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24 Infantry Battalion
May 1944, Appendices

TRACK REPORT GALEK TO YAGO YAGO

GALEK to PARAMUSI approx time $2\frac{1}{2}$ Hrs , Water available en-route Track through ANGAU station across Kunai plain and then follows bed of TUNGO RIVER to foot of hills. Hill very rugged almost straight up for about One Mile, very slippery in wet weather.

PARAMUSI to SURI:- approx $1\frac{1}{2}$ Hrs. Track continues straight up hill very rugged and dangerous, in wet weather. Water available at village.

SURI to SIBOG :- approx 4 Hrs. Track fair in dry weather, with four rugged pinches and crossing 4 small mountain streams. Native vegetable available at SIBOG also water.

SIBOG to SINDAMAI :- approx $3\frac{1}{2}$ Hrs. Track winds down hill through kunai and bush, last section before reaching YOWIE RIVER is very rugged and after crossing YOWIE short section on other side, is rugged and slippery. Track then winds on through Kunai and bush, fairly steep and wide, very hard going in wet weather. Sindamai village is in two parts, and small water supply available.

SINDAMAI TO MAISIBANG. :- approx 2 Hrs. Track winds out of village and goes along side of a mountain. Flat road very wide and extremely muddy. About $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile out of SINDAMAI the main Jap trail bypassing SINDAMAI and going towards ISINGAN (TANGIE) is passed on the right hand side , and again the main Jap Trail branches out to the left just before reaching MAISIBANG, and goes through LANGANI.

LANGANI and MASABANG are NOT on the same track, and it looks as if MASIBANG has been bypassed by the main body of Japs, but there are a few foxholes in the Village of MASIBANG. Water available , but a guide will be necessary as spring is situated outside village.

River

MASIBANG TO YOWIE/Camp Site :- approx $3\frac{1}{2}$ Hrs . Track out of village goes through Kunai and native gardens, very steep and at the bottom of the first hill about one Hour's travel, the main Jap trail is picked up again at this Junction. There are a few Banana Leaf Huts scattered through the Bush, and about 10 Dead Japs insight; from hereon Dead Japs are found on the track, and the road is lined with rough shelters, many of which hold Dead Japs. From Track Junction to YOWIE is very rugged and dangerous, and parts would be almost impossible in wet weather (Good Drinking water) Easy crossing at track with one fairly wide swift flowing part, over which either Japs or natives have attempted to build bridge. From the look of this River it appears it would rise very quickly in heavy Rain, and is fairly swift with a short waterfall just above crossing. Large party of Japs have camped here, at one time and various eqpt was scattered about incl L M G. Booby traps made from Hand Grens were also found as track wound along left bank of river. Track very rugged after $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile up and down over small ridges and crossing streams, finally leaving the valley, it proceeds up very rugged hill. Many rough shacks and Dead Japs around top of ridge. Track winds through Kunai and is good ~~X~~ going in dry weather. ~~On-top-of-ridge~~ No Water available. This camp site is easily picked out, as there are two huts right on the track.

FROM YOWIE RIVER CAMP SITE TO TRIBUTARY OF NANKINA RIVER :- approx 3 Hrs. Leaving the camp site the going down hill is bad, and dangerous. Approx One Hour out of the village , a small river is crossed and from there on to the NANKINA TRIBUTARY the terrain is about the worst imaginable, ~~com~~, steep and precipitous. The Gorge of the tributary is extremely steep and mostly loose iron stone. Sides straight up and down, River Muddy, swift and by the look of River Bed this river would be impassable. The right bank is precipitous and the cliff like sides, go up for 400/500 Ft and then there is a ford over swift flowing small stream, with a loose gravel bottom, also very dangerous in wet weather. Just before reaching the top of this cliff, a small spring of clear water spouts out of the cliff. This water should be used in preference to the iron tasting muddy water of the tributary.


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The cliff top is a small plateau and after proceeding another half mile of very rugged country, YAGO YAGO ? can be sighted on the top end of a high ridge, and across two large ravines. The track at this time led along a razor back ridge and on both sides were dead Japs who had collapsed and fallen over. Two different tracks descend straight down the ridge.

The track to be taken continues along razor Back. Owing to conditions, the party who made this patrol did not continue any further on the track to YAGO YAGO.

This report was compiled by an ANGAU REPRESENTATIVE.

Some of the names of Villages ~~differe~~ and streams differ from these as shown on the map.



GOING MAP AND REPORT

Sketch by [unclear] K
WAR DIARY [unclear]

Track report on route of A Coy patrol. First part of route is hard going through thick undergrowth and over kunai spurs. The streams are fordable. The last stage is by NA pad, good going, pad overgrown with grass. Muddy in patches. Then track joins an earth formed road. Going easy ~~xxx~~ all the way to A Coy area

Good drinking water obtainable throughout route

All degrees Magnetic

Ref Map SAIDOR 1 inch A Coy - GIG - YAUNIA

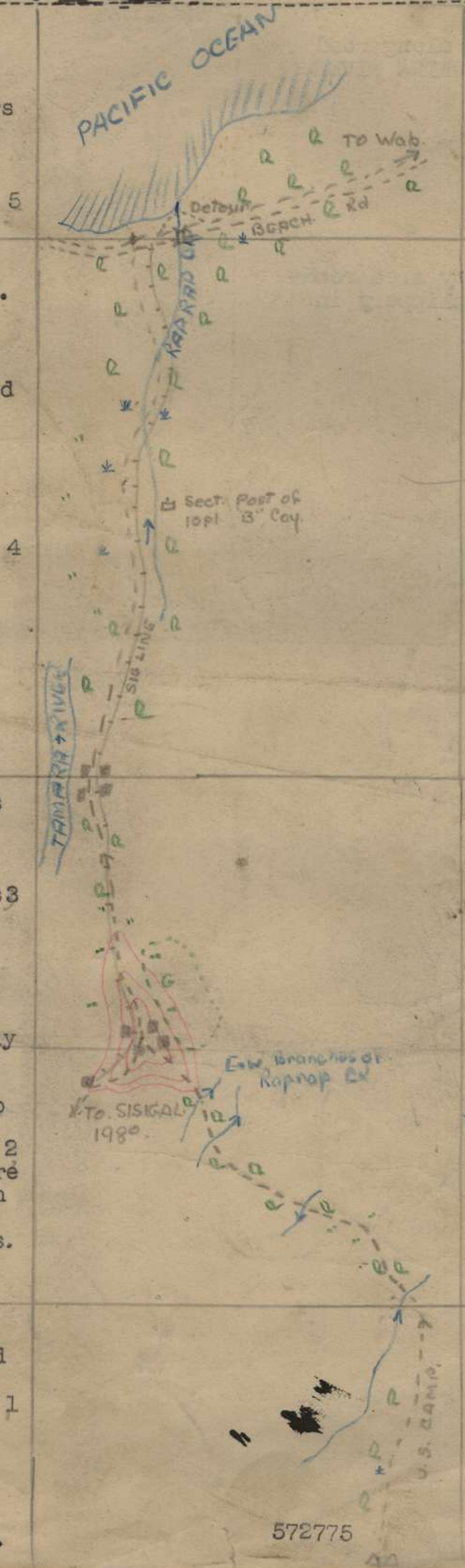
This road is of earth, good in dry bad in wet weather. Bridges along road made of c'nut logs. Take weight up to $\frac{3}{4}$ ton. Detours at each one for heavy traffic. Road gradually improves as it nears NANKINA Rv and will take cross streams of traffic

Track leaves YAUNIA and passes through light timber Good going. Track an old jeep track. Impassable in places. Very muddy. Track leaves timber. Passes an ~~frank~~ old camp site crisscrossed by deep vehicle marks full of water. Ground very muddy. Track fords RAPRAP Ck twice then enters timber. Emerges on to beach road at M R495811

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Track leaves GIG at 312 degrees. Follows sig wire. Good track. Old benchcut. Overgrown. Good downhill grade. Kunai L&R. 5min before YAUNIA track levels 3 out, muddy, running water along track. This village contains 15 to 20 lg huts, not to clean. Accom approx 150 men. Village on E bank of TAMARA Rv which is main water supply. N A friendly. This continued for 2hrs 35min. Mostly timber with two kunai spurs. Crossed two streams, steep banks, then climbed spur to GIG. Lge village. 15 huts. accom 200. 2 Freshfruit and c'nuts. 2 hr before reaching GIG track starts again. Fair track, overgrown. From GIG track to SISIGAL at 198 degrees. Sig wires through village. Natives friendly. Track muddy through US camp. Cross creek. Through gravel pit. Then track peters out. Scrubbed. Bashed.

AS 7/5



0235
Bridge takes up to $\frac{3}{4}$ ton
80 deg
U S A/TK sect.

4
7 deg
old camp site many veh marks
0/45

3
312 deg
N A garden
0/25
GIG 552782
HOUSE KIAP

2
2/35 300 de
1
7 deg
0/15
572775
A Coy Area

Numerous U S camps along road
between WAB and NANKINA RIVER



130 deg
0/15
(truc)

From bridge to A coy area road
is good, muddy and slippery in
wet weather



215 deg
(truck)
0/20

*Sketch to accompany
this Report.*

8 May 44
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PATROL REPORT

TYP. HOUR.

PATROL FROM A. COY. PATROL COMD CPL STEVENS.
 STRENGTH 7 Gns Ref Map. SAIDOR 1 Inch.
 ARMS 3 OSMG 4 RIFLES
 DATE 8 MAY 44
 ROUTE OUT . Via Main Road over lower br along EAST BANK NANKINA RIVER, to 808 Engrs along side ridge to river, long river bank to KALININ.
 ROUTE IN reverse route out.
 TIME OUT 080945K Time in 081545K.
 OBJECT TO Recce track along EAST BANK of NANKINA RIVER to KALININ.

PART I.

KALININ can be reached on EAST BANK NANKINA RIVER along unused native track, which is overgrown and difficult to follow.

PART 2

Patrol left "A" Coy area at 0945 Hrs by jeep, travelling along main road to "B" Coy area, where patrol gained all available info as to tracks leading to KALININ.

1030 Hrs The patrol left by JEEP to 808 Engr area, along EAST BANK of NANKINA RIVER. This unit is situated approx one mile from the Upper Br. The Patrol left the Jeep at approx M. R. 531780 at 1050 Hrs.

An attempt was made to move up to ridge, which runs approx 80 Yds from river, but owing to the steepness of slope, which required the use of both hands and feet, this plan was abandoned after 30 minutes Climbing.

The patrol moved down timbered spur, to the river Bank, where a very faint track was discernable. This track was followed until reaching approx M. R. 532761, where a steep cliff ran down into the river.

An attempt was made to wade along the edge of the river, but owing to the river being in flood, this was not possible, but would be a good route if the river were not in flood.

The patrol climbed up a precipitous timbered slope, and over a rock cliff. This was dangerous climbing owing to loose rocks, and holes covered with thick grass, which gave way when walked upon. The period of time for this part of the patrol was 30 Minutes.

The track was again picked up, and followed for one hour, when an old native garden was reached (Overgrown).

An unknown track was then encountered, which had the appearance of being well used, which the patrol followed for five minutes, reaching KALININ at 081300K.

Contact was made, with standing patrol from "B" Coy of this Unit.

On making investigations, it was learned that the flying fox, was located by the "B" Coy standing patrol, ~~was located~~ at approx M.R. 520559.

The rope however, had broken in the centre and was of no further use.

Patrol left on returned journey at 081400K on return, following same route, as that used on the out journey, arriving at 808 Engr Camp 081500K, and were given lift in U. S. Truck to Upper Br, which was crossed on foot, and thence picked up a further U.S. Vehicle. and driven to Coy area, arriving at 081545K.

GENERAL.

No evidence was discernable of Japs having used tracks in area covered by patrol.

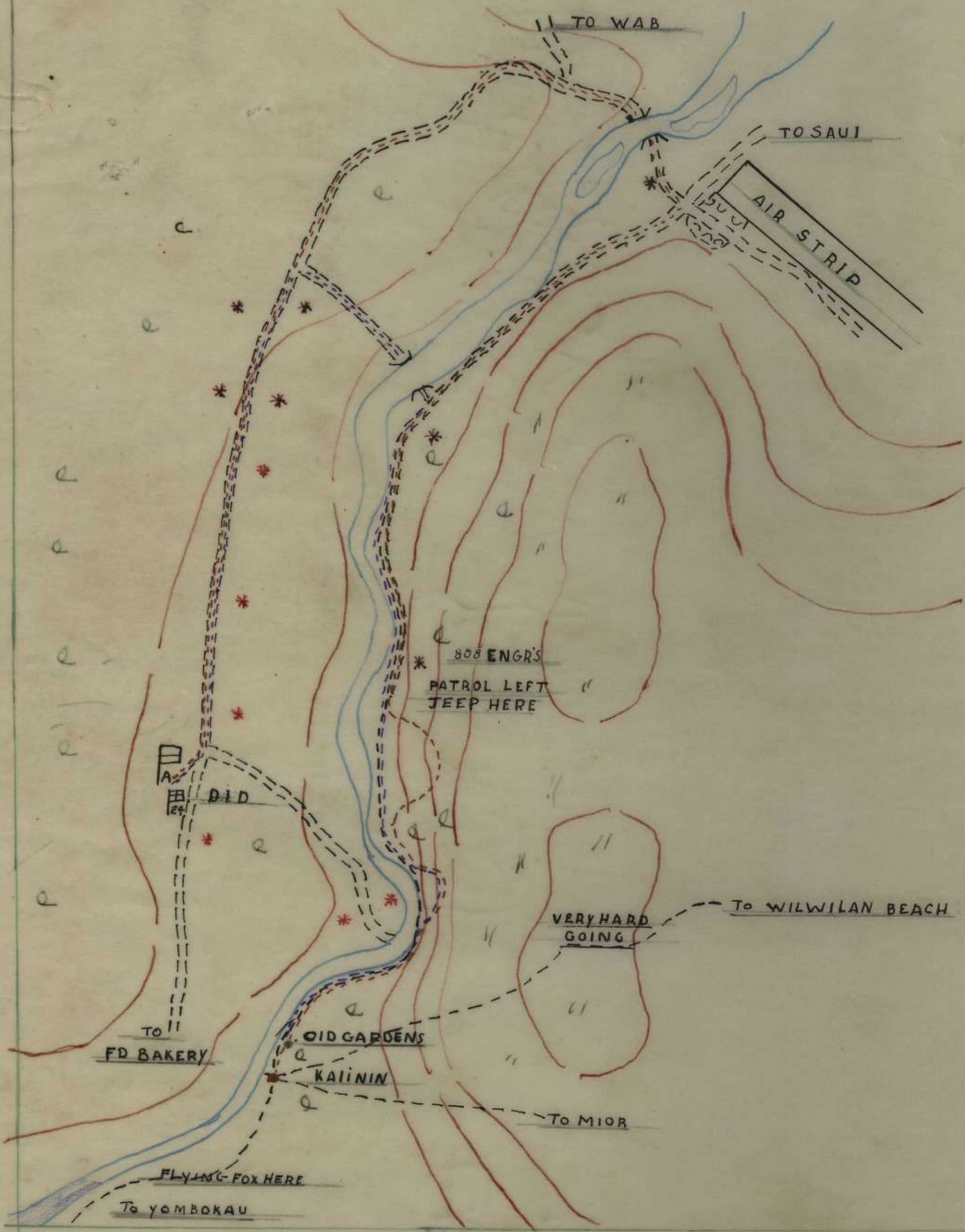
The Track used was in good condition, very little water laying on track considering the heavy rain, which fell the previous night. The most difficult part, was climbing over the cliff

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 24 Aus t Inf Bn (AIF)

Sketch A Coy Patrol to kalinin

RF 1:21076
 Ref Map AIDOR 1:1 Mile

Start point A Coy HQ



LEGEND

Rd ==	Track ---
River	
TIMBER	o o
KUNAI	
Form line	
U.S. Camps	
Route out	--- m ---

Scale 1:586
 VI ROFT
 Datum level M.S.L.
 Datum point 542801

Date 18 May 44
 Time 1015 hrs
 Pte. [Signature]
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Patrol Report. B Coy

No 5.0rs

Patrol supplied by 2 Section 10 Pbr

Recky Patrol
Patrol Command
HCPK Ministry of

Arms 1.0 Wren - 5 magazines
4. Rifles 400th Rounds
10. Grenades

Object To clear the entrance square 5958 to the
River there North East in contact of
Larsen Squadron

Leave out 02.8.930 L Time at 02.18.30 L

Route out from Coy ~~at~~ R 597587 to
port hills 603.595 to the River gunston

623602 North East at 638623

Route is ~~the~~ Reverse of Route out

Result. No contact made

Details. Reconnaissance Party of 5.0rs
left B Coy at 09.30.00 at the R 597587
to port hills 603.595

at 09.30.00 to BHQ base 599.588, where
the patrol was briefed. The patrol

left BHQ base 09.30. Moving on N.W. direction
following a small creek at 02.10.30 L
a native pad was noticed at 602591.

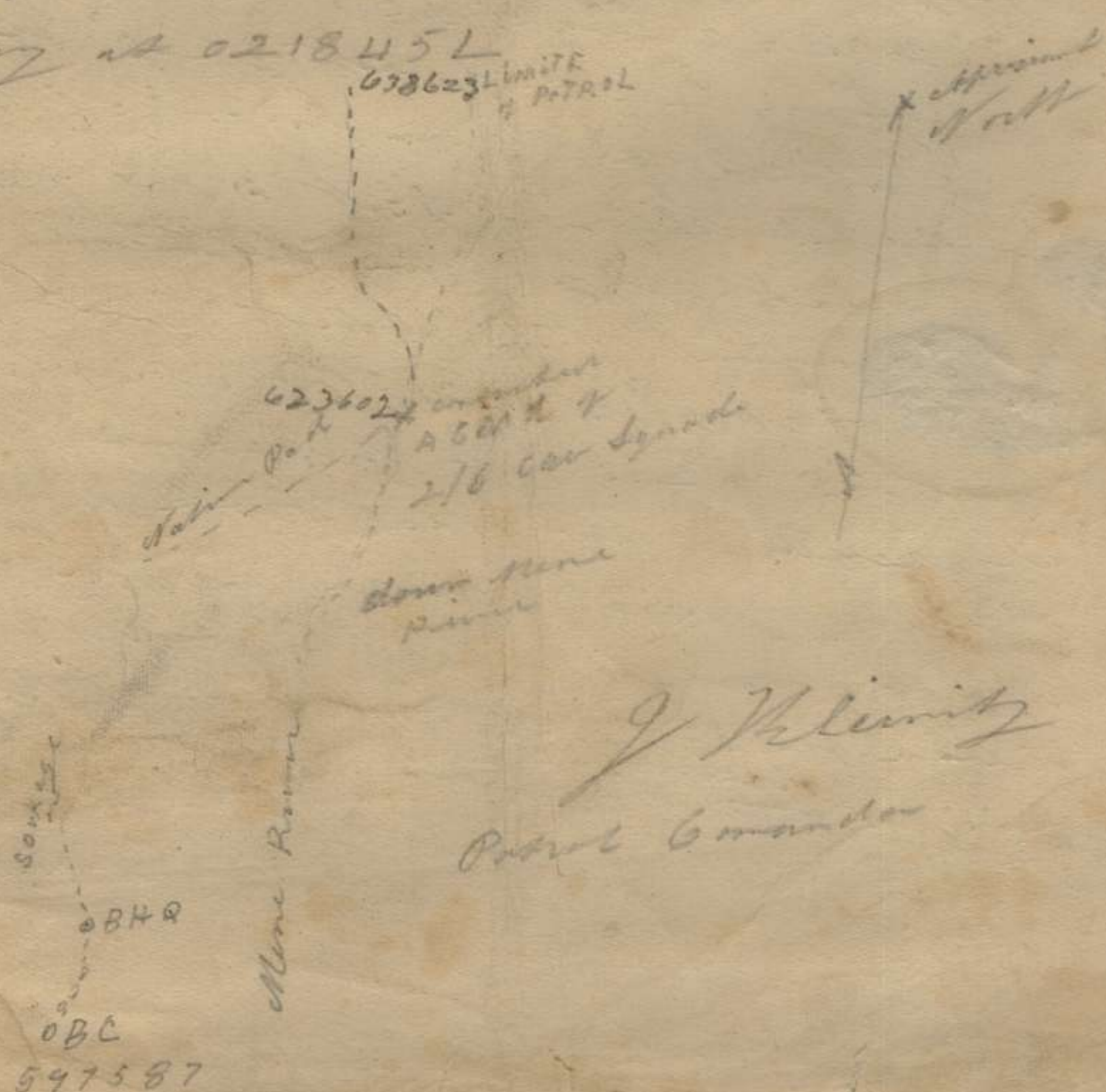
The direction of the pad was followed
this track to gunston to the river
known creek which came from
port hills N.W. of our position which
was 623602. At this point a track was

observed on the West bank of this creek.
Following instructions the patrol moved
up to woods the head waters of the river
river for hrs with out contacting the 2/0
on any movement.

@ At approx 1410. the patrol C.M.D decided to
 abandon the object & return @ Co. The return
 route the patrol did show ever contact at the
 junction of the Mene river an unown creek
 M.R 623602 two members of the 2/6 car squad
 -over. @ these members the senior being C.M.D of A.P. Platoon
 informed us that the correct trail to H.Q.
 of 2/6 was at tracking. N.W from this point
 which was 6 hrs. back in a general N direction
 from information gained from this source
 the 2/6 car Squadron occupy the heights of the
 55000 features extending West to a present
 square 60.63 to East 68.63 the last enemy
~~not~~ observed in this area was approx
 31 Dec 43.

The patrol moved off after conferring
 with this Officer @ 216.30L returning by
 same route as the route out to B.H.Q.
 here near the reported in to the Coy Section
 giving full details @

The patrol then moved to our boy area
 arriving at 021845L



PATROL REPORT

PATROL SUPPLIED BY.....B.....Coy...IO... Pl....2....Sec.

NO MEN IN PATROL 5 KIND OF PATROL Recce.
ARMAMENT OWEN I MAGS 5 PATROL C'MDR L/CPL Kleinitz
RIFLES 4 ROUNDS 400
Grenades 10
OBJECT To clear re-entrant square 5958 to MENE RIVER then
North East to contact 2/6 Cavalry Squadron.
TIME OUT 02 0930L
" IN 02 1830L
ROUTE OUT From Company area M.R. 597587 to foot hills 603 595
to MENE RIVER junction 623602 , North East to 638623.
ROUTE IN Reverse of route out.
RESULT No contact made.
DETAILS Recce patrol of 5 or's left B Coy. area M.R. 597587
to foot hills 603595 to MENE RIVER at 0920L to BHQ
area 599588 where the patrol was briefed. The patrol
left BHQ area at 0930L. Moving in NNE direction following
ing a small soakage. At 02 1030L a native pad was notice
ed at M.R. 602591 in the direction N.E. the patrol
followed this track to junction of MENE RIVER and
unknown creek which came from the foothills N.W. of
our position which was 623602. At this point a track
was observed on the West bank of this creek. Follow-
ing instructions the patrol moved up towards the head-
waters of the MENE RIVER for 1 hour without contact-
ing the 2/6 Bn. or observing movement. At approx 1410L
the patrol cmdr decided to abandon the object and
return. On the return route the patrol did however
contact at the junction of the MENE RIVER and unknown
creek M.R. 623602, two members of the 2/6 Cav. Sqn.

DETAILS(cont)

These members, the senior being Cmdr A Platoon, informed us that the correct trail to H.Q 2/6 branched N.W. from [redacted] point which was 6 hrs trek in a general North direction. From information gained from this source the 2/6 Cav. Sqn. occupy the heights of the 5500 feature extending West to approx square 6063, and East 6863. The last time enemy was observed in this area was approx 31 Dec '43.

The patrol moved off after conferring with this officer at 021630L, returning, by the same route as the route out, to B.H.Q area where I reported to the "I" section giving full details.

Patrol then moved to own Coy. area, arriving at 021845L.

To I.S.O.

~~Day of the Pacific~~ 4 JAN. 44.

From D. E. McKay. Cpl

PATROL REPORT.

~~WAR~~ Recce - Fighting Patrol.

Patrol found by B. Coy. 2/14

Ref Maps: { Dumpsite 1.14
M: 0.840 "
Virginia "

Patrol strength, 4 Officers, 30 O.R.'s. (including 2 British Army Officers and army off. and 4 O.R.'s. B. Coy 24 Bn.)

Patrol Commander: Lt. Thompson.

Armament: 3 Brens. 9 awens. 22 Rifles with ammunition & Grenades.

Object: - To recce feature 5800 and engage enemy if contacted.

Route out: - from C. Coy 2/14 Bn MAP. REF. 558624. across EVAPIA RIVER at 563638. Then N.N.E. to 569662. along ridge over feature 5800 to 552691.

Route in: - From 552691. E.S.E. down spur to 518662 then S.E. to A. Coy. 24 Bn. 552618 track junction at.

Time out: 030430L

Time in: ~~022130L~~ 031900L.

Results: - No contact made with enemy, but fresh traces of enemy at look out 563673 and old P.I.B. position 552691. with fire still burning at latter position.

Details: - At 030430L patrol moved out from C. Coy 2/14 Bn position north through kunai to EVAPIA river at 563638 then followed branch creek up stream to 564643 then turned left up ^{very steep} kunai spur. At 030730L reach timber and ^{climbing steeply} continued N.N.E. to where 6 huts were reached on ridge at 030915L. Had breakfast and moved on at 031000L ^{muddy} N.N.W. up gradual slope to feature 5800. arriving 031200L. There were 3 huts here with dug-outs in back of each (Dug-outs could not be used for defending outside hut.) No water available at this site. One hut had look-out built inside overlooking MINTJIM river valley. Timber prevented view of DUMPU area from look-out. There was evidence that enemy had recently been in this area, as there was fresh mud on steps leading to look-out and fresh gaps cigarettes left on a grave in area.

At 031215L continued N.W. down steep track, then up steep climb to 549689. arriving 031430L. This portion of track was covered with 2 to 3 inches of mud. This position was old P.I.B. position. Two sections entered the area, the third section giving cover. One booby trap made from Australian grenade was found and deloused at entrance to position. In this position fire was still burning and fresh foot scraps found.

Also a few old jap. grenades and Jap. ammunition.
We then moved WEST approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile where we had lunch at
03 1500L. There there was a small trickle of water flowing in
an easterly direction. This was the only water seen since leaving
the creek at 564643. Moved on S.W. at 03 1600L still
through timber, down very steep, ~~the~~ muddy spur.

After 1000 yds entered kunai where track improved, but still
descended steeply for further 800 yds. Then passed over series
of small rises to track junction at 518662. arriving 03 1745L
There was an old jap. defensive position on the track approx.
300 yds NORTH of track junction.

From track junction moved S.E. around foot of hills, crossing
a few small streams running SOUTH. and the EVAPIA river
arriving A. Coy 24 Bn 552618 at 03 1900L.

All climbing was very steep and in the timber there was mud
on track up to 3 inches deep.

In the timber there were many suitable ambush position
available, with defensive position already constructed in some
places particularly along the ridge from 569662 to top
of feature 5800.

All creeks crossed provided good drinking water.

D. E. McKay Cpl

12 PL B Coy

4 JAN. 44

PATROL REPORT

4 Jan 44

To I O

From D.E. MCKAY Cpl.

Recce-Fighting Patrol

(DUMPU L"

Patrol found by B Coy 2/14

Ref Maps (MT OTTO 1"

(URIGINA 1"

Patrol Strength 4 Officers 30 ORs (including 2 British Army Officers and Off and 4 ORs B Coy 24 Bn)

Patrol Commander Lieut THOMPSON

Armament 3 Brens, 9 Owens, 22 Rifles with ammn and Grenades.

Object To recce feature 5800 and engage enemy if contacted.

Route Out From C Coy 2/14 Bn Map Ref 558624 across EVAPIA River at 563638 then NNE to 569662 along ridge over feature 5800 to 552691.

Route In From 552691 ESE down spur to track junc at 518662 then SE to A Coy 24 Bn 552618.

Time out 030430L

Time in 031900L

Results

No contact made with enemy but fresh traces of enemy at Lookout 563673 and old PIB posn 552691 with fire still burning at latter posn.

Details.

At 030430L patrol moved out from C Coy 2/14 Bn posn north through kunai to EVAPIA River at 563638 then followed branch creek up stream to 564643 then turned left up very steep kunai sput. At 030730L reach timber and continued climbing steeply NNE to where 6 huts were reached on ridge at 030915L. Had breakfast and moved on at 031000L NNW up gradual muddy slope to feature 5800 arriving 031200L. There were 3 huts here with dugouts in back of each (dugouts could not be used for defending outside hut.) No water available at this site. One hut had lookout built inside overlooking MINTJIM River valley. Timber prevented view of DUMPU area from lookout. There was evidence that enemy had recently been in this area as there was fresh mud on steps leading to lookout and fresh Jap cigarettes left on a grave in area.

At 031215L continued NW down steep track, then up steep climb to 549639 arriving 031430L. This portion of track was covered with 2 to 3 inches of mud. This posn was old PIB posn. Two sections entered the area, the third section giving cover. One booby trap made from Australian grenade was found and deloused at entrance to posn. In this posn fire was still burning and fresh food scraps found. Also a few old Jap grenades and Jap ammunition. We then moved WEST approx 1/2 mile where we had lunch at 031500L. Here there was a small trickle of water flowing in an easterly direction. This was the only water seen since leaving the creek at 564643. Moved on SW at 031600L still through timber, down very steep muddy spur. After 1600yds entered kunai where track improved but still descended steeply for further 800yds. Then passed over series of small rises to track junc at 518662 arriving 031745L. There was an old Jap defensive posn on the track approx 300yds NORTH of track junc. From track junc moved SE around foot of hills, crossing a few small streams running SOUTH, and the EVAPIA River arriving A Coy 24 Bn 552618 at 031900L. All climbing was very steep and in the timber there was mud on track up to 3 inches deep. In the timber there were many suitable ambush posns available, with defensive posn already constructed in some places particularly along the ridge from 569662 to top of feature 5800. All creeks crossed provided good drinking water.

D.E. MCKAY Cpl

12 Pl B Coy

4 Jan 44

24 AUST INF BN(AIF)

(AFC BUNSELL)
IO 24 AUST INF BN(AIF)

PATROL BRIEF

11 Jan '44

PATROL NO 24

FOUND BY B..Coy, .12 Pl.

PATROL CMD Lieut KENNEDY

STRENGTH

OBJECTIVE KOROPA .Cover all approaches to cover 57/60 Bn.

TASK Establish defensive position, patrol locally. Remain until instructed to return.

ROUTE RAMU R track.

WEAPONS Normal pl weapons .SCALE A ammunition.

EQUIPMENT Gas cape, Net, normal eqpt , blanket drill order.

START TIME 121200L

RATIONS 4 days F.O.R

INTERCOMN L/T to A Coy HQ. Reports hourly. Take over 108 at present used by patrol 15.

METHOD BRIEFED By phone.

B. Bunsell
..... Lieut
(AFC BUNSELL)
IO 24 Aust Inf BN(AIF)

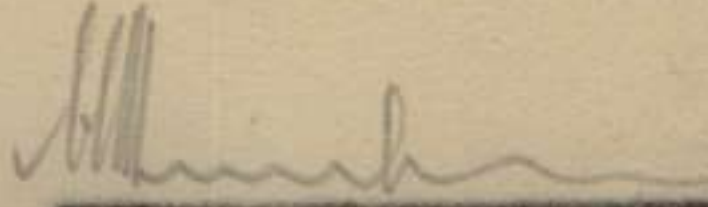
ADDENDUM to Original orders - Patrol 15.

B Coy file

FOPO.

10 Jan 44

1. INFORMATION. (a) Tac R indicates OROGUNA has been vacated and Hqs via BIRI and KISA and MATELOI show heavy recent use, en route BOGADJIM.
(b) Bridge over BOKU at 452781 is visible from OROGUNA.
2. INTENTION. Patrol 15 will -
(a) determine if OROGUNA unoccupied.
(b) Protect L of C KOROPA to rear.
3. METHOD. (a) Patrol 15 less 1 sec will remain SOLU area patrolling locally and to bridge 500753, protect themselves and rear L of C.
(b) Sec of patrol 15 to leave forthwith to search OROGUNA and return KOROPA by night 12/13 Jun 44 with all inf, to hand over to Coy patrol from 57/60 Aust Inf Bn arriving there.
(c) Withdrawal of patrol 15 will be ordered by FOPO.
(d) Patrol 15 H.Q. will contact FOPO hourly by line and W/T as convenient.
4. ADMINISTRATION. (a) Recce sec will be fully equipped with patrol rations from balance of patrol 15 who will draw from dump 45 mins fwd track as advised by I.O.
(b) Further 48 hrs rations will be sent up to patrol 15 probably 11 Jan 44. Advice later.
5. INTERCOMM. (a) Patrol 15 will maintain L/T SOLU rearward.
(b) 108 set will be taken by recce sec to OROGUNA.
6. METHOD OF ISSUE. (a) Telephone to Capt KENNEDY.
(b) By hand D.R. A Coy to patrol 15.
7. ACK.



FOPO. Capt. Adj.

ADDENDUM --- PATROL 15.

FOUND BY : 8 Pl A Coy.
STRENGTH : 1 Offr. 22 Ors. - Comd Lieut ANDERSON.
WEAPONS : Normal Pl. less 2 in mortar.
DURATION : Patrol will remain at KOROPA until ordered to return.
Estimated date of return 15 Jan 44.
ROUTE : As previous.
OBJECT : As prev. addendum. Firm- base to be est. at KOROPA.
RATIONS : 2 F.O.R. plus 1 emergency ration on man.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS :

Sec. patrol to ORGORUNA must NOT enter village before 111200L. Air - strike is expected, before that time. Patrol is to be strictly recce. only and comd. must be prepared to supply all relevant infm. to 57/60 Bn. patrol on 12 Jan.

Lieut.

(A. W. C. BUNSELL.)

I.O. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

FIGHTING PATROL. REPORT.

B Coy file

PATROL No B 2.

12 Feb 44

Ref map AMUBA 1 : 25000 2nd Ed.

Patrol found by B Coy. Patrol Comd Lieut MATHAMS.
& HQ Coy

Duration. 1 day.

Patrol strength. Inf. 3 offrs. 25 ORs incl 1 sig 2 SBs att.
Arty. 1 offr 3 sigs.

Armament. 3 Brens 10 Owens, 1 2in mortar. remainder riflemen
7 magsm Bren. 5 mags/Owen. 50 rds rifle. 6 smoke 6 ill
2 in mortar.

Object To proceed to O'BRIENS Ck. 563708, observe ambush posn and
direct aircraft co-op arty by means of 2 in mortar smoke.
Weather. Fine. Visibility. good.

Route out. NORTH to Jap Huts. 560705 thence NE to 561707 thence EAST
to contact enemy at O'BRIENS Ck 563708.

Route in. reverse route out.

Time out. 0730L. Time in. 1620L.

Result of patrol. Contact was made with enemy at track junc 562707. Patrol
withdrew and arty concentrated on target. Patrol moved
fwd to observe effects withdrew and again arty
concentrated on O'BRIENS Ck posn 563708.

NARRATIVE.

Patrol left CAMERONS KNOLL at 0730L. and proceeded by
route out (above) to the 'ap Huts 560705 arriving at 0845
hrs. Here the patrol halted and reorganised and orders
issued for the move up the spur towards posn 563708.
Object was to reach head of spur at track junc 562707,
there form a strong def posn and then send a section to
high ground on the right with the 2 in mortar to observe
Jap posn and fire smoke from it.

Patrol moved off at 0905 and at 0925hrs. and 300 yds from
Jap huts, contact was made with enemy consisting of
snipers and at least 1 LMG. Lieut McINTOSH had moved
fwd and failed to return. NO one had observed him hit.
Three unsuccessful attempts were made to bring him in but
each time brought heavy fire from enemy. On the third
attempt one LMG (enemy) was located and patrol withdrew
to allow arty to concentrate. Patrol moved fwd again
under intermittent arty fire to occupy Jap posn at track
junc 562707. No dug posns were found but a concealed
LMG posn was found just right of track and with a field
of fire 100 yds down track. No expended shells were
found.

Patrol took up fire posns overlooking O'BRIENS CK and
brought concentrated S.A. fire to bear at 1445hrs. Enemy
returned fire mostly from tree snipers so that any
further recce would have proved too costly and the object
of the patrol viz, to locate enemy posns, had been achieved
Patrol withdrew and brought arty fire to bear then returned
to CAMERONS at 1620hrs.

Casualties. Own. 1 Offr killed.
3 ORs wounded.

Enemy. unknown.

Remarks.

Enemy main posn appears to be village 563712 with a strong
fwd posn overlooking O'BRIENS C. from the NORTH and stand
patrol further fwd (consisting usually of LMG and tree
snipers) placed anywhere along track from O'BRIENS Ck to
WHITELAWS Ambush. 562707.

R.H.MATHAMS,
Lieut.

5 May

Ref Map SAIDOR 1 "

From A Coy Reinfts

Comd Sjts Featherby & Leslie

WAR DIARY Appendix K

Strength 24 ORs

Arms 8 OSMG (3 mags) 16 Rifles, 50 rounds, 1 grenade per man

Rations 1 Fd op

Time Out 050900K

Time IN 051600K.

Route OUT From A coy NORTH for 500 yds then WEST to GIG. NORTH to YAUNIA.

Route IN From YAUNIA NORTH to coast, EAST to WAB, SE to NANKINA River and SOUTH to Camp.

Object To recce ~~xxxx~~ GIG, SISIGAL, BUSAKA, WABOL, YAUNIA areas and to ascertain if any enemy Tps in area.

Result Natives contacted in area declare no Japs in area, the patrol saw no evidence of Japs in area.

Details

The patrol left A Coy 572775 at 050900k proceeded along fringe of timber for 500yds to US camp, on clearing camp patrol swung WEST through a small belt of timber, when we emerged in a clearing containing a US salvage camp. Passed ~~thru~~ through camp still going WEST climbed track to gravel pit. Here track petered out and the patrol failing to find any tracks in the vicinity decid d to Scrub bash W to GIG.

We climbed over a small timbered spur ~~xxxxxxxtrickixxxxxxx~~ and up to small kunai knoll. Descended to a trickle running N S, Climbed through jungle to kunai spur running E-W. We took several bearings which gave this posn as 513786. We followed the spur W down through thick jungle interspersed with Banana. We crossed a creek running N which we reckoned to be the E arm of the RAPRAP Ck at 510785, climbed over a timbered spur to another Ck running N - probably W arm of RAPRAP Ck at 505784.

Scrub bashed up lin 1 grade to emerge on kunai clearing and found a small Native village where we contacted TUL TUL from WAB who was helping to establish a small garden. He had seen no Japs. He directed us to GIG from here. The track led S down ku ai spur for 700yds then W along same spur for 250yds then small climb N for 200yds to GIG which we reached at 1150hrs.

This village contains 15 huts capable of accomodating approx 500 tps, on spur running NW. From bearings taken the posn on the map seemed correct-502782. We had lunch here the TUL TUL providing plenty of coconuts, bananas and pawpaw. He directed us to 2 huts 200 yds down spur SW, one of which (the "House KIAP ") contained 3 unopened boxes of grenades and 2 boxes of SAA-303. These had been left by Aust tps some time previously. We discovered 2 sig wires, one US battle cable, one D5 cable which we found later to run from GIG to the coast via YAUNIA.

The intention was for the patrol to split at GIG-one party to recce SISIGAL and WABOL, the other party to recce YAUNIA, KRU and AMUN. However from what we could gather from the TULTUL who was very difficult to understand, WABOL was approx 2 days from G G and SISIGAL could NOT be reached before sunset. He insisted that SISIGAL was at the foot of some palm trees which we could see at the top of a distant spur W of GIG. This does NOT agree with map which places it S of GIG. He had NOT seen any Japs in the area. The patrol decided that they would just have time to return to A Coy via YAUNIA.

Leaving GIG at 1300 hrs we followed the sig wires NE down kunai spur, good track to YAUNIA which we reached at 1330 hrs. This village on flat ground on W bank TAMARA River. 15 huts not too clean, capable of accomodating approx 200 tps. One of the huts contained about 50 large cartons of US biscuits which the Tultul said ANGAU had given to him. The Tultul's name was KRU and he said YAUNIA and KRU were one and the same village. He also had NOT seen any Japs. While at YAUNIA, a patrol from B Coy passed through YAUNIA en route to GIG to collect the am mentioned above.

Leaving at 1400 The track led on a bearing of 7 deg over a small kunai spur running NS along W bank of Raprap ck which we could NOT see until we crossed a bend in this ck at 494804 immediately after leaving section post of 10pl B coy. The going from YAUNIA was flat, through small kunai along old jeep track which was boggy in places. From 10 pl, track led along at 7 deg through large bare flats crisscrossed with MT tracks filled with water.

We left B coy section post followed jeep track through

Plenty of good water obtainable throughout patrol.

Signed. Pte C Sarsfield &
" K Falconer
Intel Sec 24 Bn
2230 hrs.
5 May 44.

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swampy ground still on 7 deg bearing and reached coast at 1500K, On beach we found a small U.S. A/Tk outpost 495811. Patrol followed coast road(B1) for half an hour when we obtained a ride on a U.S truck to just S of YAIMAS Patrol turned SE at WAB and again after 10 mins obtained a ride back to camp arriving at 1600 hrs.

Plenty of good water obtainable throughout patrol.

Signed Pte C Sarsfield
" K Falconer
Intel Sec
24 Bn
5 May 44.

The cliff top is a small plateau, and after proceeding another $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of very rugged country ~~W~~ AGO-YAGO ? can be sighted on the top end of a high ridge, and across two large ravines. The track at this time led along a razor back ridge and on both sides were dead Japs who had collapsed and fallen over. Two different tracks descend straight down from the ridge. The track to be taken continues along the razor back. Owing to conditions the party who made this Patrol did not continue any further on the track YAGO YAGO.

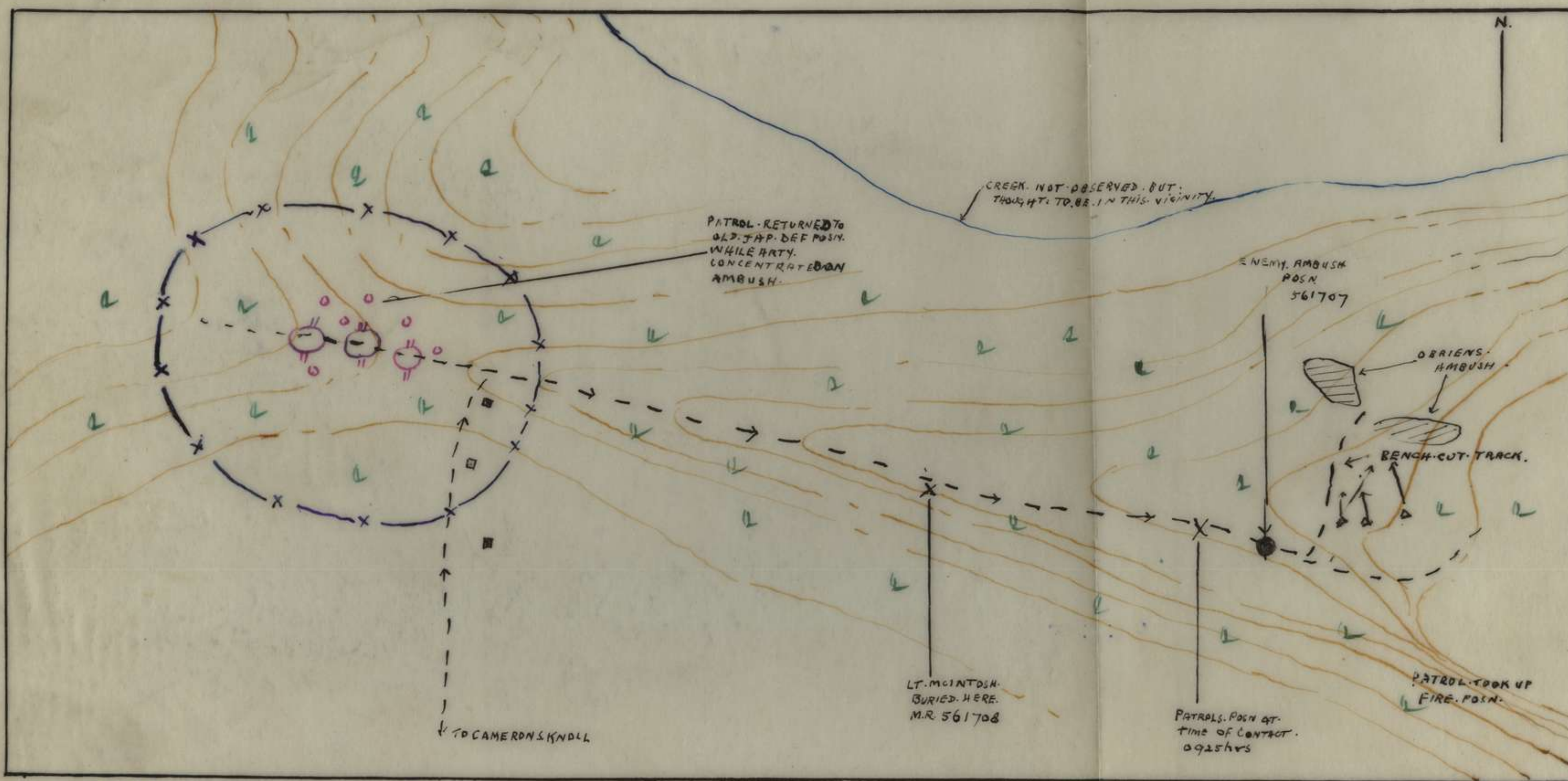
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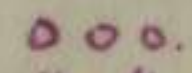
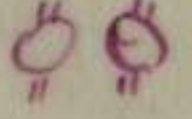
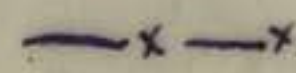
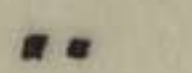
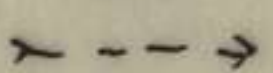

Some of the names of Villages and streams in this report differ from those as shown on the map.

SKETCH OF PATROL B.2 CONTACT WITH ENEMY. 12 FEB 44.

REF MAP AMUBA. 1:25000.



LEGEND

- FOX HOLES. 
- UNDERGROUND SHELTERS 
- BARBED WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS. 
- OLD JAP. HUTS. 
- ROUTE OUT. 
- O'BRIENS AMBUSH. 

SCALE. 1 INCH. = 50 YDS. (APPROX.)

WEATHER. FINE.
 VISIBILITY. GOOD.
 METHOD. MEMORY.
 TIME. 1200 HRS.
 DATE. 13 FEB 44
 COPIED BY. *J. Russell*
 P.C.
 I"86.

GOING MAP AND REPORT

Track report on route of A Coy patrol. First part of route is hard going through thick undergrowth and over Kunai spurs. The streams are fordable. The last stage is by MR pad, good going, pad overgrown with grass. Muddy in patches. Then track joins earth formed road. Going busy all the way to A Coy area.

Good drinking water obtainable en route.

All bearings Magnetic

REF MAP	SCALE	1 in	A Coy -- GIG -- YAUNIA
From bridge to A Coy area road is good. Muddy and wet, slippery in wet weather	7		
Numerous U.S. Camps along rd. bet. WAB & NANKINA Rv.	6		
This road is earth, good in dry, bad in wet weather. Bridges along road made of cut logs. Take weight up to 3 tons. Detours at each one for heavy traffic. Road gradually improves as it nears NANKINA and will take cross streams of traffic.	5		
Track leaves YAUNIA and passes through light timber. Good going. track an old deep rd. Impassable in places. Very muddy. Track leaves timber passes an old camp site, crisscrossed by deep vehicle marks full of water. Ground very muddy. track finds Rap Rap ex. Tuxet then enters timber. Emerges on to beach road at MR 459811	4		
Track leaves GIG at 202°. Follows sig wire. Good track, old bench cut overgrown. good down hill grade. Kunai L&R 5 min before YAUNIA. track levels out. Muddy water along track. This village contains 15 to 20 lge. huts. not too clean. accom approx 150 men. Village on E bank of TAMARA Rv. which is nearest water supply. NAs friendly	3		
This continued for 2 hrs. Mostly timber. Two Kunai spurs. Two streams steep banks. Climbed spur to GIG. lge village. 15 huts. Not too clean. accom approx 200 men. Fresh fruit and nuts. 1/2 hr before reaching GIG. Track starts again. Fair track overgrown. From GIG track to SISIGAL at 198°. Sig. wires through village. NAs friendly	2		
Track muddy through U.S. Camp. Cross Creek through gravel pit then thick undergrowth and track peters out. SCRUB BASHED	1		

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A Coy Patrol 9 May 44. to 20 May 44.

Ref Map SAIDOR 1/63860 NANKINA 1/63860.

Patrol Comd. LT. F. R. FOX.

1 Object of Patrol

To locate & destroy any enemy in the villages YOGA YOGA south towards ZAWIAN and west to MAWELORO.

2 Composition of Patrol

Comd LT. F. R. FOX

ZIC. LT. R. H. Mathams

Fighting Ips. 2 officers 20 ORs.

Attached Sigs 10 ORs.

I. Sec. 2 ORs.

RAT. 2 ORs.

MACC. 2 ORs.

Total 2 officers 36 ORs.

ARMAMENT.

2 LMGs.

16 OSMGs.

20 Rifles.

2 Grenades
per man

3 Duration of Patrol 11 days.

4 Time Out 09 1230 K

Time In 20 1820 K.

5 Route Out.

From B.H.Q. by M.T. to YORI 401815
From YORI patrol marched to along
trail via WIWAI, BABUMI to SEIN
381758 thence via AIYUA to
SINDAMAN 428735 from there
south to MASIBANG 428716. Then south.

2
via LANGANI to BASE 434 667. From here
portion of patrol moved forward to YOGA
YOGA 446 653

6. Route In

Reverse of route out except that patrol
moved via LANGANI to SINDAMAN
bypassing MASIBANG.

7. Casualties.

Enemy	5 Killed
Own	NIL

8. NARRATIVE.

Day -1 Left BHO 1230K arrived YORI
1630K. Strength 2 officers 36 ORs.
LT. communications could NOT be
established as the lines had
been cut between YORI and U.S.
TANK DESTROYER UNIT.

Day 1 Left YORI 0715K with
intention to move to AIYUA.
Arrived SEIN 1430K but did
NOT continue to AIYUA. Strength
2 officers 33 ORs 3 ORs YORI.

Day 2 Left SEIN 0700K intending to
move to MASIBANG but owing
to the length and slow
progress of the carrier line
this was impossible. Arrived
SINDAMAN 1400K. Numerous
dead faps were found along

the track and were counted by
1 sec. strength 2 offes 33 ORL

Day 3. at 0630K natives reported to
ANGAU that there were approx 6
japs occupying gardens between
SINDAMAN and MASIBANG. Patrol
left 0715K with guide. An
arming in gardens area 1 sec
was placed in an ambush
position along track. Self, LT MATTHAMS,
WO II BURNET and Police boy with
No 1 sec. (Pl Stevens) entered gardens
where 4 japs were observed.
LT MATTHAMS, WO II BURNET, Police boy and
Mc Kelly remained on slope overlooking
gardens with orders NOT to open
fire until self & No 1 sec did so.
One jap began to move through
the garden in our direction and
passed 10 yds from us. Detailed
2 men (Ptes. Schmahl & Jones J.R.) to deal
with this jap while remainder
of sec moved in. Schmahl & Jones
opened fire then LT MATTHAMS party.
We moved in & found two japs
hiding behind a large rock.
These were killed immediately.
No 2 sec (Pte Barranger) then moved
through the gardens & exploited

The four Japs we first observed had been killed one of them being a 2nd Lieut. Hills went to No.1 Ptes Schmahl & Jones. No.2 Pte Kelly & Polie bay No.3 Pte Schmahl No.4 Pte Morris.

The condition of one Jap was very good & the other three quite fair. It was noted that the first Jap killed had 3 bullets in the head, 17 in the chest & 13 in the abdomen. Patrol then contacted ambush party and moved to MASIBANG arriving at 1200K. More dead Japs were found along track.

Day 4. No.1 Sec left MASIBANG 0700K. Other two Secs patrolled gardens in MASIBANG area. NMG natives reported area clear. Patrol left MASIBANG 0930K and contacted No.1 Sec LANGANI 1145K. Full patrol then moved to ck 434667. More dead Japs were found along track. The sig cable ended 1/4 hour back from here at 433670. The move from MASIBANG to here was very hard - country rugged strength 2 of us 33 air.

Day 5 Decided on establishing BASE 434667 for the following reasons
 1. Communications from YOGA YOGA

would be impossible as ANGAU reported that it was at least one day's march.

2. ANGAU reported that there is no water within $\frac{3}{4}$ hour of YOGA YOGA.

3. Rations were checked and it was found that only 7 days meat ration had been supplied and although we had been having only two (2) meat meals per day, only three (3) days remained on hand.

ANGAU called in local kanakas who reported that there were some Japs in YOGA YOGA. but as they had chased the kanakas out of the gardens the kanakas had not been near them for a week or more. One native said that five (5) Japs had moved from RIDGE garden to a garden further down the track but that two (2) had died. Patrol 1500 (PTE KELLY) established ambush at 439651 & returned 1630 K N.M.S.

Day 6. One sec (PTE BARRANGER) established ambush at 436664. LT FOX with one sec (PTE KELLY) plus RAMP & I cpl met ambush party & whole proceeded to garden where kanaka had seen the three (3) Japs. Natives along track lead party to the Jap hideout. Patrol found

hideout unoccupied so set an ambush. One Jap returned & was killed by the Schmitt. Kanakas reported the other two Japs dead near ck. Patrol checked this report and skinned through gardens NMS. Gardens were very bare. Returning to BASE patrol picked up a Mission Boy from BAMBU 574515 & brought him in for questioning by ANGAU. He refused to answer questions & told other Kanakas in dialect to remain silent. When questioned further by ANGAU he broke bush & escaped. Other Kanakas from villages out from YOKA YOKA and all reported that there were NO Japs in their areas.

Day 7 4 sigs moved back to SINDAMAN to repair line. Only one day's ration remained on hand. Intention for the following day, move back to SINDAMAN. Strength 2 affis 29 ORS Base, 4 ORS SINDAMAN, 3 ORS YORI.

Day 8. Left BASE at 0700K and received message re rations at 0900K. Did not consider it worth while returning to BASE as task of patrol

had been completed. Arrived SINDAMAN
 1315 K. Rations arrived 1500 K. and
 on checking same it was noted that
 the meat rations which arrived
 were more than those issued for
 the 14 days. Details of rations are
 shown separately. SIBOG natives
 reported that approx 2 weeks ago
 there were 3 faps in gardens
 approx 420750. Investigating D9
 strength 2 affs 33 ORs. 3 ORs YORI.

Day 9. Patrol one sec (Pte Barranger)
 investigated gardens vicinity 420750
 N.M.S. One dead fap was found
 in hut but hut had NOT
 been used for some time.

Day 10. Left SINDAMAN 0730 K arrived
 BABAMI approx 1230 K. Staged night.

Day 11. Left BABUMI 0800 K arrived
 YORI 1100 K thence MT to A Coy
 area arriving 1820 K.

9. Communications.

Used 8 miles Australian cable and quantity of U.S. cable.

10. Track Conditions.

The going was very tough on the route out particularly between MASIBANG and YOFAYOGA.

11. NATIVE Infm.

Proved very reliable.

12. Supplies.

Rations, particularly meat, were short until Day 8.

13. MORALE.

Excellent throughout. The men showed general dissatisfaction because of the shortage of Japs.

14. Health & Hygiene.

Health was good throughout & hygiene laid down was strictly adhered to.

15 General Remarks.

The work of the men within the patrol was very good, but in our first contact on Day 3. our leader 1 sec (Cpl Stevens) had to concentrate on the preventing of casualties by the sec's LMG gunner. The gunner was very careless and on two occasions was going to fire on our own men and the native who led the patrol in. It is the firm belief of the patrol officers that the reinforcements gained a great deal of experience. The three sec comds did excellent work and maintained complete control throughout.

R. H. H. H.
 O.C. Patrol.
 21 May 44.

TRACK REPORT ON ROUTE COVERED BY FOX PATROL TO YOGAYOGA

9 - 20 May 44.

DAY - 1. 9 May. Patrol was transported to YORI from Coy area by M T and night 9/10 May spent at YORI.

DAY 1. 10 May. YORI - SEIN.

0719hrs. Left YORI and moved SOUTH to small creek - trib of YAWI River. (good drinking.) From the river the track ran S.W. up open kunai spur to village (WAWAI) then it entered jungle and emerged onto a steep kunai spur grade approx 1 in 3. continued over the spur and once again entered jungle and climbed steadily along the side of a spur - track at this stage was very muddy and rocky and going was slow. Numerous foxholes and slit trenches were seen along the track. Track flattens out but was still very muddy. It then descends steeply to a trib of MOT River 373778 (good drinking) time between streams which are the only waterpoints on journey thus far was 4 hrs 19 minutes. After crossing stream gradual climb for 15 minutes until GABUMI was reached at 1143hrs. A fir sized village occupied by natives. drinking water 1 min away.

1300 hrs. Left GABUMI and climbed for one hour - hard going very rocky and muddy. Track levels out and is easy going to SEIN which was reached at 143hrs. Patrol bivouacked night 10/11 May.

DAY 2. 11 MAY. 0720hrs. Departed SEIN en route SINDAMAN.

Track leaves SEIN in S.E. direction for 5 min through overgrown native garden then enters jungle very muddy and hard going. track does not go over feature as shown on map but ~~snakes~~ around EASTERN slope of feature 388750. A gradual climb all the way. 3 skeletons were noticed along track. Track levels out for short time and struck first water at 0900hrs. Very steep banks and then a steep descent into AIYUA (unoccupied) reached at 0915hrs. AIYUA is a large village and a further 6 Jap skeletons were found in the huts. Track continues EAST through thick kunai until the jungle and mud started again 10 minutes out of AIYUA.

20 minutes out a broken Jap rifle and barrel and block of woodpecker (damaged by fire) were seen. Alongside track were dilapidated shelters. Track had many short steep pinches from this point to first water from AIYUA. It was also exceptionally muddy and rough which meant very hard going and frequent rests. The first trib of YAWI River runs through a miniature gorge with almost vertical banks. Still jungle and track very muddy.

4 hrs out of SEIN the tripod of the WOODPECKER was noticed but was badly damaged. More steep pinches. Track then entered overgrown native garden through which we passed until SINDAMAN was reached. going fairly easy through gardens. Arrived SINDAMAN 1400hrs. and bivouacked night 11/12 May. ISANGUN is off the main track and was bypassed. this was learnt from local kanakas.

Total number of bodies along track to this point was 23.

Day 3. 12 May. SINDAMAN - MASIBANG.

0740hrs. Departed SINDAMAN in path 1 formation along track with a SIBOG native as guide. easy going, slightly slippery and a gradual climb. At 0840hrs track leveled out and native guide pointed out back track down very steep slope into gardens map ref 429724. Two secs were sent to investigate native report re Japs guided by kanaka. Departed from gardens at 1115hrs which was still very muddy, then a slight descent followed by a stiff climb into the village of MASIBANG. (Unoccupied) arriving at 1200hrs. Water 10 minutes down a steep pinch.

DAY 4. 13 May. MASIBANG - BASE.

Track left MASIBANG S.E. down a precipitous gorge grade 1 in 1. bad track no footholds and would be dangerous in wet weather. This continued until we crossed another trib. of YAWI River 432707. then EAST and crossed YAWI R

map ref 436706. followed YAWI R. S.E. for 30 mins and then turned EAST up long spur rather a still but gradual climb. track continues along a narrow razorback. Numerous huts used by the U.S. patrols at this point. good track slightly overgrown enters thick kangaroo grass and banana plantation - no bananas - track well defined easy going, muddy in patches. then a steep dip down to branch of creek 438682. good drinking.

The native guide said that this track was the main track to YOGA YOGA. it bypassed LANGANI 2. shown on map and joins up with track from LANGANI 2 to YOGA YOGA at 438670. 10 dead Japs along track.

Track followed creek for 100 yds and moved up EAST bank. hard going then a long stretch of easy going through an old banana plantation, until the edge of a gorge was reached. A dangerous track down gorge to a small stream at 434667. Grade 1 in 1. track very slippery and dangerous.

BASE was established at 434667 at 1400 hrs. phone head established at 433670 .

Track from BA E to YOGA YOGA is covered in separate patrol report.

Track times for 1 pl with heavy packs and arms including halts.

YORI - SRIN	7 hrs 5 mins.
SRIN - SINDAMAN	6 hrs 35 mins.
SINDAMAN - MASIBANG.	1hr 45 mins.
MASIBANG - BASE	6 hrs 40 mins

Day 8. Left BASE at 0740hrs arriving SINDAMAN 1315hrs.
17 May.

Day 9 Left SINDAMAN 0715hrs. arriving GUBAMI 1300hrs.
18 May

Day 11
20 May Left GUBAMI 0830hrs. arrived YORI 1100hrs.

Track times for return trip. were much faster than outward journey as track was much drier and mostly down hill.

BASE - SINDAMAN.	6 hrs 25 mins.
SINDAMAN - GUBAMI	5 hrs 45 mins
GUBAMI - YORI	8 hrs.

*Russell
Cpl*

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WAR DIARY Appendix... K

The documents are in the possession of ANGAU and will be investigated by them. Police boys were sent out to arrest the mission boy but were not successful. The effect of the patrol on the natives will be very good as some villages, deserted on the outward journey had been demolished and partly rebuilt and occupied by the time the patrol returned.

W. Russell
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PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT.

10 May 44

Ref Map SAIDOH 1 inch.

Types Fighting.

Patrol found by.

2 secs of FOX patrol Patrol Comd. Lt FOX.

Patrol strength

2 offrs. 18 ORs plus 3 Cpls.

Time out.

0840K. Time in 1045K.

Route out

429725 to 431724.

Route in

Reverse of route out.

Enemy contacted at

431724

Enemy strength.

1 Offr 3 ORs.

Not in defensive posn.

Enemy casualties.

4 killed. wounded NIL.

Own cas.

Nil.

Remarks.

4 Japs killed. 8 bodies found around sleeping quarters. The Japs were in native gardens and would not allow the natives in the gardens.

Japs were in fair condition and had a good supply of native food.

Armed with 1 rifle 2 bayonets and approx 50 rds .256.

Some documents found.

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PATROL REPORT.

18 5 44

Reece and fighting patrol

Ref Map SAIDOR 1 inch.

Patrol found by. 1 sec FOX patrol.

Strength 8 ORS. Comd. Pts BARFANGER.

Time out. 1450hrs. Time in 1620K.

Object of patrol. Reece track from MASIBANG to LANGANI 2.

Route out. from MASIBANG along track towards LANGANI.

Route in. Same route.

Result of patrol. Track clear. No movement seen.

J. Russell
Cpl

PATROL REPORT.

14 May 44

Ref Map SAIDOR 1 inch.

Patrol found by - 1 see FOX patrol . Cord Pte KELLY.

Patrol strength 8 ORs.

Timeout. 0715hrs. Time in. 1630hrs.

Object of patrol. to ambush track from 434667 to YOGA YOGA.

Route out. from 434667 to 436664.

Route in. reverse.

Result of patrol. Patrol proceeded along track until they reached 436664 where ambush was set until 1500hrs. then returned to camp. No movement seen.

Reason for ambush. Local kanakas reported that Japs were moving along track from YOGA YOGA.

J. Russell
Cpl

Patrol No 2.

PATROL REPORT.

15 May 44

Ref Map SAIDOR 1 inch.

Patrol found by One see FOX patrol. Comd Pte BARRANGER.

Patrol strength. 7 Oks and 5 local kanakas.

Weather. fine and hot.

Task of Patrol. set ambush for 3 Japs reported to be moving from YOGA YOGA and move forward with Patrol 3. to clear gardens vicinity YOGA YOGA.

Time out. 0720hrs. Time in. 1530hrs.

Route out. From 434667 along track towards YOGA YOGA.

Route in. Reverse of route out.

Result. One SNLP Jap killed in gardens 483658.

Detail. Patrol moved to 436664 and established ambush until 0900hrs when patrol 3 reached ambush posn.

Patrol 2 then joined patrol 3 and continued towards YOGA YOGA. Full report on route given in report on Patrol. 3.

J. Barranger

Ref Map SAIDOR 1 inch.

Patrol found by. FOX patrol. Comd. Lt FOX.

Patrol strength. 1 Offr. 8 ORs. incl. "Y" Cpl. when joined by patrol No 2. 1 Offr. 15 ORs.

Weather Fine and hot.

Task of patrol. To clear gardens in vicinity of YOGA YOGA.

Time out. 0815hrs. Time in. 1530hrs.

Route out. From 434667 along track towards YOGA YOGA.

Route in. Reverse.

Result. 1 Jap SNBP. killed in gardens 443658.

Details. 0815hrs. Patr 1 moved out down steep slope to a creek 434666 reached at 0825. moved up creek for 10 minutes and then climbed a steep cliff approx 100ft for 15 min. in many places on hands and knees. There were several old Jap lean-tos which was possibly an old staging camp, but showed no signs of recent activity. No bodies found.

0900hrs. Met patrol No 2 in arbush pean. continued on in general S.E. direction climbing for 30 mins to a razorback ridge. halt for 10 minutes then down a steep landslide with aid of kunda vines for 10 mins. then along a gradual descent until 1030hrs when a steep descent was made to a fair sized river. 438662. where 8 YOGA YOGA natives were contacted and questioned.

1105hrs. Began another very steep climb until 1130hrs. when the track levelled out and passed through an old native garden which was practically back to its natural state. high secondary growth. The kanakas guided the patrol to a small lean to where evidence of one Jap was seen 443658. Arbush set and at 1230hrs the Jap returned from the gardens and was shot. He was in poor condition and full of disease. Natives stated that the other two Japs previously reported had died some distance away on a small creek. The patrol investigated and found the bodies. They also stated there were no more Japs anywhere in YOGA YOGA or the surrounding villages.

1330hrs. Commenced move back to camp arriving there at 1530hrs.

General. The track surface was mostly fair but in parts of the steep pinches dangerous and slippery. Only 3 Jap skeletons were seen along track and it would appear that the Japs had managed to evacuate further as most skeletons between SEIN and SINDAMAN.

Adrian
22 May 44

Patrol No 4.

PATROL REPORT.

18 May 44

Ref Map SAIBOR 1 inch.

Rece and fighting.

Patrol found by 1 sec. FOX patrol.

Comd. Pte BARRINGER.

Strength.

8 Ghe.

Time out.

0900hrs. Time in 1300hrs.

Route out.

from BANDAMAN to 420750.

Route in

Reverse

Result of patrol.

No traps in gardens but one dead Jap was found.

Details.

Patrol moved out at 0900hrs with a native guide, they moved to the gardens which were overgrown, and searched the gardens finding no signs of recent occupation but one dead Jap in a small leanto.

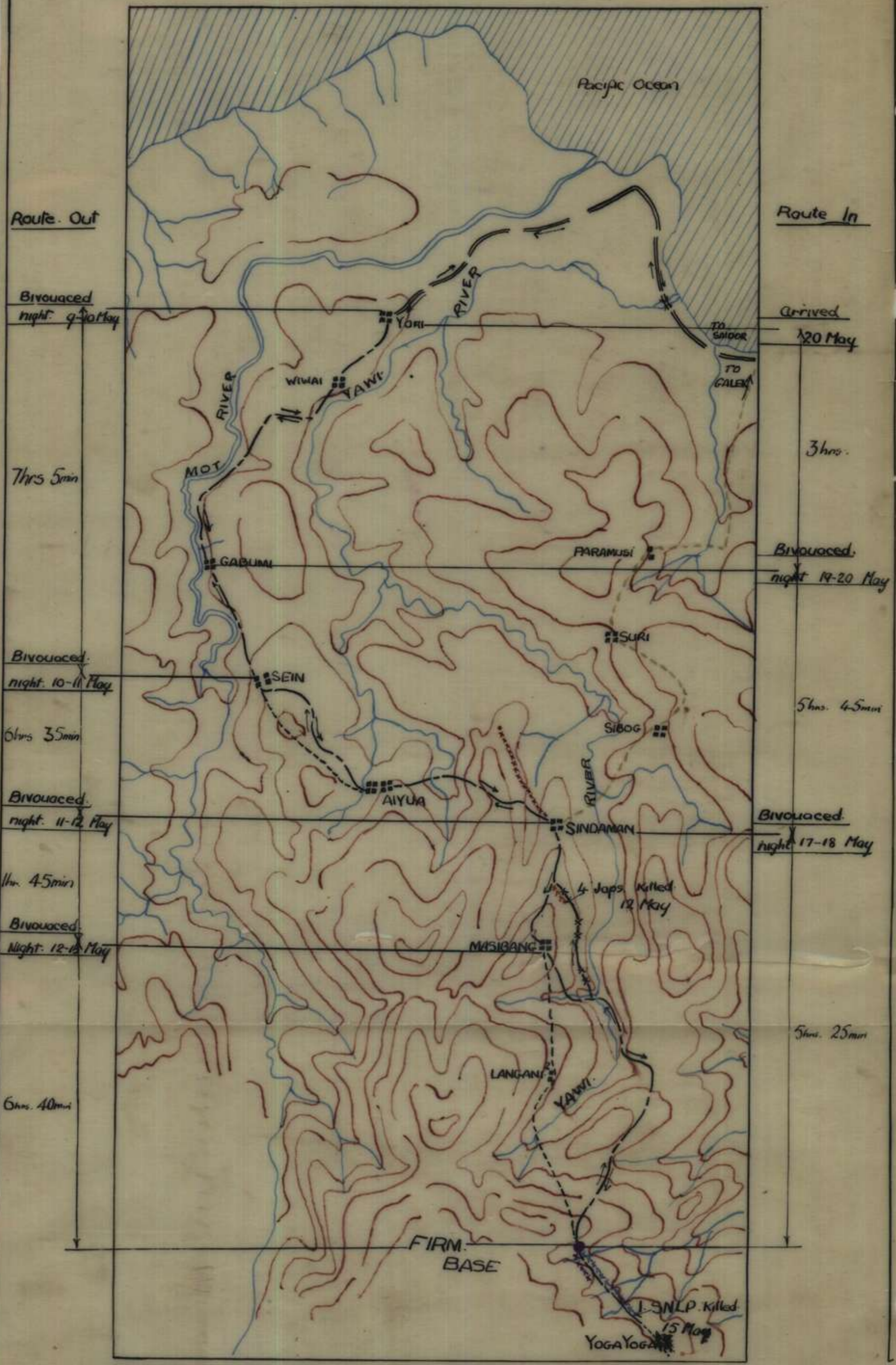
M. Russell
Cpt

— OVERLAY —

SHOWING ROUTE OF FOX PATROL

Ref. Map Suidor. 1mch.

R.F. 1/63300



Route Out

Route In

Bivouaced night 9-10 May

Arrived 120 May

7hrs 5min

3hrs.

Bivouaced night 10-11 May

Bivouaced night 19-20 May

6hrs 35min

5hrs. 4-5min

Bivouaced night 11-12 May

Bivouaced night 17-18 May

1hr. 4-5min

Bivouaced Night 12-13 May

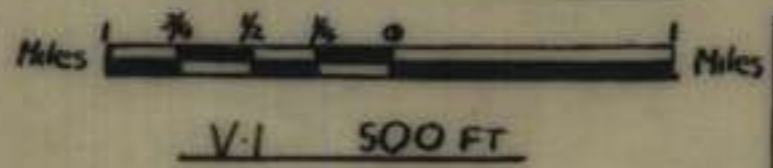
5hrs. 25min

6hrs. 40min

Legend

- == JEEP Rd
- ROUTE OR PATROL
- - - TRACK AS ON MAP
- - - ROUTE OF ACTION PARTY
- XXXXXX Patrol 12 May
- XXXXXX Patrol 14 May
- XXXXXX Patrol 15 May
- XXXXXX Patrol 18 May
- - - Detour
- Village
- ~ Streams
- FORM LINES
- Firm. BASE

SCALE - 1 in = 1 Mile

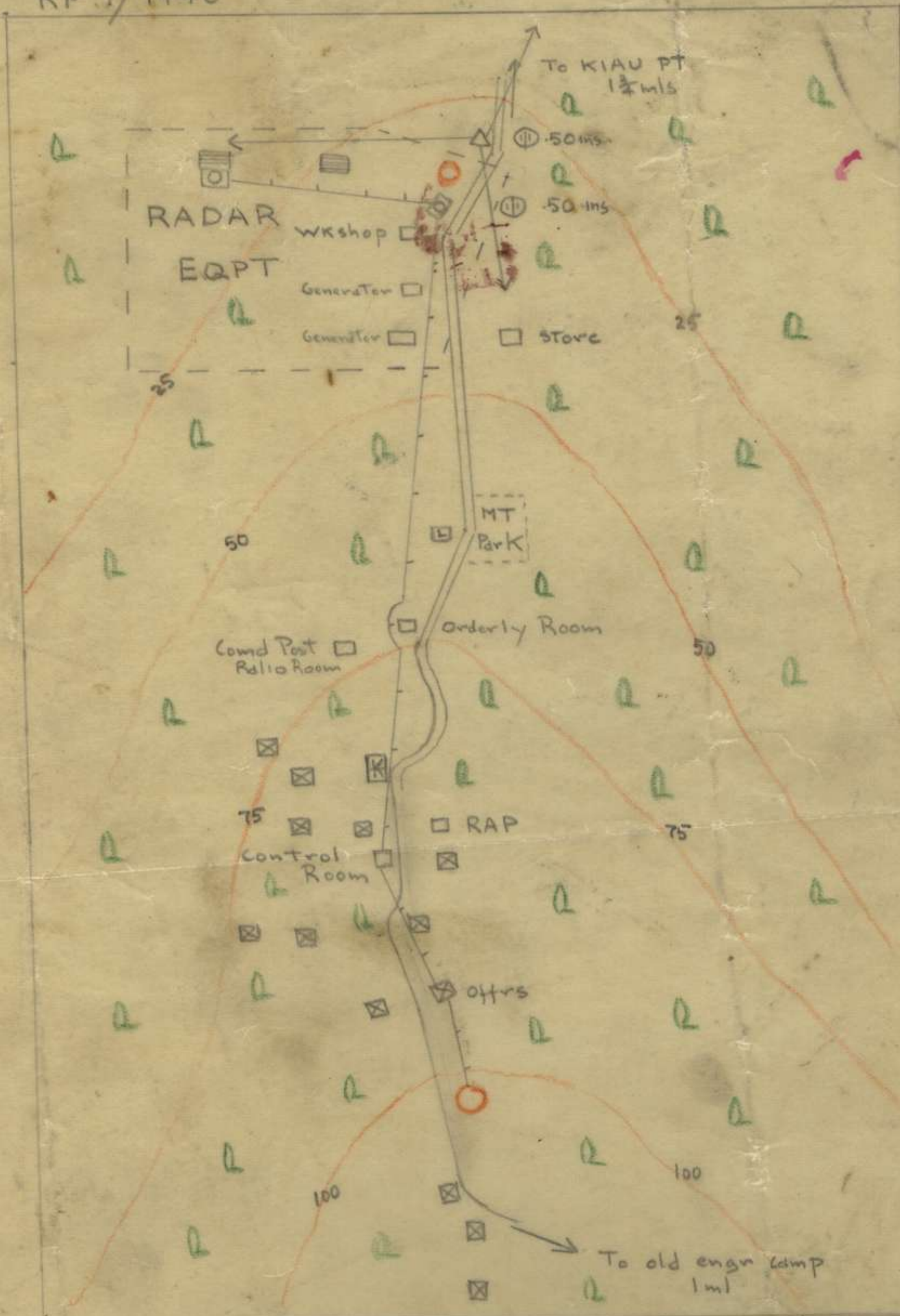


Time 1100hrs
 Date 22 May
 A.B. Tolson, Lt
 i Sect

3 * Copies *war map*

FIELD SKETCH
406 RADAR KIAU PT
SHOWING LAYOUT + DEFS

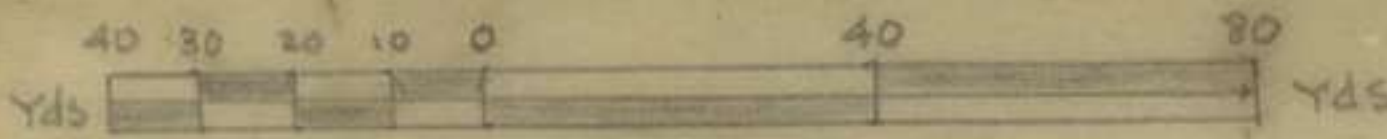
RF 1/1440



Legend

- Jeep Truck
- Foot Track
- Telephone
- Alarm Post
- Bren
- AA Art'y
- Tent (Sleeping)
- Kitchen
- Ltrine
- Antend
- RADAR
- Rain Forest
- Form Lines

Scale 1 in equals 40 yds



∇ 1 25ft

Datum Level 450ft

Reliability

Method *Compass + pacing*
 Visibility *Fair*
 Time Taken *2 1/2 hrs*
 Date *021400/K*
 By *ND ANDERSON Lt*
 Unit *24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)*

— SKETCH OF 10 PL. H.Q. AND 3 SEC. AREA — AT YAUNIA

Ref Map : SAIDOR 1 in - 1 ml.

Map Ref. 493790

R.F. : 1/720



- Jeep Rd - - - - -
- OLD Jeep Rd (UNSERVICEABLE) - . - . - .
- CREEK ~~~~~
- HUTS □
- TENTS △△
- CONTOURS ≡
- BARRICADE ^

SCALE 1 in - 20 YDS

V-1 - 5 Ft

DATUM POINT *

TIME TAKEN 15 min
DATE 3 MAY '44
METHOD COMPASS + EYE
Traced by K. B. Falconer Pte
'I' Sect

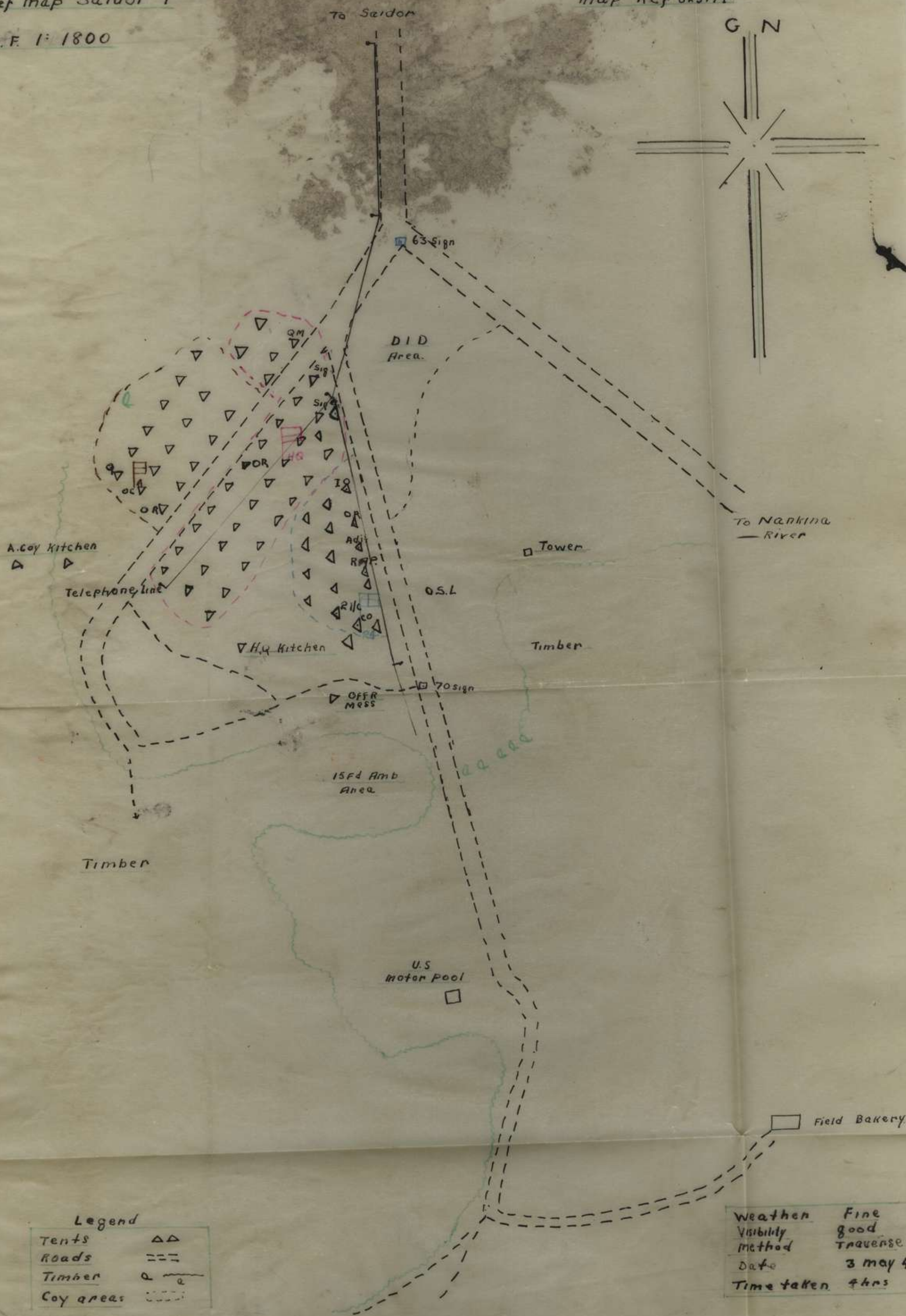
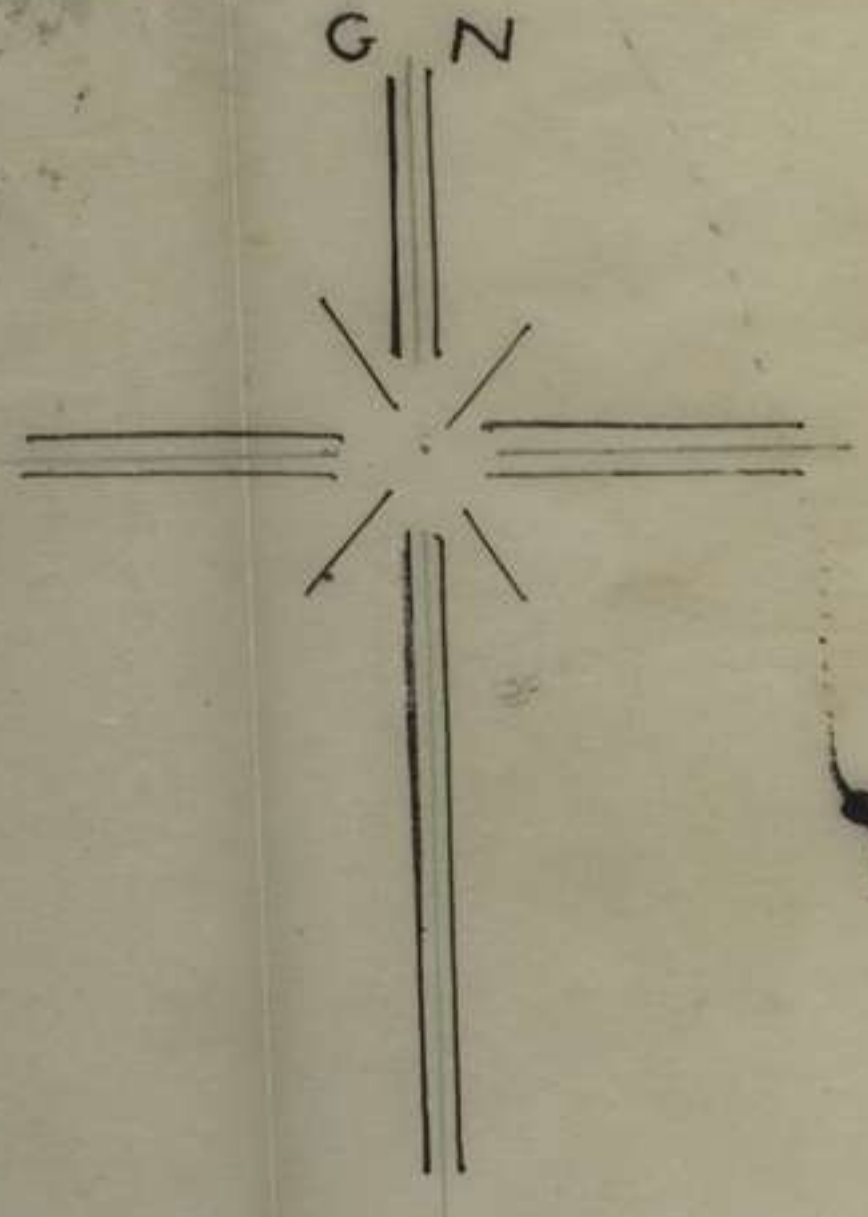
WAR DIARY Appendix

24 Aust Inf Bn HQ Area.

Ref map Saidor 1"

map Ref 523774

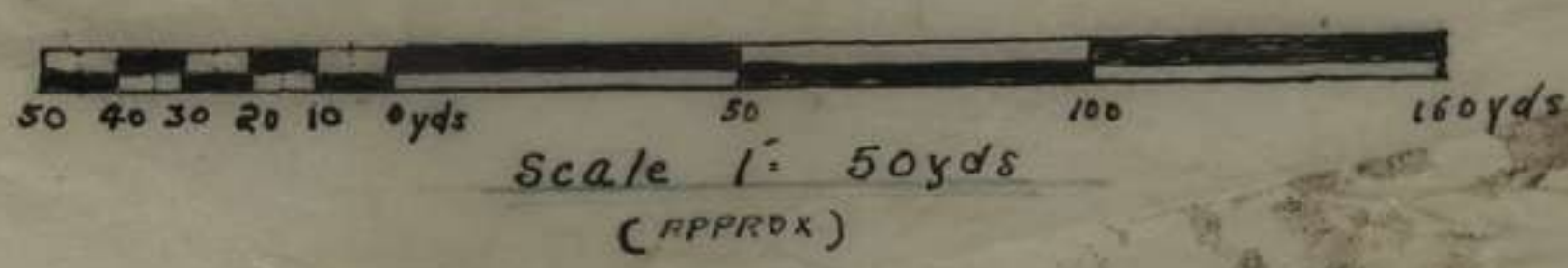
R.F. 1:1800



Legend

Tents	△△
Roads	---
Timber	~
Coy areas	---

Weather	Fine
Visibility	good
method	Traverse
Date	3 May 44
Time taken	4 hrs

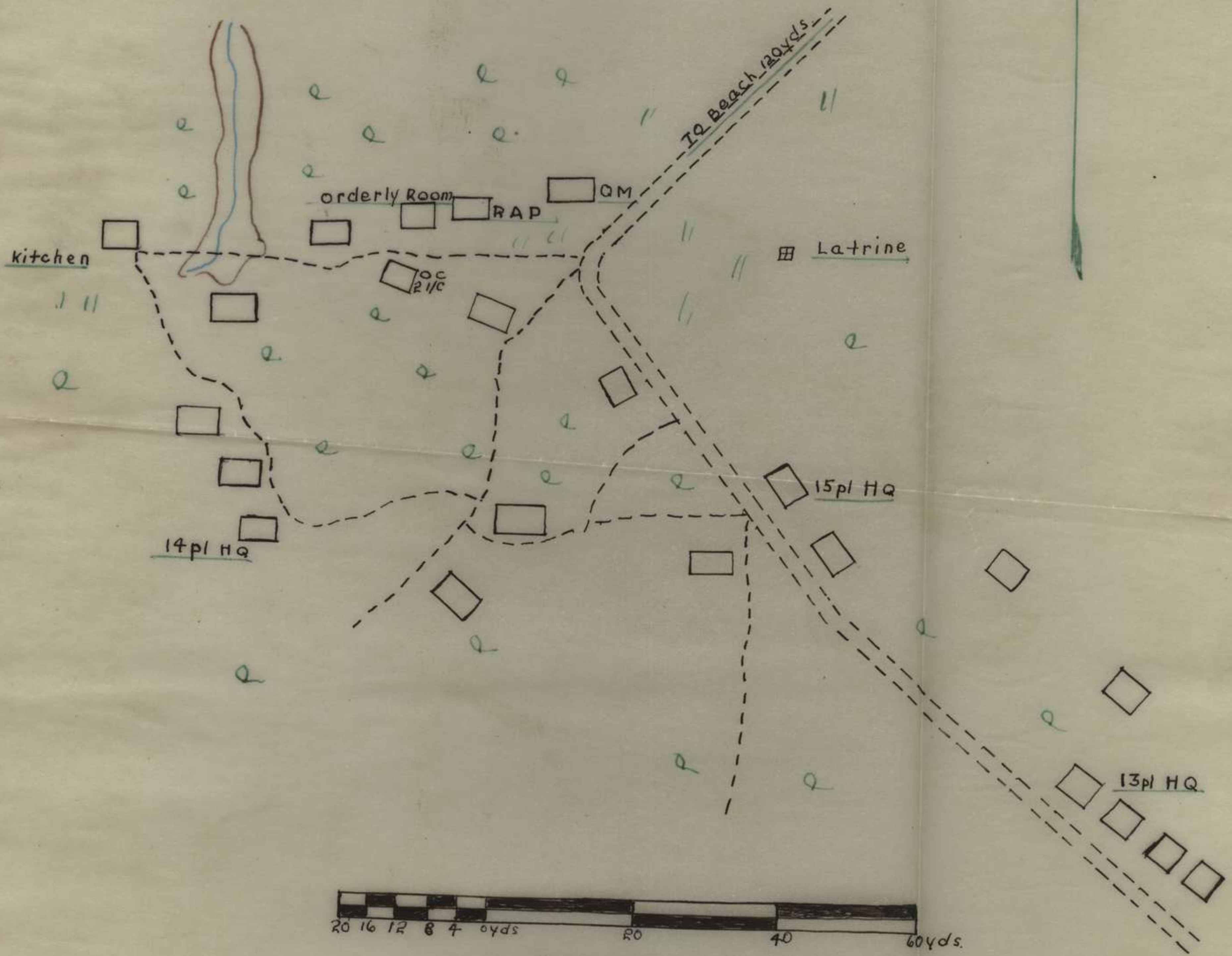


SKETCH OF CCOY AREA

R.F. 1:720

Ref Map SAIDOR 1:1 mile.

Map Ref 562775



20 16 12 8 4 0 yds 20 40 60 yds.

Scale 1:20 yds.

VI 5ft

Datum point creek

LEGEND.
 Road == == CR
 Tracks - - - -
 Creek ~ ~ ~ ~
 Tents □ □
 Form line - - - -

Weather good
 Vis Fair
 Time taken 1 hr
 Date 4 May 44
 Sketch copied by
 H. H. K. Pte
 F. Sec.

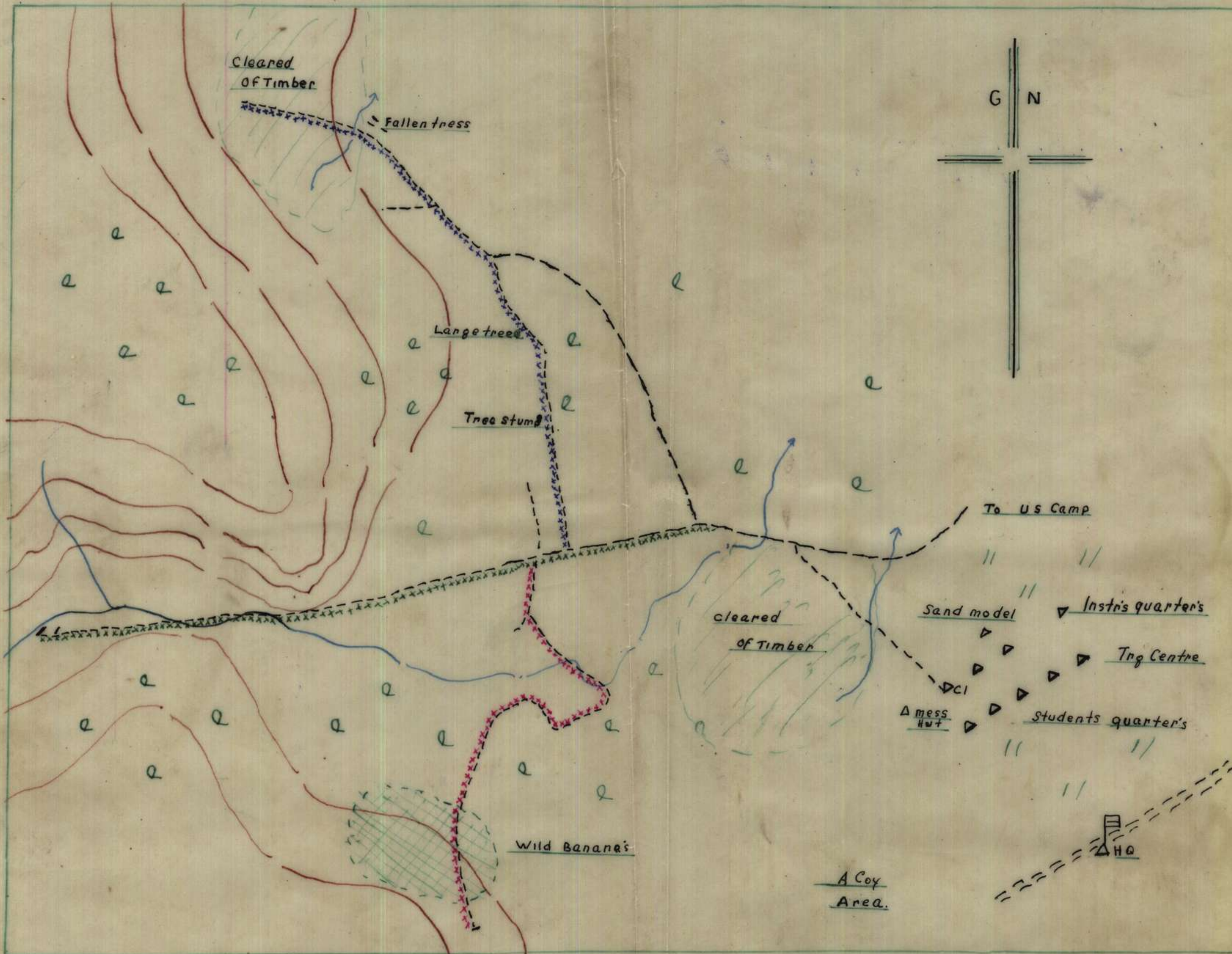
24 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F) Trg Centre

RF 1:1800

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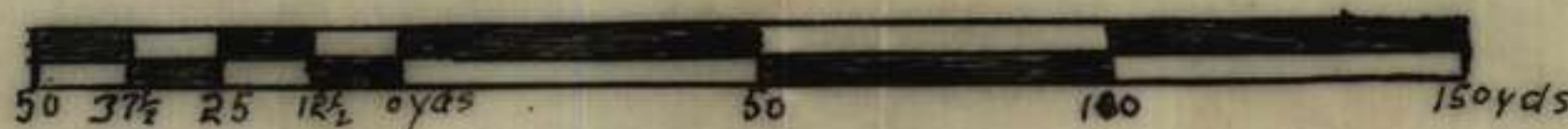
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Datum point HQ Coy OR



LEGEND

Jeep track	---
Foot	—
Timber	ee
Dry water Course	---
Form lines	~~~~~
Kunai	—x—x—
Section Trg areas	1xxx 2xxxx



Scale 1" 50yds

VI 15ft

weather	good
Vis	
Date	10 May 44
Time taken	Rhos
Form lines	by eye
method	Traverse
A. Horshady Pte & Set	

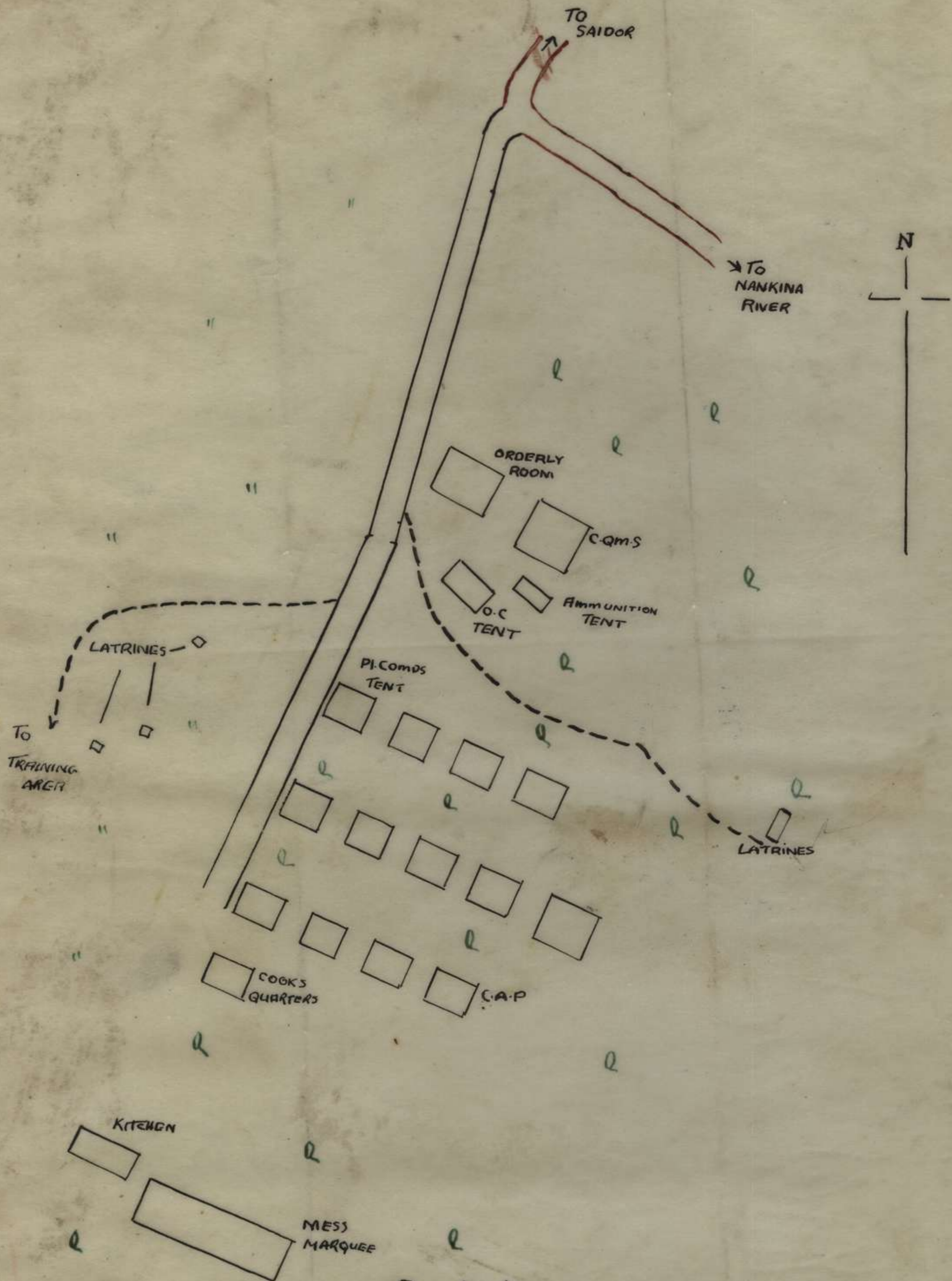
SKETCH of B Coy AREA

RefMap Saidor 1" 1 mile

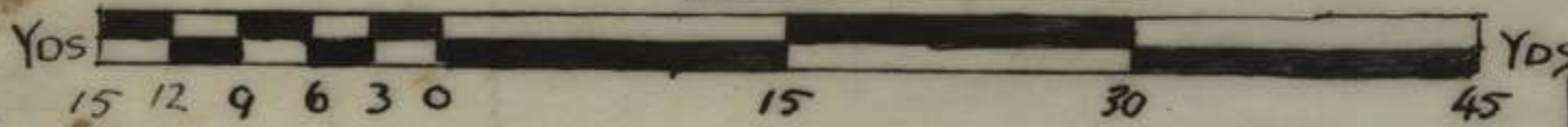
WAR DIARY Appendix K

RF: 1/540

MR 528772



Scale 1" = 15 YDS



Legend

- Main Road
- Coy. Road
- Tents
- Timber
- Kunai

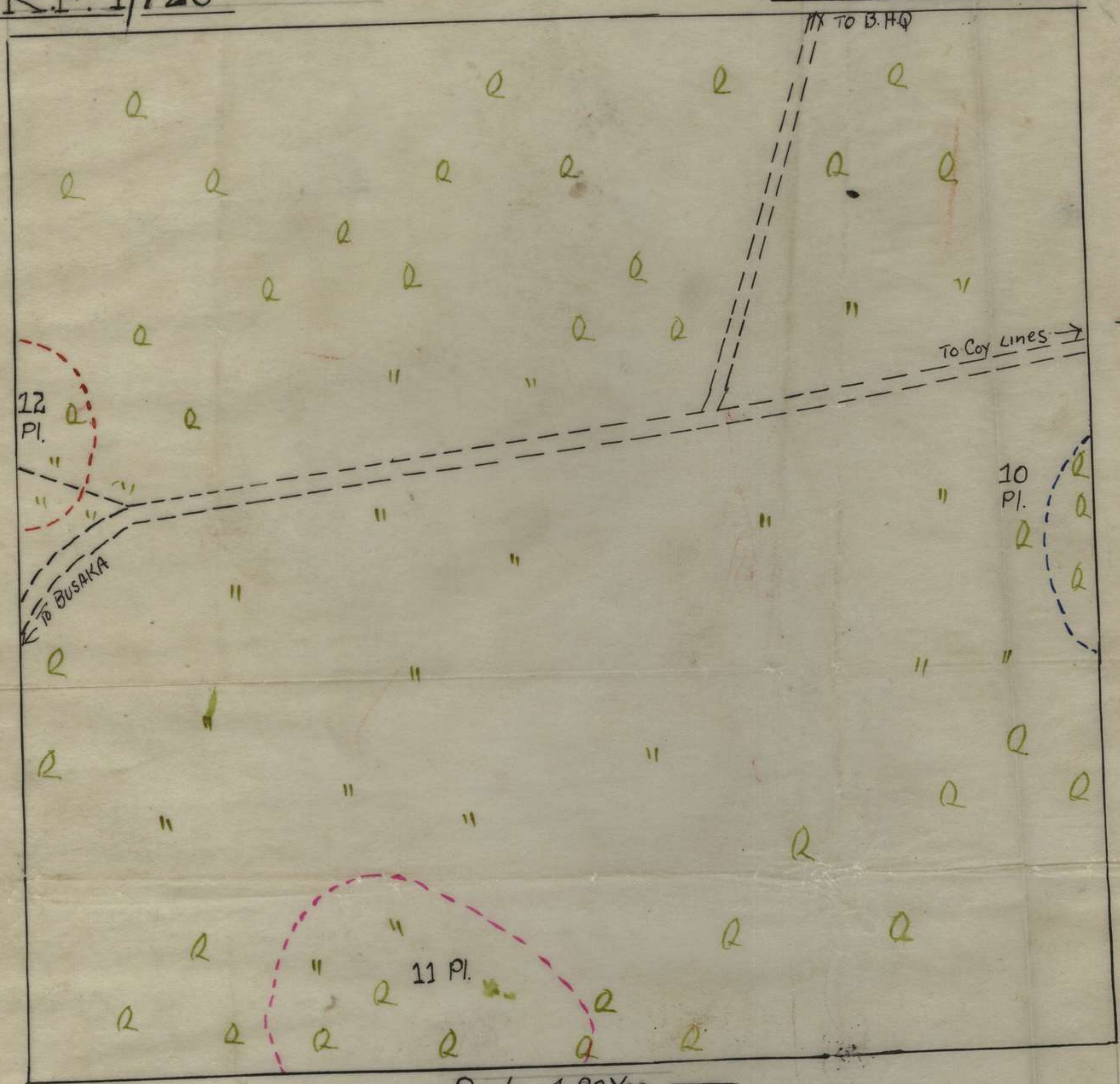
Reliability

Weather Fine
 Time Taken 30 min
 Time 1000K
 Date 20 May 44
 K.B. Falconer
 1st Sec

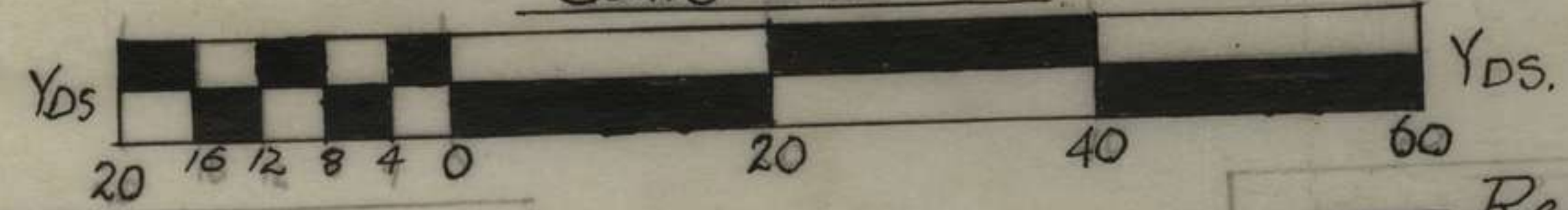
SKETCH OF "B" COY TRAINING AREA

Ref Map: Saidor 1 in 1 mile
 R.F. 1/720

M.R: 520770



Scale 1-20 Yds



Legend	
MT Road	--- ---
10 PI Area	- - - - -
11 PI Area	- - - - -
12 PI Area	- - - - -
Timber	Q Q Q Q Q
Kunai	" " " "

Reliability
 Weather Fine VIS Good
 Time taken 1 hour
 Time 1700 K
 Date 22 May '44.
 C.O. Briggs
 "I" Sec

Sketch of 5 Sec 11 Pl Area

KASU OUTPOST

map drawn

Ref Map = Saidon 1 in 1 mile.

RF 1/720

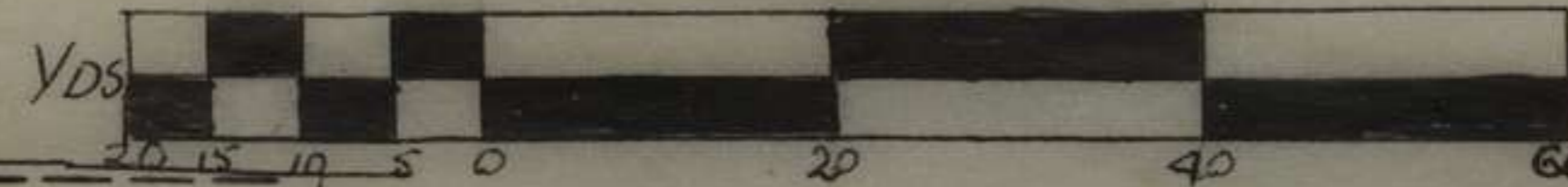
M.R. 612744



Scale 1-20 Yds

Legend

Road	--- ---
Track	- - - - -
River	
Tents	
Def. Posn	
Form Lines	
Bananas	*****
Timber	ooooo
Kunai.



V.I. - 5 Feet.
Datum Point -
KABUR RIVER
*

Yds - Reliability

Weather	Fine
How made	Compass
Time taken	1/2 hr
Time	1000K
Date	14 May '44
	CV Briggs "I" Sec.

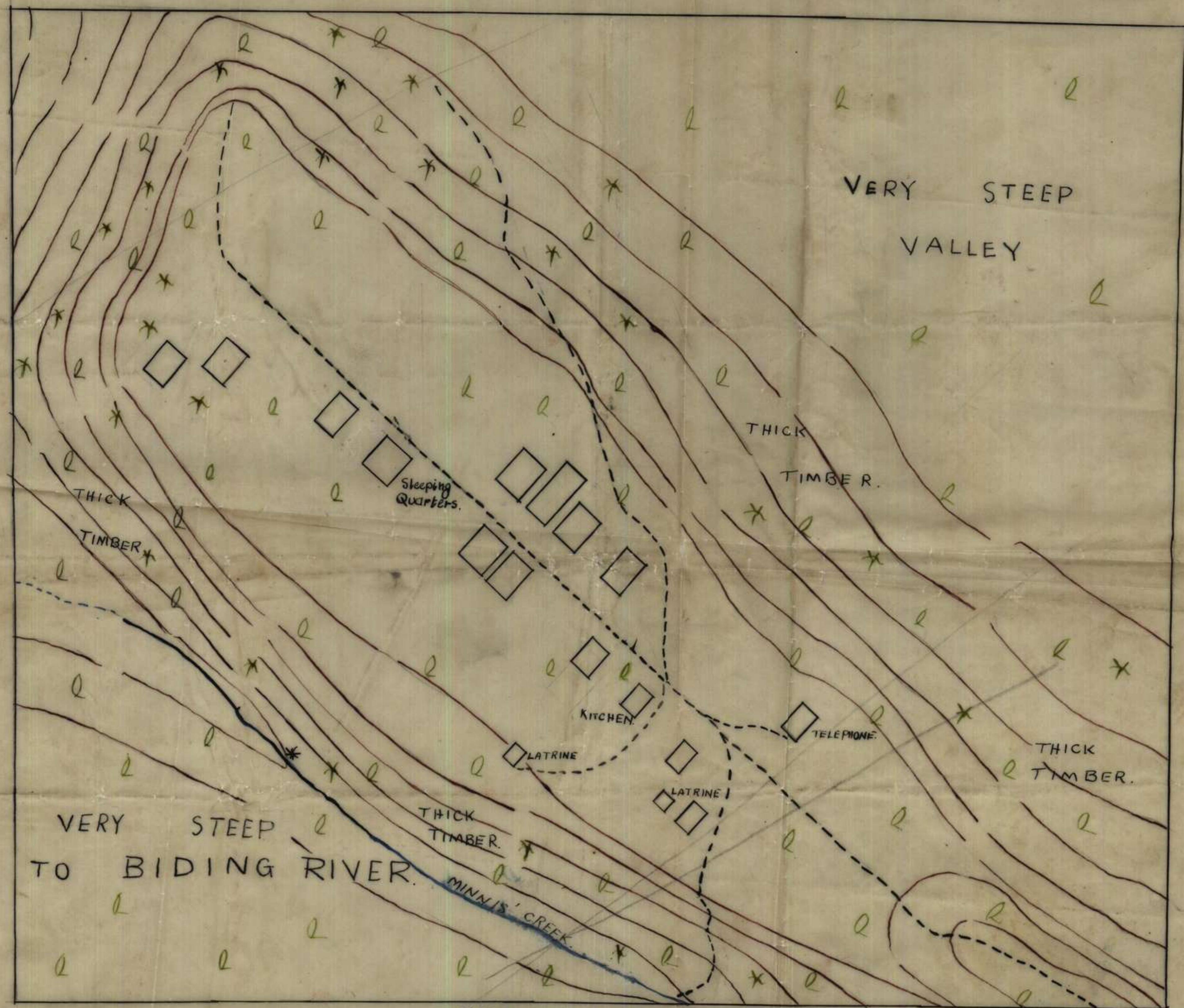
Sketch of 6 Sec 11 Pl Area at MIOR

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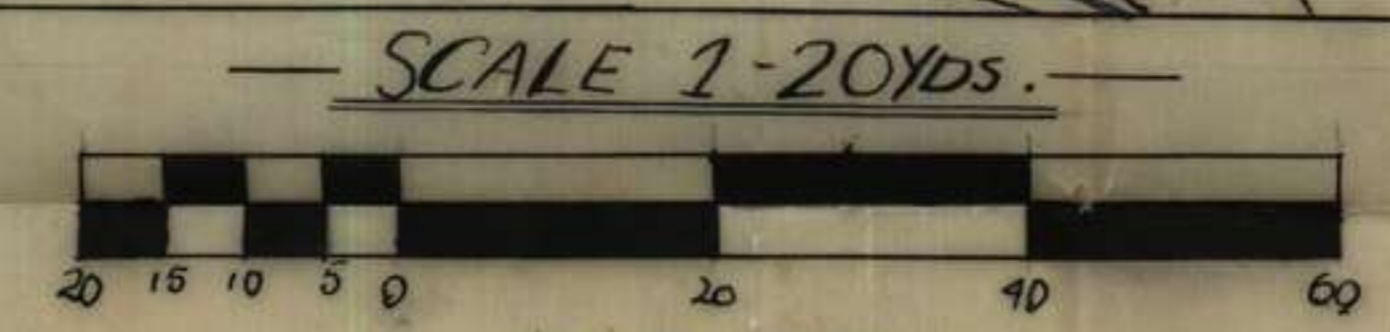
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M.R.: 565732



Legend

Creek	~~~~~
Bananas	*****
Form Lines	====
Huts	□ □ □
Tracks	- - - - -
Timber	o o o o o o



- V.I: 10 Feet -
 - Datum Point -
 MINNIS' Creek *

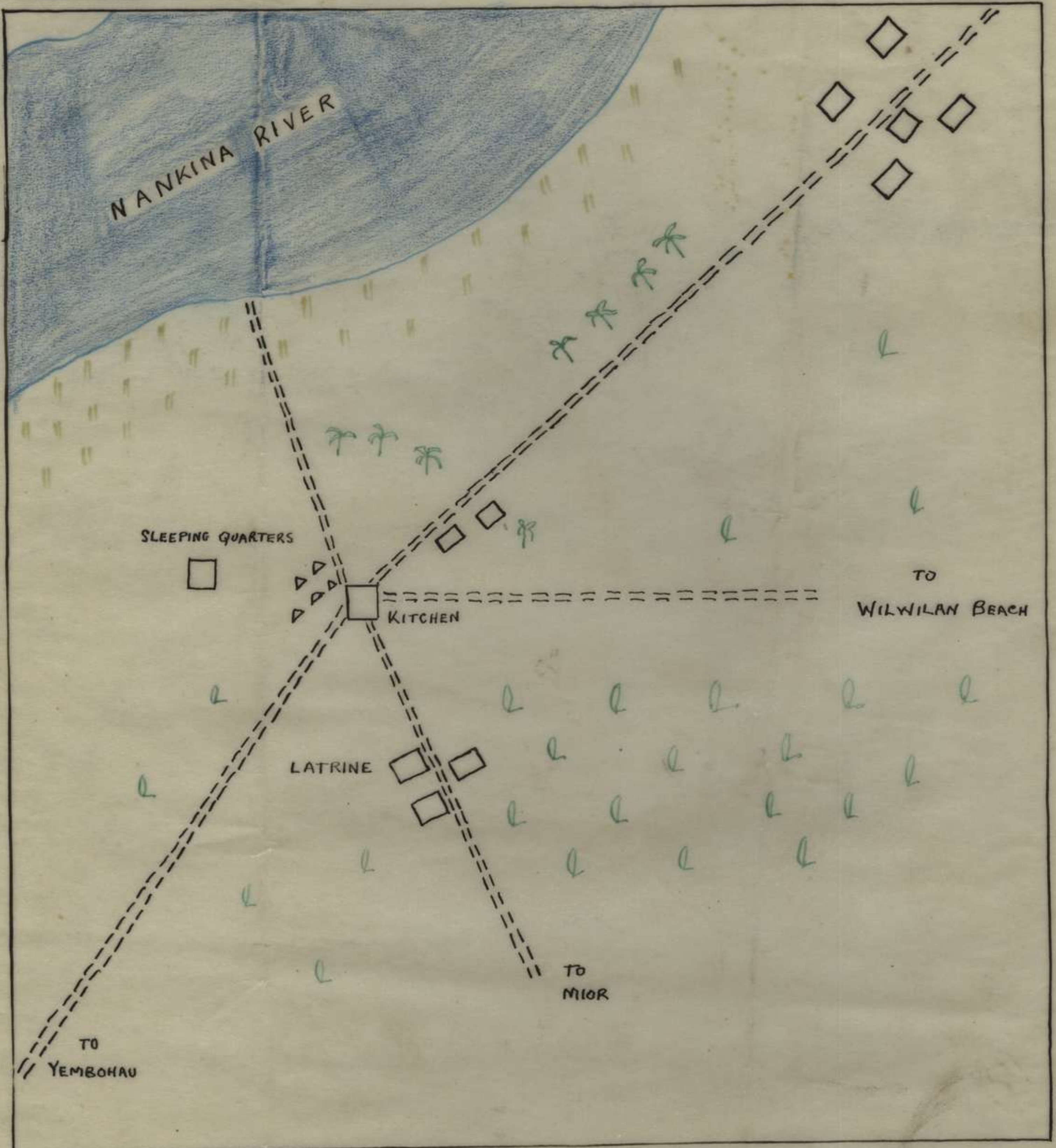
Reliability

Weather	FINE	Vis	GOOD
How Made	By Compass		
Time Taken	1 Hour		
Time	1130K		
Date	13 May '44		
	CV Briggs Pk		
	"I" Sec.		

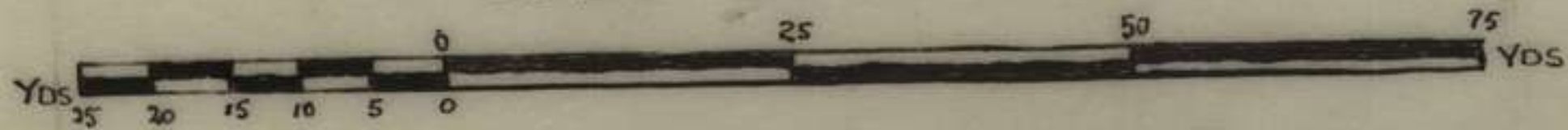
B Coy SECTION POST AT KALININ

R.F. 1/900
REF. MAP SAIDOR 1 IN = 1 MILE

REF. POINT 527764



SCALE 1 IN = 25 YDS



LEGEND

TRACKS	=====
RIVER	~~~~~
HUTS	□ □ □
SLEEPING QUARTERS	△ △ △
TIMBER	l l l
PALMS	* * *
KUNAI	" " " "

METHOD USED	TRAVERSE
WEATHER	FINE
VISIBILITY	GOOD
TIME TAKEN	1 HR
TIME	1100 HRS
DATE	25 MAY 44
L. G. Purvis S. E.	
COPY "1" sec.	

Sketch of 11 Pl HQ at Mur Pln

Ref Map Saidor 1 inch = 1 mile

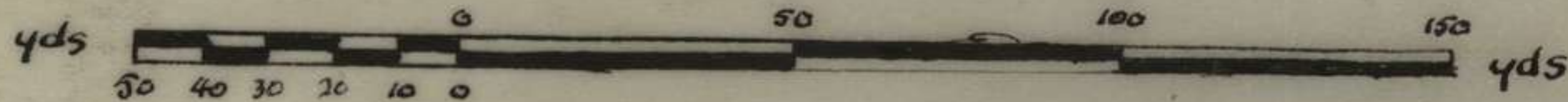
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M.R. 618762



Legend

- Road
- Tracks
- Dugouts
- Cocoanuts
- Huts/Tents
- Swamps
- Timber
- Form lines



Scale 1 inch = 50 yards

V.I. 5 feet

Weather
Visibility
Method
Time taken
Time
Date

FINE
Good
Traverse
1 hour
1600 hrs
24 May 44

Drawn by: K. B. Allegner

1st Section
24 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

- SKETCH OF 4 Sec 11 PL AREA NOM PTN -

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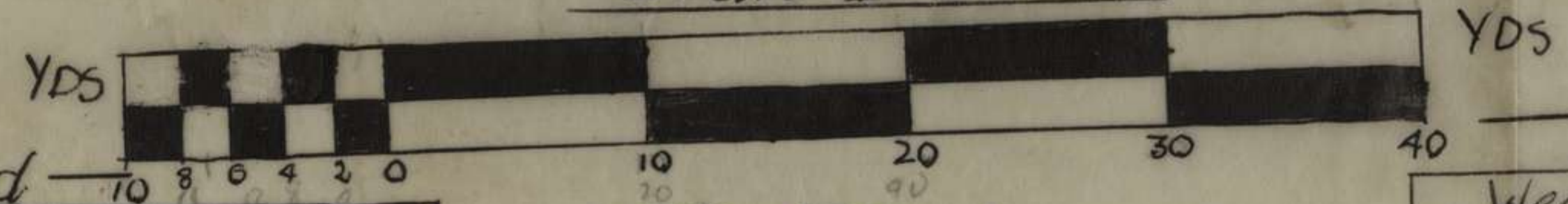
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M.R. 636750

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Scale 1-10 Yds



Legend

Coast.	
Creek.	
Tents.	
Defensive Posn's	
Barbed Wire.	
Tracks	
Palms & Bananas.	

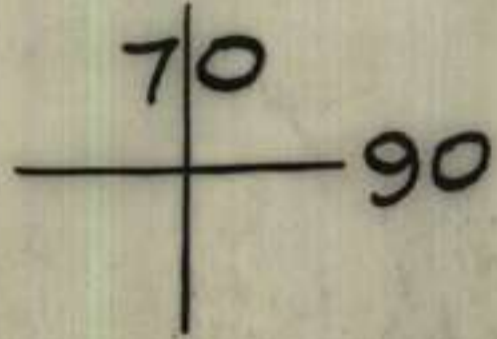
V.I. - 5 Feet.

Reliability

Weather.	Fine	Vis	Good.
Time taken	1 Hour.		
How Made	By Compass		
Time	1000K		
Date.	13 May '44		
	CV Briggs, etc "I" Sec.		

REF - 1 INCH SERIES
MT-KUBARRI
BOGADJIM

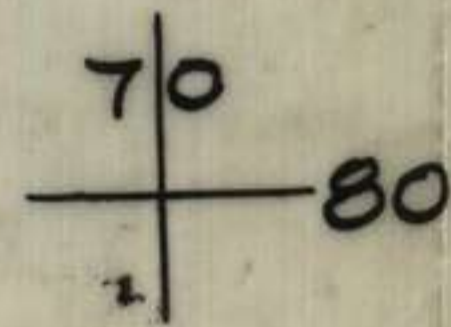
PROBABLE ROUTE
AMUSON - KALIKO



— village not known

● BWOTBEI

— EXACT POSN WHERE
TRACK LEAVES
RIVER NOT
KNOWN



River dangerous if in flood
or likely to be in flood

19 AUST INF BDE
INT SEC

□ □ AMUSON

SKETCH RADAR DEFENSIVE AREA. was stay

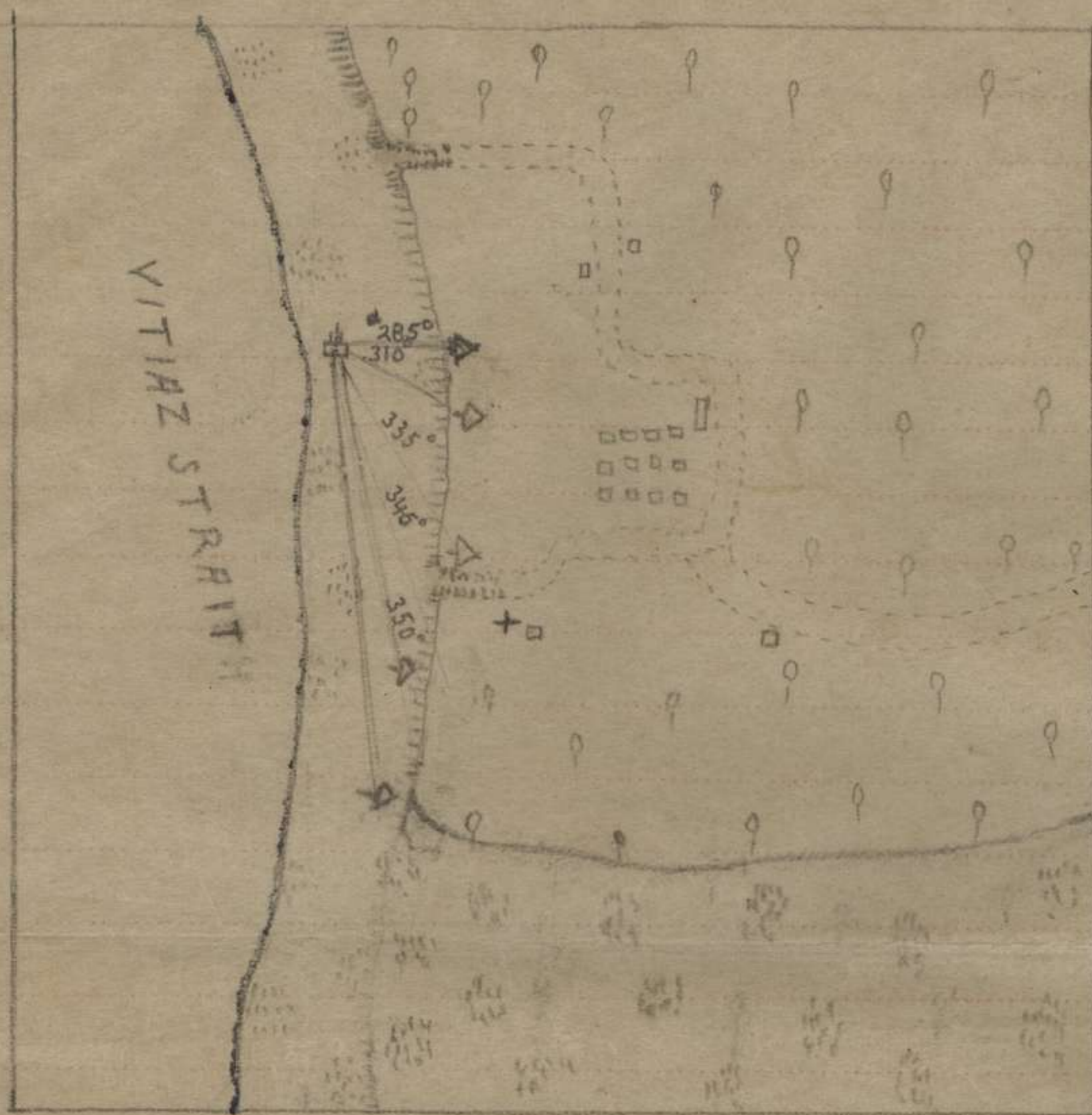
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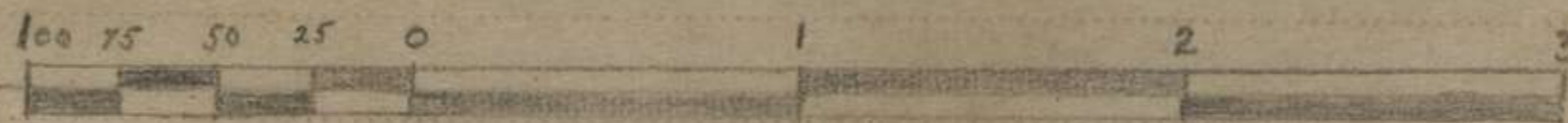
Reliability: Resection.

Date: May 1 1944.

Unit: 24th Aust. Inf. Bn (AIF).



Scale: 1" - 100yds.



LEGEND

- JEEP TRACK
- WEAPON PITS. 3 man.
- WIRELESS TOWER
- RADAR
- HUTMENTS
- BEACH
- CLIFF 20'
- BUSH

VISIBILITY: GOOD.

Drawn by: C. B. WALSH, (spl). 12 Pl.

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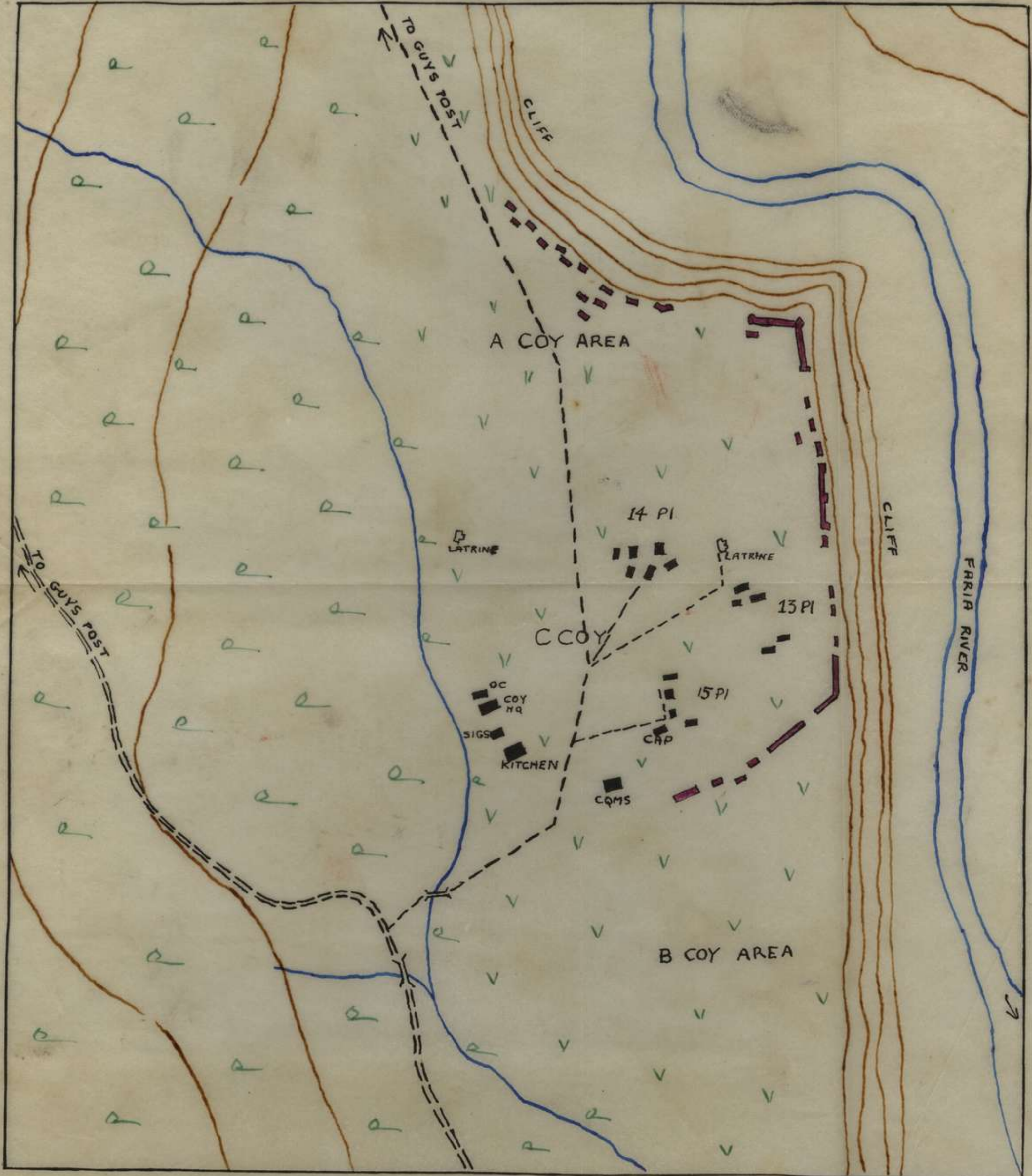
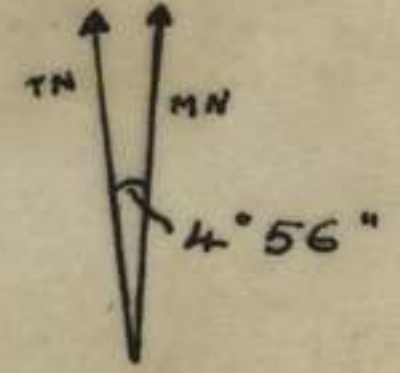
THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS ONE

THE REFERENCE TO SHIPPING BY AIR OR BY AIRMAILS WILL RESULT IN THE DELAY OR NON-DELIVERY OF THIS LETTER

FIELD SKETCH - C COY AREA - 674596

BY COMPASS AND PACING

Ref Map - KUMBARUM 1:25000



LEGEND

- TENTS 50 25 0
- PITS TRENCHES
- JEEP ROAD
- TRACK

SCALE 1 IN - 50 YDS

Time 1400 Hrs
Date 8 Mar 44

E. Onward Pte.
24 Bn I Sec.

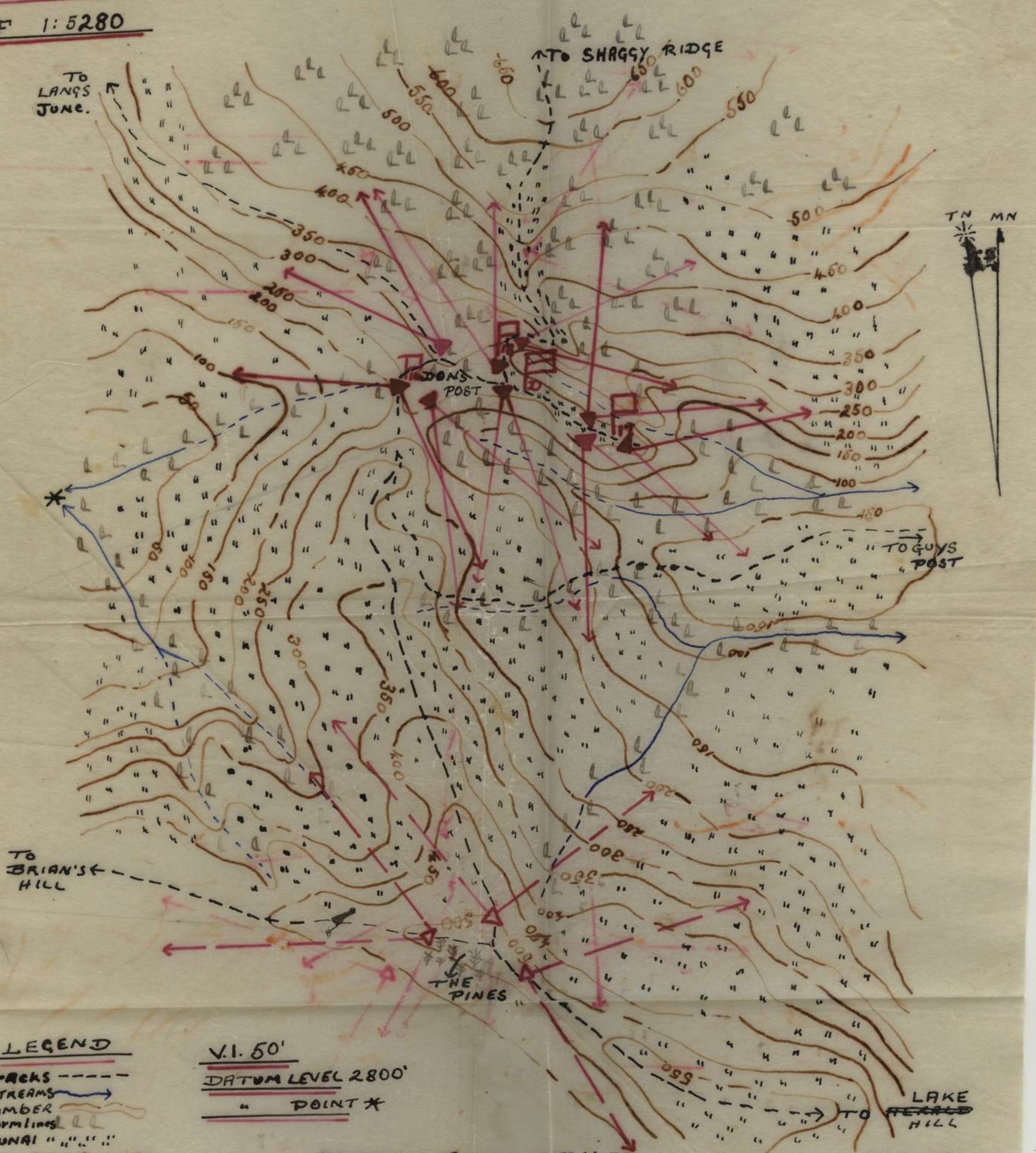
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SKETCH 'D'COY DEFENSIVE POSN'S

REF. POINT 'D'COY 663 606

KUMBARUM 1:25000

RF 1:5280



LEGEND

- TRACKS -----
- STREAMS ----->
- TIMBER -----
- Formlines L L L
- KUNAI " " " "
- Bren POSNS ▲
- Proposed Bren posns ▲

V.I. 50'
 DATUM LEVEL 2800'
 " POINT X

SCALE 12 INCH = 1 MILE

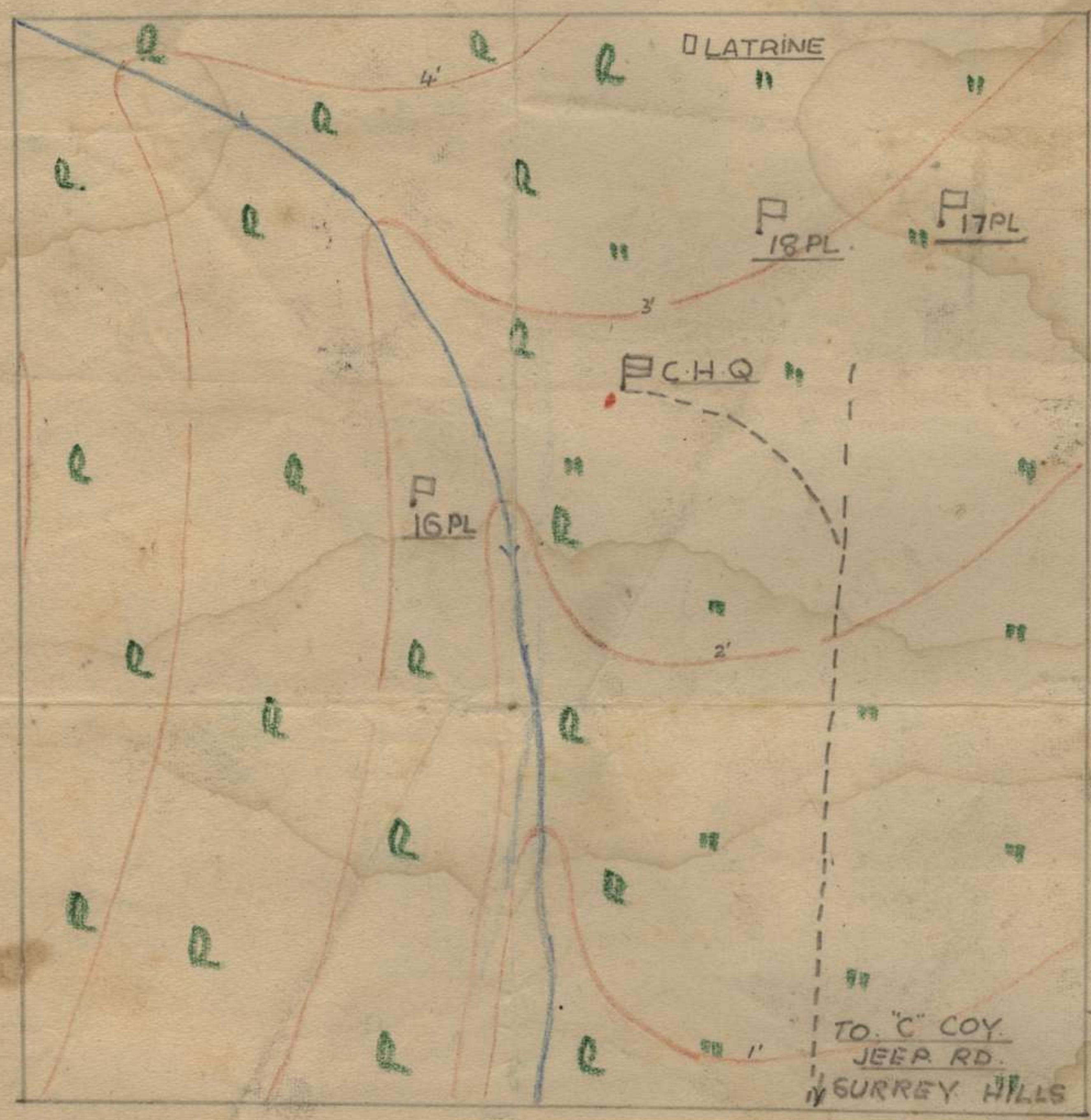


WEATHER FINE
 VISIBILITY FAIR
 METHOD TRAVERSE
 FORMLINES BY EYE
 TIME TAKEN 6 1/2 HRS
 TIME 1700 L
 DATE 23 FEB

A K Bourne pln
 'I' SEC

— SKETCH OF D COY AREA —

Ref. Map KUMBURAUM 1/25000 2nd Edition
 B.F. 1" = 720'



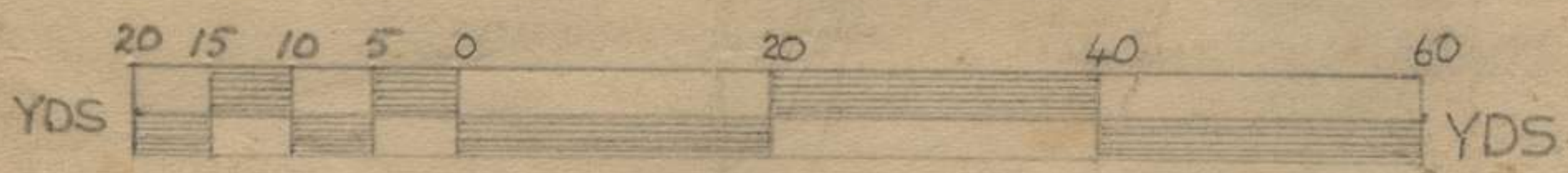
V.1 lft

TO "C" COY.
 JEEP RD.
 SURREY HILLS

Datum Point 676594

LEGEND	
TRACKS	----
FORM LINES	—
STREAM	—
KUNAI	" " "
TIMBER	e e
DATUM POINT	•

- SCALE 1in = 20Yds -



DATE	16 March 44
TIME	2 hrs.
K. B. Falconer Plt	
I. Sect	
24 F.I.B.	

Intelligence Report on "B" Coy for period 1-17 MAY.

1. ACTIVITIES.

(a) The Coy was allotted the task of relieving the various sections of 5 Div Carrier Coy in the SAIDOR area.

Coy HQ was situated at M.R. 571774. — SAIDOR
10 PL and 3 sec " " " 492790 — YAUNIA
1 sec " " " 502815 — YAIMAS
2 " " " 527764 — KALININ
11 PL HQ, 1 det Mor " " " 618762 — MUR PTN
4 sec " " " 636750 — NOM PTN
5 " " " 612744 — KASU OUTPOST
6 " " " 565732 — MIOR.

12 PL was stationed at LONG IS as protection for RADAR station.

(b) Movement Order was received for all sections to be recalled and move to new area M.R. 527774.

Coy HQ established new area 161600K.
10 PL " " " 171140K.
11 PL less 6 sec " " " 171540K.
12 PL " " " morning 17 after camping in "A" company area night 16 May.

2. MORALE

On the whole the morale is good.

3. HEALTH

Good

4. MESSING ARRANGEMENTS

Taking into consideration the sections being so widely scattered the facilities were not as good as when the Coy was consolidated. Messing arrangements however under the circumstances were good and rations were ample.

5. HYGIENE throughout was good.

6. MALARIAL CONTROL

The usual precautions were taken. Where practicable M.P.T was phoned to Coy H.Q.

7. GENERAL

(1) Recreation.

Except at Coy HQ where additional entertainment in the form of films was in close proximity, most of the PIs' recreations took the form of swimming.

(2) SECURITY

Breaches of security by Coy members in letters was brought to the notice of the Adj by O.C Coy.

C.V. Briggs R.E.
"I" Sec.

Q See you quite sure that the shot
occurred as the magazine was
removed + not about one second
after " "

A yes.

{ evidence is read over to witnesses +
witness says J. B. Simon

29 Apr 44

C/19/44

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WEEKLY REPORT

WAR DIARY Appendix

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KOTI

19.3.44

Fopo.

Ref KUMBARUM 1/25000 674596

Am PMA
RMO 73. 20/3

1. COMD VX 85256 Capt. Skinner F.L.

2. Camps and MANNING PERSONNEL

CAMPS.	M/Ref.	FIGHTING. TPs.		NON. FIGHTING.		TOTAL.
		COY	ATT	COY	ATT.	
Coy		4.66	-4	—	—	4 - 70
DETACHED.		1-29	-1			1 - 30
		5.95	-5			5 - 100

DETACHED

School	1-14	Bde	-1
Fld. Bde.	-1	Guys Post.	-6
Recn Det	-3	B.HQ	-1
		HQ Coy	-3

Total Detached. 1-29.

ATTACHED

B.H.Q	-1
AACC.	4.
AACC Detached	-1

3. DUTIES AT STATIONS

1. Training.

4. OPERATIONS.

NIL.

5. PATROLS

NIL.

6. ARMS and AMUNITIONS (in Area)

ARMS

LOCATION	RIFLES		O.S.M.G	L.M.G	PISTOL .38	MORT. 2"	MORT. 3"
	.303	SNIPER					
COY	45	2	16	5	4	3	—
ATTACHED	- 4						
	49	2	16	5	4	3	—

AMUNITION.

LOCATION.	.303	9MM OSMG	36.GREN.		Mort. 2"			Mort 3"		.38 rev	MOR Switch.	IGNITER SETS.
			HAND	Rifle	HE	SM	ill	HE	SM			
	4460	5250	183	72	16	—	—	—	—	30		
TOTAL.	4460	5250	183	72	16	—	—	—	—	30	—	45.

7. MEDICAL

During the last weeks the sickness rate approx 35% of Coy Strength has remained constant. There have been no evacuations since 19 Feb.

8. COMMUNICATIONS.

1. L/T. R5.
2. Runner

9. GENERAL

(a) Officers & NCOs

With the return to the Coy of Lieut Whitebrooke from reinforcement cadre & Lieut. Kasey and 2 cpts from 15. Aust Inf Bde (A.I.F) Schools, administration and training has become a little easier.

(b) Proficiency Pay

- (i) all personnel in Coy Area have passed written exams.
- (ii) all personnel in Coy Area have passed T.S.O.E.T.
- (iii) 48 personnel have qualified as First Class Rifle Shots.
- (iv) Grenade throwing range is being prepared.
- (v) Remaining range practices will be completed as soon as ranges become available.

(c) Administration.

Administration by NCOs is weak but improving under constant supervision.

(d) Training.

During the past week the standard of instruction by NCOs has improved a little, but is still very weak. All NCOs at present with the Coy require to attend N.G.F. Training School.

Range practices have disclosed that the standard of elementary training of personnel is very poor. It is very difficult to improve without more capable NCOs.

(e) Discipline.

Discipline of the Coy is very poor but is improving. Difficulty is being experienced in making Officers and NCOs realize the need for improvement in discipline.

However the last few days have shown an improvement in this regard, particularly after a straight talk to NCO who were given the opportunity of airing their views and complaints.

After being in a forward area without regimental discipline for such a long period troops are not taking kindly to it, but should settle down very soon.

(b) Morale

Only fair. The main thought of troops is leave. When leave has been granted personnel will be more content to settle down to training and discipline.

10. CASUALTIES

- M/I. 12/3. Lieut. Whitebrooks, Cpt. Greston, rejoin Coy from Cairns
- 13/3. Sp. Sgt. Gilson, Pte. Sherwill from & list.
- 14/3. WO II. Kingswell from & list.
- 16/3. Lieut. Casey, Cpt. Evans, Cpt. Dalsh, Pte. Young rejoin Coy from Pde. Schd.
- Pte. Keenan from & list.
- M/O. 14/3. Capt. Graham (Res. Details) placed on & list.
- 17/3. Capt. Hewell, Pte. Spears. Trans. HQ Coy.
- Pte. Halliday, O'Farahy, Whitecross. Detached Pde. Pl.

11. No and Type of Tools

- 8 axes 41 Machettes. 27 Machette. Scabb. 49 Shovels Sml.
- 8 Shovels Lge. 19 Pickaxe Lge. 3 Picks Small.

12. MOSQUITO NETS

All mosquito nets are inspected daily and repairs made when necessary.
67. Serviceable Mosquito Nets in Coy Area. 7 Hammocks.

13. EMERGENCY RATIONS

154. Tons.

14. CONTROLLED STORES

Location	Rifle. 303	Pistol	OSMG	BREN	BREN. S. B	COMP. L. G.	COMP. PRIS	Comp. Pocket Mag	BINOC No 2 Mk I	BINOC No 2 Mk II	Prot. 1000	Pist. Sig.	MAGS. Owen	MAGS Bren	Sniper Rifle	Tele. Sights	Apd 2"	Cups. Disc	Wallobs Iron	Bayonets	Mound. Gren	Mags. Gren P/A	Feedings P/A	Watches P.S.
Camp.	45	4	16	5	5	3	7	9	-	-	4	3	89	76	2	2	3	8	9	49	2	4	1	7
Detached	27	-	-	4	4	-								16						26				
Total.	72	4	16	9	9	3	7	9	-	-	4	3	89	92	2	2	3	8	9	75	2	4	1	7
Detached	-4																							

810
 Checked with [unclear] 3/3/41
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Dunroby Hills.

Report for Week Ending 18th March 44.

Lieut.
D. Coy.
24th Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

1/ Command

O.C. Lt Looker L.

2/c. Lt Lewis C.

16 Pl

17 Pl

Cpl Lees C.F.

Cpl Pettell L.R.

18 Pl.

Cpl Grant C.F. W.

2/ Manning and Personnel.

Coy HQ	2-16.	Location	D. Coy.	Other subunits	AACC.	BHQ.	B Coy.	Fighting	Non	Total.
		Dunroby Hills						Fighting	Fighting	
16 Pl	21.	"	2-76		400.	SB. 400.	Coy blch 10.	2-77	800.	2-95.
17 Pl	22.	"								
18 Pl	26.	"								
Total	2-95.									

3/ O.P.s. Nil.
Parols Nil.

4/ Medical and Hygiene.

Casualties. In.

- Diarrhoea. 3.
- Acne. 2.
- Sores. 5.
- Imea. 6.
- Urthi. 4.

- Ex Hospital. 10.
- From Schools. 1-400.
- Attached B.H.Q. 200.
- Reinforcements. 100.
- H.Q. Coy. 400.
- Hospital. 100.
- W.S. F. 100.
- B.H.Q. detached 100.

Hygiene in Coy area excellent.

Health of Coy throughout week very good, diarrhoea cases in reinforcements,

5 Letter book. L/J to B. H. G., good.

6 General Training. Interrupted throughout week, because of boy on carrying, syllabus only completed up to day 6.

Morale. Good.

Attendance. Rather good, owing to two picture shows per week, and Salvation Army hut handy.

Complaints. Meat fresh always covered in dirt and arrives in very bad condition, which causes loss of fresh meat, even when cooked half hour after arrival.

Every man & boy has good renewable mosquito net on issue, checked daily.

7 Controlled Stores

- | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----|
| Rifles | 65 | Owen Guns. | 14. |
| Greens. | 9 | Owen Maps. | 96. |
| Green Maps | 75 | Rayonets. | 66. |
| Green Barrels Spare | 9 | Cups dis. | 10. |
| Green Wallis. | 9 | 2" Mortars. | 2. |
| Green Tripods. | 2 | Revolvs. | 38 |
| A-A Maps. | 24 | Pistol Ligs. | 4. |
| Binooculars. | Nil | G.P. Watches. | 6. |
| Compasses. | (Bis) 3. | Protractors. | 4. |
| | (Pocket Map) 4. | Machetes. | 26. |
| Picks. | 2. | | |
| Shovels. | 18. | | |
| Axes. | 3. | | |

I certify the above controlled stores were checked by Officers on 18th March 44, and they were found correct as listed above.
L. W. H. D. Lt. Col. Coy.

9 / Ann.

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Total Holdings D. Coy 18th March 44.

On issue to Coy Personnel.	all bullocks.	Brian's Hill	Pine Hill.	Total	Type.
580.	3290.	7000.	1900.	12680.	303 Rdr.
350.	3353.	10750.	4400.	18853.	303 Ltn.
1110.	3069.	4450.	932.	9551.	9 M.M.
6.				6.	38
	34.	120	125.	279.	2" Mr H E.
	3.	6	14.	23.	2" Mr Smoke.
	6.		6.	12.	2" Mr Ell
	8.			8.	2" Mr Red
	21.			21.	2" Green.
	15.	129.	145.	289.	3" Mr H E.
	144.	84.	96.	324.	36 Green Han
	53.		36.	89.	36 Green Rifle.
		16.		16.	1" Ell.
		4.		4.	1" Green.

Lubbock St.
O.C. D. Coy.
18th March 44.

Ad Levy Weekly Report ending 26 Mar 44

1 Command

Coy 28
WAR DIARY Appendix L
DM 20/4

1pc 2pc 3pc 4pc 5pc Mainstream 6pc

2 Personnel

Coy 28	1-6
1pc	1-17
2 "	1-16
3pc	0-17
4 "	0-14
5pc	1-23
6 "	1-18

Attached on WE 10.
Coy 1-38

Mainstream 1-34
= 6 + 159

3 Duties

Training of Mortar Personnel x M MG Personnel
Mortar course for mortar reinforcements
TRAC Personnel. Sigs. maintenance of
communications. Pioneers. Track construction
Mainstream

4/5 8pc Patrol

Nil

6

Arms & Amm.

Rifles 83		
Pistols 9		2315 Br & Chr
Brens 4		1668 Amm
Quens 16	8 Bde School.	38 271
M MG 4	3 "	
Mortars 8	3 "	

7 Intercomm

Intercommunication. Sigs & working party are
riding in spare wire along track.
Kangaroo Saddle. Otherwise no change.

8 Medical

During week ending 24 Mar. 1 PVD (Rt Helms) was
wounded. 4 cases of URTI. 2 Tinea. 7 Skin
complaints. Accidents 1. Loose Bowels 7.
Giving total of 1ND for week.

9 General

Mortar Ing for new recruits has reached its
6th day. Personnel show keen interest & in the
report to this stage, states only 3 personnel are
not likely to make the grade.
M MG advanced training has reached
4th day

NCO's training. Tuesday & Friday lectures
 carried out for NCO's. Subject, discipline, pointers,
 of Coy Comdr, Co. armet & S.P. This was for
 the benefit of NCO's who were at Bde School.
 Montan range was fixed & NCO's selected sites
 for range practice. M M G Range also selected.

10.
Control
Stores

Pistols 9	Ovens 16	Bluno ^{held} 1
Compasses 2	Range finders 3	Mont Sight 5
P 1	M M G 1	Bluno 6
Backs 8	Montan 5	
Protractors 2	Brew Mags 16	
Brens 4	Ovens 125	

JRC

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Mosquito
nets

165 reversible Mosquito nets
Mainstream 35 are at

12
Tools

Pikes 6
 Shovels 6
 Axes 5
 Hatchets 12

Morale at present is fair. Entertainment are
 eagerly ~~to~~ looked forward too. Mail service
 having improved has helped. Cusher Tournament
 was held Sunday evening & was great success

J. J. J. Cap
 H. A. Coy

Ref Mats - Numbered 1-25000 Sat 12 Mar 43

1. Command O.C. Deut Laughlin J.
 2/1c " Fox F.R.
 TPL Cpl Macfarlane D.R.
 SPL Sgt Hollis H.W.
 CPL Cpl Stevens F.W.

OM
 RSM
 RMO #1-203
 and #1-204
 by 15/3/43

2. Manning Personnel -
 Manned By

Camps	Mob Ref	Fighting Troops			Non Fighting Personnel			Total
		Inds	Form	Anty	S/S	ANCE	UNTS	
Kada Area	670594	1 - 47	- 1	-	- 2	- 2	-	1 - 52
Main Stream	670633	1 - 28	- 9	- 4	- 1	- 1	- 2	1 - 45
							MSP	7
							70R	7
							<u>Total</u>	<u>2 - 104</u>

3. Duties at Stations -
 1 OR - Station Command DUMPU

4. OP and Patrols -
 OP's - Nil
 Patrols - Routine patrol daily by CPL Main Stream
 Reports - Track team

6. Arms - Ammunition - Controlled Stores - Tools - Mosquito Nets

Camps	Arms										1" Sq. Rifle	1" Sq. Pistol
	Rifles	Snipys Rifle	Brens	Carbors	2" mortar	Disadv. Rifles	78 Rifles	2" Mortar	2" Mortar	2" Mortar		
Kada Area	30	2	7	9	2	3	3				3	2
Main Stream	29	Nil	2	8	1	Nil	1				Nil	Nil
<u>Totals</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>				<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

Camps	Ammunition										1" Sq. Rifle	1" Sq. Pistol
	103	9mm	2" Mortar	2" Mortar	2" Mortar	2" Mortar	2" Mortar	2" Mortar	2" Mortar	2" Mortar		
Kada Area	450	800	400								28	
Main Stream	400	150	400								12	
<u>Totals</u>	<u>1350</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>800</u>								<u>40</u>	

Camps	Controlled Stores										Sigs	Sigs	Sigs
	Watches	Combs	Combs	Combs	Combs	Combs	Combs	Combs	Combs	Combs			
Kada Area	11	6	3	6	3	7	7	7	7	7	Nil	1	
Main Stream	2	2	Nil	2	2	Nil	2	2	2	2	Nil	1	
<u>Totals</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>2</u>	

(1) Picks - 6 (2) Shovels - 6 (3) Shovel/stand - 22 (4) Markettes - 9 (5) Nets - 4

Mosquito Nets
 Serviceable - 106
 Unserviceable - Nil

7. Medicals -
 There are only a few tropical diseases such as Typhoid, Rash, Delirious Sticks, U.R.T.I.
 One man resting a sprained ankle

8. Intercommunication -
 Coy Line only - OK. Reception R.5.
 Main Stream - Difficult to make connection. When connection is made the reception is R.2.
 Line to STREAM OUT many times during week

General -
 The company has been working on the road from Guy's Post up to wards Main Stream. So far the work has mainly consisted of felling trees & clearing undergrowth away so as to allow the Bulldozer to make the road.
 9 PL has been working up at Main Stream, making a bench cut track & putting in bridges up towards Camp Saddle

George Lind

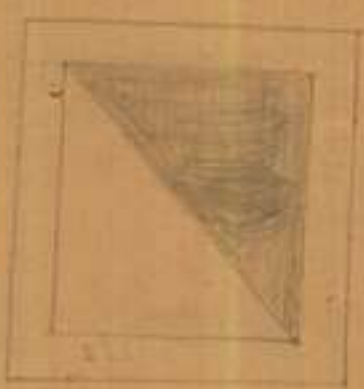
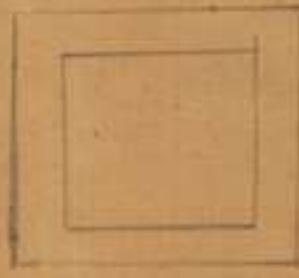
Casualties During week -
 Sick 20R" Evacto Mes.
 Rep 20R" from Det ex Home Leave
 T.O.S 70R" from X-List ex Con. Dep.

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BCOY WEEKLY REPORT - SERIES II NO 12

(1) COMMAND

SURREY HILLS - Map Ref 676593.
COY TRAINING.

(2) MANNING

	COY PRS.	R.A.P.	AACC.	HYG.	TOTAL	SICK.
COY HQS	1-4	2	3	1	1-10	1 INFECTED SORES.
10 PL	24	-	-	-	24	1 DENTAL
11 "	25	-	-	-	25	2 TINEA 1 COLD 1 BOILS 1 SORES.
12 "	25	-	-	-	25	1 SPRAINED ANKLE 1 TINEA
TOTAL	1-78	2	3	1	1-84	

(3) AMN.

	303 3DR	303 CTN.	9MM OSMG.	36 GREN HAN	36 GREN RIF	2" MOR H.F.	2" MOR SMOK	55 TK/A	380 REV.	
COY HQS	1750	3323	3449	108	72	18	3	30	24	
10 PL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
11 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AMN WITHDRAWN FROM PLS FOR RANGE PRACTICE
TOTAL	1750	3323	3449	108	72	18	3	30	24	

(4) CONTROLLED STORES

	F.V. RIFLE	RIFLE	PISTOL	O.S.M.G.	BREN	COMPASS. L	P	M	WATCHES	BINOC.	PROTRACTOR	PISTOL SIG	OVEN MAGS.	BREN "	2" MOR	BAYONETS	MACHETTES	PICKS	AXES	SHOVELS. L	" S.	WALLETS BDN	RIFLE SHIPER	SCOPE	BAYONET	MOSSIE NETS	TARP BREN	STAIR BARRIERS "	CUP DISCHG
COY HQS	-	7	1	-	-	-	-	2	6	1	-	3	12	-	-	9	15	16	7	8	32	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	10
10 PL	-	13	-	5	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	1	-
11 "	-	13	-	5	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	36	30	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	25	-	-	-	-
12 "	1	13	-	2	1	-	-	3	1	-	-	36	30	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	25	-	1	-	-
ATTACHED	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	30	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	47	1	12	2	-	-	9	9	1	-	3	120	86	-	62	15	16	7	8	32	9	2	1	1	85	-	2	10

5. EVACUATIONS.

Pte. FORRESTER K.P. 2/5 FA PVO
" GARONI J.P.
" O'ROURKE K.

6. PATROLS. Nil.

7. HYGIENE. Latrines good. Hygiene generally good. Area sprayed daily with disinfectant.

8. MOSQUITO NETS. All nets inspected & found in good condition.

9. GENERAL. Training has been carried out during the week. Days 1-7 of syllabus having been completed.

Health of troops is good. Diarrhoea cases have been completely cleared up. Morale good.

20 reinforcements marched into the coy on 8 & 9 mar.

W. Beareall Capt
Ob. B. Bay.

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KOTI.

11. 3. 44.

Fopo.

Ref KUMBARUM 1/25000 674596
RMO 10
75. 24/3

1. COMD

VX. 85256 T/capt. SKINNER. F.L.
Returned before M.DS. 7/3/44.

2. CAMPS and MANNING PERSONNEL

CAMPS	M/Ref.	FIGHTING. TFS		NON. FIGHTING.		TOTAL
		Coy	ATT	Coy	ATT	
Coy	674596	2.67	-4	-	-	2.71
DETACHED	as below	5.25	-1	-	-	5.26
		7.92	-5			7.97

Detached.

Coy. Schods 2.17 Bde - 1
 Fld. Bats. - 1 Bandre 1-1
 Rec Det. 1-3 BHQ - 1
 HQ Coy 1-1
Total Detached. 5-2.5

Det-ach. AACC - 1

ATTACHED

BHQ - 1
AACC - 3

3. DUTIES AT STATIONS

1. Training.

4. OPERATIONS

NIL.

5. PATROLS

NIL

6. ARMS AND AMUNITION (in area)

ARMS.

LOCATION.	Rifles		OSMG	LMG	Pistd. .38	Mort. 2"	Mort. 3"
	.303	SNIPER					
COY.	43	2	18	5	3	3	—
ATTACHED.	4	—	—	—	—	—	—

AMUNITION

LOCATION	.303	9MM OSMG	36. GREN		Mort 2"			Mort 3"		.38 ^{lv}	MOR Switch	19MM ^{TR} SETS
			HAND	Rifle	HE	SN.	ILL.	HE	SHOTS			
On Man.	1910	1520	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	—	—
In Dump.	3700	4000	183	72	118	—	—	—	—	—	—	45
Total.	5610	5520	183	72	418	—	—	—	—	30	—	45

7. MEDICAL

Since arrival in present area the health of the Coy has ~~attained~~ improved considerably. The weekly incidence of sickness has fallen from 50% to 35% during the last week. No personnel have been evacuated since 19th Feb. During the past week 5 (five) cases of diarrhoea have occurred. This was traced to Natives defecating in the vicinity of Coy area. This matter has now been rectified.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

L/T. R 5

Runners.

Tracks within Coy Area have been corduroyed.

9. GENERAL

(a) Officers and NCOs.

Shortage of officers and NCOs is still very acute. However platoon administration is good and improving under supervision. Unfortunately standard of Instructors is not good, but every effort being made to improve it.

(b) Proficiency Pay.

(i) Folling Personnel have qualified.

Written Exams. all personnel present with Coy except Reinforce.

TOETS all personnel present with Coy.

Range Practice Rifle. 37

(ii) Every effort is being made to complete tests.

(c) Reinforcements.

During last two days 21 reinforcements have been allotted to the Coy. They have given a favorable impression. This addition to Coy strength will increase strength of sections to nine at least five

(d) Coy Administration.

In the time available coy adm is being reorganised and improved.

(e) Training.

See paras. 9 & 10 (b)

10. CASUALTIES.

M/I. 5/2. Capt. Graham. L/Cpl Moye, Pte Hevey. T.O.S Rear Details from X list
 6/2. Lieut Mathams T.O.S (at present det Bde Sch
 7/2. Capt Skinner T.O.S from X list
 9/2. 1000s from Cardie. Cpl McKenzie T.O.S Rear details from X list
 10/2. 1000s from Cardie. Pte Read. T.O.S from X list.

M/O. 6/2. Lieut Whitebrooke Cpl Gredston det to Cardie
 7/2. Pte Coyle to Bde School. (batman Lieut Mathams)
 8/2. Pte Christensen. Trans to H Coy. Pte Madson det to Mat Sch

11. No and Type of Tools

axes 8 Mallets 41 Mallets Scabb. 27 Shovels Int. 49
 Shovels Lge. 8 Picks Lge. 19. Picks small 9

12. Mosquito nets

all mosquito nets are inspected daily and repairs made when necessary
 73 serviceable mosquito nets in coy area.

13. CONTROLLED STORES

Location	Rifle .303	Rocket	OSMG	BREN	BREN.S.B	COMP LIQUID	COMP PRIS.	Comf. Mag. Poch. Mag. No 2	BINOC MK II	No 2 BINOC MK II	PROT. IRR	Pist. Sig.	Mag. Owen	Mag. Bren	9.15 pers Rifle	Tel. Sights	Mag 2"	Caps. Disc	Ballot boxes	Bayonets	Hornblow	Mag. bin. M/A	Folding M/Tr	WATCHES
Camp.	43	3	18	5	5	3	6	8	1	1	4	3	89	76	2		3	8	6	42	2	4	1	6
Detached	32	1	2	4	4	-	1	1						16		2				26				2
Total.	75	4	20	9	9	3	7	9	-	-	4	3	89	92	2	2	3	8	6	68	2	4	1	8
attached.	-4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓																

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COY. COMDRS. REPORT - D COY

TO WEEK-ENDING 12 MAR 44

CO

2nd MPB

Adj

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RMO 75.26/3

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b/c

1. Command - O.C. Lieut Lewis G. S. L.
D/C Sgt Bafiso J.

16 Pl.

L/Spl Jackson G. H.

17 Pl.

R/Spl
O'Brien G.

18 Pl.

L/Spl Lees A.

2. Personnel under command

<u>D. Coy</u>	<u>BHQ</u>	<u>AACC</u>	<u>Fighting</u>	<u>Non Fighting</u>
1.62	4	4	1.72	8

3. Conduct - L/T + runner. Good service maintained

Patrols 657.633

4. To M.R. KUMBARUM - 1/25,000, 2nd Edit. - 10 Mar 43 - 9 ORS.

- 11 Mar 43 - 11 ORS.

Both patrols reported - Track clear.

5. Health + Hygiene - Health of coy generally good - Average of six cases of rash each day, four times. No evacuations during week. Phenyl unprocuable.

6. Ttg of NCO's - Seven NCO's trg at Bde school. Remainder instructing unit syllabus in Coy.

PLEASE WRITE ON BOTH SIDES

7. General - Syllabus as laid down by BHQ carried out, commencing 7.3.43. Coy. Weapons & instruments etc. to armoured for insp & repair.

8. Location - MCCULLOCK'S RIDGE - M/R. 663607 - KUMBARUM. 1/25,000 - 2nd Edit.

9. Controlled Stores

Rifles	Pistols	OSMG	Mags other	Bren	Spare Barrells	Mags do.	Wallets	Liquid Compasses	Prismat Magnet.	Pistols 5199	Protectors	Cap-Discharge	Watches	Machetes	Bayonets	Shovels	Picks	Axes	
56	2	1	70	9	7	73	9	1	2	5	4	4	10	6	26	51	18	2	3

10. Arms Holding

Issued to PINS ✓ CoyHQ.	Dumps			TOTAL	TYPE
	MCCULLOCKS RIDGE	BRIANS HILL	PINE HILL		
940	3290	7000	1900	12190	303 BR
-	3353	10,750	4400	18503	303 CTN
1000	3069	4,450	932	9451	9 mm.
12				12	38 Rev.
	34	120	125	279	2" M. HE.
	3	6	14	23	2" M. Smoke
	6		6	12	2" Illuminating
	8			8	2" M. Red
	21			21	2" M. Green
	15	129	145	289	3" M. H.E.
	144	84	96	324	36 Gren. H.E.
	53		36	89	36 Gren. Rifle
		16		16	1" Illuminating
		4		4	1" Green.

PLEASE WRITE ON BOTH SIDES

6 signatures Lieut
O.C. Coy.

2nd Coy

6PL QM
RMO 7.26/3

Weekly report week ending 19 Nov 44

Command

1 Pl 2 Pl 3 Pl

WAR DIARY Appendix L 6PL

Camps & Manning Personnel

Key No.	1	-	6	No 5 Pl	0	-	3	Mainstream from 17 Nov 44 No 5 Pl 0-20 attached 0-12 Pioneer
No 1 Pl.	1		27	No 6	1		18	
No 2	1		22	Attached in WE	0		9	
No 3	0		22	Attached from	0		25	
No 4	1		14	Coys				

5-146

0-32

Duties

Training & carrying of arms & food

Ops/Patrols

Nil.

Arms & Amm

- 303 Bar
- 303 Carton
- 9mm Grenades

Medical

- P.V.D. 1 vaccinated
- Skin Treatments 22
- Injts 4
- Dental 7
- Unsettled Stomach 4
- Strains 20

No ill effects apart from general stiffness have been felt from the kai carrying

Intercomms

Good

General

All personnel eligible for Proficiency pay have been asked & either passed or failed. Percentage is very satisfactory. Lists will be completed today. Montar school for recruits has commenced under Sgt Boyle (Lyman attached). I/ATK platoon is also attending the school for Montars. Pioneer Pl moved to Mainstream 17 Nov to carry out track construction.

Control Store

- Rifles 103 / Range finders 2
- Pistols 2 / Mikes No 164 4
- Compass 2 / Montars 8
- Watches 8
- Ovens 16
- Brew 4
- Protractors 4

998

Mosquito
nets
"

There are 183 serviceable nets in
2nd Coy area

Phinell
Capt
2nd Coy

SECRET

18 MAR 44

B Coy WEEKLY REPORT - SERIES II No 13

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(1) COMMAND

SURREY HILLS - MAP REF 676593.
COY TRAINING.

6/3/44

(2) MANNING

	COY PERS	RAP	AACC	HYG	TOTAL	SICK	
Coy HQ	2-6	2	3	1	2-12	1 DIARRHOEA	1 INFECTED FOOT
10 PL	- 26	-	-	-	- 26	1 UPSET STOMACH, 1 TWISTED ANKLE, 1 SORE BACK, 1 TWISTED KNEE	
11 "	- 26	-	-	-	- 26	1 SORE BACK, 1 BLISTERS, 1 SWOLLEN KNEE	
12 "	- 23	-	-	-	- 23	1 UPSET STOMACH, 1 RASH, 2 URTI, 1 TWISTED SHOULDER	
TOTAL	2-81	2	3	1	2-81		

(3) AMN.

	303 BDR	303 CTN	4MM USMG	36 GREN HAN	36 GREN RIF	2" MOR HE	2" MOR SMOX	55 TX/A	380 REV	
Coy HQ	1750	3323	3449	108	72	18	3	30	24	AMN WITHDRAWN FOR RANGE PRACTICE
10 PL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
11 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL	1750	3323	3449	108	72	18	3	30	24	

(4) CONTROLLED STORES

	RY RIFLE	RIFLES	PISTOLS 560	COMPAS PRIS	MAG	BINOC	MATCHES	PISTOL SIG	D.S.M.G.	MAGS	BRENS	MAGS	SPARE SPARE	MALLETS	CUP DISCH	1" MORT	SHOVELS S.	" L.	PICKS	AXES	MACHETTES	RIFLE SNIPER	SCOPE	BRONIST.	A/A MAGS	BAYONETS	MOSSIE NETS
Coy HQ	-	8	2	-	2	1	5	3	-	12	-	-	-	-	10	3	32	8	16	7	15	-	-	11	4	-	13
10 PL	-	11	-	-	3	-	2	-	5	36	3	30	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	24
11 "	-	13	-	-	2	-	1	-	6	36	3	30	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	26	-	-	26
12 "	1	14	-	1	2	-	1	-	6	36	3	26	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	23	-	1	23
ATTACHED	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	1	47	2	1	9	1	1	3	17	120	9	86	9	9	10	3	32	8	16	7	15	2	1	87	4	1	89

(5) MEDICAL

EVACS. PHE SMITH H.S. PHE MCGREGOR (PVO) TO MDS. Troops are in good health generally & complaints for the week have been mostly minor. The only serious cases were 2 cases of dysentery which were carried by road on the 14th. We have had several diarrhoea's during week - cause unknown.

(6) HYGIENE

Squad Hygiene man is busy at well under control. A new sludge pit under construction.

(7) PATROLS

NIL

(8) GENERAL

Training as per syllabus (BDU) has been carried out on alternate days so far carrying on. We are now up to D 9 & will start TET's preparation for on completion of syllabus. A number of troops have been found to be suffering from diarrhoea which is having an unsettling effect. Pictures in the area are very much appreciated by all.

W. Hamon
Capt
etc.

AM RMO 1 Red 1600 hr 16 Mar
 25.29/3
 SECRET 25 Mar 44

B COY WEEKLY REPORT - SERIES II No 14

(1) COMMAND

SURREY HILLS - Map Ref 676593
 COY TRAINING - ELEMENTARY TRG T5OET

WAR DIARY APPENDIX
 and return quick
 Capt. J.A.I.F.W.
 Adj. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

	COY PERS	R.A.P.	A.A.C.C.	HYG.	TOTAL	SICK
COY HQ	2.5	2	3	1	2.11	
10 PL	26	-	-	-	26	2URT1 1BOILS 1FIBROSITIS 1DYSENTRY
11 "	25	-	-	-	25	1SWOLLEN HAND 1DIARRHOEA 1GROWTH
12 "	22	-	-	-	22	1UPSET STOMACH 1DENTAL
TOTAL	278	2	3	1	284	

	303 Bdr	303 Ctn.	4mm O.S.M.G.	36 Gren Hon.	36 Gren Rif	2" MOR HE	2" MOR Smok	3" MOR HE	3" MOR Smok	55 TR/A	380 Ret.
COY HQ	1750	3323	3449	108	72	54	21	30	12	30	24
10 PL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1750	3323	3449	108	72	54	21	30	12	30	24

Withdrawn for Range Practice

	RIFLES	PISTOLS	COMPAS PRIS	"	MAG	BINOC.	WATCHES	PISTOLS SIG	O.S.M.G.	"	MAGS	BLN & SPARE	"	MAGS	WALLETS	CUP DISCH	2" MOR	SHOVELS	S	L	PICKS	AXES	MACHETTE	RIFLE SNIPER	SCOPE	BAYONET	RIFLE FY	MAGS A/A	BAYONETS	MOSSIE NETS
COY HQ	9	2	2	2	1	6	3	1	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	8	16	7	15	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	12	
10 PL	17	-	-	1	-	2	-	6	36	3	30	3	3	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	26	
11 "	13	-	-	2	-	1	-	6	36	3	30	3	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	15	25	
12 "	10	-	1	2	-	-	-	6	36	3	30	3	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	20	22	
ATTACHED	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
TOTAL	50	2	3	7	1	9	3	19	120	9	90	9	9	9	3	32	8	16	7	15	2	2	1	1	1	4	60	86		

(5) MEDICAL

Evacs - Nil.
 Health of troops good - still heavy sporadic cases of diarrhoeal in the Coy but unable to trace causes.

(6) HYGIENE

Position is good & during week tent closed & sealed one latrine, a sludge pit & have dug a new sludge pit.

(7) PATROLS

NIL

(8) GENERAL

Coy has been on bar line three (3) times during week. 1st situation has been completed with D12 on the day 24th - T.O.E.T.s for efficiency pay were also completed & only men who had not been done these tests I think show a fairly good standard of training as approx 98% passed. Morale is fairly high after painting the big picture & its effect on us as O.S.M.G. - The training periods were on Tues & Thurs from 1200-1700 & owing to shortage of places was mostly in the form of O.D. Surely morale with special reference to the H.Q. question shows. Patrol reports more detailed & longer mostly on Role Patrol briefing performance & Rosemary, pictures & cartoon issue during the week was much appreciated by the troops.

W.C. Munro Capt.

C/21/44

Lead Hooker 16 man

23

KOTI

25.3.44

B600
26/5

WEEKLY REPORT

Fopo

Ry KUMBARUM 1/25000 674596

1. COMD.

VX104154. Lt. Casey. A.H. adm Comd in absence of Capt Skinner at Bde Sq. Carter.

2. CAMPS and MANNING PERSONNEL.

CAMPS.	n/Ref	FIGHTING TR		NON. FIGHTING		Total.
		COY	ATT	COY	att	
COY	674596	2.67	- 4	—	—	2.71.
DETACHED		3.35	- 1	—	—	3.36
		5.102	5			5.107

Detached.

Schools 3-22 Rear Details - 1
 Fld. Bk. - 1 Bde - 1
 Leave - 1 Hq. Coy - 3
 Courses - 6

Total Detached. 3-36

attached.

B.Hq - 1
 AACC - 4.
 AACC Detached - 1

3. DUTIES AT STATIONS

Training

4. OPERATIONS.

NIL.

5. PATROLS

NIL

(6) ARMS & AMUNITIONS (in Area)

ARMS

LOCATION	RIFLES		OSMG.	LMG	Pistol. 38	Mort. 2"	Mort. 3"
	.303.	Sniper					
COY	41	2	17	5	2	3	—
ATT.	4						
	45	2	17	5	2	3	—

AMUNITION

LOCATION	.303	9MM OSMG	36. Gren		Mort 2"			Mort 3"		50kcs	MIR Satchels	Ignition Jabs
			Hand.	Rifle	H-E	SMOK	Ill.	H-E	SMOK.			
COY	980	6250	83	72	34	18	.	30	12	12	—	45

7 MEDICAL.

During the past week the sickness rate has been approx 25% of Coy. Strength. 2 PUO cases and 1. Infected finger. have been evacuated to MDS.

8. COMMUNICATIONS.

1. L/T. to FopO.
2. Runner.

9. GENERAL

- (a) officers & NCOs.
Shortage of officers & NCOs, through being at schools has made training difficult.
- (b) Proficiency Pay.
Return has been submitted to Br as follows
A class 92. B class 11, C. class 17. Personnel at schools and detached are still to complete range practices.

(C) Administration.

Adm in Platoons is fair and improving with the use of profemas.

d) Training.

The grenade bay commenced last week, has been completed. The practice with the live grenade carried out this week was good.

Further training see paras A & B.

(e) Discipline.

Improving

f) Moral. Fair, still the thought of leave.

g) Sporing.

Since the introduction of the Volley Ball & Basket Ball, the troops have been very keen, and has boosted the Moral.

10. CASUALTIES.

M/I. 20/3. 800. ARD. Pte Osborn. from X Lt.
 21/3. 100. ARD. Sgt Boyle. R/ptl Noyes from Rear Details
 24/3. Cpl. Mackey from X Lt

M/O 20/3. 2 officers & 10 avo to Bde Sig Center
 21/3. WOII Kingswell. Cpl. Dalst to M.O.S.
 22/3. Pte Goulard. to MDS from BHP.
 24/3. Pte Pike to MDS.

11. NO and Type of TOOLS

8 axes. 37 Machesettes. 37 Machesette Scabb.

49 ~~34~~ Shovels S/L, 8 Shovels Lge, 19 Picks Lge 3 Picks S/L

12. MOSQUITO NETS.

All mosquito nets are inspected daily and repairs made when necessary.

68 Sawcable Mosquito Nets & 5 Hammocks in Coy Area

13. EMERGENCY RATIONS.

146. in Area.

14. CONTROLLED STORES.

	Ryfle .303	Pistol	OSMG	BREN	Bren. S. Band	Comp. Leg.	Comp. P. is	Comp. P. Mag	BINOC No 1	BINOC No 2	Prot. War	Pist. Sig	MAG. Owen	Mag Bren	Snipers Ryfle	Teles. Sight	Map 2"	Cap. Disc.	Ball Beer	Bayonets	Mount Bin	Mag. Bin. R/A	Stoking R/A	Proch. R/S
coy	45	2	17	5	5	2	6	8	1	1	2	3	100	76	2	2	3	9	9	48	2	4	1	5
Det	38	2	-	4	4	1	2	1			2			16						35				2
	29	4	17	9	9	3	8	9	-	-	4	3	100	92	2	2	3	9	9	79	2	4	1	7
Acct.	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓	✓

10 continued to

15. TRAINING of N.C.O.S.

Owing to shortage of NCOs they were fully occupied instructing and completing T.O.ETS, and Range Practices.

Ey Ryfle continued
2 to

W. H. Mearsey Lt.
adm. Comd.
NOTI.

Ref Map. Humbarem 1:25000. 1
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SECRET.

D. Company.
24th Aust. Inf. Bn.
(A.I.F.)

Report for Week Ending 25th March 44.

Command.

O.C. Lt Looker & Wct.
2/c. Lt Lewis & S.L.

QM [Signature] 26/3

16 Pl.

17 Pl

18 Pl

Cpl Kelso c/c.

Cpl Jenkins c/c.

Cpl Longworth c/c.

3 Duties at Stations ÷ Nil.

4 O.P.'s ÷ Nil.

5 Patrols ÷ Nil.

7 Medical. Main complaints for the week were skin diseases, with two cases of diarrhoea, must have been caused by personal neglect, action has been taken. Hygiene generally during week was good.

8 Intercomms L/J to B H Q excellent.

9 General. (A) Training ÷ Fortnight syllabus is laid down by Bn. days. 7, 8, 9, 10, completed.

(B) WCO's syllabus ÷ Lectures on Field Craft, duties of an WCO, Patrols and Patrol reports, Admin.

(C) Morale ÷ Very high.

(D) Amusements ÷ Excellent. Sports played include football, deck tennis, soft ball, cricket, boxing, basket ball.

(E) Opinions ÷ Short base plate on 2" Matar found to be very unsatisfactory. Owing to lack of control over weapon.

(F) Identity Discs ÷ Every man in area holds two identity discs, steel stamlers.

EY
829 14
80 954

13 Controlled Stores. Rifles 57, Bolt 60, Rifle Sniper 1, Rifle EY 2, 38 Pistols 2. O.L.M. B's 19, O.L.M. B's Mag 94, Grens 9, Spare Barnes Gren 9, Bren Weapons 9, Bren Mag 65, Pistol Sig 4, Compass oil 1, Compass Pris 6, Compass Mag Bolt 5, Lucrene Prokator 4, 2" Matar 3, Bayonet 88, Mallets 16, Cup dischargers 9, Bren Tripods 2, Boxes A.A. Mag 1, A.A. Mag Drum 100nds 4, S.P. Watches 6.

[Signature] 26/3

Certify that my controlled stores have been checked by me and found to be correct as listed above.

Lt Looker Lt
O.C. D. Coy.
25 March 44.

Sections 2-6-10-11-12-14, attached.

Map Ref:-

2 Camps Manning Personnel:-

Manned by:-

Camps	M/R	Fighting Troops		Att. Troops	Non-Fighting	Total
		Coy	ad Unit	A.A.C.C.	S/S	
Surrey Hills		2-70	0-1	0-4	0-4	2-79

Detached:-

B.H.Q.	0-3
H.Q.	1-11
Rear Details	1-5
B de school	1-10
N.G.F. school	0-2
Total	3-31

Posted strength	5-101
Personnel in Area	2-70
Detached	3-31

6 Arms & Ammunition:-

Arms - As per controlled stores

Ammunition:-

Location	303		9mm	58	GREEN		2" MORTAR		2"	3"	2"	1"	1"	3" Mortar	
	Bar	Chr			400	700	HE	Smoke						Red	Green
McCullochs	3200	3353	3069		144	53	34	3	6	8	21	-	-	15	-
Swans Hill	7000	10750	4650		84	-	120	6	-	-	16	4	129	-	-
Perie Hill	1900	4400	932		96	36	125	14	6	-	-	-	-	145	-
Surrey Hills	580	350	1110	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1680	18853	9561	6	324	89	279	23	12	8	21	16	4	289	

10 Casualties During Week:-

Rejoined from Rear Details - Pte Beer 20/3/44 - T.O.S. Rear Details 13/3/43 - Pte White L.G.
 To B de Centre 19/3/44 :- L/Cpl Boulton, Sgt Capiso, Pte Clifford, Pte Goodwin L/Cpl Jackson,
 L/Cpl Lees, L/Cpl Nett, L/Cpl O'Brien
 Rejoined from Hooker - Pte Adams 17/3/44 - Reint. Reed - 20/3/44 Pte Charles - Pte Downie
 To N.G.F. school - 21/3/39 Cpl Grant Det HQ Coy - Pte Lang 24/3/44

11 Nos & Types of Tools:- Shovels 16 picks 2 kelvets Axes 3 heads handle 1

12 Mosquito Nets:- 81 serviceable, including serviceable nets hammocks plus 2 Hammocks

14 Emergency Rations:- 162 each man possesses 2.

B Coy Intelligence Report NO 1.

Ref Map SAIDOR 1"

1. Movements.

- (a) 10 Pl, 1 & 3 secs moved out 021300K. Pl HQ & 3 sec situated at YAUNIA 493790. 1 sec at YAIMAS 502815.
- (b) 11 Pl, 6 sec moved out to MIOR 565730 at 030840K, with NA carriers, comd by WO11 MINNIS.
10 Pl, 2 sec moved out to KALININ with NA carriers. Route out- from Coy area to WILWILAN thence down track bearing W.SW

2. TOPOGRAPHICAL.
track Mileage.

From B Coy area to NANKINA Rv along	5000 yds.	B2 road
" NANKINA R along MOONEY Dr to turn off to YAIMAS		
	5 miles	B3 road
" YAIMAS turn off to turn off to YAUNIA	1850 yds	B3 road
" Turn off to YAUNIA position	880yds	B1 road

3. GENERAL.

CO, 2I/C RMO & Adjut visited area 021555K, departed 021645K. 040950K. 2 Sigs with W/T moved from Coy area for 10Pl HQ at YAUNIA

.C.VEBRIGGS.Pte
"I" Sec
KUMO.

Tk/A POSITIONRef Map : SAIDOR 1-63360Cpl S L BROWNTk/A map ref 535820

Area : The area is fairly flat country and slightly swampy in places. It is very thick jungle which comes right down to the beach.

A small creek runs about 50 yds from the position entering the ocean just near gun position.

The position was taken over at approx 2130 hrs on 1 May 44 and settled into on 2 May 44.

.....Copies Report

.....Copies Sketch

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
7 May 44.

WAR DIARY Appendix.....N

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Report on the Unit's Activities for the week ending 7 May 44.

1.HQ Coy. Establishment of camp site.

1 Pl (Sig).....Duties.

2 Pl (MMG).....Beach Defence.- trg.

3 Pl (M) Establishment of camp site - Mortar trg.

4 Pl (Tk/A)..... Beach defence - trg.

5 Pl (Pnrs)..... Camp construction.

2.A Coy¹/₂ Camp and road construction -minimum of one hour per day -
trg.

3.B Coy. Perimeter defence-trg.

4.C and D Coys. Beach working parties, camp construction, spasmodic trg.

.....Lt Col.
G.F.SMITH.

Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

HCO'S SCHOOL COURSE NO 1
FOR LEPLS & SELECTED PTEs

ARY Appendix N

JOINING INSTRUCTION

24 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)
6 May 44
A 574/44

ALL RIFLE COYS

1. Course No 1 will commence during week ending 13 May 44, and will be located in present Bn HQ area.
2. The object of the school is to produce personnel who are sufficiently good instructors to warrant promotion to the rank of Acpl.
3. The course will cover a period of 14 days and will include 8 days weapon trg and 4 days field craft.
4. The following personnel will attend course No 1 as students:

SQUAD NO 1

Students No	Army No	Rank	Name		Coy
1	VK109123	Lcpl	HARRISON	H J	A
2	VK104423	Pte	CRUISE	W J	"
3	VK140325	"	WIL	T J	"
4	VK139493	Lcpl	HARSLER	F S	B
5	VK117871	"	HIRST	R	"
6	VK1 04488	"	NOYE	G	C
7	VK139859	"	LANNING	W S	D
8	V 320466	"	HUMPHRIES	H L	"

SQUAD NO 2

9	VK142111	Lcpl	JAMES	R A	A
10	VK135295	"	PAGE	C	"
11	VK104507	Pte	SCOTT	R J	"
12	VK141610	Lcpl	JENKINS	A A	B
13	VK123361	"	HILLARICH	R G	"
14	VK106332	"	PARKINSON	G C	D
15	VK142076	"	PAULSEN	W H	"

SQUAD NO 3

8 Ptes to be selected by pre-selection committee.

5. Students will report to school at time and date to be notified and will be in possession of the following:
marching order (to include hammock)
equipment
rifle
bayonet.

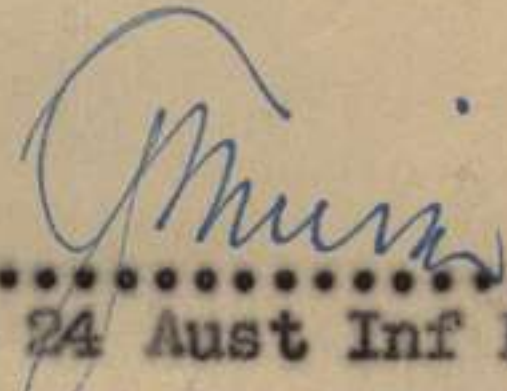
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A/Adjt 24 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
7 May 44

H.Q. 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Projected Activities for week ending 14 May 44.

1. Owing to the commitments of barge loading being of uncertain length and time, it will be necessary for two Coys of the unit to remain in beach area, with a day to day syllabus of trg.
2. H.Q. COY. Mortar syllabus attached.
MMG and TK/A syllabus NOT to hand on account of difficulties of comm.
- A. Coy. Training. Patrol of 2 offrs and 30 GIs to investigate Jap evacuation track. Duration 14 days.
Remainder:- Construction of NCO school site, Pl trg.
- B. COY. Perimeter defence-- Sec and weapon trg.
- C. D. COYS. Road construction, camp improvement, wharf duties and trg as opportunity offers.
3. OFFICERS. Officers lectures and cloth model exercises, two nights per week.
FIRST:- Monday 7 May 44. Subject:- Appreciations
Lecturer C.O
SECOND:- Thursday 10 May 44. Subject:- Orders.
Lecturer C.O
4. NCO's. NCO school for L/cpls and prospective L/cpls
C.I. Capt SKINNER.
Instructors-- NCO's from NGF and Bde school.
Duration 14 days.
5. GENERAL. It is proposed to concentrate the Bn either in 5 Div area or in beach area according to:-
(a) Period during which Bn will be required for beach duties.
(b) Which area is healthiest and free from malaria.
This will be carried out after 14 days has elapsed to test malarial reactions.

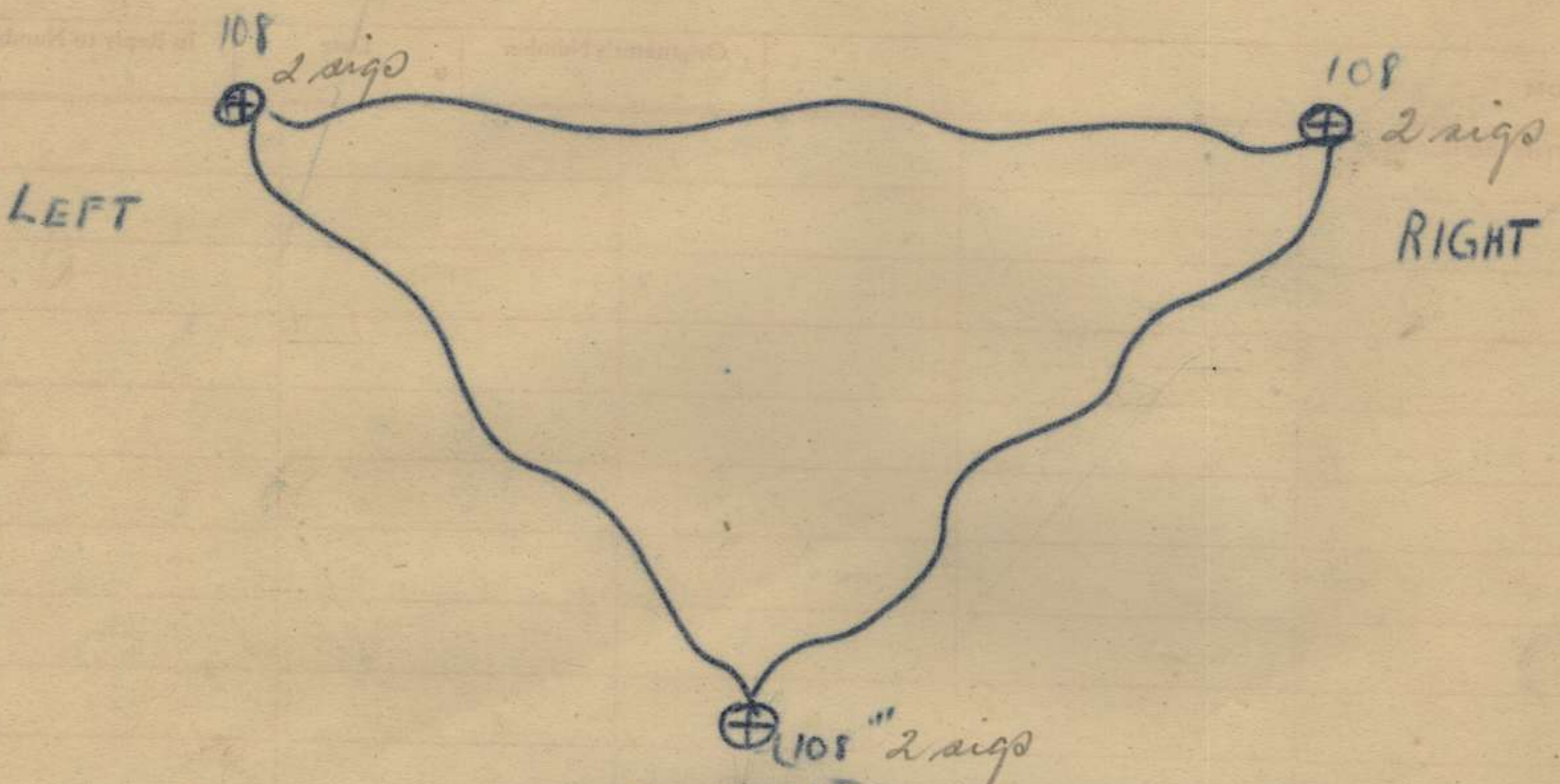

Lt/Col
 Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

PROPOSED SIGNAL PLAN

WAR DIARY Appendix

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PATROL 10 MAY 44



YOGA
YOGA

2 sigs

14 days

3 CALLS DAILY.

R/T code

10 sigs

6 Bull packs

3 108 "

6 packs carried
Blankets in boy
loads.

2 sigs

GALEC

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B.H.Q

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - SOUTHERN COMMAND

SECRET

G.S. 3 Div.
HOME FORCES

24 MAR 42

WARNING TO TROOPS IN OPERATIONAL AREAS

JAPANESE 1 KG ANTI PERSONNEL BOMB

1. This is a small bomb, with a rubber nose resembling half a tennis ball, which may be dropped from the air and will be found on the surface of the ground should it fail to explode on impact. The bomb measures about 10" in length inclusive of fins and is 3" in diameter.
2. This bomb must NOT be touched or moved and its destruction should only be undertaken by Engineers.
3. All arms should therefore be warned as above as these bombs may be dropped in large numbers against troop concentrations and the bomb has a lethal fragmentation of 50 ft radius.

DISPOSAL

4. Procedure (This must be strictly followed)

The bomb must not be handled. If in the open and an explosion is not likely to cause damage; first place a loose slip knot over the bomb and give a sharp jerk by remote control from behind cover - use at least 50 ft of cord or string.

5. If the bomb does not explode it should then be destroyed "in situ" by means of a safety fuse, detonator and primer, adopting the usual safety precautions for demolitions.
6. When the explosion is likely to cause damage a low sandbag wall should be built around the bomb, a small gap should be left in the bottom layer of sandbags to allow of the free passage of the string.

John W. Bentley
Lt.-Col.
G.S. 3 Div.

DISTRIBUTION

List "B"

A
75/3
1205 to 2900 42

25/3
Mr. Mahallan
12 27

RETURN OF CONTROLLED STORES

B H Q
24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Q.M. *17/4*

Q.M.

I certify that the controlled stores on issue to B H Q personnel have been inspected and checked with the exception of those stated below. Summary is as follows -

Rifles	Bayonets	Owen	Owen Mags.	Bren	Bren Mags	Bren Tripods	Pistols	Watches	Compass	Protractor.	Binoculars
25	24	4	19	1	8	1	6	6	6	8	4

spare round
wallet/bag

The following stores which are included in the above summary were not available for inspection -

Rifle No 1694) On issue to VX 115547 Pte PARNCUTT J C absent at N.G.F. Film Projectionist Course MORESBY.
Bayonet 1)

Compass No 116147)
Protractor 1094) On issue to VX 185 Lt Col SMITH G F. absent at L H Q Tactical School - BEENLEIGH.
Watch 40900)
Binoculars 07280)

Rifle Number 54157. On issue to V 155619 Pte RYAN F absent on duty forward.
No record of bayonet in issue to this man.

A W C Bunsell Lt.
(A W C BUNSELL)
I.O. 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

WAR DIARY Appendix N

RETURN OF CONTROLLED STORES

8.5.44

*6/2/44
10/15/44
Q.M. 15/5*

Q.M

I certify that the controlled stores on issue to BHQ personnel have been inspected and checked with exception of those stated below.

Summary as follows

*W/lt Smith, Hackeday, Sumell
Maj Carroll, Pte Oliver
M/lt Smith, Hackeday, Sumell
Carroll, King, Oliver*

RIFLES	BAYONETS	OWENS	OWEN(MAGS)	BREN	(BREN(MAGS))	BREN (TRIPOD)	PISTOLS	WATCHES	COMPASS	PROTRACTOR	BINOCULARS	
20	20	3	14	1	8	1	5 ⁶	5	5 ³	6	2	<i>wallets Bren</i>

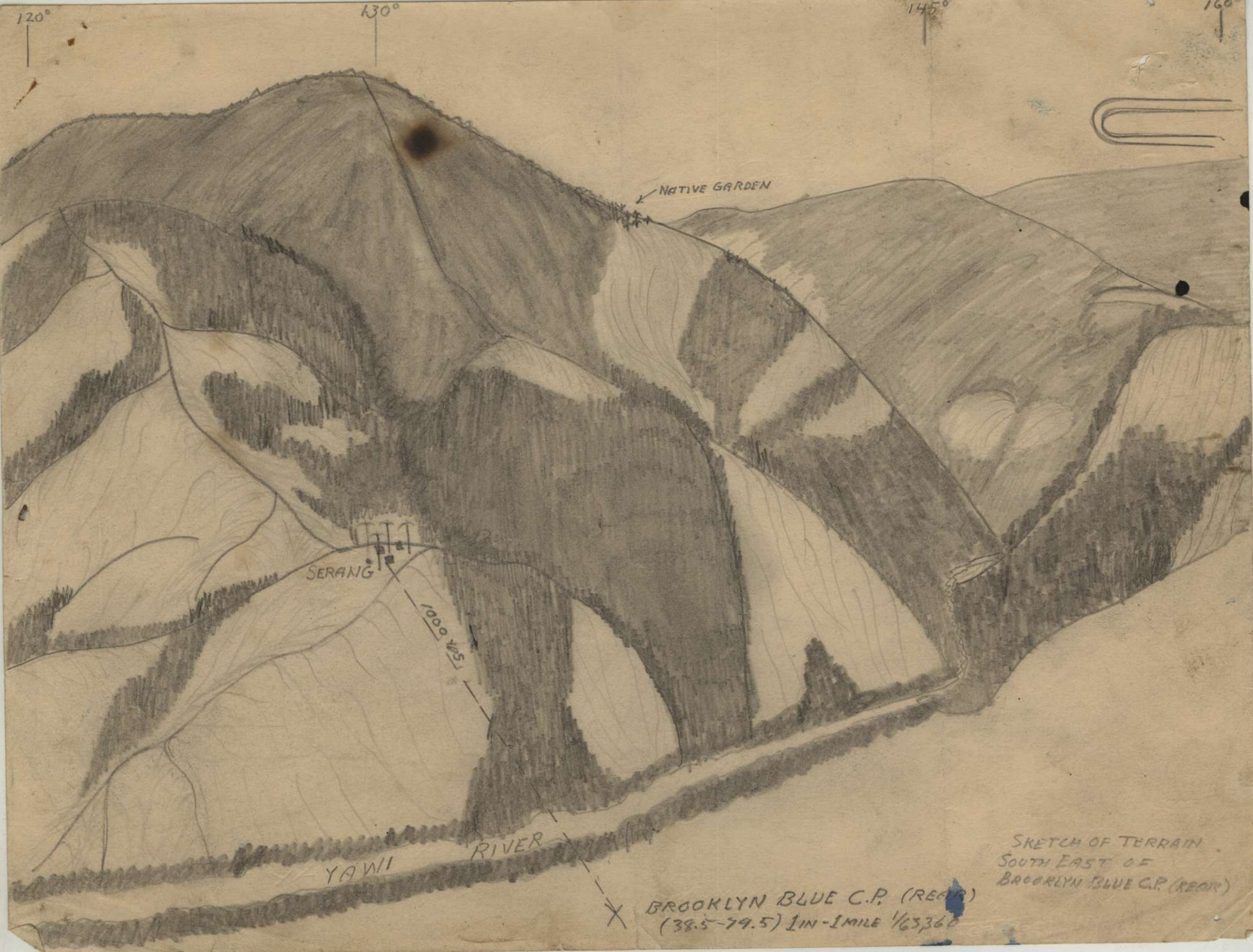
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Pte PORTER.G.D " " RIFLE No 04124 and Bayonet
Pte OLIVER.D " 57/60 OWEN No 31615. COMPASS 115742. OWEN Mags 5
Pte BRIGGS.C " B Coy RIFLE No 8688 and Bayonet. Compass 91414. Protractor 10012
Pte CUTHRED.G " C Coy RIFLE No 23911 and Bayonet
Pte RYAN LAE HOSPITAL RIFLE No 54157 no record of Bayonet on issue to this man
Pte GALE " D Coy RIFLE No 63620 and Bayonet
Pte PARNCUTT School RIFLE No 1694 and Bayonet
Pte OSMOND Hospital RIFLE No 18258 and Bayonet

Sumell
LT
A/ADJT 24 AUST INF BN (AIF)

WAR DIARY Appendix N

Ref Map SAIDOR 1 inchUnit Disposns SAIDOR area as at 4 May 44

24 Aust Inf Bn	523774
24 " " " (Staging Camp)	567774
15 Aust Inf Bde (24 Staging Camp)	567774
15 Fd Amb	522772
7 Aust Fd Bakery	523769
45 F.O.B. & F.A.D	531801
55 Fd Park	531801
2/160 Supply Pl	573773
M.L.O. & Beach Master	566779
73 D.C.R.E.	573773
SAIDOR Sub-Base	573773
5 Div Carr Pl(Less 1 sec) (Staging Camp)	567774
det 5 Div Postal Unit (Staging Camp)	567774
2 Supply Pl	524775
169 Supply Pl	524775



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145°

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NATIVE GARDEN

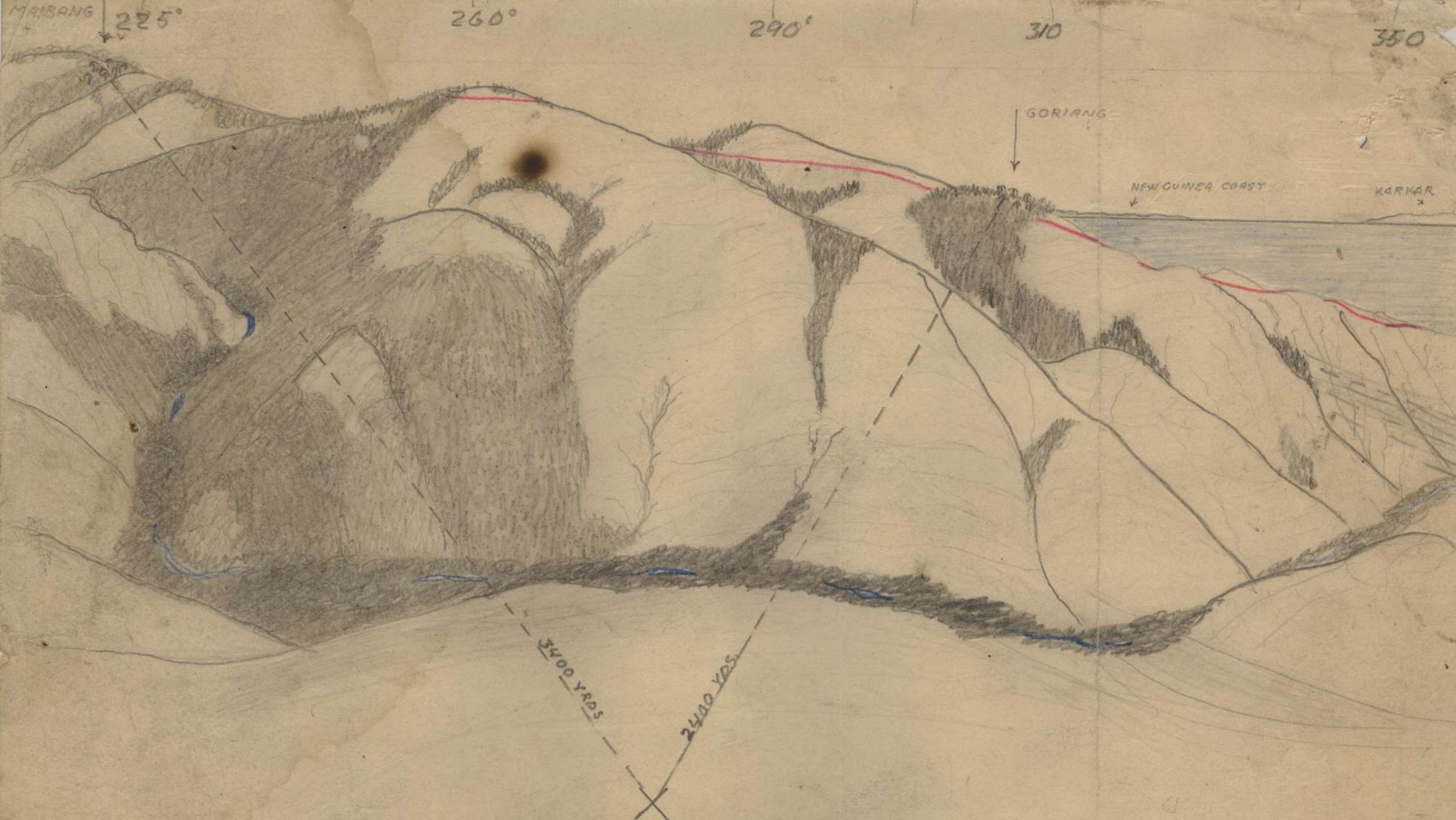
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1000 YDS

YAWI RIVER

BROOKLYN BLUE C.P. (REAR)
(38.5-79.5) 1 IN - 1 MILE 1/63360

SKETCH OF TERRAIN
SOUTH EAST OF
BROOKLYN BLUE C.P. (REAR)



BROOKLYN BLUE C.P. (REAR)
 (38.5-79.5) 1 in. = 1 MILE $\frac{1}{63,360}$

LEGEND

- MOT RIVER
- TRAIL

SKETCH OF TERRAIN
 WEST OF BROOKLYN BLUE C.P.
 (REAR)

H. Whittell

150°

180

225

APPROXIMATE
POSITION OF
GABUMI

MAIBANG



SKETCH OF TERRAIN
SOUTH OF BROOKLYN BLUE C.P.
(REAR)

X
BROOKLYN BLUE C.P. (REAR)
(38.5-79.5) 1 IN = 2 MILE 1/63,360

3400 YDS.

H. LITTLE

M-E-M-O-R-I-A-L D-A-Y S-E-R-V-I-C-E-S

30 May, 1944

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MAJOR NEVINS FUNERAL MARCH 126th Infantry Regimental Band

(CWO Oscar Zutschinski, Director)

HYMN - "NEARER MY GOD TO THEE" 126th Infantry Regimental Band

INVOCATION Chaplain Robert E. Murphy-309th Bomb Wing

Presentation of Wreath by American Red Cross Representative Mr. Dudley Unkefer to Officer Representing 32d Infantry Division.

Address and Placing of Wreath in Memory of Our Departed Comrades.

(Lt. Col. William A. Duncan)

HYMN - "FAITH OF OUR FATHERS" 126th Infantry Regimental Band

BENEDICTION Chaplain Edward C. Kuehnert, Eq., 32d Inf. Div

VOLLEY

"TAPS"

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Dismissal of Troops by Troop Commander, Major Harry C. Menclowski, 126th Infantry Regiment.

INFORMATION TO 040900K.

Ref Map
SAIDOR 1in-1mi

1. Movements.

(a) 10 pl, 1 and 3 secs. moved out 021300K.
Pl H.Q. and 3 sec. situated at YAUNIA 493790.
1 sec " " YAIMAS 502815

(b) 11 PL, 6 sec moved out to MIOR 565 730 at (MINNIS) 030840K, with NA carriers, comd by W.O. II ~~Monkhouse~~
10 PL, 2 sec moved out to KA LININ with N.A carriers. Route out :- from Coy area to WILWILAN thence down track bearing N.S.W.

2. Topographical

Track mileage

- ① From B. Coy area to NANKINA R. - 5000 yds. - B2 road.
- ② " NANKINA R. along MOONEY Dr. to turn off to YAIMAS - 5 mls - B3 road.
- ③ From YAIMAS turn off to turn off to YAUNIA - 1850 yds - B3
- ④ From turn off to YAUNIA - position - 880 yds - C1 road

3. General

C.O. - 21/c - R.M.O, ADJT. - visited area 021555K departed 021645K.

040950K. 2 sigs with W/T moved from Coy area for 10PI H.Q at YAUNIA.

C. V. Briggs Pte
"I" Sec KUMMO.

Log Diary No.

To	Initials
C.O.	SB 2/5 JLB

5 Aust Div has caused some hold-ups. In an effort to alleviate the heavy
post a courier A/C carrying 500 lbs of supplies, etc. over
and 4 Aust Inf Bn mess and dropped messages.

A.L.C's attached to 417 BOMB GP US forces are desirous of est some
faster means of comms with MADANG area, and one A.L.C. is visiting the MAIN 5
AUST DIV HQ in an effort to establish a courier run from MADLAB TO
SAIDOR & MADANG.

Sitrops from 5 AUST DIV are being rptd to all AUST units in the area,
plus WAR port control and 417 US BOMB GP.

5 LOCATION

Attached as appx B is a location statement as at 052359K plus marked
map.

6. GENERAL

Lt Col DAVID GOC 2 AUST COMB visited the Bn on 4 MAY whilst
moving to MADANG.

David Goc

Lt Col
Cmd 24 AUST INF BN (AIF)

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
13 May 44.

24 Aust Aust Inf Bn Intelligence Summary No 2.

COMPILED FROM INFM RECEIVED UP TO I22359K.

I. OPERATIONS.

24 Bn

09I230K "A" Coy A patrol led by Lt FOX and Lt MATHAMS with 36 Ors moved from Coy area, to patrol inland to YOGA YOGA, which is approx 18 Miles due SOUTH from SAIDOR, with the object of establishing there a firm base, from which local patrols could clear any Japs in the area.

I2I500k Information was received that the patrol had reached MASABANG, at I2I200K, and had contacted 4 Japs in the gardens approx 1000 Yards NORTH of MASABANG. These Japs were killed by our troops. One of these Japs was a 2nd Lieutenant. Our Own Casualties were Nil.

Documents were also captured, which will be forwarded on receipt to higher formation for translation.

Up to this date 31 Dead japs have been counted along the track.

2. FLANKING UNITS

Activity has been confined to patrolling, but no enemy have been sighted.

Inland patrol from PIB penetrated to WANGA MISSION, KAMBA, MOGURUL, and HAPURPI. Another patrol from AMELE through PAGASIN and NANAI, returned to AMELE without sighting any enemy. A Patrol to WPU approx 18 Miles WEST of ALEXISHAFEN, reported No Movement Seen.

Local patrols were carried out between MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN including an arty patrol in the NOBONO area.

Further reports of enemy Booby Traps have been received including a Booby trap found in the Bomb Dump at ALEXISHAFEN strip on 4 May. A patrol investigated the mining of Bridges on the Road NORTH of ALEXISHAFEN, and found that the approaches of two bridges in the vic of VITA PLANTATION which is approx 2000 Yds NORTH of the HARBOUR entrance to ALEXISHAFEN, had been Booby Trapped.

These Booby Traps were found to be badly placed, and not considered to be a danger to vehicles.

A Bn of a flanking Bde, is now approx 18 Miles NORTH of ALEXISHAFEN. No contact having been made with the enemy.

3. AIR OPS.

TAC R. Tac R on 5 May reported that most of the Bridges between Cape CROISILLES and NUBIA destroyed. WEST OF the GILAGIL RIVER signs of movement N.W. were observed

The WEWAK area was heavily attacked by allied Bombers on 4 May. 12 Libs bombs A/A Posns at BORUM and WEWAK, destroying 5 Guns. 10 BOSTONS attacked grounded A/C at DAGUA scoring many direct hits. 24 BOSTONS strafed the Road N.W. of WOM POINT and destroyed 4 Dumps and one bridge. 10 MITCHELLS attacked KAIRIRU and MUSCHU ISLANDS, with unobserved results.

A large number of sorties were carried out between HANSA BAY and WEWAK, but no reports of results have been received.

4. GENERAL. 06I9IO K Lt GENERAL SAVIGE visited the Bn area staying the night. A signal was received from 5 Aust Div to the effect that Lt GENERAL MORSEHEAD, had communicated his appreciation of the performances in operations as shown by units of 5 Aust Div.

D. J. Russell
-----LT
IO 24 AUST INF BN (AIF)

DAILY WEATHER REPORT MONTH ENDING 30 Apr 44.

Date	First light	Darkness	Cloud	Ceiling	Wind	Visibiliy	General.
1 Apr	0600	1835	scattered	8000	NW	good	fine & warm.
2 "	0610	1830	"	10000	"	"	" " light breeze at night
3 "	0610	1840	"	10000	"	"	" " "
4 "	0600	1840	"	20000	"	"	" " "
5 "	0555	1845	"	9000	"	"	showers in afternoon otherwise fine
6 "	0615	1830	"	12000	E	fair	fine & warm
7 "	0550	1835	"	10000	"	"	" " "
8 "	0600	1820	"	12000	"	good	" hot rained at night.
9 "	0610	1800	"	5000	"	"	" hot heavy storm 2100-2230hrs.
10 "	0605	1800	"	20000	"	fair	" light rain in afternoon.
11 "	0604	1810	"	8000	"	"	fine & warm
12 "	0610	1810	"	9000	"	good	" " "
13 "	0602	1815	"	9000	"	"	" " rain PM.
14 "	0600	1805	"	8000	"	"	" " " "
15 "	0602	1803	"	10000	"	fair	" " " "
16 "	0603	1810	"	9000	"	"	" " " "
17 "	0604	1815	"	9000	"	"	" " " "
18 "	0610	1807	"	9000	"	good	" " " "
19 "	0605	1820	"	2800	"	"	" " " "
20 "	0603	1805	"	9000	"	"	" " " "
21 "	0604	1810	"	10000	"	"	" " " "
22 "	0602	1805	"	8000	"	"	" " " "
23 "	0610	1807	"	7000	"	"	" " " "
24 "	0605	1809	"	5000	"	fair	" " " "
25 "	0606	1805	"	8000	"	"	" " " "
26 "	0605	1802	"	4000	"	poor	close and cloudy AM rain in afternoon
27 "	0610	1802	"	7000	"	fair	fine and warm rain PM
28 "	0655	1803	"	20000	"	"	" " " "
29 "	0555	1804	"	5000	"	"	" " " "
30 "	0600	1806	"	4000	"	"	" " " "

Information To 040900K

KUMO
4 May 44

B Coy Intelligence Report NO 1.

Ref Map SAIDOR 1"

1. Movements.

- (a) 10 Pl, 1 & 3 secs moved out 021300K. Pl HQ & 3 sec situated at YAUNIA 493790. 1 sec at YAIMAS 502815.
(b) 11 Pl, 6 sec moved out to MIOR 565730 at 030840K, with NA carriers, comd by WO11 MINNIS.
10 Pl, 2 sec moved out to KALININ with NA carriers. Route out- from Eny area to WILWILAN thence down track bearing W.SW

2. TOPOGRAPHICAL.
track Mileage.

From B Coy area to NANKINA Rv along	5000 yds.	B2 road
" NANKINA R along MOONEY Dr to turn off to YAIMAS		
" YAIMAS turn off to turn off to YAUNIA	5 miles	B3 road
" Turn off to YAUNIA position	1850 yds	B3 road
	880yds	U1 road

3. GENERAL.

CO, 21/C RMO & Adjut visited area 021555K, departed 021645K.
040950K. 2 Sigs with W/T moved from Coy area for 10Pl HQ at YAUNIA

.C.VBRIGGS.Pte
"I" Sec
KUMO.

A. COY PATROL 9 MAY 44

1. Ref Maps:- SAIDOR 1/63360 NANKINA 1/63360.

2. OBJECT OF PATROL:-

To locate and destroy any enemy in the following Villages:-
YOGA YOGA SOUTH towards ZAWAN and WEST to MAWELOLO.

3. TASK OF PATROL.

To establish base at YOGA YOGA and simultaneously patrol through the above named villages. Patrolling will largely depend on native information gained in YOGA YOGA area.

4. COMPOSITION OF PATROL.

Comd:-	Lt FOX F R	
	Lt MATHAMS	
Fighting Troops:-		2 Offrs 20 ORs
Attached Sigs:-		10 ORs
"I" Sec:-		2 ORs
R.A.P:-		2 ORs
AACC:-		2 ORs
TOTAL:-		<u>2 Offrs 36 ORs</u>

5. DURATION OF PATROL.

15 Days.

6. START TIME.

091230K.

7. START POINT.

Bn R.Q Store.

8. MOVEMENT OF PATROL.

DAY-1:- Patrol will move by MT from RQ store at 1230K to YORI and stage the night.
DAY 2:- Patrol plus Boy line move from YORI to SEIN estimated time 6 hrs.
DAY 2:- Patrol move from SEIN to MASIBANG estimated time 8 hrs.
DAY 3:- Patrol move from MASIBANG to YOGA YOGA where it will establish its base.
DAY 4 to 11:- Patrol to operate at the discretion of patrol comd.
DAYS 12 to 14:- Patrol to return to YORI and then by MT to Bn area

9. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) RATIONS:- 15 days SWP to be prepared by RQ in Boy loads of 35lbs on DI. Rations to move with patrol to YORI

(b) WEAPONS:- 2 LMGs 20 rifles 16 O.S.M.Gs

(c) AMN:- Carried on the Man:-

LMG	4 Mags filled (200rds)
Rifle	50rds (1000rds)
OSMG	4 Mags filled (1920 ")
All pers less Sigs	2 Gren 4 Sec
TOTAL:-	303-- 1200rds
	8 mm--1920 "
	Gren 4 sec--56

Reserve Amn on Boy line:-

	303-- 2000rds
	9mm-- 6000 "

(d) INTER-COMM:- By L/T from YOGA YOGA to YORI from YORI to BHQ. Fwd of YOGA YOGA by runner. By wireless when batteries are available

(e) MEDICAL:- One medical Kit on Boy line and two medical haversacks to be carried by R.A.P Orderlies.

....."2.....

(f) DRESS AND EQPT:- Battle order

Pack to contain the following:-

Mosquito net, half tent, gas capes or ground sheets, blanket, one set clothes, 3 spcks, towel, shaving gear, mess gear, sweater, 2 emergency rations, 36 Atabrin, 1 bottle mosquito lotion, first aid kit, field dressing. Strength State and Ann returns to be submitted daily from YOGA YOGA.

10. GENERAL:-

Natives arranged by ANGAU for maintenance of patrol. W.O BENNETT of ANGAU will accompany the patrol and handle natives.

Two ANGAU native labour oversears to organize natives at YOGA YOGA.

11. SECURITY.

AAB 83's to be withdrawn and left at Coy HQ. NO unit identifications to be carried. Captured eqpt will be brought back on Boy line on completion of patrol.

"I" Sec to take charge of captured documents and make going report for duration of patrol. They will submit Sitrep daily up to 1630 hrs.

.....Lt
O.C. A Coy.

18 May 44.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 3.

Compiled from info received up to 172359K.

1. OPERATIONS.24Bn.

A coy. The patrol comd by Lts FOX and MATHEWS to YOGA YOGA. Further to summary No 2 information was received 13 May from native source that 3 Japs were moving from vicinity YOGA YOGA down the trail towards our base. Acting on this info, an ambush was set, and on 150900K 1 enemy SNLP (special naval landing party) was killed without casualties to our troops. The total of enemy killed is now 5, and 41 found dead, making a grand total of 46. Further native info has been received to the effect that YOGA YOGA and beyond are now clear of enemy. This info must be treated with reserve as it is in variance with that previously received.

5 Aust Div.

The most important was a patrol NORTH along the coast from ALEXISHAFEN to MEIGAR (approx 25 miles from ALEXISHAFEN), followed later by an Aust Coy to this village. NO enemy were seen in this move. Local patrols are now pushing out from MEIGAR. A native captured in this area was questioned and stated :- 'He had been with the Japs at BOGIA until a week ago and that the Japs were evacuating BOGIA, there being NO Japs between BOGIA and MEIGAR.' The native was NOT a very intelligent type and his report is graded E3.

2. TAC R.

Tac R reports to 3 May show increased activity from the SEPIK River mouth to YESCHAN. Barges and rafts were sighted at the mouth and at NEW SINGARIN (8 air miles from the mouth). Reports suggest that the enemy is staging at NEW SINGARIN from the coast via the WATAN LABOON where barges have been sighted, some laden with personnel. A road NORTH from HAHNENBERG was observed to have heavy recent use, and a good, well used MT road was seen near TIMBUNKE. Much activity was reported at a village 4 miles SE of BURIU and 31 BAKATOIS in convoy were recently sighted 5 miles NORTH of MALU. Possible barge hideouts were located at JAPANDAI and MALU. YESCHAN appears occupied.

3. OTHER FRONTS.

HOLLANDIA AREA. The total Jap casualties in this area are 977 dead and 259 PW. Following the occupation of HOLLANDIA and the ADMIRALTIES a total of 600 Allied PW were released after having experienced many months of incredible hardships and privations. Of this total 7 were Australians, the remainder British, Poles and Filipinos. One SIKH stated that after being forced to march for eighteen days to the Jap base on the MALAYA PENINSULA, enduring agonies of hunger and thirst, 6 were put to death. Along the route CHINESE PW were nailed to palm trees by nails through the head.

466 SIKH soldiers were released in the ADMIRALTIES.

CHINA. The Japs have launched the largest offensive since 1928, and are advancing in the HONAN Province and have crossed and are now driving up the YELLOW River. The Northern Jap forces have now linked up by road and rail with the Southern forces.

BURMA. In the past two months 6000 Japs have been killed on the Central BURMA front. Troops under the comd of LORD MOUNTBATTEN and GEN STILLWELL have killed 22,000 Japs on all BURMESE fronts with much less loss to themselves.

RUSSIA. Land operations are comparatively quiet, but the Reds are keeping up a round-the-clock air offensive against the GERMAN held wall. MOSCOW reports that there is only one local battle NORTH of the CARPATHIANS and 600 Germans have been killed.

4. AIR OWN.

The WEWAK area is still the subject for continuous attacks by our aircraft which have been causing serious damage to enemy installations and supply dumps.

HANSA BAY.

18 A20s attacked AA positions on 8 May in this

4. AIR OWN.

contd . area silencing them and destroying one. Fires were started in the dump areas. Airocobras destroyed one barge in ULINGAN HARBOUR. On 11 May 22 A20s attacked bridges on the coastal track from the MALAS River to the RAMU River destroying two. On 12 May 11 A20s attacked the HANSA BAY area destroying the bridge over the AWAR River. BIAK ISLAND has been subjected to three heavy attacks during the period under review. Two of three attacks were on MOHMER drome and both resulted in explosions in the area. On 12 May a large force of LIBERATORS attacked BOSNEK with excellent results. On 12 May a LIBERATOR attacked a convoy of three transports each of 7500 tons and one cruiser approx 70 miles EAST of MANOKWARI. Damage was caused to one transport by strafing.

5. SEA OWN.

On the night 8/9 May RAN MLs made three separate attacks on a possible submarine in the vicinity of Cape CROISILLES. The area was searched next morning but NO wreckage was found. On 11 May ML patrols to KARKAR and BAGBAG ISLANDS reported NO movement seen. On night 11/12 May truck lights were observed at DOVE POINT and BUNABUN HARBOUR. At dawn on 12 May a RAN Corvette bombarded buildings and enemy positions at BANGAME, KUBURNE, and MANGAR on KARKAR ISLAND, starting fires and destroying buildings. Light inaccurate fire was encountered from an enemy position at MANGAR. Indications were reported of a radar and W/T station on the SW slope of the island. At dawn 13 May the RAN again bombarded KARKAR Island destroying gun positions at BUI and an ammunition dump between BUI and MANGAR. NO return fire was encountered. It was reported that the Radar station was still active. On 13 May depth charges were dropped off MADANG on a suspected submarine. NO details are available.

6. SEA ENEMY.

Ship sightings suggest a determined effort by the enemy to build up his bases in NW DUTCH NEW GUINEA. On 29 April a convoy consisting of one light cruiser, one destroyer and two large merchant vessels, totalling 25,000 tons was sighted 85 miles NNE of SORONG on an Easterly course and may have been destined for MANOKWARI, and an Aircraft Carrier carrying 20/30 A/C on deck was seen at anchor near SORONG. Although ship sightings in GRELVINK BAY showed a slight decrease compared to those of the previous week, there are further indications of the enemy's continued interest in BIAK and NOEMFOOR Islands. Enemy shipping may be expected to continue to frequent Eastern GRELVINK BAY until the area is made untenable for him. Approximately 18,000 tons of shipping were sighted during the week in the BIAK and NOEMFOOR areas where development continues. Abnormal barge sightings were reported in the BIAK Island area on 28 April when 128 barges were seen, and also at SATANI (5 miles SOUTH of CAPE GRELVINK EAST) where 75 barges were reported on 1 May.

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24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

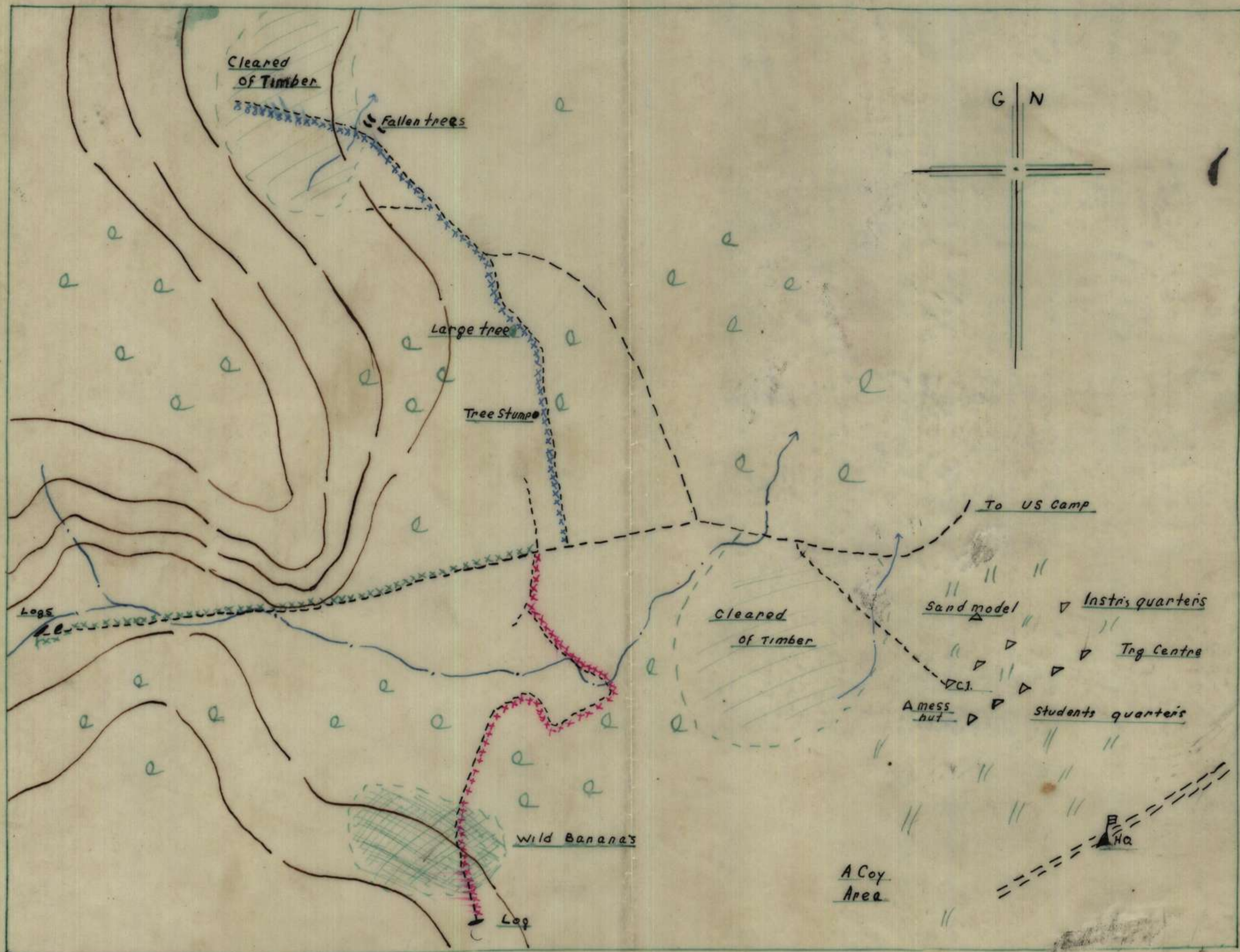
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Dry Water Course	—>—>
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Kunoi	
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Scale 1" 50yds

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weather	good
visibility	"
Date	10 May 44
Time taken	Rhs
Form lines	By eye
method	Traverse
V. Hochaday Pte & Sec.	

SKETCH OF 10 PL. H.Q. AND 3. SEC AREA AT YAUNIA

Ref Map - SAIDOR 1 in - 1 mile

Map Ref 493790

R.F. : 1/720



- Jeep Rd - - - - -
- OLD Jeep Rd (UNSERVICABLE) - . - . - .
- CREEK ~~~~~
- HUTS □
- TENTS △△
- CONTOURS ≡
- BARRICADE ∩

SCALE 1 in - 20 YDS

V-I - 5 FT

DATUM POINT *

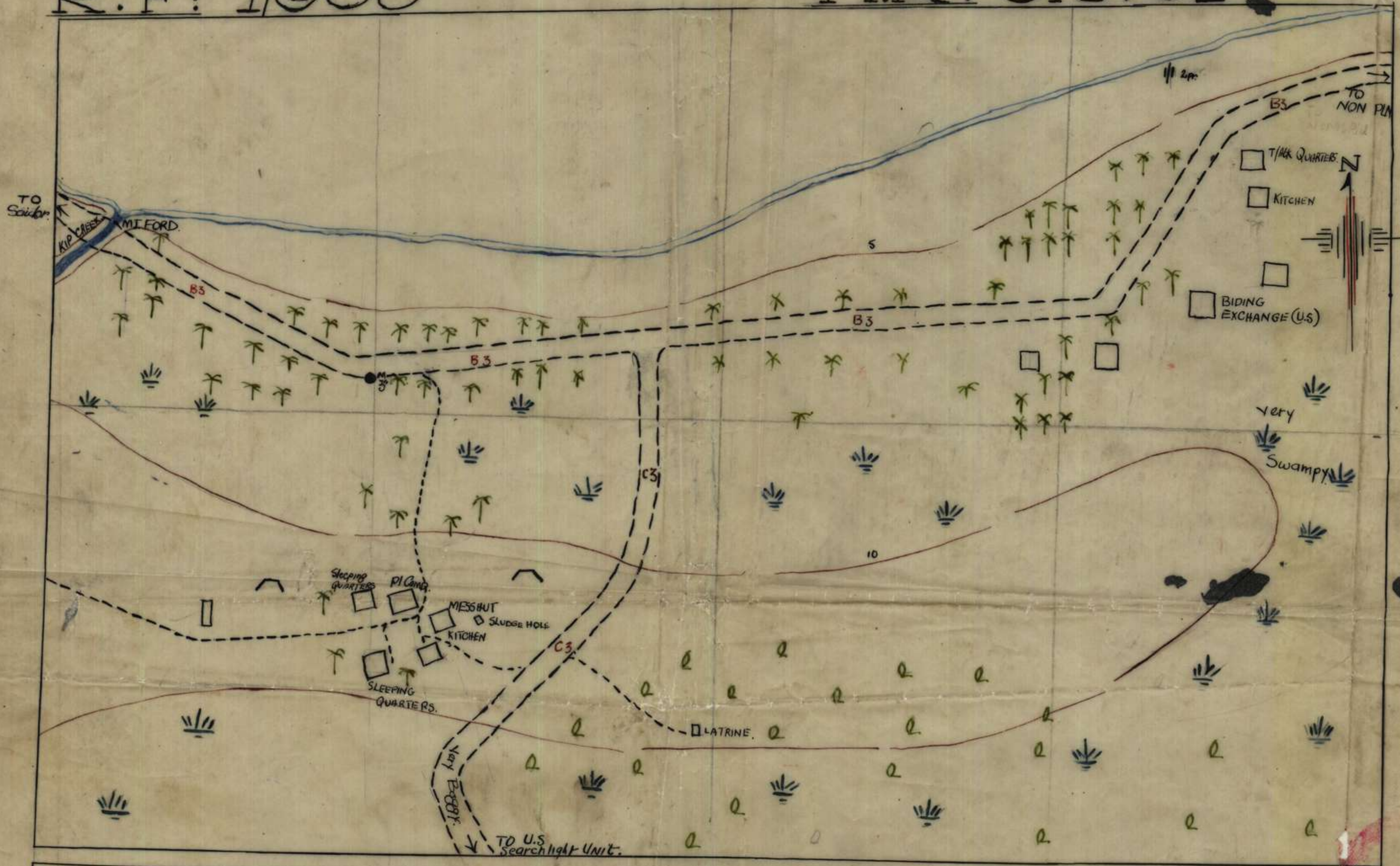
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<u>DATE</u>	3 MAY '44
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<u>Traced by</u>	K. C. Falconer Plt <u>'I' Sect.</u>

SKETCH OF 11PL.H.Q. AT MUR PTN

Ref Map - Saidor 1 in 1 mile.

R.F: 1/900

M.R: 618762



Legend

Coast.	
Creeks.	
Coconut Ptn.	
Swamp	
Huts & Tents	
Roads	
Tracks	
Mor Posn	
Dug Outs	
Form Lines.	

Scale 1" = 25 YDS



V.I. 5 Feet.

Reliability.

Weather: Fine Vis: Good.

Time Taken. 1 hour.

Time. 1400K

Date. 12 May '44

C.V. Briggs.
C.P.M.
"I" Sec.

24 Aust Inf Bn (A)
7 May 44.

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Report on the Unit's Activities for the week ending 7 May 44.

1. HQ Coy. Establishment of camp site.

- 1 Pl (Sig).....Duties.
- 2 Pl (MMG).....Beach Defence.- trg.
- 3 Pl (M) → Establishment of camp site - Mortar trg.
- 4 Pl (Tk/A)..... Beach defence - trg.
- 5 Pl (Pnrs)..... Camp construction.

2. A Coy Camp and road construction -minimum of one hour per day .
trg.

3. B Coy. Perimeter defence-trg.

4. C and D Coys. Beach working parties, camp construction, spasmodic trg.

.....Lt Col.
G.F.SMITH.

Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

H.Q. 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Projected Activities for week ending 14 May 44.

1. Owing to the commitments of barge loading being of uncertain length and time, it will be necessary for two Coys of the unit to remain in beach area, with a day to day syllabus of trg.
2. H.Q. COY.

Mortar syllabus attached.
MMG and TF/A syllabus NOT to hand on account of difficulties of comm.

A. Coy. Training. Patrol of 2 offrs and 30 Gns to investigate Jap evacuation track. Duration 14 days.
Remainder:- Construction of NCO school site, fl trg.


B. COY. Perimeter defence-- See arm' weapon trg.

C. B. COY. Road construction, camp improvement, wharf duties and trg as opportunity offers.
3. OFFICERS.

Officers lectures and cloth model exercises, two nights per week.
FIRST:- Monday 7 May 44. Subject:- Appreciations
Lecturer C.O
SECOND:- Thursday 10 May 44. Subject:- Orders.
Lecturer C.O
4. NCO's.

NCO school for L/cpls and prospective L/cpls
C.I. Capt SKINNER.
Instructors-- NCO's from NGF and Bde school.
Duration 14 days.
5. GENERAL.

It is proposed to concentrate the Bn either in 5 Div area or in beach area according to:-
(a) Period during which Bn will be required for beach duties.
(b) which area is healthiest and free from malaria.
This will be carried out after 14 days has elapsed to test malarial reactions.


..... Lt Col
Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

REPORT ON ~~TA~~ POSITION

TK/A

Ref Map SAIDOR Lⁿ : 1 Mile.

Map Ref 535820

AREA.

The area is fairly flat and slightly swampy in places. It is very thick jungle which comes right down to the beach.

A small creek runs about 50 yds from the position entering the ocean just near the gun position.

The position was taken over at approx 2130hrs 1 May 44 and settled into on 2 May 44.

S.L.BROWN Cpl.

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A Coy. Patrol. 9 May 44 to 20 May 44

Ref Map SAIDOR 1/63360. NANKINA 1/63360.

Patrol Comd. Lt F H FOX.

1. Object of Patrol. To locate and destroy any enemy in the villages YOGA YOGA south towards LAWAN and WEST to MAMELOLO.

2. Composition of patrol.

Armament.

Patrol Comd	Lt F H FOX.	
2 I.C.	Lt R H MATHAMS	2 LMGs.
Fighting tps attached.	2 Offrs. 20 Oms.	16 OSMGs
	Sigs. 10 ORs	20 rifles.
	I Sec 2 ORs	2 grenades per man
	RAP 2 ORs	
	AACC 2 ORs.	

Total. 2 Offrs 36 ORs.

3. Duration of Patrol. 11 Days.

4. Time out. 091230K. Time in. 201820K.

5. Route out.

From BHQ by MT to YORI 401815. From YORI patrol marched along track via MIWAI, GABUMI to SEIN 381758 thence via AIYUA to SINDAMAN 428735 from there SOUTH to MASIBANG 428716. Then SOUTH via LANGANI to BASE 434667 from here portion of patrol moved forward to YOGA YOGA 446653.

6. Route in

Reverse of route out except that patrol moved via LANGANI to SINDAMAN bypassing MASIBANG.

7. Casualties. Enemy. 5 killed.
Own. Nil.

8. Narrative.

Day - 1. Left BHQ 1230K arrived YORI 1630K. strength 2 offrs 36 ORs L/T comms could not be established as the lines had been cut between YORI and U.S. tank destroyer Unit.

Day 1 Left YORI 0715 K. with intention to move to AIYUA arrived SEIN 1430K. but did not continue to AIYUA. Strength 2 Offrs 33 ORs 3 ORs YORI.

Day 2 Left SEIN 0700K. intending to move to MASIBANG but owing to the length and slow progress of the carrier line this was impossible. Arrived SINDAMAN 1400K. Numerous dead Japs were found along the track and were counted by I Sec. Strength 2 Offrs 33 ORs. 3 ORs YORI.

Day 31. At 0630K. natives reported to ANGAU that there were approx. 6 Japs occupying gardens between SINDAMAN and MASIBANG. Patrol left 0715K. with guide. On arriving in gardens area 1 sec was placed in an ambush on along the track. Self Lt MATHAMS. WO LL BURNETT and Police Boy with No 1 sec (Cpl STEVENS) entered gardens where 4 Japs were observed. Lt MATHAMS WO II BURNETT Police Boy and Pte KELLY remained on slope overlooking gardens with orders NOT to open fire until self and No 1 sec did so. One Jap began to move through the garden in our direction and passed 16 yds from us. detailed 2 men (Ptes SCHMAHL and JONES J R) to deal with this Jap while remainder of sec moved in. SCHMAHL and JONES opened fire then Lt MATHAMS party. We moved in and found 2 Japs hiding behind a large rock. These were killed immediately. No 2 Sec (Pte BARRINGER) then moved through the gardens and exploited. The 4 Japs we first observed had been killed one of them being a second Lt. Kills went to No 1 Pte SCHMAHL and JONES, No 2 Pte KELLY and Police Boy. No 3 Pte SCHMAHL. No 4 Pte MORRIS. The condition of one Jap was very good and the other 3 quite fair. It was noted that the first Jap killed had 3 bullets in the head, 17 in chest and 13 in abdomen. Patrol then contacted ambush party and moved to MASIBANG. arriving at 1200K. more dead Japs were found along the track.

Day 4. No 1 sec left MASIBANG 0700K. other 2 secs patrolled gardens in MASIBANG area. NMS. natives reported area clear. Patrol left MASIBANG 0930K. and contacted No 1 sec LANGANI 1145K. full patrol then moved to creek 434667. more dead Japs were found along the track. The sig vated ended 1 hrs back from here at 433670. The move from MASIBANG to here was very hard country rugged. Strength 2 Offrs 33 ORs. 3 Sigs YONI.

Day 5. Decided on establishing BASE 434667 for the following reasons.
i. Comms from YOGA YOGA would be impossible as ANGAU reported that it was at least one days march.
ii. ANGAU reported that there is no water within 2 hrs of YOGA YOGA
11. Rations were checked and it was found that only 7 days meat rations had been supplied and although we had been having only two (2) meat meals per day. only three (3) days remained on hand. ANGAU called in local kanakas who reported that there were some Japs in YOGA YOGA but as they had chased the kanakas out of the gardens the kanakas had not been near them for a week or more. One native said that 5 Japs had moved from Ridge garden to a garden further down the track but that 2 had died. Patrol 1 sec. (Pte KELLY) established ambush at 433651 and returned 1630K. NMS.

Day 6. One sec. Pte BALRANGOR established ambush at 436663. Lt FOX with onaxsec. (Pte KELLY plus "I" cpl) set ambush party and whole proceeded to gardens where kanakas had seen the three Japs. Natives along track led party party to the Jap hideout. Patrol found hideout unoccupied so set an ambush. One Jap returned and was killed by Pte SCHMIDT. kanakas reported the other 2 Japs dead near the creek patrol checked this report and skirgished through gardens. NMS. Gardens were very bare. Returning to Base patrol picked up a mission boy from BANU 574515 and brought him for questioning by ANGAU. He refused to answer questions and told other kanakas in dialect to remain silent. When questioned further by ANGAU he broke bush and escaped. other kanakas from villages out from YOGA YOGA all reported that there were no Japs in their areas.

DAY 7. 4 Sigs moved back to SINDAMAN to repair line. One one days meat rations remained on hand. Intention for the following day move back to SINDAMAN. Strength 2 Offrs 28 ORs. Base 4 ORs. SINDAMAN. 3 ORs YONI.

DAY 8. Left BASE at 0700K. and received message re ret ons at 0900K. Did not consider it worth while returning to base as task of patrol had been completed. Arrived SINDAMAN 1315K. rations arrived 1500K. and on checking same it was noted that the meat rations which arrived were more than those issued for the 14 days. Details of rations are shown separately. SIBOG natives reported that approx 2 weeks ago there were 3 Japs in gardens aprox 420750 investigating, Day 9. Strength 2 Offrs 33 ORs 3 ORs YONI.

DAY 9. Patrol 1 sec. Pte BALRANGOR investigated gardens vicinity 420750 NMS. 1 dead Jap was found in hut. but hut had not been used for some time.

DAY 10. Left SINDAMAN 0730K. arrive GABUNI aprox 1230K. staged night.

Day 11. Left GABUNI 0800K. arrive YONI 1100K. thence RT to A Coy area arriving there 1830K.

- 9. COMMUNICATIONS. Used 8 miles Aust cable and quantity of U.S. cable
- 10. TRACK CONDITIONS. The going was very tough on the route partical arly between MASIBANG and YOGA YOGA.
- 11. NATIVE THEM. Proved very reliable.
- 12. SUPPLIES. Rations particularly meat were short until Day 8.
- 13. MORALE. Excellent throughout. the men showed general disappointment because of the shortage of Japs.
- 14. HEALTH & HYGIENE. Health was good throughout and hygiene laid down was strictly adhered to.
- 15. GENERAL REMARKS. The work of the men within the patrol was very good, but in our first contact on Day 3. sec leader 1 sec. (Cpl STEVENS) had to concentrate on the preventing of casualties by the sec LMG gunner. The gunner was very careless and on two occasions was going to fire on our men and natives who led the patrol in. It is the firm belief of the patrol Offrs that the reinforcements gained a great deal of experience. the three sec comds did excellent

signed Lt Fox 21/5/44

GALEK to PARAMUSI approx time 2½ Hrs , Water available en-route
Track through ANGAU station across Kunai plain and then follows bed
of TUNGO RIVER to foot of hills. Hill very rugged almost straight
up for about one mile, very slippery in wet weather.

PARAMUSI to SURI:- approx 1½ Hrs. Track continues straight up
hill very rugged and dangerous, in wet weather. Water available
at village.

SURI to SIBOG :- approx 4 Hrs. Track fair in dry weather, with
four rugged pinches and crossing 4 small mountain streams. Native
vegetable available at SIBOG also water.

SIBOG to SINDAMAI :- approx 3½ Hrs. Track winds down hill through
Kunai and bush, last section before reaching YOWIE RIVER is very
rugged and after crossing YOWIE short section on other side, is
rugged and slippery. Track then winds on through Kunai and bush,
fairly steep and wide, very hard going in wet weather. Sindamai
village is in two parts, and small water supply available.

SINDAMAI TO MAISIBANG. :- approx 2 Hrs. Track winds out of
village and goes along side of a mountain. Flat road very wide and
extremely muddy. About ¼ mile out of SINDAMAI the main Jap trail
bypassing SINDAMAI and going towards ISINGAN (TANGIE) is passed on
the right hand side, and again the main Jap Trail branches out to the
left just before reaching MAISIBANG, and goes through LANGANI.

LANGANI and MASABANG are NOT on the same track, and it looks as if
MASIBANG has been bypassed by the main body of Japs, but there are
a few foxholes in the village of MASIBANG. Water available, but
a guide will be necessary as spring is situated outside village.

River

MASIBANG TO YOWIE/Camp Site :- approx 3½ Hrs . Track out of
village goes through Kunai and native gardens, very steep and at the
bottom of the first hill about one hour's travel, the main Jap trail
is picked up again at this Junction. There are a few Banana Leaf
Huts scattered through the bush, and about 10 Dead Japs insight; from
hereon Dead Japs are found on the track, and the road is lined with
rough shelters, many of which hold Dead Japs. From Track Junction
to YOWIE is very rugged and dangerous, and parts would be almost
impossible in wet weather (Good Drinking water) Easy crossing at t
track with one fairly wide swift flowing part, over which either Japs
or natives have attempted to build bridge. From the look of this
River it appears it would rise very quickly in heavy rain, and is
fairly swift with a short waterfall just above crossing. Large
party of Japs have camped here, at one time and various eqpt was
scattered about incl L M G. Booby traps made from Hand Grens
were also found as track wound along left bank of river. Track
very rugged after ½ mile up and down over small ridges and crossing
streams, finally leaving the valley, it proceeds up very rugged hill.
Many rough shacks and Dead Japs around top of ridge. Track winds
through Kunai and is good M going in dry weather. On-top-of-ridge
No Water available. This camp site is easily picked out, as there
are two huts right on the track.

FROM YOWIE RIVER CAMP SITE TO TRIBUTARY OF HANKINA RIVER :- approx
3 Hrs. Leaving the camp site the going down hill is bad, and danger-
ous. Approx One Hour out of the village, a small river is crossed and
from there on to the HANKINA TRIBUTARY the terrain is about the
worst imaginable, steep and precipitous. The Gorge of the
tributary is extremely steep and mostly loose iron stone. Sides
straight up and down, River Muddy, swift and by the look of River
Bed this river would be impassable. The right bank is precipitous
and the cliff like sides, go up for 400/500 Ft and then there is a
ford over swift flowing small stream, with a loose gravel bottom, also
very dangerous in wet weather. Just before reaching the top of this
cliff, a small spring of clear water spouts out of the cliff. This
water should be used in preference to the iron tasting muddy water of
the tributary.