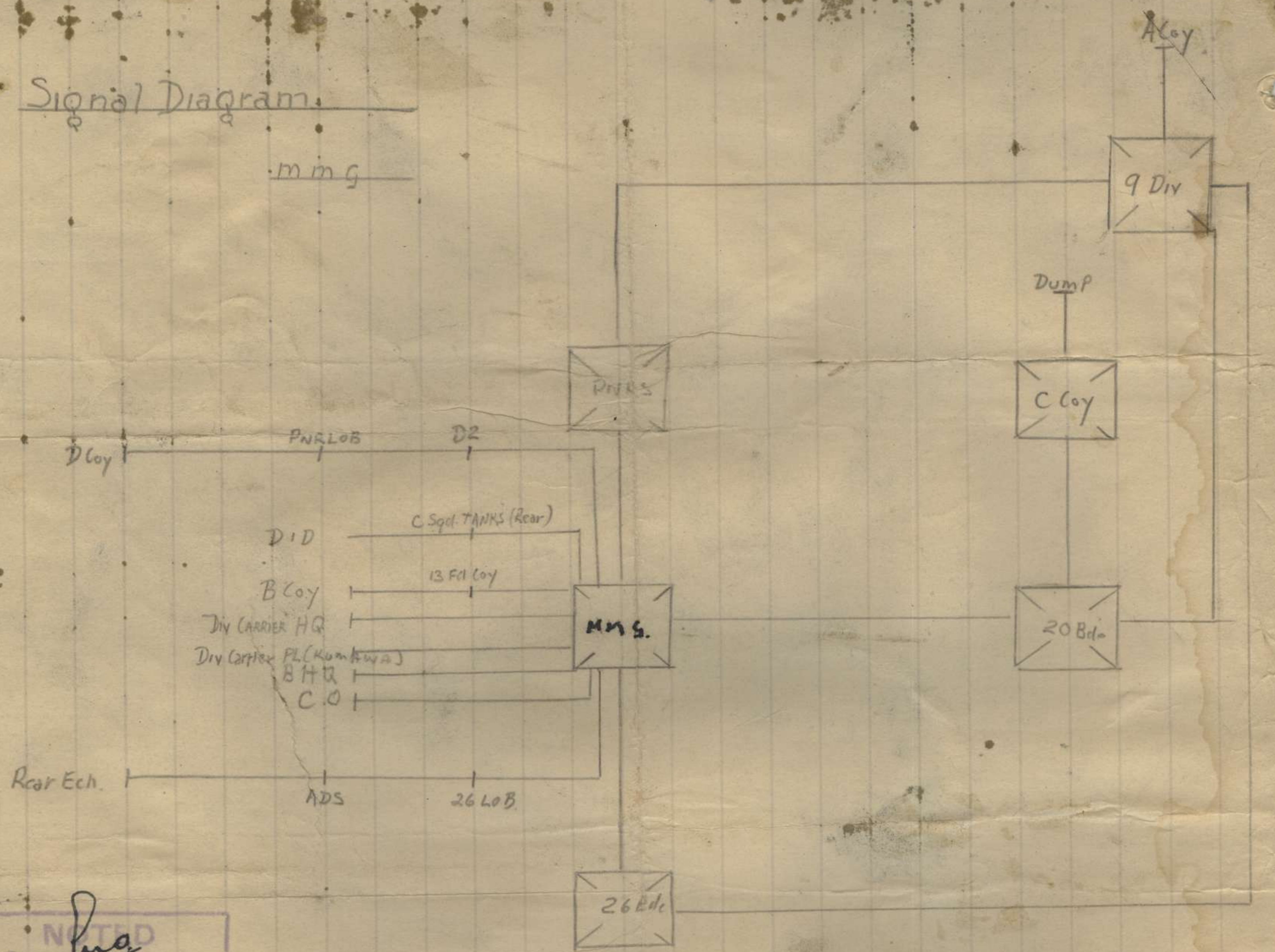
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2/2 MGBN
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TO 2/2 MGBN

FROM 9AUST DIV Originator's Number 0560 Date 8 In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)	ONE	LOB	26	BDE	5
	LOB	2/3	BN	LOB	10
	2/4	CAV	will	pass	15
	from	command	MGBN	to	20
	Command	26	for	employment	25
	in	protection	AREA	and	30
	guarding	supply	at	QUMAWA	35
	possible	command	will	early	40
	2/2	as	arranged	by	45
	same	MGBN	and	26	50
	responsible	2/2	MGBN	will	55
	and	time	cease	to	60
	Coys	for	protection	SATELBERG	65
	reserve	2/2	MGBN	less	70
	informed	will	concentrate	in	75
		area	SCARLET	BEACH	80
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repl. A + C coys 2/2 mg BN

TO *HR B & D coys 2/2 mg BN. REAR HQ. B. ECH. LOB. GROUPS. 2680E 2/3 AWR 2/4 CAV SQN.*

FROM *2/2 mg BN.* Originator's Number *071* Date *8* In Reply to Number *-*

(Write horizontally)					
ONE	O	2/2	mg	be	5
less	to	coys	will	move	10
to	SCARLET	BEACH	area	9	15
are	earliest	possible	exact	location	20
to	be	notified	②	TWO	25
②	LOB	groups	26	26	30
2/3	pm	to	2/4	CAV	35
sqn	para	to	command	26	40
bdn	oboo	has	9	dec	45
②	all	informed			50
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081615 L

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QM advised fail

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TO

2/28.5.11 C Brv

FROM

9 AUST P.V

Originator's Number

ME139

Date

3

In Reply to Number

please	forward	to	CEME	as	soon
as	possible	with	deficiencies	by	units
complete	armours	kit	also	life	deficiencies
in	kits	in	possession	⊙	include
figures	for	AEME	units	attached	⊙
information	wanted	urgently	by	higher	authority
⊙	all	referred			

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2/2 M.G. BN

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TO 2/2 M.G. BN.

FROM 974 ST. DIV.

Originator's Number

0564

Date

8

In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

ONE	O.	my	0560	is	5
Cancelled	O.	Two.	O	2/2 M.G.	10
BN.	(LESS)	Two	copy	LOB	15
26 Bde.	LOB	(LESS)	DET	2/3 PNR	20
BN.	LOB	2/4	Case sq.	will	25
move	under	Command	2/2 M.G.	BN.	30
to	area	Scarlett.	Beach	in	35
Div	reserve	O.	THREE	O	40
det.	LOB	26	bde	at	45
KUMARWA	will	pass	from	Command	50
2/2 M.G.	BN.	to	O	all	55
informed					60
					65
					70
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					115
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C.O. *Dir.*
 21/c
 Adj. *711*
 Q.M.
 M.O.
 I.O.
 T.O.
 R.S.M.

Div notified det. Kumarwa 1/11/43
LOB 2/3 M.G. BN.

711

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08 1830 L

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P 2044		S.C.W.	T.S.F.	O. 2105		T.S.H.	S.C.W.				

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TO

HQ Coy D Coy 26 Bde L OB 2/3 Bde L OB - Can Coy 26 Bde L OB

FROM

2/2 Asst MG Bn

Originator's Number

1100

Date

14

In Reply to Number

<i>commencing</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>see</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>until</i>	<i>whether</i>
<i>notice</i>	<i>map</i>	<i>refs</i>	<i>used</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>this</i>
<i>force</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>given</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>photo maps</i>
<i>1 BONGA</i>	<i>LAKONA</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>ack</i>		

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TO

9 Aust Div

FROM

2/2 Aust MG Bn

Originator's Number

1101

Date

14

In Reply to Number

MOST

SECRET

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SITREP

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ref

PHOTOMAPS

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patrol

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along

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KALUENG

to

171146

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Adj 2330 I.F.

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TO 2/2 MG BN

FROM 24 BDE

Originator's Number 0290

Date 14

In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)					5
Patrols	⊙	2/2 MG BN	are	patrolling	10
area	N	of	the	KALUENO	15
and	E	of	60	lasting	20
grid	⊙	patrols	of	minimum	25
strength	two	are	will	operate	30
daily	from	each	company	of	35
BN	to	gain	maximum	information	40
of	topography	tracks	and	areas	45
previously	occupied	by	enemy	for	50
documents	and	equipment	this	will	55
not	apply	to	Coy	supplying	60
working	parties	ordered	by	BDE.	65
⊙	2/32 BN	will	concentrate	on	70
an	area	within	1500	yards	75
of	present	positions	especially	for	80
old	enemy	H.Q.	⊙	2/28 BN	85
will	patrol	squares	5973	5974	90
5975	and	to	tracks	junction	95
587747	with	patrols	of	two	100
days	on	more	as	necessary	105
⊙	2/43 BN	will	patrol	generally	110
bound	by	71	nothing	group	115
and	59	lasting	group	all	120
informed					125
					130

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TO 2/2 MG BN

FROM 9 Aust Div

Originator's Number

0763

Date

14

In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

On	15 Dec	LOB	120 BDE	and	5
9 Div	Carri Cay	will	move	from	10
SCARLET	BEACH	to	Coconut	BEACH	15
where	they	will	come	under	20
command	20 BDE	On	15 Dec	LOB	25
24 BDE	will	move	from	SCARLET	30
BEACH	to	BUSIKA	BEACH	will	35
come	under	command	2/2 MG BN		40
On	13 LCVs	are	allotted	for	45
move	6	leaving	SCARLET		50
BEACH	1000 hrs.	and	7	at	55
1100 hrs	On	Details	of	new	60
will	be	arranged	by	LOB's	65
20 BDE	all	informed			70
					75
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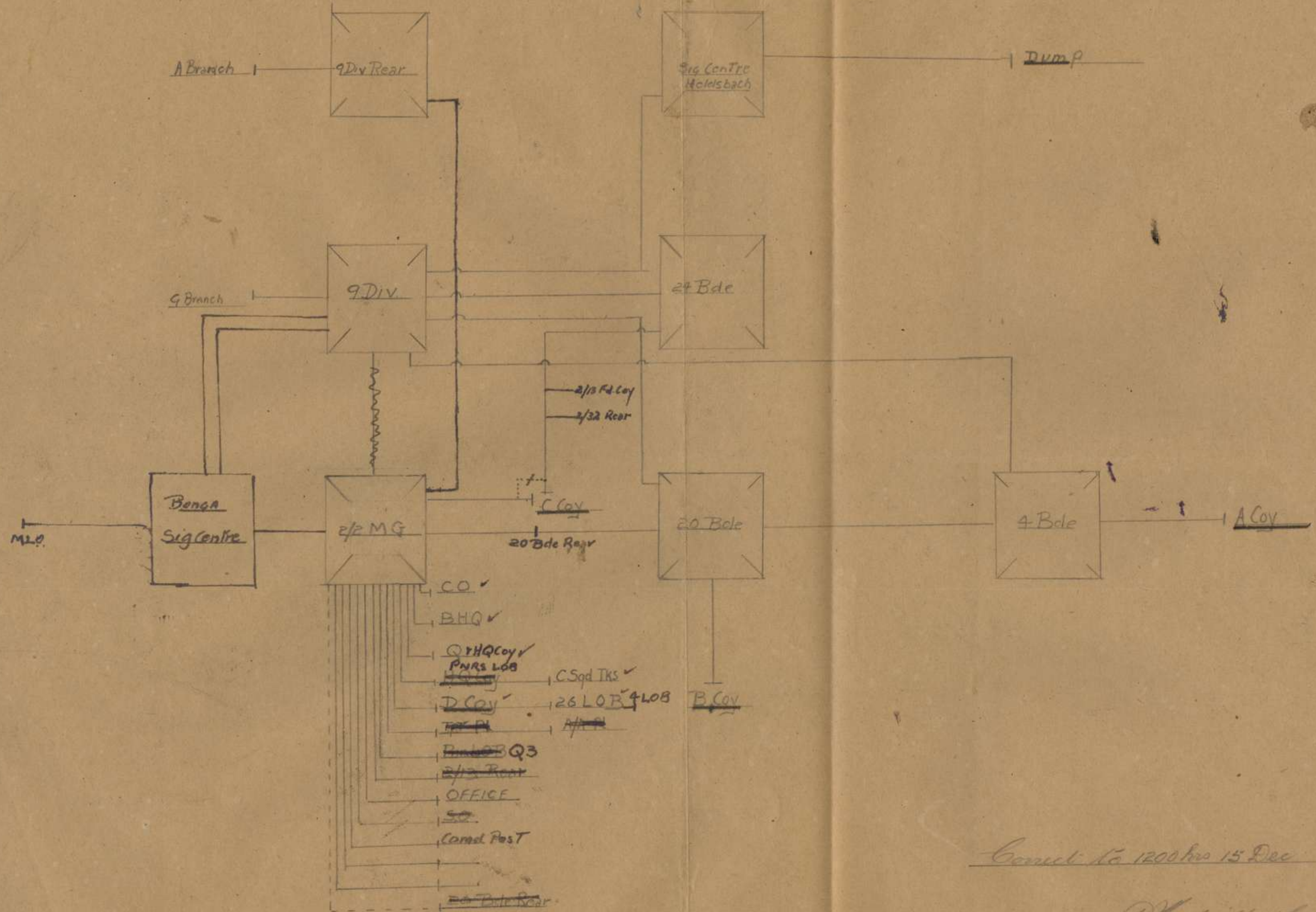
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Signal Diagram

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Correct to 1200 hrs 15 Dec

McLennan

Corrected to 1200 hrs 19 Dec

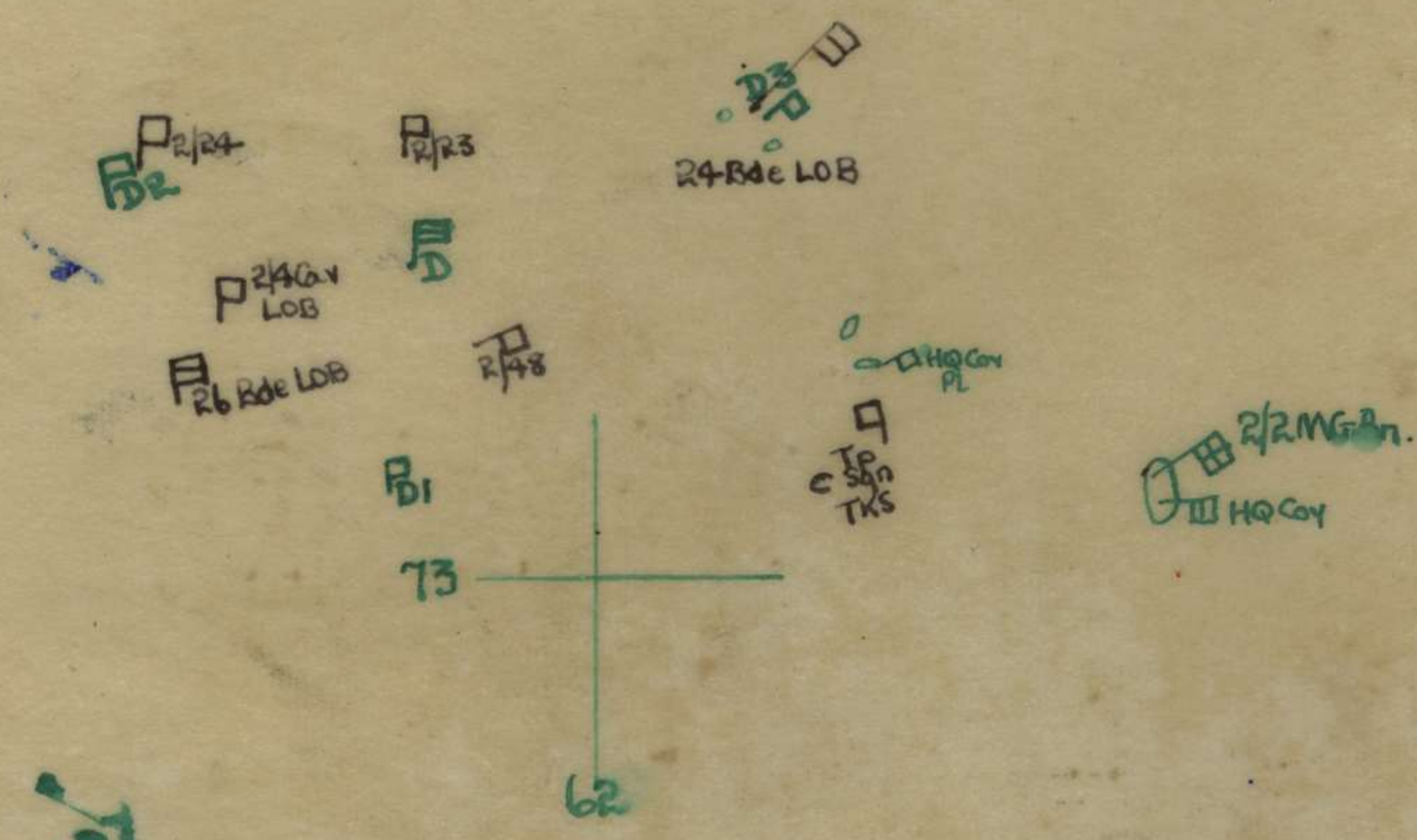
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COMPOSITE FORCE
Dispositions

17 Dec 43

Superimpose on 1/25,000 FORTIFICATION PT



EE. Oakes, Cpl
R/RMG Bn.

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IN Q.M.
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10 Dec
2/2 MG Bn

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TO 2/2 MG Bn 1 AUST TANK Bn

FROM 24 AUST INF BDE

Originator's Number

0291

Date

18

In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)					5
WARNING	ORDER	⊙	ref	map	
25.000	series	⊙	24 AUST INF BDE		10
will	resume	responsibility	for	area	15
BONGA	WAREO	track	inclusive	USAKA	20
to	hill	2200	5672	to	25
BAZULUO	⊙	forward	of	This	30
for	depth	and	warning	left	35
for	flank	protection	⊙	boundary	40
river	SONG	exclusive	⊙	additional	45
troops	under	command	Two	troops	50
C Agpn	tanks	2/4 CAY	COMMANDO	SON	55
2/2 MG Bn	ten	Two	companies	plus	60
LOB	24	and	26	Bole	65
and	2/4	CAY	COMMANDO	SON	70
⊙	in	support	2/12	Fd	75
Regt	ten	by	2/13 fd	coy	80
⊙	Bole	rece	party	already	85
notified	will	rece	area	commencing	90
19 Dec	⊙	probable	allotment	of	95
areas	2/2 MG Bn	USAKA	BEACH HEAD	and	100
coastal	approaches	2/32 Bn	area	EXCHANGE	105
607722	XMAS	HILL	5871	all	110
inclusive	⊙	2/43 Bn	Hill	2200	115
5672	WAREO	all	inclusive	⊙	120
2/28 Bn	area	excluding	WAREO	including	125
BAZULUO	⊙	2/4 CAY	COMMANDO	SON	130

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OUT

Q.M.

M.O.

P.S.M.

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26 DEC 43
2/2 MGBN

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TO 2/2 AUST MG BN

FROM 26 AUST INF BDE.

Originator's Number

0132

Date

26

In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)	to	conversation with	H/col	5
Further	Onslow	24 BDE	has	10
machines	permit	exchange	This	15
to	pers	basis	approved	20
LO B	machines	Onslow	⊙	25
H/col	exchange	first	LO B	30
to	⊙	could	2/24 BN	35
2/24 BN	unit	on	MASAWENG	40
join	as	possible	⊙	45
soon	unit	new	LO B	50
rejoining	be	detailed	and	55
will I	to	your	cond	60
return	has	⊙	on	65
48	2/24 BN	LO B	group	70
exchange	groups	2/48	2/23	75
LO B	exchanged	on	similar	80
be	advise	please	ETA	85
⊙	group	at	MASAWENG	90
LO B				95
				100
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				115
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				125
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~~19 Dec 43~~

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TO uptd 2/2 Aust MG Bn

FROM Adv 9 Aust Div

Originator's Number

0834

Date

19

In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

<u>2/28</u>	<u>Bn</u>	<u>will</u>	<u>move</u>	<u>earliest</u>	5
<u>on</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>relieve</u>	10
<u>2/23</u>	<u>Bn</u>	<u>by</u>	<u>night</u>	<u>21/22</u>	15
<u>Dec</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>on</u>	<u>relief</u>	<u>will</u>	20
<u>come</u>	<u>under</u>	<u>comd</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>Bde</u>	25
<u>0</u>	<u>2/23</u>	<u>Bn</u>	<u>on</u>	<u>relief</u>	30
<u>will</u>	<u>move</u>	<u>earliest</u>	<u>on</u>	<u>22</u>	35
<u>Dec</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>Bde</u>	<u>reserve</u>	40
<u>about</u>	<u>WAREO</u>	<u>ready</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>continue</u>	45
<u>move</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>destination</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>be</u>	50
<u>notified</u>	<u>later</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>during</u>	<u>night</u>	55
<u>21/22</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>Bde</u>	<u>will</u>	60
<u>retain</u>	<u>2/43</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>Bde</u>	<u>reserve</u>	65
<u>vicinity</u>	<u>SCARLET</u>	<u>BEACH - NORTH</u>		<u>HILL</u>	70
					75
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1 Q.M.
1 M.O.
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<u>P</u>	<u>2355</u>	<u>6.6.8</u>	<u>KAS</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0005</u>						

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21 DEC 43
2/2 MGBN

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TO RPTD 2/2 MGBN.

FROM TAC 24 BDE

Originator's Number

0297

Date

21

In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)					
further	to	our	0291	of	5
18	DEC	①	CHANGED	24	10
BDE	is	to	assume	responsibility	15
26	BDE	area	in	addition	20
to	present	tasks	and	will	25
then	be	responsible	for	defence	30
of	area	incl	YUSIKA	to	35
WAREO	to	excl	LANGEMAN	BAY	40
①	following	additional	troops	come	45
under	command	24	BDE	on	50
passing	of	command	26	BDE	55
area	①	one	troop	tanks	60
1st	AUST	TANK	BN	2/4	65
can	com	Sqn	2/2	MG	70
BN	as	at	present	constituted	75
METHOD	①	2/2	MG	BN	80
remains	present	position	2/32	BN	85
less	one	coy	will	be	90
responsible	for	area	all	incl	95
exchange	XMAS	HILL	holding	vital	100
ground	as	already	advised	①	105
2/28	BN	area	excl	XMAS	110
HILL	to	incl	BAZUKA	①	115
one	coy	to	held	2200	120
feature	565727	withstanding		Patrol	125
at	approx	567734	one	coy	130

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TO	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
FROM			

<i>(Write horizontally)</i> BAZULVO	remainder	Fletcher	WAREO	area	5
⊙	A	coy	2/32	BN	10
move	by	MT	1330	his	15
21	DEC	to	relieve	2/48	20
BN	SATELBERG	and	come	under	25
Command	HQ	24	BDE	2/43	30
BN	in	BDE	reserve	present	35
position	ADM	⊙	one	pep	40
will	be	allotted	A	coy	45
2/32	BN	for	maintenance	and	50
rations	which	will	be	drawn	55
from	LAUNCH	JETTY	⊙	acked	60
⊙	all	informed			65
					70
					75
					80
					85
					90
					95
					100
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IN *forward to Adv/212335*
OUT *OUT*

No of Groups
GR.

2/2 MG Bn
21 DEC 43

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TO *2/2 AUST MG Bn*
FROM *ADV 9 AUST DIV* Originator's Number *0 880* Date *21* In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)
SECRET ① *ref* *my* *0 864* 5
24 *hole* *will* *by* *mutual* 10
arrangement *with* *26* *hole* 15
release *26* *hole* *earliest* *practicable* 20
① *on* *completion* *relief* *24* 25
can *com* *sqn* *and* *composite* 30
2/2 MG Bn *will* *pass* *to* *comd* 35
24 *hole* *and* *one* *th* 40
chs *SATELBERG* *pass* *from* *support* 45
26 *hole* *to* *support* *24* 50
hole *and* *dets* *1 AUST TK BN* 55
at *KATIKA* *and* *KEDAM* *total* 60
16 *th* *come* *in* *support* 65
24 *hole* ① *on* *completion* 70
relief *24* *hole* *will* *be* 75
responsible *for* *defense* *area* *GUSIKA* 80
LANGEMER BAY *WAREO* *and* *will* 85
hold *SATELBERG* *with* *one* *coy* 90
and *retain* *one* *bn* *in* 95
res *area* *NORTH* *HILL* *SCARLET* 100
① *24* *hole* *will* *receive* 105
separate *orders* *amplifying* *task* ① 110
26 *hole* *will* *on* *relief* 115
come *into* *DIV* *res* *area* 120
mouth *R* *NIASAWENG* *as* *follows* 125
① *2/23* *bn* *and* *if* 130

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

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No of Groups
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TO

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

relieved	HQ	26	hole	and	5
up	to	two	ways	2/24	10
ben	move	to	GUSIKA	22	15
DEC	then	onward	by	sea	20
23	DEC	⊙	balance	2/24	25
ben	will	move	to	GUSIKA	30
23	DEC	then	onward	by	35
sea	24	DEC	⊙	one	40
way	2/32	ben	is	already	45
moving	to	relieve	2/48	ben	50
⊙	what	can	be	freed	55
of	2/48	ben	less	one	60
way	will	move	on	22	65
and	23	DEC	to	SCARLET	70
BEACH	then	by	sea	on	75
24	DEC	⊙	Q	will	80
arrange	M T	to	move	remains	85
2/48	ben	on	relief	from	90
SATELBERG	to	SCARLET	BEACH	to	95
again	2/48	ben	by	sea	100
⊙	all	informed	sea	moves	105
by	Q	all	informed	acked	110
					115
					120
					125
					130

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AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND

From No. Name

Unit or Group

(Use Official Address only)

Date

26 Bde LOB.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

22 - 25 Dec 43.

DATE	PLATOON	TYPE OF TRAINING
22	2/23	Inspection of Tanks - Tank-Inf Co-operation
"	2/24	3" Mortar. Characteristics - L-A-J
"	2/48	171 MG. " Lectures - Training - firing
23	2/23	3" Mortar Characteristics
"	2/24	Inspection of Tanks - Tank-Inf Co-operation
"	2/48	171 MG. - Lectures - Demos - Firing Gun for night firing
24	2/23	171 MG. Characteristics. Lectures, Demos - firing
"	2/24	3" Mortar. Emplacements - Lectures Demos
"	2/48	Inspection of Tanks - Tank - Inf Co-operation
25		Xmas Day!

W. G. Lead
Lieut Gen
S. C. 26 Bde LOB.

IN YOUR LETTER DO NOT REFER TO:

The name of your transport or other transports in your convo... of sailing... ports of call... destination.
description of troops, or other information which, if intercepted, will be of value to the enemy.

HQ 4 bde L. O. B.
22-Dec. 43

agf.
D. Q 2/2 Aust. M.M.G. Bn.

Syllabus. - 25 Dec 43.

Ref message O. 205. 21 Dec 43.

Occupying Defensive Position
- patrols.

check maintenance of weapons.

Commence construction 100 yard
range. (subject to approval).

Plag batt

HQ 4 Bde L.O B
22 Dec 43

HQ 2/2 Aust Inf m m G Bn

Syllabus - 1 Jan 44
Range Practice
Petrol.

Mat. Read. Maintenance Direction
Hygiene in the field.
Recapit. all weapons.

Flag Ball
23/1/43

II
Receipt of Pass word. ack

Flag

Adj.

1/2 Aust. M. M. G Bns

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Outline Syllabus of work for 22-23-24 Dec 43.

22:12:43.

Period

"D" Coy - 21 Dec 43.

- 1 } Indication + recog of targets
- 2 }
- 3 Lectures
- 4 Gun drill - direct fire
- 5 } Ind ~~dr~~ fire drill
- 6 }
- 7 }

23:12:43.

- 1 } 30^x Range - firing practice all weapons
- 2 }
- 3 }
- 4 }
- 5 bars + cleaning - all weapons
- 6 } Lecture - current sit.
- 7 }

24:12:43.

- 1 } Trg with tks
- 2 }
- 3 }
- 4 }
- 5 } Night firing drill
- 6 }
- 7 Lectures

Lectures

- 1. First Aid
- 2. current sit. - I.O.
- 3. Trop diseases - fevers, typhus, skin irritation - likely points of contraction prevention + symptoms.

W. G. G. G. G. G.

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4 Troop C Sqn Tank Syllabus

0830 to 1200 1330 to 1700

THURSDAY 23-12-43 MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE

FRIDAY 24-12-43 MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE

SATURDAY 25-12-43 CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY 26-12-43 MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE

MONDAY 27-12-43 MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE

TUESDAY 28-12-43 MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE

WEDNESDAY 29-12-43 TRAINING WITH D COY 2/2 MG.

TRAINING WITH D COY 2/2 MG.

THURSDAY 30-12-43 TRAINING WITH D COY 2/2 MG.

MAINTENANCE

FRIDAY 31-12-43 MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE

SATURDAY 1-1-44 STAND DOWN DAY

THESE MAINTENANCE DAYS BEING TAKEN UP WITH REMOVAL OF BOGIE WHEELS ON TWO TANKS

O.C. 4 Troop
1st Anti-Tank Coy

2/2 AUST MG BN AND ATTACHED TPS

OUTLINE SYLLABUS

WEEK ENDING - 25 DEC 43

1. Sub units and groups under command not in actual contact with the enemy, will forthwith start trg along the following lines :-

Weapon trg,
Specialists trg - M.O., Sig Offr & O.M.E. to co-operate,

Trg of reinforcements in all phases of battle,
NCO cadres along lines of all trg syllabi,

Every opportunity must be taken to practice "Liasions learned from recent ops"

Trg areas will be within or near present tac positions. Sites for minature ranges will be reced and C.R.Es approval for use sought through this HQ.

2. Detailed syllabi will be submitted to this HQ each Saturday covering the forthcoming weeks training.

Lt-Col

(E. Macarthur-Onslow)

C.O. 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

DISTRIBUTION:-

Copy to HQ 9 AUST DIV
26 Bde LOB,
24 Bde LOB,
2/3 Pnr BN LOB,
2/4 Cav (Commando) Sqn LOB,
4 Tp C Sqn Tks
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R.S.M.	

2/3 Aust Pnr. Bn. Lob Gp.

Training Syllabus. WE 25.12.43.

Date	0900 - 1030 hrs.		1030 - 1200 hrs.		1330 - 1500		1500 - 1630	
	Subject	Instr.	Subject	Instr.	Subject	Instr.	Subject	Instr.
20.12.43	← PL		PATROL	→	Movement w/-tanks - various formations		Open Country	Lieut Johnson
21.12.43	MMG First hour	2/2 M.G.	2" Mortar	Sgt Thompson	Movement w/-tanks		Inter Communication	Lieut Johnson
22.12.43	← PL		PATROL	→	3" Mortar	Sgt Steere	LECTURE Procedure for occupation - Perimeter Def	Maj Rosevear
23.12.43	Occupation Perimeter Defensive position incl. - setting up Booby traps, alarms, trip wires			Lieuts Esau & Batson	Counter-Attack Practice. Movement w/-tanks to Sq 1715 Bonga		Photo Map.	Maj Rosevear
24.12.43	← ALL DAY PATROL			Route to be selected		23.12.43	→	Maj Rosevear
25.12.43	Short Patrol			XMAS		DAY		

P. Rosevear
Major
O.C. Group

244. Aust. Inf Bde. L.O.B.

Inf. Syllabus for week ended 25 Dec 43.

Two half days.

M.M.6. Inf. - Elementary handberg
and firing (under D.3. 2/5/46 Bv)

Three half days.

Patrols. - West of the main line
to 300 yds north of the LAGOON
and return.

One half day

Discussions between 2/32 & 2/88 Bv
L.O.B. on lessons from recent ops.

One half day.

Discussions on suggested changes
in patrol, sec, platoon formations
for jungle fighting in view of recent ops.

One half day

Practical testing of above suggested
changes.

In view of this op having to stand by for working
parties etc, the syllabus will necessarily be curtailed
at various times

H. Ashman, L. C. I.
O.C. 244 Aust Inf Bde L.O.B.

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2	C.O. <u> </u>
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3	I.O. <u> </u>
	T.O. <u> </u>
	R.S.M. <u> </u>

Rm HQ.

Training syllabus.

In conformity with instructions attached hereto an syllabi of trig being carried out during week ending 25 Dec 43 by HQ Coy. - Signal trig is being carried out by trig B Coy. - mainly practical experience of signals requirements in the field - syllabus will be submitted when available.

Penny Kearby
Capt
OC HQ Coy

Training Syllabus - Q.3. Platoon.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
V.M.C.	V.M.C.	Bren L.M.C.	Inf Training	Patrols.	
Elementary Training. 9-00 - 1030 hours Break. 1045 - 1200.	Stoppages. Care & cleaning 1030 Break. 1045 until 1200 Fire control	Elementary Training Loading and Firing. 1030 hours break 1045 until 1200 Care & cleaning	Advancing Formations 1030 hours break 1045 until 1200 Forming of defence perimeters Dispersion.	Patrols. Observation 9.00 hours until 1200.	Revision on all lessons. Xmas Day

Lyellabur

H.Q.T. 3

	0845-0930	0930-1015	1015-1030	1030-1115	1115-1200	1330-1415	1415-1500	1500-1545	1545-1630
Monday	Weapon Pits				Improvements				
Tuesday	Squad Drill file.	Bren	Bren	Bren	Rifle Exercises.	Jungle craft.	Cam. &	concealment.	
Wednesday	Prepare	Rifle	Bren		Range.			map Reading & sit. Rep.	
Thursday	O.S.M.G. Rifle	O.S.M.G. Bren.	Break.	Bren.	Rifle. O.S.M.G. O.S.M.G.	Range Practise with Owen S.M.G.		map Reading & sit. Rep.	
Friday	Range Practise		Rifle & Bren.						
Saturday	Lmas								

0845-0930

0930-1015

1015-1030

1030-1115

1115-1200

1330-1415

1415-1500

1500-1545

1545-1630

SUGGESTED SYLLABUS H.Q 2 (TU 21 — FRI 24 DEC '43)

PERIOD	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
1	BREN - elem. only	BREN	JUNGLE TNG AMBUSH - FOODS ETC.	PATROL	
2	MAP READING	FO ENG.			PRACTISE
3	BREN	FIRST AID (ELEM).	AIR CRAFT RECOG.		
4	COMPASS		MESSAGES		
5	COMPASS	OWEN	RANGE PRACTISE		RANGE PRACTISE
6	MARCH				
7		AIR CRAFT RECOG.			

MONDAY

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|-------------------------|--|
| 1. 0900 - 0945 | 1. } CLEANING OF ALL
2. } ARMS & INSP AMMO. |
| 2. 0945 - 1030 | |
| 3. 1030 - 1045 (break) | 3. } ROUTE MARCH |
| 4. 1045 - 1130 | |
| 5. 1130 - 1215
LUNCH | 4. } |
| 6. 1215 - 1300 | |
| 7. 1330 - 1415 | 5. MAP READING - Comparison of maps & ground |
| 8. 1415 - 1500 | 6. RIFLE - AIMING
ETC. |
| 9. 1500 - 1545 | 7. VERBAL MESSAGES |

Howard won
A/T. Comd
H.Q 2

C COY
 2/2 Aust MG Bn
 24 Dec 43

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING
Mon 27 Dec 43 to Sun 2 Jan 44

	Mon 27	Tues 28	Wed 29	Thurs 30	Fri 31	Sat 1	Sun 2
0900-0945	T.O.E.T. (VMG)	T.O.E.T. (VMG)	All day march	Miniature range w rifle	T.O.E.T. (VMG)	March all day	Make and
0950-1030	T.O.E.T. (VMG)	T.O.E.T. (VMG)	Routes: C1 -PABU to WAREO & 1000 yds West & return.	Sub-sect against Sub-sect.	T.O.E.T. (VMG)	to the Lakes	mend and
1045-1130	The Slide Rule	The Dir- ector	C2-EXCH- ANGE to WAREO & return		Safety overhead (theory) Safety overhead (pract.)	Pl to go down to the LAKES for lunch & swimming	maint- enance of Pl
1135-1215	Rangetak- ing. Open talk and descript- ion of Bar & Stroud.	Range Cards	C3 -XMAS HILL to WAREO to BAZULUO	Mortar 2"	Complete stripp- ing and cleaning of all gun stores & parts		Area
1410-1440	Mortar 3"	Mortar 3"		Mortar 2"			
1445-1525	Mortar 3"	Mortar 3"					
1530-1615	Sport, games and general physical exercise including unarmed combat.						

1. Pl to make arrangements with neighbouring infantry companies for instructors and eqpt for the 2" and 3" mortars. Times to be at the Inf Coy's choice. This syllabus to be adjusted accordingly.
2. Pls to send in six figure map reference of their miniature range sites by 1200 hrs Tuesday 28 Dec, to this HQ.
3. Before swimming in the LAKES, Pl Comds must ascertain who cannot swim. This Coy unfortunately has a high percentage of non-swimmers and all precautions against accidents must be taken.

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CO. <i>gln</i>
2nd Lt. <i>gln</i>
Q.M.
M.O.
I.O. <i>WB</i>
T.O.
R.S.M.

(W.P.Nicholas)
 O.C., C Coy

Capt.

2/3 Aust Par Bn LOB Group

Training Syllabus W.E. 1 Jan 44

Date	0900-1030 hrs		1030-1200		1330-1500		1500-1630 hrs	
	Subject	Instr	Subject	Instr	Subject	Instr	Subject	Instr
27.12.43	← PL		PATROL →		← PL		AMBUSH →	Lt Esau
28.12.43	Setting up Booby Traps			Sgt Pickett	Range Practice - Rifle			Lt Esau
29.12.43	← PL		PATROL →		LMG Bren	Sgt Thompson	Principles of attack	Maj Roscoe
30.12.43	MMG	2/2 MMG	Aircraft Recognition	Sgt Steero	← Pl in Attack			Maj Roscoe
31.12.43	← PL		PATROL →		BRIDGING - Design, set out erections			Maj Roscoe
1.1.44	← ALL DAY				PATROL			

R. W. Naylor
OC Group

Am 148

HQ Coy
26 Dec 43

Syllabus

Given below is training syllabus
per week ending 1 Jan 43.

3 Pl. (Q)

- 27 Dec 43. Grenade Training
- 29 Dec 43. Lecture - Small Arms.
- 29 - " Map Reading
- 30 - " Compass.
- 31 - " Maintenance Bren & Vickers
- 1 Jan 43 Revision

3 Pl. (T)

- 27 Dec 43. Cam. & Com. Jungle Craft - Patrols
- 28 - " Route march - SMG, Bren, Rifle
- 29 - " Preparation of 30 yd Range
- 30 - " Range Practice - Owen, Bren
- 31 - " Rifle holding drill - Range Practice
- 1 Jan 43. Cleaning all arms

2 Pl.

as per attached

1 Pl.

Signal Training is being carried
out continuously as per attached

Frederick
Coy

SYLLABUS TNG

HQ No 2 Pl.

DEC

PERIOD	MON 27	TU 28	WED 29	TH 30	FRI 31	SAT 1 JAN 44
1	care cleaning all arms	Aircraft	Lecture Fd Hyg	Aircraft recog.	Revision Bren	Patrol & making out reports
2	inspection	recognition	Practise	Lecture - making out reports	Over Rifle	
3	Lecture - Cover & concealment	Compass March	First Aid General	Practise	Revision Map reading	
4	Practise				Compass	
5	march	Sectinettes	Range	Range	Route March	
6						
						Spare

0900-0945

0945-1030

Break

1045-1130

1130-1215

Lunch

1400-1445

1445-1530

Howard WOTI
A/P Comd No 2

Sig. Sq.

Box HQ.

Training is organised into weekly programmes with no set timings due to the necessity of maintenance of Sig system.

Weekly Syllabus. (Sig Sq. all forms)

Pam 1 Chap. 1 sections 1-2

" 2 " 6-7, 12-15, 19-21 } Codes.

Pam 3 " 1 " 1-7

" " " 8 (pages 1-3) } Line

" 3 26-28, 34 para 5, 35-37

Pam 8 " 1 complete

" 2 section 10 diagrams

" " section 12 official time

Morse buzzer practice 6 wpm.

At all times switchboard operation, Sig clerk's work is under continual supervision and tuition.

Box Sigs.

Line maintenance

Morse practice

Questionnaires covering above programmes

One day on Box Switch and Sig Office weekly.

Standard practice procedures.

W. White

II Coy
26 Dec 43

Syllabus of work for week ending

31 Dec 43

Mon 27 1 Lecture 71° 5
 2
 3 } map reading - Gd Sketching.
 4
 5 Recapit.
 6
 7 } Lecture 71° 1

Tues 28 1-4 Ing with Pks
 5-7 map reading - Gd Sketching.
 8
 9

Wed 29 1+2 Lecture - Photomap.
 3+4 3" abstar
 5-7 map reading - Photomap.

Thurs 30 1+2 3" abstar.
 3+4 Lecture 71° 4.
 5 Recapit.
 6+7 Lecture 71° 2.

Fri 31 1+2 2" abstar.
 3+4 Lecture 71° 3.
 5-7 Recapit.

Lectures - Intercom in the Gd - general - bpl Foley
 1 " - Sig organisation - " "
 2 " - " - " "
 3 Combined Ops - Gen Factors involved.
 4 malaria - Anopheles mosquito - habits, breeding.
 5 Gd Sketching - papers etc - bpl Hawkins
 6 " Photomap - " " bpl Yokumith bpl

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT-COL B MACARTHUR-ON SLOW, D.S.O.

(129-130)

COMMANDING

IN THE FIELD

2/2 Aust MACHINE GUN BATTALION

22 DEC 43

129. PARCELS - PROHIBITED CONTENTS

(a) Advice has been received by this HQ that in a check of parcels originating from the LAE and FINSCHHAFEN areas, a number of articles under the categories specified in para 2 (a) and (b) of NGF order A392/43 have been found.

(b) It was further advised that irregularities of censorship requirements were obvious in that few parcels showed the signature of the censoring officer and the censor stamp was in many instances illegible.

(c) It is directed that appropriate action be taken by Coy, etc., Comds to ensure that there is no repetition of these irregularities.

(d) All officers will be informed that any further failure to appreciate their responsibilities as a censoring officer will be viewed most seriously by this HQ.

(e) Attention is drawn to the above-quoted order and to 2/2 Aust MG Bn Routine Order No 78 in connection with this matter.

130. DISCIPLINE

(a) QX1605 L/CPL GARLAND A F L was convicted by DOM In the Field on 15 Dec 43 on a charge of AWL and was sentenced to undergo detention for a period of six months.

(b) NX59182 Pte MAHER A R, whilst undergoing sentence - Sentence suspended by Comd 9 Aust Div on 13 Dec 43.

F. A. Varley

CAPT

(F A VARLEY)

Adjt., 2/2 Aust MG Bn

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, ETC

NX 51338	Cpl	MORGAN W A D	Promoted	A/SJT	w.e.f. 9 Dec 43
NX 30708	L/Sjt	WETTON C E	"	A/SJT	w.e.f. 9 Dec 43
NX 32307	Cpl	PLANK D L	Appointed	L/SJT	w.e.f. 9 Dec 43
QX 5706	Cpl	BOLTON G M F	Promoted	A/SJT	w.e.f. 14 Dec 43
QX 5942	A/Cpl	PATTERSON C F	Rank	Confirmed	12 Dec 43
QX 8749	A/Cpl	COLLINS W	Revert	to rank of Pte	13 Dec 43
QX 8749	Pte	COLLINS W	Appointed	Spec T/Gp III (RTaker)	13 Dec 43
NX 36574	Pte	ROACH V E	Relinq.	Spec T/Gp II (Cook)	15 Nov 43
NX 79094	Pte	PARKES L	Appointed	Spec T/Gp II (Cook)	w.e.f. 15 Nov 43
QX 9990	Pte	O'DRISCOLL C O	Transferred	from D Coy to HQ Coy	11 Dec 43
NX 37028	Pte	FERRIS I	"	" " " " "	11 Dec 43

The following personnel were taken on strength and posted to the Coys mentioned on 11 Dec 43 :-

VX 123642	Pte	DYKE R A	"HQ" Coy	NX 169396	Pte	POLLOCK M	"A" Coy
QX 30439	"	STARR P O	" "	(NX)N436988L	L/CPL	ANDREWS W	" "
QX 42351	"	MCDOWELL J H	" "	(TX)T24313	Pte	BROWNING R T	" "
QX 47699	"	COULSON L T	" "	(TX)T27475	"	BAILEY A I	" "
SX 18000	"	HURST L W	" "	QX 53107	"	MERCER A	" "
NX 175027	"	COLLINS D P B	Coy	(QX)Q26823L	"	BAKER A I	" "
NX 168343	"	HADDEN L F	" "	NX 200479	"	SETON E F H	" "
NX 168372	"	MCCURDY R S	" "	NX 200327	"	CATCHPOLE R H	" "
NX 99575	"	EASTERBROOK D G	"C" Coy				
VX 118174	"	GRAY L G	"C" Coy	NX168374	Pte	WHITE N R	"D" Coy
VX 118134	"	MCDONALD L T	" "	NX168370	"	PRICE K L	" "
(VX)V306742	"	MCMASTER A A	" "	NX 171974	"	HINCHBY T T	" "
(NX)N437321	"	GEORGE L M	" "	(NX)N436811	"	AYLIFFE N	"C" Coy
NX174258	"	DORAHY A W	" "	(VX)V261055	"	WYLLIE J W	" "

NOTICES

Subtended is a ~~xxxxx~~ copy of a letter received by GOC 9 Aust Div from Maj-Gen J S LETHBRIDGE, Comd 220 British Military Mission.

28 Nov 43

Major-General C F WOOTEN, C.B.E., D.S.O.
Commander 9 Aust Div.

My Dear WOOTEN,

Thank you so very much for the visit which I and the x officers with me paid to you earlier this week.

We, all of us, felt somewhat embarrassed at descending upon you in the middle of an important operation and for that reason I am most particularly grateful to you and your staff for the kindness shown to us, for the time spent in answering all the questions that we wanted to ask and for the trouble taken to show us everything that we wanted to see, even in the front line itself. It was extraordinarily good of you and we deeply appreciate it.

I hope you will not think it an impertinence if I also tell you how deeply impressed we were by the absolute excellence of the officers and men of your magnificent Division.

I can say, with all sincerity, that I have never seen finer troops anywhere. It is an inspiration to meet them.

Wishing yourself and your Division all good fortune and continued successes,

Yours very sincerely,

Sgt: J S LETHBRIDGE
Major-General Military
Commanding 220 British Mission

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Communion Service (C of E) will be held at Main Entrance to Bn HQ at 0800hrs. All denominations are invited.

It is proposed to hold Community Singing on the same area at 1800hrs. Individual items will be in demand. Come along and do your bit.

COMFORTS

The following comforts have been received from Australian Comforts Fund and have been distributed:-

1130 pkts Cigarettes	430 pkts Tobacco
430 " " " " " "	430 Cakes Toilet Soap
430 Cakes Laundry Soap	215 Tins Foot Powder.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The following telegram has been received from 2/2 Aust MG Bn Comforts Auxiliary :-

"On behalf of the Auxiliary would you please accept for yourself and men our sincere good wishes for Xmas and the coming year -

STANLAND"

The following message has been received from 2/2 Aust MG Bn AIF Welfare Fund:-

Officers and men of the 2/2 Australian Machine Gun Battalion, AIF
Wishing each and everyone a Very Happy Christmas, and a Successful
New Year.

With the Best of Luck,

From the President and Members of the
2/2 Machine Gun Battalion AIF Welfare Fund."

BOXING TOURNAMENT

SECRET

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ORDERED BY

LT-COL R WADSWORTH - MCLEOD, D.S.O.

(121-123)

COMMANDING

IN THE FIELD

2/2 MOUNT MACHINE GUN BATTALION

2 DEC 43

121. DISCIPLINE OF ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT OF CASUALTY

Coy comds will bring to the notice of all offrs and CMs the contents of NCF order A.448. This is most important, and in some cases has not been complied with.

122. CONTROL OF MALARIA

All ranks are again warned of the necessity for adhering to instructions previously issued for the control of malaria. Coy Comds will give consideration to selection of areas even under operational conditions, and that effective anti-malarial measures are taken before dark.

123. PILFERING (vide NCF order A448)

1. Pilfering of army stores has reached such serious proportions that it is interfering with supplies to tps in fwd areas. Offences of this nature may even result in the lives of tps becoming endangered unnecessarily.

2. Officers Commanding ^{Coy} will take steps to ensure that all precautions are taken by all concerned to eliminate this serious form of offence, and all ranks are to be warned that, as from the date of this order, any member of the Forces concerned in such offences will be dealt with by Court Martial and awarded severe penalties. The attention of all members of Courts Martial will be drawn to AMB & D X587 558 (3) which reads :- "When attention has been called in Orders in the command to which the offender belongs to the usual prevalence of the offence of which he has been found guilty, a Court Martial should also ~~xxxxx~~ have regard to the fact that such warning has been issued".

F. Marley Capt
(F. Marley)
Adjt 2/2 Mnt MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

- MX 34687 Lieut LAYAN, J.F. transferred to 2/48 Inf Bn - 28/11/43
- MX 30705 A/Sjt HUBBS, H.L. reverts to C.I. w.e.f. - 28/11/43
- MX 21525 L/Cpl CHAMBERLAIN, E.H. promoted to A/Cpl w.e.f. - 17/11/43
- MX 51308 " STANLEY, A. " " - 22/11/43
- MX 56185 Pte WEBB, R. appointed L/Cpl w.e.f. - 22/11/43
- MX 31302 " GRAY, W.H. " " - 22/11/43
- MX 15308 " HUTTON, R.F. transferred to 118 Mtd Wks Bn 28-11-43

RECAPITULATION - Capture of SERVED RIGHTS

The following message was received on 26 Nov 43:
"For Gen B [unclear] from Gen [unclear] (.) please convey following message to Gen W [unclear] from me (.) begins (.) cordial congratulations on capture of SERVED RIGHTS have followed the fighting and the overcoming of many difficulties with admiration and know that further successes are on the way good luck to you and all (.) message ends"

ISSUE OF CASES

It is advised that the last issue of cases and 15 blocks of 6lbs issued today were made from Regtl Funds.

Two parcels of books from 2/2 Mnt MG Bn 1st auxiliary are acknowledged recd 3 Nov 43.

Receipt is acknowledged of the following from 2/2 Mnt MG Bn Comforts Aux. 10 bundles of ~~xxxxxx~~ papers 27 Nov 43

3 ~~xxxxxx~~ 2 Dec 43

NOTICES (CONT'D)

£1,000 FOR WRITERS - A.B.C. COMPETITION FOR RADIO SCRIPTS

1. The A.B.C. announces a writers competition, with prizes ~~amounting~~ totalling £1,000, for original literary work dealing with Australian life, history or characters. The competition calls for novels, plays, documentary features, short stories, poems and discussions.
2. Nationals of all English-speaking countries are eligible to compete. The following prizes will be awarded :-

<u>Novel</u>		<u>Documentary feature</u>		<u>Poem</u>	
First prize	£.150	First prize	£.60	First prize	£.25
Second prize	£. 75	Second prize	£.40	Second prize	£.10
<u>Play</u>		<u>Short story</u>		<u>Discussion</u>	
First prize	£.100	First Prize	£.50	First Prize	£.40
Second Prize	£. 70	Second Prize	£.30	Second Prize	£.25
Third Prize	£. 40				

3. Special Bonuses - In addition to the above prizes, the Commission will award special bonuses. There will be a bonus of £.100 for the work (in any section) that is considered to be outstanding contribution to broadcasting. To encourage new writers in radio there will be a bonus for the best work purchased in each section (not a prize-winning entry) by a writer who has had none of his work either published or broadcast. The bonuses are as follows :-

Novel	£.60	Play	£.40	Documentary feature	£.35
Short story	£.20	Poem	£.10	Discussion	£.20

4. Entries for the novel will close on September 30, 1944. Entries for the other sections close on June 30, 1944. Entry forms with full ~~particulars~~ conditions of the competition, may be obtained from the A.B.C. Box 487, G.P.O. Sydney.

VACANCIES FOR DIPLOMATIC STAFF CADETS DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

1. Appeals for temporary appointment as Diplomatic Staff Cadets are invited from British subjects (male or female) who, on 1st January, 1944, will have reached the 17th but not the 25th anniversary of their birth.
2. Applicants must have matriculated or hold the Leaving or Senior Public Certificate. A University degree in Arts, Commerce, Law or Economics is desirable but not essential.
3. Applicants will be required to undergo a competitive examination in the following subjects :- English Essay, Precise, Current Australian and International Affairs, and General Knowledge on questions of History, Geography, Economics, Social Questions and Politics. Success in the examination does not confer the right to temporary appointment, selection being made following personal interview of a determined number successful at the examination. In the final selection the preference provisions of the Australian Soldiers Repatriation Act will be applied.
4. Successful applicants will be engaged for two years during which time they will receive remuneration of 274 pounds per annum if an adult or 256 pounds per annum if a minor (subject to the cost of living adjustments), plus an allowance towards University costs, and will be required to undertake at their own expense, an approved course of University study. At the end of the course, applicants will be further examined and, on a satisfactory certificate, will receive a temporary appointment to the ~~Commonwealth~~ Dept of External Affairs. The question of permanent appointment to the Commonwealth Public Service will receive consideration at a later date.
5. Any eligible member of the A.B.C. who desires consideration may avail himself of the opportunity if completing an application in accordance with pro forma (on appln to En Ord Sm) and forwarding it direct to "Secretary Department of External Affairs, Canberra". Appeals must reach the secretary by 9 Dec 43.

WAR BASKETS

The ACP will be distributing War baskets to all Australian troops in New Guinea. These baskets are all donated and in each one will be a card on which the name and address of the donor will be written. It would be appreciated if all personnel would acknowledge to the donor receipt of their basket.

RESTRICTEDROUTINE ORDERS BYLT. COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW, D.S.O.IN THE FIELDCommanding

(124-128)

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124. HOURS FOR DRAWING WATER & BATHING (Div Order A71/4/1000)
1. Coys etc not in contact with the enemy will observe the following hrs :- (a) For drawing water for ~~personal~~ personal use or cooking, daily 0630/L to 1300/L.
(b) For bathing 1500/L to 1800/L.
 2. Previous instns regarding sterilising water for consumption rigidly will be enforced.
 3. Sea bathing is allowed at discretion of comds coys etc providing that beaches or portion of beaches used by landing craft are not used for bathing. NO sea bathing will be allowed after 1800 hrs.
 4. This instn is to be enforced at all times until otherwise amended or cancelled.
125. GRENADAES
Coy etc comds will report by 20 Dec 43 that physical check has been carried out of all grenades, and that they are in serviceable condition Particular attention made to rusting of pins.
126. DISCIPLINE
NX 56980 Pte FARR, J. was tried by DCM on charges of AWL and was sentenced to undergo detention for one (1) year.
127. EXPLOSIVES, SMALL ARMS, GRENADAES
Coy etc comds will ensure that the above are not used for obtaining fish and that this order is adequately policed. Breaches of this order as directed by 9 Aust Div will only be dealt with by court martial.
128. VEHICLES MV - LOOSE WHEEL CHAINS (Div Order Q1448)
The practice of running vehs with loose wheel chains will cease forthwith. Chains can be tightened with little difficulty in unit lines LADs or Wkshops.

F.A. Warley CAPT
(F.A. Warley)
Adjnt 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS TRANSFERS ETC

NX 10664	A/Cpl	MILLIKEN, L.J.	promoted to	A/SPT	w.e.f.	18/11/43	
NX 30510	L/Cpl	PURDON, K.R.	"	A/CPL	w.e.f.	17/11/43	
NX 8794	Pte	COLLINS, W.	"	A/CPL	w.e.f.	1/12/43	
NX 30707	L/Cpl	WILSON, J.D.	"	A/CPL	w.e.f.	9/12/43	
QX 841	A/Cpl	PROUDFOOT, A.E.	reverts to ranks	w.e.f.	10/12/43		
QX 42351	L/Cpl	McDOWELL, J.H.	relinq. appointment	w.e.f.	11/12/43		on joining unit
VX 118134	"	McDONALD, L.T.	"	"	"	"	"
N 436988 (NX)	"	ANDREWS, W.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 200327	"	CATCHPOLE, R.H.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 147091	"	CAMPBELL, H.J.	"	"	"	23/11/43	"
NX 84398	"	CRISP, H.	"	"	"	"	"
NX 167368	"	LADE, F.C.	"	"	"	"	"

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POSTAL - DELIVERY OF XMAS MAILS AND TELEGRAMS IN AUSTRALIA

1. To ensure delivery at the appropriate time postings of Xmas mail matter and lodgements of Xmas greetings telegrams should be made not later than the dates specified hereunder :-

(i) <u>Air Mail Letters</u>	<u>Addresses to</u>	
	Eastern States	20 Dec 43
	SA & WA	18 Dec 43
(ii) <u>Letters by Surface Mail</u>	Eastern States	16 Dec 43
	SA & WA	12 Dec 43

COMFORTS

3 parcels of books are acknowledged from the 2/2 Aust MG Bn Qld Auxilliary received 5 and 7 Dec 43.

15 parcels of periodicals are acknowledged from the 2/2 Aust MG Bn NSW Aux. received 4 and 7 Dec 43.

Stamps to the value of 2 pounds each coy issued from Regtl Funds 7 Dec 43.

FOUND

A wristlet watch was found at our last HQ. Owner may have same on identification at this HQ.