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2nd Australian Imperial Force and Citizen Military Forces unit war diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/5/3

2/3 Machine Gun Battalion

June - July 1945

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Sheet 1

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted)

Unit 2/3 AUST M G BN Date and Time.—From 1 JUN '45 To 30 JUN '45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BUT Area	1		7 pl moved from BUT to join B Coy at KARAWOP. One Sec 14 pl took over outpost positon in JIKOKU PASS from 5 pl A Coy and	② To replace Sec involved in fight on 31 May
			came under comd A Coy. B Coy take over defence BOIKEN SECTOR from 2/1 Aust Inf Bn. Capt P.R.Clemons rejoins unit from	
			BEENLEIGH Tac School and is posted as OC HQ Coy. Koanumbo Area investigated by 8 pl and Area PAROM - NAMBATUI - HAWAIN R searched by	
			natives and reported clear.	
	2		12 pl move to DAGUA for defence of strip, Bn HQ warned to be ready to move to KARAWOP on 4 Jun. 8 Pl est, just NORTH of	
			KOANUMBO? and patrolled locally. Lt-Col Gordon goes to WOM to contact 6 Div about future role of Bn. D Coy Hq plus one sec	
			14 pl move to KARAWOP. 13 pl to 039221. 15 pl to 092218. Cpl Mackenzie and 3 native boys tracked Japs who attacked out-	
			post posn on 31 May, as far as Wonginara Mission.	
	3		Warning from GSO II 6 Aust Div that Lt-Col Gordon was not to attend the next Tac School because of future role of Bn. Bn warned to be ready to move	
			to MANDT - BRANDT Area, to relieve 2/6 Cav (Cdo) Regt and take over offensive defence of Area. Proposed move to KARAWOP can-	
			celled owing to this new plan. One pl 2/1 Aust Inf Bn to remain U/C D Coy as reserve whilst at KARAWOP. B Coy patrol led	
			by Cpl Keating searched village KOANUMBO and saw tracks of one Jap. Proceeded to follow track leading EAST and were fired on.	
			Two Japs killed in the action and Cpl Keating wounded. Patrol carried wounded man to WEST side of village. While native re-	
			turned to base to report action. 6 Men sent up under Cpl Jenkins Again Japs contacted and two more Japs were killed.	

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BUT Area	4		Lt Johnston A.W. & FOO moved to KOANUMBO area & registered the area. 5 Bty 2/3 Fd Regt cease to be in support & 4 Bty 2/2 Fd Regt in sp. One Tp DAGUA one tp EAST of BOIKEN. Three natives patrolled area from UBIN to LIWO. NORTH of LIWO natives found new hut with sentry outside in foxhole. Boys attacked with grenades killed two & wounded seven. The wounded were ~~set~~ shot while trying to escape.	
	5		Maj L.M. Cowan makes recce of WOM area for site for Rear HQ. Native infm that HAMSUK - YAMINI - LIWO clear of Japs(*) Arty shelling of area effective. 8 Pl B Coy sent strong patrol to KIANUMBO. Many recently constructed foxholes and pits ~~well~~ well camouflaged found in area. One Jap broke bush on right of track. Patrol mov to high ground but made no contact. When returning found 2 Japs in temporary shelter. 3 O S M Gs opened up & killed both Japs. All Japs well equipped with plenty of food.	(*) The policy adopted to keep these areas free of Japs seeing that they were beyond range of our patrolling was to send natives out for several days to locate their Japs. On return they were interrogated on a sand model of the area & the posn of the enemy fm pointed. These posns were then engaged by Arty from DAGUA. This method proved very effective & completed cleared & kept cleared this area
	6		C.O. 2 IC & I.O. visit 19 Bde HQ. & 6 Aust Div. Plan for Bn is to take over BRANDI PLN area & hold cross rds at MANDI with an outpost to stop any mov WEST. 8 Pl B Coy killed two Japs KOANUMBO. Native patrol killed 9 Japs NW of LIWO.	
	7		C.O. held Coy Comd Conference to form adm plan for mov to BRANDI present:- Maj Cowan, Maj Hindmarsh, Capt Clennett, Capt Bellair, Capt Clemons, Capt Hewitt, Capt Bonnin, Capt Harkness, Capt Denniston.	
	8		C.O. 2 IC I.O. recce MANDI & BRANDI PLN area prior to relief of Cav Regt. 8 Pl patrol along KOANUMBO track reported no contact.	

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BUT Area	8		Move of B Ech to WOM postponed 24 hrs, no transport available. 13 pl move from DAGUA to KARAWOP to join D Coy.	
	9		Recce parties C + D Coy move to BRANDI. Move B Ech postponed another 24 hs. C - D Coys warned to move 10 Jun & relieve 9 Sqn at BRANDI. Maj Nesbet OC 9 Sqn reports to Lt-Col Gordon prior to recce of PASS area. 9 Sqn willrelieve A Coy.	L x
	10		Capt Clemons, Lt White recce BRANDI area for HQ site. C Coy - D Coy less 13 pl embarked for BRANDI. B Coy patrol to KOAN-	
			UMBO. Located strong enemy force dug in at Nothern end of village. Section attack unsuccessful. Enemy two killed own	
			one killed (see patrol report att as appx).	x Sec Pl D remained KARAWOP to hold that area pending relief.
BRANDI Area	11		C & D Coy (less one Pl) take over from 9 Sqn & come under Comd 2/6 Cav Regt. Capt Bellair OC of force. D Coy HQ remain at ~~MANDI~~ BRANDI. B Ech leaves by road for BRANDI area. Site which was to have been at WOM changed owing to change in role. 10 Sqn	
			arrive KARAWOP. C Coy sent out clearing patrols & contacted enemy dug in on WEST side of ck at KEYHOLE. Three enemy were	Prior to taking over the infiltration had taken dangerous proportions. The policy adopted to counter this was strong and offensive patrolling. This policy proved successful - enemy infiltration ceased and 10 days thereafter the area was considerably harassed by day & night ambushes, offensive patrolling & artillery registered by Arty Regt.
			killed and Capt Bellair OC C Coy accounted for two. Feature to EAST of BRANDI i.e. TED reported clear. Dispositions see	
			trace.	
	12		0020K one grenade thrown at sentry in 15 pl area. Two pls attacked posn KEYHOLE with arty sp. Accurate strike on target	
			caused enemy estimated at 25 to withdraw. Both sides of ck ex-	
			ploited as far as 399009. 5 enemy fled up to SOARIN. One Jap	
			killed by arty and two own wounded by tree burst. Sjt Walker	

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Unit 2/3 AUST M G BN Date and Time.—From 1 JUN ' 45 To 30 JUN ' 45

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BUT Area - BRANDI	12		later died of wounds. A Coy relieved by 2/9 Cav (Cdo) Sqn & moved to KARAWOP to stage for the night.	
- MANDI Areas	13		B Coy el called for arty concentration on KOANUMBO. 7 pl attempted to ater NAMBATUI with result one enemy killed one	
			own wounded. NUMBATUI registered by arty 1600K. Comd BRANDI area passed from 2/6 Cav to 2/3 Aust M G Bn. C Coy patrol to	
			spur NW SOARIN killed two Jap sentry's. Japs in posn further to west fired indiscrimentally. A Coy mov to MANDI and take	
			over from 2/10 Sqn.	
	14		Arty concentration on NUMBATUI. Night 14/15 grenades thrown into WISLING Compound. 12 pl patrol int SOARIN from NE con-	
			tacted dug in enemy posn at 405002 strength approx 12 with	
			LMG. Signs of enemy mov along track for 500 yards into this posn with numerous weapon pits. 15 pl patrol into SOARIN from	
			NW contacted well defended enemy posn with two JUKI on ridge 398004. 80 graves found 395007 on well used track. Total	
			casualties enemy 5 killed own 2 wounded.	
			due to enemy action on 14th.	
	15		B Coy not to be relieved at BOIKEN till 16 Jun. Move from BOIKEN to MANDI on 17 Jun. 10 Sqn arrived at BOIKEN but re-	
			lief held up. Ration party to PAROM discovered 4 fresh Jap tracks and one Kanaka pad. Extra men sent up and these were	
			fired on while returning to Coy. Strong patrol to PAROM failed to locate any enemy. 13 pl patrol up KARAWOP ck to	
			old 15 pl area followed Jap tracks & fired on by LMG & rifles 2 Japs killed. 7 men detached from 13pl to guard WISLING. (	
			9 pl patrol over 1800 feature & back to WISLING report no sign enemy. 1115K 10 pl made contact NE of SOARIN. Arty registra	
			tion	

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BRANDI - MANDI Areas	15		interrupted by Japs cutting line. Registration continued from C Coy area. Patrol was ambushed while returning five enemy were killed & one ~~won~~ own wounded. 1602K hostile gun opened up from SOARIN area. A Coy contacted 10 enemy at 423073. Own cas 1 native killed, one native and one own wounded enemy unknown. Arty registered 423011 during afternoon. 152230K grenades & explosives thrown into area occupied by B Coy HQ & 10 Sqn at BOIKEN 4 Div Sigs maintenance party wounded, 2 Cav Officers wounded. Bridge at water point KARAWOP ck blown. Arty tp EAST of BOIKEN attacked with explosives no cas. 7 & 8 pls both lines cut & 8 pl were attacked. Pte Sutherland badly wounded. One Arty wounded one Arty & Pte Coates killed. Total Japs killed six.	X own X
	16		A Coy patrol to cut track vic 429004 found bunkers and foxholes on 400 feature later named TILLEY. No signs recent occupation. 1000K accurate arty strike on located targets SOARIN area. 1035K 15 pl patrol to set ambush on L of C in Graves area 395007 was itself ambushed, [illegible] enemy strength 12. Short engagement both sides withdrawn. 2 enemy killed own 1 killed 2 wounded. Sjt Parkins D killed. 2100K enemy st unknown raided EAST end A Coy perimeter one Lt captured by Pte Johnson C.R.	
	17		0545K 12 Pl patrol left for TED & RINGWORM. 4 enemy contacted on track at 413012 two killed. Patrol proceeded and was harassed by LMG and rifle fire and Sjt Haylett was slightly wounded. 1030k arty registration by arty R on SOARIN compleded. Harassing fire by MMG from BLUFF on SOARIN feature. 1600K A Coy patrol to 428009 contacted 3 Japs killing one.	MMG harassing fire used for [illegible] to cover general area in which Japs were known to be located. Later Japs tried to knock out the guns with a 75 mm firing a point blank range every time MMGs opened up

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRANDI – MANDI Areas	18		Registration of SOARIN target completed by whole Bty. Arty H F on SOARIN. 3000 rds MMG harassing fire on targets SOARIN.	
			D Coy less 13 pl at MANDI. A Coy HQ mov to 407031. 4 pl remained MANDI . 5 & 6 pl come under comd C Coy, Lt Edwards in	
			comd of composite pl. Comd passes from Maj Hindmarsh to Capt Clennett in MANDI area.	
	19		0700K arty concentration on ridges at 396004. 5 & 6 pls patrol up STEVES? Made first contact at 395010 continued SOUTH up ridge	
			and met enemy fire from at least 2 JUKIS. Enemy 4 killed own one killed 3 wounded, pte Young R.S. killed, pte Nankivell K	
			later died of wounds. Arty registration successfully carried out on ridge where MMG were located by morning patrol.	During the tour of duty of the Bn we received enemy arty 105 + 75 mm shelling the coy dispersed locations many types, but on no occasion got the shells within the permitted. The fire of the enemy guns was ignored.
	20		4 pl releived by 13 pl which arrived in area from KARAWOP. 4 pl joined A Coy HQ. 1430K 6 hostile shells landed vic432015	
			between B & D Coys and two rounds in sea off MANDI beach, 4 pl attacned to D Coy. Made contact at 428009. Rifle fire & gren-	
			ades encountered. Own one killed enemy unknown, Cpl Nicholson killed. Sjt Bowering exposed himself to enemy fire & brought	
			in the body of Cpl Nicholson. MMG harassing fire on SOARIN area. Arty registration on COLLINS completed.	
	21		Two Jap sentries contacted 415006 one killed. 5 pl reported tracks of one enemy 300 yds South from perimeter MMG H F fire	
			on targets SOARIN. Tac R report indicates much enemy activity in vic MANDI. Arty R called for and one target as indicated	
			by Tac R registered (429011). GOC Maj General J S Stevens CRA Col Bleby CO 2/3 Fd Regt & BM RAA Maj Harris conferred with	
			Lt-Col Gordon. Indications given by GOC that Bn would be relieved and sent out for a rest. 300 rds per day allotted for	

now that the area was quiet

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BRANDI - MANDI Areas	21		H.F. More would be allotted but supplies of amn were short. Air Strikes impossible as only amn was Jap and this was only 50% effective. pennies were placed on the end of the bomb to help make it explode. This is an example of the insufficient equipment available to 6 Aust Div.	
	22		0640K hostile gun landed 4 shells between B & D Coys, 1100K two shells landed BRANDI area. Local patrols saw no Japs. patrol from 5 & 6 pls to GRUB while returning were fired on by own tps pte Cox V X killed Sjt Heath wounded.	
	23		Very heavy rain fell during morning. D Coy patrol to EAST reported no signs of mov. One map found in hut SOUTH of BLUFF ~~to~~ gives Jap defence of SOARIN and BRANDI. 6 native sentry boys arrived to do some patrol work with the Bn. Given to Cpl Mackenzie whose briefing & interrogation of the native sentries who have worked with the Unit has been valuable.	
	24		0400K C Coy patrol left BRANDI to set ambush EAST of SOARIN Moonset at 0528K. Dull showery night. No arty H F on C Coy targets after 0300K. After arty concentrations on the ck junc area during the past two days D Coy sent out patrol to search & report on area. patrol reported area well covered by arty & posns abandoned. One Jap seen on ridge 100 yds up track from shelled area. patrol returned wtnout contact. C Coy patrol reported no signs of enemy. 1700K sig line between B & D Coys cut. Tac R confirmed Jap def posns soutnof MANDI.	
	25		0700K Arty concentration on ridge where Jap seen previous day prior to patrol mov out to search area & return via spur 240010.	

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BRANDI - MANDI Areas	25		0800K., possible enemy cooking area on SOARIN ridgeharassed by MMG fire from C Coy posn. D Coy patrol reached 428008 and cleard area two Japs only sen one shot. Patrol mov west to next spur and reported arty caused much damage in general area 423010 (FRASER). Patrol continued soutn to 420006. Many def posns., 6 weapon pits recently prepared appeared to nave been occupied previous day. Equipment found w incl hand saws, rifles, LMG, compression engine 6 by 20 MM A/A guns, horse harness, bicycles, misc tols. C Coy patrol reached 388007 witnout contact. A Coy contact patrol witn 2/11 Aust Inf Bn, shot two Japs in hut 394030.	
	26		1150k. Hostile gun landed 6 shells B Coy area. Two duds examined proved to be 105 MM. Arty not available during moning as Regt was registering on SHIBIRANGU feature, D Coy patrol waited till Arty could be put down on ck junc area 428008 before mov out. At 1400K D Coy patrol contacted the enemy in force on the ridgeat 428008. Plan was for 15 pl to move fwd & clear the area while 13 & 14 pls were to search the dump & move or destroy all serviceable equipment. B Coy sent a ~~patrol~~ pl to hold D Coy area. 15 pl crossed the ck to north of ridge & were then pinned down with LMG & rifle fire. Maj Clennett took 14 pl to left to extricate 15 pl but unable to get into posn. Runner from 15 pl led 13 pl round ta right flank & this pl engaged the enemy with fire while 15 pl withdrew. Casualties were enemy 3 killed own two wounded ptes Scott & Cummins. C Coy patrol reached an area to EAST of SOARIN & on the BRANDI river at 408002. No signs of enemy. From ~~an~~ here nostile gun	

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BRANDI - MANDI Areas	26		appeared to be firing from a posn 405999. Arty harassing fire continued during night.	
	27		B Coy patrol to C Coy area reported no sign of enemy. C Coy patrol up North slope SOARIN to vic 405007 sighted no nemy.	
			~~country~~ rough track was made through scrub. Patrol came from 5 & 6 Pls supplemented with A/A Pl. D Coy local patrols only.	
			Arty continued harassing fire by day and night. 12 pl ambush patrol at 411015 fired on enemy food party of 4 at last light.	
			Three believed to have been killed.	
	28		B Coy patrol to DOVE ck at 448015 sighted 4 Japs. Three were killed one of own killed, pte Morey. Night 27/28 Jun booby	
			trap on B Coy perimeter sprung. Next day Jap cap & bayonet blood trail found at spot. In C Coy area investigations at ambush area	Later knowledge of three Japs confirmed.
			411015 revealed one bloodstained cap & marks of body or bodies being dragged out of garden area. Local patrols during day re-	
			ported no enemy sighted. 1200k, two hostile shells landed vic BRANDI PLN. 31 reinforcements arrived in area. These had no	
			tents half shelter as they were apparently not obtainable. Some were given two ground sheets instead. Others were only	
			allowed one ground sheet. Arty R requested but unable to obtained. RAA indicated that may be available on 29 Jun. Tac R	
			reported several new cleared areas on SOARIN ridge.	
	29		Arty R Not available. FOO and party mov to area 428008 to register ridge where Japs held up D Coy patrol on 26 Jun.	
			Difficult to get a suitable OP but registration appeared to be effective. C Coy worked out targets indicated by Tac R previous	

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	29		day and harassed them with MMG fire. Shortly after the harassing the hostile gun landed one shell 50 yds srtn of C	
BRANDI - MANDI Areas.			Coy posn. During the day arty harassed the SOARIN ridge and juki area 395007. Arty R not available on 30 and possibly not on Jul 1. This on is on priority for Arty R but pilots and planes are not available.	Appendices att. 1. Dispositions as at 7 June 2. Dispositions as at 23 June
	30		12 pl ambush patrol in garden near BRANDI contacted and shot two Japs. Targets indicated by Tac R registered by predicted shooting. B Coy patrol to DOVE ck saw no new signs. Discovered the three bodies shot on 28 Jun. D Coy local patrols made no contact. It became a favourite pastime to set night ambushes on the garden area, wait until the Japs had dug the potatoes, then kill the Japs & take the potatoes	3. Sig. plans for June 4. Med. Reports 5. AAF 3008 - 3009 6. Patrol Policy & Reports 7. Place names 8. Malarial Graph June 9. Enemy Killed 10. Duplicate copy War Diary for May
			Appendices:-	
			~~Casualties~~	
			~~Dispositions~~	

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DISPOSITIONS 2/3 AUST MG BN. 7JUN.

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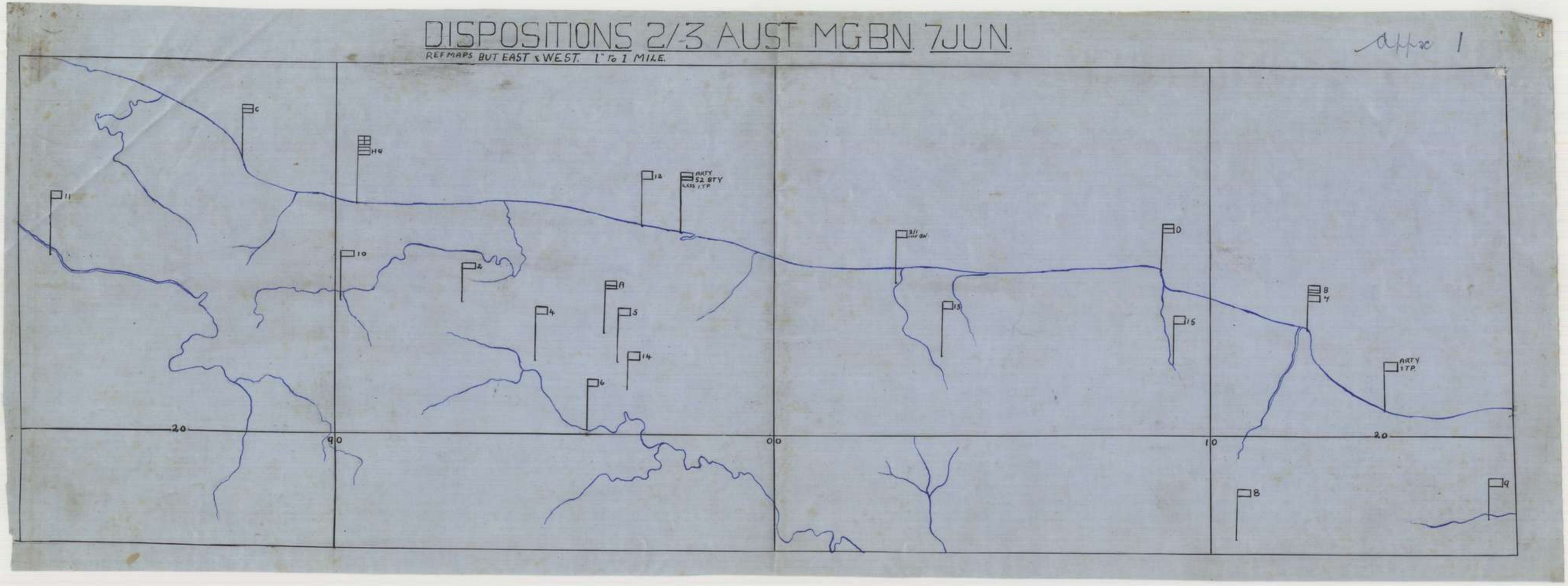

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DISPOSITIONS 2/3 AUST M.G.BN 23 JUN.

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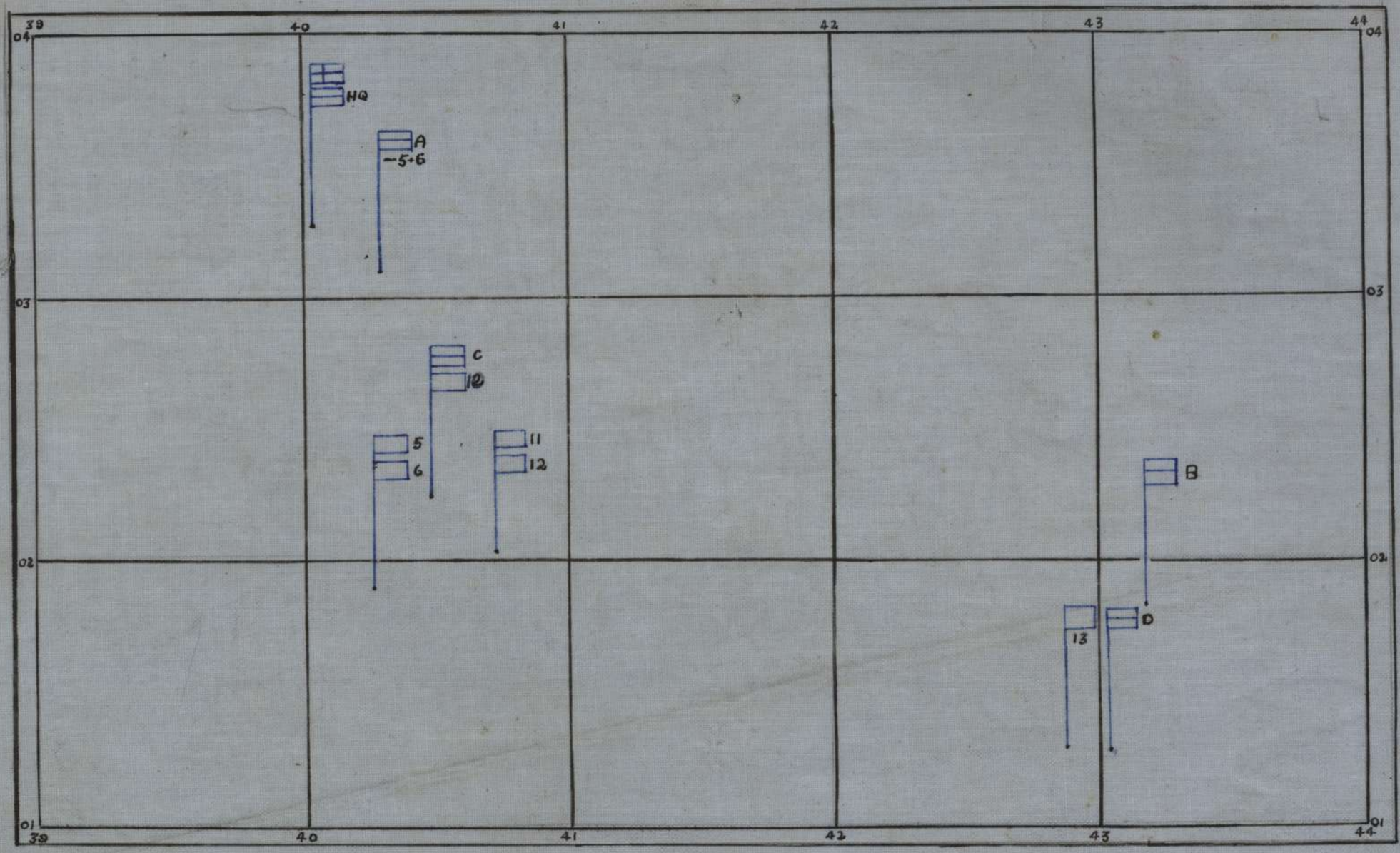

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War Diary

Signal Diagram - Secret

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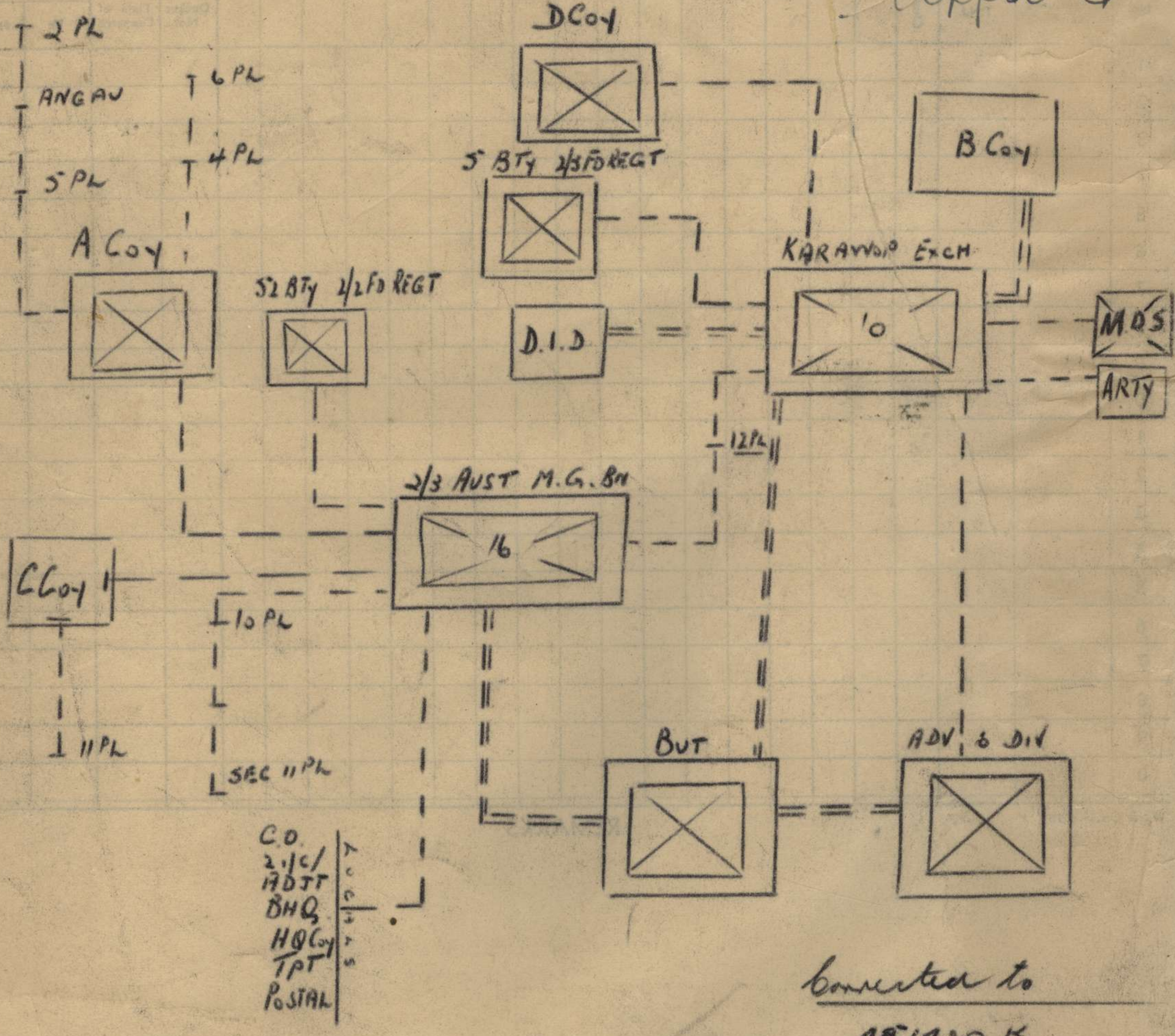

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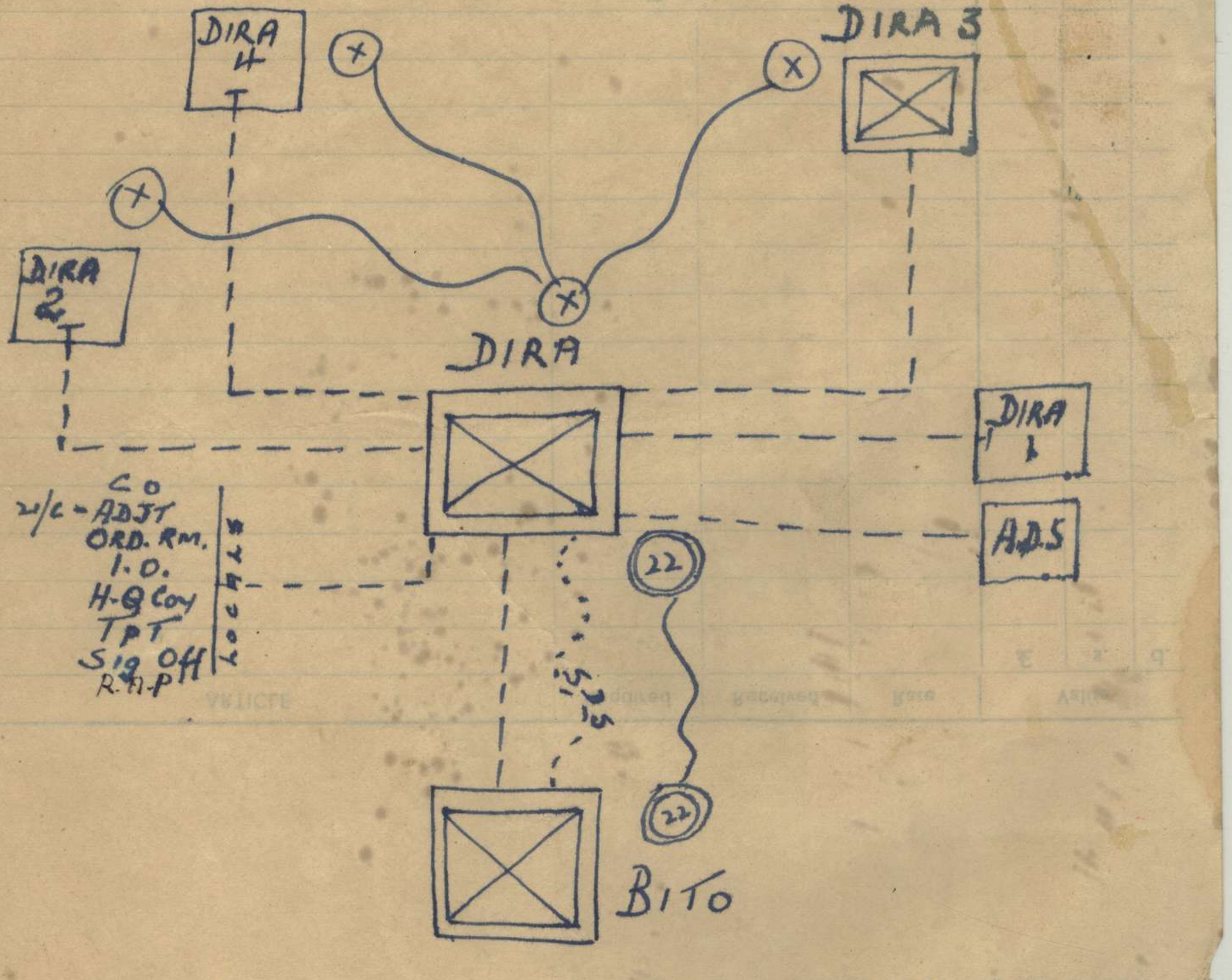

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APPENDIX

UNIT MEDICAL WEEKLY REPORT

(In respect of unit personnel examined at R.A.P.s whether subsequently evacuated to med unit or not)

(personnel attending R.A.P. from other units will NOT be included)

UNIT:- 2/3. Aust. M.G. Bn

Week ended 2359 hrs Friday 16/6/45

Effective strength at beginning of week.....

PART I

Day	Total sick parade (all attendances)	Clinical Dysentery	Diarrhoea	Number examined for first time during illness. U.R.T.I.	All fevers unless also Diarrhoea or U.R.T.I.	Skin Diseases	All other diseases excluding Battle Casualties	Battle Casualties	Injuries not B/C	Malaria unconfirmed incl in col 4	This section to be completed only in non-operational phases when directed by S.M.O. Number examined for first time during illness						
Saturday	14	–	1	2	3	3	3	–				1					
Sunday	17	–	1	–	6	2	6	–									
Monday	16	–	1	–	2	1	8	–									
Tuesday	13	–	–	1	2	2	4	–									
Wednesday	12	–	–	–	1	3	5	–									
Thursday	13	–	1	–	3	–	4	–									
Friday	17	–	–	–	2	2	2	*6									
Total	102	–	2	3	19	13	34	6									

PART II

* ONE ONE KILLED

Total number of cases evacuated beyond R.A.P. –

Clinical dysentery Nil

Diarrhoea Nil

P.U.O. Nil

Others 35

Total 35

R.A.P. Report overleaf.

(G. G. HARKNESS) Capt

RMO 2/3 Aust MG Bn

REPORT BY A.M.O.

1. HEALTH OF UNIT

(a) General Physical Condition of Personnel.....
Fair
.....
.....

(b) General standard of Reinforcements received.....
Nil Received
.....
.....1.....

(c) Severity of work or training.....Hard patrolling
over a wide area.
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(d) General Remarks.....Evacuation rate still remains fairly high
considerable number of men are suffering from abdominal pains
& other symptons suggestive of Hookworm
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2. STORES
Details of stores requisitioned for but not yet received.
(a) Medical.....
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(b) Dressing stores.....Nil
.....
.....

(c) Malaria control stores: Ordnance:.....Nil
11 AASC:.....

3. MALARIA CONTROL
(a) Measures of personal protection (good fair bad)
Note.....Good.....Atebrin.....Good.....Clothing.....Good...
repellant.....First application good & further probably good
(b) Larvae Control...owing to the presence of mosq
.....Fair...poor.....
(c) Adult Destruction.....Fair
(d) General Comments.....area to be covered for laval control
.....very extensive.
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4. RATIONS .....satisfactory.....
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5. WATER.....satisfactory.....
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6. TREATING CARRIED OUT BY RIO.....
.....

Date ...2.6.45.....

G.B. Hawkins
(G.B. HAWKINS)
RIO - 2/3 Aust [illegible]

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APPENDIX C.O. W.D.

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(In respect of unit personnel examined at RAP's whether subsequently evacuated to Med Unit or not) for Diary

(personnel attending RAP from other units will NOT be included)

UNIT:- 2/3. Aust. M.G. Bn

Week ended 2359 hrs Friday 8.6.45

Effective strength at beginning of week.....

PART I

Day	Total sick parade (all attendances)	Clinical Dysentery	Diarrhoea	U.R.T.I.	All fevers unless also Diarrhoea or U.R.T.I.	Skin Diseases	All other diseases excluding Battle Casualities	Battle Casualities	Injuries non B/C	Malaria unconfirmed incl in Col 4						
		Number examined for first time during illness.									This section to be completed only in non-operational phases when directed by SMO. Number examined for first time during illness					
Saturday	13	–	–	–	6	3	4	–	–	–						
Sunday	9	–	–	–	3	2	1	–	–	–						
Monday	11	–	–	–	4	1	1	1	–	–						
Tuesday	12	–	–	–	2	3	3	–	–	–						
Wednesday	21	–	–	–	9	4	3	–	–	–						
Thursday	22	–	–	–	7	3	6	–	–	–						
Friday	11	–	1	–	2	4	1	–	–	–						
Total	99	–	1	–	33	20	19	1	–	–						

PART II

Total number of cases evacuated beyond RAP –

Clinical Dysentery	Nil
Diarrhoea	1
U.R.T.I.	Nil
Others	41
Total	42

RMO Report overleaf.

G G Harkness Capt

(G G HARKNESS)

RMO 2/3 Aust MG Bn

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1026727

REPORT BY R.M.O.

1. HEALTH OF UNIT

(a) General physical condition of personnel.....
Probably no worse than other units - but general physical
condition is only fair. Morale is good but men are tired

(b) General standard of reinforcements received.....
Nil received
.....
.....1.....

(c) Severity of work or training. All companies engaged in
active patrolling with some contact
.....

(d) General Remarks. Evacuation rate still high. Every effort
is being made to minimise the evacuation but P.U.O.
continues to take a considerable toll also some skin cases have
required evacuation

2. STORES
Details of stores requisitioned for but not yet received:
(a) Medical.....
.....
(b) Expense stores.....
.....
(c) Malaria control stores:- 1. Ordnance:.....
11. AASC:-.....

3. MALARIA CONTROL
(a) Measures of personal protection (good fair bad)
Nets....Good.....Atebrin.....Good.....Clothing.....Good.....
repellent....Good.....
(b) Larvae Control. Drainage control bunt area very extensive
(c) Adult Destruction. Spraying of shelters done
(d) General Comments. Measures of personal protection are
being carried out conscientiously.....

4. RATIONS ..... Satisfactory.....
.....

5. WATER ..... Lake Salty.....
.....

6. TREATMENT CARRIED OUT BY R.M.O. .....
.....

Date .....2 June 45.....

.....
(R.A.M.C.)
RIO - 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

C.O
War Diary

APPENDIX

UNIT MEDICAL WEEKLY REPORT

(In respect of unit personnel examined at RAPs whether subsequently evacuated to Med Unit or not)
(personnel attending RAP from other units will NOT be included)

Week ended 2359 hrs Friday 15.6.48

UNIT;- 2/3. Aust. M.G. Bn
Effective strength at beginning of week.....

PART I

DAY	Total sick parade (all attendances)	Clinical Dysentery	Diarrhoea	U.R.T.I.	All fevers unless also Diarrhoea or U.R.T.I.	Skin Diseases	All other diseases excluding Battle Casualties	Battle Casualties	Injuries non B/C	Malaria unconfirmed incl in Col 4						
		Number examined for first time during illness.									This section to be completed only in non-operational phases when directed by SMO. Number examined for first time during illness					
Saturday	14	–	1	–	3	4	6	–								
Sunday	13	–	–	–	5	3	2	–								
Monday	16	–	–	–	3	5	4	–								
Tuesday	11	–	–	–	4	3	–	2*								
Wednesday	14	–	–	–	4	2	4	1								
Thursday	19	–	–	–	5	3	5	2								
Friday	22	–	–	–	2	7	6	2								
Total	109	–	1	–	26	27	27	7								

PART II

* One died of wounds

Total number of cases evacuated beyond RAP –
Clinical Dysentery ..Nil..
Diarrhoea ..Nil..
U.R.T.I. ..Nil..
Others 49
Total 49

R Os Report Overleaf.

G G Harkness Capt
(G G HARKNESS)
RMO 2/3 Aust MG Bn

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1026727

REPORT BY R.M.O.

1. HEALTH OF UNIT

(a) General physical condition of personnel.....Fair.....
number of sick higher than sick parade figures indicate - owing to difficulty in holding sick parades.....

(b) General standard of Reinforcements received.....
.....Nil received.....
.....1.....

(c) Severity of work or training...Hard.....Active fighting.
.....;.....

(d) General Remarks...A.D.S. now located with this H.Q.
P.U.O. is the cause of greatest number of evacuations - number of relapses increasing. Skin cases cause some discomfort - treatment whilst men on active duty is rather unsatisfactory.

2. STORES
Details of stores requisitioned for but not yet received:
(a) Medical.....

(b) Expense stores.....

(c) Malaria control stores:-1. Ordnance:.....
11. AASC:.....

3. MALARIA CONTROL
(a) Measures of personal protection(good fair bad)
Nets..Good.....Atebrin..Good.....Clothing..Good.
repelldnt..Fair.....
(b) Larvae Control.....
(c) Adult Destruction.....None been attempted yet in new area!
(d) General Comments..Larval control over this area is a task beyond our capabilities - as the area to cover is so extensive.

4. RATIONS .....Satisfactory.....

5. HYGIENE.....Satisfactory.....

6. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY R.M.O. .....

.....

.....G.G. Hawkins.....Capt
(R.M.O. 2/3 Aust. M.G. Bn)

Date ..16. June 42.....

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APPENDIX WD

UNIT MEDICAL WEEKLY REPORT

(In respect of unit personnel examined at RAP's whether subsequently evacuated to Med Unit or not)

(personnel attending RAP from other units will NOT be included)

UNIT;- 2/3. Aust. M.G. Rs

Week ended 2359 hrs Friday 22.6.45

Effective strength at beginning of week.....

PART I

DAY	Total sick parade (all attendances)	Clinical Dysentery	Diarrhoea	U.R.T.I.	All fevers unless also Diarrhoea or U.R.T.I.	Skin Diseases	All other diseases excluding Battle Casualties	Battle Casualties	Injuries non B/C	Malaria unconfirmed incl in Col 4						
		Number examined for first time during illness.									This section to be completed only in non-operational phases when directed by SMO. Number examined for first time during illness					
Saturday	29	-	-	-	4	6	11	8								
Sunday	23	-	-	-	3	4	9	1								
Monday	16	-	-	-	4	5	3	-								
Tuesday	31	-	5	-	1	7	12	3*								
Wednesday	24	-	2	-	5	3	7	-								
Thursday	28	-	-	-	2	4	14	-								
Friday	21	-	-	-	6	2	6	1								
Total	172	-	7	-	25	31	62	13								

PART II

* ONE DIED OF WOUNDS

Total number of cases evacuated beyond RAP -

Clinical Dysentery	Nil
Diarrhoea	Nil
U.R.T.I.	Nil
Others	59
Total	59

RMOs Report Overleaf.

[signature] Capt

(G G HARKNESS)

RMO 2/3 Aust MG Rs

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1026727

REPORT BY R.M.O.

1. HEALTH OF UNIT

(a) General physical condition of personnel.....
.....Fair.....
.....

(b) General standard of reinforcements received.....
.....Nil received.....
.....1.....

(c) Severity of work or training.....
.....

(d) General Remarks.....
.....
.....

2. STORES
Details of stores requisitioned for but not yet received.
(a) Medical.....
.....

(b) Expense stores.....
.....

(c) Malaria control stores:- 1. Ordnance:.....
11. AASC:.....

3. MALARIA CONTROL
(a) Measures of personal protection(good fair bad)
Nets.....Atebrin.....Clothing.....
repellent.....
(b) Larvae Control.....
(c) Adult Destruction.....
(d) General Comments.....
.....

4. RATIONS .....
.....

5. HYGIENE.....
.....

6. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY R.M.O. .....
.....

Date .....

.....
(C.C. HARTNETT)
RMO - 2/3 Aust Fd Regt

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APPENDIX

UNIT MEDICAL WEEKLY REPORT

(In respect of unit personnel examined at RAP's whether subsequently evacuated to Med Unit or not)

(personnel attending RAP from other units will NOT be included)

UNIT;- 2/3. Aust. M.G.Rs

Effective strength at beginning of week.....

Week ended 2359 hrs Friday--------

PART I

DAY	Total sick parade (all attendances)	Clinical Dysentery	Diarrhoea	U.R.T.I.	All fevers unless also Diarrhoea or U.R.T.I.	Skin Diseases	All other diseases excluding Battle Casualties	Battle Casualties	Injuries non B/C	Malaria unconfirmed incl in col 4						
Saturday	28	-	2	-	7	3	16									
Sunday	22	-	-		8	1	13									
Monday	31	-	-		5	2	22									
Tuesday	27	-	-		10	-	16	2								
Wednesday	18	-	-		2	1	12									
Thursday	16	-	3		2	-	10	1*								
Friday	17	-	1		1	1	16									
						3										
Total	159	0	6	0	35	18	104	3								

This section to be completed only in non-operational phases when directed by SMO.

Number examined for first time during illness

PART II

Total number of cases evacuated beyond RAP -

Clinical Dysentery ..Nil..

Diarrhoea ..1..

U.R.T.I. ..Nil..

Others 58

Total 59

* Died of wounds before reaching RAP

R.O.s Report Overleaf.

G G Harkness Capt

(G G HARKNESS)

RMO 2/3 Aust M.G.Rs

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1026727

REPORT BY R.M.O.

1. HEALTH OF UNIT

(a) General physical condition of personnel.....
.....Fair.....
.....

(b) General standard of reinforcements received.....
.....31 Reinforcements received. General.....
.....Standard good.....

(c) Severity of work or training.....
.....Hard - active patrolling.....

(d) General Remarks.....Evacuation rate still high.....
.....P.V.O. still responsible for this. Hookworm cases
.....not infrequent & has been necessary to evacuate some
13 cases - probably Hookworm, evacuated ~~by~~ to

2. STORES
Details of stores requisitioned for but not yet received:
(a) Medical.....
.....
(b) Expense stores.....
.....
(c) Malaria control stores:- 1. Ordnance:.....
11. Air Force.....

3. MALARIA CONTROL
(a) Measures of personal proctection (good fair bad)
Nets..Good.....Atebrin...Good.....Clothing..Good
repellent..Fair.....
(b) Larvae Control.....Anti-Malaria carried out
.....on 21 June.....
(c) Adult Destruction.....
(d) General Comments.....
.....

4. RATIONS .....Satisfactory.....
.....

5. WATER.....Satisfactory.....
.....

6. MEDICAL CARE OF NATIVES.....
.....

Date to 30 June 45.....

.....(R. A. MARTIN)
RMO - 2/9 Aust Fd Amb

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W-D

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

appx 5 / 5 (Serial No.)
NG25 45

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 / 6 /1945 . 2/3 AUST M G BN (Unit)

W.E. III/62A/1 . OFFRS. 29 O.R's 563 + OFFRS. 2 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical Scale)

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
NR	1		2	Majors					
		±	8	Captains	---------- (A.A.C)	1			
			16	Lieutenants	(AA3hD)	1			
			1	Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	1	-	28			2			

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

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A.		30									30
E.(1)	(All "A" Class)										
E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX19467	Capt	DRUMMOND R M	2/11 Aust Gen Hosp	28 May	From X List
TX2083	Capt	CLEMONS P R	LHQ Tac School	29 May	
WX1267	Lt	WARNETT R V	RAA Sch of Sigs	30 May	From Secondment

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX28124	Lt	BARRIE R J	3/14 Aust Fd Amb	28 May	Evac Sick

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 2/3 AUST MG BN 2 / 6 /1945.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
(2721	Lt	CLIFTON N M	Was seconded to OCTU as instr prior to obtaining commission - present whereabouts ~~unknown~~. School of J W CANUNGRA.

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2/3 AUST M G BN ..... Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/6/194.5 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	VX17441	Gordon	R R	C O	Yes		
Maj	WX3344	Cowan	L M	2IC	Yes		
Maj	NX12160	Hindmarsh	J J	C C	Yes		
Capt	TX2097	Clennett	B G	C C	Yes		
Capt	TX2083	CLEMONS	P R	~~A~~ BHQ	Yes		
Capt	SX10119	Denniston	J W	Q M	Yes		
Capt	VX9702	Bellair	J M	C C	Yes		
Capt	VX13851	Hewitt	J S	C C	Yes		
Capt	QX6145	Smith	L T	C2IC	Yes		
Capt	SX9570	Paterson	W A	C2IC	No	Compassionate Leave 26/5/45	
Capt	VX19467	Drummond	R M	C2IC	Yes		
Lt-T/Capt	SX7095	Bonnin	F M	Adjt	Yes		
Lt	NX70862	Matthews	A G	C2IC	Yes		
Lt	TX1763	Marriott	F A	C2IC	Yes		
Lt	WX2609	Bales	G L	Pl Co	Yes		
Lt	TX1766	MacFie	H H	"	Yes		
Lt	SX9470	White	W C J	lo	Yes		
Lt	TX3297	Edwards	C A	Pl Co	Yes		
Lt	SX7426	Tilley	J H	Pl Co	Yes		
Lt	WX1267	Warnett	R V	Pl Co	Yes		
Lt	QX41326	O'Loughlin	S T	Pl Co	Yes		
Lt	NX127055	Fraser	K E	Pl Co	Yes		
Lt	Nx124581	Boughton	J F	Pl Co	Yes		
Lt	WX4603	Johnston	AW	Pl Co	Yes		
Lt	NX136377	Squire	J	Pl Co	Yes		
Lt	WX28124	Barrie	R J	Pl Co	No	3/14 Aust Fd Amb	28/5/45
Lt	WX29180	Church	G	Pl Co	Yes		
Lt	SX23990	Johnson	H C	Pl Co	Yes		
	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY WAR ESTABLISHMENT						
Capt	VX65416	Harkness	G G	MO	Yes	(AAMC)	
Capt	NX130817	O'Brien	R A	Padre	Yes	(AAChD)	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Mr	B2/440	Davidson W A	YMCA	12.12.44	Philanthropic rep.

2 Jun 45 ..... *Date of Despatch*

N F Bonnin capt for Lt-Col AAG ..... *Signature of Commander*

(R R GORDON)
COMD 2/3 AUST M G BN

a.w. 10m bks 10/43

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

NG25 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 / 6 /1945. 2/3 AUST MG (Unit)

W.E. III/62A / 1. OFFRS 29 O.R's 563 + OFFRS. 2 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
		1	7	W.Os. Class II.	2	2	1		
NR	3		2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
NR	8		39	Sergeants 2	2 2 - -3	8		3	
NR	4		38	Corporals 1	- - 1 -6	8	1		
~~64~~	~~64~~		395	Troopers, Privates, etc. 1	2 - - 19	1 14			
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
80 *	81	1	482 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. 4	4 1 1 120	1 32 *	2	3	1 *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

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

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		514 (All "A" Class)						[redacted]	[redacted]		~~514~~
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
~~1~~	D.R.O.		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

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

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

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

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

.....
Date of Despatch

.....
Signature of Commander

L.H.Q. Press—516—10/43—416m.

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SURPLUS NC)'S POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO 187/44 PARA 14

NX142410 SJT O'ROURKE B J MORTARMAN MEDICAL CLASS A1

NX125871 L/SJT STENNER J J DRIVER MT -do-

APPENDIX "A"

NO: MG25/45 Date: 2 JUN 45

Unit: 2/3 AUST M G BN WE: III/62A/1 TROPICAL SCALE

Trade	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts required	X
TRADE GROUP 1							
Bricklayer	Pte	-	1		1		
TRADE GROUP 2							
Carpenter	Cpl	1	1				
"	Pte	1	1				
Intelligence Duties	Sjt	1	-	1		NR	
"	Cpl	1	-	1		NR	
"	Pte	4	2	2		NR	
Signallers	Sjt	1	-	1		NR	
"	Cpl	4	4				
"	Pte	34	24	10		NR	
TRADE GROUP 3							
Butcher	Pte	1	1				
Clerk	Sjt	2	2				
"	Cpl	7	8		1		
"	Pte	3	3				
Driver Mechanic	Pte	2	11		9		
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1				
Rangetaker	Pte	24	18	6		NR	
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1				
"	Pte	6	6				
Tailor	Sjt	1	1				
"	Cpl	1	1				
NON-SPECIALISTS							
RSM	WO I	1	1				
CSM	WO II	5	6		1		
RQMS	WO II	1	1				
CQMS	S/Sjt	5	2	3		NR	
Sjts MMG	Sjt	36	27	9		NR	
Batman	Pte	31	31				
Drivers MT	Pte	19	19				
General Duties (Mess)	Pte	2	2				
Hygiene Duties	Pte	2	2				
MMGs Nos	Cpl	24	17	7		NR	
"	Pte	240	187	53		53	
Orderlies	Pte	46	46				
Pioneers	Sjt	1	-	1		NR	
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1				
"	Pte	1	1				
Storemen	Pte	6	6				
Stretcher Bearers	Sjt	1	-	1			
"	Cpl	1	1				
"	Pte	15	15				
Water Duties	Pte	2	2				
AALMG Dets	Sjt	1	1				
"	Cpl	1	1				
"	Pte	12	12				
Tpt	Sjt	1	1				
"	Cpl	4	4				
Amn Nos	Pte	8	8				
Mortarman	Sjt	-	1		1		
Driver MT	Cpl	-	1		1		
Totals		563	482	95	14	81	

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Trade	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Rfts required	X
Total brought forward		563	482	95	14	81	
ATTACHED BY W.E.							
A.A.M.C.							
Hygiene Inspector	Sjt	1	1				
Medical Orderly	Sjt	1	1				
"	Pte	1	1				
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
A.A.O.C.							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	-	1		NR	
"	Pte	-	1		1		
A.E.M.E.							
Armourer	Sjt	1	1				
" TG 1	Cfn	1	1				
Fitter MV	Sjt	1	1				
Mechanic MV TG 2	Cfn	1	1				
AA POST S.							
Postal Duties	Sjt	1	1				
A.A.P.C							
Pay Clerk	Sjt	1	-	1		NR	
"	Cpl	-	1		1		
A.A.C.C.							
Caterer	WO II	1	2		1		
Cooks	Sjt	5	3	2		NR	
"	Cpl	5	6		1		
"	Pte	10	9	1		NR	
A.A.Ch.D							
Driver batman	Pte	1	1				
		596	514	100	18	82	

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY W.E.

TRADE GROUP 1			
Bricklayer	Pte	1	
TRADE GROUP 3			
Driver Mechanic	Pte	9	
Shoemaker	Pte	1	(A.A.O.C.)

X this column not to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH : 2 JUN 45

.....LT-COL
(R R GORDON)
COMD 2/3 AUST M G BN

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ENEMY KILLED

MONTH JUNE 45

A COY	13
B "	18
C "	32
D "	5
	68

COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS TO 30 JUNE 45

HQ COY	3
A "	37
B "	53
C "	72
D "	37
	202

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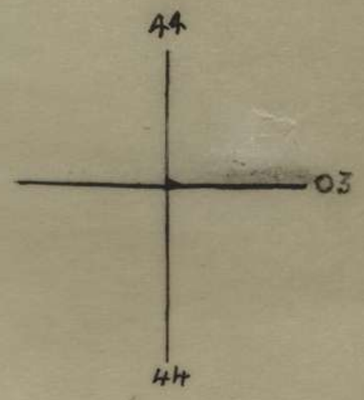

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BANANA

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THE

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GRUB

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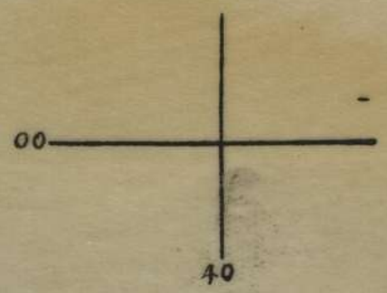

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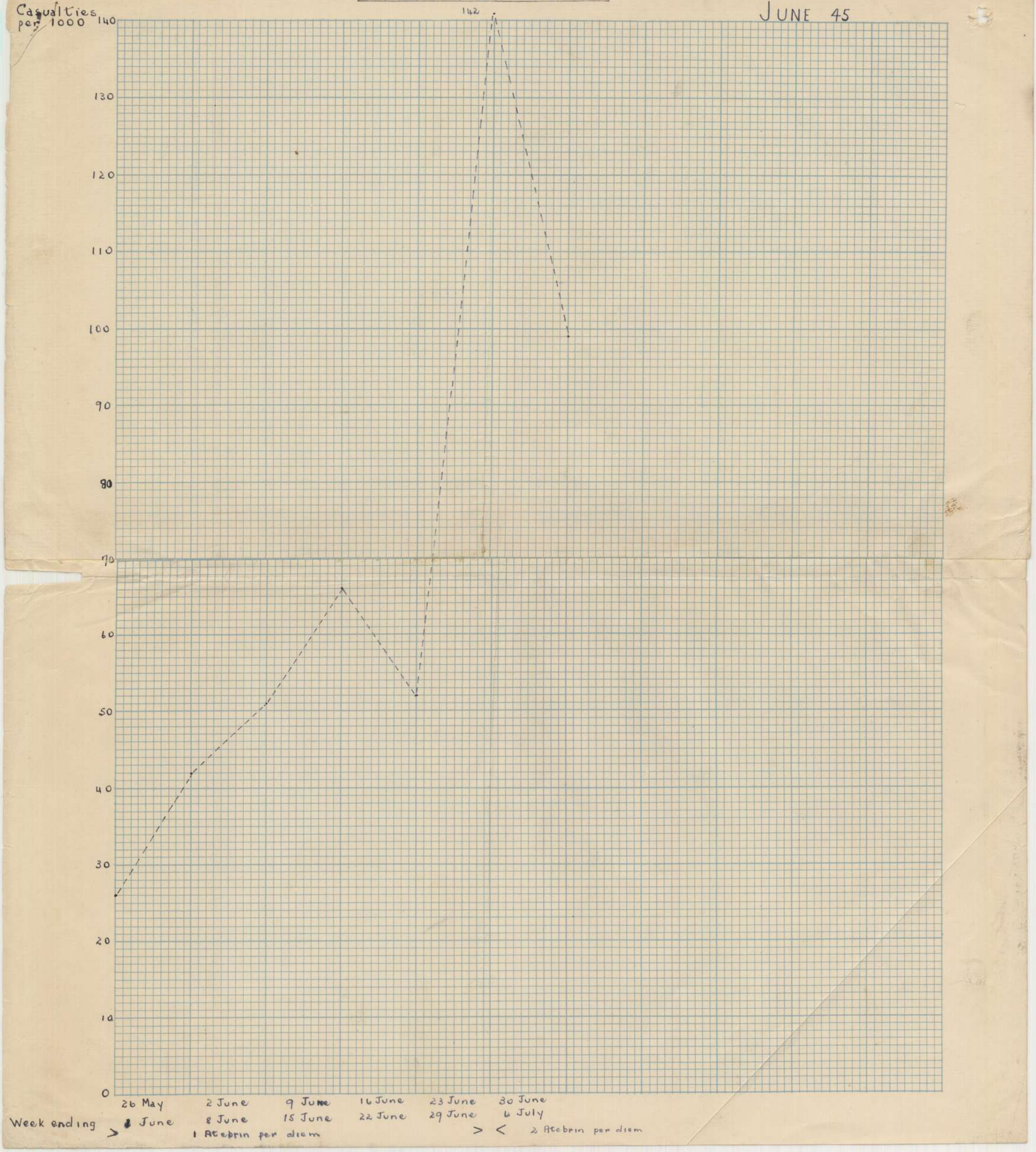

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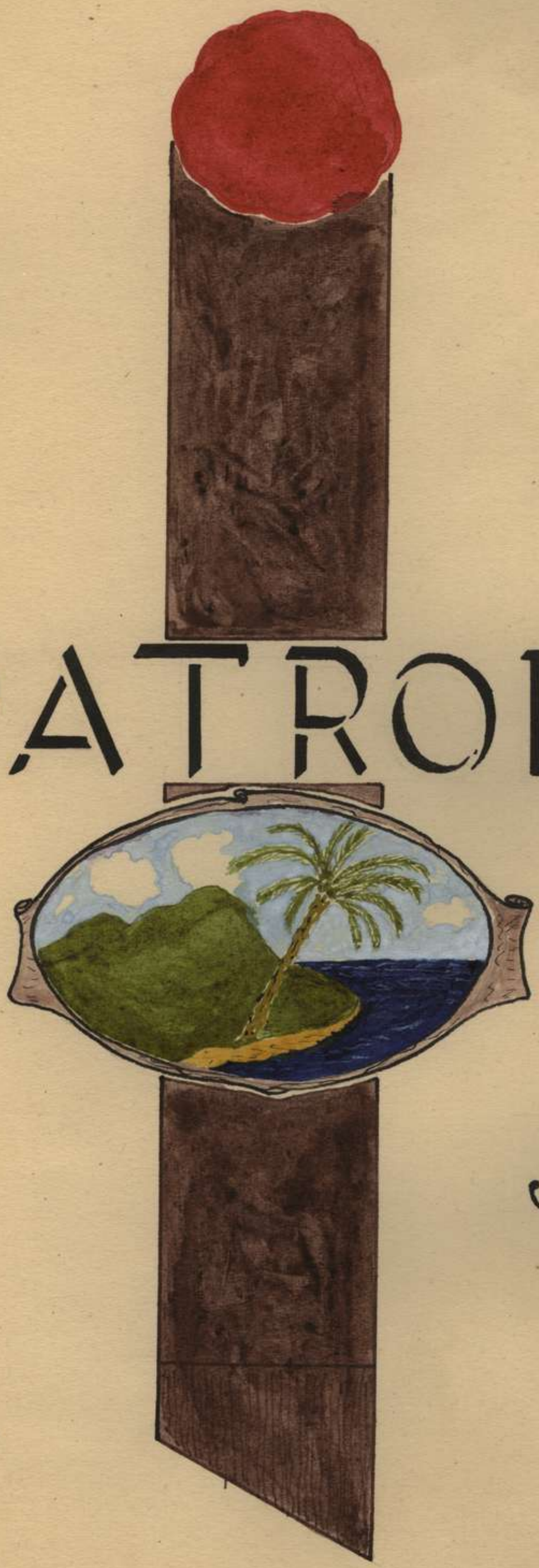

PATROLS

JUNE 45

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THE SALVATION ARMY ACF AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND YMCA

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Name:
Unit or Group:
Date:

Patrol report.

Patrol by. 8 pl. Patrol comd. sgt. r. Lloyd.
Strength 1 N.C.O 10 men. Arty Party. 1 off 4 ors.
Object. To locate enemy posn in Koanimbo & clear village.
Part I. Located strong enemy force dug in at Northern end of village. Section attack unsuccessful Enemy probably two killed aswn 1 killed.
Part II Laid line across country to 108 176 small clearing. found tracks of one Jap one Kanaka made within an hour.

Moved across country to large clearing on razorback 200ˣ long running on bearing 320° from 107173. Clearing consists of three ~~cleared~~ knolls covered with grass & kunai.

Patrol occupied centre knoll, & found southern knoll clear moved towards N.W. Knoll which was covered with heavy secondary growth. Observed sentry sitting on

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track beside foxhole 60ˣ in front. He called out & signalled to rear. When fired on he rolled over into foxhole probably hit. Enemy fired approx seven rifle shots from edge of secondary growth.

Arty placed 30 rounds accurately on knoll.

Section attacked with two groups of four on either side of clearing under covering fire from Bren.

Enemy fire heavy 1 L.M.G. several rifles. Left group was pinned 30ˣ from ~~edge~~ fringe of secondary growth & grenades thrown at them.

Rt. group reached 4 o'clock on enemy posn & encountered rifle fire from several rifles on flank of knoll at point blank range.

I estimated here that enemy had 1 L.M.G & at least seven riflemen in action & appeared to have strong perimeter defence.

I withdrew Rt. group & called to left group to withdraw back to Bren posn. During their

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withdrawal group comd killed. Enemy fire heavy.
Artillery accurately shelled position & Bren engaged movement silencing one rifleman.
Artillery line cut in rear.
Stretcher party arrived reporting noise in bushes 200 x back which proved to be posn of cut line.
Apparently they had surprised Japs cutting line & forestalled ambush.
Patrol withdrew to Base escorting stretcher party.
Estimate of total rounds fired by enemy rifles 50. grenades 10. L.M.G constant fire for several minutes in burst of about 3.
Own Casualty cpl. Jenkins.

V. H. Lloyd sgt.

C.O. Have discussed the whole situation at great length with only off. McJohnston & Sgt Lloyd.

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ACORN.

DIRA

SERIAL	Found.	Str.	TIME OUT	TIME IN.	ROUTE.	OBJECT.	RESULT.
1.	DIRA 4A.	1 NCO 5 OR's	040800K	041600K	SP (938217) to AMAGAP along track to WALANDUUM along track through AUTOGI to village 013193 — to S.P. via WALANDUUM.	Destroy enemy within capacity Report topo infm and sign any recent enemy acc and movt.	NMS (by phone 050834) 2 old huts AMAGAP. tracks fairly good.
2.	4C	✓	~~04~~ 05 0800K	~~04~~ 05 1330K	SP (092218) SOUTH to 093214 SW to 083206 SE to 903196 ~~to~~ down spur to 097205. along track to 093206 — NORTH to SP.	as above	NMS
3.	4C	✓	050800K	051330K	092218 to ck 083207. NW along spur to track 073218 to 063218 — R.S.R.	as above.	NMS old deserted Jap huts at various intervals along whole track.
4.	4A	✓	050800K	051330K	038217 to KUMUDU. NORTH down ck 23 grid WEST to ck 046231 SOUTH along spur to KUMUDU — SP	as above	NMS old Jap camp incl radio equipt 057230. country rugged — with patches of Kunai.
5	4C	✓	050800K	051330K	099238 to 077235. SOUTH along spur to 072206 — RS.R.	as above	NMS two dead japs found 078205.
6.	4A	1 NCO 4 OR's 2 Natives	060800K	061600K	038218 South down track to AMAGAP. thence to village 039186 along track to June 032220 — NE to AMAGAP — KUMUDU down spur to ck 050209 NORTH to ck June 044213 along track to SP.	as above.	NMS Several old Jap bodies found and villages previously burnt by our patrols.
7	2/1 Bn	1 NCO 5 OR's	060800K	061600K	027237 approx SW to 019218 — 013213 WEST to 005218. NW to track. NORTH to ck June 013237 EAST along track 020236 over feature to 023237 — SP.	as above	NMS unmarked on map 6 huts at 021220 track from 018218 to 005219 overgrown.

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SERIAL	Coy & Pl	Str	TIME OUT	TIME IN	ROUTE	OBJECT	RESULT
8	4C	INCO SORS 2 Natives	060800K	061600K	SP092216 SOUTH to ck junc 092212 follow ck approx SW to 085208 over spur to ck 084207 along ck SOUTH to 087199 follow ck to ck bend 067192 — R.S.R.	Destroy enemy. Report disposition and signs any recent enemy ove and mvmt.	NMS
9	4A	1 Sec 2 Natives	070800K	071600K	SP to feature 041180 R.S.R.	as above	NMS
10	4C	1 Sec 2 Natives.	070800K	071600K	SP to ck/ck junc 088178 Return by track junc 094205	as above	NMS
11	4A.	1 Sec 2 Natives.	080800K	081600K	SP038217 to KUMUDU SE to 060215. NE along track to track 075223. Return approx WEST through Kumudu to SP	as above.	NMS
12.	4C	1 Sec. 2 natives	080800K	081600K	SP to 2400 feature. Return to village 092196 to track 098203 — approx North - SP.	as above.	NMS
13	4A	1 Sec 2 NATIVES	090800K	091600K	SP to KUMUDU to 067207 SOUTH to 067193. R.S.R.	as above	NMS
14.	4C.	1 Sec 2 Natives.	090800K	091600K	SP to 080213 up spur to track 073217. SOUTH to 074203 — down ck to 067193. R.S.R	as above	NMS
15.	2/1 Bn PN.	1 Sec 2 natives.	090800	091600K	SP to 080226. SW to track 063217. NORTH along track to coast — SP.	as above	NMS.
16	4A	✓	110800K	111300K	from old D coy HQ up KARAWOP ck to old ISPH posn follow ck to 087214 to track junc 084214 — SP along Karawop ck	as above	NMS. patrol of 2/1 Bn 11 June along road from 045226.

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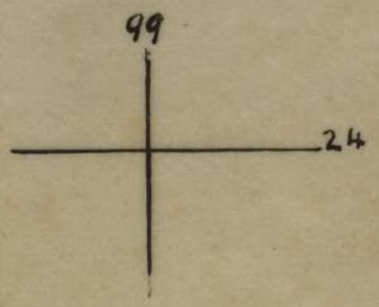

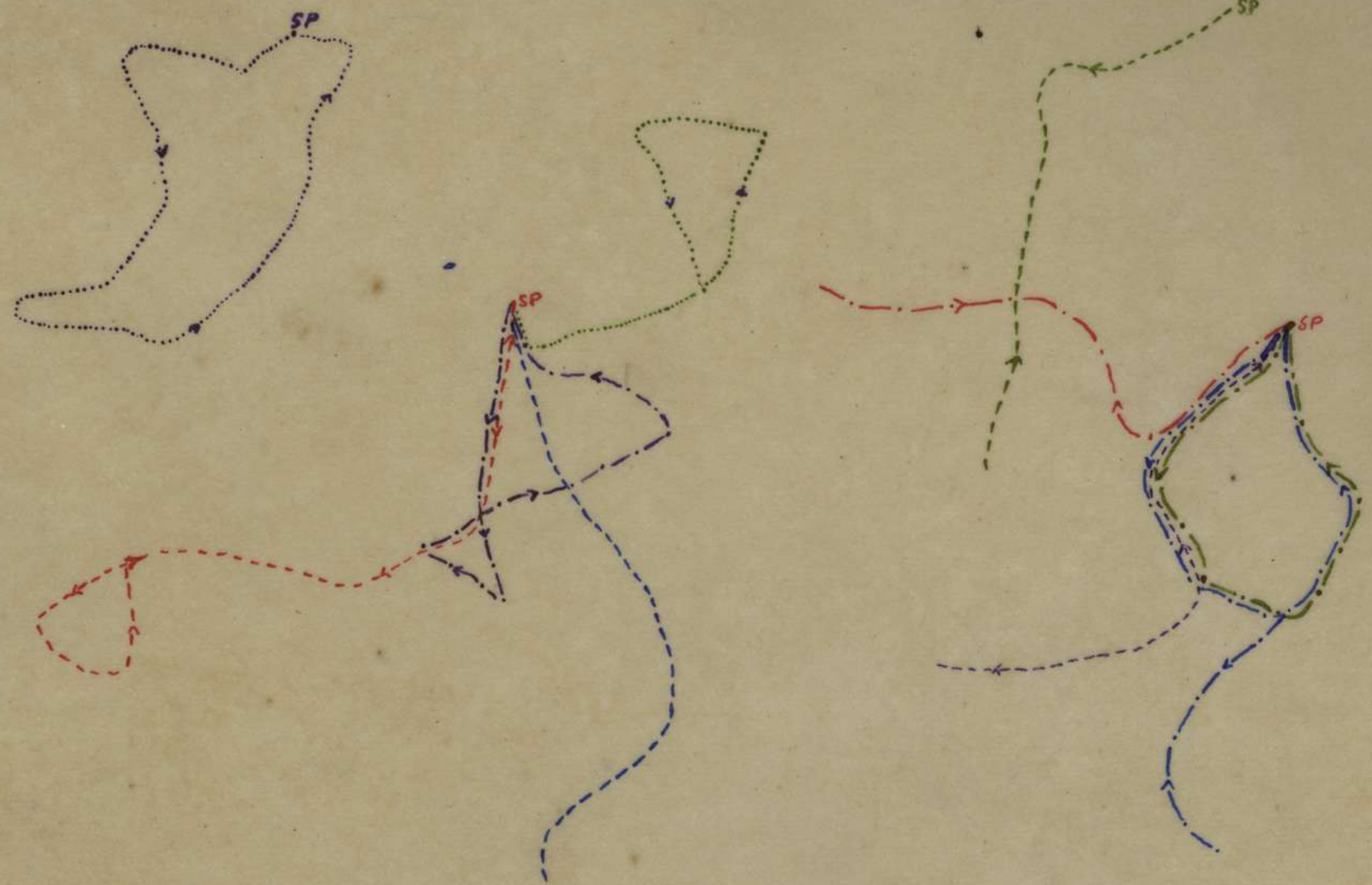

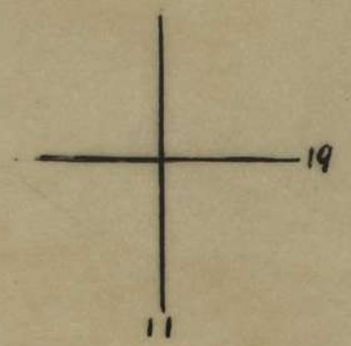

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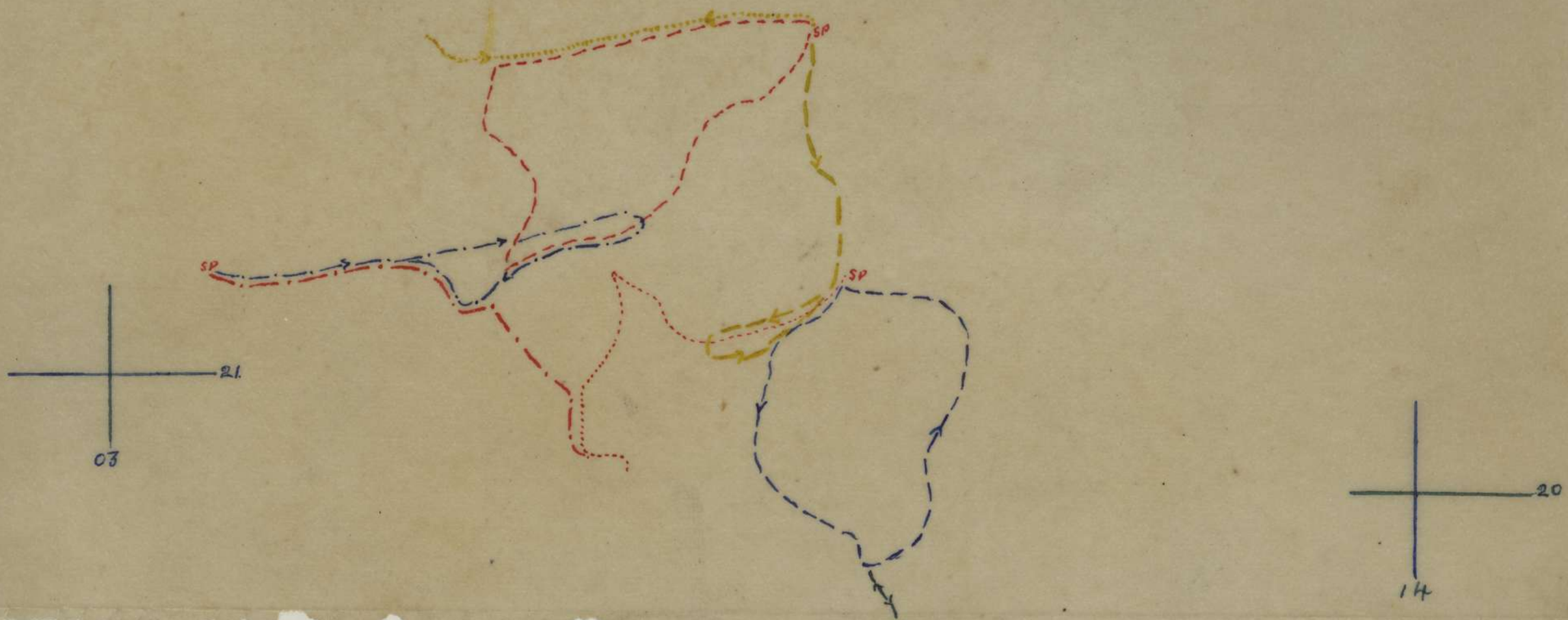

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SERIAL	Found by	Str.	TIME OUT	TIME IN	ROUTE	OBJECT	RESULT
26	DIRA 1A.	INCO 6 ORS	1008 00K	1013 30K	SP to track June 935212 to 945199 to 946207 — SP.	Destroy enemy report topo infm. and signs any recent enemy acc and movt.	NMS
27	1C	✓	✓	✓	SR001180. R. S. R.	as above	NMS
28	5B.	✓	✓	✓	SP to 910205. R.S.R.	as above	NMS
29	1A.	✓	1108 00K	1113 00K.	SP to 934212 — 946199 thence 947206 to SP.	as above	NMS
30.	1C	✓	✓	✓	SP to WONGINARA mission to 975197 along River — SP	as above.	NMS

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SERIAL	Found by	Str	TIME OUT	TIME IN.	ROUTE.	OBJECT.	RESULT.
+	A Coy. IB B.	INCO 60 Rs	250800K	251300K.	945216 to 934213 to track June 945199 thick June 951204 Return along track - SP	Destroy Enemy Report	

SERIAL	Foundby	Str	TIME OUT	TIME IN	ROUTE.	OBJECT	RESULT.
1	HADA 1B	INCO 60RS.	010800K	011600K	SP (964216) to 957201 to 945218. R.S.R.	Destroy enemy, within capacity. Report tops infm and signs any recent enemy movt & acc. (contact 1C and 1A)	NMS
2.	1C 1A Local.	✓	010800K	011300K	SP to WONGINARA mission along track to junc 951182. R.S.R.	as above.	NMS
3	5B.	✓	010800K	011300K	SP. (028231) to 945215. RSR.	contact 1A. Ph	1A contacted NMS.
4.	1A.	✓	020800K	021330K	SP. to 957201 thence 964216. R.S.R.	contact 1C and 1B.	1C and 1B contacted NMS.
5	1C	✓	020800K	021330K	SP to WONGINARA mission to ck/track junc 973 196 up ck to SP	destroy enemy within capacity. Report tops infm and sign of any recent enemy acc and movt.	NMS
6.	1B.	✓	020800K	021600K	SP to MAGUA and ~~along~~ track to 20 GRID. R.S.R.	as above.	NMS
7	5B	✓	020800K	021830K	SP to 901232. R.S.R.	contact 10Ph.	10Ph contacted NMS
8	1A.	✓	030800K	031600K	SP to track junc 946210 SOUTH to junc 945199. SOUTH to junc 946193. NE to 962196 to 957202 to SP.	Destroy enemy within capacity. Report tops infm signs of any recent enemy acc and movt.	NMS
9	DIRA 1A	✓	040800K	041600K	SP along track to 920206 fallow track to 953181 along track to 946207. Return to SP.	as above.	NMS
10	1C	✓	040800K	041600K	SP along ~~track~~ track to 001180 R.S.R.	as above	NMS
11	5B	✓	040800	041330K	SP along track to 910205 R.S.R.	as above	NMS. Report received
12.	1B	INCO 100RS	040800K	041630K	SP 966212 to 979212 to 988214 to 993212 Return. 988214 to 986230 — Dayna — SP.	as above	Japs camped about 984213 tracks found 10–12 days old camp 984213 — occ for 7–10 days 10–20 MAPS.

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SERIAL	FOUND by.	SIG	TIME OUT	TIME IN.	ROUTE.	OBJECT	RESULT.
13.	1B	INCO GORS.	050800K	051330K	SP to MAGAA — R.S.R.	Destroy enemy wireless capacity report signs any recent enemy acc and movt.	NMS
14.	1C	✓	050800K	051300K	SP to 945216 — R.S.R.	contact 1A.	NMS
15.	5B	✓	050800K	051300K	SP to 910223 — R.S.R.	Report any signs recent enemy acc + movt.	NMS
16	1A	✓	060800K	061300K	SP to track junc 935212 to track June 946199 to 946207 to SP	as above.	NMS. Report Received.
17	1B	✓	060800K	061300K	SP to 980212 to 984202 to 995191 along ck to 1C — SP	as above.	NMS General Jap comps found tracks fairly good.
18	DIRA 1A	✓	070800K	071330K	SP to 946207 to 950192 to 961195 along track to SP	as above.	NMS
19	1C	✓	✓	✓	WONGINARA mission track 976194 R.S.R.	as above.	NMS
20	5B	✓	✓	✓	SP to 902232 R.S.R.	contact 10 Pln.	NMS
21	1B	✓	080800K	081330K	SP to MAGVA R.S.R.	Destroy enemy wireless capacity report to Pln info and signs of any recent enemy acc and movt.	NMS
22	1C	✓	✓	081330K	SP to WONGINARA mission to track junc 953184 R.S.R.	as above	NMS
23	5B	✓	✓	081330.	Contact 4 Pln. 945216 RSR	as above contact 4 Pln.	NMS. 4 Pln contacted.
24.	1A	✓	090800K	091300K	Contact 6 Pln R.S.R. 957201	as above contact 6 Pln	NMS
25.	1B	✓	090800K	091400K	SP to Jap lookout 982215 R.S.R.	as above Report signs recent enemy acc + movt.	NMS

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LEGEND.

JUN. 1	------- 1.2.3.	SERIALS.	1.2.3
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" 3	------- 1	"	8.
" 4	—·—·— 1.2.3.4.	"	9.10.11.12.
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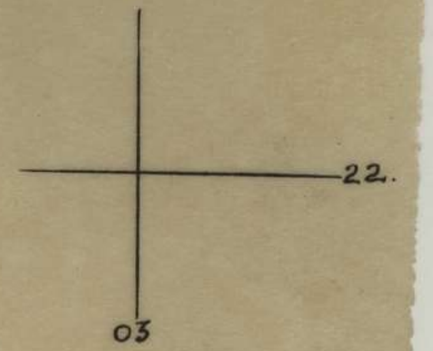

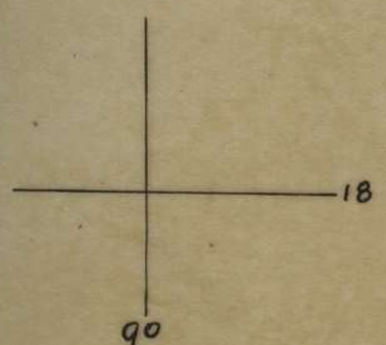

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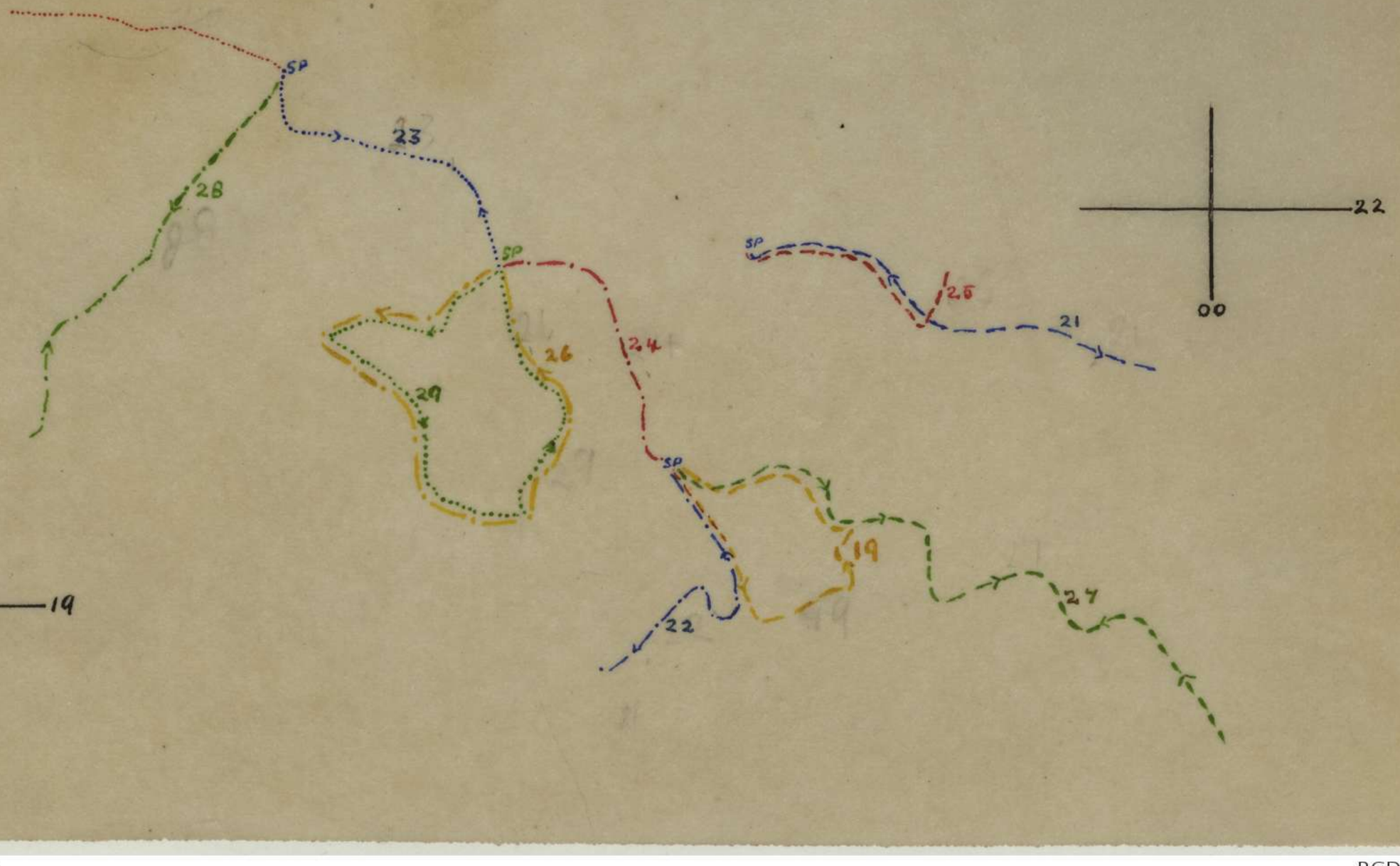

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	[illegible]ADA [illegible]A	1 Sec	010800K	011300K	SP(902231) to 868232. R.S.R.	Contact 12PL old area	12PL old area contacted. NMS.
	3C	✓	010800K	011300K	SP(885247) EAST along high ridge near of BN to SMAIN. 916254.	Report tops infm and signs of any recent enemy acc & mont.	NMS 3C patrol. natives from 10PL. 1 June to magomatik – NMS.
	3A.	✓	020800K	021300K	SP to 928231. R.S.R.	as above (contact 2PL.	2PL contacted NMS.
NATIVES	3B.	NATIVES.	020800	—	TO squ. approx 8221.	Destroy enemy.	NATIVES. NMS
4.	3A	1 Sec.	030800K	031400K	SP to 868232. R.S.R.	Contact 12PL old area and natives from 3B.	12PL old area contacted NMS
5.	3C.	1 Sec	030800K	031300K	SP EAST end of strip. Return along inland side to WEST end of strip – SP	Search area for signs of any recent enemy activity.	NMS
NATIVES	3B	NATIVES	030830K	—	SP to 868232 R.S.R.	Contact 12PL old area and patrol from 3A.	NATIVES. NMS.
6	3 H.Q.	1 Sec	030800K	031230K	SP to BUT River 887253 WEST along ridge to EAST end of airstrip.	Search area for recent signs enemy activity.	NMS
—	3C.	LOCAL PATROLS around DAGUA STRIP. 4 June.					NMS
—	Dira 3.	LOCAL PATROLS with natives around all PL areas. 5 June.					NMS
—	3	Local PATROLS with natives around all PL areas 6 June.					NMS
7	3A	1 Sec	070800K	071300K	SP to 928232. R.S.R.	contact 5B.	5B contacted NMS
8	3C	1 Sec	070800K	071300K	on inland side of DAGUA strip	search for signs any recent enemy mont.	NMS
	NATIVES 3B.	NATIVES.	070800K	—	patrol to area beyond ALBIS and back.	as above	NATIVES.
	Natives 3A	✓	✓	—	to 835242. R.S.R	as above	Natives.

All further patrols cancelled.

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SERIAL	Found by	Str	TIME OUT	TIME IN.	ROUTE.	OBJECT	RESULT.
8	4A	INCO 7 ORs 1 P.boy.	151130K	151530K	SP 089239 S to 090236 S along KARAWOP ck to 093215. NW to approx. 088218. Return to KARAWOP ck 092220 N along ck to 090236 to SP.	Destroy enemy encountered report signs enemy occ and mont. Topo infm	Party of four enemy ~~[illegible]~~ found & engaged. probably two W 088218 Patrol 16 June to [illegible] area found 1 enemy dead equipt left. Demolition charges found sent to DIV. H.Q.

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PATROLS DIRA 3 JUN. 1-7.

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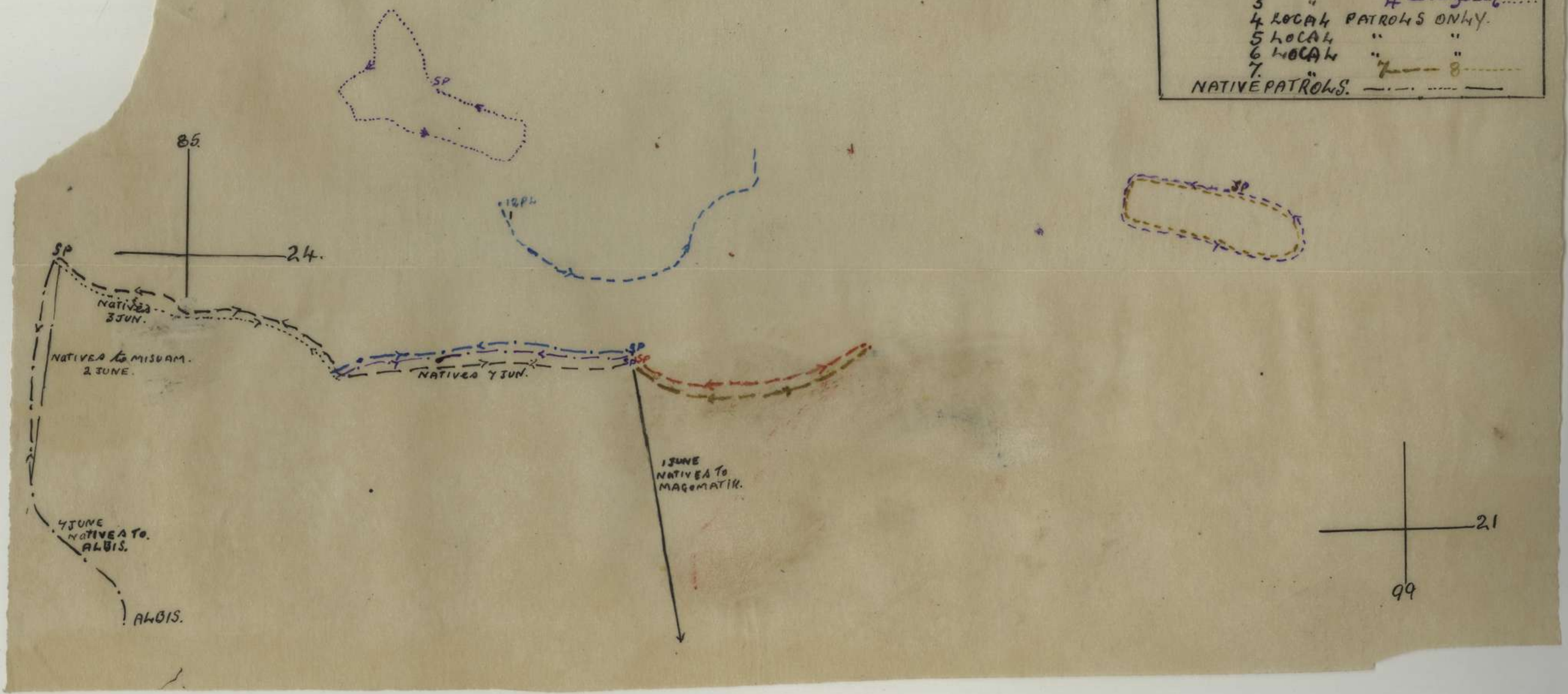

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PATROLS 30 JUN

LEGEND.

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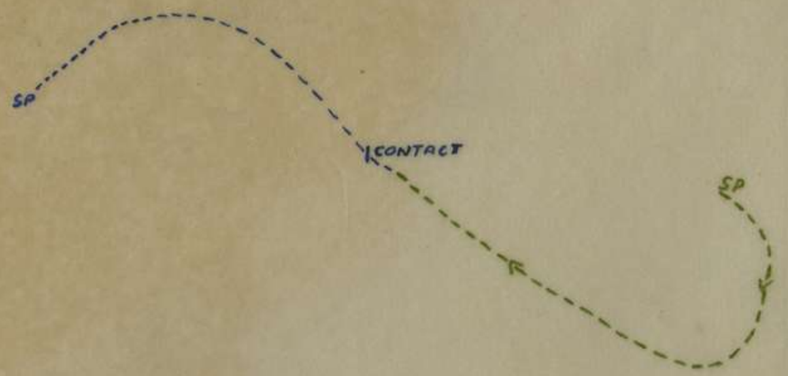

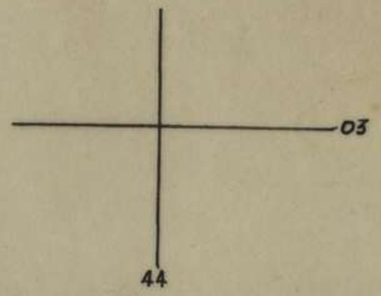

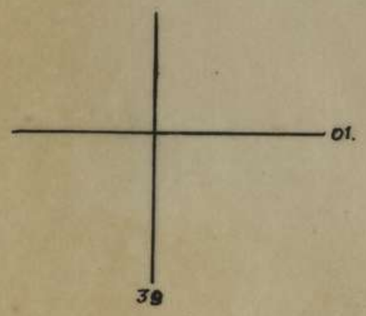

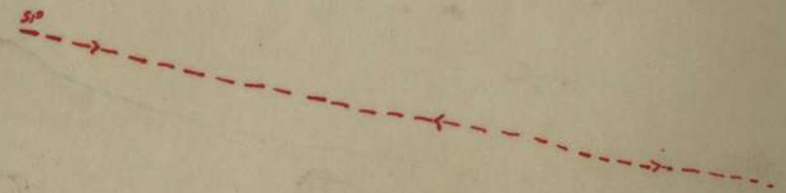

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PATROLS 27–29 JUN.

LEGEND.

24.JUN. SERIAL 44---SERIAL 45---SERIAL 46.....
28 " . " 47.....LOCAL - - - - -
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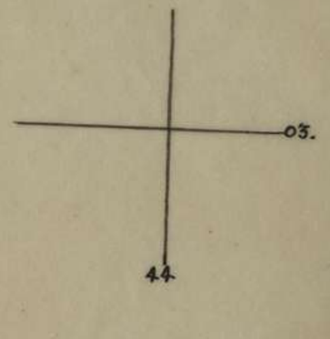
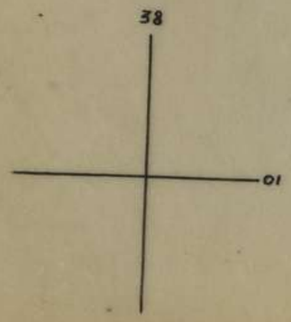
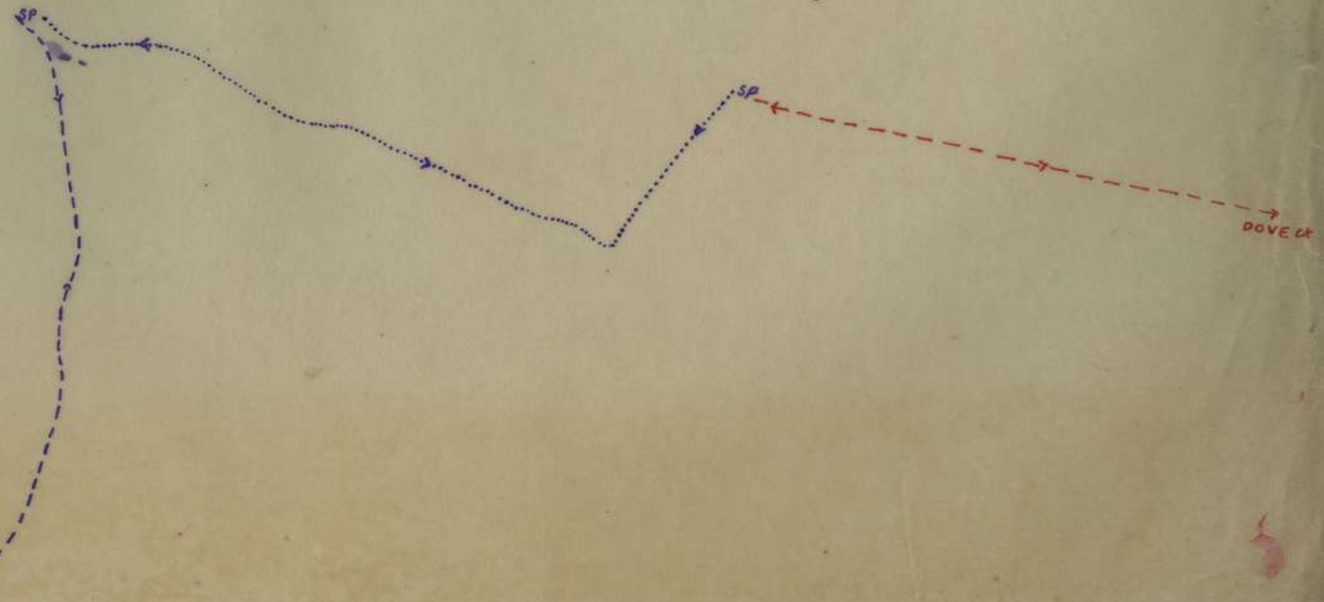
DAILY CONTACT FROM LUKO.- - - - - -







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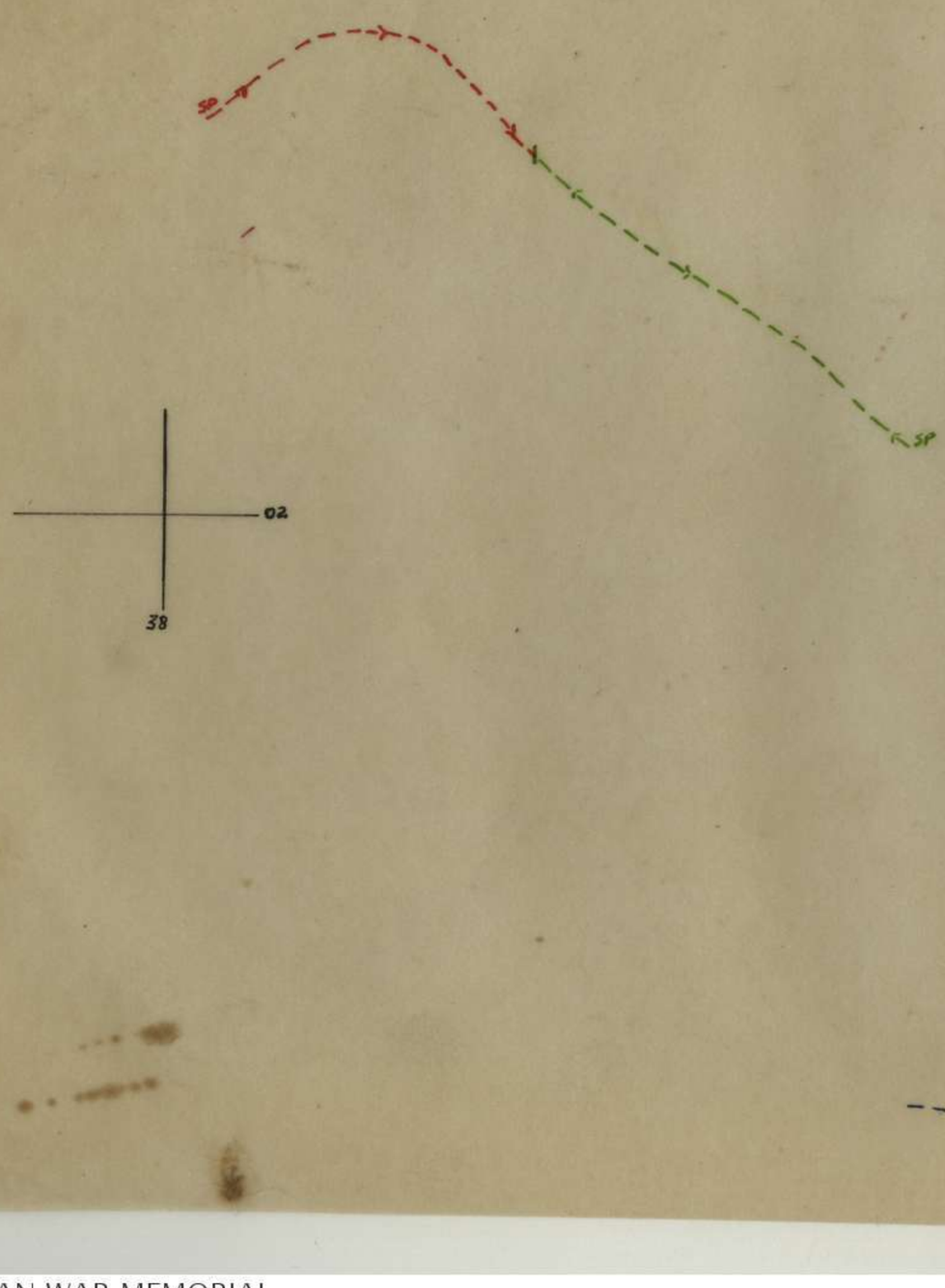
- --- CONTACT PATROL 2/11.



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PATROLS 25 JUN.

LEGEND.

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- ---- " 40.
- ---- CONTACT PATROL LUKO.

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PATROLS 24 JUN.

LEGEND.

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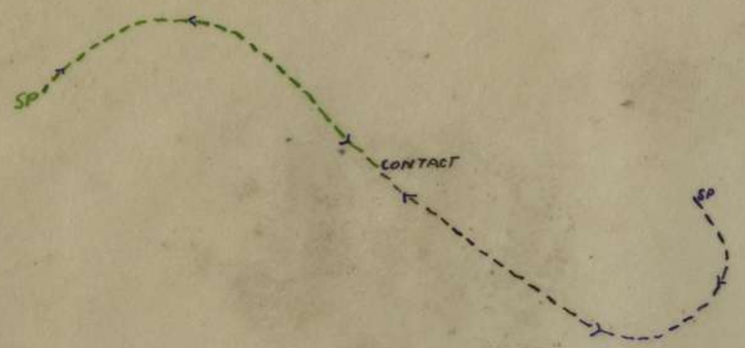
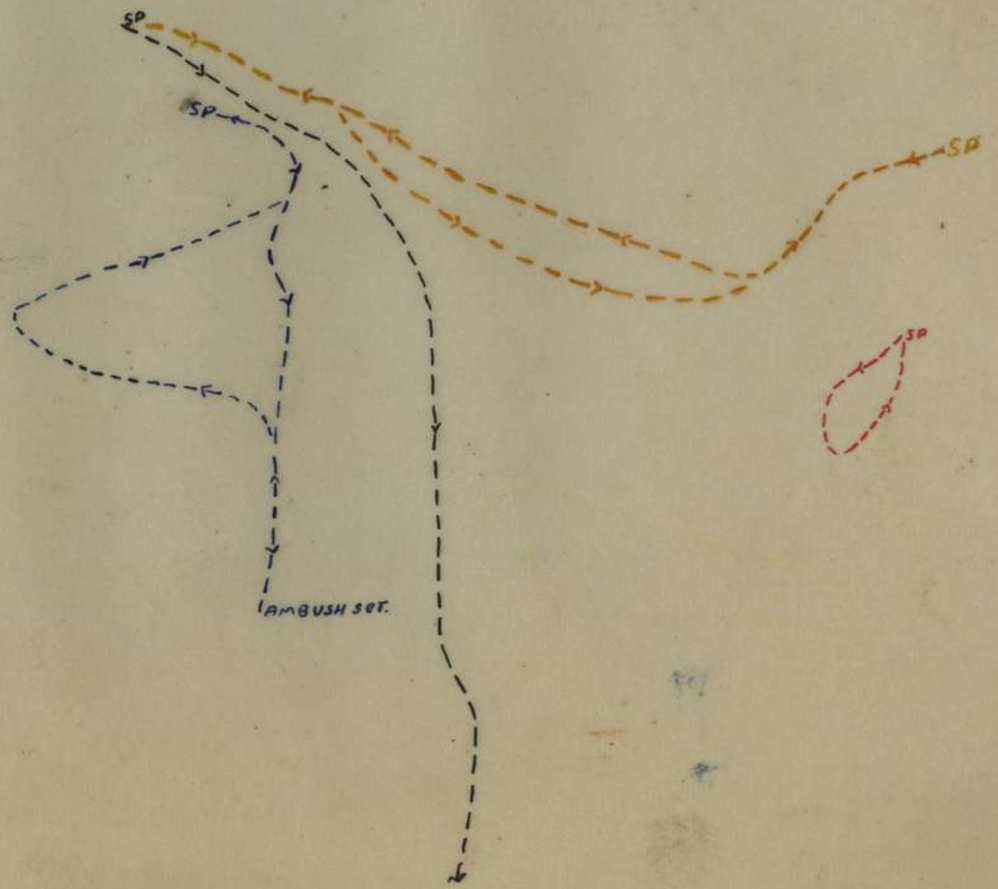
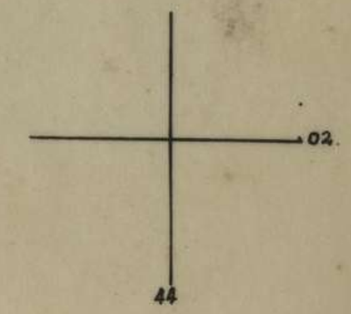
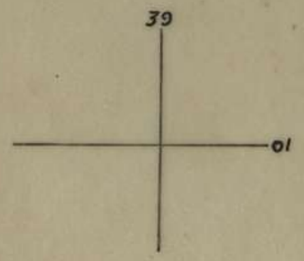
- CONTACT PATROL
- CONTACT PATROL 2/11.









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PATROLS 23 JUN.

LEGEND.

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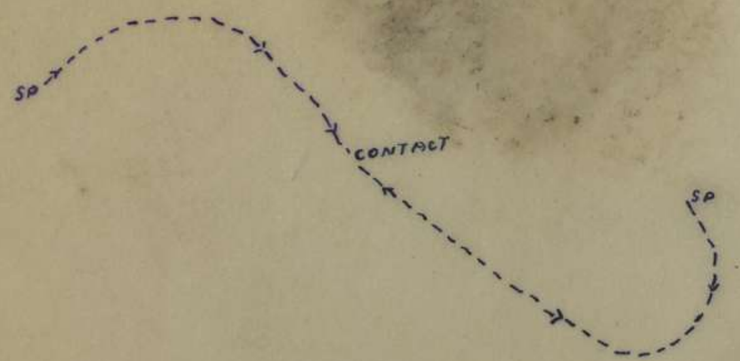
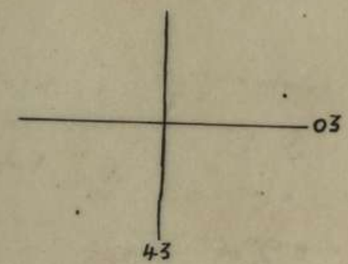
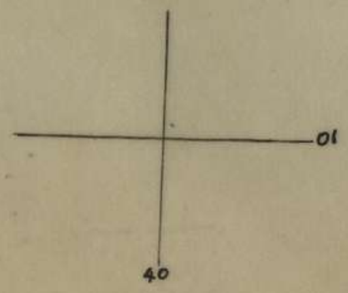
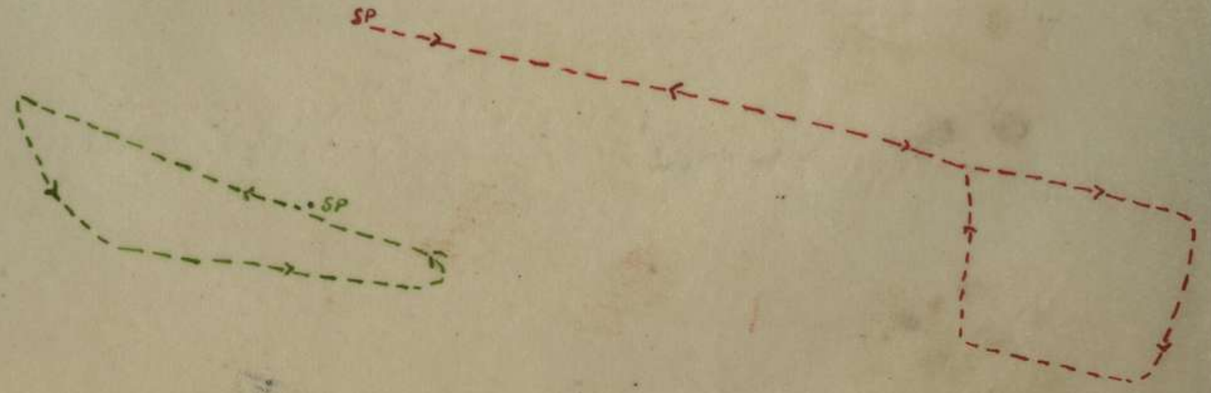
- " 33
- 2/11 CONTACT PATROL.









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PATROLS 21. JUN.

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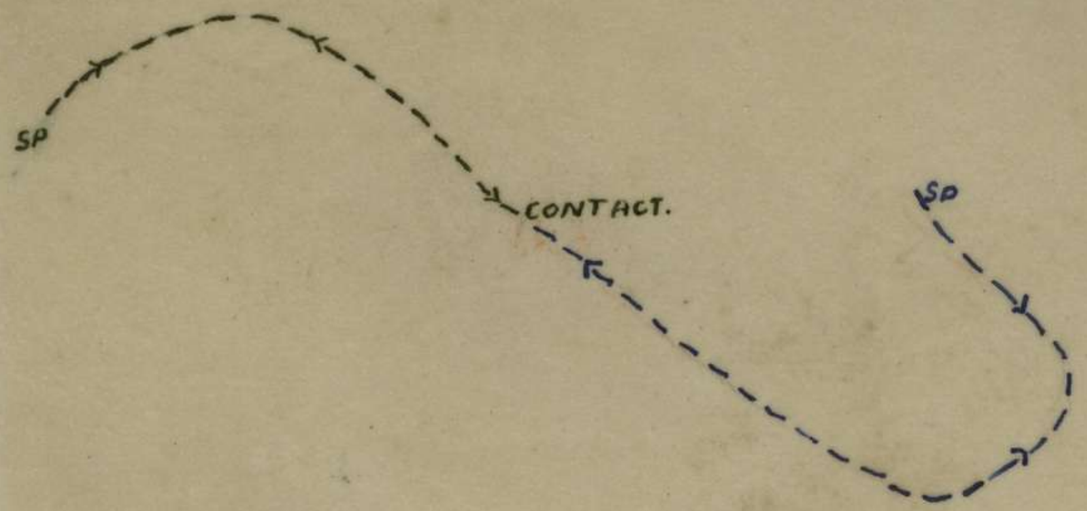
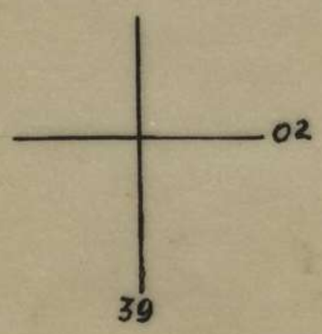
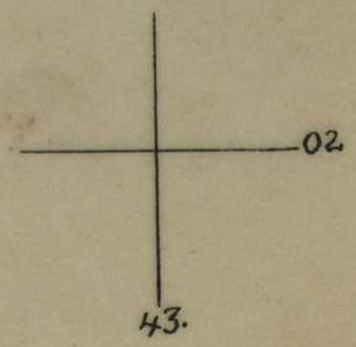
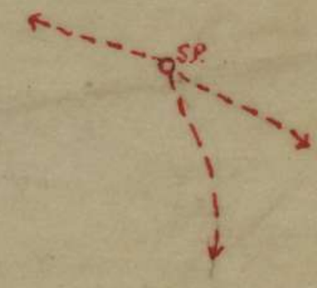
- LOCAL PATROLS.
- 2/11 CONTACT PATROLS.









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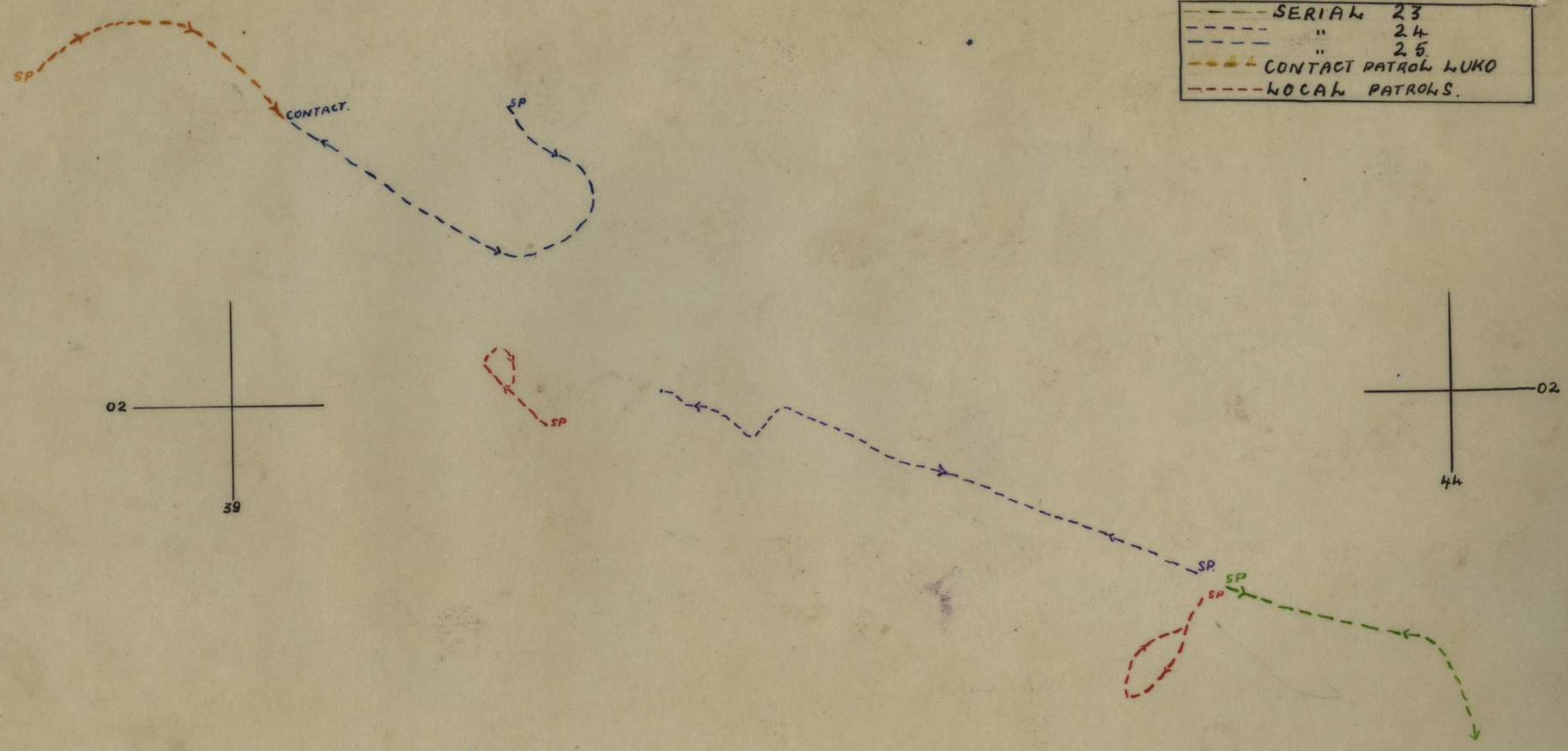

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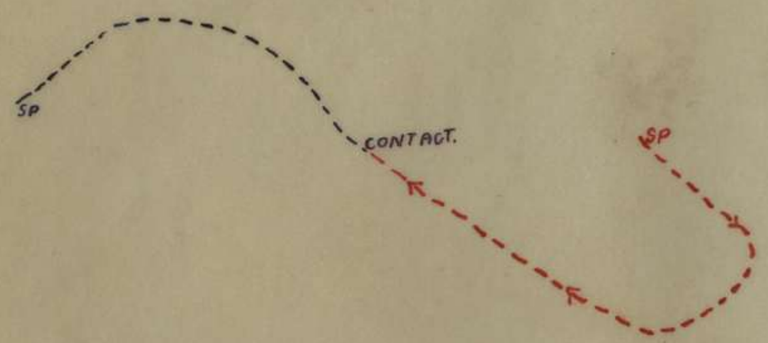
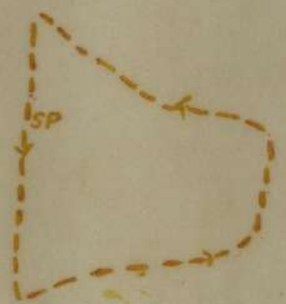
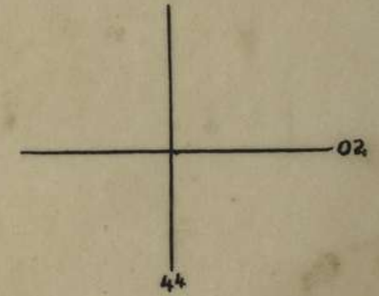
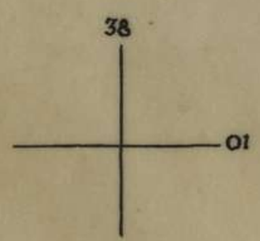
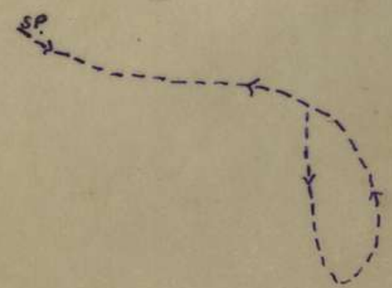
- 2/11 CONTACT PATROL.











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PATROLS 19 JUN.

LEGEND

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- " 22
- CONTACT PATROL 2/11 BN.

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PATROLS 18 JUN.

LEGEND.

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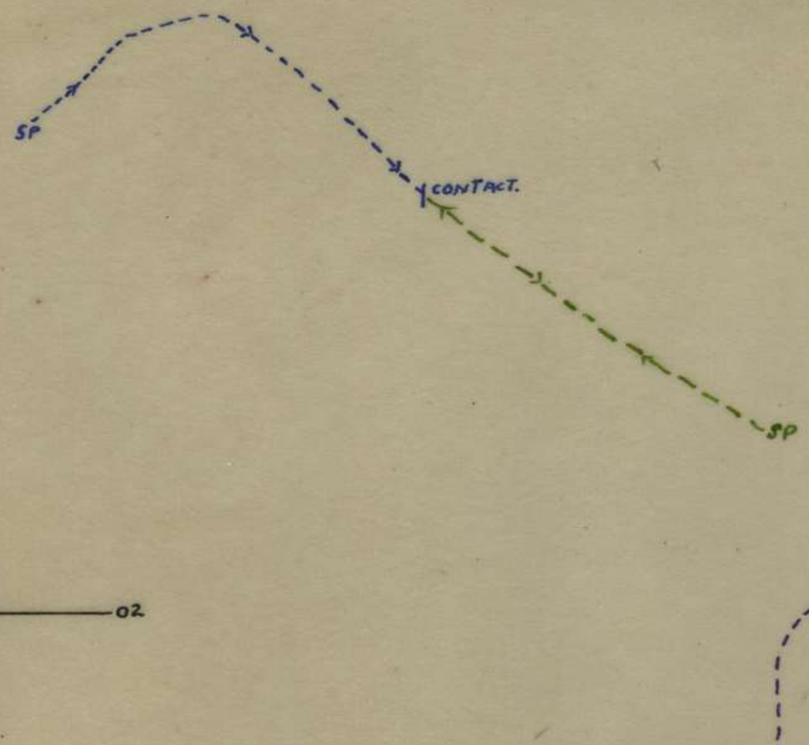
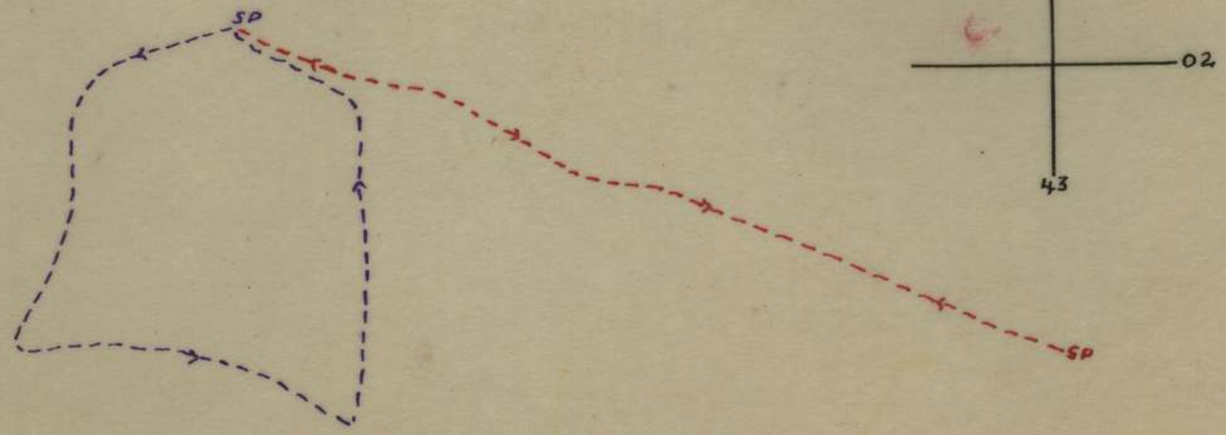
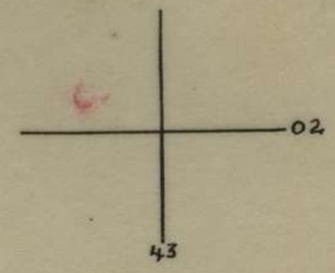
CONTACT PATROL LUKO.	







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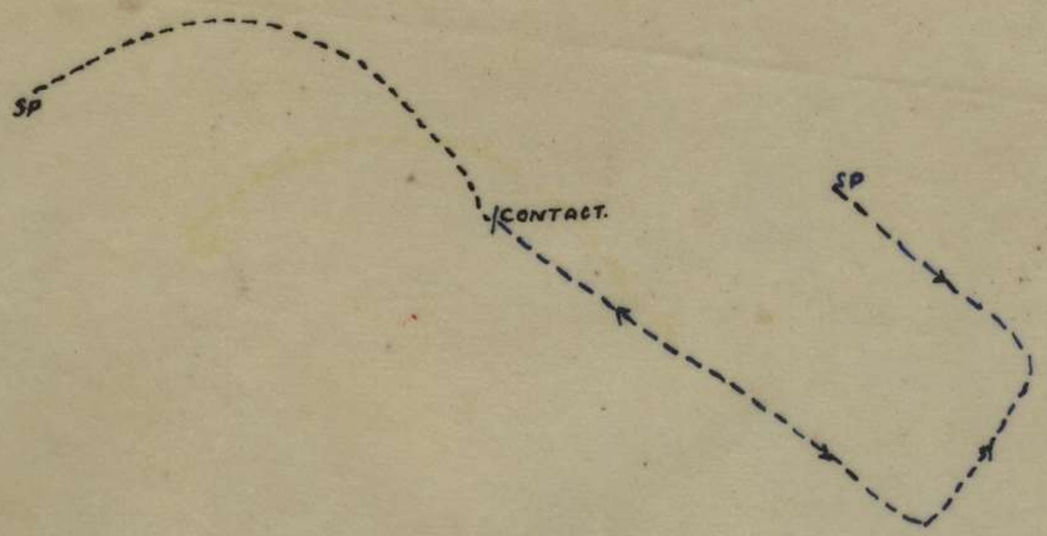

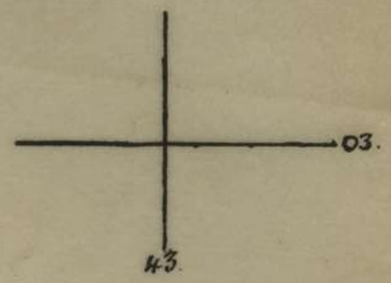

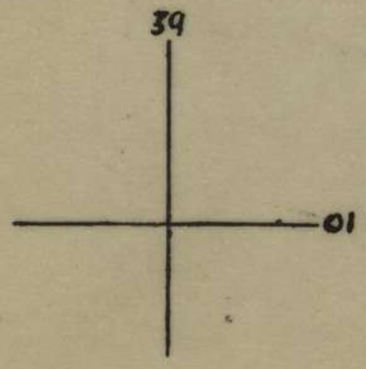

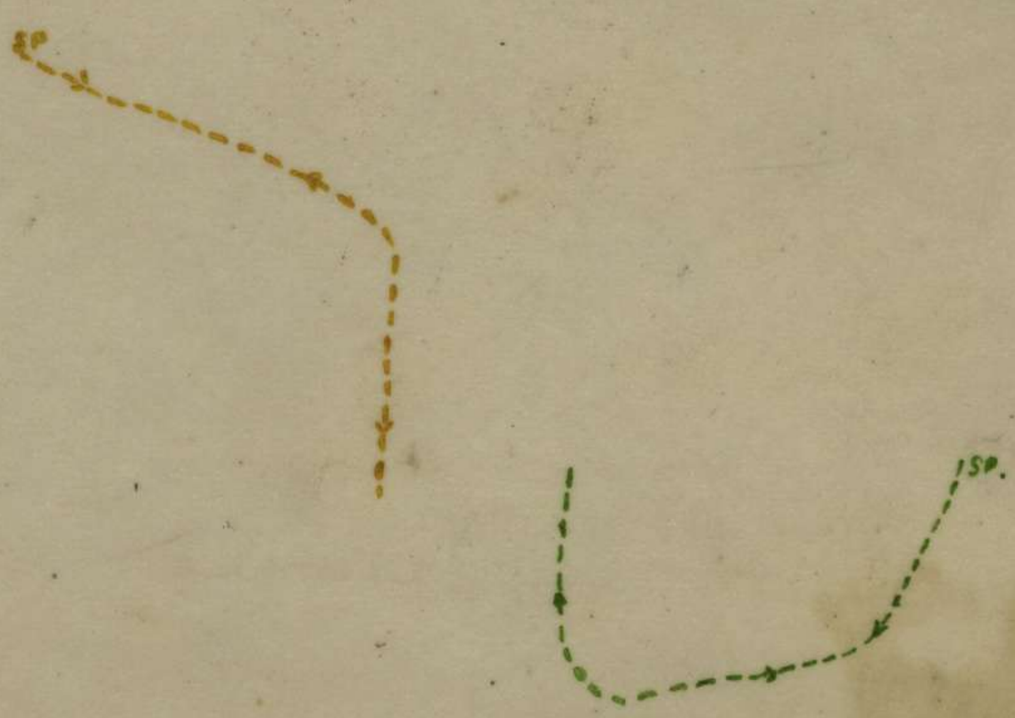

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PATROLS 16 JUN.

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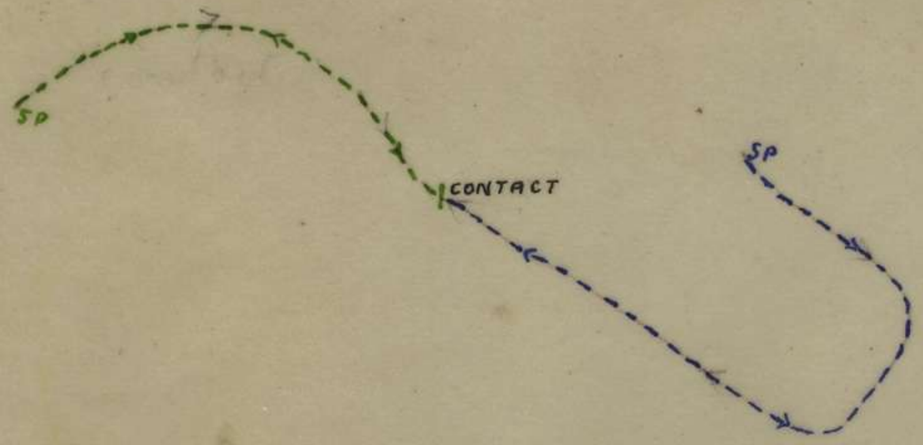

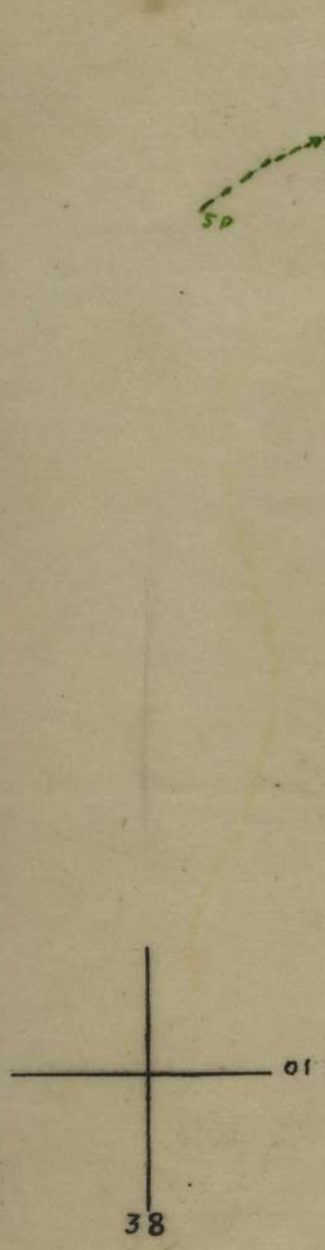

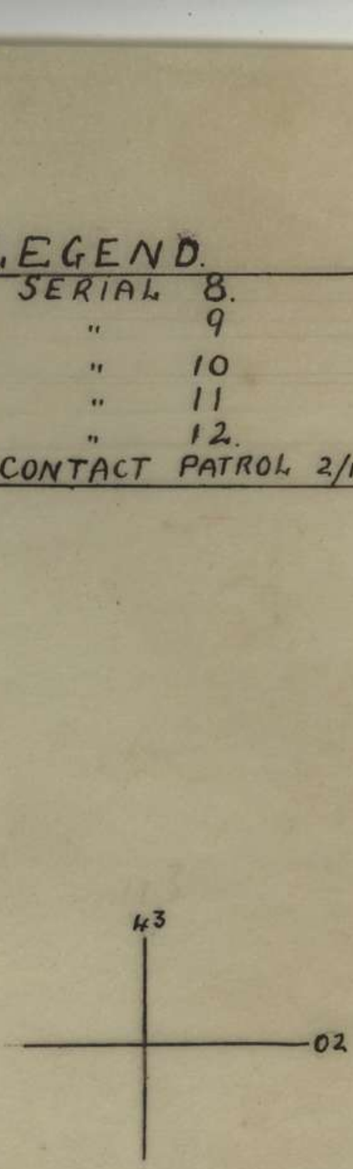

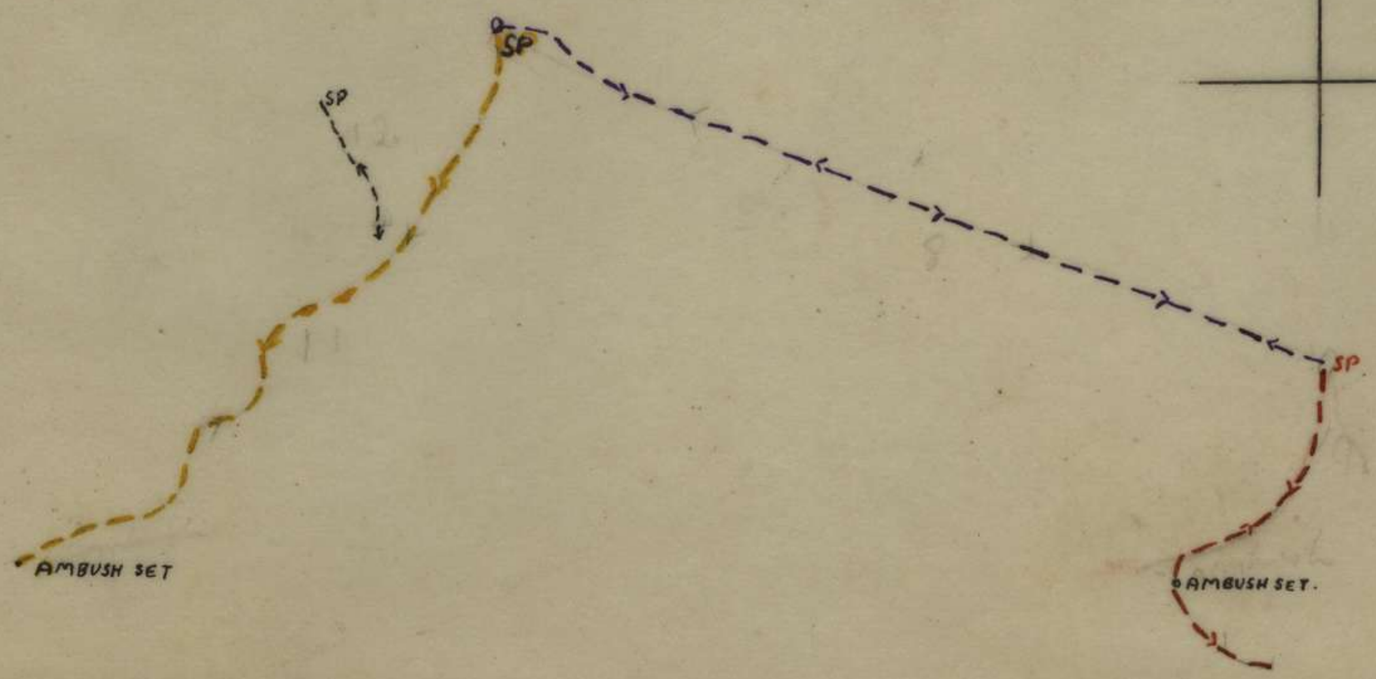

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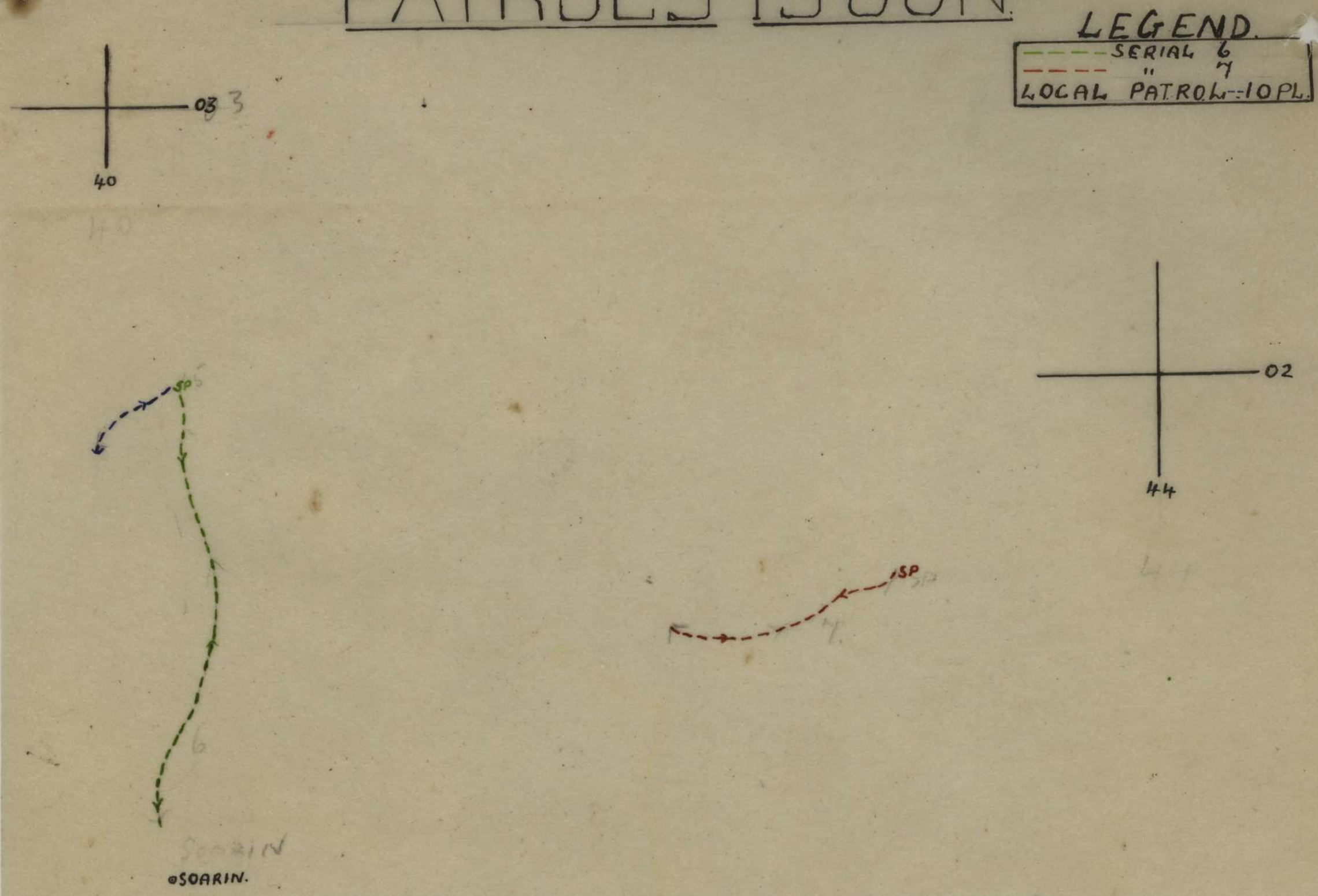

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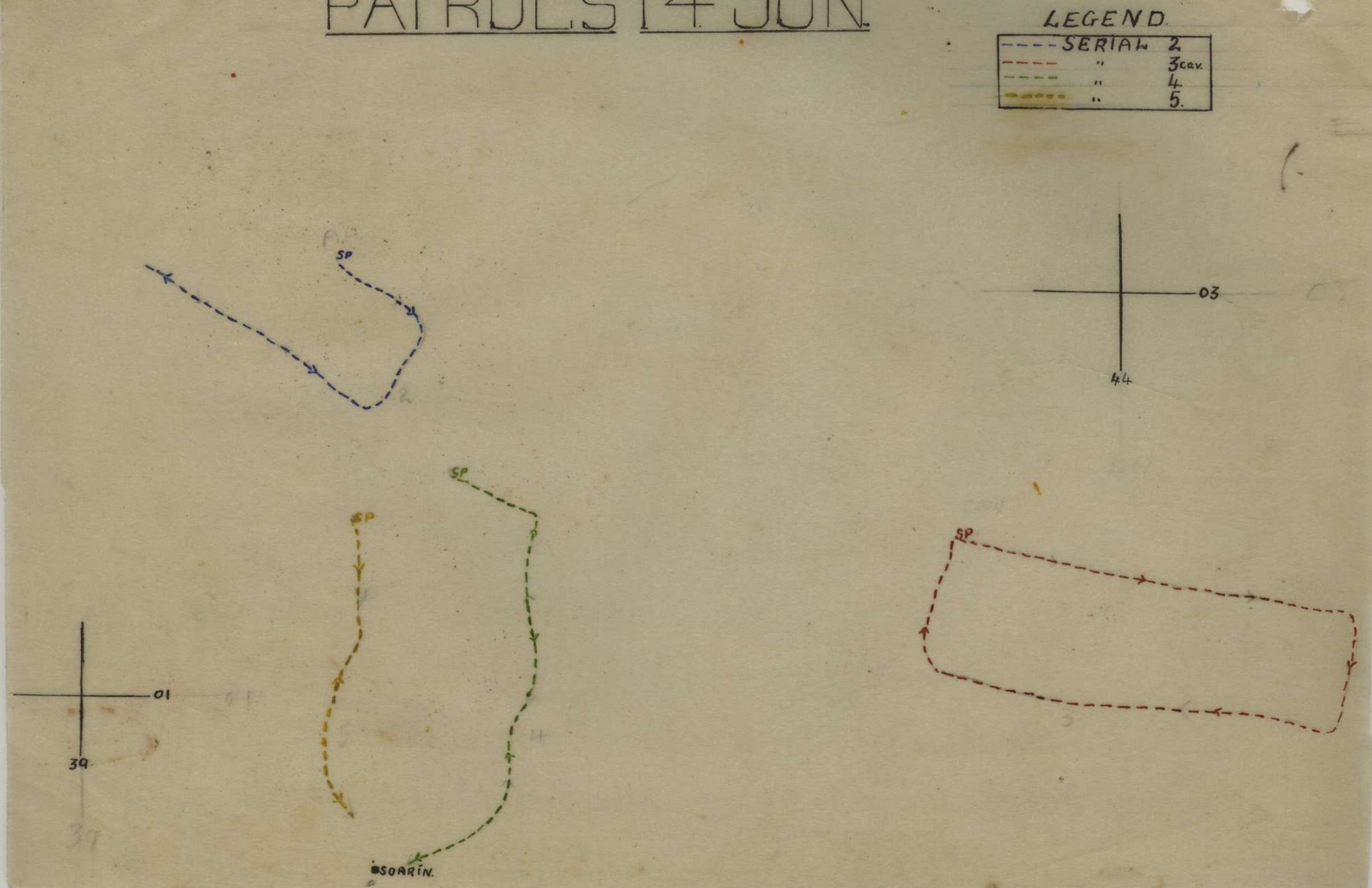

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PATROLS 13 JUN

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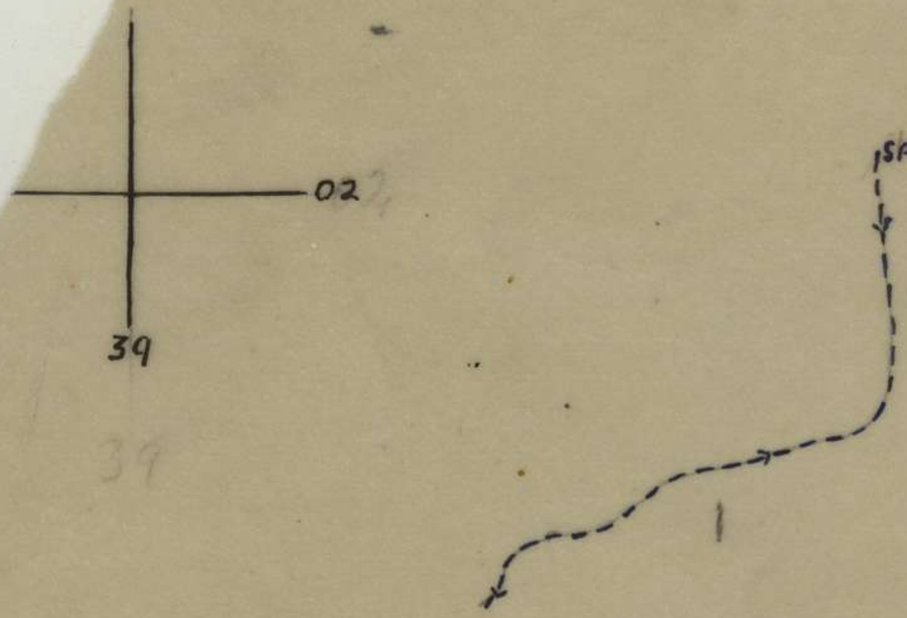

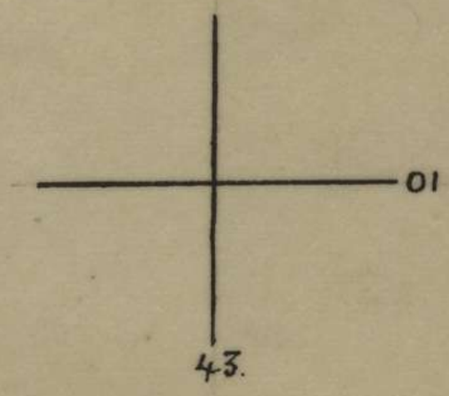

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PATROL REPORT.

1494

30/6/45.

DIRA 2 ABLE

LT H.C. JOHNSON

LOCAL

1 OFFR 16 ORS.

FIGHTING PATROL.

TIME OUT 30 0815 K.

TIME IN 30 1330 K.

ROUTE OUT To MANDI CK - 453008 - COAST 453014

ROUTE IN ALONG COAST TO P.B.

PART 1.

No enemy sighted.

REPORT

Patrol moved along coast to Mandi Ck. crossed at mouth after a recce. inland for a suitable crossing but found none. Patrol moved through swamp approx S.E. to track at 453008.

Few footpads crossed, mostly directed NORTH & SOUTH. They have not been used recently were on my opinion used as entrances to sago swamp where sac sac may have been gathered & processed

Proceeded through to beach then moved WEST to a hut where 3 Japs were killed 2 days ago. Two bodies near large tree had been covered over by with ~~topplings~~ saplings & leaves

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The smell, flies & ants made it impossible to search the bodies. I would think that they had been searched by man that got away. A pack had an explosive charge of 5 blocks of a yellow powder tied together & separate was a detonator with a small length of fuse inside it

Returned along beach to patrol base no enemy having been sighted.

No recent tracks had been encountered

Conclusion no enemy in vicinity since killing of previous 3 Japs.

A Sgt

Patrol Report.

1493

Patrol carried out by 8 Pl. B. Coy. Patrol Cond

Strength 1 offr 1 N.C.O. 12 ors.

Time out 290800 Time in 291145

Object. to observe any enemy movement towards the beach & to contact 'C' & 'D' Coys.

P.I. No signs of any recent enemy activity. Contacted "C" & "D" Coys.

II

Patrol moved along Beach to mouth of Brandi River from where a small party moved across to contact C. Coy. & returned.

Moved South from 415 026. for 300ˣ. to 416023.
Did not find track marked on Moem sheet as running East from Brandi.
Found old track with hand rail (vine) going South & then S.W. towards Brandi River.
From 416023 proceeded on general bearing of 120° until 'D' Coy perimeter was sited.

Country ~~from~~ over which patrol moved on this leg. For about one hour thick rain

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forest damp underfoot but passable travelling. Patrol then entered dae dae swamp and travelled for almost one hour in very difficult country, emerging into dense secondary growth which continued until Mandi clearing was reached.

V H Lloyd sgt.

HORN.

DIRN.

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Patrol Report.

THE SALVATION ARMY | ACF AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND | YMCA

From No..... Name..... 1461

Unit or Group.....

Date.....

(Use Official Address only)

Ref Map: WEWAK WEST 1:25000. DATE: 28 JUNE.
Formdy.: DIRA 2 C Comd. By: Sgt. Crouch
Type: Recce & Fighting Strength: 13 O.R.
Time Out: 0815 hrs. Time In: 1000 hrs.

ROUTE OUT: Along COAST & DOVE CREEK.

ROUTE IN: Along BEACH & BASE.

OBJECT: Look for signs of recent enemy movement.
Destroy small enemy parties.

Part I.

II. Enemy contacted in hut at 448015. Gas. Enemy 3 Killed. Dvrd 1 Killed. One Jap escaped.

Part II.

III One Jap seen leaving hut. Forward scout shot him. Cleared hut.

(2) Sig mvd moved in broad front in open formation from dune line to swamp. Remainder watching right flank & rear.

(3) Three enemy contacted approx 50x along track. Shot two. The third escaped through bush

IN YOUR LETTER DO NOT REFER TO:
The name of your transport or other transports in your convoy . . . dates of sailing . . . ports of call . . . destination, description of troops, or other information, which, if intercepted, will be of value to the enemy.

OVER.

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timber & swamp on right

(4) Scouted forward with three men & made no contact.

(5) after engagement patrol returned & three with one wounded.

(6). Enemy probably a foraging party.

(7) Their arms were 1 grenade each & 1 rifle.

R. A. Cowell Sgt.

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Name:
Unit or Group:
Date:

1415

Patrol Report

Ref Map Wewak West, 1:50 m. Date 25 Jun 45
Found by DIRA 2 C Cmd by Sgt Crouch
Fighting Strength 13 o/rs.
Time out 0815. Time in 1230 hrs.
Route Out. See attd trace.

Object (a). Look for signs of recent enemy movement.

Part I

1. N.M.S.

Part II

2. Movement as per attached trace.

R.A. Crouch Sgt.

[signature] Capt

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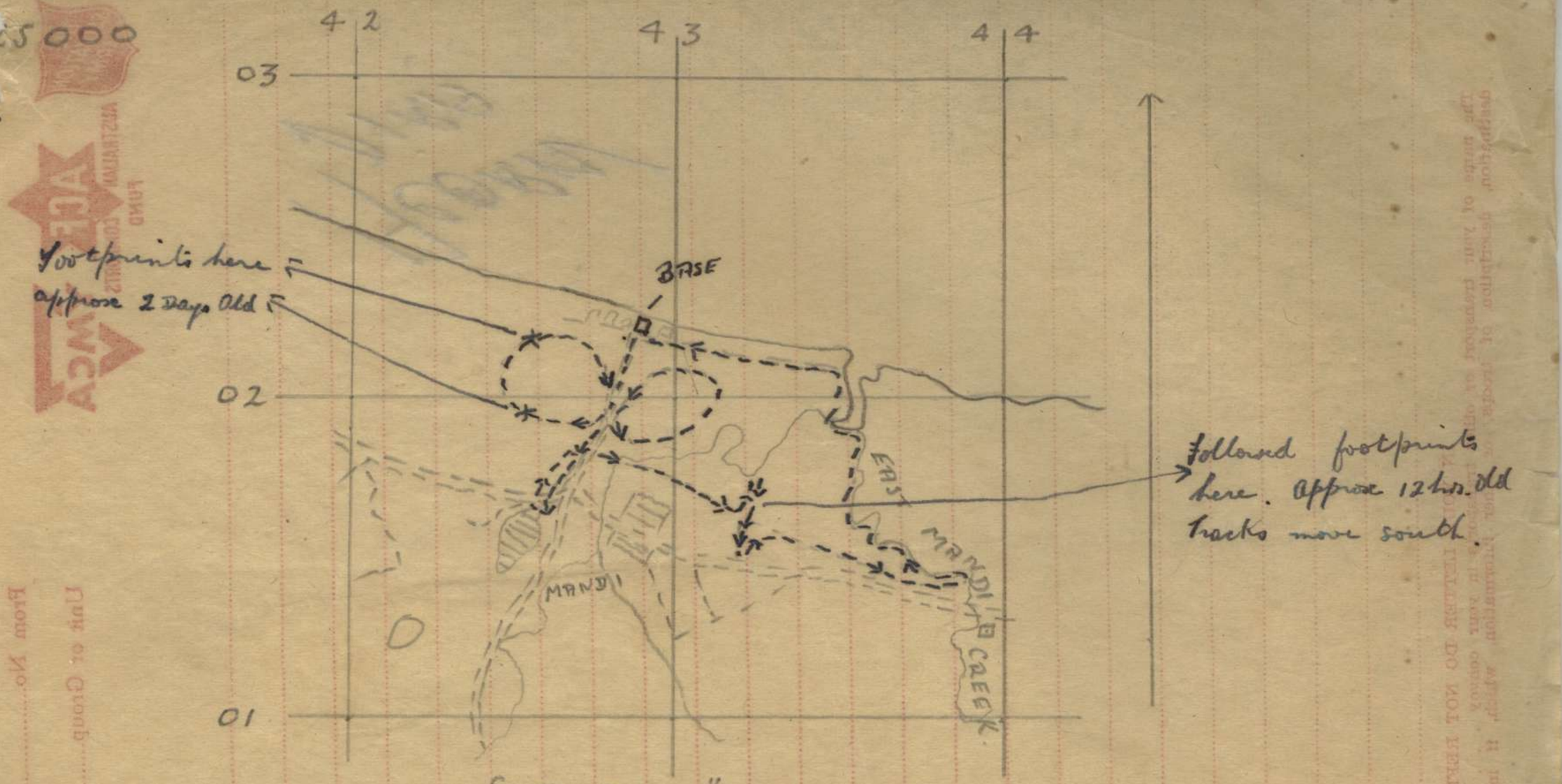

SCALE 1" = 700 YDS.

Drawn By
R.A. Cowell Sgt.

PATROL ROUTE OF RECCE PATROL

SUPPLIED BY DIRA 2 C 25th June.

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(Pads of 100) (Adapted Sept. 1943)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 22

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
			1400

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: DIRA 4

Date—Time of Origin: 241430K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO DIRA

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. UA 203 Secret O Report of patrol to Kings 24 June Ref MAP Brandi Plantation 1/20000 O Moved generaly South from present from 424091 then swung West crossed ck approx 420012 thence along North side ck to 418010 searched area and returned along main track O ARTY fire very effective O Area bounded by

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Signed

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Signed

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority: [signature]

Time	System	Op
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Time Cleared		

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Register No.

Call | Ser. No. | Priority | Transmission Instructions

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FROM (A) | Originator | Date—Time of Origin | Office Date Stamp

For Action

(a) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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For Action

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.) | Message Instructions | GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

422012 418012 418010 422010 devasted
O 4 damaged huts South side ck at 419010
2 undamaged huts on low ridge 419009 O
Estimate 20 mm u.s A/A gun near 4 huts O
One man of patrol saw 1 Jap dissapear into
hut at 419009 O Enemy Sig lamp and documents
found will be fwd.

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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

patrol [illegible]
Log Rotting

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

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Army Form C2136 (Small)
(Pads of 100) (Adapted Sept. 1943)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 15

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

1364

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: DIRAI

Date—Time of Origin: 221330K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO DIRA ACORN

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. E11015 Secret @ Patrol report DIRAIA @ SP 404031 EAST along road to 406027 SW to 403025 WEST along OLD GERMAN RD to 392034 and contacted 2/11 bn. EAST along GERMAN RD. to 396029 SOUTH along creek to 395026 returned along creek to rd & returned by route out @ No signs recent enemy occupation

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Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER

Signed

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

Patrol Key

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

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PATROL REPOR

Patrol found by : Dira one Able

Date 23 jun 45

Strength 1 officer 9 ORs

Ref map WEWAK WEST 1" - 1m

Type Recce

Comd by Lt Fraser

Time out 231255K

Time in 231520 K

SERIAL 31.

Route out :

East along old German Rd to 392033 via BRANDI PLN

Route in :

Along old German Rd to 396029 South alon ck to 396022

East to SPUR to road at 398027 .

Object : 1. Contact LUKO

2. Recce in sq 3902

Contacted LUKO at 392033

NO signs recent enemy movement or occupation. Track WEST

side of SPUR overgrown.

K E Fraser .....Lt

(K E FRASER)

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Patrol Report

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SERIAL 33. 1391

Formed by DIRAZ B. Joined by Lt. Baker.

Type. Fighting Strength 1 & 13

Time out 0810 hrs. Time in 1045

Date 23 Jun

Route out - From Base west along coast to beyond town of Lae & Allied Forces Hd Qrs. at Jnct 463016 then SW to main track, then West to Dove R. R.

Route in - North to coast then back to base.

Object (a) Kill any enemy
(b) Track & report enemy movements.

Part I

Nil.

Part II

Several footprints in garden at approx 459014. Natives could not tell whose they were.

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1 Coy
2 Bn
2 Div

Patrol Report.

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LOCAL PATROL.

Refpat Intelligence Report Date 22 Jun
Proceed via DIRA 2 C Return via Left Forward
Lyt. Reece. Strength 16
Time out 0815 hrs. Time in 1330 hrs.

Route out. From Base for 15-0 x, south
along track to DIRA 4 then west
parallel to coast to BRANDI R.
North to mouth of BRANDI R. then
to DIRA 3 C
Route in. along coast to base.
Object (a) To engage enemy sea
(b) Look for recent signs
movement.

Part I.

N.A.M.S.

Part II.

2. Saw footprints of 1 Wh. at about
4/5-024 three to four days old,
moving SW. Followed tracks
but they disappeared on sleigh

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PATRON

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ΑΦΣ

reid Shelton reaching BRANDI R.
3. Rivers — NOT forwardable ref 407027
Ser 409026.

R.A. Court

ACORN.

DIRA

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Logan 1324

From No..... Name.....

Unit or Group.....

19/6/45 Date.....

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Patrol Report. SERIAL 20

Supplied By 2 Charlie

Strength 15 men.

Time Out 0830 hrs.

Time In 1230 hrs.

Route Out From Base along coast to Dore Creek. Then south along Dore Creek to road crossing. Then west along road to Mandi Then north along jeep track to Base.

Report. No enemy seen. No signs of recent activity by enemy.

Foot pad runs parallel to Dore Creek from beach to road. Old fallen village at 455015. Two Jap. graves + approx 20 hand carts at village. Jap. ammo dumps along road at 435010.

R.A. Couch. Sgt.

Would suggest some RAE personnel be used for demolition.

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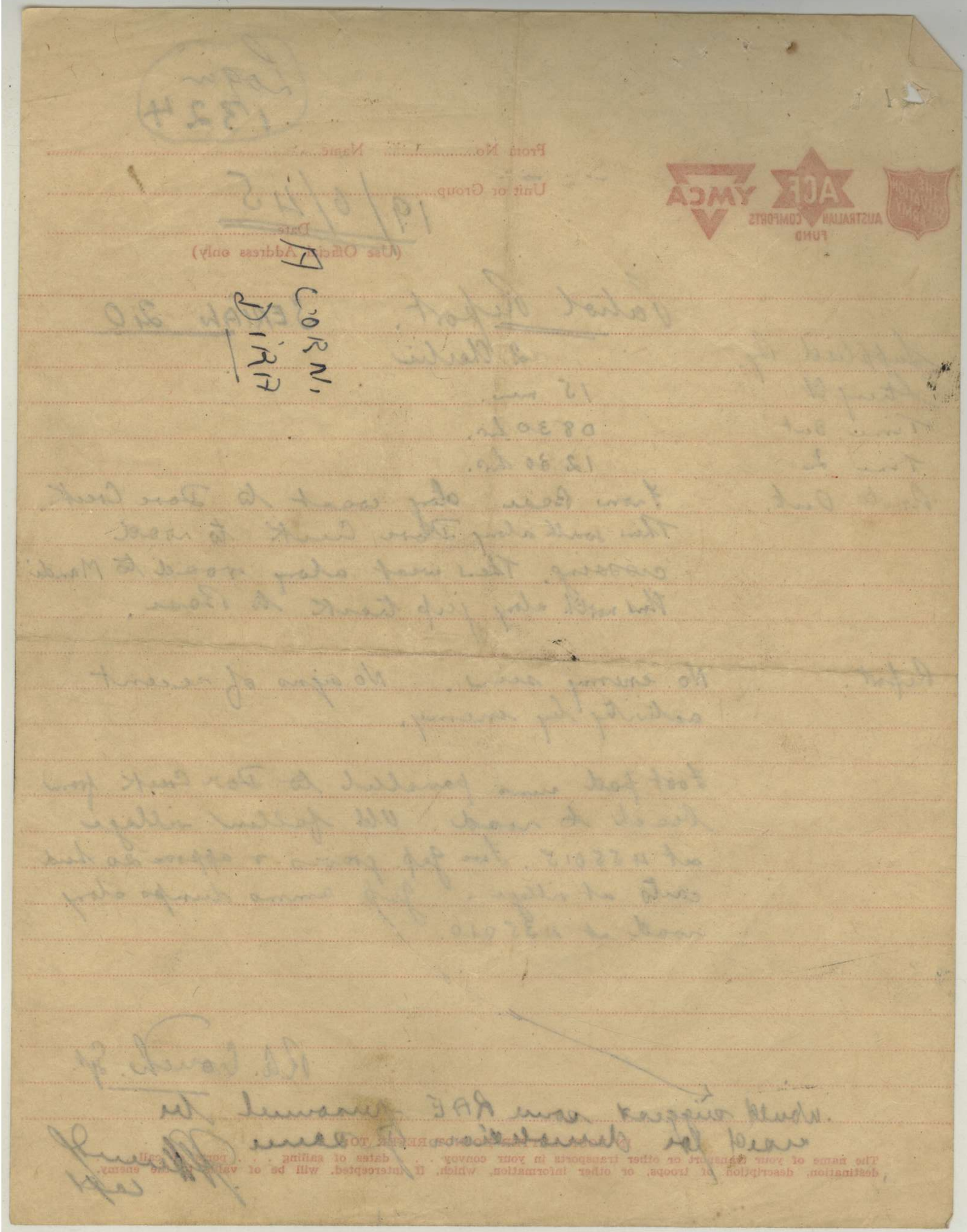

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PATROL REPORT. 1358

DIRA 2 ABLE. LOCAL.
LT H.C. JOHNSON 1 OFFR 14 ORS.
TIME OUT 21 0815 K.
TIME IN 21 1315 K
ROUTE OUT TO MANDI CK, THENCE S.E. THROUGH SWAMP TO ROAD — EAST ALONG ROAD — NORTH TO BEACH — EAST TO FARIDA FORCE HR. — WEST
ROUTE IN WEST ALONG COAST TO P.B.

REPORT.

Route along coast to Mandi Ck easy going. Through swamp the going was not hard, not very much Langly undergrowth. Proceeded without use of machetti. No deep wading anywhere on petrol route. Road on other side of swamp runs through clearing of trees overgrown by grass One well cultivated native garden with yams growing was seen along road with recent signs of a few men having walked WEST through the grass (possibly Japanese). When moving NORTH to beach at spot

marked on sketch attached a single shot was fired from a Japanese rifle. No sign was found on investigation nor did patrol find any tracks or huts where any body would sleep in near vicinity.

On reaching beach a section was sent down to investigate old FARIDA H.Q's & found no signs of occupation but found fresh footprints of a small party having moved through the area recently.

Two huts found along route had not been occupied for some considerable period dust + dirt + cobwebs not having been disturbed + no fires or footprints

A B Johnson Lt

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OVERLAY FARIDA FORCE ENLARGEMENT

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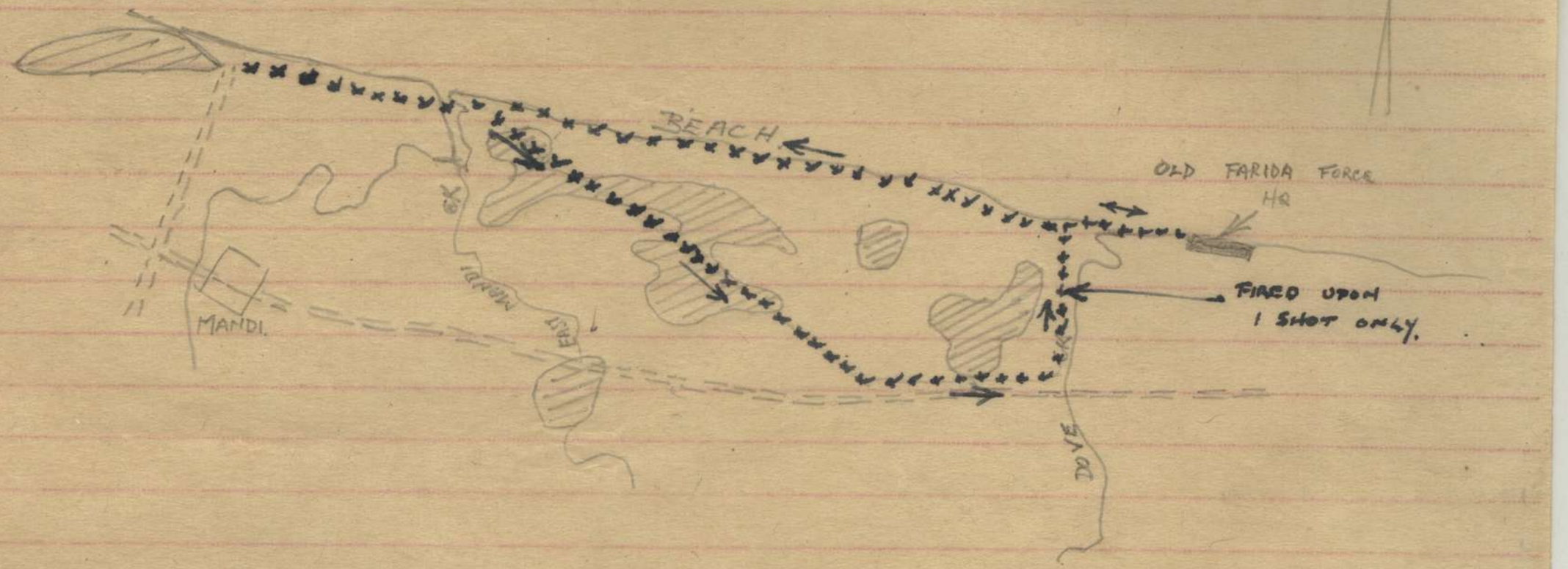

LEGEND.

SWAMP

ROAD.

PATROL ROUTE

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12/1

Patrol map.

RB/Eng.

PATROL REPORT

FOUND By A Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn

DATE 16 June 45

Local Patrol

TIME OUT 0700 hrs

" IN 1000 hrs.

STRENGTH 1 and 24.

OBJECT FIGHTING RECCE

ROUTE OUT

S.P. 424017 North East to the track 425016 South Across creek 424014 and then South along spur to approx 425008

ROUTE IN

From 425008 on a bearing of 270° through dense scrub to approx 423007 picked up small track running on approx same bearing Crossed Creek at 423005 same bearing again to track 419006 North along track to approx 421009 then North West to clearing 422012

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And back to start point.

PART I.

N.M.S.

PART II.

Where patrol broke back from 425085 on a bearing of 270° jungle was very dense and the slope running down very steep until crossing the creek. A small track (looked like Australian) was picked up at 423087 which led into an extensive Japanese position. Work winds in and Diffuene well dug foxholes and bunkers for at least a company position (probably more) Some bunkers were at least 15'x10'. And there was one position in the

Centre of the perimeter for some type
of gun with a split trail the trail
pits were from 6' to 8' in length
the pit was dug with the gun
pointing North, there were some
old shells in the area I would say
they were 75 mm. one of the patrol
also noticed a Japanese mortar
bomb. All of the bunkers and foxe
holes were linked by crawl trenches
about 3' deep. There were no signs
of recent occupation although all
tracks in the perimeter were well
worn. I should have previously
mentioned that the track we
followed leading into this position
had a red (Australian?) telephone
cable leading into it.

The main track running through

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ke position from South to North
as in good condition, were
lined on a ridge about 20' wide.
en the patrol reached the track
d at 421099 I went East instead
est and came out along a pad.
o the East of the S.P. instead of
West.
There were ammunition dumps in
the area of 422022

Officer Lieut
Patrol Commander

Boorabbin 16 June 45-

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PATROL REPORT

From No.: Jones A.V.R. 131.
Name: A/C/Pl. Conway, able. Pl. Dira Cpy
Unit or Group:
Date: 16/6/40K

MAP REF - BUT EAST
SERIAL - SERIAL 8.
FOUND BY - ABEL PL. DIRA. 4.
COMD BY - CPL DENNY
TYPE - RECCE
DATE - 15/6/45
TIME OUT - 151130K
STRENGTH - 1 N.C.O., 7 O.R.s 1 SENTRY BOY
TIME IN. - 151530K

ROUTE OUT. - MAP REF. 089239 S. to 090236, S. along KARAWOP CREEK to 093215, N.W. to approx. 088218.

ROUTE IN - MAP. REF. 088218 E. to KARAWOP CREEK 092220, N. along creek to 090236, N. to 089239.

OBJECT - a) To see if the enemy had been in the area
b) To find fresh information of enemy, if any
c) If small party of enemy contacted to jump them if possible.

PART II.

MAP REF	TIME	OBJECT	INFORMATION.
089239	151130K	Same as above.	See over.
090236	151145K		
993215	151230K		
088218	151400K		
092220	151445K		
090236	151515K		
089239	151530K		

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INFORMATION—

The patrol move approx SOUTH to mouth of KARAWOP CREEK 0690236 then SOUTH along creek to old dust Camp area 069215. At this position were noticed several recent footprints of enemy. We could not find any ~~different~~ definate enemy track so ~~cleared~~ recced the area but found no enemy.

The patrol then moved WEST along a spur and at approx 089216 stumbled across a newly made enemy track. We followed this track approx. WEST. and it was quite evident that the enemy were trying to conceal their movement and were not keeping to formed tracks. At one point along this track were marks showing that the enemy had rested for a considerable length of time. At position 088218 we encounted a party of enemy of. Our Sentry boy estimated the party as three Japanese and one Kanaka sentry boy. I estimate the strength as four and one. The enemy appeared to be resting and from the position could see CAPE KARAWOP area plainly. We fired on the enemy wounding possibly two, ~~but were~~ the enemy returned our fire

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Name:

Unit or Group:

Date:

with fire from an L.M.G. I ordered the patrol to withdraw EAST to KARAWOP CREEK. We reformed at approx. 0922220 and moved NORTH along creek to mouth and then back to start point.

J Denny / Cpl

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Date:

FURTHER INFORMATION. 16/6/45.

To-day I accompanied a patrol from another unit to the position of yesterdays encounter. We followed the same route out as yesterdays patrol came in. At the position of the encounter were discovered; one enemy dead, three enemy rifles, several packs, approx. six enemy grenades and three home made demolition sets.

The one dead was in very good condition physically and was wearing fairly good clothing. When found he was not wearing any footwear. The grenades & rifles were thrown into the bush and I brought back two of the demolition sets which were given to the "I" section of the Cav. Commando to be sent to Div. H.Q.

The larger one consisted of two mortar bombs surrounded by cardboard containers containing picric acid, it weighed approx. fifteen pounds

The small one consisted of one enemy grenade ~~also~~ surrounded by picric acid and weighed approx six pounds.

Penny Sgt.

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Patrol Reports. Verbal 1220.

~~14 JUN~~ 14 JUN.

2/7 sqn. Route ÷ EAST along beach to second creek. Turned in — 453013. 4 enemy graves. NOT previously reported. — Swamp - hard going. WEST along track — at 443009 saw saw patches and rice. Rice ready to pick in fortnight. Tracks 1 TAP 4 or 5 days old (the tracks) seen ⊙ N.M.S.

SERIAL 3

A Coy ÷ Patrol NMS.

÷ afternoon patrol 1 mile approx down main track SOUTH

NO report as yet.

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PATROL REPORT

1223

Serial No 2

Ref Map WEWAK WEST 1"=1 MILE Date 14 JUN 45

patrol found by DIRAS B patrol comd Sgt Frost M L

Type of patrol RECCE patrol strength 7

Time out 140840K Time in 141045K

Route out SP SE along track to BRANDI PIN 406028 SW to main track 404024 NW along track to garden 3903

Route In Same route moving in off main track to examine tracks leading SOUTH

Object To recce signs of enemy occupation To find the best track to travel from 406028 to garden 3903

PART I

Object of patrol carried out. No signs of recent enemy occupation

PART II

Track from 406028 to 404024 not passable time 10 MINS From 404024 to garden 3903 good track would carry vehicles time 25 MINS. Area SOUTH of track heavy thick jungle. No tracks EAST & WEST Several tracks found off main track in a general direction SOUTH. 45 mins

Signed M L Frost

Remarks by patrol Comd or OC. Coy.

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Serial	Found By	STR	Time OUT	Time IN	ROUTE.	OBJECT.	RESULT.
	Local	patrols. all coys 2			9th June. Contact patrol LUKO.		LUKO. contacted LUOK N.M.S.
48.	DIRA 3.	1 PL.	290800K	291200K	SP (403018) WEST to 398027. SOUTH to ridge 398022. to SP.	Destroy enemy Report recent signs enemy acc & mont Topography.	NMS.
49.	DIRA 1.	1 PL.	300900K	301100K	SP (401033) to Jap garden area 394031. R.S.R.	contact LUKO patrol.	NMS.
50	DIRA 3.	1 PL.	300800K	301200K	SP – GRUB, BANANA, POTATO.	Search for any signs recent enemy acc & mont.	Two enemy contacted NMS. and killed own nil.
51	DIRA 2	✓	✓	✓	SP to DOVE CK	as above	NMS. found bodies of Japs previously killed near hut.

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SERIAL	Found by	STR.	TIME OUT	TIME IN.	ROUTE.	OBJECT.	RESULT.
41	DIRA 1	1 Sec.	260930K	261130K	SP(401033) to jap garden area 394031. R.S.R.	Contact LUKO patrol.	Jap killed on 25 June confirmed. Identity discs fwd. NMS.
42	DIRA 3.	1 Pl NATIVES	260800K	261600K	SP(406020) SOUTH along WEST slope of RINGWORM to vic 00 grid.	Destroy enemy within capacity Report signs recent enemy occ and mont. Lapo infn Natives to Recce SHANDS.	NMS. natives report SE slope SOARIN clear. Patrol Leader reports enemy gun posn approx 405999
43.	DIRA 4.	1 Pl.	260800K	261200K	SP(431012) to KINGS thence to FRASER. R.S.R.	patrol to report on equipt found ~~[illegible]~~ 25 Jun vic 428008.	~~[illegible]~~ Patrol found posn 428008 re-occupied with LMG. and rifles cas enemy 4 killed own 2 wounded.
44.	DIRA 3 B	1 Pl	270800K	271600K	SP(406020) DUE SOUTH to NORTH slope SHANDS to 00 GRID.	Destroy enemy within capacity Report signs recent enemy occ and mont Lapo infn.	NMS.
45.	DIRA 1	1 Sec	271400K	271600K	SP(401033) to jap garden area 394031.	as above (contact LUKO patrol)	LUKO patrol contacted. NMS
46	DIRA 2	1 Pl	270800K	271200K	SP(432018) to DIRA 3. 405023 via ~~NORT~~ SOUTH side of old GERMAN RD.	as above.	NMS
47	DIRA 3	1 Pl	280930	281130K	SP(401033) to jap garden area 394031.	contact Luko patrol	LUKO contacted 1030K. NMS.
	DIRA. 2. and 4. Local patrols 28 June.					Destroy enemy.	enemy contacted at DOVE Ck. 3 Japs K 1 own killed.

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SERIAL	FOUND	STR	TIME OUT	TIME IN	ROUTE	OBJECT	RESULT.
33	2.	1 PL	230830K	231200K	SP(432018) EAST to DOVE CK. Return along old GERMAN ROAD to approx 450009 — SP via Coast	Destroy enemy within capacity. Report topo infm and signs recent enemy acc & mont.	NMS Indistinct footprints 459014.
34.	4.	1 PL	240830K	241600K.	SP(431012) to KINGS 428010. — SP.	Search area, Report on shelling effect.	Report ARTY fire effective. 4 damaged huts 419010. 2 undamaged huts 419009. 1 Jap seen going into hut 419009. Documents fund on.
35	2.	~~1 Sec~~ 1 PL.	240830K	241200K.	SP(432018) direct to 406020. Return via OLD GERMAN RD and lower slopes of hills to S.P.	contact 3. Search for recent enemy acc & mont.	N.M.S.
36	3.	1 PL.	240400K	241100K	SP(406020) SOUTH to EAST side of SOARIN. Return via RIDDELLS ck and GRUB 410015 — SP.	Set ambush EAST SIDE of SOARIN. Search for recent signs enemy acc and mont. Destroy within capacity.	N.M.S.
37.	NATIVES 3.	—	24 Jun	—	SP.(406020) SOUTH along RINGWORM feature to SOUTH of 00 GRID	Destroy enemy Report posns etc	natives report 2 enemy WEST slope of RINGWORM.
38	1 B 3 NATIVES.	1 PL.	250800K	251600K	SP(403018) to feature 389007 via RIDDELLS ck. Return via KEYHOLE.	Recce feature 389007 for signs recent enemy acc & mont also suitable O.P.	NMS Reports SOARIN 2. Clear. signs of enemy mont in KEYHOLE area. Enemy cooking area engaged by MMG. NW slope of SHANDS
39.	4.	1 PL	250800K	251200K	SP(431012) to KINGS. thence feature 422012. (FRASER.)	Destroy enemy within capacity. Report signs any recent mont & acc around KINGS & FRASER.	~~NMS~~ 1 Jap killed 428007. Arty fire effective. much equipt. found 428008
40	5B	1 Sec.	251200K	251530K	SP(405023) to Jap garden area 394031.	Report signs recent enemy acc & mont. contact LUKO patrol.	2 Japs killed in hut 393031.

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SERIAL	Found by	Str.	Time OUT	Time IN	ROUTE	OBJECT	RESULT
26	5B.	1 Sec.	211300	211600K	SP(402034) to gap GARDEN area 394032.	Report any signs recent enemy mout. Destroy enemy within capacity CONTACT LUKO patrol.	NMS LUKO patrol contacted
27	3.	PL.	210800	211200K	SP(406022) to feature 4101.	Recce feature 4101.	NMS
	4	Local patrols			21 June.		NMS.
	2A.	Local patrol			21 June. MANDI – DOVE ck area.		old garden found with yams growing. fired on by one shot. approx 455010. NMS.
28.	4.	1PL.	220800K	281200K	SP(431012) to ck approx 443006.	Destroy enemy if contacted within capacity. Search Ck area. Report topo infm.	N.M.S. good track on EAST side of jungle NORTH from 441999.
29.	1B.	1PL.	220800K	281200K	SP(403018) SOUTH to RIDDELLS ck. along SOUTH bank to GRUB thence NORTH along TAMIR ck to track – SP.	as above.	N.M.S. 1 own killed accidently.
30.	5B.	1PL	220930K	221130K	SP(401033) to gap GARDEN area 394031. R.S.R.	contact LUKO patrol.	LUKO patrol contacted N.M.S.. Enemy sketch maps. 403017.
31	1A.	1PL	231300K	231500K	SP(401033) to gap ~~camp~~ garden area 394031. R.S.R.	contact Luko patrol	LUKO patrol contacted N.M.S.
32	4.	1PL.	230900K	231200K	SP(431012) WEST to 420015 thence EAST along foothills to 435010 – SP.	Destroy enemy within capacity. Report on signs recent acc & mout topo infm.	NMS

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SERIAL	FOUND.	STR.	TIME OUT	TIME IN.	ROUTE.	OBJECT.	RESULT.
16	5B	1 Sec	180930K	181200K	SP(403025) to Jap garden area 394032.	Search for any recent signs enemy acc & mort. contact LUKO.	NMS
17	4C.	1 NCO 14 ORs	18 Jun 0600K	—	SP(402019) SOUTH to RIDDELLS ck at 401013. EAST to TAMAR ck 410010 NORTH through GRUB to SP.	Destroy enemy within capacity Report topo infm.	NMS
18	DIRA 1	—	18 Jun 0800K	—	SP(431012) WEST along TERRACE to DIRA 3 (406022)	as above contact DIRA 3.	NMS Signs of 3 enemy acc posn on track 420016 on night 16/17 June.
19	DIRA 3	1 PL	19 Jun	—	SP(406018) through RIDDELL CK, STEVE and COLLINS RIDGE.	Destroy enemy within capacity nic 396007.	Contacted enemy 395010. Further SOUTH up ridge ran into fire from at least two HMGs. Cas enemy 4K own 2K 2W
20.	DIRA 2	1 PL	190815K	191200K	SP(433018) EAST to DOVE ck.	Destroy enemy within capacity.	NMS. old village 455015. fire Jap graves. Jap ammo dump 435010.
21	DIRA 4	✓	✓	—	SP(431012) to 427999 FROM EAST and SE.	as above set ambush. Search for OP. (Arty)	NMS. [illegible] unsuccessful due to trees.
22	5B.	1 Sec	✓	✓	SP(403025) to Jap GARDEN area 394032.	contact LUKO patrol.	LUKO patrol contacted. NMS.
23.	DIRA 4.	PL.	200800K	20 —	SP(431012) to MANDI River R.S.R.	Destroy enemy within capacity ~~cont~~	Enemy contacted 428009. Enemy posn from NORTH bank of ck. probable posn South of Creek Cas own 1K enemy unknown.
24.	DIRA 4.	PL	200800K	201200K	SP(431012) contact ~~PL~~ to DIRA 3.	contact DIRA 3.	N.M.S. DIRA 3 contacted. Patrol & OPO. NMS. NO OP possible due to trees.
25.	5B.	1 Sec	200800K	201200K	SP(403025) to Jap GARDEN area 394032.	search area and contact LUKO patrol.	LUKO patrol contacted. NMS.

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SERIAL	FOUND by	STR.	TIME OUT	TIME IN.	ROUTE	OBJECT	RESULT.
7.	DIRA 1	1 Sec	15 June	151200K	SP(431013) to 423013. R.S.R.	Destroy enemy Report posns of enemy acc.	Party of 10 Japs found 423013 Cas. Japs unknown own. 1 native K. 1 native W 1 own wounded.
8	3A	✓	16 June	161200K	SP(403019) to contact DIRA 1 patrol R.S.R.	Contact DIRA 1. destroy enemy within capacity.	N.M.S. Jap posns found 423087 DIRA 1 Contacted.
9.	1	1 off 24 ORs	160700K	161200K	SP(431013) to track 425006 thence 429004. Set ambush 428006.	Destroy enemy within capacity Report on any signs recent enemy mvmt and acc.	Patrol contacted enemy at least 6 at approx 428009 enemy engaged 2 wounded probably killed.
10	5B	1 Sec.	160900K	161200K	SP (401032) to Jap Garden 3903. R.S.R.	Contact patrol to Jap garden contact LUKO patrol.	NMS. LUKO patrol contacted.
11.	3C	1 off 30.	160800K	161200K	SP(406022) to 394006 R.S.R	Set ambush at 394006.	Ambush party ambushed by party enemy Str 12. Report on enemy graves — more than 1 week old. Cas enemy 2K. own 1K. 2 wounded.
12.	3.	1 Sec.	160800K	161200.	Local patrol to	406018 feature.	~~nil report~~ N.M.S.
13.	1	1 off 24 ORs.	170800K.	—	SP(431013) to enemy posn 423011. from SOUTH.	attack enemy posn 423011.	Enemy posn contacted ck June 428009. 1 enemy probably K
14.	3 B-C.	1 off 30 ORs	170600K	—	SP(406022) to feature 416000.	attack enemy posn 416000.	Enemy party contacted Str 4 on track 413012. Patrol harassed by LMG. & Rifle fire at 416006. Well used track comes in from MANDI direction. Well constr weapon pits found on track. Cas 2 Japs K own 1 wounded.
15	5B	1 Sec	170900K	171200K	SP(401032) to Japs garden 3903.	Report on enemy acc & mvmt contact LUKO patrol	LUKO Patrol contacted.

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SERIAL	FOUND BY	STR.	TIME OUT	TIME IN	ROUTE	OBJECT	RESULT
1	DIRA 3.	—	—	131700K	SP(407022) towards SOARIN. and creek in squares 3901. R.S.R.	Destroy enemy within capacity.	Enemy contacted astride track 399005 and posn 397005. ck clear both sides 399016 to 399009 Cas. 2 Japsk. own NIL.
2.	5B.	INCO 6 OR^S	140840K	141045K	SP(401032) along track to BRANDI PTN SW to main track 404024. NW along track to garden 3903	Recce signs of enemy occ. and find time taken from SP to garden 3903.	track not jeepable. time taken 45 mins. NMS
3.	2/7 sqn.	—	14 Jun	—	SP(433018) EAST to 453013 SOUTH through swamp to 443009. WEST along track to MANDI. NORTH to SP.	Destroy enemy Report topo infm.	NMS. 4 enemy graves found. 445009 Kow Kow patches and nice tracks 1 Jap 4-5 days old.
4.	3C.	1 PL	14 June	141700K	SP(406022) into SOARIN from NE. RSR.	Destroy enemy within capacity. Report enemy posns.	Enemy dug in 405002 STr 12 with LMG. signs of enemy mont along track for 500 yds with weapon pits
5	4C	1 PL	✓	✓	SP(403019) to SOARIN from NW R.S.R.	as above and to work in co-ordinated attack with 12 PL on SOARIN.	Well defended enemy posns with two Jukis MG. and Ridge 402001.80 graves found 396007 well used tracks. sig cables cut on tracks 5 weapon pits 393008 Cas. 5 Japsk own. 2 W.
6	3A	1 PL with FOO.	15 June	151300K	SP(403019) to SOARIN from NE. R.S.R	Destroy enemy Report on enemy posns.	LMG contacted 405002 Patrol ambushed when returning.
	3A. Local patrol to feature. 402023.					NMS. old pits found.	Cas enemy 5 K own 1 wounded.

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Ref Maps- WEWAK EAST
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MOEM 1:25000
Trace showing PLACE NAMES incl RUNE Diary.

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BRANDI-MANDI Areas	1		4 Pl contact patrol with 2/11 Bn report no signs enemy. B Coy patrol to C Coy area found dump of 50 Jap 250 lb bombs	
			junc Rd & BRANDI River. C Coy patrols to 399012 and 414016 reported no signs of enemy. Arty R on area where hostile gun	
			supposed to be registered a target at 390002. One gun sent to BRANDI to harass targets in HARIGENA Area. Targets re-	The gun was ordered to BRANDI by GOC & placed
			gistered by Arty R.	under Comd.
	2		Hostile gun landed 5 shells beside ration truck on BRANDI Plantation. Proved to be a 75 mm. One shell landed 3 feet	
			from the vehicle and did no damage. D Coy patrol up Fraser Spur reported no contact with enemy. C Coy and B Coy local	
			patrols. Recce party from 35 Bn 8 Bde arrived in area. Plans for the attack on and capture of hostile gun at SOARIN dis-	
			cussed at a conference with Capt Bellair, main points were:- Each man carry first line amn. Reserve to be carried by	
			small carrying party who would also act as S Bs. One days ration to be carried as expected force may be out overnight.	
			Communications to be by line and wireless. Force to leave 0500K and cross BRANDI before first light. Order of March:-	
			Point Pl, Comd Gp incl FOO & IO, second Pl, carrying party, third Pl.	
	3		B, C & D Coys local ambush patrols. C Coy force concentrated in Coy area and briefed for the raid on the enemy gun.	
		1900K	Lt Col Gordon rang Capt Bellair cancelling the patrol to SOAR- IN. 19 Bde and 6 Div Comd's had forbidden the expedition.	
			Reason - the Bn had been sent to the area to patrol aggressively & keep the enemy out of the Bn Area, and a full scale operation was not required.	

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BRANDI-MANDI Areas	3		This had been done successfully and the Bn was not to be committed to any further operation until after the rest period.	
			D Coy patrol to 660 feature at 438002 fired on by Jap sentry, withdrew and registered the target. HARIGENA targets harassed.	
	4	0240	Night 3/4 Jul at 0240K two Jap demolition charges went off in the area of C Coy kitchen which was 50 yds outside the night	
			perimeter. Examination at first light on 4 Jul showed one charge which had not gone off. This consisted of a grenade	
			with six sticks of picric acid tied to it. It was let into the ground behind a log 10 yds from the cookhouse. Local pat-	
	5.	0530	rols from C Coy discovered tracks of one Jap. At 0530K two grenades were thrown into an old hut outside the	
			perimeter of 5 and 6 Pls. D Coy ambush patrol in MANDI Area killed one Jap. 5 and 6 Pls relieved by 4 Pl move to Coy HQ	
			on coast. Lt Tilley takes over comd of 4 Pl and AA Pl in area 403019.	
	5		HARIGENA harassed by gun at BRANDI River. Maj Hindmarsh left for CANBERRA to attend School for Air Co-op. Capt P R Clemons	
			relinquished Comd HQ Coy and became OC A Coy. D Coy set ambush patrols, C Coy did local patrols. Hostile gun behind SOARIN	
			opened up on CAPE MOEM, at 1500K and 1700K, result: one native killed. Native sentry boys returned after patrol to SOARIN.	Infm
			indicated many Japs in area of SOARIN Ridge. Arty harassing fire during day and night. A shipment of fresh vegetables	
			arrived incl cauliflower, potatoes, onions, and fresh meat.	
	6		Engineers destroyed two enemy amn dumps in MANDI Area. Brig Martin Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde, Lt Col Bishop GSO I 6 Aust Div	

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BRANDI-MANDI Areas	6		visited Lt Col Gordon and discussed the plans for the unit until the relief by 35 Bn. D Coy patrol reports enemy interfered with amn vicinity 418017 since last examination of area, there were recent signs of cutting of undergrowth in vicinity.	
	7		C Coy harassed targets on SOARIN Ridge with MMG fire. Shortly after the firing commenced hostile 75 mm gun opened up and shelled area in the vicinity of the MMGs. Maj Davis registered by Arty R what he considered to be a possible gun position in area from which 75 mm gun appeared to fire. C Coy local patrols report no contact. B Coy contact patrol with C Coy reports no signs of enemy. D Coy patrol to Kings reports enemy still in occupation.	Maj Davis - Arty adviser 2/3 Fd Regt
	8		C Coy patrol to 389010 reported no signs of enemy. D Coy ambush patrol shot one armed Jap on track at 427011 just above Kings. Engineers blew up two dumps of Jap amn. Arty harassing fire on HARIGENA Targets and SOARIN Ridge.	
	9		Lt Col Gordon contacts ADOS 6 Aust Div re watches GS for the the unit and arranges for 30 to be issued. These have been in short supply ever since unit arrived in N G. D Coy had only one watch which was the personal property of the Coy Comd. B Echelon now completely established on WEWAK POINT. This area on WEWAK POINT is to be used for the Bn when it goes out to rest. Arty R registered a new target on SOARIN Ridge. Local patrols did not contact any Japs.	
	10		C Coy patrol to KEYHOLE and D Coy patrol to KINGS report no contact. Ridge above KINGS registered by Arty. MMG fire from C Coy OP on MARRIOTTS BLUFF brought results from hostile 75 mm One round phosphorus two duds & two HE landed in vic MMG posn.	

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BRANDI-MANDI Areas	11		12 Pl patrol to RINGWORM sighted two Japs killed one. During Arty registration hostile gun opened up on C Coy OP, there were no casualties. D Coy local patrols saw no signs of enemy. Arty harassed HARIGENA and registered new targets on SOARIN Ridge. CO & 2 I C went to WEWAK to recce sight for Bn to use as rest area and to make arrangements for the arrival of the Bn in this area.	There were 8 shells with 3 blinds. One shell landed in a slit trench close to the guns.
	12	1500K	Lt Col Gordon called to conference with Brig Martin. Later saw the GOC 6 Aust Div Maj Gen Stevens who gave orders that the hostile guns in the SOARIN Area were to be captured. The force was to comprise members of 2/3 Aust M G BN with members of the 35 Aust Inf Bn for experience, the force to be commanded by Officer of 2/3 Aust M G Bn and the operation to be organised and controlled by Lt Col Gordon. Relief of 2/3 Aust M G Bn by 35 Bn to proceed. Comd of area to change at time to be ordered by 8 Aust Inf Bde.	
	13	0845K	Lt Col Gordon called conference. Present:- Lt Col Armstrong CO 35 Aust Inf Bn, Maj Davis (Arty), Capt Bellair OC C Coy, Capt Webster (35 Bn), Lt White (IO 2/3 Aust MG Bn), Lt Brown (IO 35 Aust Inf Bn). Outline of conference:- Lt Col Gordon said that up to 12 Jul intention was not to take and hold any ground. After ANGAU Compound shelled on 5 Jul, the natives would not return, therefore the GOC has ordered that both 105 mm and 75 mm guns be destroyed by the force in the SOARIN Area. The operation was not to exceed 48 hours. Lt Col Gordon was to direct the operation, and Capt Bellair to command the force with Capt Webster as 2 I C.	

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BRANDI-MANDI Areas	13	0845K	Strength was to be one Coy with attached tps. Two Pls were to come from 2/3 Aust M G Bn, and one Pl from 35 Aust Inf Bn.	
			Attached tps would be Arty party, Engrs, S Bs and a Carrier gp for sig gear, amn, and casualties. Capt Bellair and Capt	
			Webster are to work out final plan. Lt Col Gordon's intention was for the 105 mm to be destroyed first, and the 75 mm de-	
			stroyed in a second operation. Clearing patrols would operate prior to the attack, also on the day previous to the attack	
			a diversionary force would demonstrate on the right flank. ANGAU was to provide police boys to pin point the gun if	
			possible. Arty concentrate on SOARIN Area prior to attack. At least one Bty was to be on call, possibly a Regt, depending	
			on 19 Bde operation. G O C directed that a plane be made available for Capt Bellair for Tac R prior to the operation.	
			Intercomn was to be be by line, wireless, and pidgeon. Adm arrangements:- C Coy to be relieved by a Coy of 35 Bn and to	
			concentrate on beach. 35 Bn to hold present C Coy area. Rations:- 2 days F O R and emergency to be carried. Times:-	
			13 Jul, Coy 35 Bn to stage at BRANDI. 14 Jul, first light this Coy to take over from C Coy. Last light C Coy to leave	
			for beach. 15 Jul, A Coy to be available to 8 Aust Inf Bde to move to new area and to take over from a Coy of 2/11 Aust	
			Inf Bn in BORAM Area. 15-16-17 Jul, 35 Bn to patrol in SOARIN Area. 18-19 Jul operation to start. 20 Jul, C Coy to take	
			over from B Coy. B Coy to move to area on beach WEST of MOEM before taking over from a Coy of 2/11 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1000K	LtCol Gordon at 8 Aust Inf Bde for conference on plan for change over of 2/3 Aust M G Bn and 35 Bn.	

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BRANDI-MANDI Areas	13	1000K	D Coy patrol to KINGS, killed one Jap. C Coy patrol to GEORGES contacted Japs at 398007 no casualties. Arty conc-	
			entration brought down on this posn on GEORGES.	
	14	0800K	WO II Goodwin with police and sentry boys attached to Bn arr- ive in BRANDI Area.	
		0900K	Patrol up BRANDI River by composite Pl with Machine Gunners and 35 Bn in preparation for operation accompanied by police	
			boys whose special job was to search for hostile gun in SOARIN Area.	
		1200K	8 Aust Inf Bde report that Japs had cut the L of C near MOEM and fired on a truck, Bde ordered patrol to search area.	
			Patrols failed to locate any signs of Jap mov. One shot only was thought to be fired. 2/3 Aust M G Bn reverts from comd 19	
			Bde and comes under comd 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF).	
		1600K	C Coy relief by C Coy 35 Bn complete. C Coy established on beach to WEST of Bn HQ.	
		1700K	Infm that second leave draft to be ready to move on 15 Jul. Quote 4 Offrs 31 ORs. HARIGENA harassed by Arty fire.	
	15		A Coy move to beach WEST of MOEM to rest before taking over from 2/11 Bn. 35 Bn arrived in area and staged the night.	
			Patrol from C Coy 35 Bn to KEYHOLE reported signs of enemy in garden. Native patrol to SOARIN returned with detailed infm	
			about two hutted areas and line of approach. Capt Bellair flew over SOARIN Area on recce flight in preparation for the	See Appx 5
			attack on gun. Operation Instr Issued. D Coy ambush patrol report no signs of enemy.	

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BRANDI-MANDI Areas	16		Lt Col Gordon in conference with Lt Col Armstrong and Capt Bellair about adm details for attack. Force to be known as	
			BLUFF Force. L Col Gordon visited 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) to advise Bde Comd of final plan for capture of gun.	Force called BLUFF for security reasons. O.P.
		1030K	B Coy and D Coy relieved by B Coy and A Coy of 35 Bn respectively. B Coy went straight through to beach WEST of MOEM, D	being used constantly for MMG harassing fire called
			Coy est EAST of Bn HQ at BRANDI. D Coy left on this posn in case BLUFF force to be extricated.	BLUFF and this word used on telephone more often
		1500K 1800K	BLUFF Force briefed on sand model at Bn HQ. Comd MANDI - BRANDI Area passed from 2/3 Aust M G Bn to 35 Inf	than any other place name
			Bn, operation BLUFF to remain under comd 2/3 Aust MG Bn.	
	17		Details for attack on gun in SOARIN area finalized. Native patrol reported about 100 Japs on RINGWORM digging in.	
	18-19 19		See detailed report on BLUFF Force. A Coy relieve one Coy of 2/11 Aust Inf Bn.	
	20		Bn HQ and D Coy leave BRANDI for WEWAK POINT.	
WEWAK PT and Area SOUTH of BORAM	21		C Coy arrive WEWAK POINT. B Coy relieve one Coy 2/11 Aust Inf Bn. Rest period for Bn less A & B Coys starts. A Coy visited	
			by Brig A R Ferguson Comd 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) and Lt Col Perry-Oakland CO 30 Aust Inf Bn (AIF). Contact patrol to B Coy	
			killed 2 Japs 375032.	
	22		Heavy wind and rain storm flattened many tents on WEWAK POINT during night 22/23 Jul, ~~cas enemy unknown~~. Pte Cox W.L. killed.	
			Area defences improved. Enemy active B Coy perimeter night 22/23 Jul, cas enemy unknown.	

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WEWAK PT and Area SOUTH of BORAM	23		Settling in making WEWAK POINT comfortable. A & B Coys local and contact patrols. 1700 hrs enemy grenade thrown on edge	During rest period all back beer issued and
			of B Coy perimeter, Pl located 5 Japs, all of whom were killed within 70 yds of perimeter, L Cpl Barton wounded.	chilled in refrigator giving sometimes one, sometimes two bottles of cold beer per man to the tps.
	24		A & B Coys active patrolling. Contact patrols between Coys and 35 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).	
	25		A & B local and contact patrols.	
	26		A Coy patrol str 1 Pl and one police Boy and four sentry boys searched areas sqs 3601 3602. No recent signs of enemy occ-	
			upation. B Coy local and contact patrols.	
	27		A & B Coys local and contact patrols.	
	28		A & B Coys local and contact patrols.	
	29		Brig Ferguson Comd 8 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) inspected the Bn lines and commented very favourably on the progress made and neat-	
			ness of the lines.	
	30		Patrolling by A & B Coys.	
	31		Scheme inaugurated by Comd 7 Sqn RAAF Wing Comd Barton to enable officers from resting Bns to visit the Sqn for a short	

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WEWAK PT and Areas SOUTH of BORAM.	31		period to enable them to get some relief from army life. Patrol from 4 Pl searched sq 3601. Track vicinity 367012 showed signs of recent use by 2 to 3 enemy.	APPENDICIES
				1. Dispositions 16 July
				2. Sig plan July
				3. Medical Reports
				4. Patrol policy & Reports
				5. Report BLUFF Force
				6. Enemy killed
				7. Routine Orders Part I
				8. Malarial Graph
				9. Duplicate Copy.
				War Diary for June.
				W J White Lt Adjt

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DISPOSITIONS 2/3 AUST. M.G.BN.

16. JULY.

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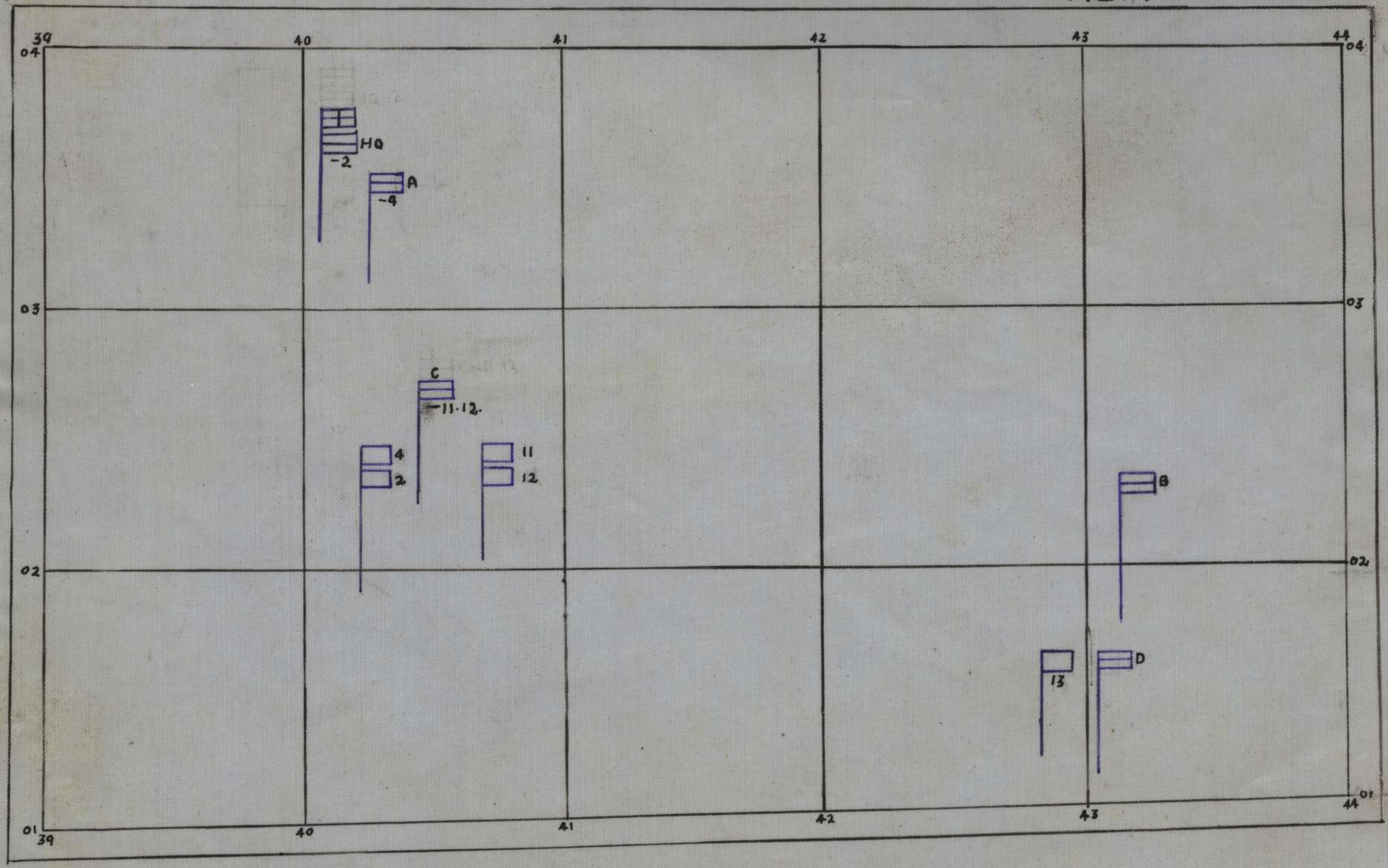

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WIRELESS DIAGRAM

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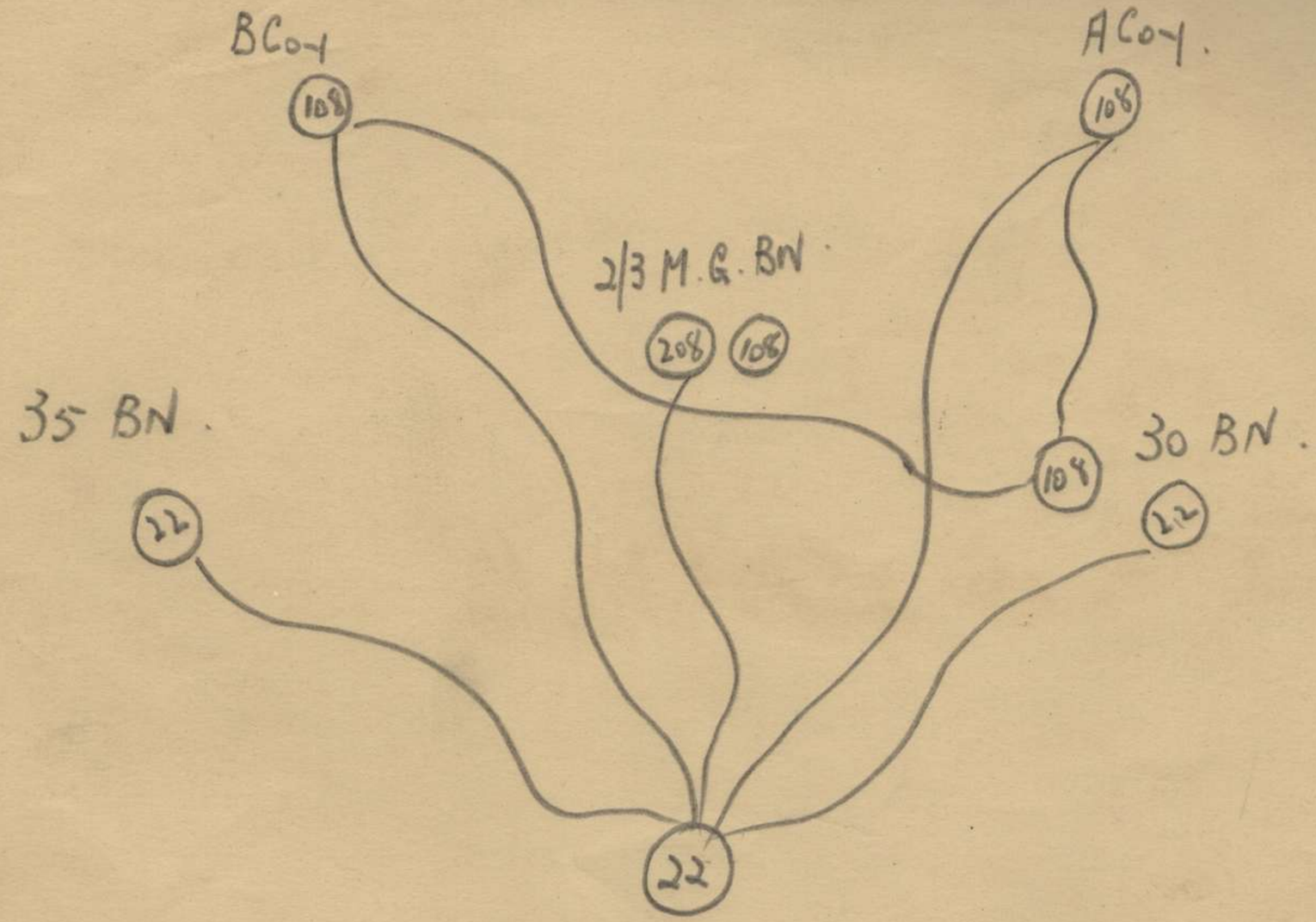

8 Bde continuous watch.
30, 35, 2/3 M.G. Bns. continuous watch
0700 – 2000 hrs then every two hours.
A. B. Coys test call to Bde 0700 + 1500

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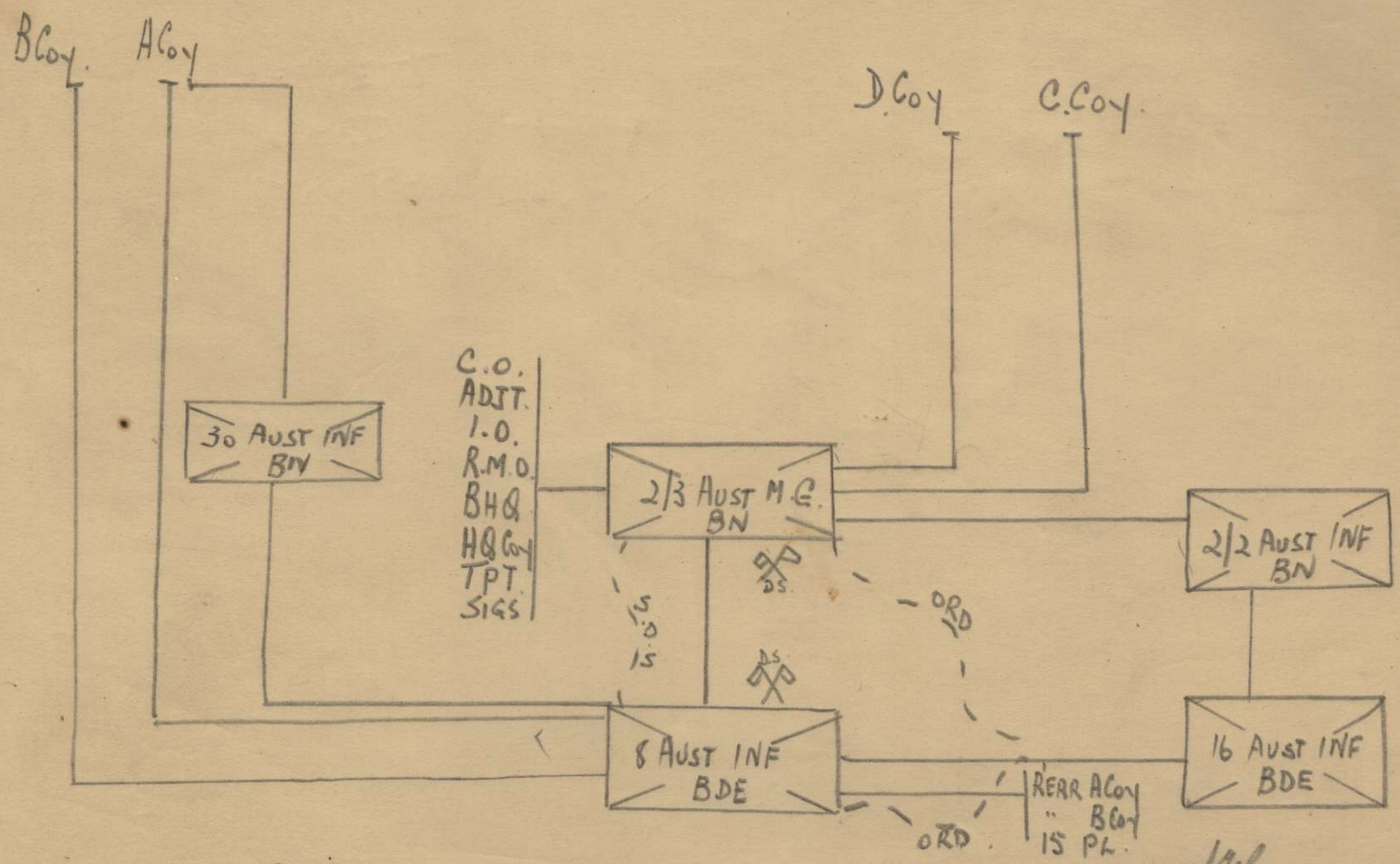

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APPENDIX

UNIT MEDICAL WEEKLY REPORT

(In respect of unit personnel examined at RAP's whether subsequently evacuated to Med Unit or not)

(personnel attending RAP from other units will NOT be included)

Week ended 2359 hrs Friday 6 July

UNIT;- 2/3. Aust. M.G. Bn

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PART I

This section to be completed only in non-operational phases when directed by SMO.

DAY	Total sick parade (all attendances)	Clinical Dysentery	Diarrhoea	Number examined for first time during illness. U.R.T.I.	All fevers unless also Diarrhoea or U.R.T.I.	Skin Diseases	All other diseases excluding Battle Casualities	Battle Casualities	Injuries non B/C	Malaria unconfirmed incl in Col 4	Number examined for first time during illness					
Saturday	18	~~1~~	1	1	5	3	8	1								
Sunday	19				6	4	6									
Monday	31		3	1	5		25									
Tuesday	33	~~1~~			3	1	28	1								
Wednesday	25				1	1	22									
Thursday	16	~~1~~	1		4	1	10									
Friday	12				2		10									
Total	154	~~5~~	5	2	86	10	109	2								

PART II

Total number of cases evacuated beyond RAP -

Clinical Dysentry . . . . . .

Diarrhoea . . . . . .

U.R.T.I. . . . . .

Others 32

Total

[signature] Capt

(G E Harkness)

RMO 2/3 Aust MG Bn

RMOs Report Overleaf.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1026727

WD/COM/4

REPORT BY R.M.O.

1. HEALTH OF UNIT

(a) General Physical Condition of personnel.....
.....Fair.....
.....

(b) General standard of Reinforcements received.....
.....31 reinforcements received — General Standard — Good.....
.....1.....

(c) Severity of work or training.....Active Patrolling.....
.....Jungle Land.....

(d) General Remarks.....General Sickness rate has shown
.....some improvement during the past week. I consider
.....however a complete rest will soon be necessary.....

2. STORES
Details of stores requisitioned for but not yet received:
(a) Medical.....
.....
(b) Expense Stores.....
.....
(c) Malaria control stores:-1. Ordnance:.....Sprays.....Hand.....
12. AASC:-.....

3. MALARIA CONTROL
(a) Measures of personal proctection(good fair bad)
Nets.....Good.....Atebrin.....Good.....Clothing.....Good.....
repelldnt.....Fair.....effectionGood.
(b) Larvae Control.....Sprays.....in the area is in fact.....
(c) Adult Destruction.....Night Regular evening sprays of all tents
& shelters to be carried out although no hand spray
is yet limited.
(d) General Comments.....Over the Past week.....
.....5 Coy areas have had their shelters sprayed with D.D.T

4. RATIONS .....Very good.....In fact rather a marked
.....improvement.....

5. WATER.....Satisfactory.....
.....

6. TREATING CARRIED OUT ON R.M.O.
.....

Date .....7 July 45.....

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(O C UNIT)
RMO - 2/3 Aust [illegible]

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1026727

CO/
W.D.

UNIT [illegible] MEDICAL REPORT

(In respect of Unit personnel examined at RAPs whether subsequently evacuated to Med Unit or not)

(personnel attending RAP from other Units will not be included)

UNIT..... Week ended 2359 hrs Friday

Effective strength at beginning of week .....

part I

DAY	Total sick parade (all attendances)	Clinical Dysentery	Diarrhoea	Number examined for first time during illness. U.R.T.I.	All fevers unless also Diarrhoeal or U.R.T.I.	Skin Diseases	All other diseases excluding Battle Casualities	Battle Casualities	Injuries non B/C	Malaria unconfirmed incl in Col 4	This section to be completed only in operational phases when directed by Number examined for first time during				
Saturday	18		1		3	2	12								
Sunday	13						13								
Monday	14		1		4	1	11		1						
Tuesday	20						14								
Wednesday	17		1			3	13		1						
Thursday	19				2	3	15								
Friday	16					5	11								
Total	117	—	3	—	9	14	89		2						

PART II

Total number of cases evacuated beyond RAP -

Clinical Dysentery .....

Diarrhoea .....

U.R.T.I. .....

Others ....22....

Total 22

RMOs Report overleaf.

S G Harkness Jr.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1026727

REPORT BY R.M.O.

1. **HEALTH OF UNIT**

(a) General Physical Condition of personnel.....
.....
.....

(b) General Standard of Reinforcements received.....
.....
.....

(c) Severity of work or training.....
.....

x (d) General Remarks.....
.....
.....

2. **STORES**

Details of stores requisitioned but not yet received;

(a) Medical.....
.....

(b) Expense Stores.....
.....

xx (c) Malaria Control Stores -

i Ordnance.....

ii AASC.....

3. **MALARIA CONTROL**

(a) Measures of personal protection (Good, Fair, Bad)

Nets.....Atebrin.....Clothing.....

Repellent.....

(b) Larvae Control.....

(c) Adult Destruction.....

(d) General Comments.....
.....

4. **RATIONS**.....
.....

5. **HYGIENE** .....
.....
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6. **TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY RMO** .....
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Signed.....Capt.

Date.....14 July 45.....

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APPENDIX File

UNIT [illegible] MEDICAL REPORT

(In respect of Unit personnel examined at RAPs whether subsequently evacuated to Med Unit or not)
(personnel attending RAP from other Units will not be included)

UNIT.....
Effective strength at beginning of week .....

Week ended 2359 hrs Friday 20 Jul 45

part I

DAY	Total Sick parade (all attendances)	Number examined for first time during illness.									This section to be completed only in non-operational phases when directed by SMO. Number examined for first time during illness					
		Clinical Dysentery	Diarrhoea	U.R.T.I.	All fevers unless also Diarrhoeal or U.R.T.I.	Skin Diseases	All other diseases excluding Battle Casualties	Battle Casualties	Injuries non B/C	Malaria unconfirmed incl in Col 4						
Saturday	5		1	1		4	1									
Sunday	17		2	1	5	3	7									
Monday	17		1	1		7	9									
Tuesday	11		1	1		3	6									
Wednesday	8				2	1	5									
Thursday	8		1		-	1	6									
Friday	3				-	1	2									
Total	69	—	5	2	7	20	35									

PART II

Total number of cases evacuated beyond RAP -

Clinical Dysentery	.....
Diarrhoea	.....
U.R.T.I.	.....
Others	 7
Total	7.

RMOs Report overleaf.

..... RMO

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1026727

REPORT BY RMO

page 2.

1. HEALTH OF UNIT

(a) General physical condition of personnel. . . . . Tired - morale good - looking forward to rest. . . . . .

(b) General Standard of Reinforcements received . . . . . 2 Reinforcement received - Good . . . . . .

(c) Severity of Work or Training. . Bn. less 2 Coys . . . now moved out of Dove Bay area to Wewak point. .

X (d) General Remarks . Fair number of complaints of various types which have only been able to receive minimal attention now able to be treated

2. STORES

Details of stores requisitioned for but not yet received

(a) Medical. . . . . .

. . . . . .

(b) Expense Stores. . . . . .

. . . . . .

XX (c) Malaria Control Stores (i) Ordnance . . . . . .

. . . . . .

(ii) AASC . . . . . .

XX 3. MALARIA CONTROL

(a) Measures of personal protection (good, fair, bad)
Nets . Good . . . Atebrin . Good . . . Clothing . Good . .
Repellant . Good . . . . . .

(b) Larvae Control . Fair amount of work to be done . .

(c) Adult destruction . Tent & shelter sprayed . . . . . .

(d) General comments . Unit arrived in this area yesterday & spraying has not yet been done . . . . . .

4. RATIONS . . . . Satisfactory . . . . . .

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5. HYGIENE . . Fair amount of construction work . . . to be done - arrangements not satisfactory yet but job is in hand. . . . . .

6. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY R.M.O. . . . . .

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DATE 21 July 45 SIGNED [signature]

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XX when applicable

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1026727

Col
War Diary

UNIT WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT

(In respect of Unit personnel examined at RAPs whether subsequently evacuated to Med Unit or not)
(personnel attending RAP from other Units will not be included)

UNIT..... Week ended 2359 hrs Friday

Effective strength at beginning of week .....

part I

DAY	Total sick parade (all attendances)	Clinical Dysentery	Diarrhoea	Number examined for first time during illness. U.R.T.I.	All fevers unless also Diarrhoeal or U.R.T.I.	Skin Diseases	All other diseases excluding Battle Casualities	Battle Casualities	Injuries non B/C	Malaria unconfirmed incl in Col 4	This section to be completed only in operational phases when directed by Number examined for first time during				
Saturday	15			2	1	7	6	1							
Sunday	13				1	5	5								
Monday	17			1	3		10	1							
Tuesday	15				2	3	13								
Wednesday	15		1	1	—		12								
Thursday	12		1	1	1	1	6		1						
Friday	13				—	3	11								
Total	100	—	2	5	7	20	63	2	1						

PART II

Total number of cases evacuated beyond RAP -

Clinical Dysentery .....

Diarrhoea .....

U.R.T.I. .....

Others ....14....

Total 14

RMO's Report overleaf.

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1026727

REPORT BY R.M.O.

1. HEALTH OF UNIT

(a). General Phys ical Condition of personnel.....
.....FAIR.....
.....

(b) General Standard of Reinforcements received.....
.....
.....18 received - Standard ~~fair~~ good.....

(c) severity of work on training. Bn less two coys resting...
2 coys patrolling and maintaining patrol bases.....

x (d) General Remarks...3 coys resting show fair number of.....
minor diseases, especially Skin diseases of tinea class.....
.....

2. STORES
Details of stores requisitioned but not yet received:

(a) Medical.....
.....

(b) Expense Stores.....
.....

xx (c) Malaria Control Stores -
1 Ordnance.....
11 AASC.....

3. MALARIA CONTROL

(a) Measures of personal protection (Good, Fair, Bad)
Nets...GOOD.....Atebrin...GOOD.....Clothing...GOOD...
Repellent.....GOOD.....

(b) Larvae Control Area has many shell holes and otherlying...
water - these have been sprayed.

(c) Adult Destruction. Tents sprayed at night.....

(d) General Comments.....
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4. RATIONS.....SATISFACTORY.....
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5. HYGIENE .Construction of new camp fixtures progressing.....
and hygiene progressing
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6. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY RMO .....
.....

signed. [signature]

Date. 29 July 43

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Appx 4

Patrols - July

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JULY.

SERIAL	Foundby	STR.	TIME. OUT	TIME. IN.	ROUTE	OBJECT	RESULT.
1	DIRA 1	1 Sec.	011300K	011500K	SP(404031) to Jap garden area 394032. R.S.R.	contact LUKO patrol 14000K.	LUKO contacted 14 00K. NMS.
2	DIRA 4.	1PL.	010800K	011200K	SP(431012) to FRASER. 423010. R.S.R	Report recent signs enemy occ and most Destroy within capacity.	NMS
3.	DIRA 3.	1PL.	010800K	011200K	SP(406020) to TED 416012. R.S.R.	as above	NMS
4	DIRA 3.	1PL.	010800K	011200K	SP(403018) to POTATO (398021) to BANANA (401016) — KEY HOLE (399010).	as above.	NMS LOCAL patrol from 2i found dump of 50. 250lb. bombs.
5	DIRA 2	1PL	020800K	021200K	SP(432018) EAST to 45 GRID. R.S.R.	as above.	
6.	DIRA 1	1 Sec	020830K	021030K	SP(404031) to Jap garden area 394032. R.S.R.	as above contact LUKO patrol.	LUKO patrol contacted NMS.
7	DIRA 4.	1PL	020800K	021200K	SP(431012) to FRASER. 423010. R.S.R.	Report recent signs of any enemy occ & movt. destroy within capacity.	NMS
8	DIRA 4.	1PL.	~~03~~ 3 July	—	SP(431012) EAST to 437010. thence to BRIANS 438004. R.S.R.	as above	Enemy sentries fired on our patrol vic 431006.
9.	DIRA 1.	1 Sec	031000K	031200K	SP(404031) to Jap garden area 394032 R.S.R.	as above contact LUKO patrol. 1100K.	LUKO patrol contacted N.M.S
	DIRA 3. local patrols only 3rd July.						NMS.

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SERIAL	Found by	STr.	TIME OUT	TIME IN.	ROUTE	OBJECT	RESULT.
	All Coys		local	patrols 4 July.		Clear local areas around Coy's immediate vicinity.	DIRA 4. killed one Jap 432008. other patrols NMS.
	DIRA one, two and three		local	patrols. DIRA 4. 5 July.		Ambush patrol.	NMS, DIRA 1. 2. 4. 12R4. 2 Japs seen at GRUB.
	6th July		local	patrols.	DIRA 1A contact 4 VKO patrol. DIRA 3. Ambush at		GRUB. NMS.
10	DIRA 1.	Sec.	070830K	071030K	SP (404031) to Jap garden area 394032. R.S.R.	Contact 4 VKO patrol in garden area.	4 VKO patrol contacted NMS.
11	DIRA 4.	PH.	070800K	071200K.	SP (431012) SOUTH to KINGS feature 426004. R.S.R.	Search area for any recent signs of enemy occ and movt.	NMS.
12.	DIRA 2	PH.	070800K	071200K.	SP (432018) to 406021 via TERRACE. Return same route.	as above, contact DIRA 3.	DIRA 3 contacted NMS.
13:	DIRA 3.	PH.	080800K	081600K.	SP (403018) to RIDDELL thence 389010. Return via keyhole.	Destroy enemy. Search for signs of recent enemy occ and mov. Rpt info.	NMS.
14	NATIVES	—	8 July.	2 day	patrol up BRANDY River to South of Soevin.	Destroy enemy.	
	DIRA 4.		8 July	local	patrols and ambushes.	clear areas & set ambushes.	Signs of enemy in area 427014. 4 days old. ambush party killed 1 Jap at 427011
15.	DIRA 1.	Sec.	081300K	081600K.	SP (404031) to Jap garden area 394032. Return same route.	Destroy enemy contact 5 VKO patrol.	NMS. 4 VKO patrol contacted.
16	DIRA 2.	PH.	080830K	081200K.	SP (432018) to 431012. EAST along terrace to 441010. NORTH along ck to BEACH. — SP	Search area for signs recent enemy occ and movt. Contact DIRA 4.	DIRA 4 contacted NMS.

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SERIAL.	Found.	STRENGH	TIME OUT	TIME IN	ROUTE	OBJECT	RESULT.
17.	DIRA 3	1 PH	080830K	081200K.	SP (406021) SE to TED feature 416010 approx. Return same route.	Search for signs of recent enemy acc and mov.	tracks of five Japs. 2 days old. Two electric lathes found on TED feature. NMS.
	Local patrols	all coys.	DOVO H.		ambushes. 9th July.	DIRA 1 contact FABA.	FABA patrol contacted. NMS.
18	DIRA 1	1 Sec.	10900K	101000K	SP (404031) to gap garden area 394032.	contact. FABA patrol	~~1111~~ patrol contacted FABA. NMS.
19	DOVO2	1 PH.	100800K	101200K	SP (432018) to JUNGLE 437016. SOUTH to RD. EAST 1000 yds to BEACH-SP.	Search for signs of recent enemy acc and mov.	NMS.
20	DOVO4.	1 PH natives.	100800K	101200K	SP (431012) to feature SOUTH of KINGS natives proceed SOUTH along SWAN to feature 998432. Return same route.	as above.	Patrol searched dumps of enemy equipt and rangefinders optical instruments. 2 shots fired by Japs when patrol reached 411901 3. 1 Jap seen on top of feature.
21	DOVO3.	1 PH NATIVES.	110800K	111200K.	SP (406021) to top of RINGWORM. Sec to set ambush 300 yds on track above GRUB.	" as above	~~NMS~~. 2 sentries contacted 415000 1 Jap killed. 1 additional enemy found dead SOUTH of GRUB. ambush party NMS.
22.	DOVO1	1 Sec.	121300K	121500K	SP (404031 to Jap garden area 394032,	Contact FABA patrol. 121400K.	~~FABA~~ FABA patrol contacted 121400K NMS.
23.	DOVO3.	1 PH.	12 Jul.	—	SP (406021) to TED 416018.	Protective patrol to enemy equipt dump.	Patrol to TED salvaged equipt. Local patrol NMS.
	DOVO4	—	12 July.	Locals patrols and ambushes.		Destroy enemy within capacity.	ambush party NMS. 3 dismissed huts at 426012.

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Serial	Found	Str	Time Out	Time In	ROUTE.	OBJECT	RESULT.
24.	DOVO 4.	1PH.	130800K	131200K	SP(431012) to KINGS 426006.	To seek enemy dump.	1 Jap shot slopes of KINGS feature screamed out when help answered from further up hill.
25.	DOVO 1	1 Sec	130900K	131100K	SP(404031) to Jap garden area 394032.	Contact patrol from FABA.	FABA contacted 131000K. NMS. (DOVO 3. contacted enemy 398004.)
26.	DOVO1	✓	141000K	141200K	as above	as above contact 141100K	NMS. FABA patrol contacted 141100K.
~~27~~	DOVO 4.	—	14 Jul.	—	Local patrols and ambushes.		Local patrols and ambushes. KINGS feature. NMS. Two short bursts of fire from ✓
27	DOVO 3	PH. NATIVES	140800K	~~141200K~~ 2 day patrol.	SP(406021) to posn 402998.	Recce posn 402998.	patrol to Moem NMS. 2. hiv areas nic SOARIN. 10 japs in one hut. unknown str in 2 others
	DOVO 4.	Local patrols and	two ambushes. 15 July.				NMS.
~~28~~ 28.	KIPI 3.	1 off 26 ORS.	150830K	151200K.	SD(406021) to KEYHOLE. Return via GARDEN area 399009.	To search for signs recent enemy occ & destroy within capacity.	Signs of enemy digging in garden 399009 within 24 hrs.
29.	DOVO 3.	1 Sec.	160830K	161030K	SP(399035) to Jap garden area 394032.	contact FABA patrol 160930K.	NMS. FABA patrol contacted.
	DOVO 4.	Local patrols 16th July.				clear areas near coy areas.	NMS.
~~29~~							

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Patrol Report LOCAN

1509

Ref Map: Wewak West 1:63360
Formed by: DIRA 2 C
Type: Recce.
Time Out: 0830 hrs

Date: 1 July
Cond. By: Sgt Crouch
Strength: 14 O.R.
Time In: 1200 hrs.

Route Out: From base along coast behind dune line to mouth of BRANDI RIVER. Then SOUTH-WEST through bush to BRANDI RIVER. Cross river & contact DIRA 3.

Route In: From DIRA 3 to coast. along coast to Base.

Object: a. Recce for recent signs of enemy occupation & movement.
b. Destroy small parties of enemy.

Part I.

a. N. M. S.

Part II

a. ~~Track~~ Fresh footprint found & track moving through grass towards River at 413021. Followed inst north. Thought probably ~~no~~ Gap. moved through then.
b. On western bank of BRANDI RIVER at 411020 6 Gap. Graves.
c. Approx 100ˣ further west at 410020 about 50 x 250 lb bombs found in crates.

R. A. Crouch Sgt.

W Bowen Capt

THE SALVATION ARMY

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YMCA

From No. ..... Name .....

Unit or Group .....

(Use Official Address only) Date .....

DIRP
RETURN

YOUR LETTER DO NOT REFER TO:

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

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PATROL REPORT.

1356

DIRA 2 ABLE. CONNECTING PATROL
LT H.C. JOHNSON 1 OFFR & 15 ORS.
TIME OUT 0815
TIME IN. 1200
ROUTE OUT P.B. through jungle to 413019 to
ROUTE IN. DIRA 3 - NORTH to head DIRA 3 P.B.

REPORT.

Patrol moved from P.B. through jungle in WESTERLY direction - Towards creek bend 413019 thence crossing creek & moving across to DIRA 3 headquarters. No enemy sighted. No recent tracks of any enemy.

Conclusion - no enemy have moved through area for some time.

H.C. Johnson Lt.

IMPORTANT.—Any reference to shipping or troop movements will result in the delay or mutilation of your letters.

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PATROL REPORT.

REF. MAPS. MOEM, WEWAK 1. 25000
Date 25.....25 July.

Found by DOVO 1
Type ...Fighting.
Strength. 2 N.C.Os.24 ORs 5 NATIVES.
OBJECT: (a) Search for any signs of recent enemy activityi in sq.3602.
(b) Search for reported track on feature from 365020 to 375032

ROUTE OUT:
Start point 365027 up feature totrack junc 361024. Thence approxEAST to creek 364022, up spur to 365020. Down feature to creek junc.375032.

ROUTE IN
Up creek to start point.

TIME OUT 250815K
TIME IN 251500K.

PART ONE.

(a) There ~~was~~ were NO signs of recent enemy activity in area 3602.

(b) The reported track does NOT start from area searched by the patrol

PART TWO

From start point, the patrol moved approx SW up ~~xxxxxx~~ feature to track junc 361024 then took left track approx EAST down spur to creek at 364_022. After crossing the creek and climbing 200 to 300 yds up EAST bank, 3 burnt-out huts were found. Here also a cave was found in which some attempt had been made to build a hut. This area was searched extensively for required track going NE, without success. Several new tracks were found and marked on map as shown on attatched trace. Further burnt-out huts were found on creek (Map Ref) 365024. Here also were found evidence of sac sac cutting.

Patrol then ~~returned~~ returned to start point via route out.

REMARKS.

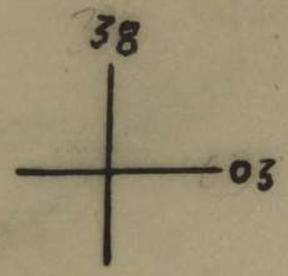
The natives, who were very cautious, and alert, took up much time when guiding the patr ol out. For this reason, there was insufficient time to search further or to comlete the proposed route.

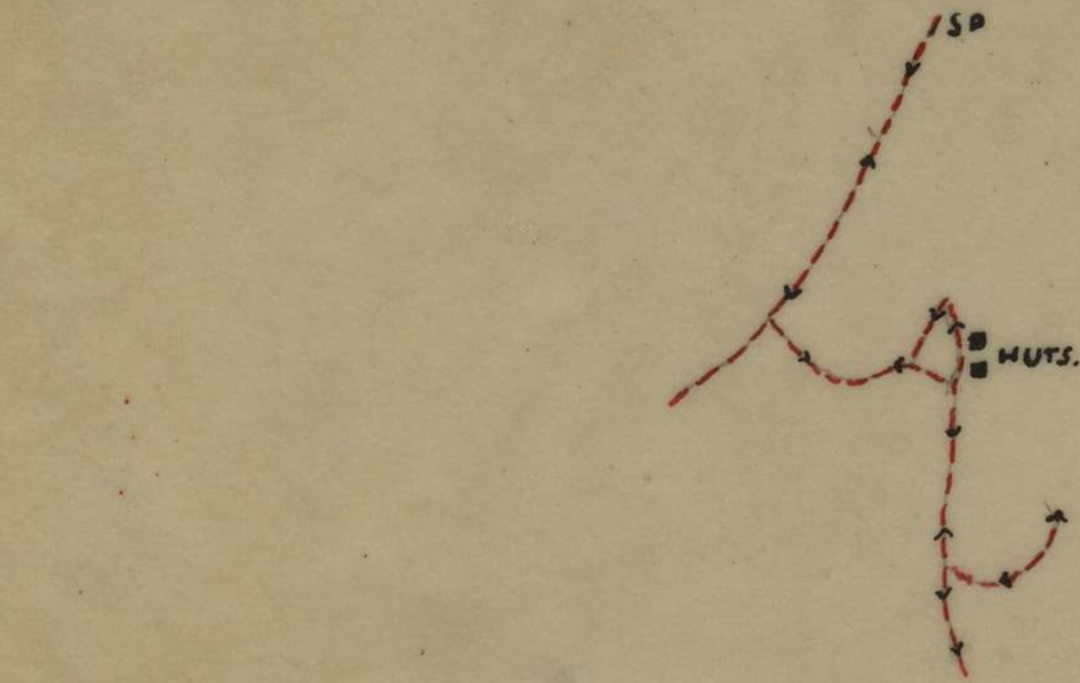
BJ.

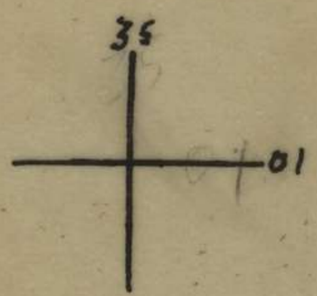
AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1026727

PATROL TRACE.

REF MAPS. MOEM, WEWAK. 1:25000.







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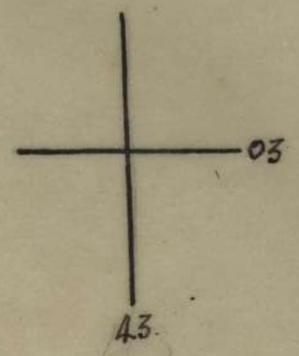
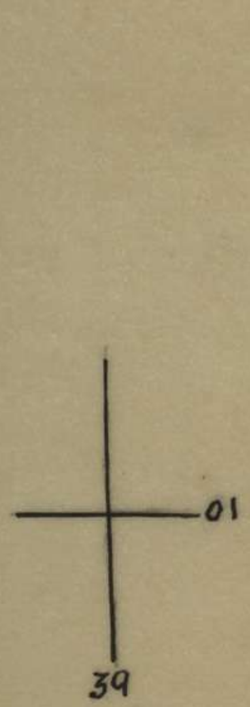
PATROLS. 13 — 16 JULY.

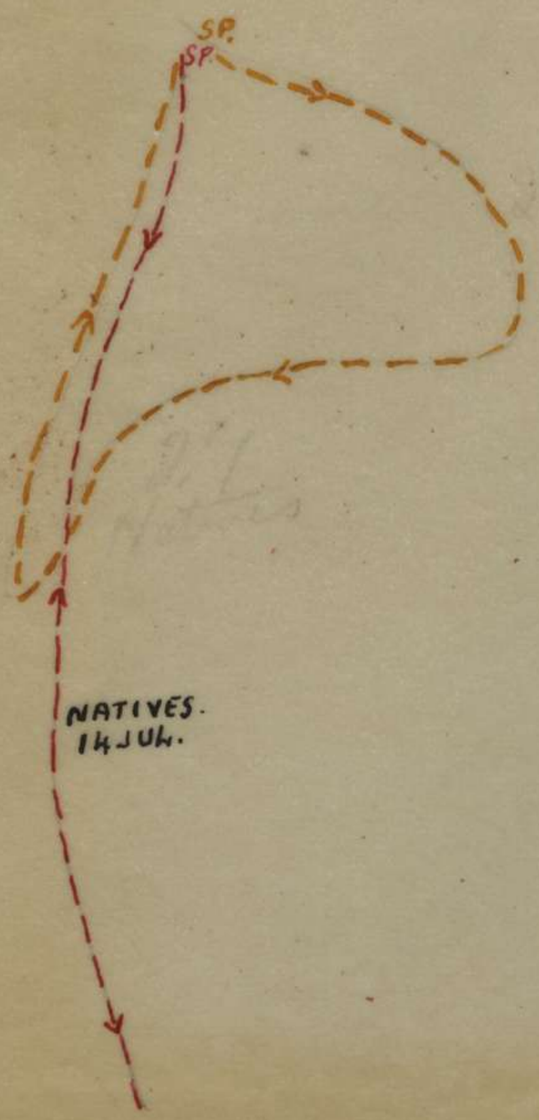
REF MAP: MOEM. 1:25000.

LEGEND.

SERIAL	24.	.....
"	25	– – – – –
"	26	.....
"	27	– – – – –
"	28	– – – – –
"	28.	.....
DAILY CONTACT. 2/11. BN.		– – –







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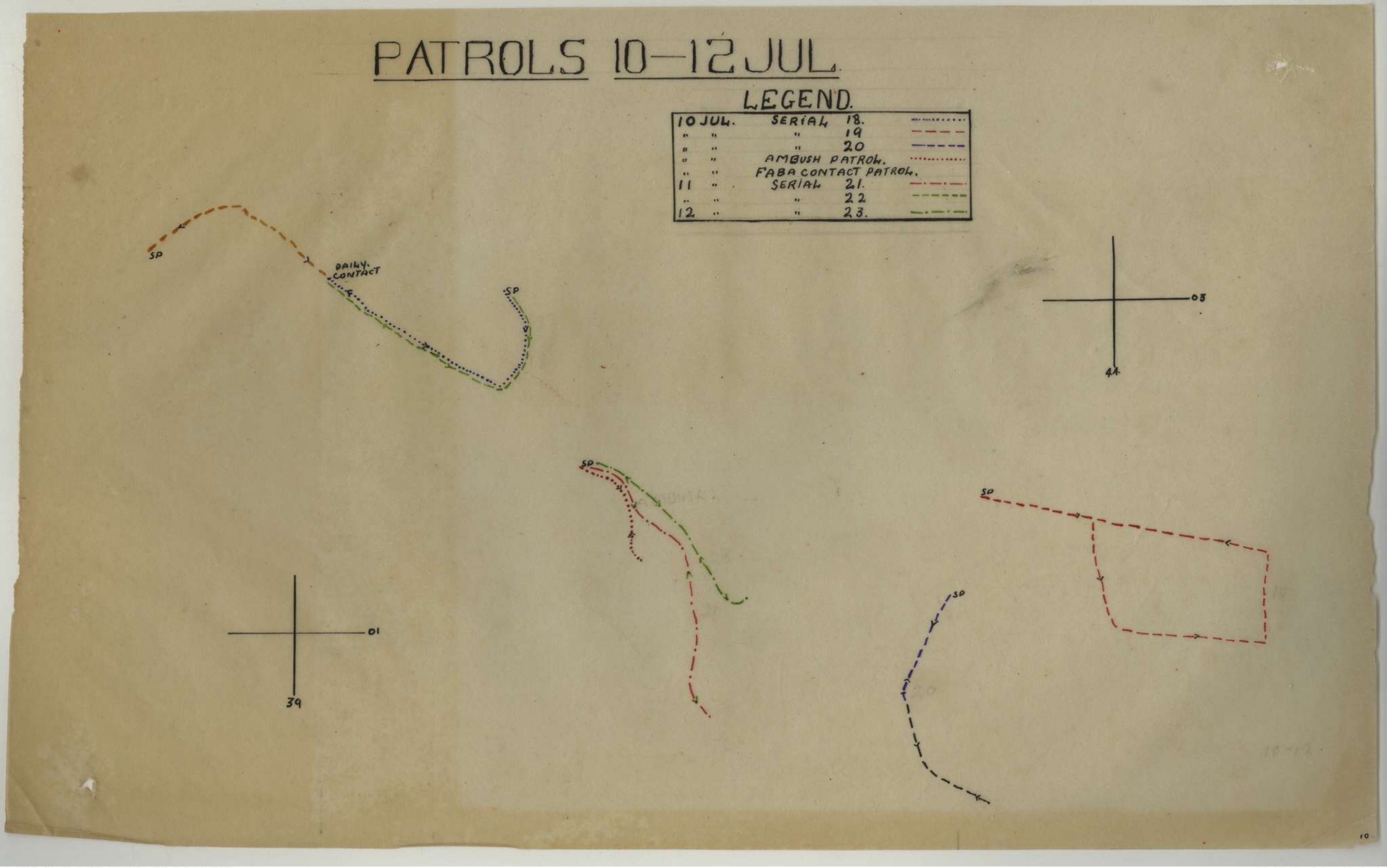
PATROLS 10—12 JUL.



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PATROLS 7–8 JUL.

LEGEND

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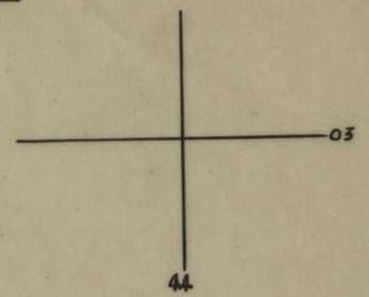

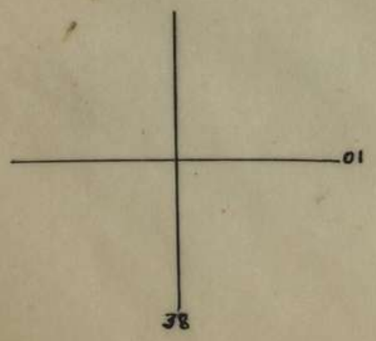

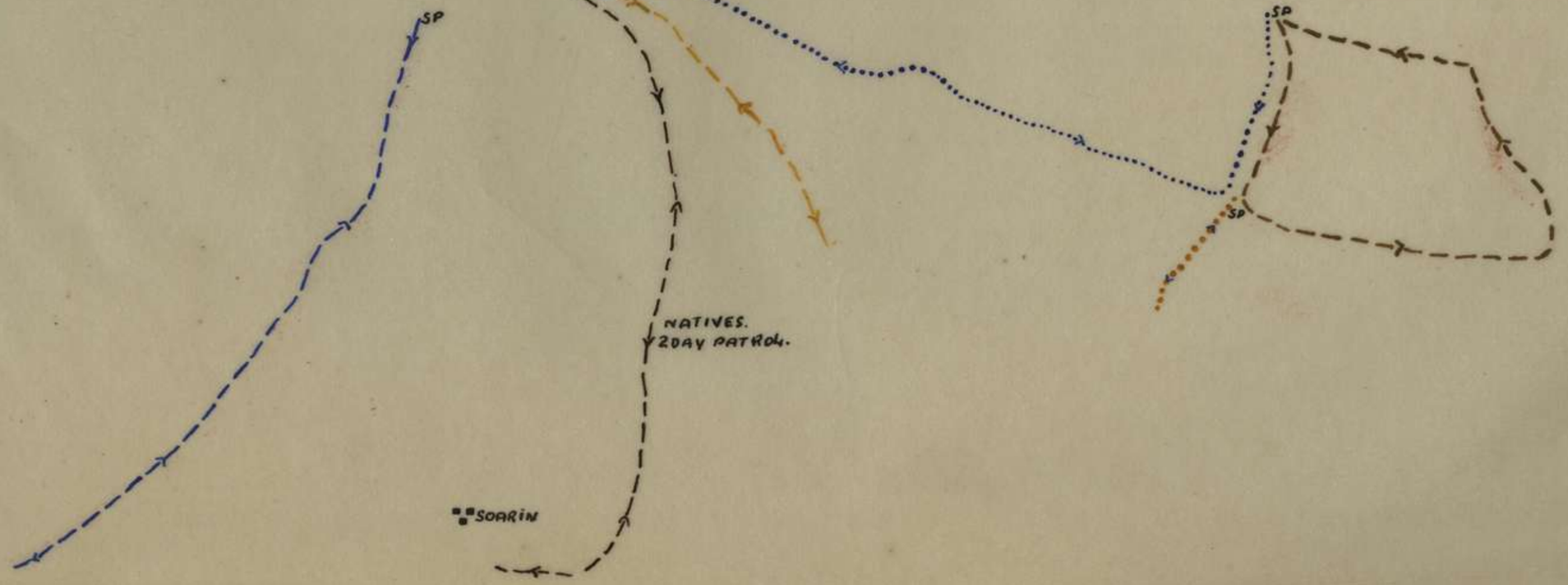

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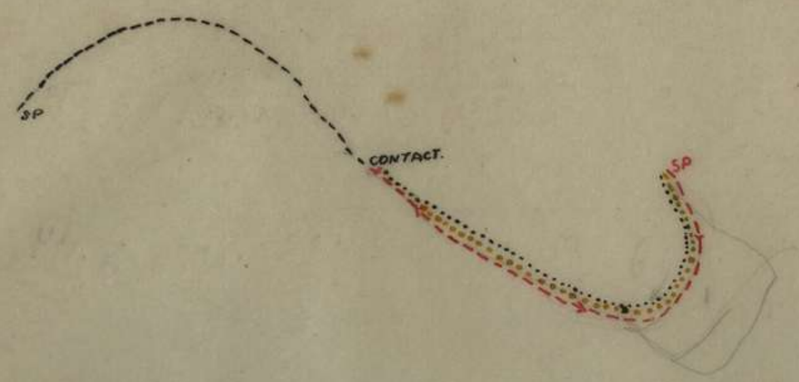

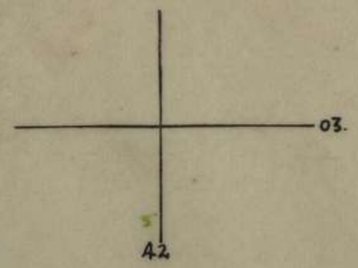

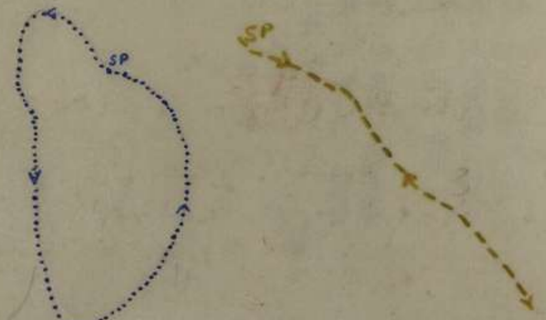

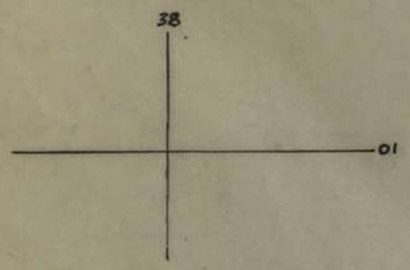

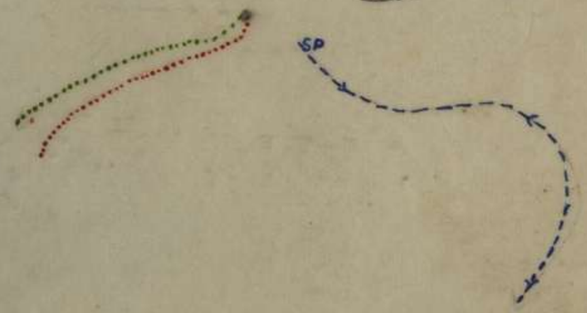

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REPORT ON PATROL BY 2/3 AUST MG BN & 35 AUST INF BN ON 18/19 JULY TO LOCATE AND DESTROY HOSTILE 105 MM GUN IN "SOARIN" AREA.

Ref Map: PLAN 2/6 SVY 5B

PART I

1. The plan for the operation was :-

(a) To capture BETTY & MARY, form a base at MARY and search for the gun along BOURKE, WILLS, CUP, SPOON and SAUCER.

(b) Move to objective under cover of darkness to gain surprise.

2. The operation was divided into four phases:-

Phase 1 - Approach to, and crossing of river BRANDI in darkness on "D" Day.

Phase 2 - Mov to assembly area by last light on "D" Day.

Phase 3 - Aproach to objectives before first light on "D" plus 1 day.

Phase 4 - ~~Assemble~~ Assault at first light on "D" plus 1 day.

3. Phases 1 & 2 went according to plan.

Phase 3 was not a complete success because the natives guiding the forces forward were unfamiliar with the ground, as a result of which, the assault tps were too far from the objective at first light. This fact lost surprise in the case of the attack on BETTY, but surprise was achieved in the attack on MARY.

4. The enemy was found to be "standing to". His defences consisted of extensive earth works including bunkers, and he was able quickly to bring to bear a very heavy volume of automatic fire.

5. The initial attacks on BETTY & MARY were not successful.

6. It was then decided to capture MARY with the help of an arty concentration.

7. The arty registration took 4 hours to complete and so delayed the start of the attack that it was found to be impossible to take MARY by nightfall.

8. Whilst the arty registration was in progress patrols were sent out to search for the gun but without success. Due to the direction of arty fire it was not possible to search CUP, SAUCER & SPOON.

9. Due to the failure to take MARY by nightfall, the positions held being unsatisfactory for forming a base, and the limitation imposed on the time the Force was to be out, the Force Comd decided to withdraw at nightfall on "D" plus 1 instead of holding a firm base and exploiting on "D" plus 2 as was originally intended.

10. The Force failed to achieve its object for the following reasons :-

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(a) The gun could not be found.

(b) The enemy force and positions were much stronger than anticipated from the infm available from previous ground and air recce and native reports.

(c) 10 Pl, when it lost surprise in the initial ~~attack~~ assault failed to press the attack.

(d) The extent of patrolling to locate the gun was limited due to the direction of arty fire during registration.

(e) The time ~~is~~ allotted for the duration of the operation was too short in view of the opposition encountered.

11. Casualties: -

Enemy - 12 killed

Own - 1 Killed
3 wounded

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PART II

PHASE 1. - Approach to and crossing of River BRANDI in darkness on "D" Day.

"BLUFF" Force left base at BRANDI at 180345K and crossed the river before first light. An ambush was set by the 35 Aust Inf Bn on SOARIN track vicinity 408015 during night 17/18 Jul to cover the crossing of the river. This ambush killed two enemy. Until 181530K the force remained dispersed and hidden on the EAST side of the BRANDI.

PHASE II.- Movement to assembly area by last light on "D" Day.

At 1530K Force advanced and making use of all available cover proceeded round the WESTERN slope of the RINGWORM to COWRA. Here 14 Pl of 35 Aust Inf Bn and the carrier gp under comd of Capt. Webster remained for the night 18/19 Jul. Capt Bellair with the comd gp, 10 pl and 12 pl of 2/3 Aust MG Bn crossed the BRANDI at last light and biv for the night at BILL. The sig line between COWRA and BRANDI was cut during the afternoon.

PHASE III & IV - Approach to objectives before first light on D plus 1 day and assault at first light.

1. GENERAL:

At 2300K the moon was still well up and the assault gps, each of 12 men, from 10 and 12 pls led by native guides Mov without boots into their respective positions below BETTY and MARY. This mov was accomplished with a minimum of noise and no sound could be heard after the two parties had gone 10 yds from the base.

2. 10 PL - ADV & ATTACK

At 2300K the assault gp mov out of coy perimeter led by two natives. At 0010K gp reached a posn indicated by natives to be within 100 yds of enemy posn. At 0500K natives suggested mov fwd but owing to the difficulty of mov in darkness through the thick undergrowth, it was decided to delay the mov to 0540K. Gp mov slowly up a steep incline through tangled undergrowth. At 0620K voices were heard in front and a match was struck by the enemy 15 yds forward of our posn. Visibility was poor and no mov seen. Then in a loud voice a jap issued orders and mov was heard on right flank which overlooked the posn where the gp was concentrated. Country was so dense that force was unable to deploy rapidly. The element of surprise was lost and as the initial success was dependant on this factor it was decided to rejoin the main force and exploit from that base. One native reported that he saw a jap sentry in a tree observing mov with field glasses and apparently talking to someone at the base of the tree. The assault gp continued and met the remainder of the pl 400 yds from the coy perimeter. The pl was then re-grouped and mov to the ares of the comd gp.

3. 5th 12 PL - ADV & ATTACK -

At 2300K assault gp left coy perimeter with 3 native guides. Country was extremely thick with tangled vines and low scrub. Natives guided gp to within 200 yds of enemy posn. They said it was only 50 yds but they were not sure of the ground in the darkness. Gp slept from 0030 till 0530 then mov to objective and arrived at 0615. Japs were up and manning defenses. Three were sitting on a large bunker covering main track and approaches. Gp adv to within 10 yds of Japs but due to the clear light could only get 3 men forward. One Jap mov down track to outer sentry post.

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At 0620K
Opened fire and killed 6 enemy for nil casualties. The enemy quickly manned posns and brought heavy and accurate rifle and machine gun fire to bear,

4. COMD GP & CARRIER GP ADV

At first light both gps mov forward to MARY. The comd gp plus remainder of 12 pl reached the area held by the assault gp 10 minutes after the action commenced. The carrier gp crossed the BRANDI shortly after first light and reached the comd post by 0730K. Wireless comn was est shortly after.

At this stage the action had become static with the enemy in strong defensive positions ~~reen~~ round their biv site. 10 Pl had now rejoined the main force. A native patrol was sent to examine the track FLINDERS and cut the sig line. This patrol reported that the enemy was manning the track in strength and they were unable to carry out their mission. further

Capt. Bellair ordered the force to retire/down the ridge and establish a perimeter. This mov was covered by the 12 pl assault gp which kept the enemy occupied. ~~The engagement resulted in 6 enemy killed - own casualties nil.~~

5. REMARKS

The enemy actively pushed the flanks of the covering force but withdrew in the face of heavy fire.

PHASE V - Arty sp and second attack

It was decided to attack MARY with one pl supported by arty concentration.In view of the nature of the country and time available before nightfall it was not possible to employ more than one pl initially for the attack.

Force formed a perimeter 300 yds from MARY in an area which was obviously manned by the enemy during the daytime as there were many recently dug weapon pits. Two patrols were sent out. The first was to clear BURKE to the NORTH - this patrol reported non enemy in occupation. A second patrol mov WEST from the base and then SOUTH up WILLS. - this patrol also reported no signs of enemy occupation and no sign of any likely gun position.

Arty registration commenced at 1030K and was not completed till 1430K. Patrolling continued during this period but patrolling was limited due to the direction of arty fire. A concentration of 540 rds was brought down and was completed by ~~1515~~ 1550K.

The arty plan was divided into three parts :-

Part 1. - 240 rds followed by an interval of two minutes.

Part 2. - 210 rds

Part 3. - 90 rds. To left 300 yds and spread over an interval of 15 minutes after the completion of part 2 to cover the mov forward of 14 pl. for the assault.

ATTACK

14 Pl attacked at 1600K and were met with very heavy LMG and MMG fire. The enemy had mov fwd during the arty concentration and occupiedposns between the target area and our perimeter. One Juki was sited on the WEST side of the track. One LMG fired down the main track. At least two LMGs covered the approaches on the EAST slope. The enemy at no stage during the attack held their fire but expended much amn by firing long bursts on the LMGs. Very little rifle fire was encountered. Owing to the lateness of the hour and the impossibility of pressing home the attack Capt Before last light Bellair ordered the force to retire. This was accomplished without further casualties. As a result of this action - 6 enemy killed - own - 1 killed 3 wounded. The force concentrated and withdrew down BURKE to BRANDI.

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REMARKS:

1. The arty strike was observed to be right on the spot where the force was held up during the first attack.

2. The enemy was ~~not~~ most agressive during the attack and did not conserve amn. During the approach and withdrawal he did not fire a shot, although part of the ground crossed during the withdrawal was swept by fire during the attack.

.....Lt-Col
(R.R.GORDON)
Comd - 2/3 Aust MG Bn

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FORCE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

1. It is essential to establish a base nearer to the enemy. The duration of any operation in this area is limited, if the operation is mounted from the coast. After the attack amn and rations were low.

2. Arty registration took so long that the attack was not able to be put in until 1600 hrs. Had an earlier attack been possible, there would have been time to send another platoon to the SOUTH to attack the enemy's rear with some chance of success. The lateness of the attack prevented this.

3. During those four hours arty registration also prevented any patrolling except to our flanks and rear; and I consider that registration of targets for support might well be done some days before in order to allow a force to commence its attack early and have the whole day in front of it for patrolling and fighting.

The ground did not allow the deployment of more than a platoon strength on the left flank.

4. As the 105 mm gun was considered to be in the MARY-BETTY area, I decided that once surprise had been lost , the gun, if it were there, would obviously be defended, and therefore the enemy defending it would have to be killed.

5. The determined defense that the enemy made of MARY, the siting of their defences, his strong fire power and lavish expenditure of amn, indicates that he considers the ground essential to him.

6. There is no way of knowing whether the enemy had foreknowledge of our approach, although every precaution was taken to maintain surprise, they were certainly standing to, and events later in the day indicated that their morale is good, and that they are well commanded.

7. Quiet movement by night in thick country is practicable in moonlight and in stockinged feet.

8. All ranks ~~are~~ were carefully briefed on a sand model before the operation commenced.

.....Capt.
(J.M.BELLAIR)
OC "C" Coy - 2/3 Aust MG Bn

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COMMENTS OF CO - 2/3 AUSTRALIAN MG BN

1. The reasons for the failure of the force to attain its object are detailed in Part I of the report attached.

2. It is considered that the force comd did all that was possible within the limitations imposed on him to achieve his object.

3. Infm concerning enemy activity on feature in square 4100 was received after the force had departed. The infm was given to the force comd with orders to proceed.

4. (a) From infm now available it appears that the feature BETTY - MARY was held by a force of not less than 60 and possibly approaching 100.

(b) It is known that SOARIN No.1 ridge is held in some strength covering the 75 mm gun.

(c) It is therefore estimated that SOARIN ridge is held by a force of approx two coy strength.

5. The BETTY-MARY area has been developed into a well-prepared defensive posn which will be very difficult to take.

6. The recently constructed bunkers and weapon pits appear to be an improvement of the defensive area rather than an increase in strength. They give the appearance of a new comd in the area and certainly a determination to hold the ground.

7. There is no reason to suppose that the enemy will be any more agressive against BRANDI defences from SOARIN in the future than during the last six weeks. It should be stated that after the first eight days this bn was in the area the enemy has shown no signs of agression against us.

8. It is considered that to take SOARIN ridge would require :-

(a) The task to be divided into two phases as planned for this operation.

(b) The force to consist of roughly the strength used in this operation for ~~this~~ each phase.

(c) The time available for the operation should not be limited.

(d) That the plan should include the forming of a base to be held during the operation. The force being maintained from the rear.

(e) Every endeavour to be made to locate the guns before the operation commences.

(f) If the guns can be located exactly it might well be possible to destroy them by "raid" tactics. Natives might be able to locate the guns given time.

R R Gordon ..... Lt-Col
(R.R.GORDON)
Comd - 2/3 Aust MG Bn

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APPX 1

(DESTROY WHEN READ)

SECRET
16 Jul '45
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2/3 AUST MG BN

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO:1

To CAPT. BELLAIR

INFM

1. Enemy: No additional information.

2. Own Tps : "A" Coy has been relieved and will move to Biv area at BORAM BEACH on 15 Jul.
"B" & "D" Coys are to be relieved on 16 Jul. "B" Coy is to move to Biv area at BORAM BEACH on 16 Jul.
"D" Coy is to concentrate with bn HQ.
Bn HQ, HQ, C and D coys are to move to WEWAK NOT before 19 Jul '45.

APPRECIATION

3. My appreciation is as follows :-

My object is to destroy the 105 mm and 75 mm guns on SOARIN ridge.

The 105 mm gun is in rear of the EASTERN end of the ridge and the 75 mm on the forward slopes of the WESTERN end of the ridge.

The approx distance between the two guns is 1500 yds over difficult country and along ridges strongly defended by the enemy.

The force is to remain on the ridge not more than 48 hours. Therefore it will not be possible to complete the task of destroying the two guns in one operation in the time available. Further, it will not be practicable to carry sufficient amn for the task of destroying the two guns. The task therefore will be divided into two operations :-

One : the destruction of the 105 mm gun; and

Two : the destruction of the 75 mm Gun.

The 75 mm gun is much closer to our base than the 105 mm gun and dominates our posns much more effectively than the 105 mm gun. Much of our patrolling and Arty HF and all our MMG HF has been directed at the 75 mm gun area.

The 105 mm gun has not fired for some days whereas the 75 mm gun has been doing some very good shooting into our OP. An attack on the 105 mm gun is a more difficult op than an attack on the 75 mm gun.

For these reasons, if the enemy anticipates an attack to silence his arty, he might well conclude that it will be directed at the 75 mm gun. Consequently, we will probably gain surprise by attacking the 105 mm gun.

As the 105 mm gun is well to the rear of the enemy FDL's on SOARIN ridge, an attack on the 105 mm gun will take the enemy in rear - his most vulnerable point. If an attack on the 105 mm gun is pursued vigorously, and the enemy rear dislocated, he might well abandon his fwd defences. The least that can be expected is that an attack in his rear will lead to confusion. These tactics have succeeded in our previous ops. I anticipate therefore, that an action against the 105 mm gun will make the task of taking the 75 mm gun much easier and might well render an operation against the 75 mm gun unnecessary.

/ For these -

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~~6. Name of Op - The op will be known as Op "BLUFF"~~

~~7. Tps: Comd - Capt. J.M. Bellair - 2/3 Aust MG Bn~~

7. For these reasons my plan is to destroy the two guns in two operations. The first operation will be the destruction of the 105 mm gun and the second operation will be the destruction of the 75 mm gun.

Because of the relief of our bn the first op will be carried out by 2/3 Aust MG Bn and the second op by the 35 Aust Inf Bn.

You will carry out the first operation.

ADDITIONAL TPS

4. The following come under comd :-

(a) Det Engrs on 16 Jul '45.

(b) ANGAU police boy patrol at 0600 hrs 14 Jul '45.

(c) Bearer det 2/1 Aust Fd Amb on 16 Jul '45.

(d) Pigeon det 8 Aust Inf Bde on 16 Jul '45.

INTENTION

5. My intention is to destroy the 105 mm gun and any amn dumps in the area and disrupt the enemy rear.

METHOD

6. Name of Op - The op will be known as Op "BLUFF"

7. Tps: Comd - Capt. J.M. Bellair - 2/3 Aust MG Bn

2IC - Capt. Webster - 35 Aust Inf Bn.

One Coy of three pls - Two pls to be provided from "C" Coy - 2/3 Aust MG Bn, and one pl from "C" Coy 35 Aust Inf Bn.

Stretcher Bearer det - 6 men from 2/1 Aust Fd Amb.

Medical det - 3 men provided by RMO.

Engr Det - 4 men from Fd Coy

Arty FOO and sig party - Carriers for 22 sets to be provided by Force.

Pigeon det - two men and eight birds.

Native Police Boy patrol.

Amn, wire and ration carriers to be provided by 35 Aust Inf Bn.

TASK:

8. (a) Your task is to :-

(i) Destroy the 105 mm gun, ~~and~~

(ii) Destroy any amn dumps encountered, ~~and~~

(iii) Occupy a base in the general area of the gun and patrol vigourously, the limit of patrolling will be left to your discretion. The posn will not be held longer than 24 hours.

/ (b) You will

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(b) You will avoid being pinned down or becoming involved in an op that may cause undue casualties. In the event of either circumstance ~~arising~~, you will withdraw your Force to bn HQ, whether the gun has been destroyed or not.

(c) The op should be completed in 48 hours but may be extended into the third day at your discretion should the Op necessitate the extension of time.

(d) You will maintain freedom to concentrate the whole force engaged during the course of the op.

(e) Your route out will be via BRANDI river to a point where the gun area can be approached from the rear. The route home will be at your discretion.

(f) If circumstances permit you will use the police boys to gain as much infm as possible of Jap Tps on BOARIN ridge and the 75 mm gun location and its vicinity.

RECCE

9. (a) A Police Boy patrol has been despatched to locate the 105 mm gun and the posns of the protective tps. PB report will be available late on 15 Jul '45.

(b) A Tac R plane will be at your disposal at 0900 hrs Sunday 16 Jul on WEWAK strip for general recce of the area.

ARTY

10. (a) One bty at least of 2/3 Fd Regt will be at call.

(b) No limitation on arty amn.

(c) One sec will be located at BRANDI river mouth and will be at call.

11. Patrol policy to cover op :-

(a) PB patrol to search RINGWORM on 17 Jul for signs of enemy mov.

(b) "D" Coy, 2/3 Aust MG Bn to be prepared to send patrol - strength one pl - to RINGWORM on 18 Jul. Start time 0830 hrs.

(c) 36 Aust Inf Bn to patrol RIDDELL'S during op but will not take any vigorous action in the vicinity of the 75mm gun area.

12. Reports :- You will advise me of the progress of the op as frequently as circumstances will allow.

13. Start Time - 0500 hrs 18 Jul '45.

14. Secrecy :-

(a) The utmost secrecy will be observed during preparation.

(b) No ref will be made to the op over sig channels.

(c) All instrs will be verbal.

/ ADM.

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AIR

15. Rations: One FOR, one emergency.

16. Medical: Evacuate to RAP - additional carriers will be available on call.

17. Amn. W.S. plus reserve at your discretion.

18. Carriers: Carriers for amn reserve and rations to be provided by 35 Aust Inf Bn. Advise 35 Aust Inf Bn by 0800 hrs 16 Jul number required.

INTERCOMM

19. 22 Set to be carried with FOO party - Carriers to be provided by 35 Aust Inf Bn.

20. Line comm will be est by forces.

21. Pigeon det - will accompany forces.

22. One set Flourescent Panels will be carried for air identification if required.

Issue of Sig 1000 hrs 16 Jul 45

.....Lt-Col
(R.R.GORDON)
Comd - 2/3 Aust MG Bn

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APPX 2

TRACE SHOWING ADVANCE OF BLUFF FORCE

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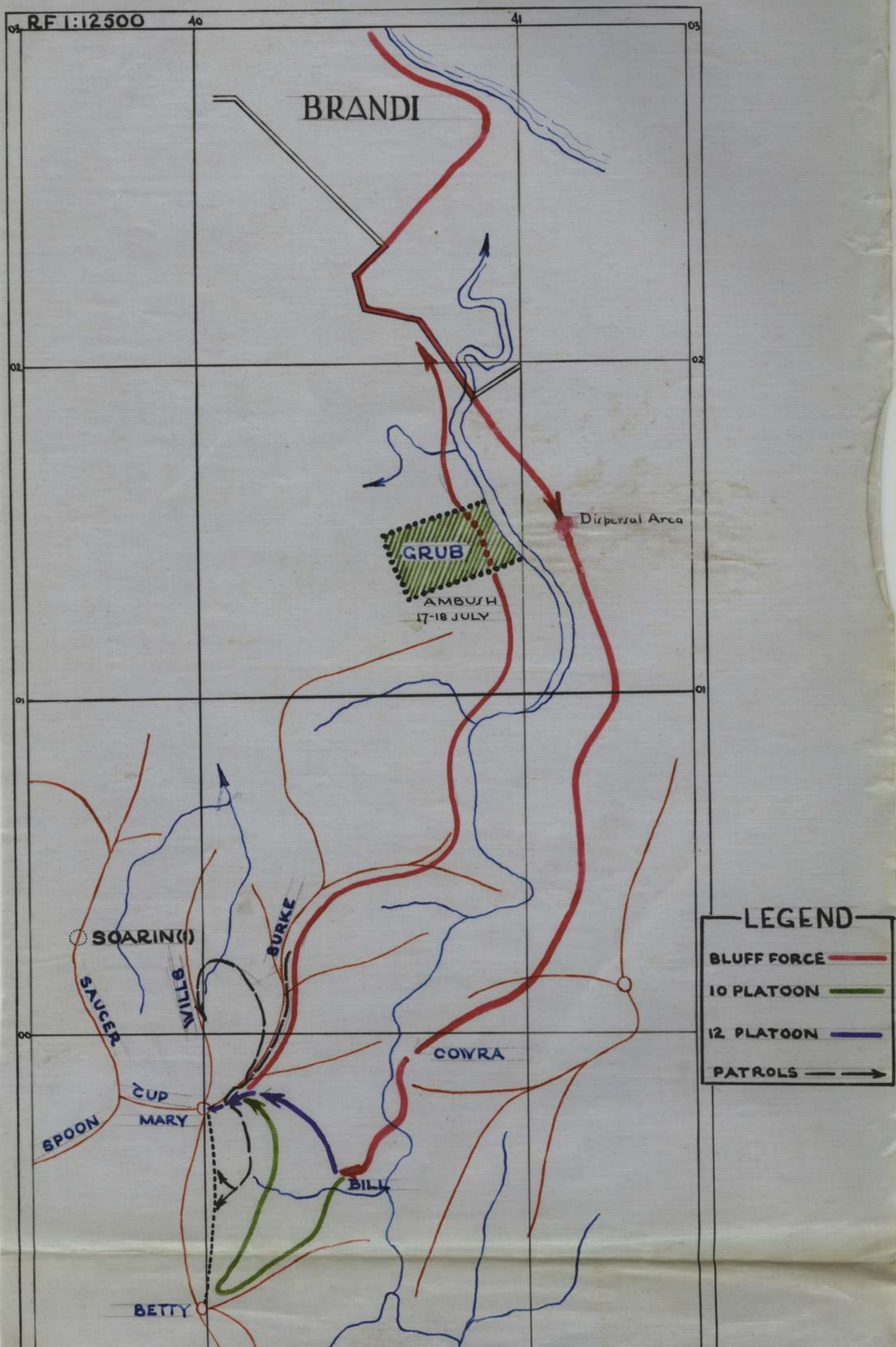

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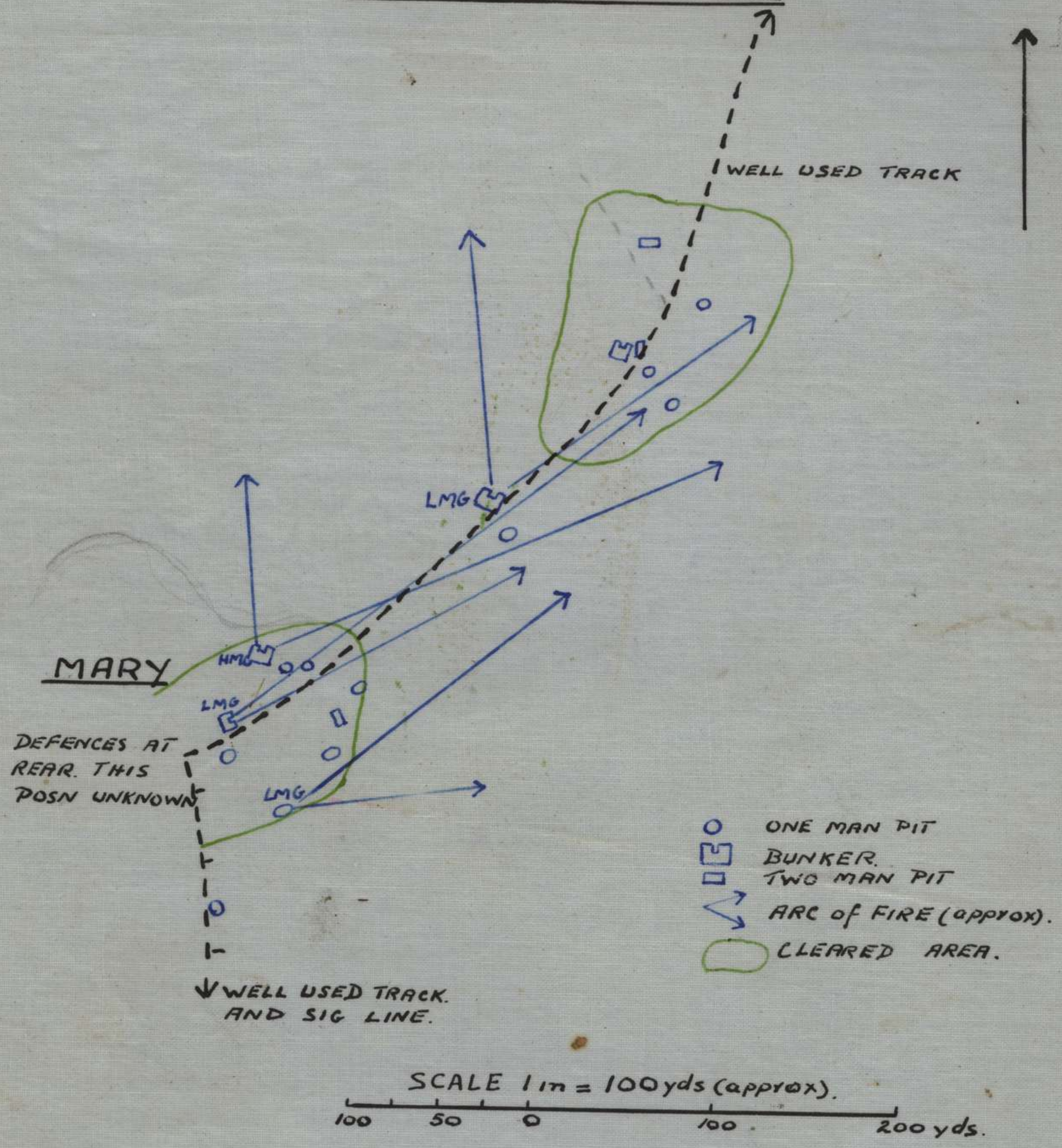

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S E C R E T. Appx.4.

OPERATION BLUFF.

C Coy
2/3 Aust MG Bn
23 Jul 45

Op Order No.1

(Confirmation of verbal orders issued 161600K based on Op Instr No.1)

TOPOGRAPHY.

1. As outlined on the sandtable at 161500K, see also appx I.

INFM.

2. (a) Enemy. During the past 5 weeks our fighting patrols have made contact on BURKE and on the 2 spurs leading to SOARIN No.1 as well as on the Northern approaches to RINGWORM. MANDI area has been shelled by a 105 MM Gun which is believed to be in the xxxxxxx BETTY MARY area. BRANDI PLANTATION has been shelled by a 75 MM Gun believed to be in the SOARIN No.1 area. CAPE NOEM has also been shelled.
A native patrol on the 15/16 JUL reports enemy in occupation of MARY and BETTY estimated strength of 20 and 10 respectively.
A native patrol of the 17 th JUL reports 100 enemy recently arrived on RINGWORM and digging in indicates a Field Gun position ~~this~~

(b) OWN TROOPS. BLUFF FORCE consists of 10 & 12 pls C Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn, 14 pl and carriers from C Coy 35 Aust Inf Bn.

(c) TROOPS UNDER COMD.

(i) F.O.O. and Arty Sigs
(ii) Det Fd Sqn RAM
(iii) Det 2/1 Aust Fd Amb
(iiii) Native police and sentry boys.

INTENTION.

3. The force will capture MARY & BETTY establish a base on MARY and search for and destroy the 105 MM Gun.

METHOD.

4. Assembly area...: OLD GERMAN ROAD 409020

5. Order of march : 12 pl, Comd Gp, 10 pl, Carriers, 14 pl.

6. Start time. : 180500K

7. Route. : River crossing ~~xxx~~ 411018 - COWRA - HILL.

8. Bivouac Night 18/19 JUL : (a) 14 pl and Carriers Capt WEBSTER i/c will bivouac at COWRA.
(b) 10 & 12 pls & Comd Gp will bivouac at HILL.

9. Objectives. : 10 pl BETTY -
12 pl MARY -

10. Surprise. : Every precaution will be taken to gain surprise

11. Movement to pl assembly areas. : (a) Guided by natives 10+12pls will move BEFORE first light to assembly areas to be selected by Pl Comds as close to BETTY & MARY as possible.
(b) Movement will be as silent as possible, boots will be removed and carried by the man. Feet will be protected by and extra pair of socks.

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12. Assault. (a) 12 men from each pl will move forward from pl assembly areas at first light and approach as closely as possible to their objectives.
(b) The attack on objectives will be made as soon as possible after first light.

13. Exploitation.: PlSwill exploit all tracks leading into their objectives, search for and destroy the gun (if located)

14. Reserves & Carrier Cp. : Will move from COMBA at first light via BILL and concentrate at MARY.

15. Arty. : F.O.O. and Sigs with Comd Cp.

16. Engrs : 2 men with both 10 & 12 pls

~~ADM~~
ADM

17. Ammunition. First line on the man, 4000 rds 9MM reserve with carriers

18. Rations. : 1FOR, emergency ration, cut lunch to be taken for mid-day MEAL 18th JUL.

19. Water. : Full bottles, sterilising out-fits.

20. Med. : (a) Det 2/1 Aust Fd Amb with carriers
(b) 1 Med Orderly and 3 stretcher tops per pl
(c) Evac to carriers then to coast via WEST bank of BRANDI.

21. Malarial.: Atebrin & Mery to be taken by each man.

INTER COMN.

22. HQ at BILL night 18/19 JUL moving to MARY at first light 19 JUL

23. FOO to lay line from Bn HQ. Arty 22 set to be carried.

24. 8 pigeons from HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde to be carried.

DISTRIBUTION.

10 pl
12 pl
14 pl
OC
2I/c
Arty
Engrs
CO
War Diary

Issued at 161600k.

Method of distribution. Not distributed.

.....
(J M BELLAIR)
CAPT
OC. C.COY 2/3 Aust MG Bn

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OPERATION "BLUFF"

APPENDIX 5

C coy- 2/3 Aust MG Bn

.....Jul 45

OPERATION ORDER NO.2

(Confirmation of verbal orders issued)
at 191200K.

INFM

1. Enemy: MARY is held in strength and the known enemy defences are shown in appendix 2. BETTY is occupied and the ridge between them is held. The undergrowth has been cleared from MARY WEST covering the approaches from CUP. The approach from the EAST is steep and thick scrub and vines comer the slope to within 20 yds of the enemy posns.

2. Own Tps : 12 Pl is patrolling down BURKE and 10 pl to the WEST towards WILLS in search of enemy defences and the gun.
The line between COWRA and the coast was out at last light and was probably cut.

INTENTION

3. Force will capture MARY

METHOD

4. Tps : 14 Pl will carry out the attack.

5. Direction of attack : from left flank.

6. One rifle bomber from 12 pl and one LMG from 10 Pl under comd 14 pl forthwith.

7. Action after success:

(a) MARY will be held.

(b) Force will move to and consolidate on MARY.

(c) Continue search for gun.

(d) MARY will be held over-night.

8. Start Time: At conclusion of arty concentration.

9. Reserve: 10 and 12 Pls

10. Action of reserve: Be prepared to move to MARY when ordered and assist in consolidation.

11. The carrier group will man perimeter we at present occupy.

12. Arty:

(a) Will register MARY as quickly as possible.

(b) Fire Plan -

Serial No	Timing	Rounds	Rate	Target
1	Z-Z plus 14	240	3	MARY defs
2	Z plus 18 -	210	3	MARY defs plus
	- Z plus 30			50 rds SOUTH
3	Z plus 33	90	-	FLINDERS
	- Z plus 50			

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ADM:

(2)

13. Engrs with Comd Gp.

ADM

14. Unchanged

INTERCOMN

15. HQ in rear of 14 pl

16. Wireless comn is est to the coast.

Issued at 191200K

Method:of distribution: Not distributed.

.....Capt.
(J.M.BELLAIR)

OC "C" Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn.

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12 Pl
14 Pl
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S E C R E T

Appx. 6
Ref Map Plan
2/6 SVV 5B

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

180230K : Reveille

180300K : Breakfast

180345K : Depart BRANDI

180445K : Arrive assembly pcint on road 406022

180500K : Depart assembly area ; cross BRANDI RIVER

180540K : Force dispersed and remained hidden until 1530K

181530K : Depart dispersal area

181745K : Arrive COWRA : 14 Pl 35 Inf Bn and Carrier Gp under Comd Capt WEBSTER bivouaced for night 18/19 JUL.

181830K : Comd Gp, 10 Pl, 12 Pl, and natives/ guides crossed ~~river~~ BRANDI RIVER and bivouaced BILL

182300K : Assault Gp , 10 Pl, guided by natives moved forward to an area below BETTY.
Auuault Gp, 12 Pl guided by natives moved forward to an area below MARY.

190545K : Comd Gp plus remainder 12 Pl moved forward to join 12 Pl assault Gp, remainder 10 Pl moved to join assault Gp 10 Pl.
Capt WEBSTER'S Gp moved forward to join Comd Gp.

190630K : First contact by 12 Pl.

190640K : Comd Gp plus remainder 12 Pl reached area held by assault Gp

190700K : 10 Pl reported to Comd post.

190730K : Capt WEBSTERS party arrived Comd post

191020K : Native patrol sent to ~~[illegible]~~ search FLINDERS and cut sig line.
Wireless communication established between Comd Post and Bn

1030K : Arty registeration commenced

1200K : Capt BELLAIR outlined plan for next ~~dry~~ phase.

1430K : Arty registeration completed.

1518K : Arty concentration 650 rds commenced

1550K : Arty concentration completed . 14 Pl moved forward to attack

1600K : 14 Pl attack commenced

1620K : Force ordered to withdraw

1640OK : Force concentrated within perimeter

1700K : Force withdrew North along BURKE and returned to BRANDI.

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ENEMY KILLED

1-31 JULY

HQ COY	-	
A	-	2
B	-	5
C	-	8
D	-	3
		18

COMMENCEMENT OF OPS TO 31 JULY

HQ COY		3
A	-	39
B	-	58
C	-	80
D	-	40
		220

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RESTRICTED

2/3 AUST MG BN

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

N22/45

30 JUL '45 17-18

17: ACTING WARRANT OFFICER AND NCO RANK

The following extracts from GRO 87/45 are published for infm:-

1. Whenever a member is appointed to acting warrant or non-commissioned rank, such acting rank will be either confirmed as substentive rank or be terminated not later than three months from the date of appointment.

2. Retention of acting rank:

(a) Unless reverted as punishment for an offence, a member will retain acting rank whilst :-

(i) Posted as missing.

(ii) Prisoner of War

(iii) Sick, injured or wounded but not on "X" List. (but see para 3 (iii))

(iv) Attending a school.

(v) On leave, unless on "X" List.

(b) A member may be permitted to retain acting rank when :-

(i) Marched out of unit on temporary detachment.

(ii) Transferred in his acting rank to another unit which has the necessary vacancy on W.E.

(c) Except as above a member will be reverted to his substantive rank on being marched out of his unit. Member will be advised and Paybook adjusted accordingly.

3. Automatic Reversion:

Holder of acting WO or NCO rank of of a lance appointment will be automatically reverted to substantive rank :-

(a) If declared an illegal absentee.

(b) If sentenced to imprisonment, detention or field punishment by a civil court or court martial.

(c) If evacuated to CCS or Aust Gen Hosp or held in Field Ambulance longer than 7 days, except in the case of a battle casualty who will continue to hold his acting rank. In any event on return to unit a member may continue to hold acting rank if a vacancy still exists. In such case his acting rank will be confirmed or terminated (as per para 1 above) not later than three months from date of return.

/18. DCM -

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18. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL

NX90660 Pte HAYES A.P. of 2/3 Aust MG Bn was tried by DCM held in the Field on 20 Jul '45 pursuant to order by Comd 6 Aust Div dated 19 Jul '45.

Charge : Absenting ~~himself~~ himself without leave from 0600 hrs 6 Feb '45 until 1100 hrs 22 Mar '45 AA 15 (1) A period of 45 days.

Plea : Guilty

Finding : Guilty

Sentence : To suffer field punishment for SIXTY DAYS and to forfeit all ordinary pay for a period of SIXTY DAYS.

Date of sentence : 20 Jul '45

On 23 Jul '45 Comd 6 Aust Div confirmed the finding and sentence.

The accused was not in close arrest awaiting trial.

Promulgated to the accused on 27 Jul '45.

.....Capt.
(M.P.BONNIN)
Adjt - 2/3 Aust MG Bn

NOTICE: Receipt is acknowledged of 435 hampers from the Australian Comforts Fund for distribution to the Bn.

DISTRIBUTION

HQ COY
A COY
B COY
C COY
D COY
HQ 6 AUST DIV
WAR DIARY
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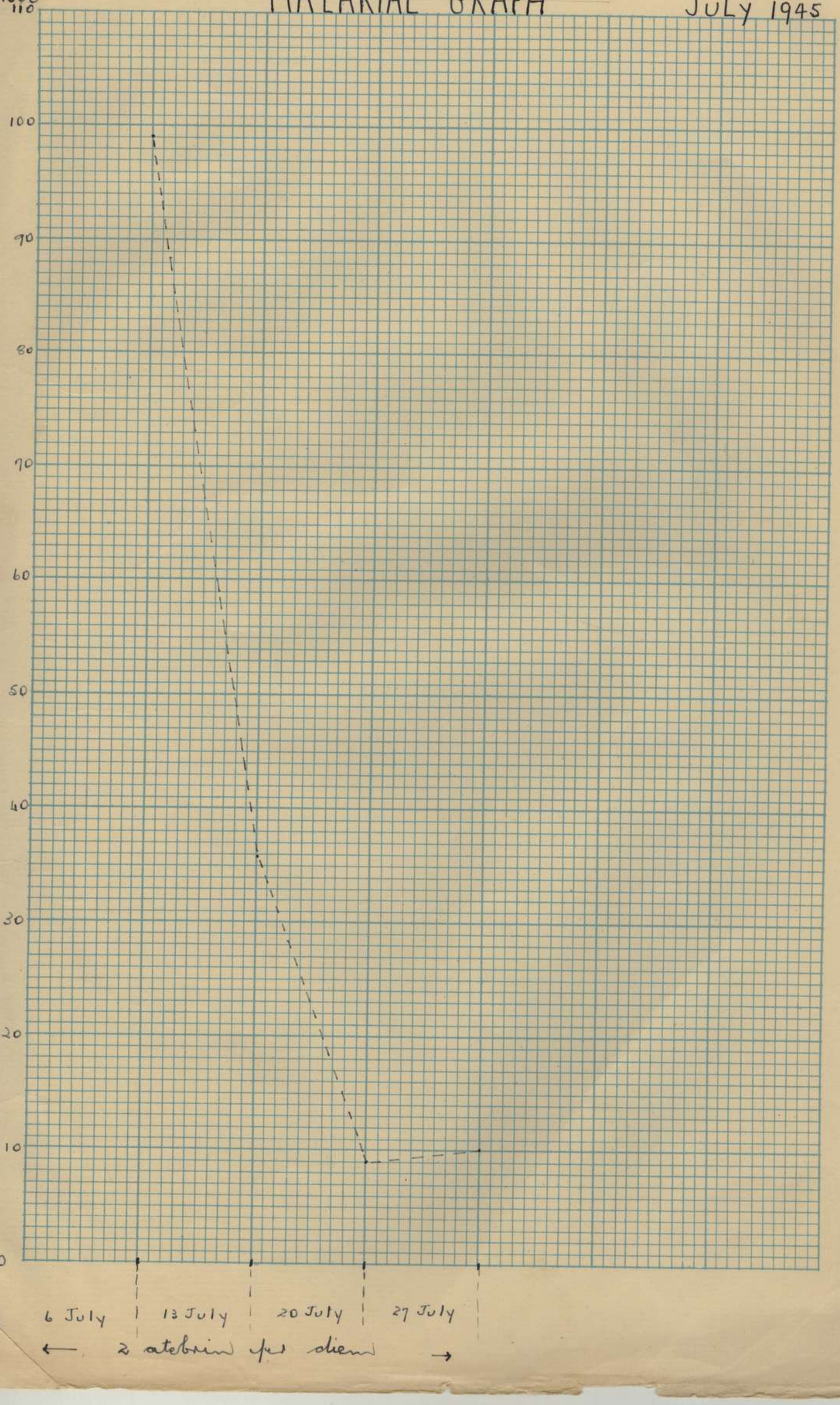
MALARIAL GRAPH

JULY 1945



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