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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 45.

To 2 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Totokina	1 Jan 45		<p>New Year's day granted as a rest period for all ranks, other than those on essential duties. Pers wishing to attend the Div Athletic Championships were conveyed by MT to Memorial Park. The Bn team again showed great success and particularly good form and succeeded in winning by 30½ points. For results See R/O (appx 12). Patrols - local patrols serials 95 & 96 as per schedule. Nothing to report. Patrol Schedule 1/7 Jan issued as per appx 1</p> <p>A Coy (HANEMO) Stand to 0515 hrs Stand down 0630 hrs. Sitnor. Patrols as per appx "E" Serials 12 & 13 out 0800 hrs. ANGAU officer Lt Boisen, 7 police boys and 5 guides reported out 0900 hrs to contact believed Jap camp in ref sq 8981, will RV with 8 Pl fighting patrol out 2 Jan., at WANNEGAN GARDENS ref 891844. Serial 11 patrol reported in 1015 hrs. Nothing to report. The day was again wet with low clouds. Rations carried to X Block and work continued improving the camp area. Capt Jones 3 Aust Div LO arrived BASE CAMP 1700 hrs. Stand to 1830 hrs - Stand down 1930 hrs. Sitnor. Coy operation instructions to 1 Jan attached as Appx 2</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Burman</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Adj 61 Aust Inf Bn</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Appx 1.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Appx E</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ref map "HANEMO AREA" VITO 1/63360</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Appx 2. <i>BJ</i></p>
			<p>Normal duties continued throughout the day. Local patrols Serials 97 & 98 as per schedule. Nothing to report. CO and party left BnHQ at 0700 hrs for HANEMO area.</p> <p>A Coy - Stand to 0515 hrs - stand down 0630 hrs. Sitnor. Patrols as per (Appx "F") Serial 14 8 Pl fighting patrol 1 officer Lt Brazier and 17 ORs incl 2 SBs and 1 Int pers moved out at 0800 hrs to RV with ANGAU patrol at WANNEGAN Gardens ref 891844. Due in 1600 hrs 7 Jan.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Appx F</p>

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 2 Jan 45 To 3 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Torokina	2 Jan	1138 hrs	<p>A Coy (ctd) CO, 2IC, Sig Offr, Mortar Offr and 2 batmen arrived base camp. Capt Jones 3 Aust Div LO reported out to X Block 1025 hrs. Patrols IN :- Serial 13 returned 1048 hrs. Nothing to report. Serial 12 returned 1155 hrs - nothing to report. Patrols to date have shown there are No japs in the area (See Ops Instrs No 3 of 25 Dec as appx 18) other than those reported by Lt Boisen ANGAU offr in area ref sq 8981. 3 natives reported in to BASE CAMP from NASIUWAWAI. Questioning revealed that there were NO Japs in area NASIUWAWAI-ATAMO and they were sent by Police Boy to work at LARUMA River compound. Stand to 1830 hrs - stand down 1930 hrs. Sitnor. Received Bde 00 No 6 as per Appx A.</p>	<p>Appx 18 (Dec)</p> <p>Appx A</p>
Torokina	3 Jan 45		<p>Normal duties continued throughout the day. Local patrols serials 99 and 100 as per schedule. Nothing to report. B Coy recce party Capt Hutchinson, Lt Gibson, 1 int pers 1 sig pers and 2 ORs moved out at 1030 hrs to general area ref sq 6498 TOROKINA 1/63360 for the purpose of locating an old American def posn and here est a standing patrol of 1 pl strength to prepare a Coy def posn (See Bn Op Instr No 4 as per Appx 4) Objective not reached due to lack of time and party returned to perimeter at 1830 hrs. Routine Orders Part I issued as per Appx 3</p> <p>A Coy : Stand to 0515 hrs Stand down 0630 hrs Sitnor. patrols as per (Appx G) Serial 15 out 0800 hrs. Serial 16 out 0800 hrs. returned 1700 hrs nothing to report. 2IC Maj Bicks, Sig Offr, moved out at 0830 hrs to X BLOCK, returned to BASE CAMP 1350 hrs. Wild dogs are numerous in the area and frequently give forth to mournful howlings during the night. Stand to 1830 hrs - Stand Down 1930 hrs. Sitnor.</p>	<p>Appx 4.</p> <p>Appx 3.</p> <p>Appx G</p>

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 4 Jan 45 To 4 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Torokina	4 Jan 45		<p>Normal duties continued throughout the day. Local patrols serials 101 and 102 nothing to report. D Coy moved to new area (ref Bn Op Instr No 4) and commenced settling in and preparing def posns. CO and party returned at 1400 hrs from HANEMO area. At 1700 hrs CO and Batman departed BnHQ for 29 Aust Inf Bde HQ for general area TAGESSI-JABA Rivers.</p> <p>Subject : Flame throwing Demonstration issued as per Appx 5 B Coy recce party departed 0730 hrs for general area ref sq 6498 and succeeded in reaching objective, returning to perimeter 1800 hrs.</p> <p>A Coy- HANEMO - Stand to 0515 hrs Stand down 0630 hrs Sitnor. patrols - as per (Appx H) Serial 17 9 Pl out 0800 hrs. A/c droppings - 0730 hrs 3 bundles of mail dropped by a Wirraway led in by Boomerang, which also dropped one bundle which was not recovered. 1025 hrs Wirraway dropped 2 Storepedos, 100% recovery by 1035 hrs. Supplies dropped incl fresh meat, butter, bread, and canteen goods and these were greatly appreciated. CO, 2IC and party departed BASE CAMP 1040 hrs for JEEP HEAD on return journey to BnHQ. Patrol serial 15 returned 1050 hrs reported no enemy seen and was almost exhausted due to the difficult terrain traversed. Weather during the morning was excellent, but depreciated towards afternoon, sky being overcast with low clouds and slight showers fell.</p> <p>Stand to 1830 hrs - Stand down 1930 hrs. Sitnor.</p>	<p>Appx 5.</p> <p>Appx H</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 5 Jan 45 To 6 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Torokina	5 Jan 45		<p>Normal duties continued throughout the day. Patrols Serial 103 out 0830 hrs in 1020 hrs nothing to report. Serial 102 BLUE RIDGE standing patrol relieved by 9 Aust Inf Bn patrol at 0940 hrs and returned to perimeter 1145 hrs. Serial 104 (10 Pl) standing patrol (3 days) under comd Lt Gibson departed B Coy area 0800 hrs for area reced on 4 Jan. Patrol reported in posn 1200 hrs and commenced layout of def. During the afternoon offrs and nco's attended flame thrower demonstration as per Appx (5). 12 Pl returned to Bn from NUMA NUMA area at 1200 hrs.</p> <p>A Coy - HANEMO - Stand to 0515 hrs Stand down 0630 hrs Sitnor Weather fine. Patrols as appendix 'I' Serial 18 out 0800 hrs returned 1410 hrs, reported a Jap constructed bench overlooking MT BAGANA & TOROKINA at ref 815907 VITO 1/83360. Sjt Copeland (Postal) arrived BASE CAMP 0800 hrs and delivered registered articles to pers. Rations carried to X BLOCK by Boy line. Patrols IN - ANGAU patrol (Lt Boisen) returned to X BLOCK 1600 hrs. Serial 14 (Lt Brazier) patrol reported on return journey X BLOCK. Patrol Serial 17 (less offr Lt Fullarton) reported in X BLOCK 1600 hrs. For patrol infm and reports see Coy Ops to 5 Jan attached as per appx 6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Appx 1</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Appx 6.</i></p>
%	6 Jan 45		<p>Normal adm duties continued throughout the day. Local patrol serial 105 (Protective) nothing to report. Adv party consisting of 2IC Maj Bicks, Maj Twemlow, IO, Lt Irvine, Capt Cairns, Capt Hutchinson, 2 Int pers 6 ORs departed BnHQ 0845 hrs arriving rear HQ 42 and 47 Aust Inf Bns JABA RIVER SECTOR at 1115 hrs. Relief of A Coy HANEMO AREA by one coy 9 Aust Inf Bn as per Bn Movement order issued 2025 hrs as per Appx 8.</p> <p>Received message of appreciation from CO 25 Bn as per appx 9</p> <p>Received 3 Aust Div OO No 3 as per Appx 10.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Appx 7.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Appx 8.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Appx 9</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Appx 10.</p>

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 6 Jan 45 To 8 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Hanem o	6 Jan 45		<p>A Coy - Stand to 0515 hrs Stand down 0630 hrs Sitnor. Patrols as per Appx J serials 19 out 0800 hrs returned 1415 hrs nothing to report. Serial 14 and Lt Boisen's patrol (ANCAU) both returned to BASE CAMP 1500 hrs. Lt Fullarton reported in at X BLOCK 1055 hrs. Capt Radford and party (9 Aust Inf Bn B Coy) arrived Base Camp 1525 hrs. Stand to 1830 hrs—Stand Down 1930 hrs. Sitnor.</p> <p>Overlay of tracks BASE CAMP - SISIKI area as per (appx 11)</p>	<p>Appx J</p> <p>Appx 11.</p>
Torokina Jaba River Sector	7 Jan 45		<p>Bn commenced movement to JABA R Sector as per Movement Order. Serial 1, D Coy plus att tps arrived ref 803777 at 1405 hrs. Serial 2, BnHQ (Adv) plus HQ att tps arrived 783770 at 1100 hrs. Serial 3, C Coy plus att/arrived ref 775795 at 1135 hrs. Ref Map MOTUPENA PT 1/63360. After debussing coys commenced adm duties and engaged in re-erecting tents and generally clearing respective biv areas. At night all tps were warned re screening of lights from the sea. As from 1200 hrs Bn passed to comd 3 Aust Div.</p> <p>10 Pl Standing patrol withdrawn from sq 6498 and returned to B Coy 1100 hrs.</p>	<p>All references MOTUPENA PT "to 1 mile (No. 0270) attached as appx 34</p>
Torokina Jaba River Sector.	8 Jan 45		<p>Movement continued to JABA R Sector. Ser 4 B Coy plus att tps arrived ref 780754 at 1105 hrs. Ser 5&6 BnHQ (rear) HQ Coy pers and Tk/A Pl arrived BnHQ (adv) at 1100 hrs. Coys engaged in adm duties and generally improving hygiene and sanitation conditions in biv areas. BnHQ pers commenced layout of HQ as a "Comd Gp". A Coy was relieved of responsibility of HANEMO area by B Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn at 1130 hrs and departed for JEEP HEAD to await MT for transportation to JABA RIVER sector. D Coy security patrols only.</p>	

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 9 Jan 45 To 12 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Jaba River Sector	9 Jan 45		A Coy arrived JABA RIVER Sector 1530 hrs and moved into posn. Coy disposes HQ and 7 Pl ref 784768, 8 Pl 784782, 9 Pl 792780. D Coy security patrols, remainder of Bn improving camp area. ROs Pt I issued as per Appx 12. Lt Brazier evac 7 Aust Fd Amb	Appx 12. <i>AB</i>
" "	10 Jan 45		D Coy commenced movement to new area but was held up due to barge breakdown. Remainder of bn normal adm duties. Lt Sloan evac 11 Aust Fd Amb.	<i>AB</i>
" "	11 Jan 45		D Coy continued movement to new area arriving 1830 hrs. Coy disposes now - HQ, 16 & 18 Pls ref 780770. 17 Pl remaining old posn with responsibility of est an outpost posn and patrolling along TAGESSI RIVER. Remainder of Bn adm duties.	Ref Maps MOTUPENA PT PURUATA & Tanch Map 1/6226 Cot in appx 35 <i>AB</i>
" "	12 Jan 45	0815	17 Pl outpost reported unable to send out daily patrol due to deep water covering EAST track. Three kanakas reported in to outpost 1335 hrs from MORONI having stayed night 11/12 Jan at TABARATA. Reported that natives are continually harassing Japs in that area. Remainder of Bn adm duties.	
		1730	CO, Adjt, IO, Coy Comds Sig Offr and Pnr Offr attended a lecture at Bde, the subject being "Infantry Co-op with Tanks."	
		1855	Two armed scouts and native prisoner arrived outpost posn from TABARATA with three additional kanakas. The following infm was obtained. One scout came from TOKIRABA; two from WELOI: Japs have visited their villages at intervals varying from 1, 2, and 3 weeks. On each occasion natives have fought japs. TOKIRABA natives 11 strong with 2 Jap rifles. WELOI natives 26 strong, 1 Jap rifle and 4 Aust grenades, stated to have killed 7 Japs. Last Jap party in search of food 13 strong with 2 LMGs and rifles and possibly an offr in comd. MORONI has also been visited by Japs where food is supplied them under threat of reprisals. Japs appear to arrive WELOI and TOKIRABA on Saturdays, sleeping Friday night PIAORA. Trg of Inf In co-operation with Tanks as per Appx 13.	Appx 13. <i>AB</i>

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 13 Jan 45 To 16 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Jaba River	13 Jan 45		B Coy moved out by MT to carry out a fourday period of trg in co-operation with tanks as per Appx 13. Normal security patrols - nothing to report. D Coy assumed responsibility of B Coy and moved into area 0945 hrs. 2 Scouts, 6 kanakas and native prisoner departed 17 pl outpost 1100 hrs by launch for ANGAU. Offrs attended demonstration re Tk Co-op Trg returning 1335hrs. Mobile Cinema screened this HQ at 1915 hrs. Trg InstrNo 28 issued as per (Appx 14)	Appx 14.
Jaba River	14 Jan 45	1330	Day of make and men for pers not engaged on essential duties. Otherwise normal adm duties were carried out. Security patrols nothing to report. Offrs and NCOs attended a lecture by the BM on Tk Co-op Trg & Tactics. All pers were informed that they may now state of their being in the Solomon Islands, but no mention was to be made of the location. Bn OO No 1 issued as per (appx 15) Subject : Mov two coys 61 Aust Inf Bn from BP3 to BP6 as per Appx 16 Received 3 Aust Div OO No 7 as per (Appx 17) Received 3 Aust Div OO No 14 as per (Appx 17a)	Appx 15. Appx 16. Appx 17.
Jaba River	15 Jan 45		TWEMFORCE commenced movement to area SOUTH of JABA R as per movement table Appx A to Bn OO No 1. Remainder of Bn normal adm duties, security patrols nothing to report. TAGESSI OUTPOST reported that arrival of 11 kanakas who stated of staying the night and moving back to TOBARATA 16 Jan. Capt Sinclair det for duty 3 Aust Div Reception Camp.	Appx 17A.
Jaba River	16 Jan 45		TWEMFORCE continued movement to new area. Remainder of Bn normal adm duties. Security patrols nothing to report. During the day lectures were given to A Coy, BnHQ and B Ech by Educ Officer. Maj Phillips evac 109 CCS.	

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 17 Jan 45 To 18 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Jaba River	17 Jan 45		<p>B Coy returned from Tank CO-OP Trg 1015 hrs. Movement of TWEMFORCE 13 & 15 Pls one sec 14 Pl, sub sec MMG and det Mortars arrived in posn 0900 hrs. 16 & 18 Pls, D Coy HQ, det mortars and sec pioneers arrived in posn 1055 hrs. at 1115 hrs CRA (Brig Graemore) visited this HQ. Local security patrol - nothing to report. Mobile cinema screened in the area at 1915 hrs. Lt Sloan marched in from 109 CGS.</p>	<i>sl</i>
	18 Jan 45		<p>17 Pl relieved by 11 Pl at TAGESSI RIVER outpost 1555 hrs. 17 Pl now at ref 779790. TWEMFORCE patrol serial 2 contacted enemy force 1020 hrs estimated 20/25 with 3 LMGs and rifles at ref 823714. Fwd scout* observed Jap on track distance 10 yds and fired. Patrol swung right and advanced. Enemy opened fire with LMGs and rifles. Pte Davenport killed one Jap, then went forward under covering fire from bren gun to capture rifle and eqpt and was wounded in calf right leg. Patrol withdrew 1030 hrs to ref 821715 and patrol comd with FOO decided to register on enemy posn. Owing to lack of sig wire an OP would not be est quickly. Arty opened fire 1305 hrs and FOO reported accurate fire brought down on enemy posn. Patrol then returned to Coy area. Enemy cas 1 Killed wearing boots and clothing in fair condition. Own Cas 1 wounded QX61433 Pte Davenport R. who was evacuated to 7 Fd Amb MDS. Local security patrols nothing to report. A Coy moved out to carry out three day period of trg in co-op with tanks. Lt Braxier evac 7 Fd Amb.</p> <p>Extracts from Patrol reports to 1830 hrs as per Appx 18 TWEMFORCE Standing Orders as per (appx 19)</p>	<p>Appx 18. Appx 19.</p>

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 19 Jan 45 To 20 Jan 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Jaba River	19 Jan 45		<p>TWEMFORCE : fighting patrol 1 offr 17 Ors from 13 Pl with att FOO party along EAST-WEST Trail contacted enemy posn ref 823714. Attacked without arty support and captured posn 1415 hrs. Enemy cas - total force of 7 killed, 1 found dead in trench due to malnutrition. Own Cas 2 wounded - NX155511 Cpl Woodward R. GSW right shoulder and QX58951 Pte Anderson C.N. BW grenade abdomen. Both evacuated to 7 Fd Amb MDS. Enemy were disposed in 3 pits, 2 fwd (one either side of track). Biv Site approx 18 huts ref 821707 apparently new, estimated to be occupied by 20/25 Japs two to three days previously, with stacks of firewood in area, and many lily roots. Physical condition, thin, undernourished and of small stature, all wearing boots and ragged clothing. Captured eqpt included 1 LMG with misfired round in chamber, 6 rifles type MEJI 38, one sword, documents and personal effects. Local security patrols nothing to report.</p>	<i>RL</i>
	/20 Jan 45		<p>Local security patrols nothing to report. B Coy HQ est 776764. TWEMFORCE :- Fighting patrol Ser 7 1 offr 17 ORs of 15 Pl plus FOO and 3 arty sigs out along EAST WEST Trail destroyed 18 native huts in biv area 821707. At vacated Jap def posns found enemy bodies buried hurriedly in weapon pits and bare footprints of approx 6 enemy. Arty assault cable from 821707 to 823714 had been removed. Five enemy appeared on track at 829705 and were fired on by our fwd scout. Enemy cas 1 killed 1 wounded. Own cas nil. Captured eqpt included 1 rifle type MEJI 38, 1 leather belt with two grenades attached, 1 cloth cap and 6 ballistite cartridges. LOG XING outpost patrol report no contact.</p> <p>Summary of Patrol reports to 1830 hrs 20 Jan as per Appx 20 Received Bde 00 no 7 as per (Appx B).</p>	<p>Appx 20. <i>Appx B</i></p>

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 21 Jan 45 To 23 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Jaba River	21 Jan 45		A Coy returned from Tank Trg at 1015 hrs and moved into area 782778. Local security patrols nothing to report. TWEMFORCE : Outpost patrol 1 offr 26 ORs of 14 Pl at 823715 est firm base and patrolled 1000 yds EAST and SOUTH without contact.	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>
	22 Jan 45		Local security patrols nothing to report. TAGESSI OUTPOST : 7 MAINUKI natives came in and were handed over to ANGAU, reported that 5 sick Japs armed with 3 rifles and an unknown number of grenades were at MAINUKI. TWEMFORCE : Outpost patrol BRINKBASE Serial 9 relieved by Serial 11 1 offr 28 ORs of 16 Pl. Otherwise no contact made. Operation Instr issued per written message as (appx 21) Subject : Dress and eqpt as per (Appx 22)	Appx 21. Appx 22. <i>[Handwritten mark]</i>
	23 Jan 45		WARNING ORDER (ref BnHQ, HQ Coy and A Coy will prepare to move fwd) issued per written message (as Appx 23) MOVEMENT INSTR ref above movement issued per written message as Routine Orders Pt I issued as per Appx 25 TWEMFORCE: Serial 11 patrol 16 Pl out from BRINKBASE along SOUTH track contacted 5 enemy 1030 hrs at approx ref 818707 and wounded one Jap. Appeared to have LMG strapped on his back with smaller Jap operating same. Enemy party assisting wounded, fled towards KIAP trail. A second patrol returning to BRINK BASE WEST along KIAP trail after hearing sounds of firing encountered 3 enemy moving EAST. Enemy fled into jungle. Patrol considered these Japs to be same party met by previous patrol. Own cas nil. Serial 13 patrol 1 offr 28 ORs 18 Pl est firm base at CLARK BASE ref 829708. Wounded one unarmed Jap 200 yds WEST of posn, who fled into jungle. A further 2 Japs approached to within 200 yds of the posn at 1705 hrs then retired EAST. A small patrol was dispatched to sit pff escape but failed to make contact. LOG KING outpost patrol reported a Jap Biv area at ref 799723 consisting of 3 leanto hut shelters, floors covered with matting. ctd. over.	Appx 23. Appx 24. Appx 25.

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 23 Jan 45. To 24 Jan 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Jaba River Sector	23 Jan 45		<p>Eqpt found in area incl Jap map case, illustrated paper and 2 books probably prayer books. Otherwise local security patrol nothing to report.</p> <p>At 0815 hrs Bde Comd, Brig Fields arrived this HQ and departed with CO and IO to visit TWEMFORCE.</p> <p>At 1115 hrs GOC 3 Aust Div, Maj-Gen Bridgeford visited this HQ.</p>	<p><i>Enlargement of map showing dispositions and patrol routes over this period attached as appx 36</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>HFR</i></p>
" " "	24 Jan 45 ^c		<p>CLARK BASE - delayed report. During night 23/24 Jan an estimated force 40 enemy carried out several attempts to probe the posn. Grenades were thrown and enemy replied with LMG Fire. During these attempts the sig line was cut and communications severed with BnHQ from 1930 hrs to 0845 hrs. Cas own nil. enemy unknown. At 1302 hrs one Jap, seriously wounded, was located 350 yds EAST of the position and to avoid capture suicided with own grenade. He was armed only with bayonet and carried haversack containing badges of rank or decorations. Description 5' 7" tall, weight between 10 and 11 stone, wearing jacket, trousers, puttees but no boots. Patrol serial 171 offr 13 ORs 17 Pl reported finding Jap amn dump 80/90 75 mmm shells in waterlogged condition at ref 809723. Posn had been vacated for some time. Ref MOVEMENT INSTR: HQ Group now est at ref 792736. A Coy ref 811723, Local security and contact patrols nothing to report.</p> <p>Patrolling policy as from 0600 hrs 25 Jan issued as per (Appx 26)</p>	<p>Appx 26. <i>[Signature]</i></p>

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 25 Jan 45 To 26 Jan 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Jaba River Sector	25 Jan 45		<p>LOCSTAT: to 0900 hrs. HQ Gp 792736. A Coy 811723. B Coy less two pls 775764. 11 Pl 779786. 12 Pl 771810. C Coy less one pl 795733. 13 Pl 829708. D Coy less one pl 792738. 18 Pl 821715. CLARK BASE reported L/T again cut between 0900-1000 hrs. At 0920 hrs a small recon patrol heard an estimated force 20 enemy digging in approx 600 yds SE of posn. While patrol was observing 1 unarmed Jap carrying water approached from WEST. Patrol killed Jap then retired. Enemy force unknown strength fired into posn at 1100 hrs causing nil cas.</p> <p>BRINKBASE - patrol located jap biv area approx 25 huts ref 830696 at 1330 hrs. Further patrol investigated and encountered 8 Japs. Cas 1 Jap wounded. Own nil. Captured eqpt incl 1 rifle in bad condition and papers. Amendment to locations. B Coy HQ and 11 Pl 790738. 15 Pl at BRINKBASE. 16 Pl at CLARK BASE. local security and contact patrols nothing to report.</p> <p>A Coy patrol schedule 25/27 Jan as per (Appx 27)</p> <p>Summary of Patrol reports to 1800 hrs 25 Jan as per Appx 28</p> <p>Subject : Areas of Responsibility as per Appx C.</p>	<p>Appx 28.</p> <p>Appx 28.</p> <p>Appx C</p>
	26 Jan 45		<p>BRINKBASE . Patrol from 15 Pl moved out to Jap biv area 820696 and destroyed all huts. No enemy contacted. 15 Pl relieved by 17 Pl at 1020 hrs.</p> <p>CLARKBASE. Patrol from 16 Pl accompanied by ANGAU pers contacted Jap ambush estimated 7 men on track junc approx ref 835700. Enemy replied only with desultory fire. Patrol attacked with grenade dischargers and encircled the posn but lost contact. Enemy cas unknown. Own 1 wounded. N203133 Pte Burke J.D. who received GSW in left forearm resulting in a fracture. Patrol then returned to BASE. 10 Pl moved to posn ref 790738 at 1000 hrs. QX62511 Pte Evans G accidentally wounded GSW in right hip.</p> <p>Local security and contact patrols nothing to report. At 1445 hrs. Bde Comd, Brig Field, and LO Lt Brown arrived this HQ and departed 1600 hrs.</p>	<p>Enlargement of area showing disposition and patrols for this period attached as appx 37</p>

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 27 Jan 45 To 28 Jan 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Jaba R. Sector.	27 Jan 45		<p>D Coy complete moved fwd to secure track junc 842698. 11 Pl plus 2 dets mortars occupied CLARK BASE. 12 Pl relieved by one Coy 15 Aust Inf Bde and moved from TAGESSI DID to ref 789738 at 0855 hrs. 16 Pl moving fwd from CLARKBASE made contact and routed small enemy party at 844697 wounding two who escaped. own cas nil. D Coy less 16 Pl dug in at 841699 with 16 Pl 100 yds fwd. Reported track junc NOT reached. ANGAU Natives stated that track junc was further EAST past two clearings which could be seen from FDL. Arty registered DF task 300 yds fwd D Coy. Squeals heard and further arty brought down. Local security and contact patrols nothing to report.</p>	<i>AB</i>
	28 Jan 45		<p>B Coy complete, plus RAP staff moved fwd and occupied CLARK BASE ref 829708 by 1000 hrs. D Coy - patrol moving fwd of coy sighted 1 Jap who escaped. Recce party moving fwd to new coy posn was fired on by estimated force 6 enemy armed with LMG and 5 rifles. Patrols then sent fwd but failed to make contact. Enemy cas unknown. Own cas nil Coy continued fwd and secured track junc ref 842698 at 1335 hrs. Recce of branch track for 600 yds showed signs of recent heavy traffic and that building material had been collected previous day. Arty and mortars ranged on DF Tasks fwd of posn. Local security and contact patrols nothing to report. Evidence was found of Jap sig line running along EAST-WEST trail from JABA R mouth to ref 840699 and beyond. Line consists of mixture of short pieces incl steel 18 gauge -copper-yellow assault cable carried on insulators made from bottle necks and fixed to trees by rough wooden spikes. In one case Jap rubber boot was used as an insulator. Capt Sinclair marched out to take up appointment as OC 2 Aust Corps Reception Camp.</p> <p>Report on Ops to 1200 hrs 28 Jan as per Appx 29.</p>	Appx 29/ <i>AB</i>

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 29 Jan 45 To _____


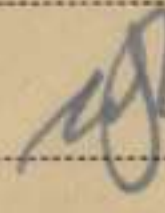
Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Jaba River Sector.	29 Jan 45		<p>HQ Gp moved fwd from 792736 to BRINKBASE 821715 and est communications by 0900 hrs. D Coy. 18 Pl fighting patrol out 0730 hrs moved EAST along KIAP TRAIL followed up by 17 Pl fighting patrol and encountered enemy at 844698 at 0843 hrs. killing 1 Jap. 17 Pl executed outflanking move to right and reached main track at 845697 killing 1 Jap. 18 Pl then joined 17 Pl and both proceeded, killing a further Jap at 850698. On combing this area patrols killed 2 Japs and seriously wounded 2. Total enemy cas 5 killed 2 wounded. Own cas nil. Eqpt captured incl 1 LMG magazine rifle type MEJI 38 and dixies containing hash. Patrol reported track branching off 700 yds from D Coy perimeter, bearing 145 degrees. On return of 17 and 18 Pls a fighting patrol from 12 pl moved out to lay ambush on this track junc. B Coy fighting patrol 1 offr 16 ORs moved out from D Coy area down track bearing 193 degrees and reported NO track. running SE to MOSINA. Part of patrol continued along track and swung WEST then NORTH and joined KIAP Track 300 yds WEST of CLARK BASE. In biv area 825700 found 2 dead japs, apparently those wounded by 16 Pl on 16 Jan. B Coy dug up 1 dead Jap in biv area CLARK BASE. C Coy LOG XING patrol reported fresh bare footprints at 789728 and heard own gun fire from SW. At 1500 hrs patrol was dispatched to lay an ambush 29/30 Jan at LOG XING area. Local security and contact patrols, nothing to report. Accidentally wounded SX39005 Pte HORGAN J.G. received GSWs left shoulder and left groin and was evacuated to 11 Fd Amb. Further infm from the days operations. Of 27 .256 rds captured by D Coy 10 had misfired. Enemy killed at 850698 in fairly good condition, clothes good and boots fairly new possibly Aust. Jap bodies found in biv area 825700 were wearing good clothing but had NO boots, also without weapons. One dead Jap who was shot through the head was found 300 yds fwd of CLARK BASE. Body was 4 to 5 days old and believed to have been killed in attack on CLARK BASE night 23/24 Jan. Heavy rain during the</p>	ctd.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(Adapted.)

Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 29 Mar 45. To 30 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Jaba River Sector.	29 Jan 45		<p>afternoon caused EAST WEST Track to deteriorate and no traffic was allowed fwd of B Ech 792738, until further orders. Seven days days reserve rations and amm sufficient for 2 coys is now stored at CLARK BASE. 12 PI fighting patrol returned from ambush posn 5/600 yards fwd of D Coy perimeter at 1800 hrs. Reported sighting 2 Japs moving EAST whilst setting ambush posn. Patrol opened fire but results NOT known. ANGAU pers consisting of a Warrant Offr and 10 natives are now stationed with B Coy. During the day A Tp, 4 Bty, carried out DF registration forward of D Coy perimeter. Total casualties to 1800 hrs 29 Jan are listed as : ENEMY 20 Killed 5 Wounded. OWN 4 wounded.</p>	
Jaba River Sector	30 Jan 45		<p>Local security and contact patrols nothing to report. 10 and 17 Pls with ANGAU offr and 3 natives patrolled along KUPON track to approx 857704 without contact. Located excellent Coy biv area on high ground at 848698. Natives estimated distance to KUPON as being 2000 yds from this point. 18 PI fighting patrol of 29 Jan now found to be responsible for forcing the enemy back along the track to MOSINA, this having been confirmed by ANGAU. Captured documents had repeatedly referred to a SECRET Trail running to MOSINA and this was found to be the one to which they attached so much importance. Accidentally wounded by shrapnel from mortar bomb Q121300 Pte Mills C.D. BWs right calf, left forearm and QX32212 Pte Gilchrist R.E. BW back and scalp, both were evacuated to 11 Fd Amb.</p> <p>1900 hrs 2 Japs were sighted outside D Coy perimeter 842698. Fired on but results unknown.</p> <p>TAC/R of KUPON-MOSINA-NEGITAN area carried out in the afternoon.</p>	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 31 Jan 45. To _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Jaba River Area	31 Jan 45		<p>Owing to heavy rain night 30/31 Jan condition of L of C along EAST-WEST Track jeep trail greatly deteriorated, thus preventing fwd movement of A Coy to CLARK BASE and B Coy to high ground 848698. D Coy moved forward from 842698 and occupied track Junc 843698 by 1245 hrs. Fighting patrol strength 1 Pl from Coy moved approx 1600 yards down SE track thought to lead to MOSINA. No contact made, and one Jap body found 500 yds along track which evidently was an extra Jap killed by patrol of 29. Located small Jap biv area of 2 huts at approx 1500 yards. Here found evidence of decomposed bodies and eqpt incl rifles, bayonets and personal effects. B Coy patrol located old Jap gun posn approx 838699. Several large dugouts in area and much eqpt incl 50 x 75 mm shells, spare gun parts, sights and pressure slides, handspikes, tools, 3 carts with spare parts, 2 pack saddles, rifles incl 2 American M3 Garands, 3 American SCR 536 sets (unserviceable) and personal effects. Local security patrol and contact patrols nothing to report.</p> <p>Bde OO No 3 and Adm Instr No 3 attached as per (Appx 30) 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn OO No 2 attached as per (Appx 31) Bde OO No 4 attached as per (Appx 32) Bde OO No 5 attached as per (Appx 33)</p> <p>Lack of topographic information and accuracy of maps is illustrated by comparison of the maps attached as appendices 34, 35, 40 and 41. Paritta R./63366 (Appx 34) was issued prior to moving SOUTH of JABA R. Motipera Pt - Paritta R. Track Map 1/63360 (Appx 35) was issued at commencement of the operations. Paritta R./63360 (Appx 40) was issued at completion of operations. Throughout operations Bn relied on maps produced, with additions and corrections, by Lt Sec. Example Appx 41</p>	<p>Jan. Enlargement of area showing disposition and patrol routes for period attached as appx 38</p> <p>Appx 30. Appx 31. Appx 32. Appx 33.</p> <p>Adjts personal diary for Jan 1 to Jan 31 attached as appx 39</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i> Adjt Comd 61 Aust Inf Bn</p>

3 May 45

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SI AUSTRALIAN INF BN PATROL SCHEDULE : FROM 1 JAN 45 to 7 JAN 45

Ref Map : TOROKINA R. 1 : 20000

Ser. No.	Coy	Time Out	Time In	Type	Strength	Route Out	Route In	Task	Special Instrs
95	D	010830L	011130L	Protective	1 NCO 4 ORs	Through B Coy	Through D Coy	1. Are there any indications of enemy having been in area during last 24 hrs. 2. Take prisoner any Jap stragglers who may come in to surrender.	1. Patrol Comd to report to IO for briefing at 0800.
96	D	010700L	021700L	Standing	1 NCO 11 ORs	North to BLUE RIDGE	S.W. to D Coy via LAKE KATHLEEN	1. To observe for any enemy movt towards the perimeter. 2. Take PW any Jap stragglers who may come in to surrender. 3. Report on shipping in Bay.	1. Leave outpost when relieved by next patrol. 2. Comm by Sig Pl to BnHQ. 3. Our patrols must NOT operate EAST of GRID 133. 4. Free scarf on Out Track. 5. " " " IN 6. If grenades are carried they will NOT be primed. Dets will be carried in sealed tin which will NOT be opened except in emergency. 7. Patrol comd to report to IO for briefing between 1400 1600 hrs previous
97	D	020830L	021130L	Protective	As for serial 95				
98	D	020700L	031700L	Standing	As for serial 96				

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61 AUST INF BN PATROL SCHEDULE : From 1 JAN 45 to 7 JAN 45

Ref Map : TOROKINA R. 1: 20000

Ser. No.	Coy	Time Out	Time In	Type	Strength	Route Out	Route In	Task	Special Instrs
99	D	030830L	031130L	Protective	As for serial 95				
100	B	030700L	041700L	Standing	" "	" 96			
101	B	040830L	041130L	Protective	" "	" 95			
102	B	040700L	051700L	Standing	" "	" 96			
103	B	050830L	051130L	Protective	" "	" 95			
104	B	050700L	061700L	Standing	" "	" 96		632992 - 645985 reverse	
105	C	060830L	061130L	Protective	" "	" 95			
106	C	060700L	071700L	Standing	" "	" 96		as 104 (Cancelled)	
107	C	070830L	071130L	Protective	" "	" 95		(Cancelled)	
108	C	070700L	081700L	Standing	" "	" 96		as 104 (Cancelled)	

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"A" COY PATROL SCHEDULE 1 JAN 45.

APPX - "E"

REF MAP. "VITO" ONE INCH.

SERIAL	TYPE	PL.	STRENGTH	TIME OUT	TIME IN	ROUTE OUT	ROUTE IN	TASK	SPL. INSTRS.
12	RECCE	8	IN.C.O 4 DIRS	010800L	021400L	BASE CAMP - X BLOCK - HOWND - TRACK JUNC. 867888 - YOKE	YOKE - KARATO - X BLOCK - BASE CAMP.	1. Recce track to confirm "G" - "E" (overlay H) 2. Make PW any gaps stragglers. 3. Report track times for track by eqpt. etc. 4. Report any signs enemy intent!	1. Draft going map to accompany report. 2. Dress. Pl. bonds discretion but incl. red refellon & 2 grenades per man 3. Security measures will be taken for night time.
13	RECCE	7	IN.C.O 4 DIRS	010800L	021500L	BASE CAMP - TRACK JUNC 836947 - HANEMO.	HANEMO - feature 3000 (840958) - BASE CAMP.	1. Recce track confirm "B" (overlay A) 2. 3 & 4. as for serial 12.	as per serial 12.

A COY PATROL SCHEDULE 2 JAN '45

APPX "F"

REF. MAP - "VITO" ONE INCH.

SERIAL	TYPE	PL.	STRENGTH	TIME OUT	TIME IN.	ROUTE OUT	ROUTE IN.	TASK	SPECIAL INSTRS.
14	FIGHTING	8	1 OFFR. 17 OR ^s incl. S.B. & INT.	020800L	071700L	BASE CAMP - X BLOCK TAVANATHU - TRACK JUNC 891881 - RV 890844	DEPENDENT ON ACTION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Destroy enemy forces suspected area 19.8981 2. Secure P.W. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RV ANGAU patrol area 890844 at 021700L 2. Act on info gained by ANGAU patrol. 3. Fin base will be lit in accordance with tactical setup. 4. Advise Head H.Q. by P.B. runner if prepared def. form. encountered + locality.

A Coy PATROL SCHEDULE. 3 JAN '45.

APPX "G"

REF. MAP. "VITO" ONE INCH

SERIAL	TYPE	PL.	STRENGTH	TIME OUT	TIME IN.	ROUTE OUT	ROUTE IN.	TASK.	SPECIAL INSTAS.
15	RECCÉ.	7	IN.C.O. 3 01R ²	030800L	041400L	BASE CAMP - KEREKOPA - BUGASARI.	BUGASARI - KEREKOPA - HOWNO. X. BLOCK - BASE CAMP.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm tracks A & C (Overlay A) 2. Take P.W. any Jap stragglers 3. Report signs of any enemy movt. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hand going map to accompany report. 2. Security measures will be observed at all times 3. Ovens to incl. vit. atebirin, vitamin tabs. 2 grenades for man. remainder at Pl. hand direction
16	SECURITY	9	1 OFFR 3 01R ²	030800L	031600L	X' BLOCK. KARATO - TAVANATHA - TRACK JUNC 878875	KENIMTO - KARATO - X. BLOCK.	293 as per serial 15	192 as per serial 15.

A COY PATROL SCHEDULE - ATAN '45.

APPX "H"

REF. MAP "VITO" ONE INCH.

SERIAL	TYPE.	PL.	STRENGTH	TIME OUT	TIME IN.	ROUTE OUT.	ROUTE IN.	TASK.	SPECIAL INSTRS.
17	RECCE	9	1 OFFR 3 OJRS	040800L	051500L	X. BLOCK - KARATO TONGANUA - Mf. 900925.	Mf. 900926 - TONGANUA - TRACK JUNG Mf. 884909 - Mf. 881924 - Mf. 878922 - X. BLOCK.	1. Recce track & confirm previous report. 2. Adv. P.M. any Jap stragglers. 3. Report any signs enemy met.	1. Track going map & accompany report. 2. Observe at patrol command discretion but to incl. mosquito net, toilet gear, atehin, 2 grenades for man. 3. Security measures will be accepted at all times. 4. Japanese natives be encountered, seek info re enemy met. ATAMO. 5. Report track times for L & by eqpt. etc.

A COY PATROL SCHEDULE 5 JAN '45

APPX. "I"

REF. MAP "YITO" ONE INCH.

SERIAL	TYPE	PL.	STRENGTH	TIME OUT	TIME IN	ROUTE OUT	ROUTE IN	TASK	SPECIAL INSTAS.
18	RECCE.	7	IN.C.O. 3 BRS	050800L	051600L	BASE CAMP - TRACIE JUNG 825922	REVERSE.	<p>1. Recce. track reported by N/LAL BEITZ (see track going map BASE CAMP - KIEREKOPA).</p> <p>2. Secure as P.W. as of Jap stragglers.</p> <p>3. Report track times for liberty patrols.</p>	<p>1. track going map to accompany report.</p> <p>2. Security measures at all times.</p> <p>3. Two grenades carried per man.</p>

A Coy PATROL SCHEDULE 6 JAN '45

Appx 'J'

REF. MAP "VITO" ONE INCH

SERIAL	TYPE	PL.	STRENGTH	TIME OUT	TIME IN	ROUTE OUT	ROUTE IN	TASK	SPECIAL INSTRS.
19	RECC	9	1 N.C.O. 3 OPRs	060800L	061700L	Y. BLOCK. KARATO - TAVANATU - KENIMO - TRACK KARATO - X. BLOCK JUNC 878575.		1. Recce of track. 2. Note pos. of Jap stragglers. 3. Report track times for the day. 4. Report any signs of enemy movt.	1. Track going map. 2. Dress at Pl. bands. discretion. 3. Security measures will be adopted at all times. 4. No grenades per man. 5. Ambushes will be dealt with vigorously.
20	RECC	7	1 N.C.O. 3 OPRs	060800L	061700L	BASE CAMP - TRACK JUNC 859927 TRACK JUNC 851908 - BASE CAMP. " " 859927			As for serial 19.

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2 Jan 45

Ref Maps: TOROKINA one in to one ml
CAPE MOLTKE one in to one ml

INFM

1. Enemy

- (a) Enemy is not in contact with any part of TOROKINA BASE AREA and at least 48 hrs warning may be anticipated of any intended attack.
- (b) It is considered possible that small enemy suicidal raiding parties may attempt to bypass the fwd tps and infiltrate with the object of destroying base installations and inflicting cas.

2. Own Tps

- (a) See Appx A att.
- (b) 3 Aust Div is responsible for the def of perimeter from 590975 to coast at 652877.
- (c) 15 Aust Inf Bde has, as its sector of responsibility, from 647945 to 652877.
- (d) 11 Aust Inf Bde, under comd 2 Aust Corps, is responsible for perimeter def from 525934 to 590975.

INTENTION

- 3. 7 Aust Inf Bde will defend TOROKINA perimeter from 590975 to 647945

METHOD

4. Tps:

RIGHT : 25 Aust Inf Bn
 CENTRE : 61 Aust Inf Bn
 LEFT : 9 Aust Inf Bn

5. Areas of Responsibility

- (a) 25 Aust Inf Bn 647945 - 633968)
- (b) 61 Aust Inf Bn 633968 - 628977) ⁶¹⁹⁹¹⁷ See Appx A att.
- (c) 9 Aust Inf Bn 628977 - 590975)

6. Bdys

See Appx A att.

7. Tasks :

- (a) Perimeter def and prevention enemy infiltration.
- (b) Units will patrol fwd of their sectors - a trace showing patrol routes for the week completed will be rendered to this HQ by 1200 hrs each Sunday.

8. Outposts

- (a) Outpost posns on the gen line shown in Appx A are to be prepared all round the perimeter.
- (b) 9 Aust Inf Bn will prepare and maintain such a posn for a coy on 900 feature 6199.
- (c) 61 Aust Inf Bn will prepare a coy outpost posn on 700 feature 6498.
- (d) These posns will not be occupied except as ordered in para 8 (e), until the anticipated 48 hrs warning is received. After having been manned they will be withdrawn only on orders from this HQ.
- (e) Standing patrols only, will be continually maintained at the selected outpost posns. 9 Aust Inf Bn will take over the 900 feature (BLUE RIDGE) patrol from 61 Aust Inf Bn on 5 Jan 45.

9. Junc Pts

- (a) Inter unit liaison will be effected to arrange junc pts at 633968 and 628977
- (b) 25 Aust Inf Bn will liaise with 15 Aust Inf Bde unit on right flank and 9 Aust Inf Bn with 11 Aust Inf Bde unit on left flank to arrange satisfactory link up.

10. Unit local def

- (a) All units and sub units or gps will be responsible for local def against ground and air attack.
- (b)
 - (i) As shown in legend to Appx A att, the following sub units have been organized into a gp :
 - 113 Aust Bde Wksp
 - 113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
 - 227 Aus t Sup Dep Pl
 - 3 Aust Div Recep Camp
 - 3 Aust Div Sal Unit.
 - (ii) The area in which these sub units are located will be known as Area 3 and Maj GOLAND OC 113 Aust Bde Wksp will be OC area. He will make all plans for def of Area 3 in conjunction with the OSC of the remaining sub units.
- (c) Capt H G ROBSON working in conjunction with 20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt, 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec, and 241 Aust LAD will be responsible for def of HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde and will make plans accordingly.
- (d)
 - (i) 9 Aust Inf Bn will arrange to detach one pl for def 11 Aust Fd Amb on orders from this HQ.
 - (ii) OC selected pl will report to 11 Aust Fd Amb to develop mutual plan on 5 Jan 45.

11. Arty

- (a) One fd regt less one bty is to be retained within TOROKINA BASE AREA and is not to be moved outside FDLs without approval HQ 3 Aust Div
- (b) RAA 3 Aust Div is to coördinate def fire tasks over whole base area and register by shooting where possible.

12. Occupation of FDLs

As 48 hrs warning of attack is anticipated it will not be necessary for FDLs to be continuously occupied. Normal trg. will therefore be carried out.

13. Plans

- (a) The following will submit plans for def of areas to this HQ by 1800 hrs 8 Jan 45 for co-ordination :

- 9 Aust Inf Bn
- 25 Aust Inf Bn
- 61 Aust Inf Bn
- 11 Aust Fd Amb
- 113 Aust Bde Wksp (for Area 3; see also 3 Aust Div OO No 5)
- HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (Capt H G ROBSON)

ADM

14. No change from existing arrangements.

INTERCOMN

15. No change.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1630 hrs

Issued through DRLS

J. Summerton
Maj
BM 7 Aust Inf Bde

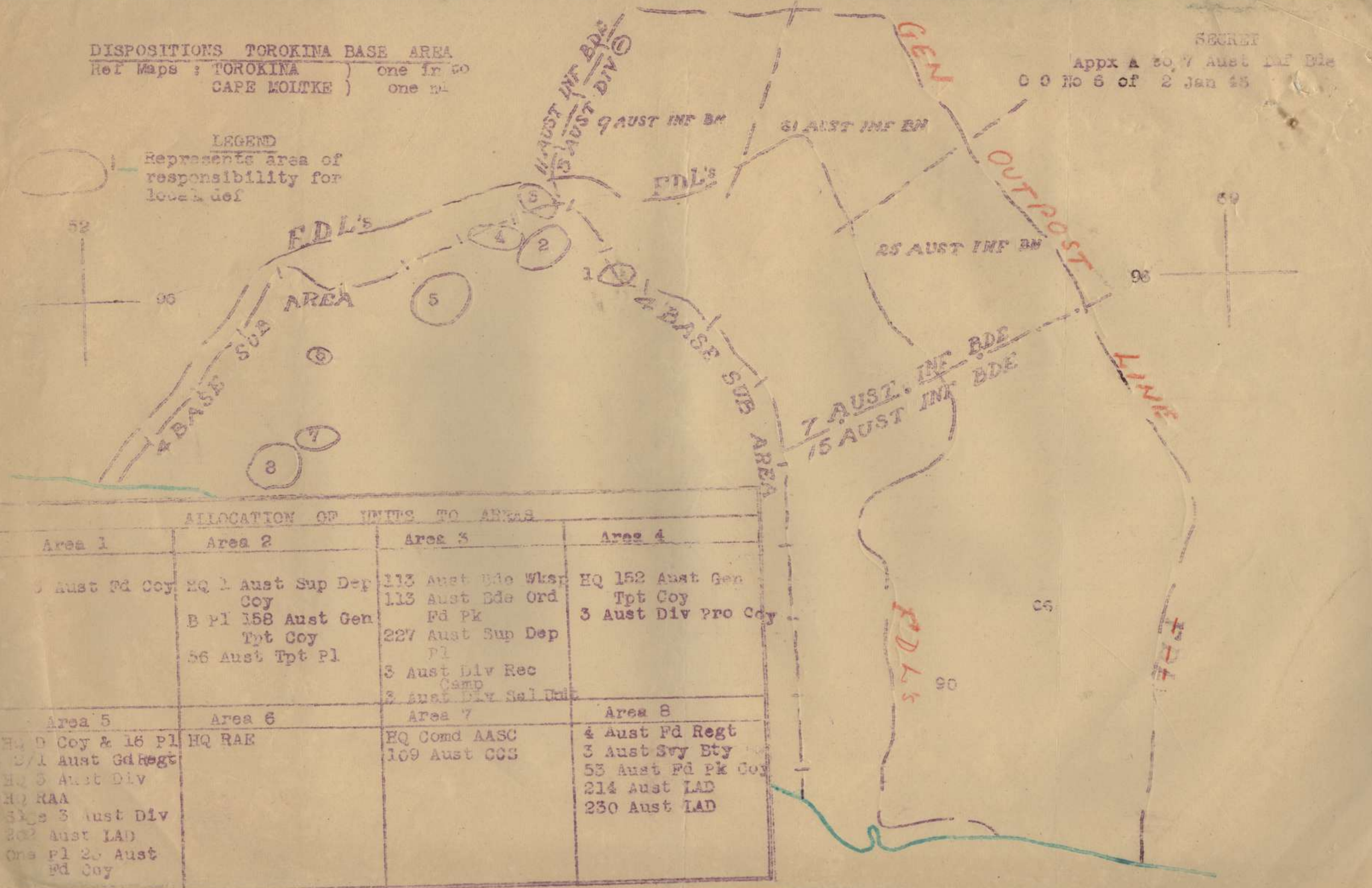
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11 Aust Fd Amb	7
113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	8
113 Aust Bde Wksp	9
241 Aust LAD	10
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DISPOSITIONS TOROKINA BASE AREA
 Ref Maps : TOROKINA) one in co
 CAPE MOLTKE) one in

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Appx A to 7 Aust Inf Bde
 CO No 6 of 2 Jan 45

LEGEND
 Represents area of
 responsibility for
 local def



ALLOCATION OF UNITS TO AREAS

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
3 Aust Fd Coy	HQ 1 Aust Sup Dep Coy B Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 56 Aust Tpt Pl	113 Aust Bde Wksr 113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk 227 Aust Sup Dep Pl 3 Aust Div Rec Camp 3 Aust Div Sel Unit	HQ 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 3 Aust Div Pro Coy
Area 5	Area 6	Area 7	Area 8
HQ 9 Coy & 16 Pl D/1 Aust Gd Regt HQ 3 Aust Div HQ RAA 3 Coy 3 Aust Div 202 Aust LAD One Pl 20 Aust Fd Coy	HQ RAE	HQ Comd AASC 109 Aust CCS	4 Aust Fd Regt 3 Aust Svy Bty 53 Aust Fd Pk Coy 214 Aust LAD 230 Aust LAD

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Operation Insh.

Ref MAP VITO 1 in 5 1 ml.

SECRET

A Coy

1 Jan 45

1 WPM

- 1 Enemy (a) ANGAU patrol officer (Lofansen) reported enemy meet in area sq. 8982 on 15 Dec 44. Two Jap tps were trailed by police boys toward area sqs 8981, 8881. Two members of enemy party killed.
- (b) Native reports indicate that enemy tps frequently visit WANDIGAU GARDEN'S to gather food. One party approx 20 strong has been seen that area (native report)
- 2 Jap tps (c) Recce patrol A Coy search banks MASAUWA RIVER 900825 to JWC 867848 and area to south JWC 868988 to FEATURE TOM 849828. and along ridge from 877820 to 834884 - no signs recent enemy meet - June of Recce 29-31 Dec 44
- (d) ANGAU patrol 1 officer, 7 Pts 4 guides dep BASE CAMP 010845 with object of locating enemy tps suspected of being in area sqs 8981, 8881.
- (e) Amposans A Coy unchanged.
- (a) No other patrols operating your area south KARATO
- (c) Refugee parties under ANGAU effort may be encountered area ops.
- (f) No natives in area excl ANGAU patrol

at

~~Intention~~

3 ~~4~~ 8 ~~9~~ A Coy will sup^{fighting} patrol 1 offer 17⁰/₁₀₀ (incl 258⁰/₁₀₀)
(4 out pers)

INTENTION

3 Fighting patrol under cond of 1st Barren will destroy ~~reconnaissance parties~~ of enemy.

METHOD

4 1st 1 offer 14⁰/₁₀₀ 8 Pe with under cond 258⁰/₁₀₀ 1 out pers.

5 R.V. Patrol will RV ANGAU patrol at Kulo L ref 8908 L. Native guide will direct patrol this area. In event changed R.V. ANGAU offers will leave police bay at original RV for further guidance patrol.

- 6 ROLE
- (a) Est firm base at RV
 - (b) Ambush reconing parties
 - (c) Purpose of layout should enemy posn be located.
 - (d) Vigorous patrolling at all times
 - (e) Deliberate attacks on enemy prepared posns will not be made without ref these orders.

1 PERIOD OF ACTION

From 02 0800 L to 07 1600 L.

8 PATROL REPORT + INT. Patrol reports out pers will

1 keep log patrol activity and will purpose posns occupied by patrol

together with routes taken.

9 Capture P.W.

(a) little info is available of enemy in this sector. capture of P.W. of utmost importance.

(b) any questioning of P.W. will be limited to seeking info of ^{local} ~~the~~ value.

10 Surrender Pamphlets (a) all tps will be warned of chance of deserters approaching our tps with or without pamphlets. Safe conduct will be granted to such enemy pers. This will be strictly respected.

(b) Every measure will be taken to prevent traps being set by enemy tps posing as deserters.

ADM

11 amm First line amm. will be carried all weapons

12 Rations 7 days rations plus emergency rations carried by all members patrol.

13 Medical box will be evacuated by shortest route via X Block to BASE CAMP. Suitable kit will be carried by Coy SAs.

14 P.W. Under escort via X Block to BASE-CAMP.

15 DRESS at discretion patrol could but to incl mosquito net, atabrin sup. vitamin tabs.

16 INTERCOM Security (a) security measures will be strictly adhered to all runners to X Blocks.
(b) LT X Block - BASE CAMP.

signed at 1910hrs.

CEN Lawson Capt
of A Coy

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

Copy No.
Ser No. 1/45
Nos: 1/4

by
Lt-Col W.R. DEXTER DSO
COMD 61 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

3 January 1945

1. BOUNDS:

- (a) The area occupied by 6 Aust Farm Coy is out of bounds to all troops except on duty.
- (b) The PW cage situated in Piva Rd and its immediate environs are out of bounds to all ranks except on duty.

2. EFFECTS OF DECEASED JAPANESE SOLDIERS:

1. (a) Any member finding the body of a deceased member of the enemy forces will -

- (i) remove the identity disc (if any);
- (ii) search the body and remove all documents and personal effects;
- (iii) note any details which may assist identification such as unit badges, badges of rank, markings on clothing and equipment, the exact spot where the body was found and the probable date of death; and
- (iv) arrange immediately for the transmission of such identity disc, notes and all documents and personal effects to the nearest representative of the Field Security Service or the nearest Intelligence Officer.

(b) After necessary examination, the identity disc and personal effects will be made up into a package, securely fastened, sealed and labelled with an AAF W12 (Deceased Enemy Effects) and forwarded to the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, LHQ Melbourne.

2. The importance of complying with these provisions promptly and strictly is stressed.

3. IDENTITY DISCS - WEARING OF:

1. Instances have come to notice in which personnel who have been killed or injured were not wearing identity discs.

2. Neglect to wear identity discs will be treated as a breach of discipline.

4. REGTL TRUST FUND:

<u>On hand commencement of month:</u>		£ 256.13. 8
<u>Received during month:</u>		
Canteen Profit Distribution Oct:	£ 52.12. 2	
<u>Expended during month:</u>		
Aladdin Industries (Mantles)	£ 4.11. 6	
Bysells Ltd. "	£ - 12. 3	
Suttons Pty.Ltd.	£ - 9. 7	
Quiz Competition (B Ech)	£ 2. 0. 0	
Christmas Purchases (Dinner)	£ 148. 0. 0	
Regt Barber	£ 5. 0. 0	
		£ 160.13. 4
<u>Balance on hand:</u>		£ 148.12. 6

We certify that we have examined the Cash Book, Unit Trust Book and vouchers relating to 61 Aust Inf Bn Regtl Trust account, and that in our opinion this statement correctly sets out the position of the fund as at 31 Dec 44.

(sgd)

J.S. Paterson Capt

D.W. Hook Lt

[Signature]
Capt
Adj. 61 Aust Inf Bn

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61 AUST INF BN OP INSTR NO. 4

(Ref Map TOROKINA 1" - 1ml)

Appx. 4

INFM:

1. Enemy:

- (a) Enemy is not in contact with any part of TOROKINA BASE AREA and at least 48 hrs warning may be anticipated of any intended attack.
- (b) It is considered possible that small enemy suicidal raiding parties may attempt to bypass the fwd tps and infiltrate with the object of destroying base installations and inflicting casualties.

2. Own Tps:

7 Aust Inf Bde is responsible for the def of perimeter from 630975 to 647945.

INTENTION:

- 3. 61 Aust Inf Bn less "A" Coy will defend TOROKINA perimeter from 633968 to 618977.

METHOD:

4. Tps:

D Coy with under comd two dets Mortars
 B " " " " two dets Mortars, one sec MMG.
 C "
 4 Pl plus two dets Mortars, one sec MMG

5. Areas of Responsibility:

D Coy	633968	..	626974
B "	626974	..	622976
C "	622976	..	619973
4 Pl	618973	..	616973

6. Bndys:

See Appx "A" Att.

7. Tasks:

- (a) Perimeter def and prevention of enemy infiltration.
- (b) Patrols, as directed by this HQ

8. Outposts:

B Coy will prepare a coy outpost posn general area 6493. A Standing Patrol will be maintained at outpost until otherwise ordered.

9. Local Def:

For purposes of local def, pers from HQ Coy located vicinity of WHITCOMB TRAIL will be formed into a Coy Gp under Comd CAPT W.L. RUDDER. Coy Gp will include 4 Pl, one sec MMG, two dets Mortars, 5 Pl and B Ech.

10. Occupation of FDLs:

FDLs as laid down by this instr and excl Outpost Posn will be occupied by 1800 hrs, 4 Jan 45.

11. Preparation of Def's:

The development policy for def posns incl Outpost Posn, will be as previously in this area,

12. Patrolling Policy:

(a) Daily Protective Patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs.

(i) Right Flank "D" Coy to CK at 634970 thence up stream 1000 yds, thence in through B Coy OP. (Supplied by D Coy)

(ii) B Coy OP to WHITCOMB TRAIL -- normal daily patrol route (on schedule prepared by this HQ).

(b) Standing Patrol at Outpost Posn.

From 5 Jan to 11 Jan this patrol will consist of a three day patrol by one Pl from B Coy. During its stay at the outpost posn, each pl will develop coy def posn as directed by O.C. "B" Coy. On 11 Jan, a patrol of 1 NCO & 11 ORs from another coy will relieve B Coys Pl and from that date patrol will be arranged on schedule by this HQ, and will be of two days duration, as previously to BLUE RIDGE.

13. Fire Plans:

Coys will submit fire plans to this HQ by 1800 hrs 5 Jan 45. These will be consolidated by I.O. by 1200 hrs, 7 Jan 45.

ADM:

14. Interchange of Tentage:

Coy Comds of HQ and D Coys will liase re interchange of tentage between 4 Pl and 17 Pl.

15. Security Gd, Bn SAA Res:

This will be the responsibility of HQ Coy Gp.

16. Tpt:

Tpt Cpl will arrange tpt for movement of coy stores to report D Coy at 0745 hrs, 4 Jan 45.

17. Hygiene Certificates:

Comds vacating areas will render to this HQ, a certificate (countersigned by incoming comd) that areas have been left in a clean and hygienic condition.

INTERCOMN:

18. BnHQ will remain present area.

19. Sig Offr will arrange L/T between :-

(a) BnHQ and D Coy

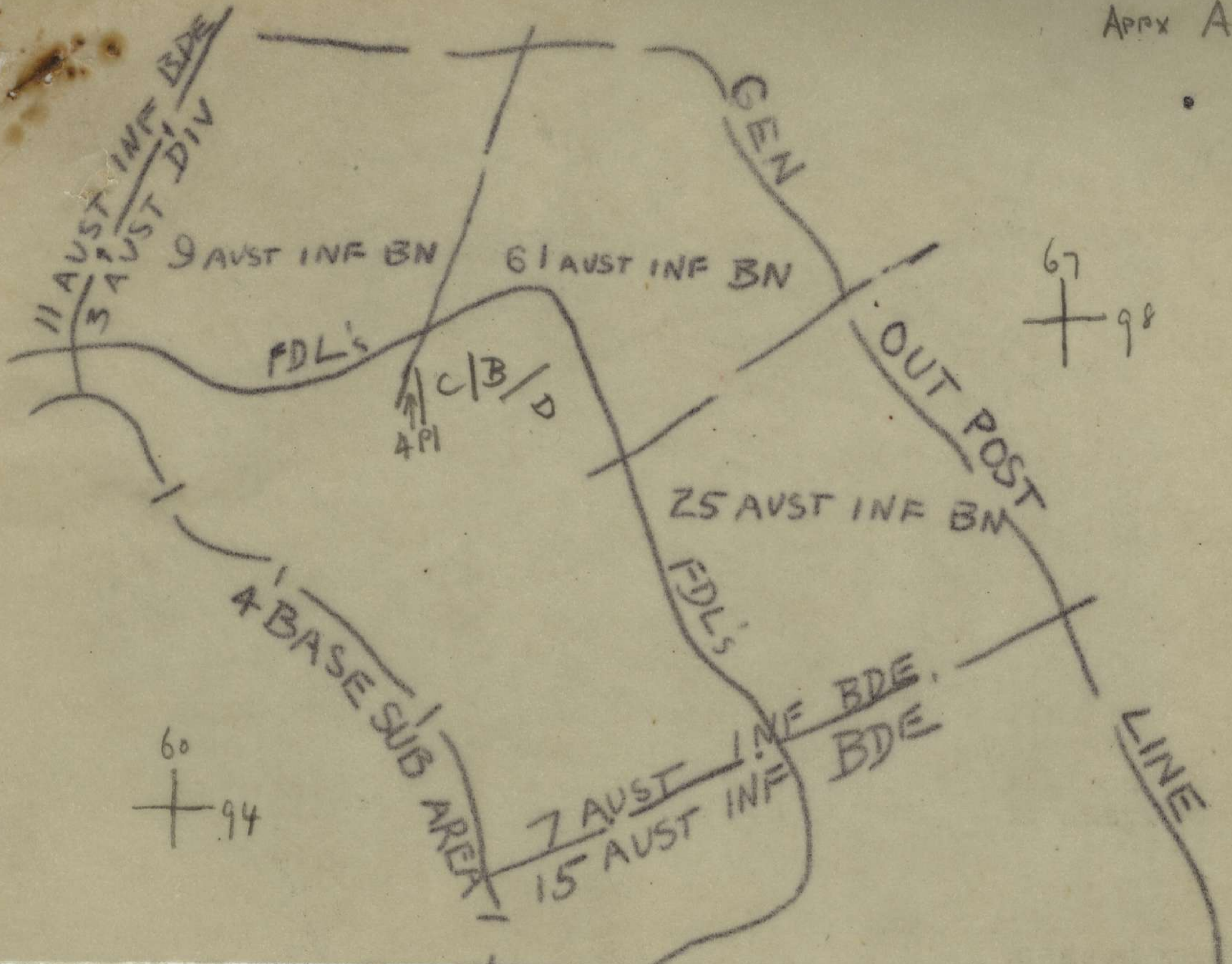
(b) D Coy HQ and 16 Pl

20. V/T will be established between Outpost Posn and a suitable OP on the FDLs by 1800 hrs 5 Jan 45.

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Signed athrs; Issued by Special DR
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Adj't 61 Aust Inf Bn

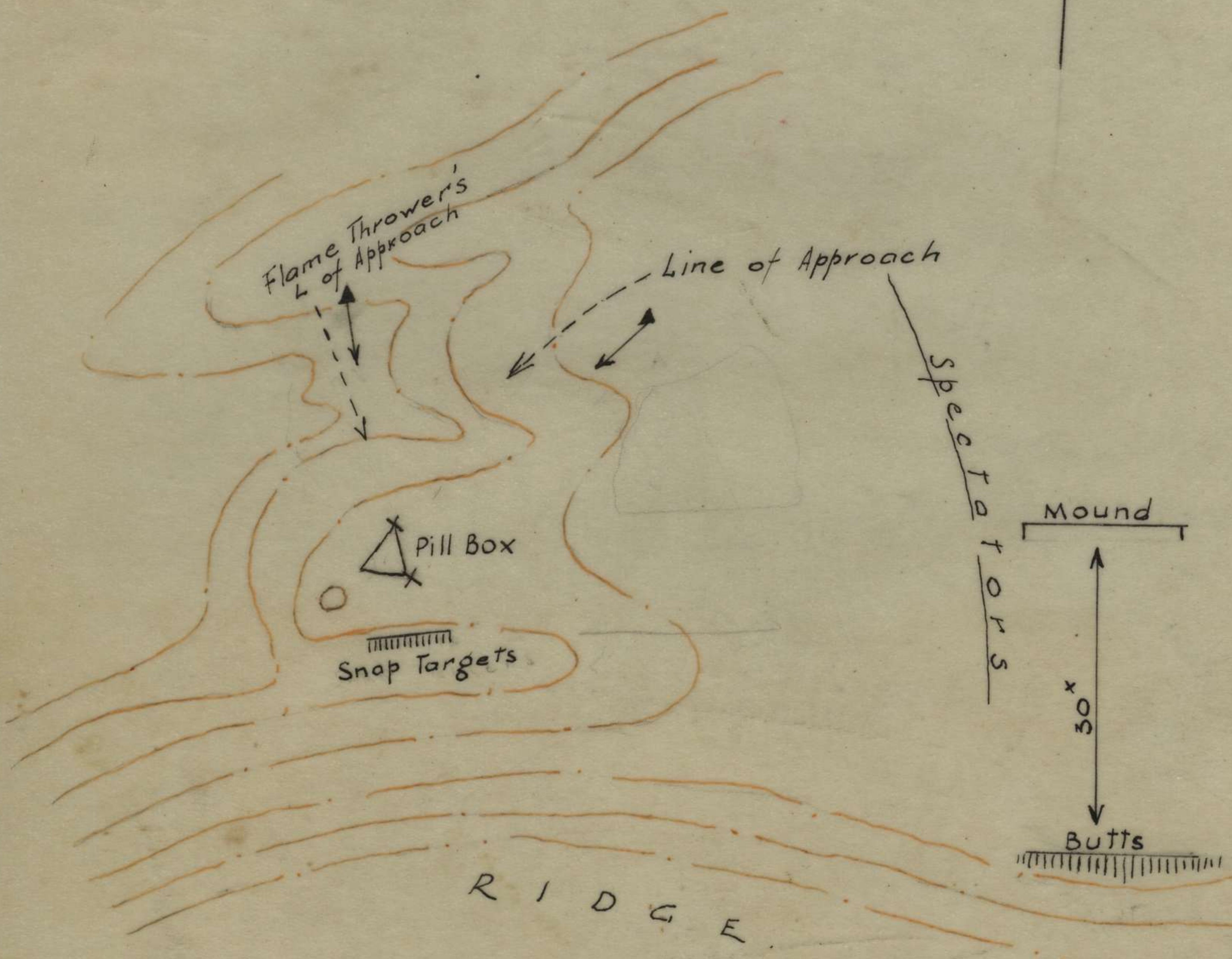
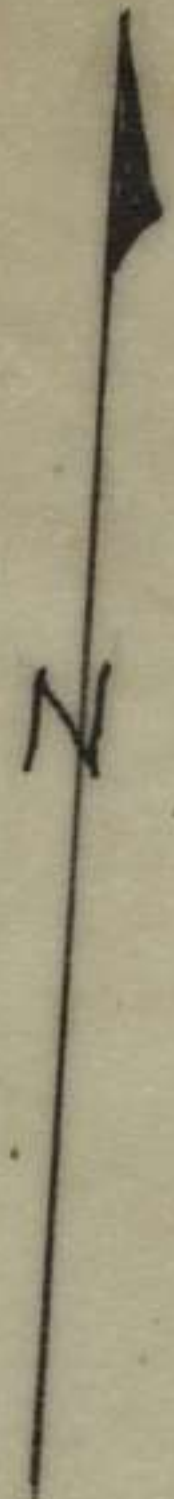
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EYE SKETCH
of
AREA for F/THROWER DEMONSTRATION
Ref. 13052188 TOROKINA RIV.
1'20000.



Approx Scale 20x to 1"

By: Cpl. Charlton.
Int Sec
61 Aust. Inf. Bn.
4 Jan. 44.

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Appx. 5

Subject :- FLAME-THROWING DEMONSTRATION

To: HQ, B, C, D Coys,
7 Aust Inf Bde,
File; War Diary (2 Copies)

HQ 61 Aust Inf Bn
→ Jan 45

1. A demonstration of the U.S. Flame-Thrower Mk 1 A1 will take place on 61 AUST INF BN Minature Range, WHITCOMB TRAIL at 1400 hrs, 5 Jan 45.

2. Sequence of Demonstration:

(a) Explanation of characteristics of Flame-Thrower, with instances of its use - by CAPT S. FLETCHER, OIII (C.W.) 3 Aust Div.

(b) Demonstration of Flame-Throwing :-

CAPT FLETCHER assisted by SGT McGUIRE (B Coy).

(c) Demonstration of Flame-Thrower in use with an infantry Pl.

Safety Officer & Compere - MAJ E.M. TWENLOW
O.C. Platoon - Lt C.B. TOMLINSON
Pers in demonstration - 17 Pl
Flame-Thrower - Sgt McGuire

3. To Attend:

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>NGOs</u>
HQ Coy -	5	6 (incl 3 from 4 Pl)
B " -	3	4
C " -	3	4
D " -	3	3
BnHQ -	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u> (Int Pers)
	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>

4. Tpt:

Tpt Cpl will arrange to collect above pers from coy areas at 1330 hrs.

5. Int Sec will paint two signs - "NO SPECTATORS FORWARD OF THIS NOTICE", and provide a blackboard and easel, to be in posn on range by 051200L. Pers will construct one lectern to be delivered to range at same time.

6. Sig Offr will arrange Public Address System at Range. System to be supplied by 7 Bde.

7. Dress:

Offrs: Belts web, pistol & pouches.

NGOs: Webbing, Rifles or OSMOs.

Note :- Tps taking part may wear berets, woodland green.

8. Amn: During exercise only LMGs will fire. RSM will issue amn as required by OC 17 Pl.

9. Asst Adjt will arrange for one member of Regtl Police to report to Adjt at range at 051330 hrs.


Capt
Adjt 61 Aust Inf Bn

~~Product 1 base~~
~~was~~
War Diary
60.

SUBJECT Ops To 1600 hrs 5 Jan 45

Ref heap VITO 1IN TO 1ML

appx. 6

A Coy
5 Jan 44

1 SECURITY OF BASES As outlined para 3 report dated 29 Dec 44 with constant patrolling (see para 2)

2 PATROLS (as per schedules para)

(a) General (i) Patrols operated with relatively little success due to absence native guides. All patrol comds experienced great difficulty in selection of tracks due to numerous pig & other animal pads in area.
(ii) No patrol reported any signs enemy movement in area.

(b) Special Patrol (AUGAU) Lt BOLSEN 7 police boys and 5 guides dep BASE CAMP 0900 hrs 1 Jan 45 to make close recce area 298981 where enemy force suspected. Arranged RV with fighting patrol (see Serial 14) at KILOLL 891844 ARR X BLOCK 1600 hrs 5 Jan 44.
For prelim report see Serial 14.

(c) Serial 8 Object achieved though no definite track from ref 835945 to HANEMO pond. Track taken however linked with that mentioned Serial 1 (para 4(b) report of 29 Dec 44)

- (d) Serial 9 Object to confirm plotting of track
BASE CAMP - X BLOCK. Estimated from X BLOCK net
872913.
- (e) Serial 10 (comd Cpl MACKENZIE D) Not successful, reached
NANEMO but unable locate track to JUNG 882891.
- (f) Serial 11 (comd Cpl GILLET A) Reached TRACK JUNG
approx 891958. Passed through two villages
names not known, but possibly KUTERIBA and
TORIANA.
- (g) Serial 12 (comd Cpl BEITZ) Experienced difficulty
in finding track to HOWLO, causing delay 2 hrs.
Arr HOWLO but could not locate track to JUNG
867888. Returned by pig tracks KARATO - X BLOCK
- (h) Serial 13 (comd Cpl BRUCE) Recce successful.
- (i) Serial 14 (comd Lt BRAZIER) Preliminary report
only. For night 2/3 Jan 45 at RV. ANGAU patrol
recce area SOUTH of MAJAUB RIVER sqs 8881, 8882
8883, 8981, 8982, 8983. On 2 Jan 45, found no
signs enemy movt. Firm base moved
to SISIKA (true) net 894810 3 Jan 45. Whole
of feature that area reced, patrols linking
with areas covered by Serials 4 & 5. Strong
enemy def posn located area 885818 not
occupied for some months. For area located
884815 previously occupied by 40-60 enemy
tps. Evidence of hurried evac some 10

days ago. This ties up with 2/8 Commando Squ
encounter 24 Dec 44. ETA patrol X Block
1200 hrs 6 Jan 45.

(k) Serial 15 (comd Sgt BRADLEY O) Unable to find
track KEREKOPA - HOWNO.

(l) Serial 16 (Lt DAWES) Not successful - lost track
between JUNE 878875 and KENIMO

(m) Serial 17 Patrol report not yet recd. Patrol
comd (Lt FULLARTON) missing. Offr left patrol
members in area 878928 to try and locate
track, giving instrs that patrol would wait
for him as he would be a short time
only. Patrol waited 3 hrs before moving from
posn to endeavour to locate offr. Could not
follow track taken by offr and could not
establish contact by voice. Patrol returned
X Block 1600 hrs 5 Jan 45.

1 Dec with 2 members patrol party
and 1 native (police boy) dep X Block 0700
hrs for ref 878928. Will endeavour contact
Lt FULLARTON.

Lt BOISEN with ANSAU patrol dep
X Block 060800 hrs 6 Jan 44 to search area

(n) Serial 18 Detailed report not yet recd.
Several JAP OPs along track overlooking
MT BAGANA - TOROKINA area.

- 3 DEFENCE WORKS Digging of new def poans
in area in progress
- 4 SUP (a) Native carrier line efficient. Only
very minor losses due to damaged packages.
(b) Air Dropping. 100% recovery all
food stuffs. One bundle mailed dropped
by BOOMERANG 4 Jan 45 not located. (ret
my signal data 4 Jan 45).
- 5 INTERCOM Good. Double line earth return
established BASE CAMP - X BLOCK 1230 hrs.
3 Jan 45.

Atkinson Capt
9e A Coy

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 116

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

7 aust inf bde

03 1900

Appx. 1

For Action

TO

9 aust inf bn 61 aust inf bn

WNA
J. War Diary

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

25 aust inf bn 7 aust inf bde sig sec
war diary (3)

ORIGINATOR'S No.

01452 secret (.) one coy 9 aust inf bn will relieve
coy 61 aust inf bn HANNO sector (.) for role see method
para 7 aust inf bde 00 number 4 (.) changeover exchange of
gear will be by mutual arrangement (.) complete soonest
practicable after 7 jan 45 (.) existing intercom links will be
taken over by 9 aust inf bn ack

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN
by any means { except

..... } Wireless

Signed

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

Signed

J. Hummerton
MAJ

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR 2001	DR	<i>MA</i>
Time Cleared		

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Appx 8

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6 JAN 45

MOVEMENT ORDER

61 AUST INF BN

(Ref Maps : TOROKINA, MOTUPENA 1 inch to 1 mile)

1. GENERAL. 61 AUST INF BN will move by MT to general area between TAGESSI and JABA RIVERS.
2. ORDER OF MOVT. See Movement Table attached as Appx A.
3. START LINE.

Serials. 1 to 6	BHQ Rd Juno.
Serial 7	B ech.
Serial 8	Jeep Head.
4. V.T.M. 40.
5. M.I.H. 20.
6. ROUTE. McCLELLAND TRAIL to PIVA RD to GRIER RD, thence south-west along coast over TAGESSI RIVER.
7. GUIDES. MAJ C.H. BICKS will meet Serial 1 at TAGESSI RIVER. Other Serials will be met by guides at intervals along rd south of TAGESSI RIVER.
8. ADM.
 - a. Ann. First Line Ann only will be taken. QM will arrange for return to RSD of trg ann.
 - b. Dress. Marching Order as laid down in instr issued to Coys.
 - c. Hygiene Certificate. Within eight hours after movement, Coy Comds will render a certificate to this HQ that areas were left in a clean and hygienic condition.
 - d. Acc Stores. Only C Coy will take tentage apart from "puy." tents. Containers insulated will NOT be taken. Coys will take normal kitchen gear, tanks and several 44 gall drums for water.
9. L.O.B. Pers to be left out of battle are indicated per table, attached as Appx "B". to this Order. On a Coy evacuating an area, LOB pers will clean area, dismantle tents and despatch stores to 7 Aust Inf Bde LOB area under the direction of MAJ G.W. PHILLIPS, OC 61 AUST INF BN LOB CP.
10. INTERCOMN. DV phones will be distributed as follows:-

D Coy	1
C Coy	3
B Coy	1
HQ Coy	2
BnHQ	4.

Signed at ... Mrs.

Issued by Special DR.


 Capt
 Adjt 61 Aust Inf Bn

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APPX A.

61 AUST INF BN MOVEMENT TABLE.

Serial.	Date of Movt	Time	Personnel.	Vehs Reporting		OC	Serial.
				Pers	Gear		
4.	7 Jan 45	0800 ✓	D Coy + 4 Sigs + 4 SBs (99 pers)	6	2	Lt TOMLINSON.	
3	7 Jan 45	0830 ✓	BHQ Adv 29 HQ Coy Coy H.Q. 4 Sigs 11 MMG 4 Mtr 32 Pnr 9 Adm 4 QM Store (Bn SSA Res)	2 4	1 4 4	Lt HOOK Lt FORD	
5	7 Jan 45	0900 ✓	C Coy + Sec MMG 2 SBs 4 Sigs (110 pers)	7	4	Lt BRINKLEY	
4	8 Jan 45	0800	B Coy + Det Mtrs + Sec MMG	7	2	Lt McKELLAR	
5	8 Jan 45	0830	BHQ Rear 13 HQ Coy Coy HQ Sigs Mtr Pnrs Adm QM	1 4	1 3	Capt RUDDER	
6	8 Jan 45	0900	Tk/A Pl (with guns)	2	4	Lt SCOTT-TOMS	
7	10 Jan 45	0900	Pnrs (saw bench)		2	Cpl RUWOLDT	
8	To be arranged		A Coy and Jeep Head Pers 8		2	Capt LAWSON	

61 AUST INF BN

Left Out of Battle Personnel

HQ Coy

Maj G.W. PHILLIPS OC LOB GP
Capt R.A. SINCLAIR
S/Sgt PILBEAM R.B.J.
Sgt COPELAND F.T.
Cpl BATTERHAM D.
" ARCUS F.H.
" WALDRON L.
2 ORs 3 Pl
1 OR 1 Pl
2 " 4 Pl
2 " 5 Pl
1 " 6 Pl
1 " 2 Pl
2 " Coy HQ (Cook and batman)

A Coy

Sgt O'DONNELL T.J.J.
Cpl MacKENZIE W.J.D.
1 OR each Pl

B Coy

Sgt KISS F.
1 OR each pl.

C Coy

Capt R.E. GOWLAND
Lt P.W. HENDERSON
Cpl COTTON A.J.
1 OR each Pl and Pte OSBORNE (awaiting DCM)
2 Batmen

D Coy

Capt J.S. PATERSON
Cpl MILLER C.A.T.
1 OR each Pl
1 batman.

BnHQ

Cpl COHEN
L/Sgt BROWN L.W.C.
16 ORs Band pers.

Coy's will submit nominal roll of L.O.B. pers to this HQ by 070800L.

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H.Q. 25 Aust. Inf. Bn.
6 Jan 1945.

Appx. 9

The Commanding Officer,
61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

I wish to express
my appreciation of the
work done by the Pl. of
61 Bn. in the Piaterapapa
area while attached to
25 Bn.

Every job given to
them was carried out
cheerfully + efficiently. Their
co-operation was splendid
and their discipline was
an example to all troops
in the area.

Many thanks + good
luck for the future ops.

A. S. [Signature]

Lt. Col.
Comd. 25 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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(Appx 10)

3 AUST INF BATTAL NO 3

SECRET
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Ref Maps : BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND 1 in 100,000 (Jan 45)

INFORM

1. Enemy
2. Own Tps

See 3 Aust Div Inf Summaries and summaries of ops to date.

- (a) Dispositions
- (b) Areas of responsibility

See appx "A"

INTENTION

3. 61 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 47 Aust Inf Bn in area of responsibility as shown in appx "A".

METHOD

4. Date of Relief

- (a) One coy 61 Aust Inf Bn will commence relief on 7 Jan 45.
- (b) Remainder of relief as arranged between Comd 29 Aust Inf Bde and CO 61 Aust Inf Bn; details to be reported to Div HQ.

5. Comd

61 Aust Inf Bn will pass from op comd 7 Aust Inf Bde to 3 Aust Div at 1200 hrs 7 Jan 45.

6. Role

61 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for security of area shown in appx "A".

ADM

7. Supp

Will be drawn from TAGESSI DID

8. Res Rations

61 Aust Inf Bn will move with three days res rations.

9. Tpt

61 Aust Inf Bn will advise HQ 3 Aust Div 12 hrs in advance of tpt requirements.

10. Med

Gas will be evac through MDS 778787 to 109 Aust CGS.

INTERCOM

11. Line from Comd Gp HQ 3 Aust Div will be laid by Sigs 3 Aust Div.

~~AKK~~ *acked*
Method of Issue *ARLS*

M. H. G.
Col
G5 3 Aust Div (ALP)

Time of Signature *3/1/45* Hrs

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1st Aust Div (one copy for 61 Aust Div Bn)
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 13th Aust Div
 14th Aust Div
 15th Aust Div

61 Aust Div Bn will relieve 4th Aust Div Bn in area of responsibility as shown in spot "A".

RELIEF

Date of Relief

- (a) One copy of spot "A" will commence relief on 1 Jan 43.
- (b) Remainder of relief as arranged between 61 Aust Div Bn and 4th Aust Div Bn; details to be reported to Div HQ.

Command

61 Aust Div Bn will pass from 61 Aust Div Bn to 4th Aust Div Bn on 1 Jan 43.

Note

61 Aust Div Bn will be responsible for security of area shown in spot "A".

Area

Spot

Will be drawn from "SECRET" file.

See Spot

61 Aust Div Bn will move with 4th Aust Div Bn to new positions.

Top

61 Aust Div Bn will relieve 4th Aust Div Bn in area of responsibility as shown in spot "A".

Med

One will be sent through HQ to 4th Aust Div Bn.

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Line from 61 Aust Div Bn to 4th Aust Div Bn will be drawn from "SECRET" file.

Area

Method of introduction.

Time of signature.

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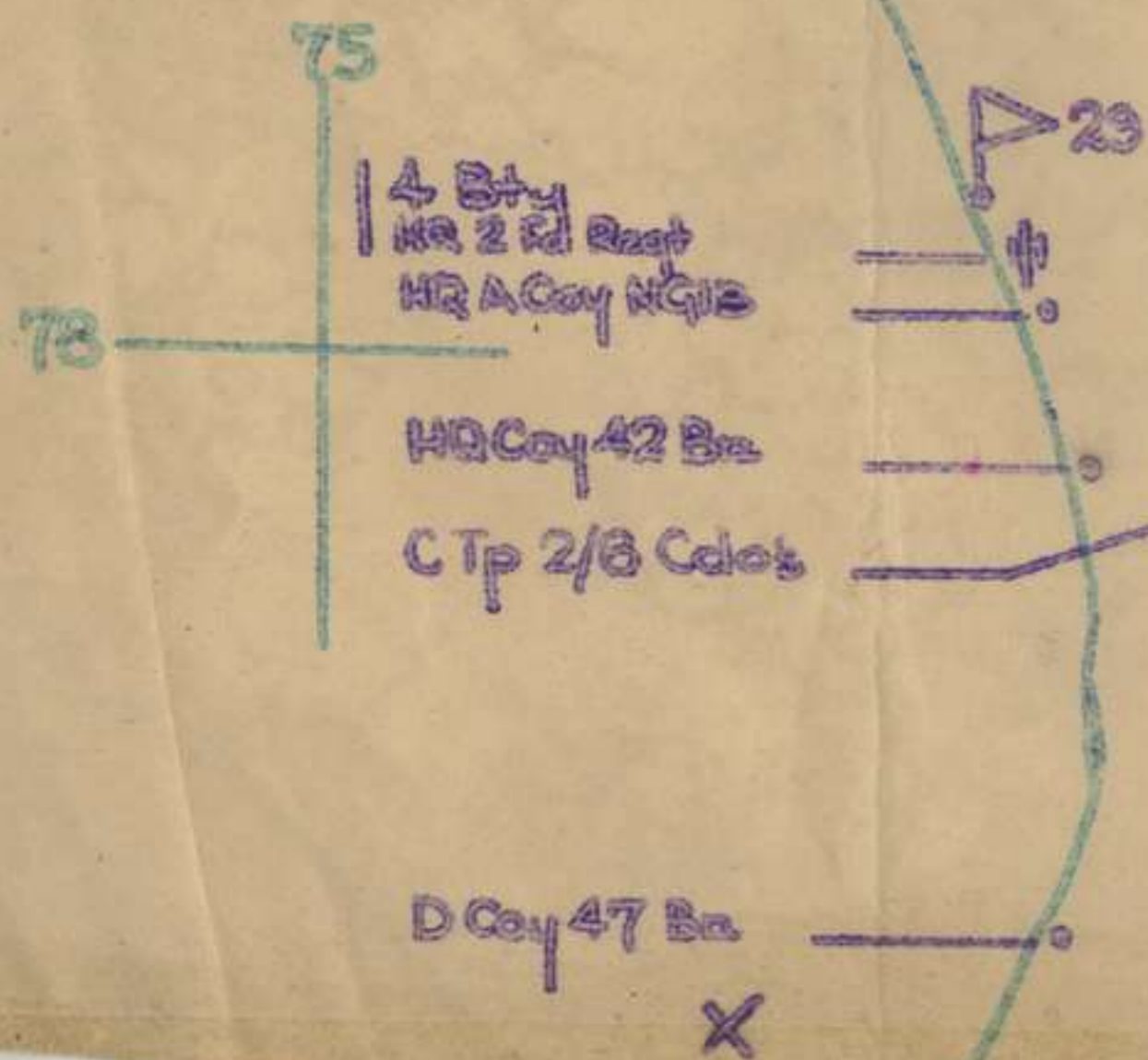
Appendix 'A'
to 3 Aust Div OO No.6
of Jan 43.

Present
PATROL AREA

A Coy, 61 Aust Inf Bn

61 Aust Inf Bn

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY



D Coy 42 Bn
B Coy 42 Bn
A Coy 42 Bn

5 Bty
C Coy 42 Bn
Pl C Coy 47 Bn
B Coy 47 Bn
HQ Coy 47 Bn
C Coy 47 Bn
HQ Coy 15 Bn

Pl, C Coy 47 Bn

A Coy 47 Bn

C Coy 15 Bn
D Coy 15 Bn
(Class 1st)
G Bty

A Coy 15 Bn
B Coy 15 Bn

Pl, D Coy 15 Bn

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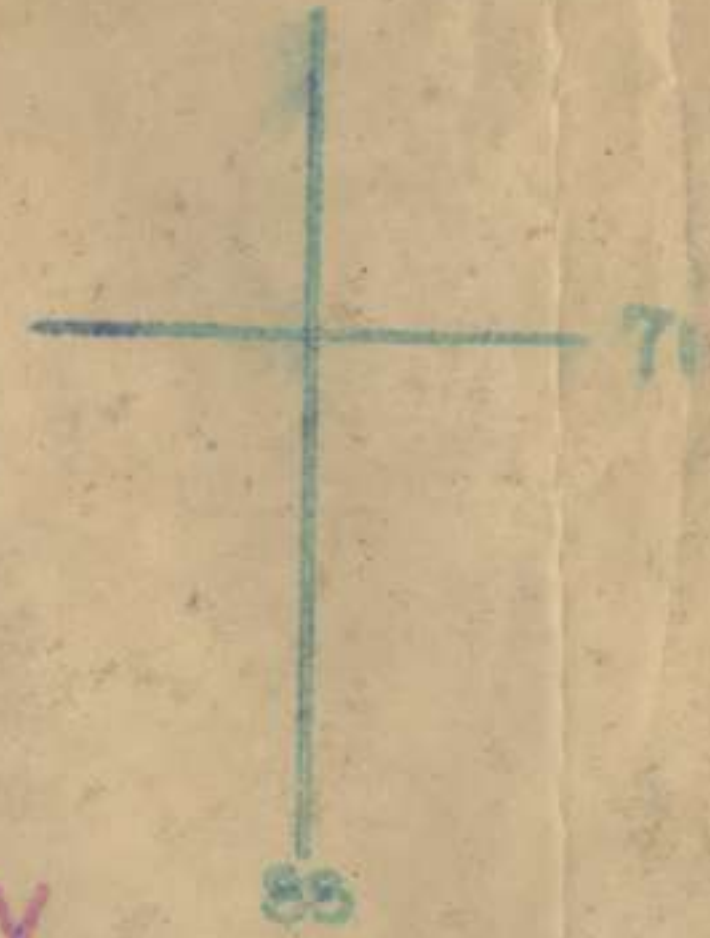
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2/8 Aust Cdo Sqr
AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

15 Aust Inf Bn
AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

15 Aust Inf Bn
PATROL AREA

HQ 2/8 Cdo Sqr
A Tp
B Tp



DISPOSITIONS
and
AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

as at 061800L.

Overlay to TORONNA, VITO, MOTURENA Dr.,
El PURIATA R. Streets 1st Series

appx. 10



OVERLAY OF TRACKS
 BASE CAMP-SISIKA AREA
 REF MAP 'VITO' ONE INCH.

83 + 83

INT SEC 61AUST INF BN
 6 JAN 45.

Waiting
Appx. 12

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

Copy *11*
Serial No *2/45*
Nos: 5/15

by

Lt-Col W. R. DEXTER DSO

COMD 61 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

9 JAN '45

5. SWIMMING.

Swimming parties may be arranged by Coys before breakfast or after 1600 hrs and on rest days. Only cooks and mess orderlies may swim before 1600 hrs. A "Shark" look-out will be posted with a whistle or bugle to warn bathers to leave the water. Coys will organise their own life-saving squads.

6. LIGHTS.

All lights along water front will be screened from the sea.

7. HEAD-DRESS.

Hat KF with hat band or berets, woodland green, may be worn, but patrols, working parties etc will be uniform.

8. CARRYING OF ARMS.

Except on swimming parades, when camp is situated right on beach, tps will carry arms at all times.

9. MALARIA CONTROL.

Coy Comds are responsible that coy malaria squads operate efficiently in and about areas. RMO will direct work.

10. SEASON'S GREETINGS.

Cards expressing best wishes for Xmas and the New Year were received from:- Lt-Col WILES, Lt-Col MELDRUM, Col GRANT, 9 Bn, 25 Bn, 4 Fd Regt, 11 Fd Amb, 2/8 Cdo Sqn, Padre McCULLOCH, Capt CAMPBELL, Lt GREGORY.

11. THE CLANSMAN.

Owing to the shortage of paper, the Clansman will be reduced to a single sheet, but distribution will remain as previously. Copy required from Coys, either by 'phone or in writing. The Clansman News Service will operate per 'phone each evening as previously.

12. CARE OF WEAPONS.

The effect of salt air in this area will necessitate particular attention to the cleaning and maintenance of all weapons.

13. REINFTS 2 AUST CORPS PRO COY.

Considerable deficiencies exist in Pro Units in this area. Applications are called from all Coys for volunteers for Aust Army Pro Corps.

Nominal rolls of volunteers, together with applications and personal details will be forwarded to reach this HQ by 1800hrs 10 Jan 45.

14. PRECAUTIONS IN THE WEARING OF EQPT.

All pers crossing water obstacles, other than by a properly constructed bridge, or moving in any small craft, including landing craft, will have their eqpt loosened so that it may be discarded immediately in the event of capsize or sinking of craft.

15. 3 AUST DIV ATHLETIC SPORTS MEETING. -RESULTS.

Best team of the day.	61 Aust Inf Bn	70½ pts.
2	9 Aust Inf Bn	40 "
3	Sigs 3 Aust Div	34 "
4	3 Aust Div Pro Coy	21 "
5	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div	15 "
6	4 Fd Regt	14½ "

The Commanding Officer offers his congratulations to the Team on its splendid win and good sportsmanship.

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[Signature]
Coyt
ACjt 61 Aust Inf Bn

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61 AUST INF BN
TRG OF INF IN COOPERATION WITH TKS.
(Ref Map TOROKINA one inch)

HQ 61 AUST INF BN
12 JAN 45

GENERAL.

1. 61 Aust Inf Bn is to undergo a period of trg in inf co-operation with tks. One tp of tks from B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt has been allotted to this Bn.

DEMONSTRATION.

2. A demonstration of Tk Employment as a drill will be held at Range 28 Square 5797 at 0900 hrs 13 Jan 45.

3. Offrs to attend (except those from C Coy) will assemble at Bn HQ at 0700 hrs 13 Jan 45. TO will arrange to collect offrs from B and D Coys and G Coy offrs will be collected en route. Names of offrs attending have been notified by phone. Offrs will take cut lunches.

TRG WITH TKS.

4. Each rifle coy will be formed into a coy gp for this trg. A Coy Gp will consist of rifle coy, one sec pnrs, 4 sigs, 4 stretcher bearers, 1 int pers.

5. Dates of Trg and arrangements for movement are as shown on schedule attached as Appx A to this instr.


6. Coy Comds will ensure that all offrs and NCO's have taken part in discussions on this type of trg with reference to ATM 28 Appx C ATM 2 part II para 10, ATM 36 part II para 14.

ADM.

7. TO will arrange for guides to meet tpt on arrival in JABA River area and TO will be responsible for convoys to Trg area.

8. LOB will sup 20 tents without flys and arrange tpt for same. to biv area by 1000 hrs, 13 Jan 45. LOB will collect these tents at 0615 hrs 30 Jan 45. Q M to arrange.

9. First line amn, excl 2" mtr bombs and grenades will be taken to trg area. Bombs and grenades will be collected by RSM on day prior to coy moving out and stored in Bn SAA Res until coy returns.


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Bn.

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61 AUST INF BN : SCHEDULE OF MOVEMENT FOR TANK CO-OPERATION TRG.
 Ref. Map TOROKINA 1"

'APPX "A"

Date	Coy	Embussing Time	Place	For Mov to.	Tpt	Tpt Provided by.	Remarks and Adm instrs.
13 Jan	B	0800	B Coy	Sq 6994	8 x 3 ton	3 Div.	Trg Days 15-17 Jan. Move with 20 flys, kitchen gear, unconsumed portion of day's rations and all pers.
13 Jan	D	0830	D Coy	B Coy area	2 x 1/4 ton	61 Bn	Tps will march. Jeeps for gear only. Tents left standing in D Coy area. 20 flys will be taken by D Coy to B Coy area. Offr i/c move - Lt HENDERSON.
							Tents and flys be left standing in biv area. Coy will return with own coy stores.
18 Jan	B	0630	Sq 6994	B Coy area	8 x 3 ton	3 Div	
18 Jan	D	0800	B Coy area	A coy area	2 x 1/4 ton	61 Bn	No tents or flys to be moved. Pers to march. Gear shifted per jeep.
18 Jan	A	0900	A Coy areas	Sq 6994	8 x 3 ton	3 Div	Trg Days 19-21 Jan. Move with unconsumed portion of day's ration, kitchen gear and all pers, no tents or flys. A Coy will back load in vehs returning B Coy
22 Jan	A	0630	Sq 6994	A Coy areas	8 x 3 ton	3 Div	Tents will be left standing in biv area. Coy will return with own coy stores.
22 Jan	C	0900	C Coy areas	Sq 6994	8 x 3 ton	3 Div	Trg Days 23-25 Jan. Move with kitchen gear and normal stores and unconsumed portion of days rations, no tents or flys. Coy to back load in A Coy's vehs.
22 Jan	D	0800	A Coy areas	C Coy areas	2 x 1/4 ton	61 Bn	No tents or flys to be moved. Tps will march. Gear will be moved by jeep.
26 Jan	C	0630	Sq 6994	C Coy areas	8 x 3 ton	3 Div	Return with coy stores, tents & flys, will be left standing in biv area.
26 Jan	D	0900	C Coy Area	Sq 6994	8 x 3 ton	3 Div	Trg Days 27-29 Jan. Move with kitchen gear and normal coy stores and unconsumed portion of days rations, no tents or flys. Coy will back load on C Coy's vehs.
30 Jan	D	0630	Sq 6994	D Coy area	8 x 3 ton	3 Div	Coy will return with own stores and 20 tent flys. Tents will be collected by LOB. Certificate will be rendered that area has been left in a clear and hygienic condition.

NOTE: On 20 Jan, 11 Pl will relieve 17 Pl on MAUROPA RIVER, under mutual arrangements between Coy Comds of B & D Coys. Accommodation stores will be left at 17 Pl area and B Coy will hand over similar amount to D Coy.

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Appx 14

Headquarters
 61 Aust Inf Bn
 13 Jan 45

GENERAL:

1. Whilst the bn is bivouaced in this area, certain types of trg will be carried on. Demands for working parties will interrupt the syllabus, but coy comds will devote as much time as possible to trg.

2. Hours of Trg will be :-

0815 to 1145
 1315 to 1600

and trg will commence on Monday, 15 Jan 45.

3. The following types of trg will be carried out :-

- (a) Inf co-operation with Tks
- (b) River X-ings
- (c) Physical Trg
- (d) Lecturettes & Sand Table Discussions
- (e) Weapon Trg
- (f) Specialist Trg
- (g) First Aid Trg

INF CO-OPERATION WITH TKS:

4. A separate instr has been issued.

RIVER X-INGS:

5. River X-ing exercises will be prepared by coys, preferably on a pl basis, though all pers will be practiced. Exercises will be carried out on the TAGESSI RIVER. The various methods of x-ing will be included in the exercise, the outline of which will be submitted to this HQ at least 48 hrs before day allotted for exercise. Specialist pls will also carry out river x-ing exercises. Ref ATM 35, para 1.

6. Allotment of dates for River X-ing Exercise :-

17 - 18 Jan	:	C Coy
19 - 20 "	:	HQ "
22 - 23 "	:	B "
24 - 25 "	:	D "
26 - 27 "	:	A "

On the first day various types of x-ings will be practiced and on the second day x-ings will be tactical. Coys will not camp overnight at river.

PHYSICAL TRG:

7. The importance of physical fitness cannot be too highly stressed and in our present location ample opportunities exist to preserve physical fitness. Each coy has pers trained as P.T. instr and a graded syllabus, to include physical culture, life-saving and swimming instr, and unarmed combat will be drawn up and the coy exercised on the beach at 1530 hrs daily except Sunday. These syllabi will be submitted to this HQ.

LECTURETTES & SAND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:

8. All coys will have constructed a sand-table by 15 Jan, and TESWT will be conducted twice weekly. Other sand-table discussions will be arranged by pl comds etc to incl such subjects as ambushes, sec tactics, attack on a pill-box, pl in advance, patrolling.

9. Lecturettes on the news of the world will be given at least every two days - preferably daily.

10. Educ lectures will be arranged.

WEAPON TRG:

11. Brief recapitulation classes on all weapons will be conducted perhaps an hour per day on weapons.

SPECIALIST TRG:

12. Specialist Pers will continue trg along their own special lines. 4 Pl will practice sighting, digging-in and man-handling of guns over the beach etc. 5 Pl will experiment with rafts and other aids to river x-ings.

FIRST AID TRG:

13. A mobile squad of bn stretcher bearers will visit coys to give practical demonstrations in first aid. All tps will be present and will practice first aid after instr. Attached tps will also attend.

14. Dates allotted for trg in First Aid :-

	<u>a.m.</u>	<u>p.m.</u>
16 Jan	A Coy	3, 4, 5 Pls
17 "	D "	"
19 "	C "	BHQ
20 "	B "	C Coy
22 "	3, 4, 5 Pls	D "
23 "	A Coy	BHQ
24 "	B "	-

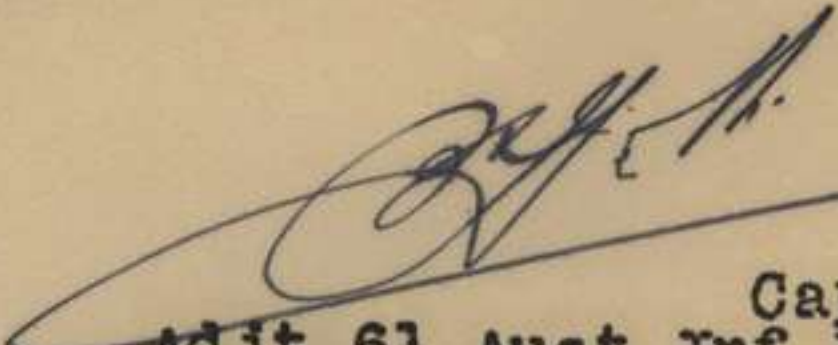
Whenever possible or necessary T.O. will arrange tpt for Stretcher bearer squad.

MODEL WEAPON PIT:

15. Each rifle pl will construct one model rifle pit in pl area. Pit will be revetted and will be dug to the design originated by the pl. Tps will be allowed to express their ideas freely on the subject. Pits will be ready for inspection by 24 Jan 45.

SUBMISSION OF SYLLABUS:

16. Coys will submit trg syllabus for week to this HQ by 1300 hrs Sunday preceeding week. Daily trg parade states will be sent to BHQ by 0730 hrs.


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Adjt 61 Aust Inf Bn

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61 AUST INF BN O.O. NO. 1
(Ref Map : MOTUPENA POINT & PURIATA R TRACK)
MAP one inch.

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14 JAN 45

INFM.

1. ENEMY.

As per 61 Aust Inf Bn REVSITS to 14 Jan 45.

2. OWN TPS

29 Aust Inf Bde is driving SOUTH along the coast having reached general area ADELE R.

2/8 Aust Commando Sqn will be operating from firm bases - yet to be occupied - on long range patrols in the general area NIGITAN - MENDAI.

5. ADDITIONAL TPS IN SP.

4 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt.

INTENTION.

4. 61 Aust Inf Bn will assume responsibility of area as per trace att. Appx C.

METHOD.

5. Tps & Task.

(a) TWEMFORCE

Comd - Maj E. McK TWEMLOW,

Tps - C Coy, D Coy less 17 Pl

two 2 dets ~~Mortar~~, one sub-sec MMG, one sec pnsrs,
Det sigs, SBs, and Int pers.
4 Bty 2 Aust Fd Regt in sp.

Tasks- (i) C Coy less one pl occupy 794735

One Pl C Coy occupy 793736

D Coy less 17 Pl occupy 792738

(ii) Destroy enemy in area of responsibility as per trace Appx D.

(iii) Est strong firm bases in areas allotted.

(iv) Aggressive patrolling.

(b) TAGESSI FORCE

Tps & Task.

A Coy - one pl with u/o one sub-sec MMG TAGESSI R mouth area.

- one pl 779786

- one pl with u/o one sec MMG, two dets ~~Mortar~~ 777765

- Coy HQ 782776.

Tasks - (i) Protection DID.

(ii) Protection 25 pdr gun posns.

(iii) Daily patrol along North bank of JABA R to 794735 to contact 2/8 Aust Commando Sqn.

HQ Coy- Perimeter area 782776.

Tasks- (i) Protection BnHQ.

(ii) Patrolling of tracks leading EAST.

17 Pl - Firm base 797787

- Tasks: (i) Prevent any enemy mov from EAST-WEST TRAIL.
(ii) Daily patrol East as far as time permits along EAST WEST TRAIL.

6. TIME OF OCCUPATION.

Tps will be in posn by 171800L
For details see Appx A.

7 ED ARTY

TWEMFORCE

- (i) DF tasks to be registered (if not already done so)
- (ii) Fire to be brought down ONLY on located enemy posns.
- (iii) Harrassing fire to be used ONLY on located enemy posns
- (iv) Amn expenditure 30 rpg per day.
- (v) FOO to move with patrols as ordered by O/C FORCE.

8. MMG

TWEMFORCE

Task as ordered by O/C FORCE.

TAGESSEI FORCE

One sub-section TAGESSEI R MOUTH.
One section 775763.
Tasks as allotted previously.

^{MORTARS}
9. MTRS.

TWEMFORCE

- (i) One det 794735
One det 792738
- (ii) Tasks (a) Register for DF
(b) Opportunity targets.

TAGESSEI FORCE

Two dets 777765
Tasks as already allotted.
Res. Four dets 782776.

10. PNRS.

TWEMFORCE

Tasks Improvements of tracks and brs.
Booby trap advice.
Def role in perimeter.

TAGESSEI FORCE

Tasks As ordered.
Def role in Perimeter.

11. TK/A.

Def role in perimeter.

12. PRIORITY OF WORK.

As per Bn Standing Orders Sec 18 para E(1)

13. PATROLLING POLICY.

Patrolling will be aggressive. Track-going maps will be submitted as often as possible. Patrol schedules for day will be submitted to this HQ by 1900 hrs previous day.

14. SPECIAL INSTRS.

B Coy at present trg with Tks in EAST-WEST TRAIL area will take over A Coy's responsibilities on return to TAGESSEI AREA.

ADM

15. RATIONS.

TWEMFORCE will move with unexpired portion of day's rations and 3 day's rations will be transported to new area under arrangements by this HQ.

16. AMN. See Appx B.

17. TPT See Appx A.
Tpt for mov of A Coy pls to new areas will be arranged by direct lia on between OC A Coy and TO.

18. ACCOMMODATION STORES.

Only a limited amount of kitchen gear will be taken by TWEMFORCE e.g. cooking utensils, 2 or 3 tent flys. Stoves etc. will be forwarded later. Surplus stores will be stored at QM store and transported there under arrangements with TO.

19. DRESS

Tps will move in full marching order with helmets steel on pack. Hats KF will be labelled and returned with surplus stores.

20. PARADE STATES.

Coys will submit daily battle and ann parade state.

21. FERRY SERVICE.

A ferry service will be established from JABA R mouth to TWEMFORCE. Times of service later. This service will be used for forwarding and returning despatches, mail etc.

22. MED

RMO will ensure adequate medical kit is sent forward with Bn stretcher bearers with TWEMFORCE.

Casualties will be evacuated by outboard motor and this HQ notified, so collection at barge pt can be arranged.

23. P. W.


TWEMFORCE will provide escort for PW to barge pt at JABA R mouth where Regt Police will take over.

INTERCOMN

24. BnHQ will remain present area.

25. L/T One six LUC switchboard and five DV phones to be allotted TWEMFORCE.
SITREPS, confidential sigs etc, will be sent by fuller-
phone.

ACK.


Adjnt 61 Aust Inf Capt
Bn

Signed at ~~08~~ 2115 hrs
Issued by Special D/R

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61 AUST INF BN : LOADING AND MOVEMENT TABLE.

APPX 'A' to
61 AUST INF BN OO NO 1
of 14 Jan 45.

Date	Barge Den JABA R.	Load No	Personnel	Stores	Transport (M.T.)			
					3 ton	1 ton	Report to	
							Time	
15 Jan 45	0600	1	27 C Coy 5 D Coy (Offrs) 5 Sigs 1 SB 1 Int.	-	2	1	D Coy C Coy HQ	0540 0530
	0800	2	-	4 tons - Sig Panier Res Amn 3 days rations for 200 C Coy Stores	1		C Coy HQ	0645
	1030	3	35 C Coy		2		BnHQ C Coy HQ	0645 0945
	1300	4	29 C Coy 6 3 Pl	1 x 5" Mortar	2		C Coy HQ Collect 3 Pl at BnHQ	1215
16 Jan 45	0600	1	26 D Coy 2 SBs 7 2 Pl	1 Stretcher 1 x .303 MMG		1	BnHQ	0530
17 Jan 45	0600	1	22 D Coy 4 1 Pl 2 Int Pers 7 5 Pl			3	BnHQ	0530
	0800	2	15 D Coy 4 SBs 6 3 Pl	D Coy Stores 1 Stretcher 1 x 5" Mortar		1	D Coy HQ BnHQ	0715 0710

NOTE: (a) Load 2 15 Jan 45 -- loading and unloading party provided by BnHQ.
(b) Trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ ton will be equipped with trailers.

AMMUNITION TABLE : "TWEMFORCE"

Appx "B"
to 61 Aust Inf Bn O.O.No.1
14 Jan 45

	On Man	With Gun	Res (Total for Force)
.303 Bdr	50		7500
.303 Carton	200		7,500
.303 Charger		2,000	1,000
9 m.m.	240		22,200
Mortar 2" HE		12	120
Mortar 2" Smoke		6	30
Mortar 3" HE		20	62
Mortar 3" Smoke		4	22
36M Grenades 4 Sec			644
36M Grenades 7 Sec		4	144
Sig Cartridges		6 W 2 R 2 G	6 W 2 R 2 G
.38 Pistol	12		90

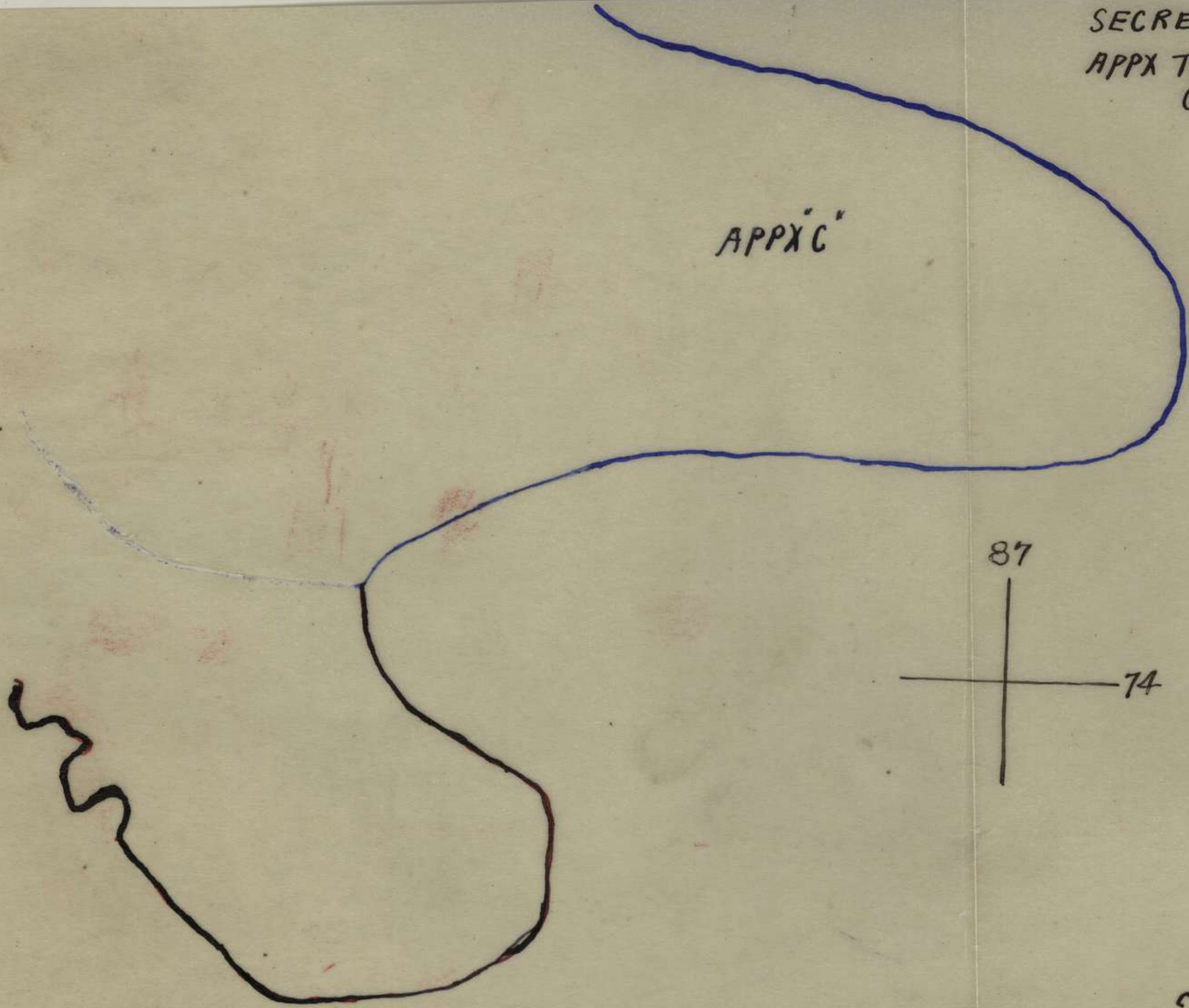
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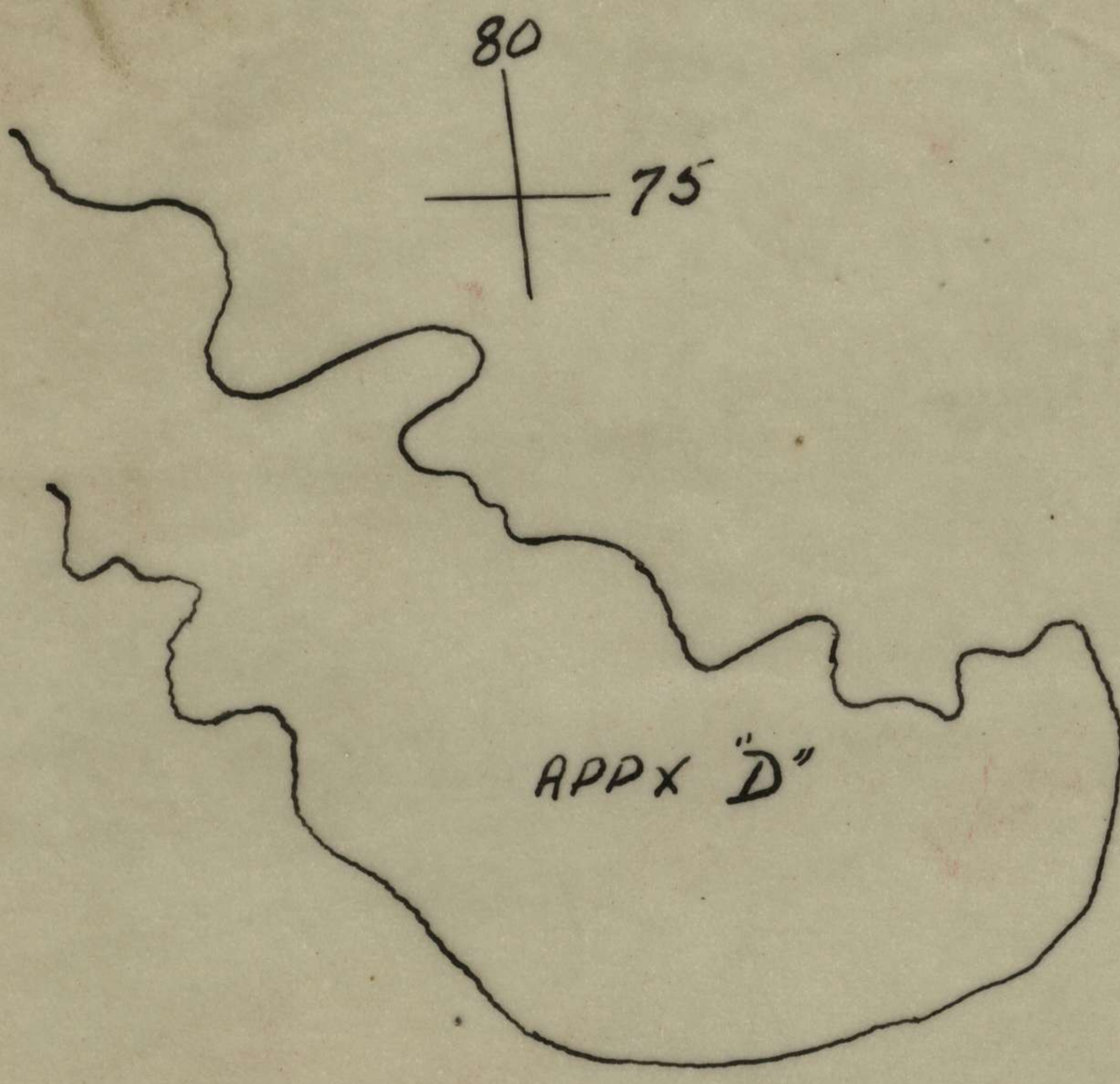
TWEMFORCE Amn res will be maintained at D Coy HQ, new area.

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SUBJECT : MOV TWO COYS 61 AUST INF BN - B.P. 3 to B.P. 6

COMD CP 3 AUST DIV

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2/8 AUST CDO SQN
61 AUST INF BN

Copy to :

AREA COMD TAGESSI
CS
SUP. O.
O.C. DET 42 AUST LANDING CRAFT COY

1. The appended mov table will apply for mov two coys 61 Aust Inf Bn in accordance with 3 Aust Div O.O. No 6 of 14 Jan '45 not to all addressees.

[Signature]
 LT-COL
 AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV

Serial	Date	Craft	Depart Barge Loading Point No. 3	Load	Remarks
1.	15 Jan '45	ALCA	0600L	35 personnel 61 Aust Inf Bn	(a) Max load of craft (i) 35 pers equipped <i>or</i> (ii) 3½ DW stores. (b) Area Comd Tagessi will supply loading parties at B.P. 3 for loading AASC stores onto barge.
			0800L	Stores 61 Aust Inf Bn	
			1030L	35 personnel 61 Aust Inf Bn	
			1300L	35 personnel 61 Aust Inf Bn	
2.	16 Jan '45	ALCA	0600L	35 personnel 61 Aust Inf Bn	(c) 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn and 61 Aust Inf Bn will arrange mutually for expeditious discharge of stores at B.P. 6, and assistance to AASC det in stocking of stores and erection of cover.
			0800L	AASC supplies	
			1030L		
			1300L		
3.	17 Jan '45	ALCA	0600L	35 personnel 61 Aust Inf Bn	
			0800L	29 personnel and 1 ton stores 61 Aust Inf Bn	
			1030L	AASC supplies	
			1300L		

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Map : MOTUPENA POINT AND PURIATA
RIVER TRACK MAP 1 in to 1 mile

14 Jan '45.

Appx 17

INFM1. Enemy

See 3 Aust Div Int Summaries and summaries of ops issued to date.

2. Own Tps

- (a) Dispositions) See appx "A"
(b) Areas of responsibility)

INTENTION

3. Two Coy Gps (less one pl) 61 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn in area of responsibility as shown in appx "A".

METHOD4. Date of Relief

Will commence on 15 Jan '45 and be completed by 1600 hrs 17 Jan '45.

5. Role

61 Aust Inf Bn - issued separately as 3 Aust Div Op Instr No 14.

6. Arty

4 Bty, 2 Aust Fd Regt will pass from sp of 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn and will be in sp of 61 Aust Inf Bn as from 1600 hrs 17 Jan '45.

ADM7. Sups

Res of 7 days for 500 European and 60 natives will be est under AASC control at 791738 for maint 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn and two Coy Gps (less one pl) 61 Aust Inf Bn.

8. Amn to be held by Units

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn - 1st line plus 1 refill.
Two Coys (less one pl) 61 Aust Inf Bn - 1st line.

9. Med

Evac by watercraft to Med Staging Post at JABA RIVER MOUTH.

10. Native Carriers

50 native carriers allotted to, and will be based fwd as required by, O.C. 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn.

11. Watercraft

One folding boat powered by outboard motor is allotted to 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. One ALCA under div control is allotted for maintaining units based on 791738.

INTERCOMN12. Line

Existing line comms to 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn will be taken over by 61 Aust Inf Bn.

13. DRLS

Existing DRLS timetable to 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn will be maintained for 61 Aust Inf Bn.

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G.S. 3 Aust Div (AIF)

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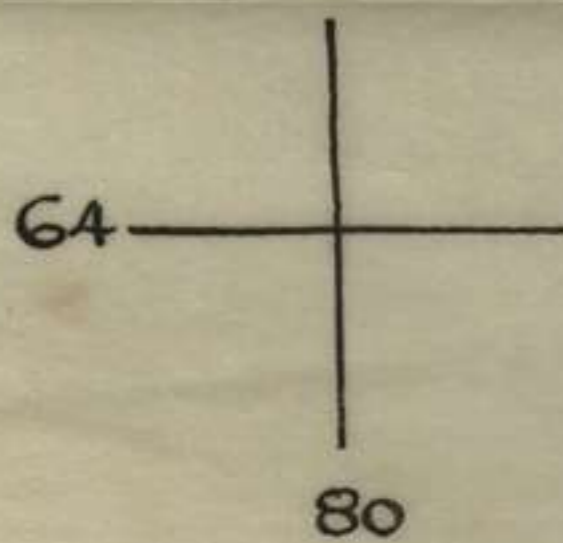
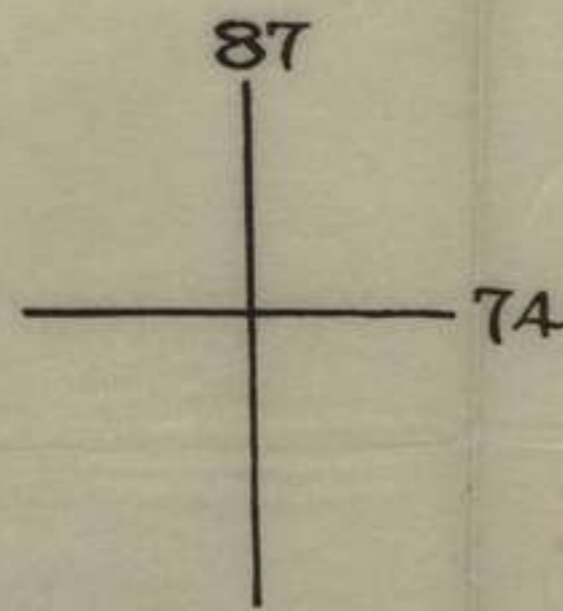
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2/8 AUST CDO SQN

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PURIATA A Track Map 1:63360



Jan '45

Ref Map : MOTUPENA POINT AND PURIATA
RIVER TRACK MAP 1 in to 1 mile

To : Lt Col W.R.Dexter
C.O. 61 Aust Inf Bn

1. Indications are that enemy forces in the KUPON, NIGITAN, MOSINA, MENDAI area have been reinforced. To what extent is not yet known.
2. In view of this, 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn has been allocated the area of responsibility as shown in appx "A" att. It has been ordered to conduct active recce of the area KUPON, NIGITAN, MOSINA, MENDAI, SISIRUAI to ascertain details of enemy dispositions, terrain and intentions.
3. Two coy gps (less one pl) 61 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn in order to free it for the above op.
4. Your role is:-
To secure the area as shown in appx "A" att and prevent enemy infiltration into your area of responsibility.
5. Bdy between two coy gps (less one pl) 61 Aust Inf Bn and flanking units is shown in appx "A" att.
6. You will submit to this HQ by 2000 hrs daily and detail showing proposed patrols for the following day, in order that flanking units may be informed.
7. You will be informed by 2100 hrs daily regarding proposed patrols by flanking units.

W. Bragg

Maj-Gen
Comd 3 Aust Div (AIF)

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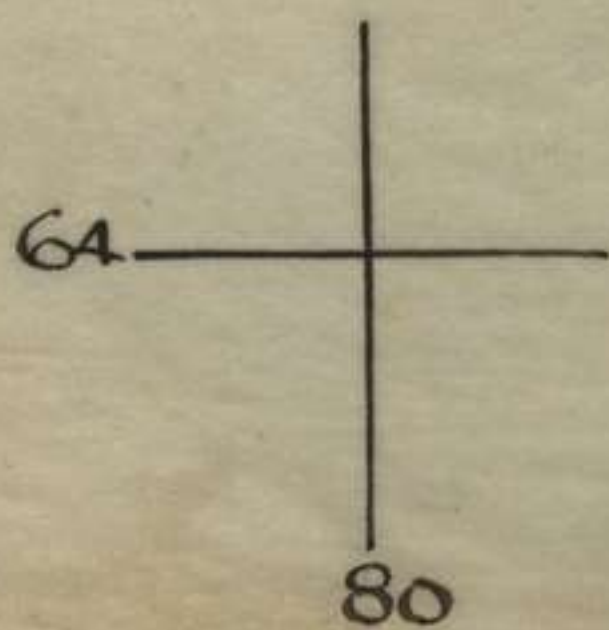
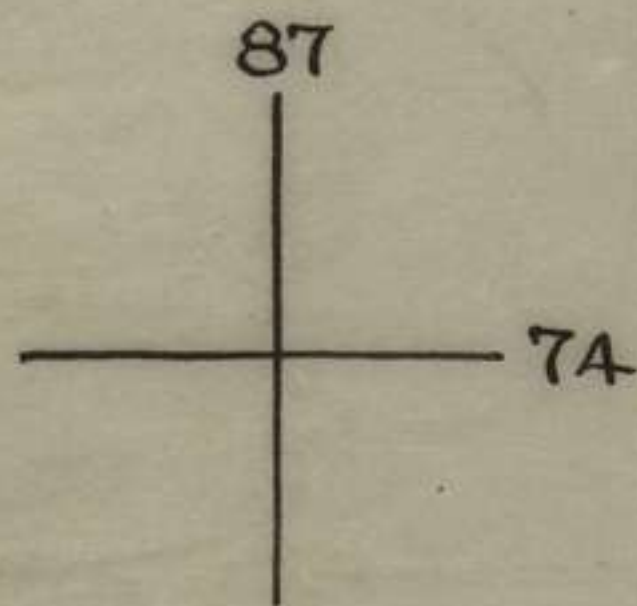
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PURIATA R. Track Map 1:63360



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EXTRACTS FROM PATROL REPORTS TO 131830L

"TWINFORCE"

TRACK MAP

Ref Map MOTUPENA PT - PUMIATA R. 1 inch to 1 mile.

1. PATROL SERIAL 1 (1 Offr 10 ORs to 817714 17 Jan)

(a) Signs of enemy occupation:

At 815716 on faint track running SOUTH from main track a small heap of fresh lily roots was found. They appeared to have been dug about three hours previously. (mess tin captured following day contained fresh edible roots.)

Numerous weapon pits along track about 15 yds in jungle, show no sign of recent occupation.

Six decomposed bodies were seen at intervals along track.

(b) Condition of track:

Fairly good condition, boggy in places. Up to 10 yds in width. ~~Fair~~ ^{Five} large tree trunks across track.

Although boggy in places track could be made jeepable with little work. No culverts or bridges considered necessary.

Track and ground either side would allow use of tks.

2. PATROL SERIAL 2 (1 Offr 10 ORs, 100 to 822715) 18 Jan)

(a) Contact

Fwd scout made contact with enemy at 825715 at 181020L. A right flanking move by patrol drew fire from 2 to 3 LMGs and rifles from 15 yds range. Strength of enemy est at 20 to 25. One enemy killed on track, our fwd scout under covering fire captured rifle and haversack but was wounded. Patrol then withdrew to Arty phone at 814718. Arty fire brought down on enemy posn. Results unobserved.

(b) Condition of enemy

Jap killed was young, age est about 20 yrs, in good condition, clothing fair, and wearing boots and cap.

(c) Topography

From 822715 track swung NORTH to 825715. Wide track ended and became narrow, boggy, footpad with hy jungle either side.

At 823715 a branch track running at 180° was reced for 500^x. Found to be well used, hard surfaced foot track.

A. J. Dain
Lt
Int Offr 61 Aust Inf Bn.

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FORCE STANDING ORDERS

18 Jan.

- 1) ALARM SIGNALS. Section alarm by means of pullwire
Troops will man defensive positions immediately
Will NOT open fire until being attacked in
force Do NOT return desultory fire
- 2) REPORTS ON BOOBY TRAPS BEING SPAUNG
Perimeter Comd. will ring Force HQ. to notify whether
spung by enemy or by accident. In any case.
Troops will STAND TO. for period determined by
Comd of particular perimeter.
- 3) TRACK DISCIPLINE - Tracks other than existing tracks
will NOT be made.
- 4) TRAINING AND EATING OF RATIONS TACTICALLY. Half section
at time will draw meals & return to defensive position
On completion of defence. 2 days hard rations will
be placed in pit
- 5) AMMUNITION (A) One handker. 303. plus 2 grenades.
36 M. HAND. per man will be kept in defensive position
Further 200 RPS. canteen for BREN ALSO. 200 RPS 9mm
B) Ammunition return to FORCE SGT MAJOR by 1000 hrs.
daily
- 6) TIMES FOR REMOVAL & SITING OF BOOBY TRAPS
Except on main track all booby traps will be laid
by 1900 hrs. but NOT before 8.5 hrs. Booby traps
on main track will be laid after this HQ has
been notified that perimeter is closed. SECTION LEADERS
will be responsible for sating of traps and sketch
of trapped area to be kept at Perimeter HQs.

FORCE STANDING ORDERS. CONT.

b) CONT'D. - Pioneers. will be used for special occasions in this work.

Booby TRAPS will be taken up by 0630 each morning. Perimeter bands will notify Force HQ's when traps have been laid & taken up.

1) TIMBER FOR FIELD WORKS. - Will be used from outside perimeter

2) STAND TO. a) 1845 - 1945 ?

b) 0530 - 0630 ?

c) There will be NO lights or smoking after stand to each evening or prior to stand down at 0630 hrs. Consider time down should not be stated. SD on Force Comd orders only.

d) All movement in & out of perimeter after 1845 hrs. will be treated as hostile

9) KITCHEN FIRES. Will NOT be lit earlier than 0615 hrs. and will be extinguished by 1830 hrs.

10) MEALS. 0730 hrs }
1215 hrs } PAUSE.
1700 hrs }

11) SMOKING. as per. PARA 8. SUB PARA. C.

12) SENTRIES BY DAY & NIGHT

a) 3 sentries per perimeter by day

b) 6 " " " " " " night

c) Pl SGTs & C.S.M. will keep sentry rosters.

B) PATROLLING POLICY. Thorough and aggressive. Strengths to be determined by Force Comd. & according to nature of patrol

8) Prior to stand down both morning & evening small.

FORCE. STANDING ORDERS. CONTY.

13) COMTY. (C) security patrols will be sent out on tracks leading from perimeter. reports will be sent to Force HQ's

14) ATHEBRIN. Pl. Comps. will visit each section immediately after 0630 hrs. to administer tablets. Pl. Atebrin roll will be kept.

B) Pl. Comps. will be held responsible for any cases of malaria within the Pl.

15. WEAPONS. - Weapons. will be carried at all times except in case of carrying parties when armed escort will be provided

16) DEFENCE POSITIONS. as per Bn Standing Orders

17) SALUTING. There will be NO. saluting

18) ABLUTIONS. & SHAVING. - All ranks. will be shaved by 0700 hrs. each morning.

B) BATHING times will be staggered by Pl. perimeters

19) MEDICAL A. Sick PARADE at Force HQ's 0800 hrs daily

B) Evacuation by barge.

20) EVACUATION & P.W.'S - To Force HQ's thence by barge to Bn

21) CAPTURED WEAPONS. & DOCUMENTS A) As above

B) Handling as per Bn STANDING ORDERS.

22) PRESS. (A) Anti-malarial dress & precautions as laid down by Bn. will be strictly adhered to

B) Shirts may be removed at discretion perimeter Comd.

G. H. [Signature]
O/R TWEN FORCE

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Ref : MOTUPENA PT and PURIATA R
TRACK MAP 1 in to 1 ml

20 Jan 45

INFM

1. Enemy

As contained in current int summaries and summaries of ops.

2. Likely enemy action

- (a) It is considered likely that the enemy will employ small recon patrols and endeavour to obtain detailed infm of our dispositions.
- (b) Vigorous counter attacks for the recapture of lost ground must be expected.

3. Own Tps

(a) Dispositions and areas of Responsibility:
As shown in trace att as appx A.

(b) Roles

(i) 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn

Active recon of the area KUPON, NIGITAN, MOSINA, MENDAI, SISIRUAI to ascertain details of terrain, enemy dispositions and intentions.

(ii) 29 Aust Inf Bde

Secure present area against enemy action and extensive patrols to ascertain enemy dispositions in MAWARAKA area, enemy movement on track running west from MOSIGETTA to MAWARAKA, and enemy movement and activity in area west from track SISIRUAI, RUARURO, MOSIGETTA.

(iii) 61 Aust Inf Bn

Secure area as shown in appx A and prevent enemy infiltration into its area of responsibility.

4. Additional Tps

Following tps under comd 7 Aust Inf Bde as from 1600 hrs 23 Jan 45 :

- 2 Aust Fd Regt
- 11 Aust Fd Coy (less one pl)
- 61 Aust Inf Bn
- A Coy (less one pl) 1 NG Inf Bn
- 19 Aust Sup Dep Pl
- Det ANGAU.

5. Tps leaving Comd

Following tps pass to comd 3 Aust Div as from 0001 hrs 23 Jan 45:

- 113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
- 113 Aust Bde Wksp

INTENTION

6. 7 Aust Inf Bde will relieve 29 Aust Inf Bde.

METHOD

7. Tps

(a) The following reliefs will take place :

<u>Relieving Unit</u>	<u>Unit being relieved</u>
9 Aust Inf Bn	42 Aust Inf Bn
25 Aust Inf Bn	15 Aust Inf Bn
11 Aust Fd Amb	7 Aust Fd Amb
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
241 Aust LAD	312 Aust LAD

(b) The following will remain present locations:-

2 Aust Fd Regt
11 Aust Fd Coy (less one pl)
61 Aust Inf Bn
A Coy (less one pl) 1 NG Inf Bn
19 Aust Sup Dep Pl
Det ANGAU

8. Dates of Relief :

- (a) 11 Aust Fd Amb will relieve 7 Aust Fd Amb 22 Jan 45.
- (b) 9 and 25 Aust Inf Bns will relieve 42 and 15 Aust Inf Bns respectively commencing at 0800 hrs 23 Jan 45, reliefs to be complete by 1700 hrs 28 Jan 45.
- (c) (i) Adv HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde will relieve Adv HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde 23 Jan 45.
(ii) Interchange of Rear HQ will take place 24 Jan 45.
(iii) Moves of 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec, 20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt and 241 Aust LAD will be as detailed separately.

9. Roles

- (a) Units of 7 Aust Inf Bde will exchange roles with units of 29 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) 29 Aust Inf Bde is moving to TOROKINA to assume perimeter def responsibility from 7 Aust Inf Bde.

10. Areas of Responsibility

- (a) 9 Aust Inf Bn
From line west east 770639 - 828639 south to limit of bde responsibility. See para 3 (b) (ii) also appx A att.
- (b) 25 Aust Inf Bn
From line east west 770639 - 828639 thence incl track NW and east to 2/8 Aust Cav Cdo bdy and north to 61 Aust Inf Bn bdy (See appx A att)
- (c) 61 Aust Inf Bn
No change.

11. Change of Comd

Comd will pass to 7 Aust Inf Bde in fwd area and to 29 Aust Inf Bde in perimeter area at 1600 hrs 23 Jan 45.

12. R Gps

Moved 19 Jan 45.

13. Adv Parties

As arranged by respective COs, will move 21 Jan 45.

ADM

14. Transfer of Stores

The following items will be subject to inter-unit tfr :

- (a) 1st line amn
- (b) engr stores
- (c) ordnance accommodation stores in fwd area incl all tarpaulins and tentage but excl tent shelter halves - equivalent amounts being transferred by 7 Aust Inf Bde units in present locations.
- (d) of cooking gear - hydro burners, soyer and fowler stoves only.
- (e) rations and expense stores held by units at date of relief.
- (f) sig stores - cable both in posn and res to remain, 7 Aust Inf Bde units will move without cable; unit tech eqpt will NOT be exchanged, but tech eqpt on loan from 3 Aust Div is to remain in situ.
- (g) This para does NOT apply to 61 Aust Inf Bn.

15. Camp Sites
Camp sites for Bde HQ three bns as per 7 Aust Inf Bde OO No 6 will be taken over by 29 Aust Inf Bde.
 16. Med and Red Cross Stores
will remain in situ and will be taken over by respective med units.
 17. Certificates
Certificates of handover signed by both COs of relieving units and units being relieved will be rendered to this HQ for all installation stores and res handed over within three days of relief being completed.
 18. Sups POL Amn
Weekly issues to units through DID ADELE RIVER.
Amn as required from AP at DID ADELE RIVER.
Rations being handed over will include 3 days res in unit areas and balance remaining from an issue of 7 days on Sunday 21 Jan.
 19. Med
Evac from RAPs to ADS at 773649 thence to MDS 775799 by water craft. From MDS to 109 Aust CCS by Amb work boat or MAC.
 20. Ord
Ord stores will be delivered under arrangements BOWO from a dump to be est vicinity Rear Bde HQ.
 21. EME
241 Aust LAD will be established Rear Bde HQ.
 22. Canteens
Units will submit demands for canteen sups to Lt HILEY (AASC) 18 Aust Sup Dep Pl TAGESSI DID by Fri weekly.
Arrangements will be made for unit representatives to travel by barge to TAGESSI, Tuesdays, to obtain cash at 3 Aust Div Cash Office and collect sups for delivery by returning barge.
 23. Pay
Det 3 Aust Div Cash Office 778792.
 24. Postal
All mail will pass through FPO at rear Bde HQ - outwards mail closing 1320 hrs daily. Mail for LOB personnel will be sorted in unit area then returned through FPO to LOB area (this HQ "Instructions to LOB" amended accordingly)
 25. Anti Mite Fluid
Units will ensure that clothing of all personnel moving ex TOROKINA has been treated with anti-mite fluid.
 26. Water
Water carts will be left with LOB groups. Wells have been sunk in all unit areas. Additional wells can be improvised with 44 gal drums.
 27. Burial Returns
Map refs on burial reports JABA area and SOUTH will be given on MOTUPENA PT - PURIATA RIVER track map.
 28. Mov
Mov instructions will be issued separately.
- INTERCOMN
29. Line
Existing lines will be taken over by units of 7 Aust Inf Bde.
 30. Wireless
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will detail wireless dets to 9 and 25 Aust Inf Bns to operate bde-bn link and for Tac R use as required.

31 DRLS

(a) 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will maintain DRLS to 9 and 25 Aust Inf Bns.

(b) 3 Aust Div Sigs is to continue service to 61 Aust Inf Bn.

32. Pigeons

7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will deliver, by DRLS, pigeons homing to loft at JABA RIVER mouth on demand.

33. Moves of HQ

Will be signalled.

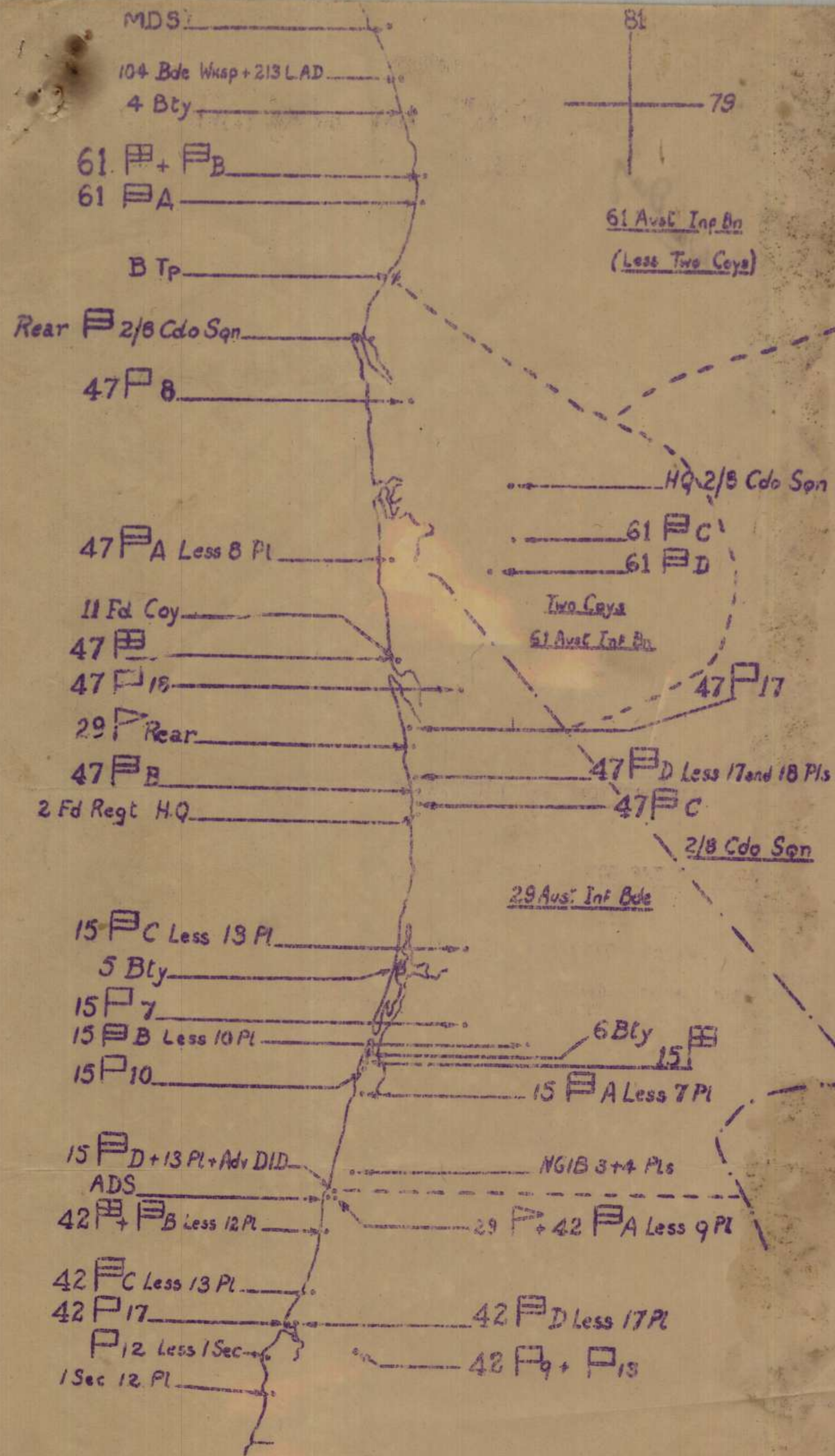
ACKNOWLEDGE ✓

Signed at 1510 hrs

Method of Issue LO & DRLS

J. Summerton
Maj.
BM 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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9 Aust Inf Bn	1
25 Aust Inf Bn	2
61 Aust Inf Bn	3
20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	4
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	5
11 Aust Fd Amb	6
113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	7
113 Aust Bde Wksp	8
241 Aust LAD	9
29 Aust Inf Bde	10
2 Aust Fd Regt	11
11 Aust Fd Coy	12
A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn	13
19 Aust Sup Dep Pl	14
Det ANGAU (c/o 29 Aust Inf Bde)	15
Comd	16
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Appx "A" to 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

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of 20 Jan 45

DISPOSITIONS and BOUNDARIES
of
29 AUST INF BDE - 2/8 AUST CDO SQN
61 AUST INF BN
as at 0730 hrs 19 Jan 45
ref maps -- MOTUPENA POINT-PURIATA R
Track Map 1" to 1 mile

1/10/45
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7 AUST INF BDE MOV INSTR

ISSUED WITH 7 AUST INF BDE OO No 7

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Ref map : MOTUPENA POINT AND PURIATA
RIVER TRACK MAP 1 in to 1 mile

1. METHOD OF MOV

Movement will be effected in two phases :

- (a) by MT from TOROKINA to Barge Landing Point 2 JABA RIVER mouth 778768.
- (b) by ldg craft from Barge Landing Point 2 JABA RIVER mouth to area of relief.

2. ALLOCATION LDG CRAFT and MT

as per attached appx A.

3. OUTLINE TIMINGS

- (a) MT time TOROKINA to JABA RIVER mouth - 2 hrs
- (b) Time for debussing and mov on to ldg craft - 20 mins
- (c) Time for forward journey - 1½ hrs
- (d) Time for disembarking and re-embarking - ½ hr
- (e) Return trip for ldg craft - 1½ hrs
- (f) Disembarkation and re-embarkation - ½ hr

4. LDG CRAFT TIME TABLE (provisional)

Craft	Place	Time of Arrival hrs	Time to Depart hrs	Maximum load per ALC 20
5 ALC 20s	JABA RIVER Landing Point 2	0630	0700	70 personnel with full equipment
5 ALC20s	Barge Ldg Pt	∅ 0830	-	OR
5 ALC 20	Barge Ldg Pt	∅ "	0900	20 tons DW of stores with unloading party of 20 personnel
5 ALC 20	JABA RIVER Barge ldg pt 2	1030	-	
5 ALC 20	" " "	-	1100	
5 ALC 20	Barge Ldg Pt	∅ 1230	-	
5 ALC 20	" " "	-	1300	
5 ALC 20	JABA RIVER Barge Ldg Pt No 2	1430	-	

N.B. ∅ denotes 4, 7, 9 as shown Appx A

5. LOADING PARTIES

Units will nominate an OC of each unit convey. This offr will detail personnel for loading and unloading stores. Stores must be handled as rapidly as possible to allow barges to maintain schedule.

6. CLEARING OF STORES

Stores will be cleared from point of disembarkation to unit B ech areas by unit jeeps under unit arrangements.

7. UNIT VEHS

Unit jeeps and trailers will move by rd throughout - moving on the day that mov main bodies commences

8. RATIONS

All tps will move with 1 emergency ration, 1 FOR and unconsumed portion of the day's ration on the man.

9. CONTROL OF MT

(a) Control Offr

Capt McKEW, TO 7 Aust Inf Bde, will control all MT movement ex TOROKINA, marshalling unit convoys at SP, and moving with each convoy.

(b) SP

X rds EVANSVILLE (TOROKINA 1 in to 1 mile 631941)

(c) Ptsmen

- (i) TOROKINA RIVER (iii) REINI BR
- (ii) MOVAVIA BR (iv) TAGESSI BR

(d) Control Point

Comd Gp 3 Aust Div is arranging control of debussing and embarking JABA RIVER.

10. GENERAL

- (a) Units will appoint one offr to cmd tps on each ldg craft.
- (b) Tps will NOT embark or disembark until ordered by OC tps.
- (c) When travelling on barges or across ferries all ranks will have their equipment loose so that it could be discarded rapidly in the event of an accident.

11. GUIDES

9 Aust Inf Bn and 25 Aust Inf Bn will provide guides from LOB areas daily, to report Capt McKEW, Bde Tpt Lines, 0300 and 0700 to guide MT convoys to respective unit lines.

12. COORDINATING OFFR

Capt G A COCHRANE will remain at present site HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde, until movement of units is complete, for purpose of coordination.

ACKNOWLEDGE ✓ 17993.gj

ISSUED BY SDR

[Signature] Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

SIGNED AT 1840 hrs

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9 Aust Inf Bn	1
25 Aust Inf Bn	2
61 Aust Inf Bn	3
20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	4
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	5
241 Aust LAD AEME (AIF)	6
29 Aust Inf Bde (for infm)	7
Comd	8
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MOVEMENT TABLE
MAIN BODIES

Appendix "A" to
7 Aust Inf Bde Mov
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Ser	Unit	Date	Personnel	Stores DW	Rd Movement to Barge Loading Pt			Movement by Barge						
					Loads 3 tons	Report Place	Time	Unit Convoys to be at SP by	Tps Debussed JABA by	Stores by	No of craft	Type	Depart BLP	Tps & Stores disembarked at
1	9 Aust Inf Bn	23	2 coys and 130	coy stores	17	BHQ	0330	0430	0650	3	ALC 20	0700	BLP 9	0830
2	9 Aust Inf Bn HQ 7 Ldr 20 Pl Cd Sig Sec	23	44 6 20 6	$\frac{1}{4}$ ton Sig stores	3 3	Bde Tpt Lines	0330	0430	0650	1	ALC 20	0700	BLP 9	0830
3	25 Aust Inf Bn	23	70		5	BHQ	0330	0430	0650	1	ALC 20	0700	BLP 9	0830
4	25 Aust Inf Bn	23	93 1 coy and	coy stores	7	BHQ	0730	0830	1050	2	ALC 20	1100	BLP 4	1230
5	9 Aust Inf Bn	23	1 coy and 140	coy stores	10	BHQ	0730	0830	1050	2	ALC 20	1100	BLP 9	1230
6	9 Aust Inf Bn	23	50	3 ton stores	1 3	BHQ BHQ	221600) 0730)	0830	1050	1	ALC 20	1100	BLP 9	1230
7	HQ 7 Bde	24	60	2 tons stores	1 5	Bde Tpt Lines	221600 0330	0430	0650	1	ALC 20	0700	BLP 5	0830
8	Bde Sig Sec FPO Dental Sec	24	30 4 5	5 tons stores (1 ton stores	2 1 1	Sig Sec (Bde tpt (Lines 9Bn HQ	231600 0330 231600	0430	0650	1	ALC 20	0700	BLP 5	0830

Ser	Unit	Date	Personnel	Stores DW	Rd Movement to Barge Loading Pt				Movement by Barge				
					Loads 3 tons	Repo Place	Time	Unit Convoys to be at SP by	Tps Debussed JABA	Stores by	No of craft	Type	Depart BLP
9	HQ 7 Bde 241) IAD)- Gd Pl	24	14 8 19	2 tons stores Lighting plant 2 tons 1/2 ton	1) Bde Tpt 1) Lines 1) LAD 1) LAD 2) Bde Tpt	231600 0330 231600 0330 0330	0430	0650	1	ALC 20	0700	BLP 5	0830
10	25 Aust Inf Bn	24	70		5 BHQ	0330	0430	0600	1	ALC 20	0700	BLP 7	0830
11	25 Aust Inf Bn	24	70		5 BHQ	0330	0430	0650	1	ALC 20	0700	BLP 7	0830
12	9 Aust Inf Bn	24	180	6 tons	2 BHQ 13 BHQ	231600 0730	0830 0830	1050 1050	3	ALC 20	1100	BLP 9	1230
13	25 Aust Inf Bn	"	52		4 BHQ	0730	0830	1050	1	ALC 20	1100	BLP 7	1230
14	25 Aust Inf Bn	"	40	4 tons	2 BHQ 3 BHQ	231600 0730	0830	1050	1	ALC 20	1100	BLP 9	1230
15	9 Aust Inf Bn	25	(?)20	? 4 Tk A guns	2 PHQ	0330	0430	0650	1	ALC 20	0700		0830
16	25 Aust Inf Bn	"	200	4 tons	2 IHQ 15 IHQ	241600 0330	0430 0430	0650 0650	4	ALC 20	0700	BLP 9	0830

As relief progresses; should additional MT or watercraft be required to lift remaining stores, res unit rear parties will advise Capt COCHRANE of requirements.

Ⓜ - To be towed by 15 Cwt truck.

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SUMMARY OF 61 AUSTRALIAN INF BN PATROL REPORTS TO 201830L"TWINFORCE"REF MAP NGTUPENA PT - PURIATA R. TRACK MAP1 in to 1 ml1. PATROL SERIAL 3: (1 Offr 16 ORs - LOG XING patrol)

No additional information to report.

2. PATROL SERIAL 4: (1 Offr 16 ORs to 825715)

- (a) Signs of enemy occupation: 18 huts at 825712. Comparatively new, some with flooring about 2 ft above ground. Fire place and woodpile in each hut. Only signs of food were fresh lily roots. Old Aust rifle in area with woodwork cut off for lighting fires.

One enemy body, dead about 2 days, in bottom of a trench and covered with old cloth.

- (b) Contact: Known enemy posn at 825715 was outflanked and our patrol moved in from rear. One of scout gp was wounded in shoulder at 25^x range and S.R. attending him was wounded by grenade. Posn attacked and total force of 7 enemy was annihilated by 191400L.

- (c) Condition of enemy: Very thin and poorly clothed. Clothing rotten in some cases. All wore boots. No badges of rank.

- (d) Cas: Enemy 7 killed
Own 2 wounded.

3. PATROL SERIAL 5: (1 NCO 9 ORs in sp of serial 4)

Nothing to report

4. PATROL SERIAL 6: (1 Offr 16 ORs to LOG XING)(a) Topographical:

(i) JABA R to LOG XING- Track follows creek through low jungle and scrub, until reaching area of PIT PIT in vicinity LOG XING. Track as far as PIT PIT could be made jeepable. Bridging of creek would be difficult owing to PIT PIT approach. Timber is available in area for any attempted bridging. Creek is 18' to 20' W at crossing approx 5' D, steady to fast flow - good drinking water.

(ii) AMBUSH POSN LOG CROSSING: On the creek bend, flanked by creek on the east and small creek on the west. Area of low jungle, scrub and scattered tall trees. Number of wpn pits "lean to's" and tracks throughout area. (further details see attached sketch map).

(iii) JAP BIV TRACK: Throughout length there is no noticeable rise or fall in ground. Track zig zags constantly through variable swampy and muddy areas. Few isolated patches of dry ground. Country surrounding track covered in sparse low jungle, swamp scrub and generally allows slow movement off the track. No signs whatsoever of natural foodstuffs and no good drinking water discovered after leaving LOG CROSSING. Jeep traffic would be most difficult

JAP BIV TRACK (Contd)

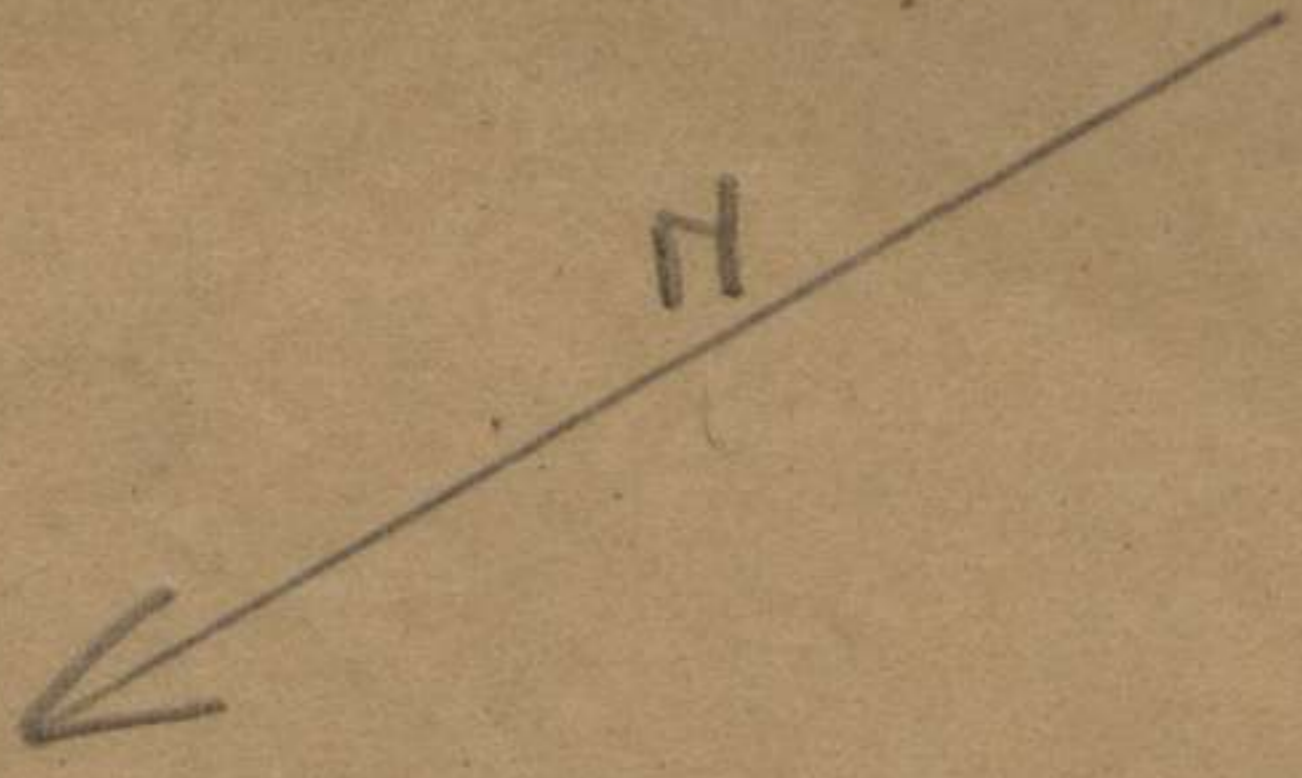
as long stretches of soft ground and swamp would make extensive corduroying necessary.

Tanks could move freely in whole area, except where large swamp patch exists.

(iv) JAP BIV AREA TO EAST WEST TRAIL:

From BIV AREA track passes through small swamp area beyond which ground rises to arty cleared area of fallen timber and banana grove. At track junc (see map) sig wire encountered running to right along track on bearing 100°. Track to left follows sig wire over firm dry ground into old Jap ambush posn. Wpn pits scattered through area - steel helmet on right of track.

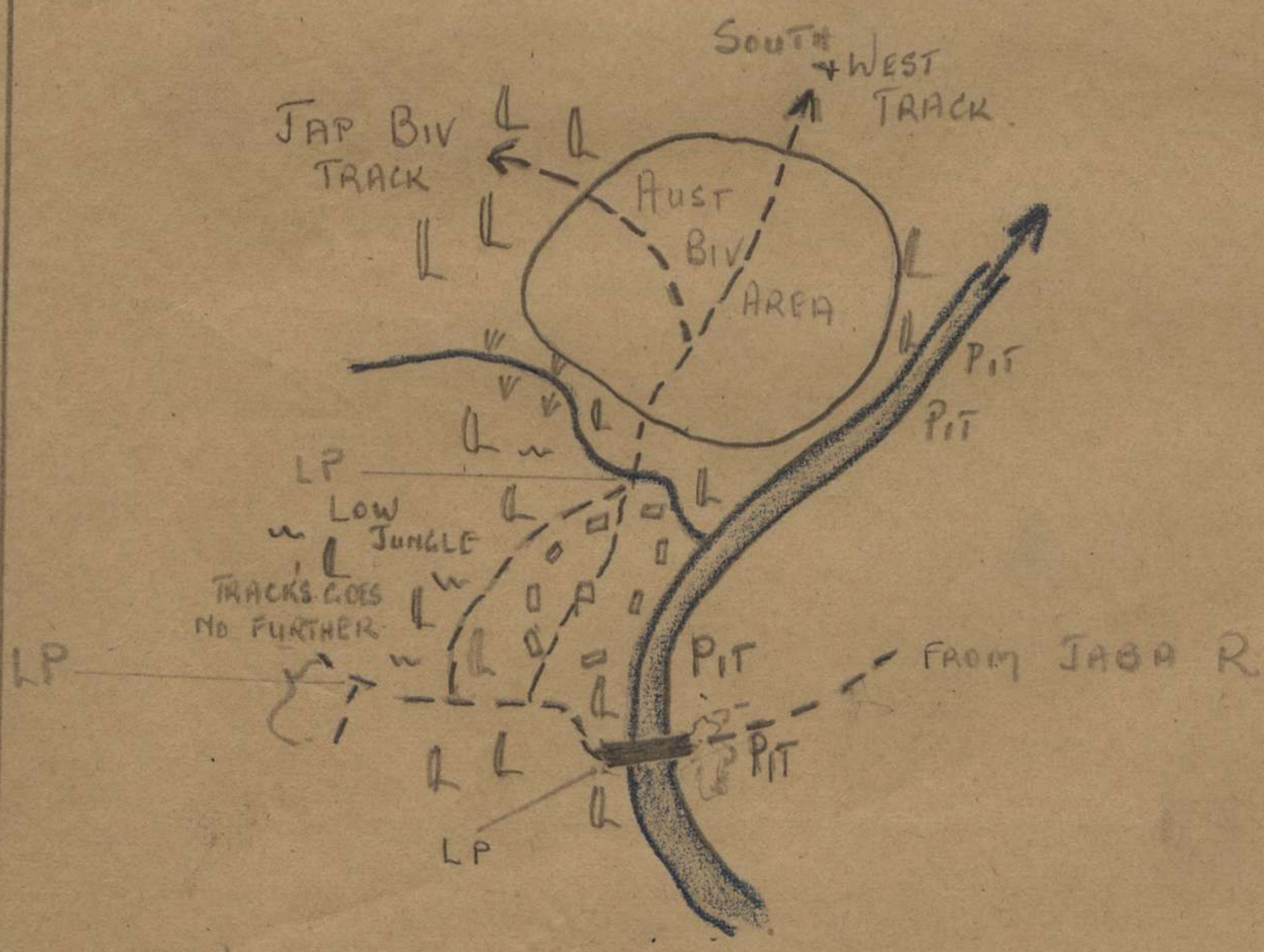
Sketch and Track Going map attached.



SKETCH MAP

REF MAP:
MOTUPENA PT
PURIATA R. TRACK MAP

-LOC CROSSING AREA - REF. 790728



APROX SCALE 1" = 50 YDS

VISIBILITY: GOOD

Huckellan Lt
16 PL.

TRACK GOING MAP

REF MAP: MOTUPENA PT. PURIATA R TRACK MAP, 1" TO 1 MILE FROM: LOG CROSSING - EAST WEST TRAIL

TIME TAKEN: 1 1/2

REPORT: Tracks generally swampy. Not considered jeppable. Tanks could operate in most sectors with exception main swamp area. Vegetation principally low jungle thickened with short jungle scrub. Movement of tracks quite easy. No satisfactory water supply after leaving LOC CROSSING.
 Murrellan Lt.
 20 Jan 45

<p>JAP Ambush from junct EAST WEST TRAIL. Number upon pits - JAP steel helmet right of track. Banana grove track side.</p>	9		9 EAST WEST TRACK
<p>Track passes through area shelled by ARTY. DRY surface & slight undulations. Tracks junct + sig wire timber fallen by arty. Many shell holes.</p>	8		8 TRACK JUNCT.
<p>JAP BIV AREA. Many lean to's & pits. Area not occupied since 3 weeks month ago. Maze of tracks in area. Big tree marks end of area.</p>	7		7 BIG TREE
<p>Track dry & firm. Good silent walking. Tracks takes definite bend to right into Jap BIV AREA.</p>	6		6 TRACK BEND
<p>Swamp 40' W 1' D tracks clear through it. Log across tracks very old. Tracks now deeper low jungle either side.</p>	5		5 TR DIRECTION CHANGES.
<p>Tracks to swamp zig zags. muddy in places - area throught net. Mixture short low jungle & swamp grass.</p>	4		4 SWAMP
<p>Tracks firm with swampy stretches. Sig wire on left track. ARTY tgt area & fallen timber also thick scrub. Swamp ankle deep 10' W.</p>	3		3 SWAMP PATCH
<p>Just biv area. Coy sign. Number upon pits shelters area cleared.</p>	2		2
<p>Creek 16' W 5' D fast flow. PIT PIT South bank. Sand bank NORTH bank. Upon creek surface.</p>	1		1 LOG CROSSING

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM

Originator

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For Action

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TO

Hq Coy, A Coy, 17 Pl, T.O.

(w) For Information (INFO.)

TWEMFORCE, Q.M., B Coy, Sig off.

Message Instructions

GR-

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A999. operation units @ 8 Pl will release
 17 Pl at 4 Bly HQ by 230830N @ at 230745Z 17 Pl
 will move on foot in drill order and bivouacs to
 JABA R mouth. There to TWEMFORCE @ O.C. party Lt. C.W.
 DAWES @ 12 pers will join party at the HQ @ pers.
 will take carry unconserved portions of days rations
 incl eat lunch. @ hats V.F. and ground sheets will
 NOT be taken @ one jeep and trailer will report 17
 Pl area 230715Z to be loaded with packs, mortar, amm,
 tools @ one pers 17 Pl will travel with jeep @ jeep and
 trailer incl driver will be ^{attached} to TWEMFORCE
 @ one jeep and trailer will report to pers lines at
 220800Z to load packs and pers gear @ one pers
 will travel with jeep. @ Also will arrange to
 dismantle 8 pls tents and return same to Q.M. @
 pers gear and eqpt will be loosened whilst crossing
 JABA R on ferry and ~~from~~ party will move
 tactually along road to TWEMFORCE

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN
 by any means (except Wires)

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

Originator's Instructions
 Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

Signed

[Signature]

Signed

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61 AUST INF BN

DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

HQ 61 AUST INF BN
22 JAN 45.

To : ALL COYS. Q.M.

The following orders of dress and equipment will be used in this battalion and referred to by name:

- a. Marching Order
- b. Battle Order
- c. Assault Order
- d. Patrol Order.

(a) MARCHING ORDER.

In pack : 1 pr boots 1 pullover
2 sets greens 1 mosquito net
1 pr socks (in boots)
1 bed sail 1 towel
1 gas cape.

In roll : 1 blanket 1/2 pup tent.

On Pack : Entrenching tool etc.

In Haversack : Mess Gear, Dixie and Eating irons
Emergency Rations, toilet gear.
1 pr socks 1 towel
mosquito lotion foot powder
2 tins canned heat Water sterilizing outfit.

On Haversack : Steel helmet with toggle rope inside.

Basic Pouches : 1 FOR (excl tin if necessary)
Individual First Aid Outfit
Ammunition Map.

Right Hip Pocket: First Field Dressing.

A spare pair of boot laces - one used to tie top flaps of pack; the other used to secure roll firmly.

(b) BATTLE ORDER

In pack : 1 set greens 1 gas cape
1 pr socks dixie (toilet gear inside)
1 bed sail eating irons.
1 towel 1 pull over
1 mosquito net 1 toggle rope
1 tin foot powder 2 tins canned heat
Water sterilizing tabs. Rations (?)
1 bottle mosquito lotion.

In Roll 1/2 pup tent 1 blanket.

In basic pouches 1 FOR Individual First Aid Outfit
Amn. Map.

Left behind in haversack : (Probably at B Ech & on call when coy requires same)
1 pr boots 1 pr socks
1 set greens 1 towel.

On haversack : Steel Helmet.

(c) ASSAULT ORDER Lightly equipped, rifle, bandolier etc, possibly one basic pouch.

(d) PATROL ORDER As laid down by Coy Comd, depending on duration of patrol, quantity of rations to be taken etc, e.g. haversack and basic pouches.

Note : Groundsheets and hats K.F. will be immediately returned to QM.

[Signature]
Capt
Adjt 61 Aust Inf Bn.

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TO <i>HQ Coy, A Coy, R.S.M., R.A.P., Sig Off, 2nd Sec</i> <i>B Coy, TWENTYFORCE, Q.M.</i>	For Action (re) For Information (INFO.)
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Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

1795 WARNING ORDER @ B Coy, HQ Coy
A Coy will prepare to move first @ no movement
before 290800L

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enemy hands, this message must be
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Originator

Date—Time of Origin

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TO HQ, A Coys, Q.M., TO R.A.P. B.H.Q., Lt Sec

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR-

B Coy, TWEMFORCE

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A996

MOVEMENT ~~INSTR~~ INSTR @ A Coy will move
 find 240800 L full marching order @ B.H.Q. and HQ Coy
 pers less B Plt will henceforth be known as
 Headquarters Gp and will move find 240920 L @ Tpt
 if rations and stores will be ^{made} as directed by Q.M. and
 T.O. and by what ~~equipment~~ ^{equipment} with Adjt @ 11
 Plt will be withdrawn from MARIROPA.R. 23 Jan
 and will relieve B Plt ~~find~~ 240800 L @ M.H. ^{and Horton} pers
 will remain detached as at present @ pers will
 move with unexpired portion of days rations @ A Coy
 and Headquarters Gp will take kitchen gear,
 amm, mortars, tools by M.T. @ only gear as
 shown in lists recently issued will be taken @
 H.A.K.F. and ~~ground~~ ^{ground} should have already been
 returned to Q.M. @ O.C. @ HQ Gp for move to FORD @
 pers will leave ~~at~~ ^{at} whilst crossing JABA.R. on
 ferry and ~~ops~~ ^{ops} will move tactically up track
 to TWEMFORCE @ tents will be left standing @ T.O.
 will keep Adjt informed as to progress in mov of
 stores etc ^{back}

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS, PART 1

Copy No...¹³...
Serial No. 3/45
Nos: 16/17

by
Lt-Col W. R. DEXTER DSO

COMD 61 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

23 January, 1945

16. PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING CASUALTIES: (GRO437/44)

Cases will arise where a member of a unit receives a communication from a relative of a deceased soldier stating that he or she has been officially advised of the casualty and requesting details. To reply to such a letter is NOT to be considered a breach of the GRO. But reference should be made in the reply to the fact of the relative having been officially advised, eg.

"Your letter 1 Jan mentions you have been officially told of 's death. In reply to your request I can tell you"

17. The result of a District Court-Martial convened by GOC, 3 AUST DIV is published hereunder :

NATURE AND DATE OF TRIAL : DCM DATE 10 Jan 45

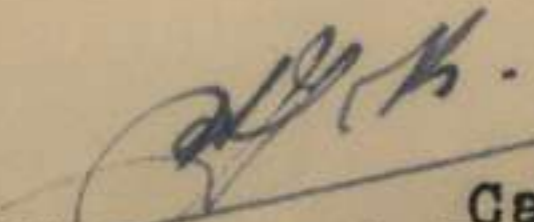
ACCUSED : QX28341, Pte Hilton William OSBORNE - 61 AUST INF BN

CHARGE : AA 40 WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE in that he in the field on 28 DEC 44 having been informed that he was to proceed at about 1600 hrs on that day to "A" Coy 61 AUST INF BN, in a forward area, paraded to Capt N. CAIRNS OC "C" Coy, and said to him "You will have to put me under arrest, as I will not report to "A" Coy," or words to that effect.

FINDING : GUILTY

SENTENCE : TO BE FINED THE SUM OF FIVE POUNDS

CONFIRMATION : The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 14 JAN 45, and promulgated to the accused in the Field on 19 JAN 45


Adjt 61 Aust Inf Bn Capt

DISTRIBUTION LIST "A"

PATROLLING POLICY

SECRET

as from 0600 hrs 25 Jan 45

Appex 26
Headquarters
61 Aust Inf Bn
24 Jan 45

1. A Company

- (a) Bdy as per Appx A
- (b) Patrols

(i) Recce Patrol 25 Jan

Task - Recce track marked (a) on overlay. Report on condition of track with a view to developing a jeep track as a sup route to 2/8 Cdo Sqn on NORTH bank PAGANA R.

Infm to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 25 Jan.

(ii) Small recce patrols to limit of Coy bdy incl track running SOUTH from BRINK BASE.

Task - 1. Locate and recce any track or biv areas.
2. Deal offensively with any enemy encountered
3. Bring in any enemy eqpt or documents found.

(iii) OC A Coy to advise BRINK BASE of any patrols moving down SOUTH track or in vicinity of BRINK BASE.

2. C Coy

- (a) Bdy as per Appx A
- (b) Patrols

(i) Small recce patrols within Coy bdy. Tasks as for A Coy patrols para (ii)

3. BRINKBASE

- (a) Bdy as per Appx A
- (b) Recce patrols in area

Task 1. Discover enemy strengths and disposns in MOSINA area. Remainder as for A Coy patrols para (ii)

(c) Contact ~~patrols~~ patrols to CLARK BASE.

4. CLARK BASE

- (a) Bdy as per appx A
- (b) Small recce patrols 2000 yds fwd of base
Tasks - Discover enemy strengths and disposns in area.

Remainder as for A Coy patrol para (ii)

Coye will submit patrol schedule to this HQ by 1900 hrs preceeding day.

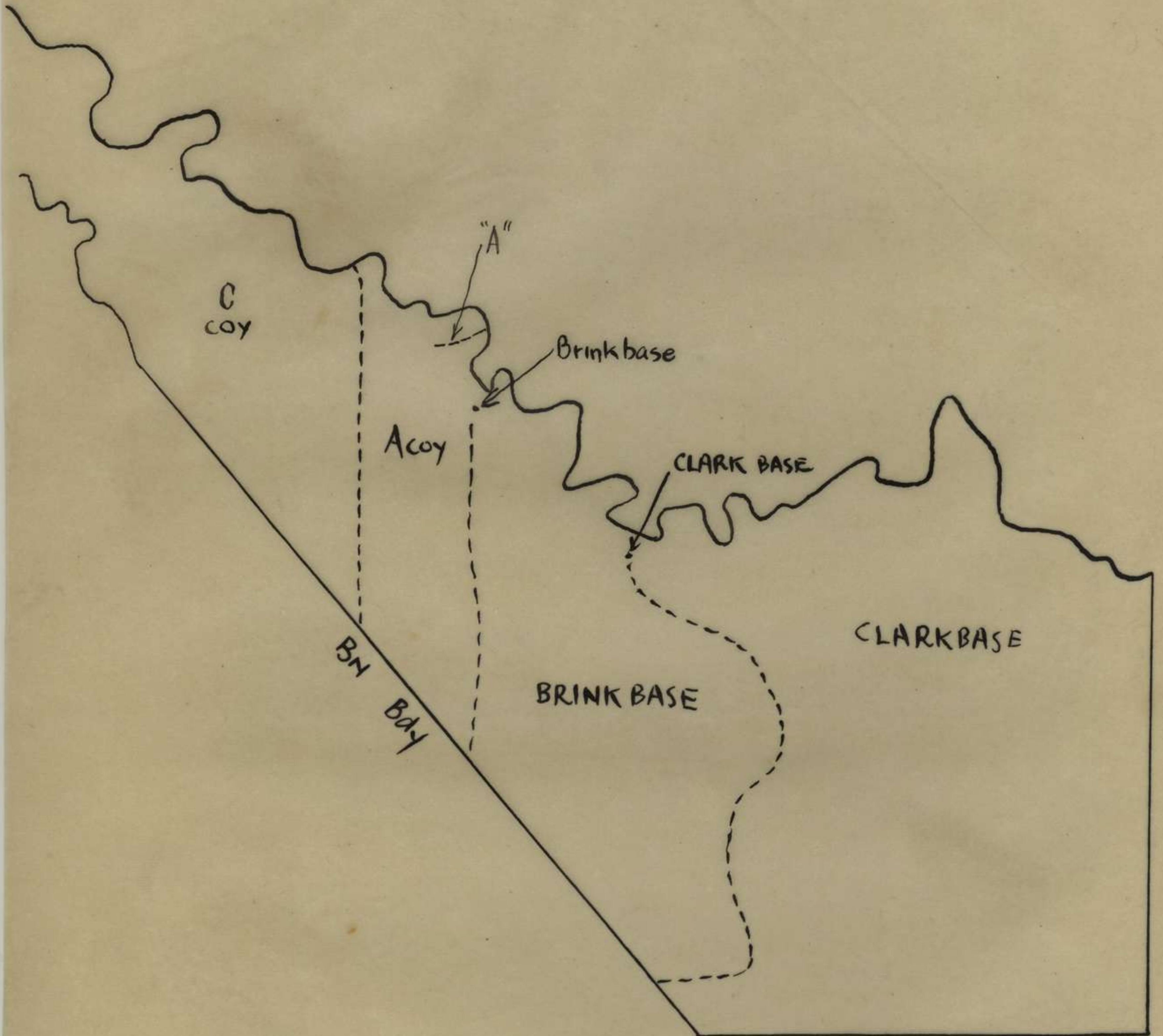

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Adit 61 Aust Inf Bn

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24 Jan. 45

A Coy PATROL SCHEDULE commencing 25 Jan 45.

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Serial No.	Pl.	Strength	TIME		ROUTE		TASK	Special Instructions
			OUT	IN	OUT	IN		
1	8	1 Plt 400.	250900L	251200L	COY BASE - BOGGY PATCHES 815718 - NORTH to TRACK and CK JUNC 817719 to TRACK CK JUNC 823724	reverse	1. Recce of track, with view to developing jeep tracks as a sup route to 2/8 Cdo Sqn on NORTH BANK PAGANA R.	1. track going map to accompany report 2. report to reach Coy HQ by 1600 hrs 3. Recce and report on any track or liv area 4. deal offensively with any enemy encountered 5. bring in any equipment or documents
2	9	INCO 400	250800L	251630L	COY BASE - 1200 x bearing 173° bearing 83° to SOUTH TRACK.	SOUTH TRACK BRINKBASE - COY AREA	1. locate and recce any track or liv area. 2. deal offensively with enemy encountered 3. bring in any enemy capt or documents	1. water must be sterilized
3	7	INCO 400	260900L	261400L	COY AREA - TRACK CK XING 811731 - SOUTH bank JABA RIVER - BILLABONG 814724	BILLABONG - bearing 173° track 814719 - COY AREA	as for serial 2.	1. patrol report to be at Coy HQ by 1630 hrs 2. track going map of any tracks encount. 3. jeep liv areas to be pinpointed 4. patrol comd will ensure that salt tablets are taken and all water sterilized
4	8	INCO 400	260830L PROTECTIVE	261230L	COY AREA - BRINKBASE	BRINKBASE 1000x bearing 218° - COY AREA	as for serial 2.	1. clear tracks ahead of cutting party 2. report to Coy HQ by 1430 hrs.
5	9	INCO 300	270900L SPECIAL	271230L	COY AREA - BRINKBASE	BRINKBASE 1000x bearing 218° - COY AREA	as for serial 2.	1. destroy liv area 812717 2. patrol report to Coy HQ by 1430 hrs. 3. 4. 5. - as 2.3.4. for serial 3
6	8	INCO 300	270900L RECCE	271230L	COY AREA to 805725 SOUTH 1000x NE to EAST TRACK	EAST TRACK to Coy area	as for serial 2.	1. patrol report to Coy HQ by 1430 hrs. 2. 3. 4. - as 2.3.4. for serial 3.

abgussay Capt
O/C A Coy.

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SUMMARY OF 61 AUST INF BN PATROL REPORTS TO 251800L

T W E M F O R C E

Ref Maps : MOTUPENA PT AND PURIATA R TRACK MAP

1. PATROL SERIAL 7 (1 Offr 17 ORs plus FOO to 823715)

- a. Signs of enemy occupation: Enemy biv site at 823712, reported by serial 4 patrol, destroyed. Enemy dead, at scene of serial 4 patrol attack at 825715, found hastily buried in weapon pits. Bare feet marks of approx 6 enemy around area.
- b. Contact:- 5 enemy contacted ref 829704. Fwd scout fired on first two enemy hitting one and wounding one.
- c. Cas: Enemy 1 killed 1 wounded
Own Nil.

2. PATROL SERIAL 8 (1 Offr 17 ORs - LOX KING patrol)

No additional infm to report.

3. PATROL SERIAL 9 (1 Offr 26 ORs to 823715)

- a. Signs of enemy occupation: 8 huts 4 underground shelters at ref 822702. Bundles of lily roots found in area. Site fairly elaborate.
- b. Topographical: Patrol reports many small spurs and re-entrants in area 822702. EAST WEST track at ref 835699 only footpad. Jungle growth has encroached on remainder of road. Area around 825715 good country for tanks. Jungle thin and no serious obstacles for tanks.

4. PATROL SERIAL 10 (1 NCO 12 ORs - LOG KING)

Nothing to report.

5. PATROL SERIAL 11 (1 Offr 26 ORS to BRINK BASE 823715)

- (a) Topographical :- Track SOUTH from BRINK BASE very confusing, and NOT as shown on map. Maze of tracks at approx 818715.
- (b) Signs of enemy occupation.- 2 Jap biv areas at approx 818715. No recent occupation.
- (c) Contact:- One jap crossed track at approx 810715 some distance away. Unable to contact.
5 Japs contacted on SOUTH TRACK one with LMG strapped on back, with smaller man operating. Enemy with LMG wounded. Japs fled assisting wounded man. Second patrol along EAST WEST Track contacted 3 enemy who fled on sight. Believed these to be portion of enemy contacted by patrol down SOUTH track.
- (c) Cas: Enemy 1 wounded
Own Nil

6. PATROL SERIAL 12 (1 NCO 11 ORs to LOG KING)

Nothing to report.

7. PATROL SERIAL 13 (1 Offr 31 ORs to 833703)

- a. Topographical:- Est pl firm base at 833703. EAST WEST track good. Appro 12 ft wide except for portion at 825715 where track is only footpad. Area around light rain forest with some low jungle.
- (b) Contact: One Jap contacted at 831704. Fled into jungle after being wounded. 2 Japs approached to within 200 yds of CLARK BASE 833703, turned and went back EAST along EAST WEST Track.
Night 23/24 Jan estimated 30/40 enemy harrassed CLARK BASE all night. Cut sig line in four places. 1 Jap seriously wounded on EAST WEST track 350 yds EAST of CLARK BASE. Killed with own grenade.
One Jap, contacted 750 yds EAST of CLARK BASE, killed.
- c. Cas:- Enemy 2 killed 1 wounded
Own Nil.
- d. Description of Jap killed 350 yds EAST of CLARK BASE: 5 ft 7 ins tall; armed with bayonet only, weighting 10 to 11 stone, wearing jacket, trousers, putties, but no boots. Haversack, containing personal items incl charms, captured. Time did not allow patrol to obtain description of other Japs killed.

8. PATROL SERIAL 14 (1 Offr 8 ORs - LOG XING)

- (a) Topographical. LOG XING to EAST WEST Track at ref 805725. Follows general direction SOUTH EAST through low jungle for approx 400 yds. Track well defined but maddy with no firm foundation. Track swings EAST for approx 400 yds to Jap Biv area at ref 799724. Here numerous tracks radiate from biv area. Track followed in southerly direction for approx 200 yds thence to SOUTH EAST for 300 yds, then NORTH EAST for 500 yds, where it struck EAST WEST Track at 805725. Low jungle encountered throughout. Visibility very limited.
- (b) Jap biv areas.- Jap biv area at 799724 fairly elaborate. 5 lean-to huts, floored with matting. Two enclosed latrines, Evacuated approx 2 weeks. Jap satchel found containing map and documents found in area.

9. PATROL SERIAL 15 (1 Offr 26 ORs to BRINKBASE)

- (a) Topographical: SOUTH track still unidentified. Patrol moved on bearing 190 degrees. for 1600 yards. Found no tracks. Passed through knee deep swamps, 50' contour shown on map at 815700 believed to be tall clump of trees. Patrol moved on bearing of 90 degrees for 700 yds, struck track running NORTH-SOUTH. Moved NORTH along track and struck the EAST WEST track at approx 828706.
- (b) Jap biv areas:- Jap biv area at 830696. Fairly elaborate and shows signs of recent occupation. Latrines appear to be still in use.

10. PATROL SERIAL 16 (1 NCO 10 ORs LOG XING)

No further infm.

11. PATROL SERIAL 17 (1 offr 13 ORs to 809723)

- (a) Topographical: Patrol moved north to JABA River at 812728 through 300 yd belt of pit pit, then 400 yds through sec growth and banana trees. Followed up river to 818721, through sec growth. Arty concentration had fallen this area. From 818721 to EAST WEST Track at 819729, through sec growth and bananas. From EAST WEST track to Jap amn dump at 809720 through low jungle with scattered tall trees. Travelled NORTH WEST to track at 802721 through very close jungle. From 802721 along footpad to Jap biv area 806724. Many foot marks this area, though very old.
- (b) Jap Biv area: At 809720 Jap amn dump of 75 mm arty shells. 5 Jap carts approx 100 yds EAST of this dump. At 806724 old Jap biv area. Several leanto huts. Have not been occupied for some considerable time.


Lt
Int Offr 61 Aust Inf Bn.

JS/FNH (24/1)

Appendix C

War Diary

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G6/20

Subject :- AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
25 Jan 45.

9 Aust Inf Bn
25 Aust Inf Bn
61 Aust Inf Bn ✓

For Information:

2 Aust Pd Regt
11 Aust Pd Coy
7 Aust Inf Bde sig Sec
A Coy NGIB
11 Aust Pd Amb
Det ANGAU (Local)
War Diary (3)

Reference map MOTUPENA POINT and PURIATA RIVER.

1. Until further advised areas of responsibility will be as shown in trace attached as appendix A.
2. Units will position their troops to best advantage, with due regard to overall security, in their own sectors, will patrol these areas vigorously, constantly harrass the enemy, and generally secure all possible information for later attacks in which hostile forces will be entirely cleared from 7 Aust Inf Bde Area.
3. 9 Aust Inf Bn and 61 Aust Inf Bn will continue securing ground along tracks MAWARAKA - MOSIGETTA and JABA RIVER - KUPON respectively; but, companies will be moved no further forward than they can be supplied by jeep.

ALL ACKNOWLEDGE

Summerton
Maj
BM 7 Aust Inf Bde

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Appx A to HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde
G6/20 of 25 Jan 45

Overlay to MOTUPENA Pt & PURIATA RIVER 1:63,360

3 Aust Div
Local Adm Area

61 Aust Inf Bn

7 Aust Inf Bde
Area of Responsibility

2/8 Cdo Sqn
Area of Responsibility

25 Aust Inf Bn

9 Aust Inf Bn

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Aust Inf Bn

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61 AUST INF BN

REPORT ON OPERATIONS TO 1200 HRS 28 JAN 45

Ref Map : NOTUPERA PT - PURIATA & TRACK MAP 1 inch

GENERAL.

1. Operations for this period have been a series of forward bounds along the JABA RIVER RD.

LOCATIONS.

2. As at 1200 hrs, 28 Jan, disposns were as follows:-

HQ Gp (incl BHQ)	794735	
D Coy	843698	
B Coy	835704	(CLARKBASE)
5 Pl	822715	(BRINKBASE)
A Coy	812723	
C Coy	797731	
B Ech	Barge Pt 6.	

MOV OF TRS

- 3. 23 Jan CLARKBASE est at 834703 by 18 Pl.
- 24 Jan HQ Gp (incl BHQ) moved fwd to 794735 - opening at 1100 hrs. A Coy moved fwd to 812723. In posn by 1500 hrs. 11 Pl withdrawn from base on MARINOPA R.
- 25 Jan B Coy less two pls moved fwd to 790737.
- 26 Jan 10 Pl moved fwd from JABA RE to 790737.
- 27 Jan D Coy moved fwd to 841699. 11 Pl moved fwd to CLARKBASE.
- 28 Jan B Coy less 11 Pl moved fwd to CLARKBASE. B Ech (61 Bn) in posn at Barge Pt 6.

OPERATIONS.

- 4. 22 Jan Area of responsibility extended to incl track junc 822693 and to 850704. Fighting patrol (18 Pl) relieved 14 Pl at BRINKBASE and patrolled south-west of 822713 - sighted one unarmed Jap.
- 23 Jan 18 Pl relieved 16 Pl and est CLARKBASE at 834703. Patrolled 350 yds fwd of this posn made contact - 1 enemy wounded. Patrol south-eastwards towards Jap biv area at 830696, made contact and wounded one Jap.
- 24 Jan Patrol 350 yds fwd of CLARKBASE made contact - one enemy killed. At night enemy endeavoured to probe perimeter without success. Shots were exchanged - no casualties.
- 25 Jan Recce patrol (18 Pl) contacted enemy 700 yds fwd of CLARKBASE, estimated about 20. One Jap carrying water killed. 15 Pl operating from BRINKBASE found 8 Japs at biv area at 830696. One enemy wounded, rifle and papers captured.
- 26 Jan ANGAU recce to 843699 in an endeavour to discover track to NOSINA. Patrol was ambushed at that point. Own cas - one wounded. Recce patrols to TUJU R area and south-east of BRINKBASE - no mov seen.
- 27 Jan Fighting patrol (18 Pl) made contact at approx 841699 - two enemy wounded. D Coy moved through and occupied that posn. Arty registered fwd of this point and squeals were heard.
- 28 Jan Recce patrol fwd of D Coy sighted one Jap. B Coy occupied CLARKBASE at 1000 hrs.

TACTICS.

5. Jap wounded on 23 Jan was thought to be carrying LMG strapped to back with a second man with him to operate it from the first man's back.

Appendix 3-D

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Ref maps :- Current 1:25,000 series.

7 AUST INF BDE OP ORDER NO 3

Copy No 4
12 Dec 44.

INFM

1. As contained in current sitreps and int summaries.

INTENTION

2. 7 Aust Inf Bde will interchange units in fwd and perimeter roles.

METHOD

3. Relieving Units

- (a) 25 Aust Inf Bn with under comd :
10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt
One det 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec

A Coy 11 Aust Fd Amb (remaining in situ)
and, for camp adm and local defs only,
224 Aust Sup Dep Pl (remaining in situ)
will relieve 9 Aust Inf Bn of operational commitments in
SISIVIE - PIATERIPAIA areas.

- (b) (i) 9 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 25 Aust Inf Bn of def responsibilities along TOROKINA perimeter.
(ii) On return to TOROKINA the following will revert to comd respective units :
12 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt
Det 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
C Coy 61 Aust Inf Bn
(iii) Pnr Pl 25 Aust Inf Bn will remain fwd and revert to comd parent unit on takeover.

4. Responsibilities *(same task as 9 Bn)*

*2000' N.E. Mt. Itasca
to
Main body formation
West end base Ridge
Ridge
in front of Keman
Ridge*

- (a) 25 Aust Inf Bn will secure or hold, as applicable, the high ground on gen line 706121 - 650144 - 595168 and will recce the area fwd of that line with a view to securing all possible infm concerning the enemy.
(b) 9 Aust Inf Bn will take over the perimeter defs and security patrols of 25 Aust Inf Bn - these defs are as known to Comd 9 Aust Inf Bn.

5. Dates

(a) Commencement and Completion

- (i) Except in the case of 10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt reliefs of main bodies will be commenced on 20 Dec 44 and will be completed by 23 Dec 44, or as soon as practicable thereafter.
(ii) 10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt will relieve 12 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt on 19 Dec 44. The additional tp of pers at present att 12 Bty for working parties will not be replaced.
(iii) Arrangements have been made for OC 10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt to liaise direct with 25 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) Recce Gps

As selected by bn comds concerned, and as mutually arranged, recce gps will be exchanged on 15 Dec 44. The same tpt will be used for both gps.

(c) Adv Parties

Adv Parties, not to exceed 40 in number, will move to respective new areas on 17 Dec 44.

6. Air

(a) Tac R

- (i) One tac R flight per day will be available to 25 Aust Inf Bn. Requests, stating tasks in particular and tasks in gen, will be signalled to reach this HQ by 0930 hrs on the day prior to requirement.

(ii) This flight is also available for arty R, and 10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt will continue listening out to aircraft on frequencies as advised from time to time.

(b) Bombing and Strafing

Requests for air sp will be made as per 7 Aust Inf Bde 05/18 of 12 Dec 44 (not to all addressees), and will reach this HQ by 0930 hrs on the day before support is required.

7. Patrols - ANGAU Pers and Police Boys

Except with prior approval of this HQ, ANGAU pers and police boys att 25 Aust Inf Bn will not proceed north of the line OLD SISIVIE 608182 - track junc 638180 - track junc 685174.

ADM

8. Issued separately.

INTERCOMN

9. Line

- (a) As far as possible all posns will be linked by L/T - all existing circuits in both fwd and perimeter posns will be taken over by incoming bns.
- (b) As bn stocks of wire are used, immediate replenishment will be demanded from 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec.
- (c) Two telephone sets "L" No 2 (AUST) at present on loan to 9 Aust Inf Bn from 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will be transferred, on loan only, to 25 Aust Inf Bn.

10. Wireless

- (a) Two No 11 sets on charge to 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec, and at present in fwd area, will remain and pass to control 25 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) Five 108 mk III sets at present on charge to 9 Aust Inf Bn will be transferred to 7 Aust Inf Bde Wireless Pool under arrangements 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec. They will remain in area and are allotted to 25 Aust Inf Bn on takeover.
- (c) All HQ offrs will be prepared to speak by R/T, using R/T Code No 2, at all times - the code word for the time being is OLDMACHINERY/G.

11. Pigeons

Existing pigeon link will be taken over by 25 Aust Inf Bn.

12. Sig Security

- (a) 25 Aust Inf Bn will use designatory and unit code words at all times whilst in fwd posn. Lists have already been issued.

Delete (b) See also HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Security Instr being issued 12 Dec 44.

13. Pass Words

25 Aust Inf Bn will take over current pass words of 9 Aust Inf Bn. These are as ordered in HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde INT 2/44 of 3 Dec 44.

14. Codewords

- (a) 25 Aust Inf Bn will signal
 - (i) assumption of comd in fwd area - by codeword OBOE (_____ hrs _____ Dec 44)
 - (ii) completion of relief :
LILY _____ hrs _____ Dec 44.

(b) 9 Aust Inf Bn will signal

- (i) takeover of def responsibilities TOROKINA perimeter by codeword PINK giving time and date.
- (ii) completion of move inside perimeter :
GIN _____ hrs _____ Dec 44.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1700 hrs
Issued by LO & DRLS

J. Summerton
Maj
BM 7 Aust Inf Bde

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61 Aust Inf Bn	4
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	5
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7 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTRUCTION NO 3
Issued with 7 Aust Inf Bde 0 0 No 3.

Copy No 3
12 Dec 44

MED

1. (a) A Coy 11 Aust Fd Amb will continue to maintain ADS (with surgical team) at rd head, a lt sec at KEENANS RIDGE and a MSP at DOYABIE RIVER CROSSING.
- (b) Evacuation from rd head is by 2½ ton 6 x 6 veh at present attached to ADS.

RESERVES

2. Stocks of the DID at ERIE are being maintained at :-

Sups	10 days SWPA for	1400
	4 days FORs for	1500
	14 days	for 300 natives
POL	14 days	
Expense Stores	14 days	
Amn	21 days on scale vide Appx A attached	

POSTAL

3. Unit postal sta manned by 3 Aust Div postal unit is operating at rd head for handling of incoming and outgoing mail.

CANTEEN SUPS

4. By unit arrangement with unit LOB.

AMN

5. A complete interchange of first line amn will be effected between 9 Aust Inf Bn and 25 Aust Inf Bn in the unit dumps as they exist at the time of relief.

TRANSFER UNIT STORES

6. With the object of minimising the handling of accn stores, 9 Aust Inf Bn will hand over following unit stores on the ground at rd head and forward and will take delivery of equivalent quantities from 25 Aust Inf Bn in latter's present area :-

All cooking gear with fwd coys.
Tentage
Tent shelter halves (of personnel fwd of rd head)

TPT

7. Units will advise this HQ of their tpt requirements for each of 15, 17, 20, 21, 22 and 23 Dec by 0900 hrs the previous day. This HQ will coordinate convoys so as to backload tps and stores from rd head where possible.

TC

8. Traffic Control in rd head area will be effected by 3 Aust Div pro post.

Signed at 1700 hrs

[Signature] Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

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Appx A to 7 Aust Inf Bde
Adm Instr No 3 of 12 Dec 44

AMN USAGE RATES

1. Our tps will be in lt contact with the enemy in the DOYABIE RIVER - SISIVIE sector and amn usage rates are therefore estimated at a quiet rate..

2. Expenditure in rounds per day

Inf

(a)	.303 in (stripless belt)	1000 rounds
(b)	.303 in (carton packed)	2000 rounds
(c)	.303 in (charger packed)	3200 rounds
(d)	SMG 9 mm	3000 rounds
(e)	2 in Mortar	
	i HE	36 rounds
	ii Smoke	12 rounds
	iii Star	6 rounds
(f)	3 in Mortar	
	i HE	48 rounds
	ii Smoke	16 rounds
(g)	1 in Sig (various colours)	12 rounds
(h)	grenade No 36M 4 sec	60
(i)	" " 7 sec	20

Arty

(a)	25 pr HE	15 RPG
(b)	25 pr smoke	3 "

War Diary

appx 31

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23 Dec 44.

2/8 AUST COMMANDO SQN O.O. No.2

Ref Map BOUGAINVILLE 1 : 63360

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

No change from 2 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary of 8 Dec 44.

2. Own Tps

A and C Tps at Sqn Base.

3. Troops under Comd

1 Officer and 6 ORs 11 Fd Amb.

INTENTION

4. To relieve B Tp in HANFMO Sector by elements of 7 Aust Inf Bde.

METHOD

5. Date of Relief

D Day.

6. Time of Relief

H Hour.

7. Tps to Effect Relief

1 Coy 61 Aust Inf Bn.

8. Concentration of B Tp

The complete B Tp Gp will concentrate at Sqn Base.

9. Troops under Comd

To remain at Base Camp and ANGAU.

10. Movement

(a) On relief being effected, B Tp Gp less "X" Block detachment will move to Jeep Head, arriving NOT later than H + 6.

(b) "X" Block detachment will move to ANGAU on D Day thence to Jeep Head, arriving NOT later than 1000 hrs D + 1.

(c) B Tp Comd will remain at Base Camp until relief of "X" Block and will then move with "X" Block Det.

(d) Sig Detachment at ANGAU will move with "X" Block detachment.

(e) Jeep Head will close NOT later than 1500 hrs D + 1.

ADMINISTRATION

11. Meals

- (a) B Tp will carry sufficient rations for 1 meal en route .
- (b) "X" Block Group will carry sufficient rations for 3 meals en route.
- (c) Arrangements for evening meal on D Day will be made from B Tp Kitchen at Sqn Base by Sqn Adj. t.

12. Transport

By arrangement Sqn Adj. t Transport will be available at Jeep Head for B Tp Group and "X" Block detachment on D Day and D Day+1 respectively.

13. Area

Under direction Sqn Adj. t A Tp will ensure that B Tp Area is in complete order for incoming Tps.

14. Rations

- (a) Sqn Adj. t will ensure that rations and expense stores are stored in B Tp kitchen.
- (b) All reserve rations at Base Camp and "X" Block will be handed over to relieving Tps (See Appx "A")
- (c) Surplus rations and expense stores will be handed over to relieving Tps.

15. Ammunition

- (a) Ammunition stocks at Base Camp and "X" Block, less ammunition carried on the man will be handed over to relieving Tps (SEE APPX "B")
- (b) Ammunition carried on the man:
 - 1. Riflemen : 50 rds per man.
 - 2. LMGs : 2 filled mags per Gun
All other Bren Gun
Mags to be brought out
in bulk.
 - 3. OMGs : 2 filled Mags per Gun.
 - 4. Grenades : 1 per man.

16. Stores and Eqpt

- (a) By mutual arrangement with CO 61 Aust Inf Bn, replaceable stores will be left in fwd areas, and restituted made to Sqn Hq (See Appx "D")
- (b) Stores and Eqpt at ANGAU will be handed over to relieving Tps.
- (c) All stores will be withdrawn from Jeep Head.

ADMINISTRATION (CONTD)

17. Medical

- (a) Stores which are NOT replaceable will be brought out.
- (b) All bondwood boxes will be returned to Sqn HQ.
- (c) By mutual arrangement of Sqn M.O. and MO 11 Fd Amb under command, certain stores will be handed over to relieving Tps (See Appx S).
- (d) RAP at ANGAU will remain in position until last Tps have passed through.

18. Equipment

Light Battle Order - as much as possible will be moved in bulk.

Back loading of returnable heavy stores, including No. 11 Set, will commence on receipt of this order.

19. Receipts

Signed certificates for all stores, and camp clearance certificates will be obtained from relieving Tps and returned to Sqn HQ.

20. D Day

27 Dec 44.

21. H Hour

0900 hrs.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

22. HQ.

On completion of relief, B Tp HQ will be reestablished in B Tp Area at Sqn Base.

23. Signal Equipment

For stores to be handed over, see Appx "E".

24. Line Base Camp to "X Block

Present line to be recovered on completion of 61 Aust Inf Bn line. 1 NCO and 1 Sig will remain with relieving troops to effect recovery.

INTERCOMMUNICATION (CONTD)

25. Signals

Signals are required for;

- (a) Time relief effected at Base Camp and "X" Block.
- (b) Time of departure from Base Camp and "X" Block.
- (c) Time of departure "X" Block detachment from ANGAU.
- ~~TM~~ (d) Time of recovery of "X" Block Line. ||

ACK

SIGNED AT 0800 Hrs

M. I. Winning Maj
(N.I. Winning) Comd

ISSUED BY Safe Hand.

DISTRIBUTION:

OC B Tp: Copy No 1.
CO 61 Aust Inf Bn: Copy No 2.
CO 11 Fd Amb : Copy No 3.
ANGAU : Copy No 4.
CO : Copy No 5.
File : Copy No 6.
War Diary : Copy Nos 7 - 8.

ITEM	DESIGNATION	NUMBER
AC ACETIC GLACIAL	Ozs	16
ARGYROL EQUIV	Bottles 2 oz 10%	6
EYE DROPPERS		12
PHENOBARB Gr 1	Bottles 100	12
CHLORYDYNE	Ozs	8
AETHER ANAESTHETIUS	Lbs	6
CHLOROFORM	Lbs	4
ETHYL CHLORIDE	100 cc	4
LIQ ADREN HCL	1/1000, Fl,ozs	1
LIQ ADREN HCL AMPS 1cc	1/1000	20
PROCAINE 2% \bar{c} ADRENALIN	Amps 2 cc	23
MEDICINE GLASSES	1 oz	8
ANTIPHLOGISTINE	Lbs	10
PINS SAFETY	Cards of 12	8
CREM OR ZINCI	2 lb jars	2
EUSOL	Ozs	26
APS		500
LIN EUCALYPT	Ozs	16
EPHADRINE IN N SALINE	Ozs	8
GUTT ZINC SULPH (EYES)	Ozs	4
GUTT AC ACET 2% in GLYC	Ozs	10
UNG BENZOCAINE 10%	Ozs	$\frac{1}{2}$
LYSOLATES	Tins of 4 bottles	4
POT PERMANG	Lbs	3
TABS VIT BL	Tins	1
TABS COUGH NO \clubsuit	Tins	1
SOD CITROLE	Lbs	7
DRESSINGS COMBINE 3"x1	Gross	$\frac{1}{2}$
BANDAGES W.O.W. 2"	Dozs	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
FOOTPOWDER	Gals	2
COTTON WOOL	Lbs	7
ABSORBENT LINT	4 oz rolls	3
PLAIN GAUZE 36"x6yds	Rolls	9
ABSORBENT GAUZE $\#6$ "x5yds	Rolls	1

S I G N A L E Q U I P M E N T

SQN SIG EQPT HELD AT BASE CAMP FOR EXCHANGE WITH 61Bn

	Serial No.
1. 6 Line U.C. Switchboard complete	2165
4 DVs	79473
	18788
	7979
	3695
5 Batteries, (85 AH), (No 11 Adaptors)	
100 yds Heavy 7 Strand insulated wire.	
2 Message Pad Containers	
2 Mike Capsules	
4 TI 5 V Cells	

SIG EQPT ON LONE TO 2/8 SQN FROM 3 DIV SIGS TO EXCHANGE WITH 61 Bn

2 Telephones (Y A A 856)	2619
	2983
1 Fullerphone	4124
1 Spare Chopper Buzzer Unit	
1 Chorehouse 12 V 300 w Charger	35431
1 Superimposing Unit (1 Transformer)	

SQN SIG EQPT HELD AT ANGAU FOR EXCHANGE WITH 61 Bn

1 Telephone (Y A A 856)

War Diary

appx 31

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7 AUST INF BDE OO No 4

Copy No 1

25 Dec 44.

Ref map : BOUGAINVILLE one in to one ml

INF'M

1. Enemy

- (a) There has been no contact with the enemy in the HANEMO sector since 17 Nov 44 when US tps attacked approx 30 Japs in village at 866865. 23 members of the enemy force were reported killed; the remainder withdrew.
- (b) Since 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn relieved US tps in this area the only indications of enemy have been reports of Jap footprints to east of Block X on 25 and 26 Nov 44 and a track believed made by a Jap one ml SE of PAIKEN (717011) on 22 Dec 44.

2. Own Tps

- (a) Dispositions of B tp 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn are as shown in Appx A att.
- (b) ~~Our~~ ^{2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn's} tps have carried out a vigorous patrolling policy since taking over on 24 Nov 44.

INTENTION

- 3. 7 Aust Inf Bde will relieve B tp 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn in HANEMO sector.

METHOD

4. Tps

- (a) One coy 61 Aust Inf Bn with under comd one det 11 Aust Fd Amb.
- (b) The total number of pers fwd of jeep head in the HANEMO sector will be restricted to 120.

5. Area of responsibility

As shown in Appx A.

6. Role

- (a) Primary role of ^A coy is to hold present 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn posns as firm bases.
- (b) Coy will patrol area shown in Appx A. Patrols will not proceed outside the area laid down except on orders from this HQ.
- (c) At no time will more than one pl operate outside firm bases. This instr may be varied at discretion local comd and then only in case of emergency - such action will be reported by swiftest means to this HQ.
- (d) Action on encounter with enemy ambushes or patrols will, at all times, be immediate and vigorous; but deliberate attacks on enemy forces in prepared posns will not be made without ref to HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde. *Miss HQ*

7. Date of Relief

Relief will commence on 26 Dec 44 and be completed as soon as practicable thereafter.

8. Patrol Reports

Patrol reports and track going maps will be fwded to this HQ soonest practicable.

9. Capture of PW

- (a) Little infm is available of the enemy in this sector and the securing of PW is of utmost importance.
- (b) Advice of capture of PW will be sent to this HQ by sig of IMMEDIATE priority. This sig will give unit identification if known and estimated time of arrival at jeep head.
- (c) Any interrogation, in fwd area, of PW, will be limited to questions of immediate local tac value.

10. Surrender Pamphlets

- (a) All ranks will be warned of the likelihood of deserters approaching our tps with or without surrender leaflets. The form and the purpose of such leaflets will be explained to all ranks and the fact that safe conduct is granted by them will be impressed and strictly respected.
- (b) Every precaution will be taken against the possibility of traps being set by enemy tps posing as deserters.

ADM

11. Res

- (a) Present res in this sector, less 2 in mortar amm, is sufficient for 14 days for one inf coy. Estimated daily expenditure rate of amm, on which res is based is shown in Appx B att.
- (b) Res 2 in mortar amm will be sent fwd to rd head under arrangements HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde thence by native portorage on priority arranged by 61 Aust Inf Bn.

12. Daily Maint

To rd head by arrangement HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde with HQ 3 Aust Div thence by native carrs under unit arrangements.

13. Natives

77 available for daily maint.

14. Med

- (a) Det 11 Aust Fd Amb at present in area will come under comd 61 Aust Inf Bn on relief.
- (b) Evac of cas will be by native carr to rd head thence by mot amb to 109 Aust CCS under arrangements HQ 3 Aust Div.

15. PW

Under unit escort to rd head thence by pers 3 Aust Div Pro Coy.

16. Exchange of gear

As mutually arranged between comds and with SC.

INTERCOMM

17. Line

- (a) Existing 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn line will be linked to 61 Aust Inf Bn switchboard.
- (b) Telephone and fullerphone will be installed.
- (c) Line will be maintained from bn HQ to rd head by Sigs 3 Aust Div. All queries regarding this will be referred to OC 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec.

18. Wireless

- (a) One No 11 set fwd comd post, one at HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde. Rearward messages will be passed direct from HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde to the addressee by normal means.

(b) No 11 set at present in area will be taken over by 61 Aust Inf Bn.

19. Pigeons

Pigeons are available from loft based at HQ 3 Aust Div. All requirements for this type of intercomm will be referred to OC 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec, and birds will be fwded as required under arrangements that sec.

20. Code Word

Completion of relief will be signalled :-

SWAGMAN hrs dec 44.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 0830 hrs

Method of Issue : LO & DRIS

J. Summerton

Maj
BM 7 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution

Copy No

61 Aust Inf Bn	1
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	2
11 Aust Fd Amb	3
File	4
War Diary	5 - 7
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25 Aust Inf Bn	9

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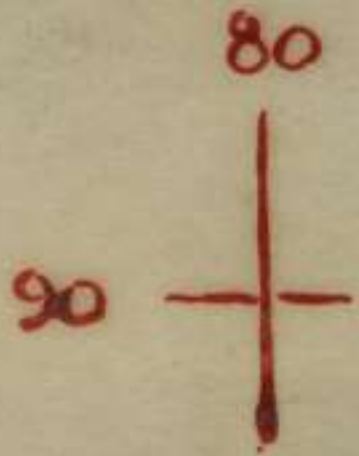
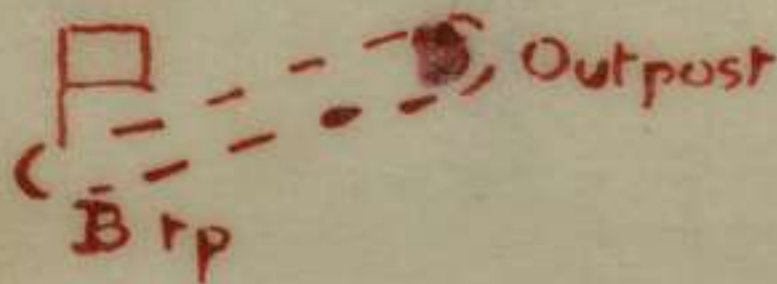
APPX A to 7 Aust Inf Bde
61 BN
OO No 3 of 25 Dec 44
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overlay showing

2/8 AUST CDO SQN AREA of RESPONSIBILITY

overlay to

TOROKINA VITO MOTUPENA PT PURIATA R
sheets 1" to 1/2 mile



incl 29 bde

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61
Appx B to ~~7~~ Aust Inf ~~Bde~~ ^{Par of Unit No 3} 00 No 4
of 25 Dec 44

ESTIMATED DAILY EXPENDITURE
OF AMN

Inf Amn

(a)	.303 in (carton packed)	120 rounds
(b)	.303 in (charger packed)	100 rounds
(c)	SMG 9mm	150 rounds
(d)	1 in sig (various colours)	4 rounds
(e)	Grenades 36M 4 sec	10 rounds
(f)	Grenades 36M 7 sec	5 rounds
(g)	2in mortar	
	HE	6 rounds
	Smoke	2 rounds
	Star	1 round

War Diary

Appendix 3B

CO: 1/12/45
 S to: 1/12/45
 ADJT: 1/12/45
 QM: 1/12/45
 RSM: 1/12/45
 Ord Room Sgt: 1/12/45

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27 Dec 44

7 AUST INF BDE OO NO 5
 Ref map :- KOWARO 1:25000

INFM

1. Enemy and Own Tps
 As contained in current sitreps, int summaries, location statements.

INTENTION

2. 7 Aust Inf Bde will hand over responsibility in DOIABIE RIVER - SISIVIE sector to 11 Aust Inf Bde.

METHOD

3. Gen
- (a) 11 Aust Inf Bde is to assume responsibility for the DOIABIE RIVER - SISIVIE sector at 1200 hrs 5 Jan 45. Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn will hand over to incoming comd at that time.
 - (b) 25 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved by 26 Aust Inf Bn.
4. Tps
- (a)

Unit being relieved	Relieving Unit
25 Aust Inf Bn plus one pl 61 Aust Inf Bn	26 Aust Inf Bn plus one coy 55/53 Aust Inf Bn.
One det 7 Aust Inf Bde	One det 11 Aust Inf Bde
Sig Sec	Sig Sec
224 Aust Sup Dep Pl	222 Aust Sup Dep Pl
A Coy 11 Aust Fd Amb	One coy 19 Aust Fd Amb.
 - (b) 10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt will remain in situ. This bty will pass to comd 11 Aust Inf Bde at 1200 hrs 5 Jan 45.
5. Dates
- (a) Adv Party
26 Aust Inf Bn is sending adv party of 50 pers fwd to 25 Aust Inf Bn on 2 Jan.
 - (b) SISIVIE Relief
Tps to relieve 25 Aust Inf Bn arriving rear HQ on 3 Jan.
 - (c) Main Bodies
Will change over on 4 Jan.
 - (d) Completion of Relief
Relief will be completed by 1200 hrs 5 Jan 45.
6. Liaison
25 Aust Inf Bn will arrange all matters concerning areas fwd of rd head by direct liaison with 26 Aust Inf Bn.
7. Action by 25 Aust Inf Bn on Relief
- (a) All units and sub units will return to TOROKINA perimeter on the tpt used by relieving units if possible.
 - (b) On arrival perimeter all sub units will revert to comd parent units. 224 Aust Sup Dep Pl will revert to HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.
 - (c) 25 Aust Inf Bn will ensure that all parent units are signalled the estimated time of arrival of the sub unit.
 - (d) Det 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec, 12 Pl 61 Aust Inf Bn and A Coy 11 Aust Fd Amb will return to respective areas. 25 Aust Inf Bn and 224 Aust Sup Dep Pl will be advised later of new areas and roles.

ADM

8. Transfer of Stores
- (a) 25 Aust Inf Bn will hand over all buildings, frameworks and dumps to 26 Aust Inf Bn.
 - (b) Neither unit nor personal equipment will be handed over.
 - (c) Accn stores and tarpaulins may be transferred from outgoing to incoming unit by mutual arrangement providing such transfers are equivalent.

9. Res 25 Aust Inf Bn will transfer all res of amn sups and POL to incoming bn.
10. Tpt All tpt arrangements will be made direct with TO 7 Aust Inf Bde.
11. Certificates Certificates for all installations, stores, and res being handed over, and signed by both comds concerned, will be rendered to this HQ earliest practicable.
- INTERCOMN
12. Line 25 Aust Inf Bn will transfer all existing lines in sector to 26 Aust Inf Bn.
13. Other Sig Eqpt Unit sig eqpt, apart from line, will be withdrawn as relief progresses.
14. Code Word 25 Aust Inf Bn will sig completion of relief by code word MOBO giving time and date.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1715 hrs
Method of Issue LO and DRLS

J. Summerton
Maj
BM 7 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

25 Aust Inf Bn
61 Aust Inf Bn
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
234 Aust Sup Dep Pl
11 Aust Fd Amb
Comd
TO
File
War Diary
HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde

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NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND
MOTUPENA POINT

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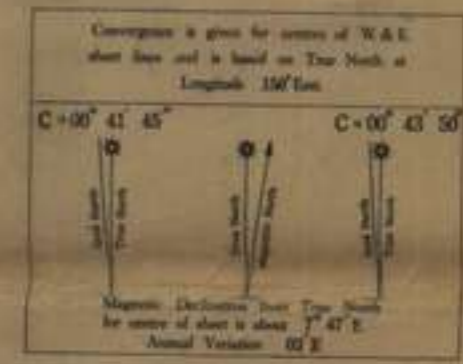
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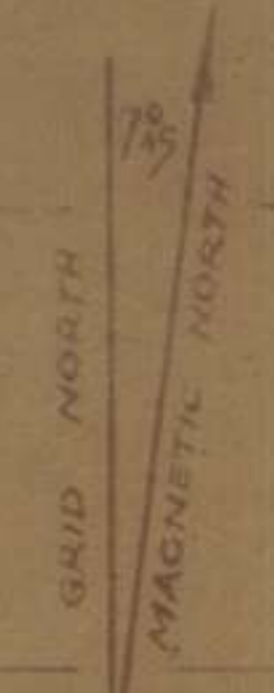


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Airfield	—+—+—+—
Sea Plane Base	—+—+—+—
Astronomical Station	—+—+—+—
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Spot Height	—+—+—+—
Native Village	—+—+—+—
Building	—+—+—+—
Mission Station	—+—+—+—
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Swamp	—+—+—+—
River or Stream	—+—+—+—
Reef	—+—+—+—
Contours Form Lines	—+—+—+—
Cliffs	—+—+—+—

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MOTUPENA PT PURIATA R. TRACK MAP
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 ON INFORMATION OBTAINED BY TRAVERSING
 WITH FORWARD PATROLS
 JANUARY 1945

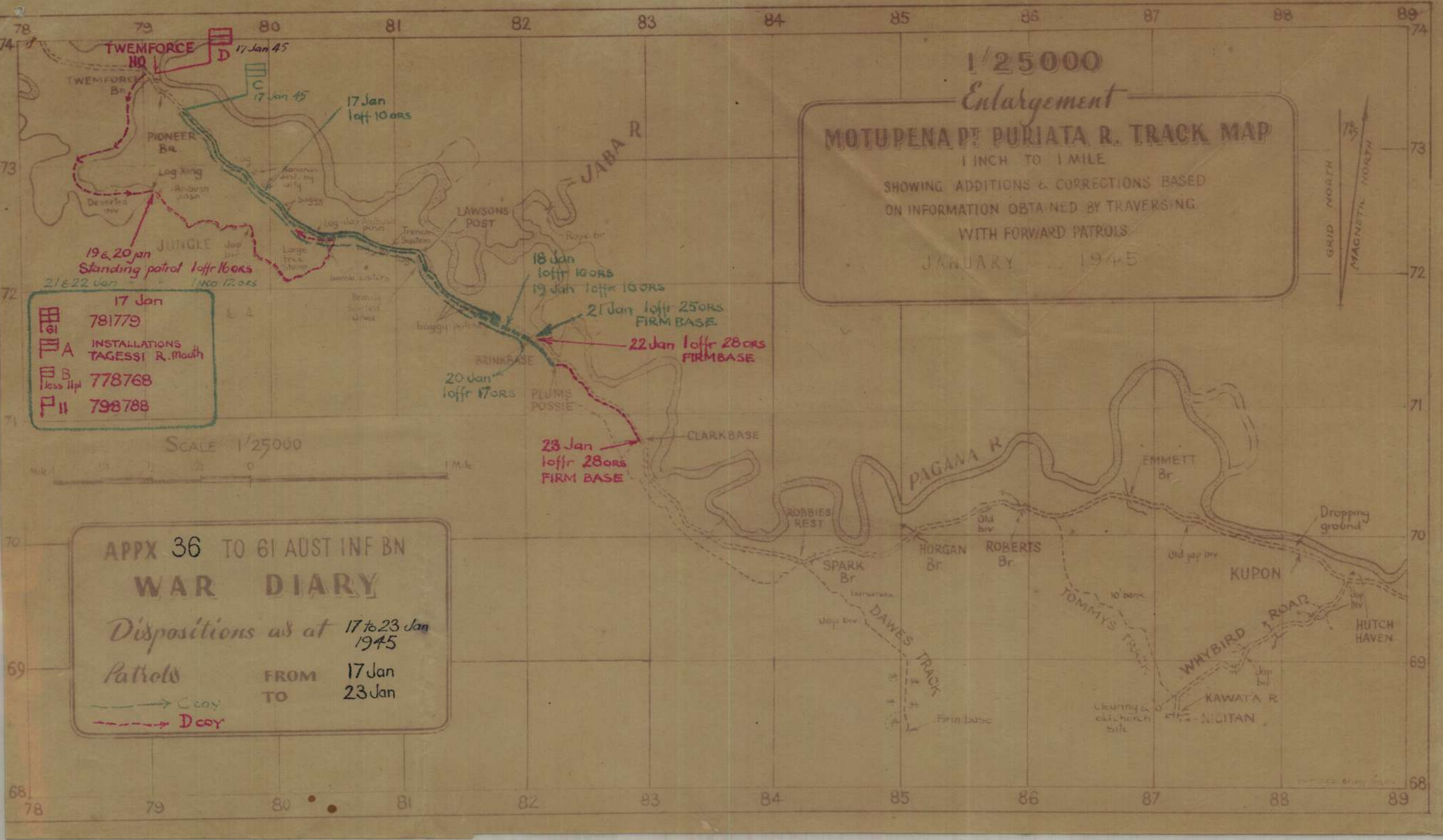


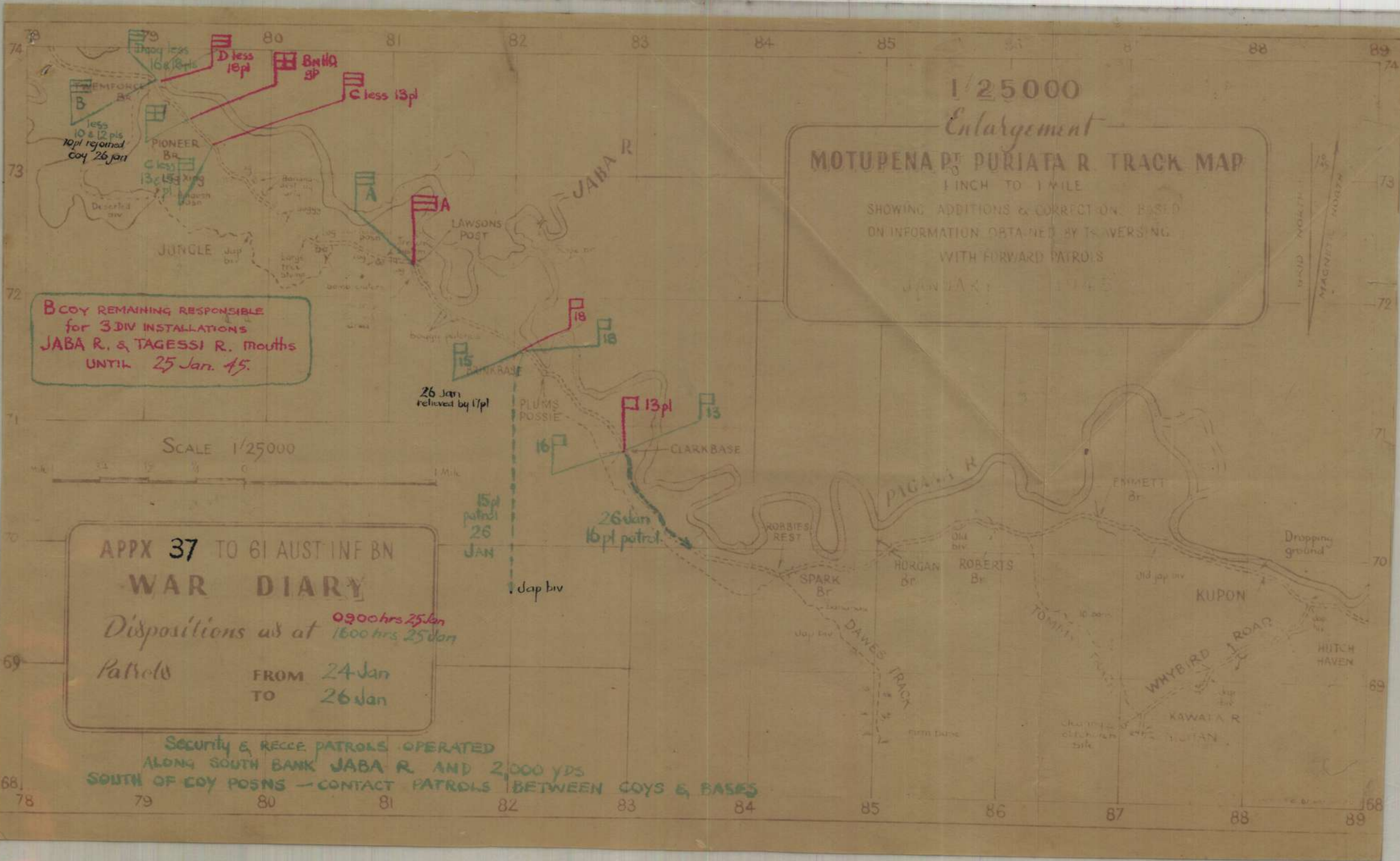
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APPX 36 TO 61 AUST INF BN
WAR DIARY
 Dispositions as at 17 to 23 Jan 1945

Patrols	FROM	TO
C Coy	17 Jan	23 Jan
D Coy		



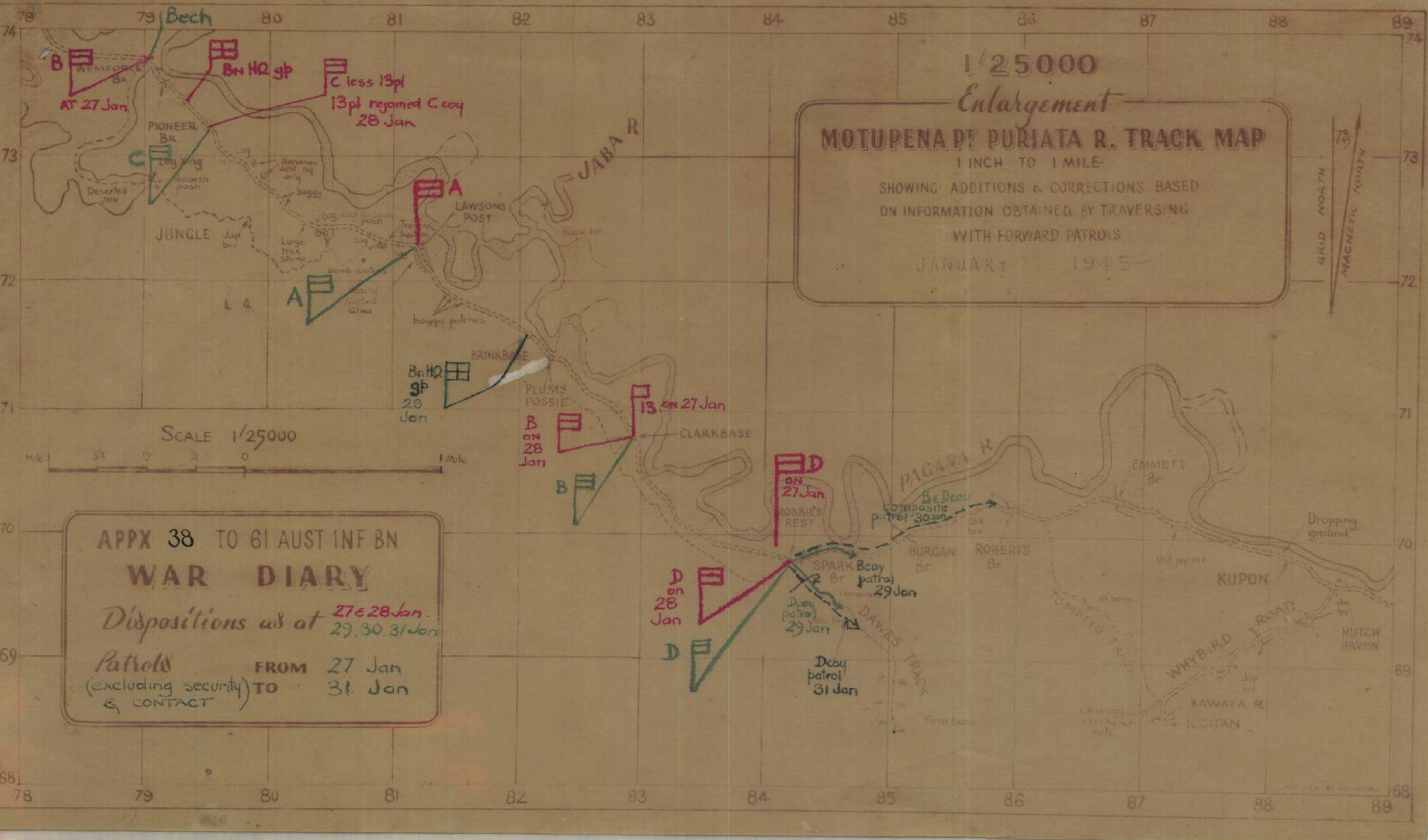


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 JANUARY 1945

B COY REMAINING RESPONSIBLE
 for 3 DIV INSTALLATIONS
 JABA R. & TAGESSI R. MOUTHS
 UNTIL 25 Jan. 45.

APPX 37 TO 61 AUST INF BN
 WAR DIARY
 Dispositions as at 0900 hrs 25 Jan
 1600 hrs 25 Jan
 Patrols FROM 24 Jan
 TO 26 Jan

Security & RECCE PATROLS OPERATED
 ALONG SOUTH BANK JABA R. AND 2,000 YDS
 SOUTH OF COY POSNS - CONTACT PATROLS BETWEEN COYS & BASES



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 JANUARY 1945

APPX 38 TO 61 AUST INF BN
WAR DIARY
 Dispositions as at 27 & 28 Jan.
 29, 30, 31 Jan
 Patrols (excluding security) & CONTACT FROM 27 Jan TO 31 Jan

B AT 27 Jan
 Bn HQ gp
 C less 13pt
 13pt rejoined C coy
 28 Jan

Bn HQ gp
 29 Jan

B on 28 Jan
 13 on 27 Jan

D on 28 Jan
 D

D on 27 Jan
 ROBBIE'S REST

SPARK Coy 2 Br patrol
 29 Jan

Deoy patrol
 31 Jan

Be Deoy composite patrol
 30 Jan

GRID NORTH
 MAGNETIC NORTH

JANUARY 1945

- January 1. 3 Aust Div Athletic Meeting - TOROKINA - Perimeter opposite Memorial Park - won by 61 Bn 71½ pts. Team won 11 pennants and 25 prizes.
- January 2. CO, 2 IC, Sig Offr and Mortar Offr left to visit A Coy in HANEMO Area.
- January 3. Issued Op Instr No 4 to extension of perimeter defences to include one Bn area of 164 US Regt and a Coy outpost posn on BLUE RIDGE near Hill 1000. D Coy moves from left to right flank and B Coy prepares outpost posn. Recce by Capt Hutchinson and Lt Gibson.
Rang CO at JEEP HEAD and received Ok for my plan.
- January 4. CO returned from HANEMO area and at 1700 hrs left for 29 Bde HQ at MODIONU. Change over of posns on TOROKINA perimeter. Further recce by Capt Hutchinson.
- January 5. Flame-throwing demonstration at WHITCOMB TRAIL RANGE at 1400 hrs - Div and Bde Offrs present. 1600 hrs CO returned from 29 Bde - 61 Bn to move to TAGESSI R-JABA R area.
- January 6. Recce party - CO, 2IC, Adj, IO, Sig Offr and Coy Comds and QM left for TAGESSI R-JABA R area. Arrangements made for taking over from 47 Bn on coast and 2/8 Cdo Sqn on MARIROPA R. 2 IC and IO remained this area and rest of party returned.
Movement Order issued at 2025 hrs.
- January 7. D Coy, BnHQ, HQ Coy (in part) and C Coy moved out from McCLELLAND TRAIL area to JABA R - TAGESSI R area.
Disposns - BnHQ and HQ Coy 782776
D Coy 782770 17 Pl MARIROPA R.
C Coy 15 Pl Mouth TAGESSI R.
- LOB huts completed.
LOB (OC Maj Phillips) established - other officers, Capts, Gowland, Sinclair, Paterson and Lt Henderson.
- January 8. B Coy, Rear BnHQ, HQ Coy (remainder) moved out to TAGESSI R JABA R area.
Disposns - A Coy HQ and 7 & 9 Pls 782773 8 Pl Sq 7826.
A Coy relieved at HANEMO area by Coy from 9 Aust Inf Bn.
A Coy arrived JEEP HEAD to stay night.
- January 9. CO visited D Coy on MARIROPA R - arrangements for their withdrawal less 17 Pl to area 500 yds South of BnHQ. Relief commenced. A Coy arrived from HANEMO area with JEEP HEAD Pers.
- January 10. Lecture 7 Bde HQ on Inf-Tk Co-op by Maj Arnott 2/4 Armd Sqn attended by "O" Group. CO and Adj to tea at Bde HQ.
- January 11. Local patrols only, incl patrol along north bank of JABA R.
- January 12. Local patrols only.
- January 13. CO, Adj, Coy Comds and other offrs attend Tk Demonstration with 2/4 Aust Armd Regt at WEBB RD. Visited LOB. B Coy moved to biv area on EAST WEST Trail for tank trg. D Coy less 17 Pl took over B Coy's beach defs.
- January 14. Recce to 2/8 Cdo perimeters on JABA R at 793737. CO Adj IO Sig Offr and OC and Pl Comds of C Coy. Inspected Defs. Reported to 3 Div (CO And Adj) for orders 1500 hrs. Issued Op Order No 1 for the relief of 2/8 Cdo Sqn by TWEMFORCE (OC Maj Twemlow) consisting of C Coy, D Coy less 17 Pl, 2 dets mortars, 7 SBs, 1 Sub-sec MMG, 3 Int pers, 7 Sigs. Lecture by BM to Offrs & NCOs on Inf Co-op with Tanks

- January 15. Relief of 2/8 Cdo by TWEMFORCE commenced. A LCA fouled on second trip and held up mov. Stores transferred to outboard and ferried BLP No 6.
2 IC visited LOB area and B Coy Tk Trg.
- January 16. No further mov of TWEMFORCE except stores.
Local patrols (security) only.
- January 17. Patrol - Lt Brinkley and 10 ORs along KUPON track to approx 817716. No contact. Reported track suitable for tanks except for fallen trees and one bomb crater approx 807723. Only positive sign of recent Jap occupation was freshly dug lily roots about 3 hrs old at 815718. Maze of faint tracks there running to SOUTH. Six enemy dead in vicinity of track. 2 IC teed up defs of arty tps near 10 Pl near JABA R mouth. Remainder of TWEMFORCE sent on foot up south bank of JABA R. All in posn by 1200 hrs.
A Coy moved to EAST-WEST Trail for Tk Trg - B Coy returned.
- January 18. Patrol - Lt McIntyre and 10 ORs with FOO contacted enemy at approx 824715. Shots exchanged. 1 enemy killed. own cas 1 wounded (Pte Davenport) Patrol withdrew owing to insufficient L/T intercomm and arty fire was brought down on Jap positions with unknown results. Captured eqpt - one short Meji, 1 haversack containing dixies for lily roots and quantities, of rice and brown sugar.
Bde Comd visited CO and discussed future ops and the relief of 29 Bde by 7 Bde.
11 Pl relieved 17 Pl at outpost posn on MARIROPA R.
2 IC teed up defs of Arty Tp with 10 Pl near BnHQ.
- January 19. Patrol - Lt Plummer, 16 ORs, contacted enemy 825715. Position attacked without arty co-op and captured 1415L. Cas enemy total force 7 killed - 1 enemy dead in trench apparently from malnutrition. Own Cas - 2 wounded (Pte Anderson SN and Cpl Woodward R.) Area captured was prepared def posn. Deserted Jap biv area approx 824713 with about 12 huts. Captured equipment includes 1 MMG 6 rifles 1 sword, documents and personal effects. Japs fairly well clothed and wearing boots.
Patrol (standing) to Log Xing - NMS (Lt Clarkson) six enemy dead seen by patrol.
- January 20. CO and Pnr Offr on recce re road South bank JABA R to TWEMFORCE. Padre O'Sullivan (former RC Missionary in this area) came to lunch and gave us information re MOSINA-MOSIGETTA area. Patrol (Lt McKellar and 16 ORs) to Log Xing - NMS. Lt McIntyre and 17 ORs - patrol to 829704. Destroyed Jap biv area of 18 huts at 821704 and moved along PAGANA R. Contacted 5 Japs - enemy cas 1 Killed 1 Wounded. Own Cas Nil. Reported enemy dead at 825715 had been hurriedly buried and a quantity of arty sig wire removed. Captured 1 short rifle, 2 grenades, and pers eqpt. Arty registered on Jap Biv area etc (BRINKBASE)
- January 21. Lt Brinkley and 25 ORs out to form outpost position and dig in at 822714 to be relieved next day. Firm base est. and patrols sent 1000 yds EAST to set ambush at 830704. NMS Patrol withdrew and found freshly constructed hut at 825714 Jap cart without wheels found infirm base area.
1 NCO 12 ORs to Log Xing to stay overnight.
7 Aust Inf Bde OP Order No 7 re relief of 29 Bde by 7 Bde.

- January 22. Area of responsibility extended to incl track junc 822693 and to 850704. Lt Brinkley's patrol returned after being relieved by patrol under Lt McKellar. Brinkley patrolled to 836699 and along south ~~and~~ track to 822702-NMS. Lt McKellar's patrol reached general area south-west of track junc 822713. Sighted one unarmed Jap. Returned to BRINKBASE at track junc for night. Standing patrol to Log King relieved Sitnor. 11 Pl on MARIRIPA R report 7 natives from MAINUK.
- January 23. They report 5 Japs in village - very exhausted.
- January 23. Bde Comd and BM called 0815 hrs. Lt Clarkson and fighting patrol left to relieve Lt McKellar. CLARKBASE est at 834703. 16 platoon patrol 350 yds fwd of this posn. Wounded 1 Jap. A further Jap wounded South of track whilst carrying LMG on back.
- January 24. BnHQ, HQ Coy and A Coy moved fwd to JABA R area. BnHQ took over comd from TWEMFORCE at 1100 hrs. A Coy in posn at 812723 at 1100 hrs. A Coy in posn 812723 at 1500 hrs. Patrol from CLARKBASE (18 Pl) fwd 350 yds wounded 1 Jap who used his own grenade on himself. Night 23/24 CLARKBASE surrounded by enemy - no casualties.
- January 25. Night 24/25 All sectors quiet night. B Coy HQ and 11 Pl arrived 790737. CO went fwd with IO and Mortar Offr to A Coy. Lt McKellar and 16 Pl left to relieve 18 Pl at CLARKBASE. Patrols (18 Pl) fwd of CLARKBASE 700 yds found Japs est 20 in posns. Killed one Jap carrying water. Patrol (15 Pl) relieved 13 Pl at BRINKBASE. 13 Pl reported 25 huts 830696. 15 Pl investigated - saw 8 Japs - one killed and captured rifle and papers. Arty ranging forward.
- Visitors. AQ, GSIII, "I" Corps and Div, DAQMG(L), Maj Millihen and Lt Stenlake.
- January 26. Quiet night. WOII Roberts (ANGAU) and natives on recce for track to MOSINA. at 843699 patrol was ambushed and one man (Pte Burke) wounded in forearm. Recce patrols of TUJU R area and area south east of BRINKBASE revealed nothing. 17 Pl (Lt Dawes) relieved 15 Pl (Lt McIntyre) at BRINKBASE. First jeep through to BRINKBASE. Fnr bridges near B Ech completed. ADS (Maj Milligan) moved in. Bde Comd called 1500 hrs. 10 Pl moved fwd from JABA PT to 790737. Orders moved for fwd move of D Coy 1800 hrs.
- January 27. 11 Pl relieved 17 Pl at BRINKBASE and 17 Pl relieved 16 Pl at CLARKBASE. 16 Pl made contact approx 841699 - two enemy wounded own cas nil. D Coy moved through and occupied that posn. Arty registered - squeals heard. 11 Pl moved forward to CLARKBASE. At BRINKBASE Pnr Offr and 2 Secs Pnrs, RSM and BnHQ digging party. BC (Maj Olsen) moved in to live at BnHQ. Jeep convoys of supplies, stores and ammunition through to CLARKBASE. BM had lunch this HQ. Fwd B Ech move in BP No 6.
- January 28. Stand down patrol from D Coy reced Jap biv area 300 yards in front of position and found Aust rifle (thought to be that of police boy who lost one recently) Patrol sighted one Jap, fired at him but Jap escaped. Fighting patrol sent fwd from D Coy with ANGAU pers. Track junc found at 841699 and D Coy moved forward. Harrassing fire from enemy (est 1 LMG 5 rifle Section encircled but found nothing. No cas. Arty and Mortar registration fwd of D Coy area. Track leading south showed signs of much use and fresh timber had been cut in area. Rations sent by outboard from BP6 to BRINKBASE. Tac/R flown KUPON-NIGITAN -MOSINA.
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- January 29, BnHQ and HQ Gp moved fwd to BRINKBASE, opened 0900 hrs. Fighting patrol 18 Pl made contact 100 yds fwd of D Coy posn. Resistance overcome, patrol continued to 1000 yds. Enemy 7 killed 1 wounded. Patrol (12 pl) investigated track to south but found it turned westwards and was not track to MOSINA. Patrol B Coy (Lt Sloan) on recce of Jap biv area found 2 dead reported as wounded 27 Jan. Ambush set by 12 Pl 600 yds fwd D Coy sighted 2 Japs who escaped. Rained like hell during afternoon - dug outs swamped. 7 days res rations and amn at CLARKBASE.
- January 30. Fighting patrol 18 Pl and 10 Pl (McKellar and Gibson) moved along KUPON track to 856704 about 2000 yds from KUPON Assault cable laid. NMS. Reported track to poss coy biv at 848698 good then inclined to be swampy. On return found track 18 Pl fought along 29 Jan, now MOSINA track - identified by ANGAU.
Recce patrol from 11 Pl south from CLARKBASE to approx 676836. No tracks in area, rather swampy. Two Japs seen just fwd of D Coy at 1845 hrs. Engaged with MMG and Mortar Result not known.
- January 31. Two days fighting patrol 11 Pl (Lt Whybird) left for KUPON. Three days recce patrol 8 Pl (Lt Tomlinson) left for NIGITAL area. D Coy moved fwd and occupied track junc 843698 by 1245 hrs. Fighting patrol (18 Pl) (Lt Clarkson) moved approx 1600 yards down DAWES TRACK without contact. One Jap body found evidently killed by patrol 29 Jan. Track reported to be 2' to 3' wide. Small biv area 1500 yards, where track corduroyed. Eqpt found rifles, bayonets, pers eqpt. Evidence decomposed bodies in area. Old Jap gun posn found near CLARKBASE (838699) large dug outs, at least 50 shells (70 or 75 mm) spare parts for gun, sights etc, 3 carts with spare parts, 2 pack saddles, and US rifles, 2 unserviceable SCR 536 sets.
- Gen Bridgeford and Brig Field visited fwd tps and this HQ.

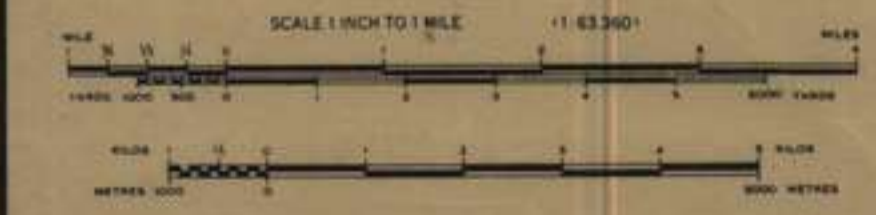
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