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22 Infantry Battalion

July 1944

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 010845 Jul To 020845 Jul

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
MADANG	1	0845	Trg and general maintenance carried out during the morning within the bn.		
		1215			
			0945	Rainfall for 24 hours ending 0900K 120 ft boy bonds conference. Trg + Camp preparations discussed also ^{Uniq Sports} programme.	
			1100		
			1400	Sports for the bn. CO + ADJT visited an inter coy football match at MADANG AIRBROME. "B" boy defeated "D" boy	
			1600		
			1800	Situation normal. Hot day.	
			1900	Pictures held in bn area "Her Primitive Man".	fhd.
	2	0845	Day of rest. Voluntary church services ^{held} within the bn.		

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 02.1100 Jul To 04.0845 Jul

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG	2	1100	MAJ. HOWIESON left on "boat of Inquiry" of 8 Bde stores.	
		1800	Situation normal. No rainfall during day. Hot and sunny.	fld.
	3	0845)	Trg and general improvements carried out during the day within the bn.	
		1600)		
			10 pl. LT. MURDOCK carried out exercise on Jungle Range.	
		1800		
		1020	Situation normal. Fine and sunny day.	fld.
	4	0845)	Trg and general improvements carried out during day within Bn.	
		1600)		
			14 pl. LT. PEDDLE used Jungle Range	

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 040940 Jul To 050900 Jul

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	4	0940	Outpost OLD FORAN withdrawn.	
		1045	I.O. proceeded to MADANG to contact BRIG EDGAR (ABDE) and Staff Captain	
		1145	BRIG EDGAR arrives at Bn H.Q. C.O and BRIG EDGAR inspects area.	
		1350	BRIG EDGAR left area to go to MADANG. C.O and ADJT accompanied the BRIG.	
		1500	C.O and ADJT returns to Bn H.Q.	
		1800	Situation normal. Warm day.	J.P.D.
	5	0845	Trg and general improvements	
		1215	carried out during the morning.	
		0900	boy bonds "B" "C" and "D" and I.O. inspected site for new coy area at 704247.	

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 050900 Jul To 051600 Jul

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG	5	0900	Composite pl 14 and 15 pls carried out exercise on Jungle Range	
		1215	Patrol policy issued 13 May 44 and amendments issued on 17 June 44 is cancelled. The following 3 man patrols will be carried out on Wednesday of each week. Coy stationed at POMBA to the June 704204 to AMELE track to GUM RIVER and via AMELE track and ALEXISHAFEN. RD MADANG RD. Coy stationed at 702243 to AMELE track 693220 to FORAN 693240 and the June 701249.	
		1400 } 1600 }	Sports afternoon throughout the Bn	

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 05 1800 Jul To 06 1800 Jul

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG	5	1800	Situation normal. Fine day. Showery during evening.	J.R.D.
	6	0800	Leave draft 4 offrs. LT CUTHBERTSON, LT HOGGIN, LT MURDOCK. and LT ATKIN and 76 ORS left Bn to proceed to 5 Div reception camp.	
		0845)	Trg and general improvements carried out within the Bn.	
		1600)		
		0900	Rainfall for 24 hours ending 0900 40 points	
		0945	C.O. & ADJT went to Jungle Range. 9 pl LT. KENNEDY carried out exercise	
		1130	C.O. and ADJT returned to Bn HQ.	
		1800	Situation normal. Dull day and	

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Unit 22. Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 061800 Jul To 071630 Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG	6	1800	cloudy with intermittent showers	
		2.130	Air raid "RED" warning.	
		2.140	All clear signal given. No raid eventuated.	
	7.	0845	Trg and general improvements	
		1600	carried out during day.	
		0900	Rainfall for 24 hours ending 0900K 50 points	
		0950	C.O. + I.O. proceeded to jungle range to see pl exercise. 18 pl and LT COATES CAPT BOLTON supervising.	
		1145	C.O. + I.O. returned to Bu Hd area.	
		1630	C.O. I.O. + Wky Hopkins left to recce possible boy site on MADANG-ALEXISHAFEN	

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 071630 Jul. To 090830 Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG	7	1630.	Rd. between MEIRO. R. and MIS. R.	
		1715.	C.O. I.O. + Maj Hopkins return.	
		1800	Lat Situation normal. Fine and warm day.	J.P.D.
	8.	0830- ¹²⁰⁰	Make + mend morning for unit. Kit inspections carried out.	
		1400-1600.	Sport afternoon. Owing to work on MADANG AIR STRIP no sporting arenas available for inter-coy or inter unit competitions.	
		1800.	Situation normal. Fine and warm day.	J.P.D.
	9.	0615.	Lt. Peddle marched out to 5 DIV. Appointed as liaison officer between HQ 5AUST DIV and AMERICAN barge Coy.	
		0830.	Rest day. Voluntary church parades held.	

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 0905¹⁵⁰⁰30 Jul. To 091900 Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	9.	1500.	Lt. Pratt and 2 bpls marched out to 5 Div Reception Camp for onward movement to 21 Second Aust Army I.T.Bs as instructors.	
		1530.	5 Offrs, R.S.M and 52 O.Rs rejoined unit from A.R.h and schools. Capt Goller posted to O.C. B. Coy. Lt. McNabb. " " A/2 i/c. D Coy. " Holdsworth " " A/2 i/c. C " " Frost " " O.C. 8 Pl. " Smith " " O.C. 14 Pl.	
		1800.	Situation normal. Fine and cloudy day.	
		1900.	Boy Bonds Conference. CO, Adj, IO, Q.M, T.O, and all Boy Bonds present	

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 091900 Jul. To 100815 Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	9.	1900.	<p>General situation and programme of works discussed. Unit to supply working parties for MADANG AIR STRIP and for construction of rd from MEIRO R. to MIS-R. along the old MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN. RD. Work to commence at 0730 ^{daily} and work through to completion. Basis of work 5^x of gravel per man per day. 6 day week with Sundays free. Road parties to work under 8 Id Coy. Strip parties under 2/1 M.E.C.</p>	Appendix 1
	10	0815.	<p>All patrols by this unit now cancelled in view of unit role. Roadmaking ^{Airrome} construction.</p>	J.P.

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Unit 22 Ausd. Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 100830 K To 110730 K. Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	10	0730 - 1400.	Unit working parties on MADANG/ALEXISHAFEN RD. 3 Offs and 140 O.Rs. HQ Coy personnel preparing new area for B Coy ad ref map MADANG AIRDROME. 704246.	Appendix I
		1015	C.O. + Adjst carried out inspection of work parties.	
		1125.	C.O. + Adjst return.	
		1215.	B.M. (4 Bde) arrived BN. HQ	
		1430.	C.O. + B.M. inspect MADANG AIRSTRIP and work parties on road.	
		1700.	C.O. returns to BN. HQ.	
		1830.	Situation normal. Fine, clear day.	
	11.	0730 - 1700.	Bn working parties on MADANG AIRSTRIP and rd. MADANG-ALEXISHAFEN. 5 Offs + 150 O.Rs.	Appendix I

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Unit 22 Assd Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 110900 K Jul. To 130730 K Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	11.	0900.	Rainfall for 24 hrs ended 0900K. 12 points	
		1130.	C.O. & Adj. inspect working parties Great difficulty being experienced by troops working in gravel pits breaking up large stones and breaking surface of gravel. Explosives to be tried to loosen surface.	Appendix I
		1800	Situation normal. Showery day.	ftd.
	12	0700.	Rainfall for past 24 hrs. 126 points	
		0730 - 1600.	3 Offrs and 110 O.Rs work parties on road. 50 loading gravel remainder spreading gravel and corduroying.	Appendix I
		1800.	Situation normal. Fine and clear day.	ftd.
	13.	0730.	Rainfall for past 24 hrs. 5 points.	

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Date and Time.—From 130730K Jul To 131555K Jul

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	13.	0730 - 1600.	3 Officers + 200 O-Rs work parties on Air Strip + road.	Appendix 1
		1100.	LA Col Sparkes 21k Jungle Warfare Training Centre and BM (4 Bde) arrive at H.Q. Col Sparkes here to study jungle warfare conditions. Demonstrated to him were adapted pack as worn on march, layout of unit patrol reports and various other items of interest.	
		1400.	Col Sparkes and BM inspect area.	
		1550.	Col Sparkes and BM leave for Bde H.Q.	
		1555.	Pacde SCHOTTEN 58/59 Bn etc pacde of this unit visits area. Renews many old acquaintances among unit personnel.	

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 131555K Jul To 141100K Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	13.	1555.	Padre SCHOTTEN was chaplain of this unit throughout unit operations.	
		1800.	Lat Situation normal. Dull + cloudy day.	off.
	14.	0700.	Rainfall for 24 hrs ending 140700K. 165 points.	
		0730-1130.	1 Off and 60 ORs work party corduroying road.	
		1100.	B Coy changed location from ref map MADANG EAST 1 inch 722212 to 709239	
			D Coy relieved B Coy at 722212. This means that our responsibility for close defence of the strip has terminated with the withdrawing of the coy from the strip. The ^{coy} position at 722212 is an ideal one for ^{the} carrying out of	

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 14 1100K. To 14 1430K Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	14	1100.	uninterrupted raining. Being right on the sea it affords great opportunities for clearing up of skin diseases which are fairly prevalent in the unit at the present time. The unit policy of having a coy at 722212 for three weeks then relieving them with another coy is paying handsome dividends in the clearing up of skin diseases.	
		11400	C.O and I.O. to D Coy to inspect settling in of coy in new position.	
		1430.	C.O and I.O. then proceed to MADANG to inspect sports oval and to arrange a picture show for the unit 15 Jul.	

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 14 1500 K To 15 1800 K Juel.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	14.	1500.	C.O. and I.O. call at ^{HQ.} 24 Bn and advise C.O. ^{24 Bn.} to evening mess.	
		1615.	C.O. and I.O. return.	
		1725.	Lt. Col Smith D.S.O, Major Carroll and Capt Sharpe of 24 Bn arrive for evening mess.	
		1810.	C.O. shows visiting officers around unit area.	
		1815.	Situation normal. Fine + clear day	
		2100.	Visiting officers return to 24 Bn.	flw.
	15.	0730 - 1400.	Work parties on road and strip continue.	Appendix 1
		1800.	Situation normal. Early rain then clear and fine.	flw.

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 160730K To 161945K Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	16.	0730.	Work party continues work on ship in lieu of Thursday when rain prevented any work.	Appendix 1
		1100.	Capt Bull. Adjts. on leave in Melbourne granted an other extra 16 days leave owing to serious illness in the family.	
		1800.	Situation normal. Fine and clear day.	
		1900.	Church service held in Y.M.C.A. conducted by Chaplain Hibbard, Unit Padre. Address: "Life". Ltpe Davis rendered "The Loss of the Lord".	
		1945.	Boy bonds conference held. Presents were C.O., Adjts., I.O., R.M.O., Padre, T.O., Q.M. and all Boy bonds. Working Parties were	

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Unit 22 Ausst Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 161945 K. To 170730 K Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>MADANG.</u>	<u>16.</u>	<u>1945.</u>	<p>discussed and a programme of works issued. General situation was summarised by the I.O and weekly medical report given by the R.M.O. Photo Interpretation course to be continued in forthcoming week. Staffing of I.T.Bs with reference to N.C.Os and N.C.O. promotion within the unit was discussed. Appreciations to be made by all officers on the defence of MADANG from its southern approaches.</p>	
	<u>17.</u>	<u>0730 - 1400.</u>	<p>Work parties continued on strip and road. Airstrip area has been placed out of bounds so all troops other than those working on the strip.</p>	<u>Appendix I</u>

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Date and Time.—From 17 0900K

To 18 1350K Jul

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	17.	0900.	QX 48071 Pte Murphy R.E. died of illness in 2/8 Australian General Hospital.	
			Evacuated P.V.O from this unit on 16 May 44.	
		1200.	Col Dawkins A.D.M.S, Maj Robinson D.A.M.6 and Capt Blackett D.A.D.H. all from ^{HQ} 5 AUST DIV visitors to lunch. A.D.M.S and D.A.D.H inspected unit R.A.P and A.D.S.	
		1425.	Visitors leave to return to HQ 5 AUST DIV.	
		1800.	Situation normal. Fine and clear day.	J.P.D.
	18.	0730 -1400.	Work parties on road and strip continue.	Appendix 1
		0900.	Photo Interpretation course commences.	
			Cpl Bowden A/I. SGT C.I.	
		1350.	All American type machetes in unit to be returned to H.Q. for the purpose	

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Date and Time.—From 18 1350K To 18 1800K Jue.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	18.	1350.	<p>cutting down four inches in the blade. It is considered that this will be a big improvement as far as weight and will also make the machete less cumbersome. The machete will be sheathed in the American pattern sheath correspondingly cut down. This new type machete will be used by section leaders and sub machine gunners within the unit in place of the bayonet. It will be worn on the belt corresponding to the present bayonet.</p>	
		1800.	<p>Situation normal. Dull and overcast day. JFB.</p>	

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Unit 22 AUST INF BN Date and Time.—From 190700K To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	19.	0700.	Rainfall for 24 hrs ending 0700K. 25 1/4.	
		0730 - 1300.	Work parties on road + strip continue.	Appendix I
		1800.	Situation normal. Mild day.	
		1900.	Lectures to all officers given by I.O on "Censorship + Security" and by R.MO on "Care of the feet."	J.P.
	20.	0730.	Working Parties continue on road + strip.	Appendix I
		1100.	Bde advise C.I. Junior Leaders School	
			Leymour to grant our N.C.O. instructors for I.T.Bs under command Second Aust Army, twelve days leave at conclusion of school.	
		1800.	Situation normal. Fine day.	
		1900.	C.O conducted a discussion on the	

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 20 1900 K To 21 1800 K Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	20.	1900.	Appreciation which had been done by all officers. Many doubtful points were cleared up and a clearer idea of appreciations was gained by all. A further appreciation was set by the Commanding Officer at the conclusion of the discussion.	J.P.D.
	21.	0730.	Work parties on strip and road cancelled because of rain. 30 fts only fell but very steady rain.	Appendix I
		1330	Work parties on strip commenced.	
		1645	Work party on strip finishes for day.	Appendix I
		1800.	Situation normal. Steady raining fell during morning.	J.P.D.

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 230730K Jul To 231900K Jul

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	23 22	0730.	Work parties cancelled for morning.	Appendix I
		1300.	C.O. T.O. + Lt how leave for recce to GUM + GOGOH RIVERS.	
		1330.	Work parties on strip commence.	
		1800.	Situation normal. Fine afternoon.	
		1815.	C.O. T.O. + Lt how return from GOGOH-R	
			Report possibility of salvaging 2 Jap 3 ton 1.8. Trucks. T.O. to follow up.	
		1900.	Pictures held in unit area.	
			Ralph Richardson in "The Silver Reed" A poignant drama of sabotage in Dutch "U" Boat shipyards.	J.R.

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Date and Time.—From 23 0730 Jul To 23 1900 Jul

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG	23	0730	Rainfall for 24 hrs ending 0730K 30pts	
		0730	Work party on strip cancelled on account of	Appendix I
		1330	rain.	
		1600	Work party resumed on strip.	Appendix I
		1335	Adjt. I.O. & 2.1/2 A boy to GUM.R for recce.	
		1800	Situation normal. Fine & clear afternoon.	
		1830	R. C. Mass celebrated in Bn H. Q. Mess Hut.	
		1900	Prot. Church Service held in Y. M. C. A	
			conducted by Padre Hibbard. Address	J.A.
			"Security" very good attendance.	

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn . Date and Time.—From 24 0730 K. To 24 1330 K. Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	0730.	↔ 24	Work party of 50 men commence work on MADANG air strip. Party lessened due to "Chinaman" now operating on strip. Policy now 50 men in morning shift + 50 on afternoon.	Appendix I
	24.	0900.	Lt Pendergast, 1 Sgt and 1 Cpl marched out to reception camp for onward movement to Second Aust Army I.TBs as instructors.	
		1330.	Boy Comds. conference held. Present were C.O., AdjT, I.O, R.M.O, Q.M.T.O, Padre and all boy Comds. General world situation was discussed by the I.O, weekly medical report given by R.M.O.	

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 24 1330K Jul. To 24 1530K Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	24.	1330.	<p>Work parties were discussed. Contingent on the road party being discontinued the coy down on the coast will carry out training incl. heavy weapons, instructors to be supplied by H.Q. Coy. Photo Interpretation School will also be carried out in this area. Promotions to N.C.O. appointments and promotions of N.C.O.s were also discussed. Proposed promotions, were given by the C.O. Hygiene generally was discussed.</p> <p>1530. Father McBarthy, Chaplain-General R.C. denominations visits area.</p>	Appendix 1

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Date and Time.—From 24 1800K Jul To 26 1900K Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	24.	1800.	Situation normal. Fine and clear day.	JTB.
	25.	0730.	Work party on ship continues.	
		1800.	Situation normal. Fine and clear day.	JTB.
	26.	0730.	Work party continues work on ship.	Appendix I
		1401.	Brig Edgar D.S.O. Comd 4 Bde arrived in area with Staff Captain.	
			Informed C.O. of impending move of Bde to Australia on leave.	
		1800.	Situation normal. Fine and clear day.	
		1900.	Boy bonds conference. Present were C.O., Adj. I.O., R.M.O. Padre, T.O., Q.M. and all boy bonds. Mr Bruce Y.M.C.A. rep also attended.	

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Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn . Date and Time.—From 26 1900 K To 26 1900 K Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	26.	1900.	<p>C.O. ran through preliminary action to be taken by coys with regard to impending move to Aust.</p> <p>Move will be on a pure leave basis. Personal arms and equipment ONLY will be taken. Heavy stores, accommodation stores, records etc will be placed in Bde dump. To be established at SIAR. PTN.</p> <p>Present policy of working parties and camp mace to be maintained.</p> <p>It is expected that Bde Comd will address 22 Bn prior to departure.</p> <p>Preliminary arrangements made for parade. <i>JB</i></p>	

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Unit 22 Ausd Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 27 0730K Jul. To 27 1130K Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	27.	0730.	Work party continues on ship construction.	Appendix 1
		0905.	C.O. and I.O. leave to inspect ship working party hence to 24 Bn.	
		1125.	C.O. and I.O. return.	
		1130.	Message Q. 73. received from Bde.	
			SECRET. @ WARNING ORDER @ first @ 4 bde gr will prepare move AUST on leave @ move NOT expected before 14 Aug @ concentrate BRISBANE after leave for return MADANG to arrive NOT later 1 Nov @ second @ OOB @ HQ. 4 BDE @ 4 FD Coy @ 4 bde sig sec @ 22 bn @ 29/46 bn @ 37/52 bn @ 25 pl G coy 2/19dregt @ one pl and R.D. 1. 154 gen Hpt coy @ 1 Sup dep pl @ 2 sup dep pl. @ 4 fd amb @	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 118.
(adapted.)

Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 271130K Jul To 271130K Jul

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	27.	1130.	<p>130 bde ord fd park @ 130 bde workshops @ 264 L.A.D. @ det 3 Div postal unit @ third @ move with personal arms and equipment only @ instructions re disposal unit equip vhs accom stores. Serdage will be issued separately @ fourth @ following details to be submitted to this HQ by 29 Jul @ A @ Total pers for leave by units by states @ B @ Total pers entitled over 30 days leave by units by states @ C @ G.R.O 318 as applicable @ D @ K.S.S as in duplicate for hits @ ack all informed.</p>	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 118.
(adapted.)

Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 271800K Jul. To 290730K Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	27.	1800.	Situation normal.	JLB.
	28.	0730.	Work party continued at strip.	Appendix I
		0915.	C.O. and Lt Col Smith C.O. 24 Bn bfg for AMEKE MISSION.	
		1200.	1 Ofpr 1 Sgt and 9 O.Rs to remain as guard at Bde dump while Bde is on leave. If possible all volunteers will be selected.	
		1745.	C.O. returned from AMEKE mission.	
		1800.	Situation normal.	JLB.
	29.	0730.	Rainfall for 24 hrs ending 0900K 15pts. Unit working parties outside have ceased. Air strip needs now only further engineer labour.	Appendix I

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 18.
(adapted.)

Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 291020K Jul To 291700K Jul.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	29.	1020.	<p>message received from 4 Bde reference Accomodation stores. @ Unit equipment controlled stores are to be placed in stores dump at Bde H.Q. area. @ addresses will advise by 1800 hrs 29 Jul space required for such storage vehicle space NOT to be included.</p>	
		1425	<p>Message received from 4 Bde reference date of movement. Text:- Date of movement amended to read NOT before approx 6 Aug.</p>	
		1700.	<p>Message sent to Bde ref storage space required by this unit. Text:- Estimated storage space 2000 cubic feet</p>	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C, 2118.
(adapted.)

Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn . Date and Time.—From 29 1800 K Jul . To 29 1945 K Jul .

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	29.	1800	Situation normal. Fine and clear day.	
		1900.	Pictures held in unit area.	
			"The Sullivans". A poignant drama of five brothers who lived and fought together unto the death.	J.R.
	30.	0900.	Rainfall up to 0900 hrs 45 pts.	
		0900.	Day of rest.	
		1900.	Church service conducted in Y.M.C.A	
			Subject of address "The First Commandment."	
		1945.	Boy bonds conference held. Present were C.O. Adjt, I.O., T.O., Q.M. Padre R.M.O. Y.M.C.A representative, Lt. Holdsworth and all boy bonds. Review of the world situation was given by the I.O.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C 2118.
(adapted.)

Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 30 1945 K. To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG.	30.	1945.	Preparations for impending move were given. Unit parade for the Bde bond was discussed. Unit to carry out route marches during coming week R.M.O. then gave weekly report and stressed the importance of correct dosages of atebim whilst on leave. It was decided that each member ^{was} to bring back one bound book for purposes of establishing unit library J.P.D.	
		0900	Rainfall for 24 hrs ending 0900 K 35.0 pts	
		1015	C.O. & Adjt proceeded to D Coy to inspect individual trial pack. Thence to MADANG	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted.)

Unit 22 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 311015 Jul To 311800 Jul

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MADANG	31	1015	to interview base Comd	
		1800	Situation normal. Dull & overcast	J.P.D.
				Appendix A W3008
				Appendix B W3009
				Appendix C Hobbies
				competition.
				Appendix D B.I.
				News Sheet
				Appendix E Situation
				reports & Review of
				Situation.
				Appendix F
				Routine orders

J.P.D. Davies Lt.
I.O. 22 Aust Inf Bn.
J.P.D. Davies Lt.
Comd
22 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX. A

W 3008

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3003
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
27/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/7/1944 22 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. 11 12 0 3 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 767 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8				9				10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.																															
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.					Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.																											
-	-	-	1																																				
1	1	-	3	Lieut.-Colonels																																			
NR	4	-	5	Majors																																			
-	-	9	28	Captains				AAMC	1	-	-	-																											
				Lieutenants																																			
				Quarter-masters																																			
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.																																			
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.																																			
1	5	9	36						1	-	-	-																											

	DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.	37									37
	E.(1)										
	E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX108143	Capt	DOID H.H.	struck off strength	23/6/44	Hospital 8 days. X List.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 22 AUST INF BN (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 1/7/1944

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/7/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	VX5423	CARSTAIRS	J.D.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	VX71021	HOMERSON	T.F.	OC A	"	Acting 2 1/6	
"	VX108140	HOPKINS	K.S.	OC HQ	"		
Captain	VX104303	PAPWORTH	B.J.		No	Duty 5 Aust Div	29/3/44
"	VX143350	BOLTON	K.	OC C	Yes		
"	VX108146	MIENE	D.I.		No	Leave	26/3/44
Lt (T/capt)	VX56014	CULL	J.F.	Adjt	"	Leave	18/6/44
"	VX140104	BRAYSON	W.J.	QM	Yes		
Lieutenant	VX108150	HRFBURN	D.R.	OC 4 Pl	"		
"	VX108151	McNABB	D.A.		No	Leave	26/3/44
"	VX108153	PRATT	T.W.		Yes		
"	VX108158	HOLDSWORTH	H.		No	School	12/3/44
"	VX45077	MILLER	W.C.	A/OC B	Yes		
"	VX38856	PARR	G.W.	21/c A	"		
"	VX108161	PRENDERGAST	N.P.	A/21/cB	"		
"	VX56217	McNEATH	L.R.	A/OC D	"		
"	VX112248	AYERS	J.N.	A/Adjt	"		
"	VX108160	SMITH	N.A.		No	Leave	26/3/44
"	VX140673	PEDDIE	K.A.	OC 14 Pl	Yes		
"	VX114143	CUMBERTSON	A.R.	" 3 "	"		
"	VX2452	KENT	S.	TO	"		
"	VX107999	HOOBIN	A.W.	OC 1 Pl	"		
"	VX58997	MURDOCH	N.P.K.	"10 "	"		
"	VX40261	ATKIN	J.	" 8 "	"		
"	VX103991	BAIRDWIN	J.L.	"16 "	"		
"	VX37349	THORPE	D.B.	"17 "	"		
"	VX23633	COATES	A.H.	"18 "	"		
"	VX130168	CUDDIHY	G.P.	"11 "	"		
"	VX13395	LOW	N.L.	"13 "	"		
"	VX105988	LATHAN	P.G.	" 7 "	"		
"	VX102909	WEARIE	J.L.	"12 "	"		
"	VX103191	DAVIES	J.L.	I.O.	"		
"	VX105335	BLACKET	R.G.	OC 15 Pl	No	Duty MADMG Area Comd	5/5/44
"	VX161353	BENNETT	J.A.	" 9 "	Yes		
"	VX16036	GREENWOOD	G.P.	" 5 "	"		
"	VX7327	PENNY	R.G.	" 2 "	"		

ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.

Captain VX200502 SUTTON D.H. RMO Yes

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	VX200361	HIBBARD C.A.	AACHD	9/2/44	Padre

2 Jul 44

Date of Despatch

Truth-7/48.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8 7 /194 4 22 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. II 123 3 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 767 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels	AAMC							
1	1	-	2							Majors		
NR	4	-	5								Captains	
-	-	9	23									Lieutenants
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.								
1	5	9	33	Civilians Counting as Offrs.		1	-	-	-			

DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	••	TOTAL
A.	37									37
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
			NIL		

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 22 AUST INF BN (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 8 7 /194 4

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30/7/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	VX5423	CANSTAIRS	J.D.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	NX71021	EDWINSON	T.F.	OC A	No	Duty 5 Aust Div	5/7/44
"	VX108140	HOPKINS	K.S.	OC B2	Yes		
Captain	VX104303	DE WORTH	B.J.		No	Duty 5 Aust Div	29/3/44
"	NX143350	BOLTON	K.	OC C	Yes		
"	VX108146	MILNE	D.I.		No	Leave	26/3/44
Lt (T/capt)	VX56014	CULL	J.F.	Adjt	"	"	18/6/44
"	VX140104	BEYSON	W.J.	QM	Yes		
Lieutenant	VX108150	HESP BURN	D.R.	OC 4 Pl	"		
"	VX108151	MCNAB	D.A.	" 3 "	No	Leave	26/3/44
"	VX108153	FRATT	T.F.	" 3 "	Yes		
"	VX108156	HOBBS ORCH	H.		No	School	12/3/44
"	VX45077	MILLER	W.C.	A/OC B	Yes		
"	VX38856	PARR	G.W.	21/9 A	"		
"	VX108161	FRENDERGAST	H.F.	A/21/0B	"		
"	VX56217	MCNEATH	L.R.	A/OC D	"		
"	VX112248	AYERS	J.N.	A/Adjt	"		
"	VX108160	SMITH	N.A.		No	Leave	26/3/44
"	NX140673	PIDDLE	K.A.	OC 14Pl	Yes		
"	VX114143	CUTBERTSON	A.R.		No	Leave	6/7/44
"	VX2452	RENT	S.	T.O.	Yes		
"	VX107999	ROBERTS	A.H.		No	Leave	6/7/44
"	OX58997	MURDOCH	H.P.K.		"	"	6/7/44
"	OX40261	APPEL	J.		"	"	6/7/44
"	VX103921	BAIDWIN	J.L.	16 Pl	Yes		
"	OX37349	THORPE	D.B.	17 "	"		
"	NX83653	COATES	A.H.	18 "	"		
"	NX150158	CUDDIHY	G.P.	11 "	"		
"	VX15395	LOW	N.L.	13 "	"		
"	VX105988	LATHAM	P.G.	7 "	"		
"	VX102900	HEARNS	J.L.	12 "	"		
"	VX103191	DAVIES	J.L.	10 "	"		
"	VX105635	BLACKET	R.G.	15 Pl	No	Duty MADANG Area Comd	5/3/44
"	NX161353	BENNETT	J.A.	9 "	Yes		
"	NX16036	GREENWOOD	G.F.	5 "	"		
"	OX7347	PENNY	R.O.	2 "	"		
ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.R.							
Captain	NX200502	SUTTON	D.H.	HQ	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	NX200361	HIBBARD C.A.	AACID	3/2/44	Padre

8 Jul 44

Date of Despatch

James Christensen
Signature of Commander Lt-Col

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 7 / 1944 22 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 3 . OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 767 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
1	1	-	2	Majors					
2	3	-	6	Captains	AAMC	1	-	-	-
-	-	9	28	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
3	4	9	37			1	-	-	-

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL
A.	38									38
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX112247	T/capt	COLLIER S.N.	IHQ Tactical School	9/7/44	Rejoined unit
VX56257	Lt	FROST E.G.	IHQ Trg Centre CANUNGRA (JW)	9/7/44	do (ex Instr)

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX108153	Lt	PRATT T.W.	Staff of Aust Inf Trg Bns	9/7/44	Instructor (Replacement not required)

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 22 AUST INF BN (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 15 / 7 / 1944 .

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 7 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
XXV Lt-Col	VX5423	CARSTAIRS	J.D.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	MX71021	HOWIESON	T.F.	A/21/c	No	Duty 5 Aust Div	5/7/44
"	VX108140	HOPKINS	K.S.	OC HQ	Yes		
Captain	VX104305	PAPWORTH	B.J.		No	Duty 5 Aust Div	29/3/44
"	NX143350	BOLTON	K.	OC C	Yes		
"	VX108146	MILNE	D.I.		No	Leave	26/3/44
Lt (T/capt)	VX112247	COLLER	S.N.	OC B	Yes		
"	VX56014	CULL	J.P.	Adj't	No	Leave	13/6/44
"	VX140104	BRYSON	W.J.	QM	Yes		
Lieutenant	VX108150	HEPBURN	D.R.	4 Pl	"		
"	VX108151	McNABB	D.A.	21/c D	"		
"	VX108158	HOLDSWORTH	E.	21/c C	"		
"	VX45077	MILLER	W.C.	OC A	"		
"	VX38856	FARR	G.W.	2 1/c A	"		
"	VX108161	PRENDERGAST	N.P.	21/c B	"		
"	VX56217	McBEATH	L.R.	OC D	"		
"	VX112248	AYERS	J.N.	A/Adj't	"		
"	VX108160	SMITH	N.A.	14 Pl	"		
"	VX56257	PROST	E.G.	8 "	"		
"	NX140673	PEDDIE	K.A.		No	Duty 5 Aust Div	9/7/44
"	VX114143	CUTHBERTSON	A.R.		"	Leave	6/7/44
"	VX2452	KENT	S.	TO	Yes		
"	VX107999	HOBBS	A.W.		No	Leave	6/7/44
"	QX58997	MURDOCH	N.P.K.		"	Leave	6/7/44
"	QX40261	ATKIN	J.		"	Leave	6/7/44
"	VX105991	BAIDWIN	J.L.	16 Pl	Yes		
"	QX37349	THORPE	D.B.	17 "	"		
"	NX85633	COATES	A.H.	18 "	No	School	9/7/44
"	VX130168	CUDDIHY	C.P.	11 "	Yes		
"	VX13395	LOW	N.L.	13 "	"		
"	VX105988	LATHAM	P.G.	7 "	"		
"	VX102903	WEARNE	J.L.	12 "	"		
"	VX105191	DAVIES	J.L.	1.O.	"		
"	VX105635	BLACKET	R.G.		No	Duty MADANG Area Cond	5/5/44
"	NX161353	KENNEDY	J.A.	9 Pl	Yes		
"	NX16036	GREENWOOD	G.P.	5 "	"		
"	QX7847	PENNY	R.G.	2 "	"		

ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.

Captain	NX200502	SUTTON	D.H.	RMO	Yes
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PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	NX200551	HIBBARD C.A.	AAGhd	9/2/44	Padre

15 Jul 44

Date of Despatch

Russell Christy
Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

30 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22 / 7 / 1944 22 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. II / 120 / 3 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 767 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1	-	-	-
1	1	-	2						
2	3	-	6						
-	-	9	28						
3	4	9	37						
						1	-	-	-

	DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.	38									38
	E.(1)										
	E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
			NIL		

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 22 AUST INF BN (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 22 / 7 / 1944

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

22 AUST INF BN

Unit

30/44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/7/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	VX5423	CARSTAIRS	J.D.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	NX71021	HOWIBSON	T.P.	A/21/c	No	Duty 5 Aust Div	5/7/44
"	VX108140	HOPKINS	K.S.	OC HQ	Yes		
Captain	VX104305	PAPWORTH	B.J.		No	Duty 5 Aust Div	29/3/44
"	NX143350	BOTON	K.	OC C	Yes		
"	VX108146	MILNE	D.I.		No	Leave	26/3/44
Lt (T/capt)	VX112247	GOLLER	S.H.	OC B	Yes		
"	VX56014	GULL	J.F.	Adj't	No	Leave	18/6/44
"	VX140104	BYSON	W.J.	QM	Yes		
Lieutenant	VX108150	HEPBURN	D.R.	4 Pl	"		
"	VX108151	McNABB	D.A.	21/c D	"		
"	VX108156	HOLDSWORTH	H.	21/c C	"		
"	VX56077	MILLER	W.C.	OC A	"		
"	VX38856	FARR	G.W.	21/c A	"		
"	VX108161	FRENDERGAST	H.P.	21/c B	"		
"	VX56217	McBEATH	L.R.	OC D	"		
"	VX112248	AYERS	J.N.	A/Adj't	"		
"	VX108160	SMITH	H.A.	14 Pl	"		
"	VX56257	FROST	E.G.	8 "	"		
"	VX140673	WEDDIE	K.A.		No	Duty 5 Aust Div	9/7/44
"	VX114143	OUTHBERTSON	A.R.		"	Leave	8/7/44
"	VX2452	KENT	S.	T.O.	Yes		
"	VX107999	HOBBS	A.W.		No	Leave	6/7/44
"	OX58997	MURDOCH	N.P.K.		"	Leave	6/7/44
"	OX40281	ATKIN	J.		"	Leave	6/7/44
"	VX103991	BAIRDWIN	J.L.	16 Pl	Yes		
"	OX37349	THORPE	D.B.	17 "	No	Duty 5 Aust Div	19/7/44
"	NX83833	COATES	A.H.	18 "	"	School	9/7/44
"	VX130168	CUDDIRY	G.P.	11 "	Yes		
"	VX13395	LOW	W.L.	13 "	"		
"	VX105988	LATHAM	P.G.	7 "	"		
"	VX102909	WEAVER	J.L.	12 "	"		
"	VX103191	DAVIES	J.L.	1.O.	"		
"	VX105635	BLACKET	R.G.		No	Duty 5 Div Rec Camp	5/5/44
"	NX161353	KENNEDY	J.A.	9 Pl	Yes		
"	NX16038	GREENWOOD	G.P.	5 "	"		
"	OX7847	PENNY	R.G.	2 "	"		

ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.

Captain NX200502 BUTTON D.H. RMO Yes

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	NX200361	HIBBARD C.A.	AAGLD	9/2/44	padre

22 Jul 44

Date of Despatch

Truth-7/43.

[Signature] Lt-Col
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
31 44 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 7 / 1944 22 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. II/1203 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 767 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1	-	-	-
1	1	-	2						
2	3	-	6						
-	-	8	27						
3	4	8	36						

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX108161	Lt	PRENDERGAST N.F.	Struck off strength	24/7/44	M/O To Staff of Aust Inf Trg Bns Replacement not required

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 22 AUST INF BN (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 29 / 7 / 1944.

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 7 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	VX5423	CARSTAIRS	J.D.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	NX71021	HOWISON	T.F.		No	Duty 5 Aust Div	5/7/44
"	VX103140	HOPKINS	K.S.	OO HQ	Yes		
Captain	VX104303	PAPWORTH	B.J.		No	Duty 5 Aust Div	29/3/44
"	NX143350	BOLTON	K.	OO C	Yes		
"	VX108146	MILNE	D.I.		No	Leave	26/3/44
Lt (T/Capt)	VX112247	GOLLER	S.N.	OO B	Yes		
"	VX56014	GULL	J.F.	Adj't	No	Leave	18/6/44
"	VX140104	BRYSON	W.J.	QM	Yes		
Lieutenant	VX108150	HARBURN	D.R.	4 Pl	"		
"	VX108151	McNAME	D.A.	21/c D	"		
"	VX108156	HOLDSWORTH	H.	21/c C	"		
"	VX56077	MILLER	W.C.	OO A	"		
"	VX33836	PARR	G.W.	21/c A	"		
"	VX56217	McSATH	H.R.	OO D	"		
"	VX112243	AYERS	J.N.	A/Adj't	#2		
"	VX108160	SMITH	N.A.	14 Pl	"		
"	VX56257	PROST	E.G.	8 "	"		
"	NX140673	PEDDLE	K.A.		No	Duty 5 Aust Div	9/7/44
"	VX114143	CUMBERTSON	A.R.		"	Leave	6/7/44
"	VX2452	KENT	S.	T.O.	Yes		
VX	VX107999	HOUBIN	A.W.		No	Leave	6/7/44
"	QX58997	MURDOCH	N.P.K.		"	Leave	6/7/44
"	QX40261	ATKIN	J.		"	Leave	6/7/44
"	VX103991	BALDWIN	J.L.	16 Pl	Yes		
"	QX37349	THORPE	D.B.	17 "	"		
"	NX83635	COATES	A.H.	18 "	No	School	9/7/44
"	NX130168	GUDDIHY	G.F.	11 "	Yes		
"	VX13393	LOW	N.L.	13 "	"		
"	VX105988	LATHAM	P.G.	7 "	"		
"	VX102909	WEAVER	J.L.	12 "	"		
"	VX103191	DAVIES	J.L.	I.O.	"		
"	VX105835	BLACKET	R.G.		No	Duty 5 Div Rec Camp	5/5/44
"	NX161353	KENNEDY	J.A.	9 Pl	Yes		
"	NX16056	GREENWOOD	G.F.	5 "	"		
"	QX7827	PENNY	R.G.	2 "	"		

ATTACHED ALLOWED BY V.E.

Captain	NX200502	SUTTON	D.H.	RMO	Yes		
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PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	NX200501	MIBBARD C.A.	AACND	9/2/44	Padre

29 Jul 44

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

APPENDIX. B

W 3009

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

(Revised June 1943.)

(Serial No.)

1 7 4 22 AUST INF BN

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday / / 194 (Unit)

II 1300 2

32 767

1 35

W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8				9				10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.								DETAIL.								ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.																							
Reinfts. Required.		Deficient W.E.		Surplus to W.E.		Posted Strength.		DETAIL.								Arm or Corps.		Posted Strength.		Surplus to W.E.		Deficient W.E.		Reinfts. Required.															
							1	W.Os. Class I.								AACC		1																					
							6	W.Os. Class II.																															
							5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.																															
							30	Staff Sergeants								1 2 2 1 1		7				3		NR															
							57	Sergeants								1 7		9		3		2		1															
							541	Corporals								1 10		3 14		2		4		1															
								Troopers, Privates, etc.																															
								Civilians counting as O.R.																															
							639	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.								A.A.P.C. A.A.M.C. A.A.C.C. A.A.P.C.S. A.E.M.E.		31		5		9		2															

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	357		613							670
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
5	4 Pd Amb		
1	59 Ind Tpt Coy		
1	5 Div Amenities		
2	18 Graves Reg Unit		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	Old Records		
7	4 Hqs		
87	Leave		
9	Schools		
4	Hospital		
8	5 Div Rec Camp		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 22 Bn (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 1 7 4 / / 194

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1/7/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	2	2
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	25	NR	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boltermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.							
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11	-				
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10	-	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	2	-				
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-				
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	17	-	CARRIED FORWARD	57	57	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	802670	125	*

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

2 Jul 44

Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

1. DEFICIENCIES IN ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.

ARME - 1 Cfn Armourer
 AAPC - 1 Cpl Pay
 AAGC - 1 Cpl Shoemaker - NR - Trade tested shoemaker on strength
 AACC - 3 Sgt Cooks - NR - 1 Sgt cook on X List expected to rejoin unit
 Promotion of 2 Cpls to Sgts anticipated
 3 TQII Cooks - NR - ~~xxxxxx~~ 2 on Home Leave X List expected to rejoin unit
 2 at school expected to rejoin unit

2. SURPLUS IN ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.

ARME - 1 Cpl Armourer - NX168737 Cpl BOND W. (See W3009 Serial 13/44)
 2 Ptes Fitter Gun - Q132229 Cfn RIDGE C.A. (" 14/44)
 Q143956 Cfn HOOPER J.R. (" 16/44)
 AACC - 2 Cpl Cooks - VX107916 Cpl BROUGHTON C.J. (" 17/44)
 VX127824 Cpl SANDERSON S.D. (" 22/44)

3. SURPLUS IN NCO SPECIALISTS.

VX141961 Sgt CROWE V. (Malaria Control) (See W3009 Serial 13/44) Home leave

4. SURPLUS IN NCO NON-SPECIALISTS.

VX108515 Sgt LADE V. (Tpt Sgt) (See W3009 Serial 13/44) (Home leave)
 VX144548 Cpl WHITE A.W. (Tpt Cpl) " " "
 VX107995 " HENNING M.A. (Clerk) " 20/44)

5. DEFICIENCIES IN NCO SPECIALISTS.

1 Cpl Sigs - NR - To be promoted from within unit

6. DEFICIENCIES IN NCO NON-SPECIALISTS.

1 WOII GSM
 5 Cpls Riflemen - NR - 5 L/Cpls awaiting promotion at present filling vacancies
 1 Sgt Stretcher bearer - NR - To be promoted from within unit
 2 Cpls Mortar - NR - On X List expected to rejoin unit
 1 Sgt Mortar - NR - To be promoted from within unit
 1 Cpl Pioneer - NR - On X List expected to rejoin unit
 1 Sgt Tk A - NR - To be promoted from within unit

7. PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO A137/44.

NIL

ATTACHED BY W.E.

TOTALS IN COLUMN
 MATCHED TO ABOVE
 WITH COLUMN 4 AND 5
 AND 1 OF 10 OF 10
 A

CARRIED FORWARD

CARRIED FORWARD

CARRIED FORWARD

NOTE: (a) If rank after this figure is involved, give details on back.
 (b) Although under no circumstances are included in this will be added as required in space provided.
 (c) Where a W.A.B. and/or A.M.W.B. personnel are carried show details on back.
 (d) Where registration, not desired, note accordingly on return by insertion of NR in box "Regimental Number".
 (e) Where any request or position is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on the front.

Signature of Commander

Date of Dispatch

L.H.C. Form 30-3/44-112

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8 / 7 / 1944 22 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. II / 120 / 3 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s 767 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 35 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
-	-	-	1	W.Os. Class I.					
1	1	-	5	W.Os. Class II.	AACC	1	-	-	-
-	-	-	5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
-	-	-	-	Staff Sergeants					
NR	4	2	29	Sergeants	1 2 2 1	6	-	4	NR
1	8	2	58	Corporals	1 5	7	1	2	1
119	119	2	543	Troopers, Privates, etc.	1 12 2	15	1	2	1
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
121 *	132	6	641 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	AAPG AAMC AACC AAPost AEME	29 *	2	3	2 *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).
 ** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	361		309							670
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
5	4 Fd Amb			1	Old Records		
1	39 Ind Tpt Coy			7	4 Bde		
1	5 Div Amenities			151	leave		
2	18 Graves Reg Unit			4	Schools		
2	13 Ind Bde Pro Pl			7	5 Div Rec Camp		
				2	HQ 5 Div		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 22 BN (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 8 / 7 / 1944

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 8 / 7 / 1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
				B/P	1	1		B/P	17	17		B/P	57	57	
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	2	2
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	25	NR	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifa. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Gen Duties	700575119		
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11	-				
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10	-	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAFC	2	1	1
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AANC	4	4	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	9	2	-	ALME	3	3	1
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AA Post	1	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC	1	-	NR
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	AAOC	24	20	NR
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	17	-	CARRIED FORWARD	57	57	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	302670123	*	*

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

8 Jul 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

1. DEFICIENCIES IN ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.

- AIMS - 1 Sgt Armourer - NR - Home Leave X List expected to rejoin unit
- 1 Cfn Armourer
- AAPC - 1 Cpl Pay
- AAOC - 1 Cpl Shoemaker - NR - Trade tested shoemaker on strength
- AAOC - 3 Sgt Cooks - NR - 1 Sgt cook on X List expected to rejoin unit
- Promotion of 2 Cpls to Sgt anticipated
- 1 TGIJ Cook - NR - 2 on Home Leave X List expected to rejoin unit

2. SURPLUS IN ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.

- AIMS - 1 Cpl Armourer - NX168737 Cpl BOND W. (See W3009 Serial 13/44)
- 1 Pte Fitter Gun - Q143956 Cfn HOOPER J.R. (" 16/44)

3. SURPLUS IN NCO SPECIALISTS.

VX141981 Sgt CROWE V. (Malaria Control) (See W3009 Serial 13/44) Home leave

4. SURPLUS IN NCO NON-SPECIALISTS.

- VX108515 Sgt LADE V. (Tpt Sgt) - See W3009 serial 13/44. Home leave
- VX144548 Cpl WHITE A.W. (Tpt Cpl) " " " "
- VX107995 " HENNING M.A. (Clerk) " 20/44 " "

5. DEFICIENCIES IN NCO SPECIALISTS.

1 Cpl Signa - NR - To be promoted from within unit

6. DEFICIENCIES IN NCO NON-SPECIALISTS.

- 1 WOII GSN
- 6 Cpls Riflemen - NR - 6 L/Cpls awaiting promotion at present filling vacancies.
- 1 Sgt Stretcher bearer - NR - To be promoted from within unit
- 1 Cpl Mortar - ER - On X List expected to rejoin unit
- 1 Sgt Mortar - NR - To be promoted from within unit
- 1 Sgt Tk A - NR - To be promoted from within unit
- 1 Sgt Rifleman - NR - To be promoted from within unit

7. PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO A137/44.

NIL

CARRIED FORWARD

Signature of Commander

Date of Dispatch

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15/7/1944 22 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. II 120 3 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 767 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
-	-	-	1	W.Os. Class I.					
1	1	-	5	W.Os. Class II.	AACC	1	-	-	-
-	-	-	5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
-	-	-	-	Staff Sergeants					
NR	4	2	29	Sergeants	1 1 3 1	6	-	4	NR
NR	9	2	57	Corporals	2 5 1	8	2	2	1
106	106	2	556	Troopers, Privates, etc.	1 11 2	14	1	3	1
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
107 *	120	6	653 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		29 *	3	9	2 *

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	369		313							682
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
5	4 Pd Amb			1	Qld Records		
1	39 Ind Tpt Coy			8	4 Bde		
1	5 Div Amenities			137	Leave		
2	18 Graves Reg Unit			10	schools		
2	13 Ind Bde Pro Pl			7	5 Div Rec Camp		
4	37/52 Aust Inf Bn			3	5 Aust Div		
				4	Hospital		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 22 Bn (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 15/7/1944

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 15 / 7 / 1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			B/P	1	1	B/P	17	17	B/P	57	57
Ammunition Examiners			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants		
Armament Artificer Fitter			Surveyors, E.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
Armament Artificer Instrument			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
Armament Artificer Radio			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangefinders	4	4
Armament Artificer Signals			Welders			Painters			Riveters		
Armament Artificer Wireless						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
Artificer, Artillery						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
Artificer, Engine						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
Blacksmiths	1	1				Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
Bricklayers						Radiographers			Stevadores		
Computers						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
Cooks, Hospital			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical	4	2 NR
Coppersmiths			Armourers			Signallers	27	25 NR	Tailors	2	2
Dispensers			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen			Bakers			Telescope Identifa. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			Bty. Comd's. Assf.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			Carpenters	6	6	Winchman			Whitesmiths		
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman					
Electricians			Cooks			Woodturners					
Electricians (M.V.)			Dental Mechanics								
Electricians (Signals)			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
Fitters			Driver-Operator								
Fitters (Cycle)			Drainers								
Fitters (Electrical)			Electricians								
Fitters (Gun)			Electricians (Engineers)								
Fitters (Instrument)			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
Fitters (M.V.)			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			Gen duties	700588	108
Fitters, Railway Signal			Hatchman			Butchers	1	1			
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Clerks	11	11			
Grinder, Precision			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply					
Mechanics, Instrument			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical					
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Intelligence Duties	10	10	Coach Trimmers					
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Joiners			Concretors					
Mechanics, Radio			Lineman			Cooks					
Mechanics, Typewriter			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies					
Mechanics, Wireless			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
Millwrights			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			AAPC	2	1
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			AAMC	4	4
Pattern Maker			Masons			Driver Mechanics		2	AEME	3	3
Pharmacist			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			AApost	1	1
Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.			AACC	1	- NR
Photowriter			Miners			Equipment Repairers			AACC	24	20 NR
Plumber			Moulders			Farriers					
Saw Doctors			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
Surveyors			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	CARRIED FORWARD	17	17	CARRIED FORWARD	57	57	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	802682	110

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 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
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15 Jul 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

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1. DEFICIENCIES IN ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.

- AEME - 1 Sgt Armourer - NR - Home leave X List expected to rejoin unit
- 1 Cfn Armourer
- AAPC - 1 Cpl Pay
- AAMC - 1 Sgt - NR - Promotion of surplus Cpl pending
- AAOC - 1 Cpl Shoemaker - NR - Trade tested shoemaker on strength
- AACC - 2 Sgt Cooks - NR - Promotion of 2 Cpls to Sgt anticipated
- 2 TGII Cooks-NR - 2 TGII Cooks Home leave X List expected to rejoin unit

2. SURPLUS IN ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.

- AEME - 1 Cpl Armourer - NX168737 Cpl BOND W. (See W3009 Serial 13/44)
- 1 Pte Fitter Gun - Q143956 Cfn HOOPER J.R. (" " 16/44)
- AAMC - 1 Cpl - VX135944 Cpl HATTERS C.R. (Promotion to fill vacancy of Sgt pending)

3. SURPLUS IN NCO SPECIALISTS.

VX141981 sgt CROWE V. (Malaria Control) (see W3009 Serial 13/44) Home leave

4. SURPLUS IN NCO NON-SPECIALISTS.

VX108515 Sgt LADE V. (Tpt Sgt) (see W3009 Serial 13/44) Home leave
 VX144548 Cpl WHITE A.W. (Tpt Cpl) " " "
 VX107995 " HENNING M.A. (Clerk) " 20/44 "

5. DEFICIENCIES IN NCO SPECIALISTS.

1 Cpl sign - NR - To be promoted from within unit

6. DEFICIENCIES IN NCO NON-SPECIALISTS.

- 1 WOII CSM
- 7 Cpls Rifleman - NR - 7 L/Cpls at present filling vacancies, awaiting promotion
- 1 Sgt stretcher bearer - NR - To be promoted from within unit
- 1 Cpl Mortar - NR - On X List expected to rejoin unit
- 1 Sgt Mortar - NR - To be promoted from within unit
- 1 Sgt Tk A - NR - To be promoted from within unit
- 1 Sgt Rifleman - NR - To be promoted from within unit

7. PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO A187/44.

NIL - 01 01

CARRIED FORWARD

Signature of Commander Date of Report

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

30/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/7/1944 22 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. II/120/3 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 767 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8				9				10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.																															
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.					Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.																											
-	-	-	1	W.Os. Class I.																																			
1	1	-	5	W.Os. Class II.				AACC	1	-	-	-																											
-	1	-	4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.																																			
-	-	-	-	Staff Sergeants																																			
NR	4	2	29	Sergeants				1 1 3 1	6	-	4	NR																											
NR	9	2	57	Corporals				2 5 1	8	2	2	1																											
106	106	2	556	Troopers, Privates, etc.				1 1 1 2	14	1	3	1																											
				Civilians counting as O.R.																																			
107 *	121	6	652 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.				AACC AACC AACC AACC	29 *	3	9	2 *																											

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

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Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	369		312							681
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
4	4 fd Amb			1	Old records		
1	39 Ind Tpt Coy			7	4 Bde		
1	5 Div Amenities			136	leave		
7	18 Graves Reg Unit			10	Schools		
2	13 Ind Bde Pro Pl			7	5 Div Rec Camp		
				3	5 Aust Div		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 22 BN (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 22/7/1944.

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 22/7/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
				B/F	1	1	-	B/F	17	17	-	B/F	57	57	-
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	2	NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	25	NR	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Gen Duties	700	587	107
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11	-				
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10	-	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAPC	2	1	1
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAMC	4	4	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	2	-	AEME	3	3	1
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				AA Post	1	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC	1	-	NR
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	AACC	24	20	NR
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	17	-	CARRIED FORWARD	57	57	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	302	681	109

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 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
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23 Jul 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander Lt-col

1. DEFICIENCIES IN ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.

AEME - 1 Sgt Armourer - NR - Home leave X List expected to rejoin unit
1 Cfn Armourer
AAPC - 1 Cpl Pay
AAMC - 1 Sgt - NR - Promotion of surplus Cpl pending
AAOC - 1 Cpl Shoemaker - NR - Trade tested shoemaker on strength
AACC - 2 Sgt Cooks - NR - Promotion of 2 Cpls to sgts anticipated
2 TGII Cooks - NR - 2 TGII Cooks Home leave expected to rejoin unit

2. SURPLUS IN ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.

AEME - 1 Cpl Armourer - NX168737 Cpl BOND W. (See W3009 Serial 13/44)
1 Pto Fitter Gun - Q143956 Cfn HOOPER J.R. (" 16/44)
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VX107995 " HENNING M.A. (Clerk) " 20/44 "

5. DEFICIENCIES IN NCO SPECIALISTS.

1 Cpl Signn - NR - To be promoted from within unit

6. DEFICIENCIES IN NCO NON-SPECIALISTS.

1 WOII CSM
1 CQMS - NR - To be promoted from within unit
7 Cpls Riflemen - NR - 7 L/cpls awaiting promotion, at present filling vacancies
1 Sgt Stretcher bearer - NR - To be promoted from within unit
1 Cpl Mortar - NR - On X List expected to rejoin unit
1 Sgt Mortar - NR - To be promoted from within unit
1 Sgt Tk A - NR - To be promoted from within unit
1 Sgt Rifleman - NR - To be promoted from within unit

7. PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRO A187/44.

NIL

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Signature of Commander

Date of Report

FORM 100-10-1-44

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/7/1944 22 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. II / 120 / 3 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s 767 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 35 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
-	-	-	1	W.Os. Class I.					
1	1	-	5	W.Os. Class II.	AACC	1	-	-	-
-	1	-	4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
-	-	-	-	Staff Sergeants					
NR	5	2	28	Sergeants	1 1 3 1	6	-	4	NR
NR	10	2	56	Corporals	2 5 1 3	8	2	2	1
102	102	2	560	Troopers, Privates, etc.	1 1 1 2 14	14	1	3	1
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
103 *	119	6	654 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2	AACC AACC AA Post AEME	29 *	3	9	2 *

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	369		314							683
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
5	4 Fd Amb			1	Wild Records		
3	39 Ind Tpt Coy			7	4 Bde		
1	5 Div Amenities			132	Leave		
7	18 Graves Reg Unit			10	Schools		
2	13 Ind Bde Pro Pl			7	5 Div Rec Camp		
				3	5 Aust Div		
				1	Hospital		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 22 AUST INF BN (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 29/7/1944

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 29/ 7/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) B/F	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) B/F	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) B/F	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	2	NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	23	NR	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Gen Duties	700	589	103
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11	-				
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10	-	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAPC	2	1	1
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAMC	4	4	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	2	-	AEME	3	3	1
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AA Post	1	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC	1	-	NR
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	AACC	24	20	NR
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
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31 Jul 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander Lt-Col

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- AEME - 1 Sgt Armourer - NR - Home leave X List expected to rejoin unit
- 1 Cfn Armourer
- AAPC - 1 Cpl Pay
- AAMC - 1 Sgt - NR - Promotion of surplus Cpl pending
- AAOC - 1 Cpl Shoemaker - NR - Trade tested shoemaker on strength
- AACC - 2 Sgt Cooks - NR - Promotion of 2 Cpls to Sgt anticipated
- 2 TGII Cooks - NR - 2 TGII Cooks home leave expected to rejoin unit

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NIL

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Date of Report

APPENDIX. C

HOBBIES

COMPETITION

WAVE DIVISION OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Subject:- HOBBIES COMPETITION & EXHIBITION.

HQ 22 Aust Inf Bn
4 Jun 44

Osg HQ, A, B, C, D Coys
R.S.M.

1. It has been noticed within the unit that many and varied types of articles are being manufactured. To create a spirit of competition in regard to these articles the Commanding Officer has proposed that a Hobbies Competition and Exhibition be conducted within the unit.
2. The competition will be open to all members of the 22 Aust Inf Bn.
3. The competition will be divided into the following sub sections:-

	<u>1st Prize</u>	<u>2nd Prize</u>
(a) Metal Work (other than planes)	10/-	5/-
(b) Perspex Work	10/-	5/-
(c) Model Planes	10/-	5/-
(d) Rings	10/-	5/-
(e) Miscellaneous Items: (Woodwork, Leather, Cellophane)	10/-	5/-
(f) Cooking: (Scones, xxxxxxxxxxxx)	10/-	5/-
(Cakes)	10/-	5/-
(Pasties)	10/-	5/-
(g) Art: Caricature Portraits	10/-	5/-
Cartoon e.g. "That Home Leave Ship"	10/-	5/-
Sketches - Best black & white drawing	10/-	5/-
(h) Short Stories	10/-	5/-
(i) Poems	10/-	5/-
(j) Handwriting (not less than 100 words)	10/-	5/-

4. Prizes: In accordance with the values of prizes set out in para 3 above, Ten Guineas in canteen orders will be distributed amongst winners and runners up.
5. The competition will be held Saturday 7 Jul 44 at a place to be notified later.
6. Entries for all items other than cooking entries will be at the exhibition stand by 1800 hrs 6 Jul 44. Cooks may bring their entries at any time before but not later than 1000 hrs Sat 7 Jul.
7. Judges' names will be notified at a later date.
8. Entries MUST be clearly marked with ENTRANTS RANK, NAME, & COY.

John G. Lewis
Adjt 22 Aust Inf Bn. Capt

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APPENDIX D

BN NEWS SHEET

HEADLINE NEWS

- 1. HUGE GERMAN CASUALTIES IN WHITE RUSSIA.
- 2. GERMAN COUNTER ATTACK IN NORMANDY FAILS.
- 3. 1500 AMERICAN BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS RAID THE HEART OF GERMANY.
- 4. 5th ARMY WITHIN 30 MILES OF LEGHORN.

OVERSEAS

EUROPE

The BRITISH and CANADIAN troops have advanced below CAEN. GERMANS counter attacked strongly but were driven back. 290 GERMAN tanks were destroyed in this counter attack.

There is no news of CHERBOURG.

1500 AMERICAN bombers and fighters carried out raids into the heart of GERMANY. 15 bombers and 3 fighters were lost, and 36 GERMAN planes were destroyed.

BRITISH A/A and a/c destroyed 9 more flying bombs over the Channel yesterday. These bombs were responsible for the killing of a great number of children.

RUSSIA

The present RUSSIAN attack may be one of the biggest battles of the campaign. Thousands of GERMANS lie dead, and a further 100,000 have been captured in WHITE RUSSIA. The RED ARMY is likely to continue their sweeping advance. They are now only 5 miles from the 1939 POLISH border. The RUSSIANS have captured another town and are now pushing on to MINSK and along the road to WARSAW. The SMOLENSK-Leningrad railway has been cut.

ITALY

The 5th ARMY are still advancing along the west coast and are now within 20 miles of LEGHORN. GERMANS have broken contact.

The 8th ARMY have made slower progress beyond PERUGIA against stiffer resistance.

BURMA & S.E. ASIA

BRITISH forces are still disposing of the JAPS in the KOHIMA-IMPHAL rd. area, though the road itself is clear.

A fierce fight is going on for HANYUNG in the HUNAN PROVINCE. Bitter fighting has been witnessed on the outskirts of the town.

THE PACIFIC ZONE

There has been no report on the naval battle announced yesterday by TOKIO.

American casualties in the MARIANAS total 9442.

Remnants of 3 JAP divisions who are said to be still in the WEWAK area now have no outlet as the AUSTRALIAN troops are at the mouth of the SEPPIK RIVER, and the AMERICANS are pushing down towards WEWAK; 150 miles separate the two forces.

That the ALLIES have air supremacy in the SWPA is shown by the fact that of the 20 raids carried out by Liberators on Thursday

on TIMOR, YAP, and BOUGAINVILLE, the only opposition was met at YAP where 27 fighters intercepted. 2 fighters were shot down and 5 probables; our losses were nil.

NEWS FROM HOME

MR FORDE states that the miners have responded to the appeal for greater production, but the coal position is still very serious. The public must expect the rationing of electricity etc till a reserve supply had been accumulated.

For the manslaughter of his wife, Agostini was sentenced to 6 years hard labour. No action is to be taken for the burial for 16 days so that he may launch an appeal if he so desires. He claims now that the dead girl is not his wife.

No decision has yet been reached as regards daylight saving. The State Parliament is to be asked for it's opinion.

Another Australian air gunner has been awarded the D.F.C.

The pay-as-you-earn tax started today.

A new scheme has been devised to relieve the the housing shortage. People moving from the city to the country are to have fares paid and any other aid that can be given.

MR CURTIN; in a message to MR MACKENZIE KING, Canada's Prime Minister, said that we desire to express our sincerest admiration for the people of Canada on this their anniversary. He then went on to discuss their hospitality shown to our boys.

GENERAL

President ROOSEVELT has signed a declaration proclaiming the independence of the Philippines.

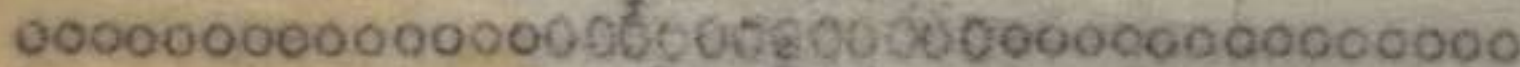
America has broken off diplomatic relations with Finland.

Widespread strikes have started in Copenhagen. A Swedish report states that anti Nazi risings have broken out here, and that large fires were seen from the coast of Sweden.

SPORTING NEWS

The correct scores of last Saturday's Melbourne football have just come to hand. It will be noticed that Fitzroy were the winners and not Melbourne as previously reported.

Carl	113 pts	d Coll	87 pts
Ess	144 "	d N.M.	60 "
F'roy	77 "	d Melb	52 "
F'scray	94 "	d Hawth	64 "
Rich	112 "	d South	77 "
St. K	113 "	d G'long	67 "



THE COMING REFERENDUM

EXPENDITURE ON POWERS REFERENDUM

SUPPORT STATED

Defended by MR FORDE

MR HUGHES for Labor.

"The Government could not accept the argument of Opposition leaders that it was improper for public funds to be used to place the case for the adoption of the Postwar Reconstruction Bill before the people", Mr Forde, then acting P.M., said.

In his opinion, it was not only the right but the duty of the Government to place the case before the people lest they should be misled by fanciful arguments and disable themselves from carrying out a national policy through their National Parlt. during their five-year period after the war.

Neither could Cabinet overlook the fact that an all-party convention specially called for the purpose in Nov 1942, at which practically every political leader in Australia agreed that the 14 additional powers were necessary for the post-war reconstruction purposes in the next 5 years.

MR HUGHES, MHR, who for nearly 30 years has been in the non-Labour camp, will again support a Labour proposal. He announced that he would support the plea of the Federal Government to the Australian people for greater powers to carry out the post-war reconstruction programme. "I am the only public man who has supported greater powers for the Commonwealth since Federation, irrespective of what side has sought them", he said. "I asked for them three times-twice as leader of a Labor Government and again as leader of the Nationalist Government during the last war.

"On the first two occasions the non-Labor parties opposed the granting of the extra powers, on the third occasion Labor was against them, and non-Labor is again opposed to them.

"That is a depressing revelation of the extent to which party politics can cloud a national issue!"

WHAT IS CANBERRA REALLY LIKE ?

Australians are very conscious of Canberra, very curious about this remote Federal Capital so few have seen and all have heard so much about.

What IS Canberra like?

There are as many opinions of the Federal Capital in Canberra as there are outside.

There are people who live there who hate Canberra, there are residents who would not live anywhere else in the world, there are others who just put up with it, and those who enthuse. And they all mean what they say. (Sounds just like any other town to me).

Some prominent people have expressed their opinions often enough. Sir Robert Garran, Chancellor of Canberra University College, dreams of Canberra as a seat of Australian learning some day.

Dr Gaha, Tasmanian M.H.R., calls it the greatest political tragedy of the 20th century.

It has been dubbed the Hillbilly city. Geoffrey Tebbutt, a Herald war correspondent, said it was somewhere between a great ideal and a great joke.

One thing is definite though- the frantic rush of politicians to catch their train to Melbourne or Sydney after the House rises during the Session - or out of it.

What Canberra really needs is a magic carpet. It needs other things too. Residents including diplomats, tell you that with convincing persistence. It needs, war or no war, the ordinary amenities of living:

- 1. At least one large up-to-date restaurant for entertaining and being entertained, as well as being well-fed.
- 2. A club for diplomats.
- 3. More flats.

A Federal Capital without a single restaurant; with only ham-and-beef snack places two or three miles from Parliament as the bus flies, and nowhere near Government offices-

A Capital with Legations where there are no clubs that can be attended by visiting diplomats who need clubs for many of their essential contacts -

That's Canberra.

Canberra's leading hotels are too short staffed to cater for dinner parties in a casual way any night in the week, yet there is no club and there is no attractive, efficient restaurant with good meals and music.

Diplomacy is reputedly a delicate art, and there are times when it might not suit diplomats to discuss matters in their offices or in their homes.

Anywhere else in the world they would have a club.

As it is, of course they, and the rest of social Canberra have to give up a great deal of their time to entertaining at home. That's how the idea got around that Canberra is "all party."

Don't think these diplomats criticize. They admire Australia's war effort (some of them know only war-time Australia), and they accept Canberra in the spirit it is offered to them.

They appreciate the odd choice of a Federal Capital in the heart of the bush. Still, it would be nice to have all those things - some day.

There once lived a Canberra politician named Strange, who, on his death-bed, requested his friend that he have only these words inscribed on his tombstone - "Here lies an honest politician". "But why not your name", asked his friend "No, just those words", said the politician.

Puzzled, his friend complied with this unique request; but it was not till a long time after, when he was visiting his friend's grave, that he realized how right his politician friend had been. He overheard a passer-by, after reading the inscription, remark: "That's Strange"

HEADLINE NEWS

1. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE ON THE WESTERN FRONT.
2. RED ARMY CUTS TWO ESCAPE LINES LEADING FROM MINSK.
3. AMERICANS PUSHING UP WEST COAST OF ITALY.

OVERSEAS

EUROPE

Yesterday was the quietest for nearly 4 weeks.

Repair work is still continuing at CHERBOURG.

In NORMANDY, the battle for CAEN is still developing with BRITISH troops widening their bridgeheads and making use of their overwhelming arty superiority.

Overwhelming air superiority has also been continually shown, and over NORMANDY alone 90,000 sorties were flown last month. Yesterday although the weather was bad, spitfires were over the battle area to blast troop concentrations and gun positions. The southern air forces have virtually closed the DANUBE as a supply route to GERMANY.

In recent counter attacks the GERMANS used many tanks. The BRITISH knocked out 25 of these and repulsed small counter attacks. Men returning from patrols into No Man's Land said that this area was thick with GERMAN dead.

A report from GERMANY stated that they would continue to use flying bombs as long as the BRITISH still sent bombers over GERMANY.

RUSSIA

GERMAN losses in FINLAND and N. RUSSIA continue to be heavy, and the GERMANS are retreating in disorder towards MINSK, where the RUSSIANS state that they have 200,000 GERMANS trapped. The RED ARMY has colossal forces in the field.

A GERMAN Comd was killed in FINLAND in an air crash yesterday.

GERMAN communications between MINSK and BREST LITOVSK have been severed. (BREST LITOVSK is approx 200 miles S.W. of MINSK and was part of the RUSSIAN front when the GERMANS attacked in June 1941).

ITALY

Both the 5th and 8th ARMIES continue to advance. The coastal forces are now within 18 mls of LEGHORN, while in the centre sector the ALLIES are within 30 mls of FLORENCE. This has now been declared an open city by the GERMANS, who have withdrawn from previously prepared defensive posns.

BURMA & S.E. ASIA

More successes have been reported from BURMA where a further 600 JAPS have been killed. The ALLIES continue to hold air superiority in BURMA and CHINA where more than 1000 JAP a/c lost this year.

THE PACIFIC ZONE

400,000 tons of JAPANESE shipping has been sunk this year.

Capt SHOWERS of the HMAS SHROPSHIRE believes that the enemy opposition will be much stiffer when the ALLIES get nearer to JAPAN. The SHROPSHIRE has fired a total weight of 310,000 lbs of 8 in shells.

The AMERICANS on SAIPAN continue to take more ground and are being closely supported by carrier -

based a/c.

Natives report that many JAPS are inland from MADANG, and HANSA BAY, and are settling in villages and gardens.

The 5th and 13th AIR FORCES continued the offensive on Saturday when raids were carried out on SARONG, TIMOR, and BOUGAINVILLE.

JAPANESE air power in NEW GUINEA has completely collapsed. In recent months ALLIED airmen have destroyed 247 enemy planes for the loss of 30.

NEWS FROM HOME

The AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister, MR CURTIN, stated that the coal position in AUST. had become critical owing to unofficial stoppages by mine works. "During this year alone our coal production has been decreased by 25,000 tons owing to three unofficial strikes," he said.

In AUSTRALIAN capital cities yesterday, reference was made to AMERICAN Independence Day. This being the nearest Sunday to Jul 4, a service was held for AMERICAN servicemen at Wesley Church in MELBOURNE and services were also held in SYDNEY. Many other activities were organized.

DR EDITH SUMMERSKILL paid high tribute to the A.A.N.S., A.W.A.S., and A.A.M.W.S.

MR FORDE, in stating that mining conditions must be modernized, promised a new deal for miners

GENERAL

The Chairwoman of the AMERICAN Red Cross has died at HOTSPPRINGS, VIRGINIA.

The U.S. Secretary for the Navy stated that the mighty ALLIED drives had weakened the enemy in all parts of the world.

A responsible AMERICAN official said he estimated that the AMERICANS would take the PHILIPPINES by Christmas.

LOCAL INTEREST

A New Competition

MR CIJUCAS, our YMCA Representative, offers a prize of £1/1/- for the most suitable battalion song submitted to him by July 31st. The entry must be original, although the words may be set to any existing tune.

Don't forget this competition on July 31, and the Hobbies Competition on Saturday next.

ETERNAL PROBLEM

At a bookstore in New York a Boy Scout lingered near one table till a salesman finally asked him if he was interested in any special book. The youth, diffidence overcome by apparent necessity, pointed determinedly at a slender volume entitled: - "Understanding the Adolescent girl".

BARGE TALK

An AMERICAN, while operating a small barge in this vicinity, was approached by his sergeant who yelled an order at him. The instruction must have sounded rather ridiculous, for the private yelled back - "Any resemblance between you and a sergeant is purely coincidental".

H.Q. COY DEFEAT 'KANGAROOS' IN GRAND GAME.

On Saturday afternoon at the Strip Oval the match of the year was featured between H.Q. Coy & the 'Kunai Kangaroos'. The attendance was the largest yet seen at the oval and feeling was high.

H.Q. Coy, on winning the toss, chose the river end, which was favoured by a fair breeze, and were soon attacking with Power prominent at centre h-fwd. Owing to the ruggedness of the Kangaroo's back line H.Q. Coy fwds were forced to kick hurriedly & four behinds were registered before Wilson raised the first sixer. The Kangaroos replied quickly with a goal off the ground by Allison. Owing to a misunderstanding this quarter was prolonged for ten minutes allowing H.Q. Coy to further their score with goals from Power and Bawden. (Qter Time) H.Q. 4-8, DCOY 2-1.

The Kangaroos soon used the advantage of the breeze and with Baldwin in command at centre h-fwd and Hickey playing the loose man two goals were soon added. H.Q., through the agencies of L. Wilson, who was roving well, and Stone, at centre, attacked strongly against the breeze, a goal and two behinds resulting.

At this stage the play was fast, but overcrowding on the fwd lines lost many opportunities-nevertheless players on both sides were keen & barracking was lively, although marred by childish heckling from sections of the crowd. Up to now the best man afield was the Kangaroo's full back, Jack Stanlake, who was unbeatable and it was unfortunate that towards the end of the quarter he suffered a severe knock on the knee. The quarter ended with H.Q. having a handy lead owing to their slight superiority. Scores at half time were H.Q. 5-11, D Coy 4-4.

This quarter saw the best football of the match with H.Q. attacking strongly with the breeze and the Kangaroo's defence holding them well, repulsing move after move. L. Wilson came to the fore again with 3 quick goals for H.Q.-the Kangaroos seemed to be in a bad position. The play was passing up and down the ground for some time before the Kangaroos, through O'Neill, Baldwin and Hickey J., turned on classy football and added three goals to make the scores at three quarter time H.Q. 8-15, D . 7 -6.

The Kangaroos suffered a heavy loss when Baldwin (injured) did not appear after the interval. With a fifteen points lead H.Q. seemed in a good position. Determined football by both teams made the spectators stand on their toes and the D. Coy team, after battling hard, were rewarded by goals from Eddington & O'Neill. The game was in the balance at this stage, with H.Q. Coy being well served by Dalton and Webb in defence. Ragged ruck work allowed O'Neill, now on the ball and playing superbly, to forward to Hickey J., who with a screw kick raised both flags. Only a short time left and the 'Roos were in front by 2 points. L. Wilson, Malbon, and Stone were fighting hard for H.Q., and after several scrimmages in front of goal Wilson had a running shot & goaled. Four points the difference (H.Q.'s favour) and the bell was due to go any moment. The ball was rushed to the centre & Malbon sent it back to Bawden, ever in position, who marked and scored another sixer for H.Q., clinching the game.

Laurie Wilson's uncanny shooting for goal was a feature of the day's game while the Kangaroo's defence must be complimented on their stubborn resistance with Stanlake, Ferguson and Jacobson making numberless clearances. Final scores:-H.Q. Coy 11 - 17. D. Coy. 11 . 7.

Best Players-H.Q.- Wilson, L., Stone, Dalton, Bright, Power, Cripps, Malbon.
D. - Stanlake (best on ground) Hickey J, Davies, O'Neill, Jacobson, Ferguson, Carland.
Goal Kickers.)H.Q. Wilson 6, Bawden 2, Power, Lang, Stone .
D. Hickey J, 4, O'Neill 2, Allison 2, Baldwin, Eddington, Hilland.

A. COY, HAVE NARROW WIN FROM C. COY. 'SNIP'

The match was played on Sunday morn in perfect weather. From the bounce of the ball A. stormed fwd and from a mark in front goaled & followed with a pt. Good open play followed with C Coy faster to the ball but inaccuracy in front spoilt their many chances until they goaled. The scores at quarter time were C. Coy 1-4. A. Coy 1 -3.

The second quarter produced ragged football with flashes of individual brilliance. C. Coy continued to be faster to the ball and always in front of their opponents. Half time saw the score at C. Coy 3 - 7. A. Coy. 2- 5.

This quarter saw better football & A. Coy attacked repeatedly mainly through Hilliard's dominance at centre but Steinke at full-back was a power of strength for C Coy and saved well on many occasions. A. Coy slowly reduced the leeway and the scores were more even at three qter time. C Coy 5-11 A. Coy 5- 7.

In the final quarter C Coy quickly goaled but A. Coy were not to be beaten. They fought back and with better team work goaled twice to hit the front. In the last few hectic minutes A. clung to their lead & won by four points.

Final Scores. A. Coy 7-14. C. Coy. 6-1
Goal Kickers A. Coy. Hickey 2, McDonald Burns, Whyte, Gowthian, Snell.

C. Coy. Connely 2, James, Schram, Victor, Farggar.
Best Players. A. Coy. Hilliard, McDonald Hickey, Bartels, Furnell, Briggs.
 C. Coy. Steinke, Williams, Victor James, Connely, McMillan.

MELBOURNE FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Essendon	11-17.83.	V Fitzroy	12-11
Footscray	8 -15.63.	d. Melbourne	8-13.
Nth Melb	11-15	d. Carlton	7-10.
Collingwood	15-12	d. Geelong	9-13.
Richmond	11-18	d. St. Kilda	10-11
Sth Melb.	15-12	d. Hawthorn	11-11

CRICKET. (LOCAL).

Yesterday a combined team from the Si. Pl and Int. Sec played D. Coy on the Strip Oval. Scoring on both sides was very low.
Sigs and Int..... 48. (Dunne 17)
 Cochrane 23/11, Close 3/5
D. Coy..... 34. (Ferguson 10)
 Davies 3/20, Sorrell 3/8.

MELBOURNE RACE RESULTS. Sat. 1 Jul.

Owing to lack of space, only two main events will be published.
MYROSS HANDICAP 6 fur.
 Auriga. 7/1.....1.
 Provincial 5/2.....2.
 Propontis 6/1.....3.
GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE. 3 mls.
 Zalmon 5/1.....1.
 Benghazi 3/1.....2.
 Cape Hero 9/4.....3.

HEADLINE NEWS

- 1. MINSK CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS.
- 2. GREAT ARTILLERY DUELS IN NORMANDY.
- 3. ALLIED FORCES ADVANCE ON ALL FRONTS IN ITALY.

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OVERSEAS.

EUROPE

There has been a lull in the ground fighting around CAEN but the BRITISH and CANADIANS are slowly continuing their advance. Great artillery duels are taking place around CAEN. The BRITISH are slowly eliminating GERMAN batteries by pin pointing their positions and blasting same with the whole of their counter batteries.

BRITISH troops who repelled counter attacks at CAEN have been relieved and regrouped.

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RUSSIA

MINSK Capital of WHITE RUSSIA, has been captured by the RUSSIANS 3 years and 6 days after GERMANS had entered city. Large GERMAN forces are trapped in MINSK and all railways leading from the city have been cut. GERMANS attempted a large scale counter attack but were repulsed with heavy losses. Fighting is now taking place behind the 1939-40 POLISH border with EAST PRUSSIA only 140 miles away. RUSSIAN reports state that GERMANS are faced with a major stampede or be annihilated. In the fighting around MINSK 3 more GERMAN Generals were killed.

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ITALY

French troops are in possession of SIENNA which is 30 miles from FLORENCE.

5th Army are continuing their advance and have occupied four more towns and are now only 16 miles from the port of LEGHORN. The AMERICANS experienced the heaviest fighting since the fall of ROME.

8th Army have improved their position and are now only four miles from ANCONA.

The GERMANS are still putting up dogged resistance on all fronts.

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PACIFIC ZONE

The AMERICANS on SAIPAN Island in the MARIANAS are now only 5 1/2 miles from the Northern tip of the Island. Fierce fighting is taking place within the township. JAP casualties to date have been over 6,000 while the AMERICAN casualties were 1474 in the first fortnight.

Heavy bombers were over BOUGANVILLE Is. and 230 tons of bombs were dropped on JAP positions. No fighter opposition was encountered.

Raids were carried out by Liberators on JAP positions between AITAPE and WEWAK.

The "Milk Run" was carried out yesterday over RABAUL. This title was given to this sortie by pilots who have been making this run for months without opposition.

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NEWS FROM HOME

Senator KEANE has returned from NEW ZEALAND and yesterday stated that he was very impressed with their housing scheme.

Air Mails between AUSTRALIA and GREAT BRITIAN will be speeded up via the MIDDLE EAST. AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY will be celebrated today in AUSTRALIA and AMERICA.

Central Wool Committee will pay out £7,000,000 to wool growers. This brings the total paid out to £73,000,000.

The Buffalo Fly menace is creeping towards N.S.W. Coastal areas.

6,500 men were released from the Army in the month of May - 3,000 pre war positions.

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GENERAL

More damage and casualties were caused by flying bombs in ENGLAND yesterday.

General Sir ARTHUR SCOTT was amongst the casualties.

General ARNOLD stated that GERMANY is suffering severely from lack of petrol.

UNITED STATES SECRETARY FOR WAR visiting ITALIAN battle fronts.

Aircraft production in U.S.A. lowest since September 1943.

Anti-Nazi strikes in COPENHAGEN have been subdued.

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LOCAL SPORT

FOOTBALL

The training list from which the Bn's football team will be finalised on Thursday is as follows :-

HQ COY Malbon (c), Webb, Bright, Stone, Power, Cripps, & Wilson, L.

D COY Stanlake, Hickey, J. Carland, Davies, O'Neill, Baldwin, and Jacobson.

A COY McDonald, Thompson.

B COY Farmer, Foat.

C COY Victor, and Williams, R.

It is requested that these abovementioned players report to the Strip Oval at 1530 today for trial run.

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Tomorrow afternoon a football match will be played between D Coy Seconds "The Kunai Joeys" and the MG Pl Seconds. Owing to shortage of space these teams will be published in tomorrow's Kronicle.

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HEADLINES.

- 1. RED ARMY SWEEPING ON.
- 2. STIFF RESISTANCE IN NORMANDY.
- 3. ISLANDS, 800 MILES SOUTH OF TOKYO RAIDED.

EUROPE.

BRITISH and CANADIANS have captured another airfield 4 miles from CAEN. The GERMANS are putting up very stiff resistance but the Allied leaders are satisfied with operations to date.

AMERICAN troops are making good progress from CHERBOURG but the GERMANS in this area are fighting fiercely field by field.

RUSSIA.

The RED ARMY are pushing on swiftly and their advance is now averaging 20 miles per day. They are now only 13 miles from the LATVIAN border.

Another GERMAN General has been killed, making the total of Generals killed in the past 3 weeks now 22.

GERMANS are surrendering wholesale around HESSE and over the past 6 days 183,000 prisoners have been captured.

ITALY.

The 5th ARMY is now only 15 miles from MONTECASSINO. The GERMANS are keeping to the high ground and as the approaches are very swampy the AMERICAN forces are finding it hard to attack. The GERMANS are mortaring the fwd. elements of the 5th ARMY.

FRENCH troops of the 8th ARMY are pushing on from SIMONA and have linked up with other elements of the 8th ARMY above LAKE TRASIMENE.

PACIFIC ZONE.

It was published yesterday that the AMERICANS had landed on MAPAI IS. This report was incorrect. The island on which the landing was made is MOEMPOOR, which is in GERSIVINK BAY and WEST of BIAK.

The AMERICANS are strengthening their position and are approaching the second airstrip on the IS. Paratroops were used and played an important part in the operation.

Carrier based planes and warships raided two volcanic islands 800 miles SOUTH of TOKYO. The raid took the JAPANESE by surprise. 3 destroyers and 2 other vessels were sunk and 25 planes destroyed. The Allied losses were 5 planes destroyed.

GENERAL.

The R.A.F. raided flying bomb bases. The P.M., MR CHURCHILL is to make a statement re flying bombs this week.

Many mysterious explosions have been reported from DENMARK. A SWEDISH report states that one explosion which occurred at COPENHAGEN could be seen from their shores.

The departure of THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR from COPENHAGEN has caused concern in international circles. It is expected that the AMERICAN AMBASSADOR will leave very shortly.

NEWS FROM HOME.

The ADVISORY WAR COUNCIL have agreed with MR CURTIN'S agenda on the use of AUSTRALIAN manpower. MR CURTIN has denied that there has been a split between himself and MR CALSWELL over the censorship question.

HOSSIES EXHIBITION.

There has been an alteration in the Judges for the sub-section of cooking. Sgt. L. Scroop, of the 2/1 A.M.E.S. will replace W.O. Beacom.

Readers are reminded that entries, with the exception of cooking entries, are to be in by 1800 hrs tomorrow. The Y.M.C.A.

LOCAL SPORT.

Football.

M.O. MOSQUITO FLEET DEFEAT KUBAI JOEYS.

This game was played on the lower end of the strip yesterday in perfect weather.

'Killer' King won the toss and decided to kick towards the river end. The game started rather fast and after inaccurate kicking the first goal went to Ferguson which was soon followed by a sixer from Malone. The Mossies were off to a good start. The Joeys came with a dash and quarter time showed the scores at M.O. 1-3. Kubai Joeys 3-3.

This term saw the Joeys attacking strongly and after many attempts to get the ball through the Mosquito's defence Dixon marked but only registered a behind. Play was even and the half time scores were - M.O. 4-5 Joeys 2-4.

May hard clashes were seen after the interval with Steel doing a great job in defence. Both teams had to bring their 19th on at this stage. Three men were in the hands of the trainers 'Red' Ferguson and W. Neek.

The Joeys were playing good football and were unlucky not to be in the lead. Penny, playing his first game of Australian rules had the 'wood' on contest. The quarter ended with the scores - M.O. 6-5. Joeys 3-4.

The last term opened with the M.O. playing the wing through Keelley who was showing great form passing to his forwards. A nice pass to Winter resulted in full pts for the Mosquitoes. The Joeys replied with a sixer from Cogley. The ball was rushed back to the centre and Pianta passed to Rosewarne who snapped a nice goal, thus making the game safe for the Mossies. Killer King in a true captain's manner tried desperately to pull the side together. Daly, who had been setting a fine example to his men, marked brilliantly on the ball. Final scores -

Mosquito Fleet 7-7. Kubai Joeys 4-5.

Best Players.

M.O. - Ferguson (best on ground) Daly, Barasch, Pianta, French, Eastwell.

Joeys - Heaton, Bourke, Cogley, Broughton, O'Callaghan, Ogilvie.

Goal Kickers.

M.O.'s. Daly 2, Ferguson, Mal one, Rosewarne, Winter, Crubb.

Joeys. Cogley, O'Callaghan, Edwards, Beasy.

Highlight from the field of sport.

Penny, taking a brilliant mark from Daly, asked the umpire O'Neill which sticks to kick it through.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The rainfall for the 24 hrs ending 0900 hrs 6 JUL was 40 points.

As the leave draftswere leaving this morning it was noticed that the majority of the onlookers had a very drawn expression on their faces.

HEADLINES.

- 1. FURTHER GAINS BY RUSSIANS.
- 2. BITTER FIGHTING AROUND CAEN.
- 3. ANOTHER AIRFIELD CAPTURED ON NOEMFOOR IS.

OVERSEAS.

EUROPE.

The CANADIANS have had to withdraw back over the CARPARQUET airfield, 4 miles from CAEN. They are now in position amongst the buildings on the side of the airfield. GERMAN resistance is very stiff and heavy fighting is expected over the next few days.

From CHERBOURG the AMERICANS have started a big outflanking move and have cut off another town. The GERMANS are striving to hold the town and casualties are very heavy.

It is reported that ROMMEL is now throwing in everything against the ALLIES in NORMANDY in an endeavour to stem their advance.

RUSSIA.

The RUSSIAN advance is still continuing towards LATVIA and LITHUANIA. They are smashing forward on a 400 mile front and are now only 60 miles from DIVINSK NW of MINSK another town, which is a junction of 6 railways, has been captured.

COBELL, big railway centre in POLAND has been abandoned by the GERMANS.

It is estimated that the RED ARMY will divert a force and begin a new great offensive down towards BLACK SEA.

ITALY.

The 5th ARMY has advanced under strong resistance and are now 12 miles from LEGHORN.

At BARTONA, 15 miles inland, the AMERICANS are experiencing fierce fighting.

The 8th ARMY are now only 5 miles from the base of ARITZO along the ADRIATIC COAST.

PACIFIC ZONE.

On NOEMFOOR IS, the AMERICANS have captured the second of three airfields.

LIBERATORS attacked many bases in the S.W.P.A yesterday. The only opposition was encountered at YAP where 20 fighters were intercepted. 1 plane was shot down.

The occupation of SAIPAN IS, enables the AMERICAN subs to work more extensively. During the past 2 years ALLIED subs have sunk 570 enemy ships in the S.W.P.A.

GENERAL.

Non stop raids were carried out yesterday over FRANCE and GERMANY. Flying bomb bases, oil plants and marshalling yards were amongst the targets.

MR CHURCHILL stated yesterday in his speech to THE HOUSE OF COMMONS that since the GERMANS commenced using the flying bomb 2754 bombs have been discharged from their bases in FRANCE. They have killed 2752-one for each bomb, and injured 8000. The ALLIES have known of the flying bomb since 1943, and, the public are only being ridiculous to under-rate this weapon.

General DE GAULLE was expected in WASHINGTON this morning. He will probably visit MR ROOSEVELT on his arrival.

JOHNSON, the newly proclaimed BRITISH Ace of Aces, has now brought his total to 35 kills.

In an endeavour to increase supplies, increased subsidies will be paid to milk producers in all capital cities except BRISBANE, stated SENATOR KEANE yesterday.

The rainfall for the 24 hrs ending 0900 hrs 7 JUL was 50 points.

CONDENSATION OF ARTICLE ON FLYING BOMBS.

Berlin

Berlin officials are telling the Germans that the flying bomb development is the reason why so few fighter planes have been built. They describe it as the answer to the complete Allied destruction of German airfields in France.

No technical details are known regarding the bomb except that the Germans claim that it does not need complicated ground organization, that it does not require petrol, and that it does not require engines or fine mechanical instruments. Latest reports indicate that the maximum range is 150 miles-it carries just over a ton of high explosives and can be used for precision bombing. Speed and range are both determined before the plane takes off. It is jet propelled, but not radio directed, and it preserves its balance and steadiness in flight by use of a gyroscopic device.

Goebbels, German Minister for Propaganda, at present is trying to "sell" the German public the idea that Germany's pilotless planes are a war winning weapon of terrifying power and effectiveness. He also states that this bona-fide war weapon is employed against military targets alone.

If the pilotless plane were intended as such and not as an instrument of terror against civilian populations, why was it not used against the thousands of warships and transports vessels which were used in the landing on the Coast of France?

Why was it not used during the many months that the invasion forces were assembling in Britain?

The answer is that it is mainly a device to sustain German morale by the mendacious representation of it as a wonder weapon. It will fail even in that purpose-even Hitler's dupes cannot be fooled all the time.

This article was condensed from articles in the Melbourne "Argus".

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

Local football.

The inter-bn match which was to have been played tomorrow has been cancelled.

The draw for the MELBOURNE league tomorrow is as follows:-

CARLTON	v	Fitzroy.
Essendon	v	FOOTSCRAY.
Melbourne	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE.
Hawthorn	v	RICHMOND.
St Kilda	v	COLLINGWOOD.
Geelong	v	NORTH MELBOURNE.

The sporting Ed. has marked his tips in Block letters.

DISTRIBUTION OF CANTEN DISCOUNTS.

Biscuits, at the rate of one packet per man, were distributed to personnel on 28 JUN and 5th JUL.

HOBBIES EXHIBITION.

The entries must be in by 1800 hrs today- this is your exhibition and upon you depends the success of same.

SEND THEM IN CHAPS-ALL CARE TAKEN.

HEADLINES.

- 1. TARGETS IN JAPAN BOMBED.
- 2. DISMISSAL OF GERMAN C-in-C IN FRANCE.
- 3. SECOND VICTORY LOAN TO BE LAUNCHED.

EUROPE.

Because of dissention between ROMMEL and the C-in-C of GERMAN troops in NORMANDY, General RUNDSTEDT, the latter has been relieved of his command and has been replaced by General KLUGER. General BRADLEY'S forces have launched a new assault from CHERBOURG and the only detail to date states that they are off to a good start. They are seven miles from ST LO. and are fighting against GERMANS in heavily prepared positions. In this area there is a terrific artillery and mortar dual in progress.

The CANADIANS have dug in on the side of the CARPARQUET airfield and although the airfield now represents no man's land the B.B.C News states that the GERMANS still control it.

A heavy series of air attacks were carried out over France yesterday ranging from the Coast to 125 miles south of PARIS.

Allied bombers were over flying bomb bases again yesterday and at CALAIS alone bombed 24 targets. It is known that 11 such bases were hit.

USSIA.

Great unrest is reported amongst the GERMAN troops in WHITE RUSSIA. The Soviet drive towards EAST PRUSSIA IS still going strongly.

West of MINSK GERMAN engineers and security Police are fighting in the front line.

The RUSSIANS are only 26 miles from VILNA, which is being pounded heavily by long range guns.

On the other sector the RED ARMY is only 170 miles from WARSAW.

ITALY.

The 5th ARMY are threatening LEGHORN and its fall is expected shortly. The GERMANS are making a strong stand in an endeavour to hold the town.

POLISH troops of the 8th ARMY are now only 7 miles from ANCONA on the ADRIATIC COAST. Here also the GERMANS are striving strongly to stem the adv.

In the central sector FRENCH troops are now pushing on.

An ALLIED report states that the GERMANS in ITALY are adopting the aggressive attitude in spite of the fact that their casualties are colossal.

PACIFIC ZONE.

The end of the fighting on NOEMFOOR IS. is in sight. The AMERICANS have only one airfield to capture and opposition is weak.

Yesterday the AMERICANS made another landing - this time it was on MANIM IS. which is only 3 miles West of NOEMFOOR IS. They met NO opposition.

Australian land based fighters covered the landing with W/Cdr BROOKES of MELBOURNE in charge.

2 P.T. boats encountered 15 barges laden with troops off WEWAK. Havoc was caused and the 15 were sunk.

The raid on the volcanic islands 800 miles 3. of Japan which was carried out earlier in the week resulted in the sinking of 5 ships, 6 probables and 21 others damaged.

AMERICAN super FORTRESSES again bombed the

PACIFIC ZONE CONT'D.

Mainland of JAPAN yesterday. A naval base and steel centres were amongst the many targets attacked. No other details to hand.

BURMA.

An order of the day issued by the JAPANESE command has been captured stating that their forces are withdrawing from KOKINA, in BURMA, in an endeavour to re-organize for a big assault. It goes on to state that they must succeed in this new assault or else they would find it very hard to strike back again in this sector.

It was reported that the JAPANESE are making a general retreat in the HONAN PROVINCE.

GENERAL.

Yesterday was the 7th anniversary of the CHINESE war. MR CHURCHILL and PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT sent messages of good cheer to General CHIANG KAI-CHEK.

General DE GAULLE is spending the week-end in WASHINGTON with the President & ministers.

Reports from CHUNGKING yesterday stated that the CHINESE have asked the AMERICANS for supplies of poison gas for retaliatory blows against the JAPANESE.

The POPE has sent a message to BERLIN in their trials.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is very concerned with the war in CHINA.

NEWS FROM HOME.

Maximum prices have been fixed for second-hand cars and trucks.

A second VICTORY LOAN will be opened on 26 th September. The figure has been set at £100,000,000. It is hoped that £50 million will be collected from the conversions which are due at that time. The period set down for the loan is 5 weeks.

The butter ration may be increased to 8 ozs. by the end of the month.

NEWS COMMENTARY BY LT-GENERAL BENNETT.

Last night Gen. BENNETT compared the posns on the EASTERN and WESTERN fronts, and stated that surprise was the main factor in war.

This was the main reason for success on the EASTERN front.

Over the past fortnight he had heard of people stating that there had been no outstanding success on the WESTERN FRONT. These people, he said, must remember that the GERMANS did not know where on the 1500 mile front the RUSSIANS would attack. On the WESTERN front the only time the ALLIES had the element of surprise was at the landing which was the reason for proving it successful. At the present time the WESTERN front is only 65 miles long, which allows the GERMANS to move their forces to any part of the front within two hours, which counters any element of surprise which the ALLIES may have in attacking. This short front constitutes the main reason why there has been NO spectacular success on the WESTERN front.

In conclusion he stated 'that when such hazardous operations are being undertaken we must be thankful for small mercies'.

SPORT.

Racing:

Owing to shortage of space we cannot publish the acceptances for THE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLE to be held this afternoon in MELBOURNE

FOR AND AGAINST THE REFERENDUM.

An official pamphlet, as required by law, has been issued setting out the case for the proposed amendments and the case against.

Following are summaries of the two cases; the "Yes" case in the pamphlet is broken out and tabulated, using many subheadings, questions, and answers. The "No" case is set out more in a formal and conversational style.

CASE FOR:

This referendum will decide whether the national Parliament should guide postwar reconstruction. It concerns your jobs, your homes, your children, your family security. During the post-war period we should lay the foundation for a greater and happier Australia. Service men and women will face special difficulties. Under the proposed powers the Commonwealth can grant preference in jobs, help a serviceman to earn a living on the land by stabilising prices and making national marketing laws.

Granted the powers, which are already vested in the Parliaments of Britain, South Africa, and New Zealand, and each of the six State Parliaments the Commonwealth can guard against another depression, facilitate employment for service men and women, provide work for all, improve housing, ensure a good income for the man on the land, undertake a great works programme that will develop the national estate and raise the standard of rural life; prevent profiteering in the disturbed conditions after the war; and arrange for an orderly withdrawal of the controls required solely to win the war.

Private enterprise will be allowed after the war to make fair profits, but extortionate profiteering will be prevented. Individual initiative will still be necessary, but the Government must perform such vital services as establishing the aluminium industries in Tasmania, and preventing a second collapse of shipbuilding.

Housewives and mothers will benefit if the referendum is carried. Rocketing of prices for food and clothing and exorbitant rents can be effectively checked if the Government gets these new powers. This is not a party question. The Convention which framed these proposed powers included representatives of all parties & all states. The enabling Bill was carried by an absolute majority of both Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament. **Vote YES.**

CASE AGAINST:

Under what system do you want to live under ~~it~~ after the war? Do you really believe that a decent and happy future, with a wife and family and home, and something always to look forward to will be best assured by allowing Government departments to run your life? Do you really believe that we shall succeed in our search for prosperity and the amenities of life if the Allied Works Council builds our houses, and some Government department controls our meat supplies, and iron and steel and cement and bricks and timber are produced by departments under highly political control? If you do, you will vote Yes.

But if you believe that Australia was made by thousands of people who took risks and made losses as well as profits; who settled land and fought drought and ultimately made two blades of grass grow where only one grew before; who started industries in spite of critics and gave employment to thousands of people and made our munitions and aircraft industries possible, then you will preserve your liberties and vote No.

We are not merely negative in our approach. We advocate a revision of the Constitution, but say that to conduct a referendum in time of war on so fundamental a matter is to ignore the rights of thousands of our best men to take a full and deliberate share in such revision. We offered to support proper constitutional amendments to make it clear that on such matters as repatriation, prevention of unemployment, organized marketing of primary products, prevention of inflation, and stabilisation of the country during its transition from war to peace there should be no question of ample powers. But the Labour Government has placed 17 proposals before you and given you only one vote. You must take all or leave all. By voting No you will not be curbing the legitimate authority of Government; you will be curbing the illegitimate authority of bureaucrats. **Vote NO.**

HOW SERVICES WILL VOTE IN REFERENDUM.

Methods of taking the service vote at the powers referendum on August 19 were explained today by the Chief Electoral Officer.

Inside Australia, servicemen will vote at special polling booths at camps and other establishments. Outside Australia, they will vote in units.

It will not be necessary for servicemen to enrol on ordinary electoral rolls. Every service voter will make a statutory declaration giving his home address before enlistment, and he will then be entitled to record a vote for the division in which his home is located. The votes, with the declarations, will be included in envelopes and sent to Commonwealth returning officers.

Referendum pamphlets giving the cases for and against the proposal of more powers to the Commonwealth will be distributed to all units and camps. The cases for and against will also be published in all service journals.

The cases mentioned on this page are only in a summarized form.

HAVE YOUR OWN VIEWS ON THIS IMPORTANT PROBLEM - DON'T PLAY FOLLOW THE LEADER WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

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HEADLINES.

- 1. ALLIED BOMBERS POUND GERMAN POSITIONS ON NORMANDY FRONT.
- 2. NON-STOP ARTILLERY BARRAGE NEAR ST.LO.

OVERSEASE

EUROPE.

Heavy ALLIED bombers attacked GERMAN troops in their forward defences yesterday. 2000 tons were dropped. Allied troops watched the bombing & were overjoyed with results and the effect it had on GERMAN ground troops/.

Progress has been slow by General BRADLEY'S forces from the base of CHERBOURG. The main reason for this is the very swampy ground which they are meeting.

The AMERICANS are putting over non-stop arty barrages on towns near ST.LO.

The CANADIANS on the CARPARQUET airfield have knocked back two counter-attacks. 6 tanks were destroyed and the GERMANS are fighting very desperately to regain ground.

Around CAEN heavy fighting is still in progress and on Thursday the CANADIANS had to withdraw some distance.

RUSSIA.

Long range RUSSIAN guns are blasting VILNA and the GERMANS in that town are endeavouring to subdue rises by the people.

The RUSSIANS are threatening DEVINSK. In the fighting around this town yesterday 3000 GERMANS were killed including two Generals. Another General was captured.

The GERMANS are throwing in all their reserve in WHITE RUSSIA in an attempt to stem the sweeping RUSSIAN forces.

ITALY.

ALLIED bombers and fighters were over Northern ITALY. 51 GERMAN planes were shot down while the Allies lost 37.

Small gains were made yesterday by the 5th and 8th ARMIES. It is the first time since the fighting at ROME that the GERMANS have adopted the strike-back attitude.

PACIFIC ZONE.

Another AMERICAN landing was made on NOEMFOOR IS which resulted in the capture of the 3rd and last airfield.

In the raid on JAPAN 4 super FORTRESSES were lost. 1 was shot down, two collided over the target area, and one did not reach the home base.

Yesterday raids were carried out on YAP TRUK, and GUAM. Thenly opposition was met at YAP where 20 fighters intercepted the LIBERATORS.

On SAIPAN IS, the JAPANESE are cornered 2 miles from the NW tip of the island. To date the JAPANESE have had 9000 killed.

GENERAL.

BERLIN was raided by MOSQUITOS yesterday. By anti-aircraft fire was met & 33 planes were lost.

More flying bombs were over the LONDON area causing damage and casualties. 5 new shelters have been opened to accommodate 40,000.

4 more AUSTRALIANS have been awarded the D.F.C.

KING PETER is to form new YUGOSLAV CABINET.

THE HOBBIES EXHIBITION.

The hobbies exhibition which was held in the Y.M.C.A. yesterday proved very interesting. Although the number of exhibits were small they were of a very high standard.

Results are as follows:-

Section A.-Metal Work. Judge. Lt. Naylor, Bde AOC

This section was won by Dvr. Wade of the Tk/A Pl. His entry was a brass ash-tray built in the form of an arch with ash-trays at the base and surmounted by a lightning.

Pte Rosentriter of B Coy was second with 2 picture frames made of durallium.

Section B. Perspex. work- Judge. Lt Naylor.

Pte Hooper of the Pioneers won this section with a series of 21 lockets painted with various scenes. The judge named No 14, which showed 2 setters, as the best.

2nd prize went to Dvr Wade, winner of section A, for a series of 5 necklaces inlaid with shell.

Section C. Model Planes- Judge Lt Naylor.

All entries in this section were entered by the Tk/A pl. First prize went to Dvr Wade for his perfect model of a fortress.

2nd prize went to Cpl Power for his model of a lightning surmounting an ashtray.

Section D. Rings. Judge. Lt Naylor.

4 very fine rings won Pte Krebb of C Coy first prize in this section.

2nd prize went to Pte Smith W.L.

Section E. Miscellaneous. Judge. Lt Naylor.

Pte Bonser of BnH Q won this section with a cellophane belt which had a perspex buckle.

The 2nd prize went to Pte Smith W. of No 6 pl for some Jap souvenirs set under glass. The coins and notes were set out with a flag for a background.

Section F. Cooking. Sgt L. Scroop. M.E.C. Judge.

In the cake section a nice looking (and nice tasting) chocolate cake won Pte H. Young of A. Coy 1st prize.

Cpl Fanning of C Coy was 2nd with his swiss roll.

In the pastries section 1st prize was won by Cpl. Sanderson of C Coy for shortbread while Cpl Watson of HQ Coy received 2nd prize.

Section G. Art. Judge. Lt L. Davies.

In the Caricature portraits section both 1st and 2nd prize were won by Pte Hooper for his caricatures of Maj. Hopkins and Lt. Hepburn.

The black and white sketch was also won by him for his sketch 'Coming in on a Wing and a Prayer'.

The third section was won by Sgt Allan of the Tk/A pl for his portrait of 'Miss Perfect' a nude study. Our staff reporter would like to know the telephone number of his model.

Section H. Short Stories. Judge. Capt Sutton.

There was only one entry in this section.

'Incongruous' by Chaplain Hibbard writing under the 'Nom de plume' of Gnas. Dixon.

Section I. Poems. Judge. Lt L. McBeath.

The only entry in this section was a poem entitled the '22nd' by Pte L. Bunn of C Coy. It described our exploits on the Huon Peninsula.

Section J. Handwriting.

There were no entries.

The exhibition was a very fine show and we congratulate all who took part. Also we would like to thank the judges especially Lt

Naylor & Sgt Scroop for their assistance.

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HEADLINES.

1. 2nd BRITISH ARMY CAPTURE CAEN.
2. SAIPAN IS. NOW IN AMERICAN HANDS.
3. LIDA, RAIL CENTRE IN WHITE RUSSIA, CAPTURED.

OVERSEAS.

EUROPE.

BRITISH AND CANADIANS have captured CAEN. They broke through the outer defences of the town yesterday morning. The GERMAN resistance was terrific & in a final effort they used 40 tanks, of which 20 were destroyed.

4000 Allied sorties were made over GERMAN positions yesterday.

General BRADLEY'S forces are now within 5 miles of ST. LO. They are pushing on steadily and are now using tanks. Resistance is still very stiff.

RUSSIA.

MOSCOW reports the capture, by Russian troops, of LIDA, important rail centre 90 mls WEST of MINSK.

RUSSIAN troops have driven the GERMANS back & have now entered VILNO, the capital of LITHUANIA. Another GERMAN General was captured.

In the Southern sector a new drive on a 100 mls front has been launched and KOVELL is threatened.

The RED ARMY is still 140 miles South of WARSAW, and this drive will be strengthened when the 2nd WHITE RUSSIAN ARMY, which is mopping up around MINSK, is freed.

ITALY.

The ALLIED advance along the WEST coast towards LEGHORN is still continuing. The ALLIED leaders expect a pitched battle and stubborn resistance at this base.

FRENCH troops are now only 23 miles from the large town of FLORENCE.

The ITALIAN will return to ROME next Wednesday. The word Government was omitted above.

ALLIED bombers based in ITALY yesterday raided the RUMANIAN oilfields.

PACIFIC ZONE.

AMERICAN troops now occupy the whole of SAIPAN IS. The defenders simply collapsed on Saturday. Earlier the JAPANESE put on the strongest counter-attack yet seen by them and broke through for some distance. They were quickly pushed back before mid-day and 1500 were killed. SAIPAN is 1500 miles South of TOKYO.

On NOEMFOOR IS the total enemy casualties were 410 killed and 24 prisoners.

Yesterday LIBERATORS raided YAP, in the CAROLINES, for the third day in succession. Heavy A/A. and fighter opposition were encountered but there were no losses by the ALLIES. 4 Zeros were shot down.

GENERAL.

More flying bombs were over the LONDON area yesterday causing more damage and casualties. The rocket site near PARIS which was destroyed by R.A.F. must have taken tremendous time to build.

General EISENHOWER pays great tribute to the BRITISH COASTAL COMMAND. This same command sighted a GERMAN convoy and BEAUFIGHTERS sunk 3 cargoes, 2 escorts and left another escort in flames.

40,000 JAPANESE HAVE BEEN killed in BURMA. CHINESE troops have entered LELING in the HUNAN PROVINCE.

NEWS FROM HOME.

LT-COL WICKHAM yesterday paid great tribute to the Australian effort in NEW GUINEA. He also complimented them on their high standard of training and splendid physique.

The dead body of a young man, aged 23, was found at CLIFTON HILL, MELBOURNE yesterday. It is reported that his death was the result of a terrific hammering around the head.

The total amount raised in loans during the last war totalled £180,000,000. The total up to date during this war is £741,000,000.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

Football.

The football results in the Melbourne league on Saturday were as follows:-

Melbourne	10-10	D. Sth Melb.	9-13.
Richmond	13-16	D. Hawthorn	11-9.
Carlton	11-15	D. Fitzroy	6-15.
Essendon	14-16	D. Footscray	8-13.
Nth Melb.	21-14	D. Geelong	13-9.
St Kilda	17-11	D. Collwd.	6-9.

The league ladder after last week's matches is as follows:-

Richmond	av. 136.4	34 pts.
Carlton	" 135.8	32 "
Fitzroy	" 111.4	26 "
Footscray	" 103.9	26 "
Essendon	" 116.8	24 "
Nth Melb.	" 100.9	24 "
Sth Melb.	" 103.6	20 "
St Kilda.	" 100.5	18 "
Collingwd	" 91.7	16 "
Melbourne	" 96	12 "
Hawthorn	" 79	8 "
Geelong	" 55.1	- "

ROMMEL LIVES IN COMFORT.

An airconditioned, electrically lit and richly carpeted concrete room built in a hillside is General Rommel's headquarters in France. Among the batteries of telephones and microphones is a direct telephone line to Hitler in Berlin.

Rommel seldom spends more than six hrs at a time at headquarters. He is generally visiting different parts of the front, travelling in a super-charged Mercedes-Benz or a two seater fighter plane. Rommel is always accompanied on his journeys by a colonel of Intelligence who claims that once in Libya he disguised himself as an Arab and spoke to General Montgomery.

Quotation for today:-

Labour to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire.....conscience.

George Washington.

OURSELVES.

Articles by chaps from the Coys have been very few and far between - we are hoping for a marked improvement in the very near future. If any of you have suggestions for general improvements, we would welcome same and will endeavour to carry them out.

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HEADLINES.

- 1. BRITISH GAINS AROUND CAEN.
- 2. REMNANTS OF JAPANESE FORCES IN NEW GUINEA ARE IN DESPERATE POSITION.
- 3. GERMANS ATTEMPT TO SAVE VILNA.

OVERSEAS.

EUROPE.

The GERMAN line is seriously threatened by the capture of CAEN-it is expected that they will have to withdraw because of the threats to their flanks. The 2nd ARMY have gained more ground and yesterday drove a wedge through the GERMAN defences south of CAEN capturing some towns and high ground.

The ALLIES have complete air superiority in NORMANDY.

After heavy fighting the CANADIANS have now got full control of the CARPARQUET airfield, which is 4 miles from CAEN.

General BRADLEY'S forces are making steady progress towards ST. LO.

RUSSIA.

The approach of the RUSSIAN armies towards EAST PRUSSIA is continuing and it seems that there is so no serious check.

Yesterday the GERMANS attempted to strike back at VIENNA. Paratroops were used in the attempt and MOSCOW reports that this force was wiped out to a man.

Two more towns have been captured by the REDS in their push to BRESTLIVOK.

There has been no news from MOSCOW on their new Southern offensive but GERMAN radio states more penetration has been made in their lines around KOVELL.

ITALY.

POLISH and CANADIANS are still advancing towards ANCONA. The GERMAN resistance on this front is very stiff.

Another town has fallen to the FRENCH troops on their advance towards FLORENCE.

The 5th ARMY are striking heavy fighting 13 miles from LEGHORN. Their advance has been very slow.

PACIFIC ZONE.

The JAPANESE suffered heavy losses in the fighting at SAIPAN 11,000 were killed, 58 ships were sunk and over 900 aircraft were destroyed.

The remnants of the three JAPANESE divisions which are between AITAPE and WENAK are reported to be in a desperate position. It is expected that they will attempt a break through shortly mainly because of the food problem. Daily ALLIED planes are over their Posns giving them a terrific hammering.

GENERAL.

The Pope yesterday received Prince Bernard of the NETHERLANDS.

Heavy fighting is reported to be taken place in BURMA and a big JAPANESE base is expected to fall to the ALLIES shortly.

There is no opportunity for the GERMAN forces to defend the LITHUANIAN plains.

British delegate, MR COLERIDGE, yesterday stated that if unofficial stoppages in the coal industry were stopped Australia would be able to produce all the coal that is required.

MR Forde is to visit military hospitals both on the mainland and New Guinea when time permits.

GENERAL CONT'D.

The P.M., Mr Curtin stated that he did not favour industrial conscription after the war. He was definitely in favour of it in 1942-43 when Australia was seriously threatened but he could not see any reason for any form of industrial conscription in a country such as Australia after the war.

Allied planes dropped 250 tons of bombs on Jap posns in the S.W.P.A. yesterday.

NEWS OF BATTALION INTEREST.

The following cutting which has been fwded to the Ed. will be of interest to chaps in the Bn who knew the men mentioned, and to those who come from their district.

KORUMBURRA, the 4000 odd population town in South Gippsland, now has its fourth Lt. Col, Bob Joshua, MC, recently receiving his promotion after lengthy service in the ME and NG.

The three other Korumburraites to achieve this distinction have all seen active service.

Eric Mathewson, an inspector of schools, has ribbons up from both wars.

So has H. Birch, local solicitor, who served four years as stretcher-bearer in the last show.

Noel Peverill, dentist, has seen active service both in Darwin and NG, and in 'tween times has designed the R.A.A.F. mobile dental surgery.

Capt. Bryson informs us that all the above-mentioned officers have at some time of their military careers served with this bn.

RUSSIA PREDICTS FALL OF JAPAN.

The frankest article on Japanese Imperialism so far published in Russia, and the first to predict outright that Japan will be defeated, appeared in the Journal, War and the Working Class.

The Soviet commentator Klementi Polov says:

"In the days when Hitler's hordes devastated the Soviet Union, Japan included the Soviet Far East, Siberia, and even the Middle East in her sphere.

"However, the delirious plans of the Jap. imperialists found a bitter end with the defeat of the German armies at Stalingrad. The position of the Japanese imperialists, in the light of the Allied Pacific counter-offensives and the prolongation of the war in China, becomes more and more difficult. Japan is in the Hitlerite coalition which is going down to inevitable defeat."

LOST AND FOUND.

H.Q. Coy have no use for the lower set of dentures at the Coy office. Owner may have same by application to H.Q. Coy office. No pound fee required.

QUOTATION FOR TODAY.

There are three things that come not back: a sped arrow, a spoken word and a neglected opportunity.

The staff have heard that within the rifle coys there are some interesting "cracks" which would help to make an ideal comic, social column in this paper.

Don't set them chaps-they will not hatch,--Send them in so we can all benefit by them....

HEADLINES.

- 1. RUSSIANS CAPTURE SLONIN.
- 2. GERMANS COUNTER-ATTACKING STRONGLY IN NORMANDY.

EUROPE.

The BRITISH and CANADIAN forces around CAEN have repulsed furious counter attacks by the GERMANS. ROMMEL is hitting back hard and is using reserve inf supported by the famous 'Tiger' tanks.

Although the counter attacks have held up the advance the Allied forces are only 1/2 mile from the R. ORNE, where the GERMANS are in very solid defences.

General BRABLEY'S forces have launched yet another offensive and in the early stages gained ground. His other force are only a few miles from their objectives at ST. LO.

55,000 prisoners have been taken since the landing.

General MONTGOMERY, in his first speech to the troops since the landing, said that the pace has been hot and the ALLIED forces must be congratulated on their month's heavy fighting and gains.

RUSSIA.

Further progress has been made by the RED ARMY. They are still smashing all defences encountered near VILNO and are now 22 miles into LITHUANIA.

MOSCOW announced yesterday the capture of SLONIN, key point on the road to WARSAW.

It was disclosed yesterday that there are 50 RUSSIAN generals taking part in the drive on WARSAW.

ITALY.

The ALLIES are still advancing towards the GOTHIC line on their three fronts. The GERMANS are now launching heavy counter-attacks South of ARIZO.

The 5th ARMY have gained more ground in their drive on LEGHORN.

GENERAL.

The Vice President of U.S.A., Mr WALLACE, stated yesterday that the position in CHINA was very grave.

It is expected that there will be a new pact between Russia and Turkey-it will be very similar to the present Anglo-Turkish pact. Turkey are also expected to state their willingness to allow the ALLIES air bases in TURKEY.

The Leader of the Canadian delegation to Aust. yesterday stated that he disagreed with people who said that both Canada and Australia would enter an economical depression after the war.

Mr CURTIN is expected to make a report on his overseas visit to Parliament on Monday.

Next week MR. W.M. HUGHES will celebrate his 50th year as a State Minister.

THE FINSCHHAFEN WAR CEMETRY.

A simple ceremony which is of historic interest in the story of the New Guinea campaign took place on 29 Feb 44 when Maj-Gen F.H. BERRYMAN, CBE, DSO, Commander of 2nd Aust. Corps, unveiled the memorial at the Australian War Cemetery at Finschhafen. The memorial was erected by the 9th Aust. Div. Engrs. and was modelled on that erected by the same unit at TOBRUK.

The cemetery is situated in a wide clearing among tree-clad hills on the banks of the BUMI R. with the memorial

FINSCHHAFEN WAR CEMETRY CONTD.

inside the entrance gate flanked by the Union Jack and the Australian flag. Later shrubs and lawns will be planted, but on the day there was nothing but the cleared earth and the graves marked by white crosses.

The troops taking part in the parade were mainly from the 9th Div., as that Div. had formed the greater part of the force which fought in the Finschhafen area. Also present were troops from the 4 Aust. Inf. Bde, and representatives of 2nd Australian Corps Headquarters and Finschhafen Base sub area. There was also a detachment of the Papuan Inf. Bn., whose vigorous patrolling had been a feature of these operations. The 532 U.S. Engrs. Shore and Boat Regt were represented by 50 all ranks. This unit had worked closely with 9th Aust Div. throughout the LAE and FINSCHHAFEN campaigns and had given very valuable service in landing operations, and in subsequent carriage by sea of personnel and stores. The Australian Army Nursing Service was represented by twelve sisters from the 2/2 and 2/3 Aust CCS, whose white veils and red capes were a contrast to the jungle green of the Australian troops.

The parade was in charge of Brigadier W.J.V. WINDREYER, DSO and Bar, ED, Commander 20 Aust Inf Bde.

The ceremony was short and simple. General BERRYMAN arrived at 11.00 hrs and the parade stood to attention as he proceeded to the memorial and unveiled it. The General then addressed the parade in following words:

"This memorial commemorates the sacrifice of our comrades and this parade is an act of solemn remembrance. Over this very ground you passed to cross the Bumi R., defeat the enemy and capture FINSCHHAFEN. It is fitting that our comrades should be finally laid to rest on the banks of this river.

It is appropriate that they should rest alongside their American comrades who fought with them to gain a common victory. May the bonds formed on the field of battle last in the years to come to safeguard our freedom and homes. This historic spot will be an inspiration to those who make their pilgrimage here after the war.

We have a duty to the memory of our fallen comrades, to their families and to the Cross of sacrifice which symbolizes the faith we are fighting for. The crosses you so reverently placed on graves scattered throughout the battlefields are being collected and buried in these very graves.

May we carry away a lasting memory of this act of homage, may we be inspired by their fearless examples & may we be strengthened in the resolve to complete the task for which they laid down their lives. This is hallowed ground for here lie those who died for their country."

When the General had spoken he saluted the memorial & the parade stood in silence as the Last Post was sounded. After the 2 minutes silence Reveille was played by the Regimental Band of the 4th Aust Inf Bn.

The ceremony closed with the playing of the Recessional.

HEADLINES.

1. GERMAN SPOKESMAN PAINTS GLOOMY PICTURE OF THE WAR IN EUROPE.

2. BIG RUSSIAN Pincer MOVEMENT ON PINSK.

3. ROOSEVELT SITTING FOR A FOURTH TERM.

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OVERSEAS.

EUROPE.

Yesterday Lt-Gen DIETMAR, a high GERMAN official, painted a very gloomy picture to the GERMAN people on the war in EUROPE. This is the first such statement that has been released. In all spheres they are fighting against overwhelming superiority and reinforcements must be sent to the EASTERN FRONT in a final effort to prevent fighting on their home soil.

The ALLIES have appealed to the French people to make Jul 14 a fighting day against the GERMANS instead of celebrating their usual French National Day.

Paratroops have been landed behind the GERMAN lines around CAEN are carrying out numerous acts of sabotage.

The AMERICANS are now only 1 1/2 miles from ST. LO. After the defeat of the last GERMAN counter-attack they are retreating on a 10 ml front from the base of CHERBOURG.

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RUSSIA.

RED ARMY Reports another big break through the GERMAN defences S.E. of MINSK. They are advancing on PINSK, big rail centre, in the Southern sector of WHITE RUSSIA.

By outflanking VILNO, the RED ARMY is now only 90 miles from EAST PRUSSIA.

Since the RUSSIAN drive in WHITE RUSSIA commenced 50 GERMAN divisions have been obliterated and in the last 19 days 19 GERMAN generals have been taken.

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ITALY.

The fighting is still very bitter along the whole line. Advances are still being made towards ANCONA and LEGHORN.

ALLIED planes based in ITALY yesterday raided positions in NORTHERN ITALY.

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PACIFIC ZONE.

AMERICAN troops are still mopping up isolated pockets on SAIPAN IS. Allied planes are using the airfields already.

Yesterday ALLIED bombers were over YAP and encountered slight interception. Out of the 20 fighters which met them 5 were shot down. A 10,000 enemy tanker was sunk.

New Zealand bombers sank vessel in RABAUL HARBOUR.

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GENERAL.

President ROOSEVELT has agreed that he will sit for a fourth term if his people insist.

LONDON has had its longest spell from flying bombs. There were more over ENGLAND last night but none fell in LONDON area.

AUSTRALIA HOUSE was hit by a flying bomb on Tuesday night. A well known boy's school was also hit.

LADY GOWRIE will present KING'S BAR to all V.A.D.'s who have completed 12 years service or more.

LONDON denies the AXIS reports that the ALLIES are putting pressure on TURKEY to join the war.

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QUOTATION FOR TODAY:

"Beware young man every peach has a heart of stone."
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LEARNT IN ITALY.

Italy has furnished an excellent lesson in the precept that the Allies, if they are to achieve victory, must rely on their own efforts rather than on those of any outsiders who also happen to hate the Germans. In order to be sure that the job is done it would appear wise for the Allies to count on doing it entirely by themselves, and regarding any outside help as so much gravy.

Italy, at some cost, has shown that the GERMANS are still entirely indoctrinated with Hitlerism, still cheeky and largely confident, for some mystic reason, that they are not only going to win the war, but they are going to win it this year.

We can expect anything from the Germans as this campaign has taught us. They employ all the dirty old tricks of fighting which they have always used. They are a desperate, cheeky, brave, hard-fighting lot. They know that they are in the soup if they lose, and they have got their backs to the wall for a tremendous eleventh hour effort with alternative results—at least, a partial victory or a Gotterdammerung such as Wagner never imagined.

From a report in the N.Y. Times.

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FINSCHHAFEN WAR CEMETERY.

A sketch of the above cemetery will be placed in the Y.M.C.A., so that all ranks can gain an idea as to how it is set out.

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CHAPTER FROM THE UNIT.

The following two items have been forwarded to the Editor for publication:-

IS HOME LEAVE GOOD FOR TROOPS?

Harry Darnett, the "switchboard king", has just returned from leave. On Tuesday night, he, a rookie once again, not knowing the wiles of the NG jungle and without a torch decided to attack the latrine single-handed. He did a very satisfying job but on his way back to base Harry finished up in a 12 ft hole, which was to be used for another purpose.

Half way down he decided to try a swallow dive and from 2130 to 2150 Harry lay prone in his rather deep grave—out like a light. On coming to he cried for help and W.O. Beacom rushed to the scene and soon produced the ladder which was necessary for the rescue. Fortunately Harry is suffering no ill effects—home leave was too much.

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SNAKE CHARMER??

An unknown snake had its designs set for a certain officer last night. On returning to his tent this officer found he had company in his bed in the form of a snake. But, owing to the courageous action of neighbouring officers, following the alert, the situation was soon well in hand. One noble swiper put the viper out of action.

The following queries have been asked:-
Certain parties are anxious to know what inducement the snake had in going to this bed?
The Editor is anxious to know if snakes live twice??

In future more discretion should be used in the choice of bedmates and you are all warned to keep a keen look out for such reptiles.

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COURSELVES.

More articles are reaching this office now—all give a hand and see if we can make this a bigger and brighter publication. Items of any description will receive our consideration.

HEADLINES.

- 1. 45,000 JAPANESE REMUSTERING AROUND SENAK.
- 2. RUSSIANS 50 miles FROM PRUSSIAN BORDER.
- 3. TURKEY MAY ENTER WAR.

EUROPE.

News from the NORMANDY front was very brief last night. It has been reported that the ALLIES have more gains and are smashing through the GERMAN defences. The GERMANS are putting up very stiff resistance.

General MONTGOMERY is massing his troops for the final push over the ORNE RIVER, which is very strongly defended by the enemy.

AMERICAN forces are closing in on ST. LO.

RUSSIA.

On the LITHUANIAN sector the RUSSIANS are now only 50 miles from the PRUSSIAN border. All the GERMAN resistance has been swiftly swept aside.

Another force has captured 1000 towns and villages on their drive to LATVIA and are now only 27 miles from the LATVIAN border. 7000 GERMANS were killed in one day on this sector.

PACIFIC ZONE.

It has been reported that the remnants of the 3 JAPANESE divisions between SENAK and ATAP have remustered under the command of a Lt-General. They are preparing for an attack to the west through the AMERICAN forces. Although disease and the terrific hammering from the air have accounted for thousands it is estimated that the force will be approx 45,000.

Usual raids were carried out yesterday. ALLIED bombers over enemy bases at YAP and RABAUL.

GENERAL.

HITLER has just completed a 3 day conference with his Supreme War Council. It is believed that the discussion centred around the regrouping of GERMAN reserves in occupied countries.

It is thought that TURKEY may enter the war on the side of the ALLIES within the next few days. The Turkish Parliament are to hold a secret meeting. A GERMAN report states that the RUSSIANS are adding pressure on the Turkish government.

FRENCH NATIONAL DAY will be celebrated today in AUSTRALIA.

LORD and LADY GOWRIE are to take their leave of CANBERRA on Monday.

The KING and QUEEN visited anti-aircraft units yesterday-they also visited areas that had been hit by flying bombs.

R.A.F bombers were over occupied territory yesterday. Wednesday night was the first night for 3 weeks that no GERMAN aircraft have been over ENGLAND.

DO YOU ENCE?

That sig barkla is going to fibro-plaster the new public phone box which has been erected outside the sig office.

That a certain lad in the Bn had a letter from his younger sister stating that she simply adores Clark Gable and therefore wants him to grow a moustache similar to Gable's.???

That boot polish is plentiful at A. Coy.

MELBOURNE FOOTBALL DRAW.

Footscray	V	CARLTON.
PIPERAY	V	Geelong.
NTH MELB	V	St. Kilda.
Hawthorn	V	MELBOURNE.
ST. KILDS	V	Geelong.
RICHMOND	V	Geelong.

SUMATRA, STEPPING STONE TO SINGAPORE.

Sumatra has been in the news again. The recent assaults on the Japanese bases are a reminder that this great island is one of the stepping stones to Singapore.

Beautiful and fertile Sumatra lies steaming on the equator. It is the richest island in the Indies in mineral wealth-oil, gold, silver, coal and tin.

The rest of the world has never paid much attention to Sumatra. It is not remarkable, like Java, for a huge population and intensive cultivation- it has about 10,000,000 people in its 177,000 sq. mls.

Until 1941 it was just a big island on the air and shipping routes, not intensively developed. Now it is a key position in the Japanese defensive arc.

Medang, the airport in the northern part of Sumatra, is only 161 miles from Senang in Malaya. Palembang, in the south, is only 304 miles from Singapore. An air journey between the two countries therefore means no more than running over to Tasmania from Melbourne.

At several points motor roads, remarkable achievements of engineering, traverse the hills. On the East Coast lie virtually impenetrable jungle and swamps. A road 376 miles long links Koeta Radja with Medang, the capital of Sumatra, in the East coast region; there is also a light railway.

The largest city in the island, however, is Palembang which lies 50 miles up the Coesi R., a few miles away are the oil refineries illuminated in peace time by thousands of electric lights.

Oil, Rubber, tobacco, rice, coffee-Sumatra has all the things wanted most. Like that of Borneo, its full development remains for the years to come.

For the Japanese it is like New Guinea-an outpost. As Singapore commands the only convenient course between the Indian and North Pacific oceans so does Sumatra command Singapore. Whoever holds Sumatra has much else within its grasp.

Condensation from an article in ARGUS.

BN TALENT.

The following song was sent in from B Coy goes to the tune of "Pistol packin' Momma". Try it.

OWEN PACKIN' AUSSIE.
 While strolling in the jungle on a bright
 And sunny day
 I met a Jap upon the track
 And I heard him say,
 Lay that owen down Aussie
 Lay that owen down
 Owen Packin' Aussie
 Lay that Owen down.

I let him have a burst
 He took it in the head
 He hit the dust
 With his crust
 Then his ghost rose up and said,
 Chorus.
 I continued with my strolling
 On my merry way
 When I met a Mary
 Who didn't to say,
 Chorus.

HEADLINES.

- 1. AMERICANS MAKE NEW LANDING.
- 2. AMERICANS CONTACT JAPANESE NEAR AITAPE.
- 3. SLIGHT PROGRESS IN ITALY.

EUROPE.

Heavy fighting is in progress around CAEN. Several positions have changed hands time and time again over the past few days.

During the last few days before the capture of CAEN the GERMAN troops went wild in the township, looting all the shops, mutilating the women and murders.

General BRADLEY'S forces are slowly making headway on a 30 mile front from the Western base of CHERBOURG. Here also positions have changed hands several times.

RUSSIA.

The RUSSIANS now have complete control of the large base of VILNO.

Another force is still sweeping on towards the LATVIAN border and pushing through solid defences.

BREST LITOVSK, main base before WARSAW, is being seriously threatened by a new move in this sector.

ITALY.

The AMERICAN 5th ARMY are now only 10 miles from LEGHORN. They have captured many more towns and villages

On the ADRIATIC coast the 8th ARMY are nearing ARITZO and have made slight gains against heavy opposition.

PACIFIC ZONE.

The 18th JAPANESE ARMY which has been trapped in the WEWAK, AITAPE area for the past ten wks is now making a fierce attempt to break through the AMERICAN forces around the AITAPE area. The A.B.C. correspondent, Raymond Paul, says that the fighting is the fiercest seen in the NEW GUINEA campaign. The estimated strength of the force is over 40,000.

ALLIED bombers are continually hammering the trapped JAPANESE force.

AMERICAN marines have made another landing in the MARIANNAS. This landing was made on an island 2 miles from SAIPAN.

ADMIRAL NIMITZ'S H.Q.'s reports that over 16,000 JAPANESE have been buried on SAIPAN to date. Amongst these was the General who planned the attacks on PEARL HARBOUR and MIDWAY.

The usual raids were carried out yesterday over DUTCH NEW GUINEA, YAP and TRUK IS. No opposition was encountered.

GENERAL.

It has been reported that the flying bombs are doing more damage in LONDON than the heaviest raid made by GERMAN bombers. It is thought that the GERMANS are endeavouring to force the ALLIES into naming peace terms thereby saving their homeland.

More bombs were sent over on Thursday night causing damage and casualties.

VICTORIA led Australian Tobacco production for the recent year. They produced 1050 tons.

NAZI DREAM BECOMES A NIGHTMARE.

Nazi forces in ITALY are now reeling under the blows of the Allied offensive; Italy herself, once a key factor in Hitler's grandiose plans of world conquest, is partially liberated, in part reduced to a state of vassalage.

Yet it was only four years ago, on May 10, 1940, that Hitler boasted, "The fight which begins today will determine Germany's future for a thousand years". On that day, of 200 divisions of the Germans, 120 divisions - roughly 1,200,000 men - attacked the Allied Armies consisting of 3,000,000 British, French, Dutch and Belgian troops, hopelessly inferior in mechanized equipment. The Nazi divisions were supported by 4000 front line planes, outnumbering the Allied planes 3 to 1.

In a month Germany had swept on to the Channel coast, 21 miles from England. The first part of the plan had succeeded. Then, according to the theory, while Hitler destroyed Britain, Mussolini was to over-run Egypt, and burst into the Middle East, so that the Nazis, through Russia, might join hands with the Italians in Persia. After that -- India for Japan, South America for Germany, and the world for the Axis.

German megalomania shattered in the wrecked German air fleets on the soil of England, the rout of the Afrika Corps, the triumph of Stalingrad. Today, while huge Allied armies strike, and huge armies in reserve, the historic weapon of the British blockade is striking at the heart of Germany's economy.

Hitler, to shore up his tottering war economy, starved by the Navy, battered by the Air Force, has had to divert from war production and the armed forces 1,000,000 extra men to food production, 250,000 to synthetic industries, 3,000,000 to air defences.

Germany's future is being weighed, but not in the fashion to which Hitler looked in 1940.

COMMENTARY BY LT-GEN. BENNETT.

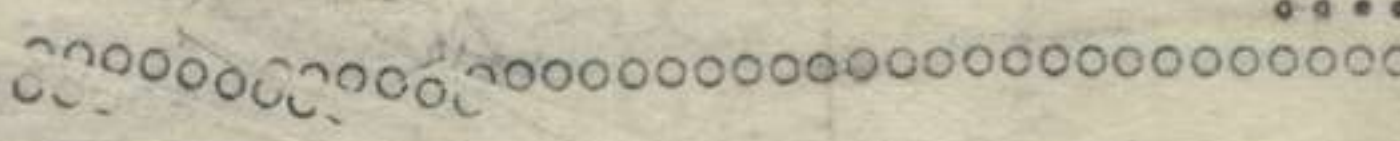
In a news commentary on Thursday night Lt-Gen Bennett discussed Lt-Gen Dietmar's, German official, statement regarding the German position on both the Eastern and Western fronts. Bennett agreed that the Germans must do all in their power to stem the Russian advance but he also stated that the Eastern front is equally serious for the Germans. The Axis cannot afford to weaken their Eastern front and therefore he thinks that Hitler will mass his troops in France for a super counter attack.

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The above tournament which was held in the Officer's Mess on Thursday ended in Lt Smith defeating Lt Kennedy in the final. The result of the final was:-

Lt. Smith d. Lt Kennedy. 21-18
21- 8.

Now that the Coys are more concentrated it has been suggested that they start a Coy competition. Coys are asked to contact Mr Clucas for further arrangements.



VENDETTA FIGHTS ON ; THE LAST OF HER KIND.

Last survivor of her class laid down in 1917, H.M.A.S. VENDETTA has a glorious record of tradition and service today unsurpassed in the Royal Australian Navy.

Built partly by women in the dark days of the last war, when U-boat warfare threatened to bring Great Britain to the point of starvation, she has seen all her sisterships go one by one, until today, she plies on the seaways of the world, lone survivor of her class, with her motto "Vendico--Vengeance."

With the traditional silence of the service she has fought on every ocean and steamed through the troubled waters surrounding nearly every theatre of operations in this war.

When troops were urgently needed to consolidate the newly occupied areas around the base of Madang early in May, The Vendetta was transferred from escort duty to ferry in reinforcements. It was a well known role to the old ship. Throughout the siege of Tobruk she had ferried troops, ammunition, and supplies to the beleaguered garrison. I travelled in the Vendetta with the first reinforcements to Madang. We lay on the open deck yarning in huddled groups. Blanketed forms of jungle fighters were sleeping all around. A few feet down the Pacific waters slid by with a soft, subdued hiss, the phosphorescent wake trailing silver in the black night.

The old ship throbbed with the power of her thrashing propellers. Once more her decks were humming with the eagerness of a ship seemingly conscious of the precious cargo she carried, knowing what might await its members, scenting the possibility of yet another engagement.

Once again she was going to slide into a harbour around which Australians were sweating and fighting. Once more there would be wounded to be tenderly laid on her decks for the return voyage, secure now that they lay under the White Ensign.

Again there would be prisoners. Not the proud, arrogant Germans of the Afrika Korps; not the servile, humbled Italians of Graziani's armies, but this time the sullen, animal like Japanese.

When the Vendetta nosed her way out of the British Isles into the North Sea in 1917, she commenced the first of her 27 years of service. She fought through the last war in the North Sea, Baltic and Adriatic.

Laid up during the depression years of the thirties, she was recommissioned at the time of the Munich crisis in 1933. It was H.M.A.S. Vendetta which carried the body of the late Prime Minister, Mr. J.A. Lyons, from Sydney to Tas. for burial.

September 1939 found Australian warships immediately despatched for service in the very troubled, disputed waters abroad. Following fruitless weeks searching for the German raider Graf Spee in the Indian Ocean, in December 1939, Vendetta was one of the first Australian war-

ships to enter the Mediterranean this war. When the British advanced in the desert & the Second A.I.F. went into action for the first time, Vendetta was at hand lending assistance in the bombardment of Sollum and Bardia.

Once more she returned to Malta, where she harassed more enemy shipping, intercepting convoys between Italy and Benghazi.

From the crowded beaches of Greece the Vendetta carried many hundreds of British troops to the temporary haven of Suda Bay. By this time Rommel had struck in the desert and the 9th Division had been flung back into Tobruk, where its members were fighting desperately with their backs to the sea, short of ammunition & supplies and cut off by land. The Vendetta was one of her first members of that intrepid band of British destroyers which established the Tobruk ferry service, preserving the vital lifeline to the garrison in the true tradition of Britain's sea-going men.

Thirty one times she made the run from Mersa Matruh or Alexandria, establishing the record number of trips made by any British warship during the siege.

Frequently the little ships were subjected to long-range shelling from "Bardia-Bill", and few nights passed without a visit from German aircraft. On one trip the Vendetta unloaded 80 tons of ammunition and stores in 20 minutes.

She was lying in Keppel Harbour, refitting, with her engines in pieces, when the fall of Singapore was announced.

On a morning in early April 1942, she crept into Port Phillip Bay. After a hazardous voyage which lasted 72 days from Singapore twenty six members of her company had seen the old ship through.

Recommissioned once more the Vendetta escorted Allied troops to advanced areas in New Guinea. While stationed at Darwin the crew volunteered to go out and pick up the members of an allied bomber shot down near the coast of Timor.

H.M.A.S. Vendetta is indeed a happy ship. Her crew are proud of her glorious record, and those that travel with them will always remember the hospitality and kindness of her company. There is something in the throb of her motors, the hum of her decks, that murmurs of the centuries in which Britishers have gone down to the seas in ships.

She will keep ploughing the waters while the war is still on and while her motto remains "Vengeance". Then, when peace reigns once more upon the serene sea lanes of the world, perhaps the old ship will rest upon her laurels.

Tied up alongside some wharf, she will dream of the North Sea, Malta, Matapan, Greece, Tobruk, Singapore and the soldiers and sailors of two wars. Perhaps there will be peace undisturbed then, and she can join her sisters, her trust of vengeance nobly honoured.

Until that day she carries on the oldest, proudest and toughest, and happiest member of the Royal Australian Navy; HMAS VENDETTA.

This article was written by the Argus War Correspondent, Roy McCartney.

HEADLINES.

- 1. RUSSIANS REACH EAST PRUSSIAN BORDER.
- 2. SLIGHT GAINS IN NORMANDY.
- 3. JAPANESE HAVE MADE SLIGHT HEADWAY.

OVERSEAS.

EUROPE.

At CAEN the BRITISH troops are assembling armour for a new drive but the GERMANS are keeping the pressure on and have forced the BRITISH to make two slight withdrawals. Both sides are using their artillery to great effect. Hill 112 is now in the hands of the BRITISH.

The AMERICANS have made a further one mile gain on their 4 ml front and are closing in on Lefaye. Patrols are reported to be on the outskirts of another town and report that the GERMANS have pulled out and are now shelling it very heavily. The GERMANS still retain the high ground outside the township. All bridges leading from the town have been blown by the GERMANS.

On the end of CHERBOURG another US force has advanced 2 1/2 miles on a 4 mile front towards PERRIERS. More gains have been made around ST. LO. and the force is now only 3000 yds from the city.

Between PERRIERS and ST. LO yet another force is two miles from the road which connects these towns.

Heavy bombers raided the railways at PARIS in daylight yesterday. The railways bombed were the main supply routes to the battle front and heavy damage was inflicted.

RUSSIA.

The RUSSIANS have reached a river on the border of EAST PRUSSIA ON a 70 mile front. Towns and villages in EAST PRUSSIA are being heavily shelled.

Further South PINSK has fallen and the REDS are swiftly pushing on to BREST LITOVSK.

Pushing on from POLASK, another force have bypassed DEVINSK and are now 25 miles into LITHUANIA.

A new push has commenced towards GRADNO, which is 100 miles SW of VIILNO and the last bastion before EAST PRUSSIA. The force is only 20 miles from the city and the fighting has been fairly stiff.

From these gains which have taken place on the whole 500 mile front several more GERMAN generals have been taken prisoner.

ITALY.

Heavy fighting has been taking place around the approaches to LEGHORN over the past few days and the AMERICANS have advanced slowly and are now 6 miles from this base. The GERMANS in this sector are putting up very dogged resistance.

20 miles due East of LEGHORN another town has been taken.

The FRENCH troops pushing up the central sector are within 20 miles of the large base of FLORENCE. It is expected that the GERMANS will make a strong stand in well defended lines behind FLORENCE.

The 8th ARMY have captured another town 35 miles SW of ANCONA.

GERMAN resistance on all fronts in ITALY has been very stiff.

BURMA.

In the IMPHAL sector the Allied troops have cleared the area of enemy. Many British, Burmese, and Chinese troops were found in swamps and were sick, starving and wounded. They had been cut off ages ago and all hope for their safety had been given up. They had been continually machine-gunned and bombed.

PACIFIC ZONE.

At AITAPE the JAPANESE force has gained ground and yesterday crossed a river 20 miles from AITAPE. An AMERICAN report states that the Japs are entangled in the swamps and their area for encircling moves is very restricted.

Australian manned BEAUFIGHTERS and AIRACOBAS are continually harassing the enemy tps and communication and it is reported that heavy casualties have been inflicted on the JAPS.

In Dutch New Guinea US forces have captured an airfield at MATIM BAY. Slight opposition was encountered.

Many bombing raids were carried out in the S.W.P.A. yesterday - the heaviest being made on YAP in the CAROLINES.

GENERAL.

ALLIED aircraft made 2000 flights on Friday night to bomb oil plants in both HUNGARY and YUGOSLAVIA.

750 LIBERATORS and FORTRESSES were over RUMANIA also and they attacked oil centres. Many direct hits were scored and the smoke rose to 20,000 feet.

Owing to bad weather yesterday only 50 sorties were made by ALLIED aircraft over FRANCE.

R.A.F bombers raided NAZI HQ's at ST. LO. The bombers dropped to 800 feet and then released their load. 30 tons were dropped and the HQ's was left burning furiously.

HALIFAX and LANCASTER bombers were over flying bases in FRANCE on Friday night and direct hits were scored at CALAIS.

MOSQUITOS attacked HANOVER in GERMANY and met heavy anti-aircraft fire. Others laid mines in enemy waters. They shot down 2 fighters, sunk 1 ship and damaged another.

A report from SWEDEN states that the SWEDISH ARMY may be yet drawn into the war.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

MELBOURNE FOOTBALL.

The following are the results of the League games played yesterday:-

NTH MELB	11-20	d.	St Kilda	7 -11.
MELBOURNE	22-25	d.	Hawthorn	7 -10.
ESSENDON	15-16	d.	Sth Melb	7 -15.
RICHMOND	16-17	d.	Collingwd	9 -13.
FOOTSRAY	13- 8	d.	Carlton	12 -11.
FITZROY	25-29	d	Geelong	8 - 8.

The league ladder will be published in tomorrow's Kronicle. The four after yesterday's games is: Richmond, Carlton, Footscray and Fitzroy.

PROVERB for today.

The stork does not bring babies-- it is the night-lark. ??

"RED TERROR" LIVES IN US MEMORY.

Phar Lap has been included in a list prepared by 50 of America's best-known sports writers of 20 racehorses whose names will endure in the memory of American racing foalowers.

HEADLINES.

- 1. GRODNO, LARGE BASE CAPTURED.
- 2. LULL IN FIGHTING AROUND AITAPE.
- 3. GAINS IN BURMA.

OVERSEAS.

EUROPE.

BRITISH troops have widened their bridgehead in NORMANDY. Heavy fighting is taking place and there has been a great many hand to hand encounters.

The AMERICAN force is only a mile from ST. LO.

Another force from the base of CHERBOURG are on the outskirts of LISEUX but cannot enter the towns owing to the GERMAN heavy artillery. AMERICANS are moving to the high ground in the East in an attempt to silence these guns.

It is reported in LONDON that the GERMANS fighting in the Baltic, Finland and Poland will be withdrawn and the whole of the GERMAN strength concentrated in NORMANDY. The troops now opposing the RUSSIAN drive are only second class and have very little armour. All GERMAN crack troops and panzer divisions are already concentrated on the Western front.

The fighting in the BALTIC states is to be left to Hungarians, Rumanians, & German rearguards.

RUSSIA

The RUSSIANS now occupy GRODNO, in POLAND. This city is a big railway junction covering the approaches to EAST PRUSSIA. It is also the last bastion in this sector, and was being used as a large GERMAN base and communication centre.

The RED ARMY are attacking strongly on all fronts.

ITALY.

Renewed activity has started on the ITALIAN front. The 8th ARMY have captured an important pt which opens the way to FLORENCE.

The 5th ARMY are closing in on LEGHORN - one column is 6 miles from the town while another, is moving in from the East.

FRENCH troops in the central sector are steadily advancing. GERMAN resistance on all three fronts is still very stiff.

PACIFIC ZONE.

There is a lull in the fighting near AITAPE. The trapped JAP force has not attempted a break through since Wednesday when they were thrown back by the AMERICANS. Australian cruisers supported by Australian and American destroyers have been shelling the coast between Wewak and Aitape which has helped the ground force to hold the JAP attack.

Liberators yesterday bombed YAP in the CAROLINES. Shot down 2 Zeros and probably destroyed another 3. All liberators returned to base. GUAM was also attacked.

BURMA.

General STILWELL's forces in Northern Burma have gained more ground. The battle for HANGUNG has cost the JAPANESE 14,000 troops killed.

GENERAL.

AMERICAN people are very hostile over the Singapore radio report that more American airmen from the latest raids on Japan had been executed. The JAPANESE also report that airmen, who are forced down or bail out in future raids will be dealt with in the same manner.

More flying bombs were over Southern Eng. on Saturday night. More damage and casualties were reported. London had its first alert for 3 nights.

The Commonwealth Parliament meets today. Lord Gowrie will open the Parlt for the last time.

Lord Somers, former Governor of Victoria, has died in England. Lord Somers was founder of the Somers Camp in Victoria.

1000 heavy American bombers attacked Munich last night.

Mosquito bombers also attacked Berlin.

Coastal command planes destroyed a German convoy off the coast of Norway.

To celebrate his 50th year in Federal and State politics Mr Hughes was forced to stay in bed with bronchitis and will be unable to attend the opening session of Parlt today.

LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE.

By a member of the Community.

Following the recent serious fire outbreak some of our most civic minded members led by our local tailor decided to form a brigade.

Dramatic action followed the speedy formation of this all important civic necessity when at five thirty yesterday evening, our fire chief, Staff Adams, noticed a small fire in the Meiro Boulevard. Quickly summoning leading fireman "Poker" Smith, otherwise known as our erstwhile equipment repairer, the worthy pair soon had the fire under control.

The anti-climax came when the two zealous firemen on quenching the fire discovered that the blaze in reality was only the thin, irate managing director of Thunderbox Incorporated, "Chaddy" lighting the primus in preparation for brewing a "cupa" for our worthy R.S.M.

The WORLD OF SPORT.

Melbourne Football.

The league ladder after Saturday's matches is as follows:-

	Percentage.	Pts.
Richmond.	138.8	38
Carlton	134.2	32
Fitzroy	126	30
Footscray	103.9	30
Essendon	121.1	28
Nth Melbourne	104.2	28
Sth Melbourne	97.4	20
St Kilda	96.6	18
Melbourne	107	16
Collingwood	88.1	16
Hawthorn	73	8
Geelong	52.9	-

The first round concluded on Saturday last. All teams are to remain in the competition and with seven matches yet to be played before the finals it looks as though there will be quite a struggle for the final four.

PROVERB FOR TODAY.

"Babies do not grow from seeds - but men grow from slips."

The bridgehead across the river ~~THE PRUSSIAN~~ border has been widened.

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100,000 GERMAN prisoners have been taken. Of these 60,000 have arrived in MOSCOW on their way to prison

HEADLINES.

- 1. JAPANESE FORCE AT AITAPE REPULSED.
- 2. MOSCOW REPORTS GAINS ON ALL FRONTS.
- 3. 8th ARMY CAPTURE AREZZO.

GENERAL.

The Chief of the Japanese Naval Staff has been relieved of his post.

The GOVERNOR-GENERAL, LORD GOWRIE opened Parliament yesterday and made a farewell speech to the people of Australia. He has been 16 1/2 yrs in the Commonwealth and has spent 8 1/2 years as Governor General.

OVERSEAS.

EUROPE.

In NORMANDY the BRITISH forces still hold the high ground and are consolidating their gains. The two forces around CAEN have now linked. Allied Air forces were in full support of the ground troops and over 3000 sorties were flown yesterday. It is the first time since D Day that the air forces have had clear weather for a full 24 hours.

Yesterday's session was mainly taken up with the points brought out in Mr Curtin's meeting with Mr Churchill and other Dominion Ministers. He also outlined Australia's future role in the prosecution of the war against Japan. He mentioned that part of the land forces would be used. Mr Curtin stressed the maintaining of troops to the forward area, also the food front.

The AMERICAN forces have forced their way into the streets of ST. LO and heavy street fighting is taking place. The other American force is still under heavy artillery fire and unable to enter the town of LESAY.

Regret was expressed at the deaths of Mr Blackburn and Mr Prowse, who have both died since Parliament last met.

RUSSIA.

MOSCOW reports that a general advance has been made on all fronts. The RED ARMY has made more gains in the southern sector and have captured another town only 30 miles from BRIST-LITOVSK.

Another point brought out was the part to be played by Australia in the Relief & Rehabilitation Plan for liberated Europe. It has been stated that Australia will contribute 10 million £ to the fund.

The bridgehead across the river on the EAST PRUSSIAN border has been widened.

Plans for the settling of demobilized servicemen who are anxious to go on the land have also been made. It was stated that the reasons for the failure of this scheme after the last war were:-

Since the beginning of the summer offensive 100,000 GERMAN prisoners have been taken. Of these 60,000 have arrived in MOSCOW on their way to prison camps.

- 1. Poor quality of land picked for the soldier settlements.
- 2. Lack of knowledge of the personnel who took on the land.
- 3. Financial difficulties which arose soon after it was put into practice.

Moscow report states that they are quite pleased with the operations in NORMANDY. They say that the first stage of the invasion is over but the GERMANS have yet to feel the full weight of the ALLIED armies.

It was hoped that it will be able to wipe out these disabilities after this war.

BERLIN reports that the RUSSIANS have started a new offensive through the Pripet Marshes.

Australia has reached a stage where she could discuss a re-assessment of her wealth and manpower.

It is the Supreme duty of Governors to look after soldiers and their dependents.

ITALY.

Troops of the 8th ARMY have captured the GERMAN base of AREZZO in the ADRIATIC sector.

LAW NOTICES.

The 5th ARMY are still meeting heavy resistance on their advance to LEGHORN but are now only four miles from this big base.

By "ENCOS"
Pte "Pop" who decided to go for a jaunt in a jeep was yesterday fined 30/- for his madcap masquerade.

300 ITALIAN generals have been dismissed by the ITALIAN government.

Take a taxi next time "Pop" -- it is cheaper.??

PACIFIC ZONE.

The JAPANESE force which tried to break through the AMERICANS in the WEWAK-AITAPE area have been repulsed and the force is now completely surrounded by the Americans. Australian and American destroyers are still in close support of our ground troops. The JAP force is still 20 miles from AITAPE.

CUPID.

By "Encs".
Lieuts. "Sandy" McNabb and Norm Smith, Sarge Kinsey and Pte Frank Cahill, all have confessed to tying the knot whilst on home-leave. They dodged Cupid's arrows alright but he hit them with his secret weapon...

Since their attempted break through the JAPS have lost over 600 killed.

GERMAN GOLF COURSE NOT WHAT IT SEEMED.
Behind the German lines in Normandy a golfer took his stance for an approach shot & played it. He strode along, paused and played another shot. Then he putted. It was a lonely game but he was very intent upon it.

In BURMA the 14th ARMY have smashed a heavy barrier on the IMPHAL ROAD. 4500 Japs have been killed in this area since April 1.

Pilots of an Australian Spitfire Sqn gazed down and went lower to investigate, and found that the "golf course" was the roof of a German headquarters. The golfer was a German soldier striking an imaginary ball. Half an hour later bombers arrived, and soon the German HQ's had become one big "bunker".

QUOTATION FOR TODAY.

"I never saw a night
So dark there wasn't a light,
Somewhere about if I took care
to strike a match and find out where."

HEADLINES.

- 1. RED ARMY THREATENING BIALYSTOK.
- 2. HEAVY FIGHTING IN NORMANDY.
- 3. ALLIED FORCES HAVE BROKEN THROUGH IN ITALY.

EUROPE.

The AMERICANS have captured the town of ST. LO after very bitter fighting. The BRITISH and CANADIANS have broken through the GERMAN defences over the ORNE R. This new push was supported by heavy R.A.F. raids and it was stated that these were an all time record.

Although the fighting has been very bitter on all fronts in NORMANDY the ALLIES have made very important gains and now occupy most of the high ground in the sectors at present concerned.

General MONTGOMERY in a speech during the week once again stated that things were going well.

More raids on flying bomb bases in FRANCE were carried out yesterday.

RUSSIA.

The RED ARMY is advancing on a front of 125 miles into Southern Poland, north of the CARPATHIANS. 600 towns and villages have already been recaptured. This force is only 20 miles from the BALTIC itself.

Other RED ARMY troops are within 30 miles of both BREST-LITOVSK and BIALYSTOK, which are the only two severe GERMAN bastions before WARSAW.

One statesman stated that it was estimated that the RUSSIANS would have control of WARSAW inside a week.

ITALY.

ALLIED forces have broken through on both fronts in ITALY.

Polish troops of the 8th ARMY have smashed more positions South of ANCONA. This port is seriously threatened.

Pushing on swiftly from AREZZO other forces of the 8th ARMY have captured more towns and positions.

Heavy fighting is still in progress around the port of LEGHORN and the AMERICAN force is still 4 miles South of this port.

The New ITALIAN government have brought in a new law which allows for the wiping out of all fascist organizations.

PACIFIC ZONE.

There has been no serious change in the situation around AITAPE.

AMERICAN battleships, cruisers, and destroyers bombarded GUAM IS. and this bombardment was followed by heavy raids from carrier based aircraft. This raid makes the 13th successive raid on GUAM.

A JAPANESE base in the Dutch East Indies was raided by beaufighters on Monday. Two 4,000 ton vessels were set on fire.

They also had a merry time destroying barges in this area laden with troops and supplies.

Four Allied planes attacked FLORES IS, which is West of TIMOR and in 3 minutes caused heavy damage. Havoc was started both in the harbour and on the airfield, two ships being sunk and 2 planes destroyed. Great consternation was caused within the base during this swift raid.

The JAPANESE EMPEROR has been caused great anxiety with the loss of SAIPAN and General TOJO has relinquished command of Chief I.G.S.

JAPANESE supplies on the INDO-BURMESE front have been washed away by the monsoonal rains.

GENERAL.

It has been reported that the economic position of the N.E.I. is very serious under JAPANESE economy.

Mr EDEN said yesterday that the government could not agree to a secret discussion on the flying bombs.

AMERICAN aircraft carried out raids on bases in FRANCE.

Armistice terms have been discussed in the House of Commons.

Some criticism has been levelled at the Government for not taking advantages after the Stalingrad episode.

3000 sorties were flown by the ALLIED air forces yesterday. Targets in Western Germany & along the Baltic coast were bombed by our heavy bombers escorted by Mustangs.

BERLIN was again bombed by Mosquitos and 4000 lb bombs were dropped. The sky was very clear and the target areas were plainly visible - heavy damage was reported. The flak was not as thick as usual and it is thought that the Germans were relying on their fighters - very few were met.

More flying bombs were over Southern England yesterday causing damage and casualties.

1700 sorties were made yesterday by Allied bombers based in ITALY. Targets in the Rhone Valley sector and Northern Italy were bombed.

Mr MENZIES, Leader of the Opposition, said that Australia must take her position in post war reconstruction. He urges that continued unity between Britain, America, and Russia after the war. He also thought that there was a place for France, once it has been restored, in the post war schemes.

No decision has been reached on the daylight saving query for next summer.

Butter ration to remain at 6 ozs. The present production is far from satisfactory.

A loan of £1000,000,000 was put before parliament in London yesterday. The cost of the war for Britain is £14 1/2 million per day.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, yesterday expressed regret that the Govt. had not outlined its policy more clearly in the recent opening.

NEW BROADCASTING STATION.?

It has been announced that a new broadcasting station has been opened by Thunderbox Inc. It is situated in a most modern building in the Bn area.

The station is equipped with a ten valve set and can be used with from 1-10 valves going together. The results being more confusing according to the number used. It is intended mainly to be used as a receiving set.

The station is to be operated by Furphies Inc and it is understood that the popular hole explorer, Sig Darnett, has taken the position of maintenance engineer.

Invitations are extended for your latest advice for the home leave programmes.

One of the Committee.

GREAT THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Home leave is not a privilege, It's a myth.

"Enos".

HEADLINES.

1. CAPTURE OF LEGHORN AND ANCONA REPORTED FROM ITALY.
2. BRITISH FORCES BREAK THROUGH IN NORMANDY.
3. RUSSIANS SURGING ON.

EUROPE.

The best news from NORMANDY was received last night. The BRITISH forces have smashed the GERMAN defences around CAEN and are sweeping on to the plains of NORMANDY, which are reported to be ideal tank country. The GERMANS are throwing in everything they can muster but the ALLIES have too much armour. Many small pockets have been left.

Hitler has dismissed another General who was in command of the forces in BELGIUM and Nthn FRANCE.

From ST. LO the AMERICANS are pushing on and are not allowing the retreating GERMANS time to speculate.

BRITISH tanks are commanded by Lt Gen O'CONNOR in NORMANDY. He was captured in the desert but managed to escape.

RUSSIA.

MOSCOW reports more successes on the EASTERN front. It reports that RUSSIAN troops are fighting around the outskirts of BREST-LITOVSK.

They are advancing on a 600 mile front with enormous forces being used. Yesterday their advance into Southern Poland was 30 miles and they captured 600 villages.

Another force is surging towards the EAST PRUSSIAN border through LATVIA. It is reported that another 4 divisions have been surrounded.

MOSCOW reports that 25 infantry and tank generals and 11 air generals have been captured by the RUSSIANS.

ITALY.

News has been received that the 5th Army have captured the large port of LEGHORN. The AMERICANS occupy all high ground surrounding this port and the retreating GERMANS are being heavily shelled.

POLISH troops of the 8th ARMY yesterday took the port of ANCONA on the ADRIATIC coast. Many prisoners and a huge quantity of material were taken.

Other troops of the 8th ARMY have advanced several miles towards FLORENCE.

PACIFIC ZONE.

It is reported that another 175 JAPANESE have been killed in the AITAPE area. The JAPANESE force have shown no disposition for a further attack.

More raids were carried out on YAP and other JAPANESE bases in the S.W.P.A.

CHINESE forces are relieving the defenders of HANGYUNG and are now only 2 1/2 miles from the city.

Within 25 miles of IMPHAL in BURMA there is no organized JAPANESE resistance.

GENERAL.

There was a heavier attack on Southern Eng. by flying bombs on Tuesday night. Greater damage & more casualties were suffered.

GERMAN casualties last week were probably 150,000. Our casualties are classified as light.

Axis radio predicts a meeting between Mr CHURCHILL and PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

GENERAL.

Mosquitos were over BERLIN again yesterday and dropped more 4000 lb bombs.

Halifax bombers were over flying bomb bases yesterday and scored direct hits on many structures. Heavy bombers attacked oilfields in Northern Germany.

Railway junctions 100 miles East of PARIS were heavily bombed on Tuesday night and great damage was reported.

MR CURTIN announced yesterday that the next session of Parlt. would be the budget.

Lack of manpower in Tasmania is causing concern.

Steps to control the Buffalo Fly menace in Queensland were discussed today.

Members of the House of Representatives yesterday spoke mostly on Australia's part in post war reconstruction and Australia's continued unity with Great Britain.

Mr CURTIN announced yesterday that the work of the censorship committee would continue.

Dr. EVATT yesterday defended the treaty between Australia and New Zealand.

The mining districts paid great tribute to Lord and Lady GOWRIE. They will remember their kindness during the depression period.

The Cabinet has not approved that special Commonwealth boards be appointed for rehabilitation of troops. They will be under State control under finance from the Commonwealth.

Officials forecast:

GERMAN DEFEAT IN 1945, IF NOT THIS YEAR.

Germany's war economy has so deteriorated under the combined Allied attacks that she faces the substantial certainty of defeat in 1945, if not in 1944.

This opinion is expressed by the U.S. Foreign Economic Administration. It declares: "The Germans will end the year in the nearly hopeless position of prospective war material expenditure exceeding the production rate.

They have now in use or in reserve the equivalent of less than one year's production.

The German war machine, in absolute terms, is as formidable as ever, but hitherto it has fought with margins for greater exertions, whereas today all margins have gone.

QUOTATION FOR TODAY.

"I might not believe in what you say but I will fight to the death for your right to say it".

Voltaire.

CONCERT.

There is an attempt being made to get the Concert Party to put their show on in this area on Monday next. Further details when it has been finalized.

"AUSTUS" INVENTOR GETS U.S. MEDAL.

Mr Ern Cowley, of Ivanhoe, Vic, who invented "Austus", a combination of League and American football rules, played in Melbourne last year, has been awarded the Helms Athletic Foundation Medal "for a noteworthy contribution to sport".

Mr Cowley, a former Carlton footballer, said yesterday "Austus" was invented for the Marines.

HEADLINES.

1. A TTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE HITLER.
2. WHOLE OF TOJO'S CABINET RESIGNS.
3. GAINS ON NORMANDY FRONT.

EUROPE.

Steady progress being made by the BRITISH and CANADIANS around CAEN. 5 or 6 miles from CAEN it has been reported that the GERMANS are withdrawing. A spokesman yesterday stated that although there had been a break through in NORMANDY people were not to expect any great advances such as the ones on the RUSSIAN front. GERMANS have spent a long time on these defences and it will not be a matter of walking through.

AMERICAN troops are mopping up small pockets of resistance a round ST. LO. This town is being heavily shelled by GERMAN artillery.

RUSSIA.

MOSCOW HAS ANNOUNCED that another big drive has been launched by the RUSSIANS and have broken through on the WHITE RUSSIAN front. The RED ARMY have driven a wedge 45 miles deep in their drive towards the BALTIC. It was announced that there had been more gains on several points along their 600 ml front.

ITALY.

Heavy rain in ITALY is holding up the Allied advance on the ADRIATIC coast. The 5th ARMY have pushed further north from LEGHORN. Opposition has been very slight. The FRENCH troops in the central sector are still pushing on. POLISH and ITALIAN troops of the 8th ARMY have made progress and are now 8 miles West of the captured port of ANCONA. Opposition in this sector has been very stiff.

PACIFIC ZONE.

East of AITAPE the JAPANESE force is reported to be breaking up and are taking to the hills in an endeavour to escape. American patrols made contact with a small force on Tuesday last - estimated to be stragglers. Since their attempted break through last week the JAPANESE casualties have been approx. 1369 killed and 25 prisoners taken. GUAM IS. was again bombarded on Wed. by AMERICAN battleships, destroyers and cruisers. After the bombardment planes from carriers made 650 raids inflicting heavy damage to installations.

GENERAL.

An attempt has been made to assassinate HITLER. 3 of Hitler's close Generals were killed. A BERLIN report, according to the B.B.C., lost its head completely over the attempted assassination. It just admitted that high explosives had been used and it also admitted that a number of high-ranking officers were amongst the casualties. The resignation of General TOJO's entire cabinet was reported yesterday. A General known as the Tiger of Korea is acting as co-premier of JAPAN. It is stated in some circles that a civilian may be elected for the official post. TOKYO radio claimed that "We will await the enemy of JAPANESE soil". More flying bombs were over ENGLAND including those that landed in the London area on Wednesday & Thursday. Damage & casualties were inflicted.

GENERAL.

M. Vinillot died in LONDON yesterday. He was a FRENCH ambassador who managed to escape from the GERMANS. Lancaster Bombers were consistently raiding flying bomb bases in FRANCE, it was reported yesterday. The Address in Reply debate was cont'd yesterday. Dame Enid Lyons says that more children should be born at home amongst more familiar surroundings. Mr BEASLEY has returned from the International Labour Conference which was held in Philadelphia. He told Australia that President Roosevelt and his administrators fully realized the big part that Australia would play in the Pacific after the war. He also said that Australia would have to continue using synthetic rubber. The telephone line between BERLIN and SWEDEN has been cut and it is causing great concern in Stockholm for on other occasions when this has happened a very important announcement has been issued. It was disclosed that there was no order to prevent the A.A.M.C. personnel from winning the V.C.

MELBOURNE FOOTBALL DRAW.

Geelong	V	FOOTSCRAY.
St Kilda	V	FITZROY.
Collingwood	V	NTH MELB.
RICHMOND	V	Melbourne.
ESSENDON	v	Hawthorn.
CARLTON	V	South Melbourne.

The ed's tips are shown in block letters. The proceeds of these games are for patriotic funds.

QUOTATION FOR TODAY.

"You can only be independent of God while you've got youth and prosperity; Independence won't take you to the end". Aldow Huxley.

LOST AND FOUND.

A fountain pen has been found. Any person wishing to establish a claim may do so at the Int Office.

STUDENT'S VIEWS ON REFERENDUM.

In an address to a large gathering of students at Melbourne University, Mr Menzies put the case for the "No" side on the referendum. made Mr Menzies no secret of the fact that he was a believer in greater powers for the Commonwealth, but he was not in favour of granting the Commonwealth the whole of the 17 additional powers asked for. "If I were in favour of 15 of them and violently opposed to two I would vote "No", Mr Menzies added. Mr Menzies answered numerous questions and listened patiently to the student's views. Points for the affirmative were expounded by a number of Students who obviously were not on Mr Menzies' side in politics. There was general laughter on several occasions when humorous questions both for and against the referendum were asked by the students.

HEADLINES.

- 1. GREAT PURGE IN GERMANY.
- 2. AMERICAN MARINES LAND ON GUAM IS.
- 3. JAPANESE AT AITAPE IN SERIOUS PLIGHT.

EUROPE.

The BRITISH troops pushing on from CAEN have captured ST. ANDRE. They took over the bulk of the fighting and have gained 40 sq. miles. The BRITISH troops have always had the initiative & have found that the GERMAN resistance is as strong as ever.

The AMERICANS have strengthened their hold on the road linking the two towns of ST. DO and PERRIERS.

RUSSIA.

STALIN announced yesterday that RUSSIAN troops have captured OSTROV. This was a powerful GERMAN stronghold and now that it has fallen the way is open for a strong Western drive towards the BALTRIC.

GERMAN resistance has been broken beyond the large rail centre of TARNAPOL, which is in Southern POLAND.

ITALY.

Pushing on from LEGHORN, AMERICAN troops are in sight of the town of PISA.

The BRITISH troops of the 8th ARMY have advanced and are now only 20 miles from FLORENCE. AMERICAN troops of the 5th ARMY are approaching this city from the West and are only 16 miles away.

POLISH troops of the 8th ARMY have advanced a further 12 miles from ANCONA.

PACIFIC ZONE.

AMERICAN marines have landed on GUAM IS. in the CAROLIN MARIANNAS. No further details are available but this island is approx. 550 miles NW of TRUK.

Small scale enemy attacks have been repulsed by the AMERICANS at AITAPE. It is reported that the JAPANESE are in a serious plight and that the River NOEMUR is full of enemy dead. They are pinned down behind AMERICAN defences. Reports taken from the prisoners state that the JAPANESE troops are expecting to be picked up by warships and then taken back to JAPAN.

The JAPANESE force is continually probing the AMERICAN lines in an endeavour to find a weakness.

GENERAL.

The position in GERMANY has been reported as "not clear". The recent attempt on HITLER'S life is an example of the dissatisfaction in GERMANY.

Mr EDEN stated that he had no special information but that it had been reported from GERMANY that the bomb was placed by a member of the GERMAN GENERAL STAFF. He has already been shot-along with others.

HITLER said that his would-be assassins were a GERMAN clique of traitors. He has given HIMMLER full power over the HOME FRONT and since his appointment the largest mass killings since 1934 have taken place. All communications to SWEDEN have been cut.

Unconfirmed reports from STOCKHOLM says that S.S. troops are marching on BERLIN.

Mr FORDE yesterday stated that there is no completely militia formation in the AUSTRALIAN army. He also said that most people have the idea that there are only 3 A.I.F. divisions.

Flying bombs were again over Southern England.

CONDENSATION OF CHURCHILL'S STORY ON FLYING BOMBS.

The full story of the flying bombs was told recently by Mr CHURCHILL. He considered that the Govt. was right in not giving a great deal of information about the flying bomb until we knew more about it.

It would be a mistake to under-rate the serious character of this particular form of attack. Certainly it was not under-rated in the secret circles of the Government.

During the early months of '43, we received, through our many varied intelligence resources, vague reports that the Germans were developing a new long range weapon with which they proposed to bombard London. Our information at first led us to believe that a rocket gun would be used.

In October '43 it was reported that structures, which appeared to be connected with the firing of the long range rockets, were being made in hundreds at various pts along the Coast of FRANCE. These firing pts have been bombed since last December, and every one of them has been destroyed by the R.A.F. Now the attacks are coming from a series of prefabricated structures which are rapidly assembled. 100 of these structures have been destroyed.

The total weight of bombs dropped on flying bomb bases has now reached 50,000 tons. Recce flights total many thousands.

German propoganda is making absurd claims about the results of their secret weapon. The actual facts were given by Mr CHURCHILL. Between 100 & 150 bombs are being discharged daily from firing pts in France. Up till Jul 7, 2750 had been discharged - a large proportion of these had been shot down or had failed to cross the Channel. The total number of casualties to that date was 2752 fatal casualties and 8000 more injured. The casualty and first aid service is working splendidly.

London presents a target of 18 by 20 miles. Therefore it is the world's unique target for a weapon of such proved inaccuracy as the flying bomb, which is essentially indiscriminate in nature, purpose & effect.

In conclusion Mr Churchill said "I am sure of one thing - London will never be conquered, will never fail, and her renown, triumphing over enemy ordeal, will long shine among men".

DEDICATED TO THE R.M.O.

"Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad; and thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be, when thou wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig thyself there-with, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee."

Deuteronomy 22, xii, xiii.

PICTURE SHOW.

There will be a picture show in the BN area tonight. "The Silver Fleet", starring Ralph Richardson will be showing. In addition a "News from Home" and two Mickey Mouse cartoons.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW.

HEADLINES.

- 1. CONTINUED UNREST IN GERMANY.
- 2. HEAVY OPPOSITION AT GUAM.
- 3. MORE GAINS IN ITALY.

OVERSEAS.

EUROPE.

The AMERICAN forces advancing from ST. LO are striking heavy opposition but have managed to gain more high ground. The infantry and artillery are the two main factors in this sector. The GERMANS are still shelling the town of LESSAY which the AMERICANS captured some days back.

Heavy rain is holding up operations in the CAEN sector. The BRITISH and CANADIANS have advanced slightly through the thick mud. They have consolidated their new gain at ST. ANDRE.

Owing to the bad weather air operations in this sector were severely hampered and all day our troops were without aerial support.

RUSSIA.

It is reported from MOSCOW that RUSSIAN troops are now within 100 miles of WARSAW.

GERMAN resistance has stiffened somewhat around BREST LITOVSK but the RUSSIANS have gained more ground.

Along their 600 mile front advances have been made on several points. The main one being in the Southern Poland sector where important gains have been made in their new push from the town of TARNPOOL.

ITALY.

Along the West Coast of ITALY the AMERICANS have crossed the ARNO River and are now nearing PISA. The GERMAN resistance has been very slight over the past few days.

In the central sector the GERMANS are failing to hold the BRITISH troops of the 8th ARMY

and they are now 15 miles from FLORENCE.

ITALIAN partisans have formed in the Northern sector and are attacking the GERMAN forces from the rear. Because of this outbreak by the Italians many hostages have been taken by the GERMAN force.

It is reported that this new attack is giving the GERMAN command a worrying time.

Heavy bombers based in ITALY yesterday were over oil plants and other targets in the North of ITALY. Heavy damage has been reported and all our planes returned to base.

PACIFIC ZONE.

PACIFIC ZONE.

Admiral NIMITZ's H.Q.'s announced last night that the AMERICAN troops have advanced inland on GUAM IS. They have established very good beach-heads and have inflicted heavy casualties. The opposition has been very heavy.

LIBERATORS attacked YAP, TRUK, and many other JAPANESE bases while the landing was being made. This was a precautionary act to ensure that the air resistance over the landing place would be slight. Heavy damage was caused to wireless installations on YAP.

Once again the AUSTRALIAN and AMERICAN destroyers and cruisers, supported by fighters and bombers, attacked JAP shore installations between WEWAK and AITAPE. No enemy air opposition encountered.

PACIFIC ZONE.

Another small attack by the JAPANESE in the AITAPE area was launched on FRIDAY. It was repulsed after sharp fighting. The enemy suffered severe casualties.

GENERAL.

It is reported from SWEDEN that there is continued unrest in GERMANY. The latest uprising is reported to be at KIEL and other naval centres where GERMAN sailors have revolted. No further details of this are to hand.

An unconfirmed report states that S.S. troops are constantly patrolling the streets of BERLIN with machine guns.

34 generals have been arrested and some have already been killed. Amongst the captives are General Runstedt, who was recently dismissed by Hitler, and General Beck.

The rebel in charge of the uprisings are reported to be out of reach of the Gestapo and are broadcasting from secret stations. They will continue to fight the Nazis their radio stated on Friday night.

A message was sent to the GERMAN troops from BERLIN stating that order has been restored.

It was announced over the TOKYO radio that the new JAPANESE government has been formed and the new premier is not a civilian as anticipated but one of the Emperor's best Generals.

AMERICAN report says that the recent landing on GUAM was a fine greeting to the new cabinet.

A JAPANESE recon plane was shot down over the Kimberley Ranges in NW. Australia by Spitfires. It is the first enemy plane that has been over for many months.

There will be an all out attempt to stop T.B. in Australia. It was stated that there was an attempt being made to get a pension for personnel who have contracted the disease in the Army.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

Tennis.

Yesterday at White City, exhibition matches were played for patriotic funds. The crowd was very large and the play of Dinny Pails was a highlight. The results were;

Crawford	d	Grant (U.S.)	6-1, 9-7.
Pails	d	McGrath	6-0, 6-4.
Pails-McGrath	defeated		
Crawford-Grant.			6-3, 6-4.

Football.

Essendon	132	d	Hawthorn	25.
Carlton	74	d	Sth Melb	60.
St Kilda	88	d	Fitzroy	62.
Collingwood	89	d	Nth Melb	70.
Footscray	111	d	Geelong	77.
Richmond	--	d	Melbourne	-

FOUND.

A crinkly edged photograph, 2 1/2 by 3 1/2, portraying a young woman holding child, has been found. Stamp of the photographer is Artophot, Melbourne. Owner may have same on application to Head Office, Kunai Kronicle.

The rainfall for the past 24 hrs was 30 pts.

HEADLINES.

- 1. KONIGSBERG, CAPITAL OF EAST PRUSSIA, THREATENED BY RUSSIANS.
- 2. STREET FIGHTING IN BERLIN.
- 3. SUBSTANTIAL GAINS ON GUAM IS.

EUROPE.

The weather has cleared again on the NORMANDY front. The drying ground is expected to be the deciding factor for a further attack.

The GERMANS launched a counter attack on Friday but were repulsed by BRITISH troops. 400 GERMANS were killed. Another town 6 miles from CERN has been captured by the BRITISH.

Another drive has been started by General BRADLEY'S forces from the base of CHERBOURG.

GERMAN prisoners captured in NORMANDY have stated that the ALLIED tactics have proved most successful.

Yesterday MR CHURCHILL inspected the troops in NORMANDY and NORTHERN FRANCE.

RUSSIA.

The RED ARMY advance in EAST PRUSSIA is now seriously threatening the capital, KONIGSBERG. This city is 480 miles from BERLIN. One GERMAN general has surrendered in this sector.

MOSCOW radio reports that the RUSSIANS have captured another 80 villages in LITHUANIA.

The REDS have crossed the River Bug and are now astride the main railway line to WARSAW.

Another MOSCOW report states that the RED ARMY have advanced on all fronts.

ITALY.

AMERICAN troops of the 5th ARMY still progressing in their advance from LEGHORN. Members of this force carried out a very daring recon into PISA.

POLISH troops are still advancing beyond the port of ANCONA. Other members of the 8th ARMY are drawing nearer to FLORENCE.

PACIFIC ZONE.

The beachhead on GUAM IS. is reported to have been widened. There were 2 counter attacks on Saturday but both were repulsed. 200 JAPANESE were killed and 5 tanks destroyed in the battle. It has been reported that the MARINES are making steady progress to the principal harbour of the island. They also have control of the main road which crosses the island. American casualties since the landing have been 348 killed and 1500 wounded.

LIBERATORS from S.W.P.A. bases carried out heavy raids on the various islands near GUAM. 3 raids on YAP were carried out on YAP in 30 hours. 37 planes were destroyed.

There has been no further moves by the JAPANESE in the AITAPE area. It is estimated that the enemy have lost more from the ALLIED sea and air attacks than they would have if they had put in a large scale attack from the land.

B 25's yesterday destroyed a 100 ton freighter and many barges laden with troops off the South West Coast of Dutch New Guinea.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

"Draw your salary before spending it".

George Ade.

GENERAL.

Reports indicate that street fighting took place all night in BERLIN. Storm troopers and regular army troops were the main fighters.

Rebel officers are reported to have taken over the officers' halls in MUNICH.

The Chief of the General Staff said that GERMAN troops are behind Hitler. Clashes between the officers and men of the German Army against the GESTAPO have been reported from SWEDEN.

50 German generals participated in the revolt.

It is expected that the New Japanese Cabinet will take dramatic action to restore their prestige in the Pacific.

In Northern Burma the ALLIED troops are strengthening their ring around MITYKINA.

The R.A.F. were active over FRANCE yesterday attacking bridges and communications. They also struck at YUGOSLAVIA and destroyed 5 enemy a/c. Anti-aircraft fire was heavy & 28 of our planes are missing.

Many thousands were unable to gain admittance to the concert given by Eugene Ormandy at the Melbourne Town Hall yesterday afternoon.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

After Saturday's matches the Melbourne League Ladder is as follows:-

	Percentage	Pts.
Richmond.	140.2	42.
Carlton	133.4	36.
Footscray	107.1	34.
Essendon	131.8	32.
Pitzroy	120.5	30.
Nth Melbourne	102.1	28.
St Kilda	100	22.
South Melbourne	96.1	20.
Gollingwood.	90.5	20.
Melbourne	102.5	16.
Hawthorn	67.4	8.
Geelong	54	-.

WHAT BRITAIN HAS DONE.

In future publications there will be a column giving a few facts of the great work done by Great Britain in this war. They are taken from the booklet, "What Britain has Done."

1. The Achievement of Britain at War.

Britain was the first nation in all the world to go to war with Hitler's Germany without first being attacked herself.

Britain has been fighting Germany longer than any other nation except Poland.

Britain virtually saved the world from German domination by winning the Battle of Britain all but single-handed.

Britain's testing time in 1940-41 inspired her citizens to conduct which won the respect and admiration of the world.

Britain's total war effort per head of population is greater than that of any other belligerent.

Britain's campaigns in East & North Africa, culminating in the Anglo-American triumph in Tunisia, were among the most extensive and the most successful in all history.

Britain has in this war raised the renown of her Royal Air Force to match that of her world famous Royal Navy.

HEADLINES.

- 1. RED ARMY CAPTURES LUBLIN, 50 miles FROM WARSAW.
- 2. CLASHES IN GERMANY STILL CONTINUING.
- 3. SUICIDAL RAIDS BEING MADE BY MEMBERS OF JAPANESE FORCE AT AITAPE.

EUROPE

BRITISH troops supported by tanks carried out a raid on ESCAY. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the defending GERMANS.

600 GERMAN tanks have been knocked out in NORMANDY since D. day.

The ALLIES are pouring more tanks into NORMANDY and it is expected that this is a prelude to a great new ALLIED offensive.

HITLER was nearly killed when inspecting troop in NORMANDY prior to D day by an Australian Spitfire Sqn. Bombs were dropped all around and many naval & army officers who were with HITLER were killed.

RUSSIA.

The RED ARMY has captured the large town of LUBLIN, which is only 50 miles from WARSAW. The fwd elements of this force have pushed on and are nearing WARSAW. In this sector the RUSSIANS have killed 30,000 and have taken 15,000 prisoners.

GERMANS admit that they have had to withdraw on all fronts and have reported that the RUSSIANS are probing their defences along the lower DNEISTER.

ITALY.

The AMERICANS have gained ground along the West-ern Coast and now have a line from PISA to a point 30 miles inland.

ALLIED troops are in the southern portion of the GERMAN stronghold of SPEZIA. GERMAN troops still occupy the northern portion of the city. Heavy fighting is in progress.

Both forces from the 5th and 8th ARMIES are closing in on FLORENCE and are now 15 miles away.

PACIFIC ZONE.

Another landing has been made by the AMERICAN marines. It was made on TINIAN IS. which is between the islands, SAIPAN and GUAM. A strong beachhead has been formed and the landing was made against slight opposition. They have already pushed inland and have succeeded in cutting off the peninsula.

There have been a few suicidal attacks made by the JAPANESE at AITAPE. They have carried out night raiding parties on the AMERICAN forces along the DRINUIMOR RIVER. It is believed that the JAPS draw lots to ascertain who will carry out such attacks. These attacks are made obviously to destroy the AMERICAN artillery, which is pounding the enemy incessantly.

A one man raid was attempted by a JAPANESE Lieutenant. He picked up a box of AMERICAN grenades and tried to capture a post which previously 40 of his comrades had failed to capture.

Mitchell and Liberators yesterday carried out raids on islands off the NW coast of Dutch New Guinea. Dumps and communications were amongst the targets.

YAP was again raided by Liberators yesterday.

QUOTATION FOR TODAY.

It's easy 'nough to titter when the stew is in smoking hot, But it's mighty hard to giggle when there's nothing in the pot.

Paul Dunbar.

GENERAL.

MR CHURCHILL spoke of the recent signs of weaknesses in GERMANY. He suggest-ed that the war will be over quicker than a good many people think. They are showing great signs of weakening and the serious threat from all sides is certainly not a comforting thought.

Clashes in GERMANY are continuing and is having a very telling effect on the people. 46 German officers were shot in the capital of YUGOSLAVIA, BELGRADE. Riots are in progress in the city also.

The STOCKHOLM radio states that the opposition to HITLER is more serious now. It also adds that the German Army were called in to suppress the rising. 2 more German generals have been dismissed in BERLIN and Hitler has ordered the Army to use the Nazi salute.

Mr Beasley, at a reception in Sydney yesterday, stated that Australia was no longer isolated and that she would have to take part in international reconstruction.

A very large increase in supplies were sent to YUGOSLAVIA this month.

While a 4,000 gallon waggon was being filled at Brisbane with 100 octane, it caught fire. The driver, Carmichael, drove it away into the open country. His cool courage probably saved hundreds of lives, many buildings and much equipment.

The Australian Government has not accepted or rejected money proposals made in U.S.A. and England.

It is disclosed that the new Japanese Cabinet consists mainly of old men.

Mr Playford, Premier of S.A., gave evidence to the Royal Commission investigating the opening of member's mail and tapping of their telephone lines.

WHAT BRITAIN HAS DONE.

The achievement of the British Army.

The British Army was outnumbered in every one of its campaigns in the first three years of the war.

1,600,000 British men joined the Home Guard in less than two months.

975,000 were the total of Axis casualties in Africa. 220,000 were the total British cas.

In Africa 2,550 tanks, 6,200 guns, 70,000 lorries were captured by the British.

Abyssinia, the first country to go under the Axis, and was the first freed by the British troops.

General Cunningham's troops advanced 1725 miles to Addis Ababa in 53 days.

The British 8th Army drove the Afrika Korps 1800 miles across North Africa.

At least 248,000 enemy prisoners & 26 Generals were captured in Tunisia between 5th May and 13 May 43.

These victories in Africa were achieved by sea 12000 miles from the British Isles.

120,000 lorries helped to carry the 400 TONS of stores daily to the advancing troops. 2,000 new tyres were issued daily for lorries.

76 % of the 8th and 90% of the 1st Armies in Tunisia were troops of the United Kingdom.

More than 70% of casualties suffered in 1940-1 were suffered by United Kingdom troops.

HEADLINES.

- 1. BIG ATTACKS BY BRITISH AND AMERICAN ARMIES IN NORMANDY.
- 2. RED ARMY SWEEPING ASIDE ALL DEFENCES.
- 3. POSITION ON TINIAN AND GUAM IS PROGRESSING WELL.

EUROPE.

General Montgomery has launched a big attack south of CAEN. Terrific fighting is taking place and it was announced that initial gains had been made. The Germans are reported to have a superb defence line and have already thrown in several counter-attacks with panzer divisions.

General Bradley's AMERICAN force have launched a co-ordinated attack from the base of CHERBOURG. It has been reported that they are advancing against very stiff resistance. The GERMANS are determined to hold up the Allied advance in NORMANDY.

RUSSIA.

The RED ARMY is sweeping across the plains of POLAND brushing aside all GERMAN defences in their swift drive for WARSAW.

BIALYSTOK and BRESTLITOVSK were bypassed by the RUSSIAN force and are approaching SIEDLCE, 45 miles from WARSAW. It has been reported that the GERMANS have withdrawn from SIEDLCE. A counter attack around BREST LITOVSK has been repulsed with heavy casualties to the enemy.

CRACOW, a large city 40 miles north of the Czechoslovakia border and SW of WARSAW, is being threatened by an other RUSSIAN force.

It has been estimated that the GERMANS have lost half a million men during the last month. One captured GENERAL stated that whole divisions were ready to surrender. He stated that the GERMANS are all being brought to disaster.

On one sector the RUSSIANS are less than 400 miles from BERLIN.

ITALY.

KING GEORGE arrived in NAPLES by air to view the BRITISH troops.

There are signs that the GERMANS on the WESTERN front are going to make a severe stand near the ARNO River. Heavy fighting is taking place.

Another force of the 5th ARMY are only 10 miles from FLORENCE.

POLISH troops of the 8th ARMY have advanced a further 8 miles on the Adriatic Coast.

PACIFIC ZONE.

The AMERICAN marines have strengthened their positions on TINIAN and GUAM Is. On TINIAN they have advanced a further mile inland and have widened their bridgehead.

Rota Is -- An attack, by carrier based planes, was carried out yesterday. The attack was similar to the previous softening up process and it is thought that there will be a landing made on ROTA shortly.

JAPANESE prisoners in the AITAPE have given a vivid picture of the condition of their troops. Thousands are starving. A few Japs have filtered thru the AMERICANS but they are being hunted down.

QUOTATION FOR TODAY.

"Work consists of whatever a body is obliged to do, Play consists of whatever a body is not obliged to do."
Mark Twain.

GENERAL.

TOKYO radio stated yesterday that the position in the MARIANNAS is very serious.

EAST PRUSSIA was heavily bombed last night.

Hitler has told Goering and Goebbels to wind up everything for an all out war effort. General MODEL, C in C of the GERMANS in PRUSSIA, swears loyalty to HITLER.

German internal trouble has spread to behind the scenes in ITALY. Mussolini's crack armoured troops have been rushed to MILAN to stop the riots which have broken out. The same trouble is being experienced in France where patriots are revolting daily.

3 Australian nurses have been rushed to an A.G.H. near Alexishafen. They are there to help look after the many scrub typhus cases and it is reported that they are making all the difference to the patients. They are the nearest any Australian nurses have been to the fighting zone.

An Australian mission of 9 men has left for America to study the production of synthetic rubber.

Flying bombs were over the London area last night causing damage and casualties.

Mosquitos again visited BERLIN dropping 4000 lb bombs on railway junctions. Many raids were carried out over Germany and Austria- 25 planes ~~returned~~ failed to return.

The Australian population has increased 26,000 despite war casualties.

It has been reported that Russia does not require any territorial gains in Poland - her object is to clear the Germans out only.

Major Gullett who was wounded in Normandy, won the M.C. at MUBO.

The Russian Commission for Foreign Affairs is expected to visit Turkey.

WHAT BRITAIN HAS DONE.

3. The achievement of the Royal Navy.

All Britain at war depends vitally upon the Royal Navy.

Well over 140,000 Allied vessels were convoyed up to Dec. 42 and the losses were kept down to 1/2 of 1%.

The Royal Navy, together with the Merchant Navy, saved the bulk of the B.E.F. in the evacuations from Norway, Dunkirk, Greece and Crete.

Out of 3,000,000 soldiers who have been ~~sent~~ all over the world, only 1348 have been killed or drowned, including those missing.

The Royal Navy has rendered possible the great amphibious assaults of the Allies.

In the Mediterranean the Royal Navy has won every major action.

Two axis battleships, 14 cruisers, 100 destroyers and torpedo boats, many submarines and still more auxiliaries had been destroyed by 5th June 43. 570 submarines were recorded as damaged or sunk up to 10 Nov 42.

87 German and Italian warships were sunk by the British submarines in the first three years of war. 300 enemy supply ships were also sunk by submarines.

2,500,000 tons of Axis shipping were sunk or captured during 1941.

In May 43, the killings of U-boats substantially outnumbered the output of U-boats. During May, June & July, 90 U-boats were sunk.

HEADLINES.

1. FURTHER GAINS IN NORMANDY.
2. TASK FORCES REPORTED OFF PALAU IS.
3. AMERICANS ADVANCE ON TINIAN AND GUAM IS.

EUROPE.

The AMERICAN force around ST. LO have made further progress. The fighting is very heavy.

Yesterday 3000 allied aircraft attacked the German positions west of ST. LO. They dropped 6000 tons of bombs on defences in an area of 10 sq. mls.

The BRITISH and CANADIANS have broken through the enemy lines South and SE of Caen. Heavy fighting is being experienced in this sector also.

The GERMANS scuttled 48 ships in an endeavour to block the CHERBOURG harbour.

RUSSIA.

The RUSSIANS are bowling along toward WARSAW. They have reached the Southern Bank of the VISTULA R. and from this point there are no more natural defences before GERMANY.

In their easterly drive the RUSSIANS are now only 40 miles from WARSAW and now all their forces are closing on this great bastion.

The RED ARMY has captured the town of NARVA.

Another GERMAN general has been captured in the LUBLIN area.

THE RED air force has bombed WARSAW again.

ITALY.

POLISH troops advancing along the ADRIATIC Coast are striking heavy opposition but have managed to gain a little ground.

KING GEORGE yesterday inspected troops and equipment at NAPLES.

BERLIN has admitted that the Nazi C in C in ITALY was slightly wounded in the arm while inspecting front line defences and troops recently.

The 8th ARMY have advanced another 9 miles towards FLORENCE and are now only 11 miles away. The 5th ARMY are closing in from the West and are approx 9 mls away.

PACIFIC ZONE.

TOKYO radio reports that ALLIED task forces have been reported off PALAU IS which is practically due East of the Phillipines.

There has also been a report from TOKYO that a task force is off SUMA TRA and yesterday heavy sea and air attacks were made on the island.

Another task force under the direct command of Commodore J.A. Collins, supported ground forces in the AITAPE area. There has been no more move such as the suicidal attempts reported on Tuesday by the JAPANESE in this area. The JAPANESE are now using long range tactics and are shelling AMERICAN positions with heavy guns which have been dragged over new tracks through very heavy jungle.

On GUAM IS. the two AMERICAN forces have linked and are pushing further inland.

The JAPANESE on TINIAN IS launched a sharp counter attack on Tuesday but they were repulsed with heavy casualties. The Marines have pushed further inland.

ROTA IS, between GUAM and TINIAN IS, was again attacked yesterday from carrier based planes.

AMERICANS report that the JAPANESE counter-attacks on TINIAN IS etc, are being made without any organization and they are simply being mowed down.

PADANG in SUMATRA was heavily bombed from carrier based planes yesterday.

GENERAL.

More than 7000 tons of bombs have been dropped on GERMANY in the last 3 days.

The oil position in GERMANY has become very drastic.

STUGGART, in Germany was heavily bombed last night. It has been remarked that STUGGART is Germany's COVENTRY.

The rate of the RUSSIAN advance on Tuesday is unprecedented in the history of warfare. They advanced 50 miles in 24 hours and they surrounded LIVSK, capturing one General and his complete staff.

The new decree which has been issued by HITLER gives him an even stronger hold over manpower of GERMANY and occupied countries. He has given GOEBBELS full power to filter out men and women to increase the German production.

General DE GAULLE said yesterday that FRANCE must have a say in the armistice terms to be imposed upon GERMANY. He stated that the FRENCH troops were assisting the 8th Army in ITALY.

The Victorian branch of the R.S.L. has decided to postpone the question of eligibility until after the war.

Lady Gowrie sent a farewell message to the Australian Women's Land Army on its 2nd birthday.

QUOTATION FOR TODAY.

"A secret ceases to be a secret once it is broken.

Like a pound note, once broken it is never a pound note again."

WHAT BRITAIN HAS DONE.

The achievement of the Royal Air Force.

The Royal Air Force decisively defeated the Luftwaffe in the Battle for Britain.

2,225 enemy aircraft were shot down in August-September 1940 by the RAF for the loss of 616 planes.

40,000 sorties were flown during 42 by aircraft of fighter Command with convoys.

8,733 Axis aircraft were destroyed in Nth Africa.

In the last two years R.A.F. have sunk more than 1/4 million tons of shipping.

Over 54,000 tons of bombs were dropped on Germany in the first half of 43.

100,000 tons of bombs had been discharged by Bomber Command by May 43.

The British aerial assault against the industrial RUHR is the greatest in history.

The R.A.F raid on TURIN in July 43, was the heaviest air raid ever made on Italy.

Over 20,000,000 lb of bombs were dropped on enemy objectives in Nth Africa between 8th November 42 and 7th May 43.

Aircraft of Coastal command up to 43 had flown well over 80 million miles.

One group of the Fighter Command flew 2,000,000 miles during March April 42.

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Rt Hon Winston Churchill, 1940.

Tomorrow the "Achievement of British Aid to Russia" will be published.

HEADLINES.

- 1. BRITISH FORCED TO WITHDRAW SLIGHTLY IN NORMANDY.
- 2. AMERICANS ADVANCE IN MARIANNAS.
- 3. SUMATRA HEVILY ATTACKED BY NAVAL FORCE.

RUSSIA.

MOSCOW announces that great advances have been made on the way to RIGA, capital of LATVIA.

The RUSSIANS are continuing their advance towards WARSAW and are closing in on all sides. The force on the VISTULA R. have advanced 25 mls along the river and have captured more towns and villages. They have a front of 50 miles

The garrison at LEVINSK is slowly being eliminated.

EUROPE.

The BRITISH and CANADIANS in NORMANDY have been forced to withdraw because of the new GERMAN counter attack. It is stated that the new attack is very well organized and ROMMEL is throwing in everything. It is a serious set back and several important positions have been taken back by the GERMANS. The fighting has been reported as the hardest since the invasion started.

From the base of CHERBOURG the AMERICANS have made a 10 mile break through and one tank column has driven a wedge through GERMAN defences West of ST. LO. The fighting has been severe but the AMERICANS are slowly overcoming the great defences.

B.B.C says the ALLIED progress in NORMANDY can be measured in yards while the RUSSIAN progress is being measured in hundreds of miles.

A GERMAN survey plane reported seeing a huge convoy of ANGLO-AMERICAN ships. The GERMAN radio anticipate that another large scale landing will take place shortly.

PACIFIC ZONE.

The AMERICAN marines on GUAM IS have advanced another two miles inland and now control the Southern half of the peninsula.

Further successes have been reported from TINIAN IS. and the marines now have complete control of the northern corner of the island. They have already captured three of the airfields on the is. Since the landing 2000 JAPANESE have been killed.

A naval force attacked PABANG in the island of SUMATRA and it is reported that they gave the place a terrific hammering and considerably weakened the base. BRITISH, DUTCH and AMERICAN forces took part in the attack.

Around AITAPE it has been reported that the JAPANESE force is still probing the AMERICAN lines for weaknesses. No further signs of attack have been shown.

Yesterday Kittyhawks destroyed a barge full of JAPANESE escapees in GEELEWINK BAY, North East N.G.

ITALY.

The 5th ARMY troops have pushed on over the R. ARNO in spite of the very stiff resistance being offered by the GERMANS.

The 8th ARMY are pushing nearer to FLORENCE & it is reported that troops from New Zealand are only 7 miles from the city.

POLISH troops of the 8th ARMY are still advancing slowly against heavy opposition on the ADRIATIC coast.

Yesterday AMERICAN bombers based in ITALY attacked BUDAPEST.

GENERAL.

By comparison with SYDNEY the stores and streets of MELBOURNE have returned to normal.

AMERICAN heavy bombers attacked targets in BRUSSELS causing heavy damage to installations. Other targets were also bombed.

More flying bombs were over the London area yesterday. Damage and casualties were suffered.

6 Flying Fortresses dropped leaflets yesterday on GERMANY telling them the true story of Hitler's ~~xxx~~ attempted assassination. GERMAN radio stated that the head of the GERMAN army office was chief conspirator against Hitler. The bomb was brought to Hitler's H.Q.'s in a despatch case and it was placed under Hitler's feet.

The former Belgium consul, Ven Derkelen died yesterday in Melbourne.

Mr J.J.F. Kennedy has been appointed Controller of Customs.

The Royal Commission are still investigating the allegations made by Mr Shannon, K.C.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

"Four things a man must learn to do if he would make his record true,

- To think without confusion, clearly,
- To love his fellow men sincerely,
- To act from honest motives purely,
- To trust in God and Heaven securely!"

Van Dyke.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

Football.

The Melbourne Football draw tomorrow:

Hawthorn	v	CARLTON.
Melbourne	v	ESSENDON.
FITZROY	v	Collingwood.
FOOTSCRAY	v	St Kilda
STH MELB	v	Geelong.
Nth Melb	v	RICHMOND.

The Ed. tips are in block letters.

WHAT BRITAIN HAS DONE.

The achievement of BRITISH aid to RUSSIA.

By the middle of 42 Britain had sent Russia enough equipment for 20 armoured divisions. By July 42 Britain had sent over 2000 tanks. By the end of 42 she had sent over 3,000 a/c. In the year up to October 42, Great Britain & the U.S. had sent 30,031 vehicles, 42,000 tons of aviation spirit, 66,000 tons of fuel oil, 831,000 tons ammunition, small arms & medical. By end of 42, Britain had sent 70,000,000 rds of small arms ammunition.

1/2 million prs of boots were sent from Britain within one week of the German invasion. By Apr 42 3,000,000 pairs had been despatched.

95% of everything sent to Russia is newly produced.

Till June 42, the British government had given the ~~assist~~ Soviet credits amounting to £35,000,000. 3,300,000 in voluntary loans have been collected for "Aid to Russia".

More than half the whole fighter strength is kept away from the Russian front to meet the R.A.F.'s attacks in the West.

The volume of war supplies carried by the Trans Persian railway in Nov 41 was doubled in Jan. 42.

CONDENSATIONS OF CŒPIOUS EXTRACTS FROM THE BOOK, "THE TIME FOR DECISION"; BY SUMNER WELLES.

INTERVIEWS WITH HESS, GOERING, RIBBENTROP AND CHAMBERLAIN.

RIBBENTROP'S AMAZING RECEPTION.

On March 1, 1940 I arrived in Berlin and with Dr Schmidt, the interpreter, went to my reception with Herr von Ribbentrop.

This reception was in some ways the most astonishing experience of my mission. Backed by Dr. Schmidt, he received me at the door of his office, without even the semblance of a smile, and without even a word of greeting.

Ribbentrop looked at me icily and we sat down. The Minister then turned to me and asked me in German if I had had a comfortable journey.

I set forward the nature of my mission, emphasising that my Government was solely interested in the establishment of permanent peace in Europe and had no interest in any temporary truce. Ribbentrop then commenced to speak and never stopped for well over two hours. The pomposity and absurdity of his manner could not be exaggerated. The early part of the discourse had to do with German-American relations. The remainder of Ribbentrop's outpourings was such an amazing conglomeration of misinformation and deliberate lies that I could not have quiet if I had not been afraid of jeopardising my future receptions. He insisted that Hitler's sole desire had been to achieve a "friendly solution of the Czechoslovakian problem.

What, he asked, happened only a few weeks after the Hitler-Chamberlain bilateral agreement? The Churchills, Duff Coopers, the Edens had dared to, announce that Great Britain was embarking on the biggest armament programme of its entire history. Germany was strong and confident of victory. She had immense military superiority and was prepared for a long war. She wanted peace but only on condition, Ribbentrop said, "that the will on the part of England to destroy Germany is obliterated once and for all. I see no way in which that can be accomplished except through complete and total German victory."

Ribbentrop has a completely closed mind. It struck me as also a very stupid mind. The man is saturated with hate for England. He is clearly without background in international affairs, and he was guilty of a hundred lies in his presentation of German policy during recent years.

HESS PATENTLY ABNORMAL.

Notwithstanding the impression so often given me previously that Hess possessed a powerful and determining influence in German affairs, the effect he made on me at the time was one of a man who had only the lowest order of intelligence. His forehead is low and narrow. There was no sign of the "fatuous smile" of which Neville Henderson had written.

At the outset of our conversation Hess took out a collection of typewritten cards and during the whole time we were speaking he never took his eyes from them. His statements to me followed the same line as Ribbentrop's. It was so obvious that Hess was merely repeating what he had been told to say and that he had neither explored the issues at stake nor thought anything out for himself.

At the conclusion of the interview I merely stated that I regretted to learn of his opinion that there existed no hope of any outcome save military conquest.

Hess was patently of abnormal mentality. It has always, consequently, been incredible to me that his notorious flight to England could have been undertaken on his own initiative. He went as an emissary.

AN INTERVIEW WITH CHAMBERLAIN.

When I went for my first interview with Neville Chamberlain, he was seated alone at his place at the cabinet table. He was spare but he gave the impression of both physical strength and energy. He appeared to be much younger than his 71 years.

No fair and impartial estimate can be made of his conduct as British P.M. until after the close of the present war, when a better perspective can be obtained.

In all the conversations I had with Chamberlain neither courage nor determination was lacking, nor the frankest admission of his mistakes. He had been deceived, he had been lied to. England had been forced into war as a last resort in order to preserve liberty and democracy. Mr Chamberlain spoke with white-hot anger.

He said to me "It makes more than ever clear in my mind the truth of what your President has said, that one of the essentials to a lasting peace is freedom of information."

GOERING'S MONSTROUS GIRTH.

Goering looked exactly like his photographs. His thighs and arms were tremendous and his girth was monstrous. He wore a white tunic on which were plastered various emblems and insignias. His hands were shaped like the digging paws of a badger.

His manner was simple, unaffected, and exceedingly cordial, and he spoke with far greater frankness and clarity than any other German official whom I met. The Field-Marshal reiterated the history of the German foreign policy during the past seven years, following exactly the same lines as Hitler and Ribbentrop.

The Field Marshal himself had never believed there was any possible justification for war, and he had done everything in his power to avert it. But England and France had persisted in bringing it about. He also believed that the war would be short and a German victory soon attained, nevertheless if the war were prolonged Germany would strengthen as time passed.

When our interview was over Goering persisted in showing me over his vast palace.

APPENDIX E

SITUATION REPORTS
REVIEW OF SITUATION

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. *out 3*

Call

Srl. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

QVR 1

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

H Aust inf base

010900K

JUL 1944
-1 JUL 1944

For Action

TO

22 29/46 37/52 bu

(w) For Information (INFO.)

[Signature]
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Message Instructions

GR

Q. QY *6*

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 199 *0* *Subep No.* *010830K* *0* *No. change*

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by any means { *except* } Wireless

Signed

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

Signed *[Signature]*

Originator's Instructions
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Time Cleared <i>1800</i>		

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Originator

Asst Inf Bde

Date—Time of Origin

020900K

Office Date Stamp

2 Jul '44

For Action

[Handwritten initials]

TO

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Bn

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

QQX

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 202

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Sitrep to 020830
All informed

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

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

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020900K

Time System Op

THI or TOR

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(A)

4 Aust Inf Bde

05 0400 K

5 JUL 1944

For Action

TO

~~22 Aust Inf Bn 24/46 Aust Inf Bn 37/52 Aust Inf Bn~~

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 207 @ CONFIDENTIAL @ 5 Aust Div

Sitrep 94 @ 042100K @ 031120K two enemy

a/c probably SALLY circled HANSA BAY area

one strapping barge point NUBIA plantation

NIL damage on CASUALTIES enemy a/c ~~at~~

departed N.W. @ other wise no change.

all informed

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(A)

4 AUST INF BDE

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

071100K

Office Date Stamp

7 July 44.

TO

22 AUST INF BN

(w) For Information (INFO.)

For Action

Message Instructions

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 210 restricted @ 5 AUST BN subp
96 to 062100K @ 15 aust inf bde @ move 24 bn SAIDOR
to MADANG completed location 1/25000 series 729235
@ otherwise no change all informed

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Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

4 AUST inf BDE
* For Action

080845K

8 July 44

TO

22 Bu

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

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QQY

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 212 @ RESTRICTED @ SITREP No 080800K
@ NO change all informed

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by any means { except }

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

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Originator

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Office Date Stamp

10 JULY 44

TO

22 BN

For Action

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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INT 215 0 RESTRICTED 0 cipher No
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enemy hands, this message must be
sent **IN CIPHER**

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Originator

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Office Date Stamp

3 July 44

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22. 29/46 37/52 Bns.

For Action

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT. 2630

Confidential

5 Aug 44

D/W. Atrop 12/ to 302/00K

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by any means { except }

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

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0930*

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Time Cleared

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Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

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4 MUST INF BDE

11010K

11 Jul 44

For Action

TO

22 BN.

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

QQY 27

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*INT 217 @ confidential @ ref 40 110700K @ 8 bde
relief 4 bn by 30 bn commenced @ 30 hr C coy
moved ALEXIS. (via POTS DAM) area pg 7337 @
all informed*

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MESSAGE FORM

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12 Jul '44

For Action

TO

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(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

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133

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT

219

RESTRICTED

Sitrep to **12 0830K** **4 Bde**
 NO change **8 Bde** **4 Bn**
 C and D Coy moved **DUGUMUR**
 to **ALEXIS** **30 Bn** C Coy
 less 1 pl **708372** one pl less
 one sec **666465** one sec **607499**
 completing relief **D Bay** **4 Bn**
HQ Bay and **D Bay** **30 Bn**
 moved **ALEXIS** to **POTSDAM** area
D Coy **2/14** **Fd Regt** moved
DUGUMUR to **GUAO** planter. **789328**
PIB one pl departed **HANSA**
BAY **2** **Aust a/c** crashed
 a/c at **(W) C2876** **SEPIK**
 miles to one inch **reached**
SEPIK R **4** **Jul** **via WATAM**
257684 **Observed** **small party of**
Japs in vicinity **KDPA** **Patrol**
unable to cross **SEPIK** **Search**
for a/c continuing **Back**
Patrol proceeding **SITGARIN**
231652 where undated **baraka**
reporting indicates recent **presence**
Japs **No** further **details**
received to date **All in-**
formed

12 0830K
 Time System Op
THI or TOR
1230 **L**
 Time Cleared

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 enemy hands, this message must be
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 Degree of Priority

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Signed

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM

(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

4 Aust Inf Bde
For Action

13 09 00

13 July 44

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Message Instructions

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QQY

38

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 221 @ RESTRICTED @ nitrep to 13 08 30 @ 8 Bde @ 4 Bn @
A boy portion HQ boy moved DUGUMUR to ALEXIS @ 30 Bn @
A boy moved ALEXIS TO POTSDAM area D. boy has one pl
769341 one pl 8 02 293 all informed

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enemy hands, this message must be
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Degree of Priority

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) <i>H Aust Inf lde</i> Originator For Action	Date—Time of Origin <i>14 0030H</i>	Office Date Stamp <i>14 July HA</i>
TO <i>22 bn</i> (w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions GR- <i>PPY 145</i>	

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*INT 2230 restricted sitrep to
 140900 H lde NO change
 relief 4 bn by 30 bn now
 complete H bn less cond gr
 B coy concentrated at 708366
 ALEXIS 1/25000 cond gr
 and B coy in transit
 DUGUMUR to ALEXIS 30 bn
 dispositions Bn HQ 756358
 HQ coy 714345 A coy 747369
 B coy less one sec 753360
 one sec 766352 C coy less
 one pl 708372 one pl less
 one sec 666465 one sec
 766352 A coy PIB less pl
 and one sec 708372 one pl
 on patrol SINGARIN area
 one sec 666465 A coy 2/15
 7d amb 764346 all informed*

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 enemy hands, this message must be
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Originator's Instructions
 Degree of Priority

Signed

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<i>14 1030H</i>		
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FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
4 ams A inf bde		150900H	
	For Action		
TO		Message Instructions	GR-
22 bn	(w) For Information (INFO.)	QQY	102

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 225 O RESTRICTED O sibut to
 150830H O 8 ams inf bde O 4 bn
 O B coy and comd gp reached
 B coy now at 708403 ref 1/25000
 scrips O 4 bn now complete
 general area 608396 ref 1/25000
 series O PIB patrol previously
 reported preceded 6 jul OLD BEIN
 154594 via WATAM 357680
 and WONANG 350578 NQ NOT on
 map NQ passing SINGARIN in
 endeavour to cross SEPIT R in
 search for crashed A/C O 090430H
 patrol attacked at OLD BEIN by
 JAPS and KANAKS total approx
 50 enemy party appearing armed
 with MMG LMG rifles and grenades
 O Nil casualties O patrol withdrew
 WATAM and now returning
 to HANSA BAY O all informed

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			Time	System	Op
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			Time Cleared		
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			1021	R	24

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Priority

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MI

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

4 AUST INF BDE

171015K

17 Jul 44

For Action

TO

22 BN

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

QQY 24

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 2290 CONFIDENTIAL 5 aust div
sitrep 100 to 162100K 8 aust inf bde
3 bn local patrols NIL enemy
otherwise No change all informed

171015K

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by any means { except }
..... } Wireless

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enemy hands, this message must be
sent **IN CIPHER**

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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1235 LRB

Time Cleared

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 31N.

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FROM

(A)

Originator

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Office Date Stamp

4 Aust Inf Bde

19 1300K

19 July
44

For Action

TO

22 Bn

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

PPY

60

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 2330 Confidential @ 5 Aust Div sitrep
109 to 182100K @ 8 Aust Inf Bde @ 30 Bn OP Coy
6 day patrol enroute SCHIKHING PTN 505345 @
B Coy 4 day patrols enroute WARENIG 911247 @
A Coy PIB less two pls TO 8372 one pl 360620
with outposts at WANGAN 345588 35-0665
270545 one pl 482555 with out post at 484500 @ all informed

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by any means { except }
..... } Wireless

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enemy hands, this message must be
sent **IN CIPHER**

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FROM

(A)

Originator

4 Aust Inf Bde

Date—Time of Origin

200900K

Office Date Stamp

20 July 44

For Action

TO

22 Bn

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

997

17

ORIGINATOR'S No.

1KT236 (C) CONFIDENTIAL (C) refer
to 200900K (C) 8 bde (C) 30 Bn local
patrols NMS other wise NO CHANGE
all informed.

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by any means { except }

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enemy hands, this message must be
sent **IN CIPHER**

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Originator's Instructions
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200900K

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FROM

(A)

4 Amt Lef Bde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

21 09 30 K

Office Date Stamp

21 Jul 44

TO

22 B

For Action

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

QQY

19

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 238

CONFIDENTIAL

Sitrep to 21 09 00 K 8 Bde
30 B B Coy patrols to
WAREMIG returned POTSDAM NMS

All informed

21 09 30 K

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by any means { except }

{ } Wireless

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enemy hands, this message must be
sent **IN CIPHER**

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FROM

Originator

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(A)

4 aust inf bde

221345H

For Action

TO

22 aust inf bn

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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QQY

50

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 242 ○ CONFIDENTIAL ○ 5 aust
 div setup 112 to 212100 H ○ 8 aust
 inf bde ○ 30 bn ○ 3 day patrol
 from c coy departed 608499
 for BULIWA village 528478 via
 VENUS POINT 495562 BULIWA 499483
 ○ D coy less one PH 772338 one
 PH 802294 ○ D Apr 2/14 fd regt
 885340 ○ all informed

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 enemy hands, this message must be
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THI or TOR <u>1410</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>24</u>
Time Cleared <u>1415</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>29</u>

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FROM

(A)

4 aust inf hq

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

23/025H

Office Date Stamp

23 July 44

TO

22 aust inf hq

For Action

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

QQY 34

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*INT 244 @ confidential @ 5 aust div
sitrep 113 to 222100 H @ 8 aust inf
hqs @ 30 hrs @ A coy patrol to
SCHIKLING PT PTN returned POTS DAM
@ patrol unable to proceed beyond
BIROP 556327 Nth enemy @ all informed*

231045H

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by any means { except }
{ } Wireless

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enemy hands, this message must be
sent **IN CIPHER**

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Degree of Priority

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THI or TOR <i>1145</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>29</i>
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FROM

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Originator

4 AUST INF BDE

Date—Time of Origin

24/015K

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24 Jul 44

TO

22 BN

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

QQY

27

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 246 @ CONFIDENTIAL @ siter to 240830K @ ~~3~~ bde
30 bn c coy patrol to BULIVA VILLAGES returned
HANSA BAY VIA GAKIK 557485 BAK 581483
NIL enemy all informed

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Signed

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enemy hands, this message must be
sent **IN CIPHER**

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Originator's Instructions
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24 1015K

Time

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FROM

(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

4 Aust INF BDE

261715K

For Action

Office Date Stamp

TO

22 BN

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

QAY

46

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 249 @ CONFIDENTIAL @ 5 Aust Div sitrep
116 to 252100K @ 8 Aust inf bde @ 30 BN @ C Coy
6 day patrol to ABAGENE 626289 via IKY 661342
MARERA 639298 @ d coy 3 day patrol to SIRIN
775176 via BOGIA MISSION 7093274 KANGWAN
320216 BOLIVOK 832189 all informed

261715K

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FROM

(A)

4 Aust Inf Bde

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

27/350K

Office Date Stamp

27 July 44

For Action

TO

22 Bn

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

RRY

GR

46

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 2020 CONFIDENTIAL 5 Div site 17 262 100K 15 Aust Inf Bde gp less 24 Bn 15 Fd Coy 15 Fd. Amb less A Coy departed MADRANG 26:300K 0 Adv 7 Aust inf bde relieved 15 bde 260700K assuming command remaining units 15 bde gp - all informed

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FROM (A) <i>4 Aust Inf Bde</i>	Originator	Date—Time of Origin <i>28.1205K</i>	Office Date Stamp <i>28 July 44</i>
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TO <i>22 Bn</i>	(w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions <i>Q Q X</i>	GR <i>184</i>
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ORIGINATOR'S No. *INT 2550* confidential *Q* *4 Bde REUSIT*
*no 18 lde ^{local} patrols NMS *Q* ALAMO*
*ops Ao 261930K AITAPE *Q* our*
posn AFUA shelled from posn
*south of village *Q* strong*
enemy force was encountered
between our forces advancing
SW of AFUA PALAURA trail
**Q* this gap was closed*
*250745K with 2 *Q Q* gaps*
*killed *Q* numerous small*
parties of snipers estimated
100 total in ^{area} between
DINIUMIR.R and AFUA
PAL AFUA trail ALAMO ops.
*Ao 271930K *Q* AITAPE *Q* our*
patrol contacted enemy
*estimated strength 3 *Q Q* yds EAST*
*of DINIUMIR.R *Q* enemy*
withdrew approx 600 yds
*east where approx cov *Q* R*
*occupied. *Q* in posn*
with right flank Ao beach
**Q* patrol reported many signs*
*of south west movement of *Q* R*
in this area during night
**Q* red alert 252115K Ao*
*252200K *Q* heard*

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

no bombs dropped
 WAKDESARMI active patrolling
 active patrol continues
 patrol deeper into enemy
 Territory. To find posn main
 jap force believed vict by
 HILL 1180 300 yds NW. STAWAER
 drone NOEMFOOR is
 jap barges sunk by PHOS
 25 0700K det NOEMFOOR and
 MANOKWARI 25 japs POW
 delivered NOEMFOOR by patrol
 cutter ADMIRALTIES. NEW
 BRITIAN HOLLANDIA, BEAK
 BOUGIANNVILLE no further
 reports all informed

for me.
 [Signature]

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FROM

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(A)

4 Aust INF BDE

291600K

For Action

29 July 44

TO

22 BN

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Message Instructions

GR-

QQY

80

ORIGINATOR'S No.

INT 2580 CONFIDENTIAL O REVSIT NO 2 O ALAMO
force ops to 281930 KO AITAPEO patrol clashes
on trail between KWAMAGNIRK and AFUA
with 38 japs killed O further 40 killed one mile
WEST OF AFUA O following arty cone on
assembled jap the one half mile SW OF AFUA
our patrol found 50 dead japs in area O total
~~cas~~ enemy cas to date 3921 killed 49 P.W. O
Hollandia O NO further report O ADMIRALTIES-NEW
BRITAIN BOUGAINVILLE NO further report O WAKDE
BIAK NOEO FOOR routine patrolling all informed

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T.O.R
1745K

291600K		
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FROM

(A)

Originator

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4 MOST INF Bde.

290835K

29 July

For Action

TO

22 Bn.

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

QQY

21

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*INT 156 @ CONFIDENTIAL @ 8 POST DIV
SITREP 119 to 282100K @ 8 amst my
hdc @ PIB report 7 JAPS KOPH
336735 @ all informed*

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1030K

<i>290835K</i>		
Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 5

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FROM

Originator

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For Action

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TO

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(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR-

QQY 66

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*INT 261 O confidential O re 4 sid
NO 3 O AHAMO forces Mps at 291930
AITAPE O our forces are NOT in
contact with the japs formerly
WEST and SW of AFUFA land a
two day patrol SOUTH from
KMMAM AGUIRH to the foothills
and EAST to the DRINIUM DR. R.
reported NO sign of japs O HOLLANDIA
O NO further reports O WAKDEFARMI
BIAK NOEMFOOR O NO change O
ADMIRALTIES NEW BRITAIN BOUGHINVILLE
O NO further reports O all informed*

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<i>1452</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>29</i>

Signed

Signed

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 4

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Srl. No.

Priority

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

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(A)

4 dust inf Bde

301005K

30 July

For Action

TO

22 Bn

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

QQY

46

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*INT 160 0 CONFIDENTIAL 0 5 Div
sitrep 120 to 292100K 0 8 bde 0 PIB report
some activity mouth of SEPIC
possible gun posn 27 8838 also enemy
posn strength 12 at 252649 0 natwis
report field gun at KOPHA
also motor boat base*

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enemy hands, this message must be
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FROM

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Originator

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For Action

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

30 July

ORIGINATOR'S No.

IN approx 60 enemy at NEW SINGAR
all informed

1200

301005

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enemy hands, this message must be
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APPENDIX. F

ROUTINE ORDER

WAR DIARY of INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

RESTRICTED

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Nos 16 - 30.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

HQ 22 Aust Inf Bn
27 Jul 44

by

LT-COL J.D.CARSTAIRS, COMD 22 AUST INF BN

16. SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS - PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS:

1. The Sales Tax Exemptions Act provides that certain items of uniform of approved pattern may be purchased by members from civilian sources without payment of sales tax. This provision includes the following:-

- Jacket, S.D., officers
- Safari jacket
- Trousers S.D., officers
- Greatcoat
- Cap, S.D., officers.

2. The exemption will not be available unless -

- (a) the articles in question are purchased exclusively for military purposes; and
- (b) a certificate is furnished by the purchaser to the vendor in accordance with the pro forma set out in the Schedule to this order.

SCHEDULE

The Commissioner of Taxation.

I, (Rank, name (in block letters) and army number)..... hereby certify that the.....(insert description of the articles) purchased by me from.....on.....are for use as, or as part of, the approved uniform of the Defence Forces and are not for re-sale.

.....Signature

(GRO F234/44)

17. ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE - SUSPENSION OF ALLOTMENTS & DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCES:

1. Amendments have been made to War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations providing for the shortening of the period upon the expiration of which a member's allotment and dependants allowance will be suspended in the event of his absence without leave. These amendments have effect on and from 1st Jun 1944.

2. Where a member has been declared an illegal absentee, the District Finance Officer will, under the regulations as now amended, take the action outlined in paras 3 and 4 of this order.

3. Where no dependants allowance is payable in respect of the member's allotment, the District Finance Officer will suspend payment of the allotment as from the earliest possible date.

4. Where the member has made an allotment in respect of which dependants allowance is payable, the District Finance Officer will at once forward a notice to the member's allottee. This notice will inform the allottee that the allotment and dependants allowance will

be suspended after payment of two more fortnightly instalments, including any instalment which may be payable on the date of the notice.

5. In addition to the forfeiture of all active and deferred pay (including the amount paid as allotment) for the whole period of the member's absence without leave, the total amount of the dependants allowance paid in respect of any day after the date of the notice mentioned in para 4 of this order will be debited to the member and will be recovered from his future pay.

6. Any allotment and related dependants allowance which has been suspended on account of the member's absence without leave will not be reinstated until the District Finance Officer has been advised of the member's apprehension or return to duty.

(GRO F218/44)

18. PAY - CONSERVATION OF CURRENCY:

1. To conserve currency in the area, members returning to the Mainland will not, except for special reasons, be paid more than £5 each.

2. Such members may draw the full amount credited in their respective paybooks, on arrival at the unit or depot on the Mainland to which they are moved, or at the Mainland ITD from which they are released on leave, as the case may be.

(NGF RO A121/44)

19. CLOTHES RATION COUPONS 1943/44:

1. Approval has been given for the exchange of all 1943/44 coupons in the hands of New Guinea personnel for the new coupons of the 1944/45 series.

2. Where exchange of coupons is required, personnel will contact Pay Sgt for directions.

(NGF RO A130/44)

20. WATCHES - CARRYING OF:

All personnel having watches GS on issue will ensure that they are carried by means of a lanyard, to be attached either to the wearers' clothing or looped over the neck. Where watches are not fitted with a ring and other suitable means of attachment is not possible they will be sent to Q Store who will arrange for fitting of suitable holding device.

(NGF RO Q132/44)

21. PRESERVATION OF TEAK PLANTATION:

1. A teak plantation is located at ref map ALEXISHAFEN 1/25000 712382.

2. All ranks are warned that this plantation is not to be destroyed or damaged, as the trees are the only ones in the North of NEW GUINEA and are required for seed purposes.

3. The area will be marked by notices and will be out of bounds to all ranks.

(5 Div RO Q218/44)

22. OUT OF BOUNDS:

1. The Air Port area at MADANG has been placed Out of Bounds to all personnel other than members employed in the construction and operation of same or having written permission to be in that area.
2. The recreation grounds and sports oval in MADANG Townsite area are available at all times for organised sports and may be used by units.

(5 Div RO A242/44)

23. COMMONWEALTH REFERENDUM 1944 - PARTICIPATION OF OFFICERS & ORS:

1. In connection with the forthcoming Commonwealth Referendum, members of the AMF -
 - (i) May attend meetings in uniform;
 - (ii) Will not address meetings;
 - (iii) Will not take part in processions or demonstrations;
 - (iv) Will not undertake canvassing or the distribution of literature or cards.

Special leave will not be granted to members in connection with the Referendum Campaign.

2. The following officer has been appointed Deputy returning officer for 5 Aust Div:-

Capt J.T.ANDERSON, HQ 5 Aust Div.

3. The following officer has been appointed Returning Offr for 22 Aust Inf Bn:-

Lt D.A.McNABB, "D" Coy.

4. Units returning to AUSTRALIA between 1 Aug and 19 Aug will vote prior to movement.
5. Referendum Pamphlets etc will be forwarded to Coys when available.

(5 Div RO A249/44)

24. TELEGRAMS - DATES OF LODGMENT:

1. Cases have occurred in which telegrams lodged by personnel in NEW GUINEA have reached mainland addressees at dates SUBSEQUENT to Army advices to next of kin of the death in action of the soldier concerned. These occurrences have been the cause of great distress of mind, recipients of the delayed messages being given misplaced hope that in the circumstances the casualty telegram is in error.
2. To make clear to recipients the actual date of origin of telegrams from soldiers in NEW GUINEA, it has accordingly been decided to require that the date, e.g. 30th June be inserted after the signature in telegrams lodged by personnel. The date detail will be regarded as chargeable additions and thus to be taken into account in assessing amounts to be collected from senders.

(5 Div RO A250/44)

25. AIR MAILS TO UNITED KINGDOM:

1. It is advised that aircraft capacity is now available over the air service route from CEYLON to the UNITED KINGDOM via EGYPT and GIBRALTAR for the carriage of air mails from AUSTRALIA. Air conveyance of the mails from GIBRALTAR to the UNITED KINGDOM cannot be guaranteed, but it is anticipated that the sea transmission of the mails over that section of the route will seldom be

necessary. Unfortunately, however, the service in the reverse direction cannot at present be used to accelerate the transmission of airmails from the UNITED KINGDOM to AUSTRALIA.

2. Until air service facilities across the INDIAN OCEAN become available, the air mails from AUSTRALIA will be forwarded by sea to connect with the air service from INDIA. Vessels sailing to CEYLON, INDIA, EGYPT, and even SOUTH AFRICA will be utilised according to the suitability of their sailing schedules, and it is anticipated that the new arrangement will bring about a pronounced improvement in the transmission time of air mails to the UNITED KINGDOM. However, as there may still be a demand for the transmission of correspondence by the route of the present service, viz: by sea to the United States and thence by air to the UNITED KINGDOM, that service will, for the time being, continue to be used for correspondence bearing the appropriate fee (2/1d per half ounce) and superscribed for transmission via the United States.

3. (a) A flat rate of 1/6d per half ounce for letters and 9d for postcards will be charged for correspondence sent by the new route via INDIA. The service will be available for correspondence to members of the Forces and civilians in countries in EUROPE, AFRICA and ASIA to the West of INDIA, postal communication with which has not been suspended. In some cases, however, aerial conveyance will be accorded for only part of the journey beyond INDIA. No routing superscription on the envelopes will be required, but each article must bear the air mail label or be prominently endorsed "By Air Mail".

(b) The previous limitation of 2 ozs which applied to correspondence sent via United States will not apply to correspondence sent by the new route.

4. Separate instructions have been issued through postal channels for this service to come into force forthwith.

(5 Div RO Q253/44)

26. TRAVEL TO DECLARED AREAS UNDER NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL)
REGULATIONS:

The following amendment to the instructions relating to the restriction of Interstate passenger transport in the mainland has been issued in respect of travel of civilians and service personnel paying their own fares:-

"Certain areas may be declared under National Security (General) Regulations by the Defence Authorities and all civilians and Service personnel paying their own fares entering these areas must hold a "Permit of Entry" from the Defence Authorities.

These "Permits of Entry" are required for all travel, whether interstate or intrastate.

Civilians, and Service personnel paying their own fares, who desire to make an interstate journey for the purpose of entering a prescribed area must, in addition to a "Permit of Entry" hold a Priority Permit, and the fact that a "Permit of Entry" is held is not to be accepted as conclusive evidence of the merits of the application. Service personnel travelling on duty or on Home Leave pass are not required to hold a "Permit of Entry".

(5 Div RO Q254/44)

27. IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO EQUIPMENT:

1. The soldier and Regimental Officer being the actual users of army equipment can often see the need for improvements and think of means for effecting them.

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2. Recently a soldier, irritated by his boot laces when tied round the ankle constantly slipping up over the top of the boot, suggested that a loop be incorporated in the back of the boot. IHQ adopted the idea and now all boots AB Universal are being made with this loop. Actually the soldier's own design was not perfect and has been modified, but his idea is good and he will receive monetary reward for it. Where an idea can be patented the Army Inventions Department will give the soldier professional advice in safeguarding his interest.

3. All officers are therefore requested to bring these facts to the notice of their men and encourage them to put forward ideas. Any such ideas will be forwarded to Bn HQ for forwarding on to IHQ.

(5 Div RO Q245/44)

28. RATION BAGS:

Sand bags now in use as ration bags will be returned to "Q" Store in a clean condition.

29. OUT OF BOUNDS:

POL stand and transport lines are out of bounds to all troops.

30. MUTILATION OF CLOTHING:

No man will cut down, mutilate or discard any Military article in his possession.

J. Mayer

A/Adjt 22 Aust Inf Bn.

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NOTICES

1. AAES - CORRESPONDENCE COURSES:

As a matter of general interest, the recent census elicited the following information:-

Total number of courses being studied
by personnel in units under command
5 Aust Div 294

The above figure does not include courses
started and abandoned; these number 29

The nature of courses: 51 different subjects are
being studied, ranging from Bookkeeping/Accountancy
(48) and English (23) to Agriculture (27) and Diesel
Engine Operation (16).

APPENDIX. G

WAR DIARY OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Space provided for reference)

Date and Year - From

Summary of Events and Information

To

Photographic Division for
reference and information to

Form 100 (1943)
Army Form C 51B

ADM. ORDER

22 AUST INF BN ADM INSTRUCTION No 4

ISSUE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BEER

HQ 22 Aust Inf Bn
30 Jul 44

1. As from 31 Jul 44 beer will be issued to all ranks under comd 5 Aust Div on the scale of two bottles per consumer per week - price 1/3 per bottle.
2. Every care will be taken by A.A. Canteens Service and this unit to ensure that units receive their issues in good order and condition but no responsibility will be taken by A.A. Canteens Service or this unit for damage occurring or discovered subsequently.
3. Drunkenness will be treated as a serious offence.
4. Anti-malarial precautions will NOT be relaxed as a result of excessive consumption of liquor.
5. Troops will be acquainted with the fact that excessive use of liquor is injurious to health in this climate and for this reason the consumption by individuals will NOT exceed the two bottles per man per week, as laid down in this order.
6. No distribution of liquor or drinking of same will occur before 1700 hrs.
7. Coys will ensure that BOTTLES and PACKING CASES are returned to "Q" Store by 1600 hrs each Friday. As no charge is made for these containers, no money will be refunded.
8. It is appreciated that it is not possible to return all boxes and bottles, but if any unit continually returns less than 75% of its issue, action will be taken to issue beer on a bottle for bottle basis only.
9. Coys, Sgts Mess, and Offrs Mess will submit to QM by 1800 hrs Sunday in each week:-
 - (a) No of consumers (Cpls & ORs in the case of coys);
 - (b) No of bottles required;
 - (c) Money sufficient to cover cost of beer ordered;
 - (d) Certificate signed by Coy Comd as under:-

"I certify that the above requisition is made upon the basis of two bottles of beer for each member of the coy desirous of consuming this quantity. In the case of members who desire to consume a smaller quantity of beer, a proportionate reduction has been made. Variations due to reductions in strength during the past week have been taken into account in the above requisition."
10. An officer from each coy will collect ration at "Q" Store 1400 hrs each Tuesday.
11. Caps will be removed from bottles before delivery to member purchasing.

J. Hayes
A/Adjt 22 Aust Inf Bn.

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DISTRIBUTION

All Coys
Offrs Mess
Sgts Mess
RSM
IO
QM
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APPENDIX. H

LOCATION STATEMENTS

Subject:-, LOCATION STATEMENT OF 22 AUST INF BN
AS AT 0900K 11 May 44.

Ref Map MADANG AERODROME 1/25000.

HQ 22 Aust Inf Bn.
 11 May 44.

HQ 4 AUST INF BDE.

<u>Unit/Sub Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bn HQ	70182470 ✓
HQ Coy	702246 ✓
A Coy (7 + 8 11 & 12 Pls)	713230 716218
A " (10 pl)	716215 713230
B " (17 & 12 Pls)	702244
B " (10 pl)	685249
C "	704248
D "	71502505
Rear Party	FINSCHAFEN

James MacArthur
 Lt-Col.
Comd 22 Aust Inf Bn.

Subject:- LOCATION STATEMENT OF 22AUST INF BN

DIARY

AS AT 0900K 14 May 44.

Ref Map MADANG AIRDROME 1/25000.

H.Q. 22 Aust Inf Bn.
14 May 44.

HQ. 4 AUST INF BDE.

<u>Unit/Sub Unit</u>	<u>Location.</u>
Bn HQ	70182470
HQ Coy	702246
A Coy (7 & 8 Pls)	716218 71562150
A " (9 Pl)	713230
B Coy (HQ, 11 & 12 Pls)	702244
B Coy (10 Pl)	685249
C Coy	704248
D Coy	71502505
Rear Party.	FINSCHHAFEN

RB
Lt-Col.
Comd 22 Aust Inf Bn.

War Diary

Subject:- LOCATION STATEMENT - 22 AUST INF BN
AS AT 0900 hrs 30 May 44

(Ref Map MADANG AIRDROME 1:25000)

HQ 22 Aust Inf Bn
30 May 44

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde.

<u>Unit/Sub unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	
Bn H.Q.	70182470	<i>708 239 ✓</i>
HQ Coy	702246	<i>707238 ✓</i>
A Coy (7 & 8 Pls)	71562150	<i>72252125 ✓</i>
A " (9 Pl) -	713230	<i>717222 ✓</i>
B " (HQ, 11 & 12 Pls)	702244	<i>706236 ✓</i>
B " (10 Pl)	685249	<i>691242 ✓</i>
C Coy	704248	<i>708241 ✓</i>
D Coy	71502505	<i>72152445</i>
Rear Party	FINSCHHAFEN	<i>— WITH BN.</i>

James Houston
Lt-Col
Comd 22 Aust Inf Bn

Subject:- LOCATION STATEMENT 22 AUST INF BN
AS AT 0900 HRS 14 JUN 44.

War Diary

(Ref map MADANG EAST 1:63,360)

HQ 22 Aust Inf Bn
14 Jun 44

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde.

<u>Unit/Sub unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bn H.Q.	708239
HQ Coy	707238
A Coy (HQ, 7 & 8 Pls)	72152125
" (9 Pl)	717222
B Coy (HQ, 11 & 12 Pls)	706236
" (10 Pl)	691242
C Coy	708241
D Coy	72152445

Changes since Location Statement 30 May 44:-

Rear Party rejoined unit 5 Jun 44.

Lt-Col
Comd 22 Aust Inf Bn.

Subject:- LOCATION STATEMENT 22 AUST INF BN
AS AT 0900 HRS 28 JUN 44.

War Diary

(Ref Map MADANG EAST 1:63,360)

HQ 22 Aust Inf Bn
Jun 44

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde.

<u>Unit/Sub unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bn H.Q.	708239
HQ Coy	707238
A "	706236
B "	722212
C "	708241
" (3 Sec 13 Pl)	691242
D "	72152445

Changes since Location Statement 14 Jun 44 -

A Coy moved to 706236
B Coy moved to 722212

Comd 22 Aust Inf Bn. Lt-Col

War Diary

SECRET

Subject:- LOCATION STATEMENT 22 AUST INF BN -
AS AT 0900 HRS 30 JUL 44.

(Ref map MADANG AIRDROME 1:25000)

HQ 22 Aust Inf Bn
29 Jul 44

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde.

<u>Unit/Sub unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bn H.Q.	703247
HQ Coy	702246
A "	703244
B "	704246
C "	704248
D "	716218

No changes since last return.

[Signature]
Lt-Col
Comd 22 Aust Inf Bn.

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31 MAY Recd

Subject:- LOCATION STATEMENT

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HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
May 44
I 1/7

22 Aust Inf Bn
29/46 Aust Inf Bn
37/52 Aust Inf Bn
C Coy PIB

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1. Attached as Appx "A" is Location Statement and Order of Battle of 4 Aust Inf Bde as at 2359 hrs 30 May 44.
2. Please acknowledge receipt.

Sgt Ellen
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necessary.
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for Maj
BM 4 Aust Inf Bde

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Appx A to I 1/7
May 44

LOCATION STATEMENT AND OOB No.2

4 AUST INF BDE

AS AT 2359 HRS 14 MAY 44

Ref Maps:- MADANG AIRDROME 1/25000 (MA)
ALEXISHAFEN 1/25000 (A)
MADANG EAST 1" to 1 mile (ME)
MADANG WEST 1" to 1 mile (MW)

Serial	Unit	Veh Ser No.	Ref Map	Map Ref	Remarks
1	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	88	MA	728286	Rear det FINSCH
2	25 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt		MA	728286	
3	4 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	88	MA	728286	Rear det FINSCH
4	264 Aust LAD	88		FINSCHHAFEN	
5	22 Aust Inf Bn	53	MA	701247	Rear det FINSCH
6	A Coy less 9 Pl		MA	715215	
7	9 Pl A Coy		MA	713230	
8	B Coy less 10 Pl		MA	702244	
9	10 Pl B Coy		MA	685249	
10	C Coy		MA	704248	
11	D Coy		MA	715250	
12	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	50	MA	701304	Rear det FINSCH
13	A Coy less 7 Pl		MA	674314	
14	7 Pl A Coy		MA	701305	
15	B Coy		ME	673320 02	
16	C Coy		ME	671299	
17	D Coy		MA	701305	
18	37/52 Aust Inf Bn	99	A	706324	Bn less rear Party moving 31 May 44 SERANG for embarkation KARKAR IS 31 May 44 Under comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn
19	3 Pl A Coy PIB				
20	C Coy PIB		MW	663254	
21	9 Pl		MW	610205	
22	10 Pl		MW	634308	
23	11 Pl		MW	634359	
24	Sec 39 Aust Indep Tpt Pl		MA	703293	

all marked up Sgt Keller

15 JUN Recd

Subject:- LOCATION STATEMENT & OOB No. 4

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
Jun 44
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5 Aust 22 Aust Inf Bn

1. Attached herewith is 4 Aust Inf Bde Location Statement and OOB No. 4.
2. Please acknowledge receipt.

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I. Sgt.
Usual procedure
J.H.S.

John Wilson Capt
for. Maj
BM 4 Aust Inf Bde

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Jun 44

LOCATION STATEMENT AND OOB No. 4
4 AUST INF BDE
AS AT 2359 HRS 14 JUN 44

Ref Maps: MADANG AIRROME 1/25000 (MA)
ALEXISHAFEN 1/25000 (A)
MADANG EAST 1" to 1 mile (ME)
MADANG WEST 1" to 1 mile (MW)

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Veh ser</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Ref Map</u>	<u>Map Ref</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	88	MA	728286 ✓	
2	25 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt		MA	728286 ✓	
3	4 Aust Inf Bde sig sec	88	MA	728286 ✓	
4	264 Aust LAD	88		FINSCHHAFEN	
5	22 Aust Inf Bn	53	MA	701247 ✓	
6	A Coy less 9 pl		MA	715215 ✓	
7	9 Pl A Coy		MA	713230 ✓	
8	B Coy less 10 pl		MA	702244 ✓	
9	10 pl B Coy		MA	685249 ✓	<i>new with B Coy ✓</i>
10	C Coy		MA	704248 ✓	
11	D Coy		MA	715250 ✓	
12	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	50	MA	701304 ✓	
13	A Coy		MA	698304 ✓	
14	B Coy less 2 Pls		ME	673302	
15	11 Pl B Coy		ME	672259	
16	12 Pl B Coy		MA	674314 ✓	
17	C Coy		ME	671299 ✓	
18	D Coy		MA	701305 ✓	
19	37/52 Aust Inf Bn	99	A	706324 ✓	
20	A Coy		A	700326 ✓	
21	B Coy less 11 pl INT 174 22/6/44		ME	683312 ✓	11 pl KARKAR under cmd 5 Aust Div
22	C Coy		A	713331 ✓	
23	D Coy		A	700339 ✓	
24	C Coy PIB		MW	663254	
25	9 Pl		MW	610205	
26	10 Pl		MW	634308	
27	11 Pl		MW	634359	
28	Sec 39 Aust Indep Tpt Pl		MA	703293 ✓	

Subject:- LOCATION STATEMENT AND OOB No. 5

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HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
30 Jun 44
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22 Aust Inf Bn

1. Attached as Appx A is Location Statement and OOB No. 5 of 4 Aust Inf Bde, as at 2359 hrs 29 Jun 44.
2. Please acknowledge receipt.

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John Wilson Capt
BM 4 Aust Inf Bde ^{to. Maj}

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of Jun 44

4 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AND OOB No. 5
AS AT 2359 HRS 29 JUN 44

Ref Maps:- MADANG AIRDROME 1/25,000 (MA)
ALEXISHAFEN 1/25,000 (A)
MADANG EAST ~~1/25,000~~ 1"-1mile (ME)
MADANG WEST ~~1/25,000~~ 1"-1mile (MW)

Serial	Unit	Veh Ser No.	Ref Map	Map Ref	Remarks
1	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	88	MA	728286	
2	4 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	88	MA	728286	
3	25 Pl, 2/1 Gd Regt		MA	728286	
4	264 Aust LAD	88	MA	728286	
5	22 Aust Inf Bn	53	MA	7012471	
6	A Coy		MA	702244	
7	B Coy		MA	715215	
8	C Coy		MA	704248	
9	D Coy		MA	715250	
10	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	50	MA	701304	
11	A Coy		MA	698304	
12	B Coy less two pls		ME	673302	704298
13	10 Pl		ME	672299	673302
14	12 Pl		ME	678307	
15	C Coy		ME	671299	
16	D Coy		MA	701305	
17	37/52 Aust Inf Bn	99	A	706324	
18	A Coy		A	700326	
19	B Coy		ME	683312	
20	C Coy		A	713331	
21	D Coy		A	700339	
22	C Coy PIB		MW	663254	
23	9 Pl		MW	610205	
24	10 Pl		MW	634308	
25	11 Pl		MW	634359	
26	Sec 39 Aust Ind Tpt Pl		MA	703293	

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Subject:- LOCATION STATEMENT AND OOB No. 6

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
/5 Jul 44
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5 Aust Div

22 Aust Inf Bn

1. Attached hereto as Appx "A" is copy No. ².....Location Statement and OOB No. 6.
2. Please acknowledge receipt by signal.

John W. Loanleaf
for Maj
BM 4 Aust Inf Bde

4 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENT AND COB No. 6

AS AT 2359 HRS 14 JUL 44

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Appx A to I 1/7
of 15 Jul 44

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Ref Maps: MADANG AIRDROME 1/25000 (MA)
ALEXISHAFEN 1/25000 (MA)
MADANG EAST 1" to 1 mile (ME)
MADANG WEST 1" to 1 mile (MW)

Serial	Unit	Veh Ser No.	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
1	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	88	MA	728286	
2	4 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	88	MA	728286	
3	264 Aust LAD	88	MA	728286	
4	25 Pl, 2/1 Gd Regt	88	MA	725286	
5	22 Aust Inf Bn	53	MA	703247	
6	A Coy		MA	703244	
7	B Coy		MA	704246	
8	C Coy		MA	704248	
9	D Coy		MA	716218	
10	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	50	MA	701304	
11	A Coy		MA	698304	
12	B Coy		MA	701307	
13	C Coy less 15 Pl		MA	700309	
14	15 Pl		MW	673302	
15	D Coy		MA	701305	
16	37/52 Aust Inf B n	99	A	706324	
17	A Coy		A	700326	
18	B Coy		A	677323	
19	C Coy		A	713331	
20	D Coy		A	700339	
21	Sec 39 Aust Ind Tpt Pl		MA	703293	

APPENDIX I

WORKS POLICY

-- WORKING PARTIES --

For a period of 18 days

Commencing Monday 16 Jul 44

COY	STRENGTH				BREAK UP OF WORK									
	Fighting	Essential	available		WEEK DAYS				SUNDAYS					
			Total	Total	Following dry night		Following damp night		Following wet night		Following dry night		Following damp night	
			incl	used	ROAD	STRIP	ROAD	STRIP	ROAD	STRIP	ROAD	STRIP	ROAD	STRIP
1&ND	daily	0730 hrs	0730 hrs	0730 hrs	"0830" hrs	0730 hrs	NIL	NIL	0730 hrs	NIL	"0830"			
HQ	38	30	8	5	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	5
HQ Coy	182	111	71	49	18	31	18	31	18	-	-	31	-	31
A Coy	58	15	43	29	11	18	11	18	11	-	-	18	-	18
B Coy	66	15	51	35	13	22	13	22	13	-	-	22	-	22
C Coy	71	15	56	38	14	24	14	24	14	-	-	24	-	24
D Coy	80	15	65	44	44	-	44	-	44	-	-	-	-	-
	495	201	294	200	100 ^x	100 ^x	100	100	100	-	-	100	-	100

∕ Following damp nights when approx 25-50 points of rain has fallen, work party will report for work 0830 hrs unless otherwise ordered.

∅ Following wet night when approx 75-100 points of rain has fallen, work party will stand by in unit lines until given stand down.

x Working personnel represented as 100 will be the basis for calculating work. 100 men move 500x dirt = 200 truck loads properly filled. If on Corduroy $\frac{3}{4}$ x per man = 75x per 100 men.

GENERAL (a) Strip party will fill trucks prior to return to unit, coralite to be dumped in unit area. This does NOT include Sundays.

(b) Coys will endeavour to turn over their working potential so that the actual working period is a 5 day week. Rest days for strip can be averaged at 1 per week for purpose of working turn over. Coys will avoid using resting personnel except for most urgent coy tasks unless two or three wet days permit.

OFFICERS Each Coy will supply 2 works officers daily. A & B to strip, C & D to road, HQ one to each. In addition A & B Coys will supply daily 1 supervising offr at strip, C & D one supervising offr on road, alternate days A & C - Mon Wed Fri, B & D - Tues Thurs Sat, these offr to coordinate work, attend to adm and ensure fair and correct loading and work tasks.

APPENDIX. ~~X~~ J

5 DIV.

INT. SUMMARIES

Not to be taken forward
of Battalion HQ

A J.A. P.C. 204. 207
B 28/3
C KB 3/4/44
D BB 13/4
H8 206.

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5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 332

(From information received to 1200 hrs 25 Mar 44)

4 AUST. BDE.

No. I/1/5

DATE 26 Mar 44

Circulate to
all corps
Capt Dood
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PART I

OPERATIONS

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

5 AUST DIV

A report received 23 Mar stated that seven PW had been captured by a PIB patrol in the WASU area.

7 AUST DIV (ref maps MT KUBARI, BOGADJIM 1 inch to 1 mile; also 1/25000 series)

Activity has been confined to patrolling in three main areas.

On the right flank patrols based on BARUM penetrated to the coast at KALIKO (5 1/2 miles SE of BOGADJIM) on 16 Mar. Contact was made with a small US patrol which had moved west along the coast in rubber boats. An attack on 18 Mar by approx 30 enemy forced our patrol to withdraw from BARUM but the village was re-occupied on 20 Mar. Approx 20 enemy were sighted one mile NE of BARUM on 21 Mar. A patrol to the west reached JAMJAM (3 miles SW of BOGADJIM) on 23 Mar and found the village unoccupied.

Another patrol moving east to contact the US forces reached KUL 2 (7 miles west on YALAU) on 22 Mar.

In the central sector contact has been maintained with the enemy on the road NW of DAUMOINA. Both YOKOPI and DAUMOINA are now in our hands. On 18 Mar a patrol observed enemy positions on the 3800 ft feature one mile east of DAUMOINA. Another patrol was fired on by the enemy about 2 miles west of DAUMOINA on 20 Mar. On 24 Mar a patrol reported that MATELOI 1 was occupied by the enemy.

On the left flank patrols are active inland from BOGADJIM. A patrol reached JAPPA (13 miles WSW of BOGADJIM) on 19 Mar and found it unoccupied. Contact was made with the enemy 800 yards NW of JAPPA on 20 Mar and the patrol is now proceeding NE along the NURU RIVER. Another patrol on 22 Mar reported that TOPOPS (17 miles west of BOGADJIM) was unoccupied.

SAIDOR (ref maps SAIDOR and POMMERN BAY 1 inch to 1 mile)

Allied troops are still contained by the enemy to the right bank of the KAMBARA RIVER. Air reconnaissance indicates an enemy concentration 9 miles west of the KAMBARA RIVER at BONGGU.

On 20 Mar a patrol to YOGAYOGA found approx 200 enemy dead between SINDAMAN and YOGAYOGA.

An amphibious patrol to BOGADJIM Plantation on 21 Mar reconnoitred the eastern half of the plantation and reported no installations or defensive positions seen. The patrol was detected by the enemy and withdrew.

NEW BRITAIN (ref map WESTERN NEW BRITAIN 1/4 miles to 1 inch)

The enemy appears to be evacuating the whole of the central NEW BRITAIN and withdrawing into the GAZELLE PENINSULA.

TALASEA area :

A patrol to the NUMUNDO area on 18 Mar made no contact with the enemy. Native reports, considered reliable, state that, up to 15 Mar, approx 1000 Japanese from this area passed through UBILI en route to PONDO and RABAU. Another report indicates the withdrawal of a further 400 enemy on 18 and 19 Mar. Local patrolling continues in the LINGA LINGA area.

Enemy casualties on the North coast of NEW BRITAIN in the operations at REIN BAY, ELEANORA BAY and TALASEA total 3986 killed and 124 PW.

GASMATA Area :

On 17 Mar an amphibious patrol landed at GASMATA and reported that the enemy had apparently withdrawn during the previous week. It was evident that the withdrawal was orderly. All equipment and stores, with the exception of heavy material, had been removed. Demolition of heavy material including guns had been effective. Some land mines were laid but were easily detected by the dead grass and the uncovered projections of the mines.

JACQUINOT BAY Area :

The enemy withdrawing from GASMATA appear to have staged at KAMALGAMAN (NE shore of JACQUINOT BAY). Natives report that the Japanese have left KAMALGAMAN. A small party is said to be at PALMAMAL on the SE shore of the bay.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDSLOS NEGROS ISLAND :

Strong opposition has been encountered by our troops south of PAPITALAI MISSION.

Enemy counter attacks against two of our positions was repulsed on 17 Mar and over 67 enemy were killed. Our troops captured a hill one mile SW of the MISSION, killing 50 enemy.

On 19 Mar destroyers bombarded enemy positions on high ground SW of PAPITALAI.

Resistance has also been encountered south of LOMBRUM POINT where our troops repulsed an enemy counter attack on night 21/22 Mar.

Natives report the strengthening of enemy defences on the high ground inland from LONIU, on the SW coast. LONIU was raided by Allied troops on 20 Mar and enemy buildings, food, ammunition and canoes were destroyed.

All enemy on LOS NEGROS are now surrounded. An Allied line runs east and west to the north of the Japanese positions SW of PAPITALAI and a further line is established running approx north and south from PAPITALAI Plantation to LEMONDROL CREEK, thus completely cutting off the enemy from eastern LOS NEGROS.

HYANE HARBOUR is now reported to be capable of taking Liberty ships.

MANUS ISLAND :

Following the capture of LORENGAU airstrip, Allied troops occupied LORENGAU village on 18 Mar. Enemy casualties amounted to 350 killed. Much equipment was captured. Patrols were despatched to the east, south and west.

On 21 Mar strong resistance was encountered from approx 150 enemy at ROSSUN (one mile south of LORENGAU village).

A patrol to the SW reached DRANO (10 miles SW of LORENGAU) on 23 Mar and killed two enemy.

An LCM patrol moved west as far as BUNDRALIS MISSION (30 miles west of LORENGAU) on 21 Mar without making any contact.

Since the landing on 15 Mar, 310 strongly constructed enemy bunkers have been destroyed.

RARA ISLAND (one mile NE of LORENGAU) was occupied by our troops on 21 Mar.

PITYILU ISLAND (5 miles NW of LORENGAU) is occupied by a small party of enemy.

Enemy known dead in the ADMIRALTIES operations to 23 Mar total 2266 and a further 650 are estimated to have been killed. Estimated effective strength of the enemy is now 1071.

ST MATTHIAS GROUP

On 20 Mar Allied forces landed at EMIRAU ISLAND in the ST MATTHIAS GROUP. The landing was supported by naval and air bombardment, preceded by heavy bombardment of airfields on NEW IRELAND.

SOLOMONSBOUGAINVILLE ISLAND :

Another determined Japanese attack in strength against the Allied line

at EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY took place on 17 Mar. Allied defences in the northern sector were penetrated, but after sharp fighting the situation was fully restored. A total of 195 enemy was counted killed inside the Allied lines, and many more outside.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 166)

(b) SEA - OWN

NEW GUINEA

For the first time Allied warships shelled the WEWAK area on the night 18/19 Mar. The principal targets were small craft and shore installations.

PT boat patrolling continues.

NEW BRITAIN - NEW IRELAND

Naval support was given to the landing in the ST MATTHIAS GROUP. Simultaneously with the above landing, KAVIENG was bombarded for a period of ~~3~~ hours. Practically all buildings in the town were destroyed.

PT boat activity has been confined mainly to the south coast of NEW BRITAIN. Four barges were sunk east of GASMATA on 16 Mar and a 100 ft lugger was rendered unserviceable in the same area on the night 18/19 Mar.

(c) SEA - ENEMY

NEW GUINEA

There has been a further increase in enemy shipping activity on the routes to his northern NEW GUINEA bases. A total, estimated at 50,000 tons, of merchant shipping was sighted during the week ending 22 Mar. Allied aircraft attacked several convoys in this area, inflicting severe losses.

HOLLANDIA has been the scene of most of the activity with the balance serving ATTAPE.

Several small stack-aft type vessels were sighted at various points between HOLLANDIA and HANSA BAY.

A hundred beached barges, apparently serviceable, were sighted on 16 Mar between HANSA BAY and BUNABUN.

NEW BRITAIN - NEW IRELAND

A possible enemy counter to our naval patrols through ST GEORGE'S CHANNEL was observed on 16 and 21 Mar when Allied aircraft sighted strings of mines laid between DUKE OF YORK ISLAND and CAPE GAZELLE and also off RABAUH HARBOUR. They were reported as truncated, coneshaped, spiked and painted yellow.

Enemy barge traffic has been maintained at a high level. At least 20 barges have been destroyed and a considerable number probably destroyed off NEW BRITAIN as a result of attacks by Allied aircraft and MTPB during the week.

Barges counted at RABAUH are nearly 100 fewer than the 417 photographed last week - some are doubtless on the run to BOUGAINVILLE and many concerned with the enemy withdrawal along both coasts of NEW BRITAIN.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 166)

(d) AIR - OWN

NEW GUINEA

Our heavy and medium bombers carried out daily attacks on the CAPE MOEM - BORAM area where they dropped over 650 tons of bombs. Many fires were started and direct hits were scored on gun positions and fuel dumps, causing heavy explosions. BRANDI Plantation was also well covered in the series of daily raids, and in all, 370 tons were dropped on this target. Buildings and vehicles were destroyed and several fuel dumps set on fire. TADJI airstrip was also raided a number of times.

KAIRIRU ISLAND was attacked on 21 Mar, 150 tons of bombs being dropped. A village was destroyed and fires were started.

On 23 Mar HANSA BAY was heavily raided.

Success of air attacks on enemy shipping off the NEW GUINEA coast between HOLLANDIA and WEWAK resulted in 20,000 tons of merchant shipping sunk and five escort craft destroyed.

NEW BRITAIN - NEW IRELAND

Beauforts have been active against enemy staging points at PALLIALLMAL MISSION, UBILI and WIDE BAY.

SOUPAC aircraft carried out daily raids on RABAUL and a total of 570 tons of bombs were dropped. The only interception was by one fighter. AA fire was intense and appears to be the only counter to our air activity intended by the enemy at RABAUL. Heavy bombers were over KAVIENG and NAMATANAI on 20 Mar.

(e) AIR - ENEMY

Enemy attempts to intercept our raiding aircraft over WEWAK have been on a much reduced scale.

Allied reports on the interceptions over WEWAK recently indicate that enemy pilots in that area lack experience.

Intervention against our warships bombarding WEWAK on the night 16/17 Mar was confined to dropping of parachute flares, possibly to illuminate targets for the shore batteries.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 166)

The remaining enemy air activity has consisted of armed reconnaissance. One nuisance raid was carried out against the airstrip at SAIDOR on night 17/18 Mar, causing minor damage.

PART II

5. IDENTIFICATIONS

PUNJABIS and SIKHS who have deserted from the Japanese on LOS NEGROS ISLAND are stated to have been captured by the enemy at SINGAPORE. They have been working under compulsion as labourers.

(2 Aust Corps Intelligence Report No 158)

6. EQUIPMENT

In a raid last month on the GUSAP area, Japanese Army fighters (TONY's) dropped clusters of 1/3 kilogram HE bombs.

Unexploded bombs of this type are dangerous. The fact that they are small and may be found in number on the ground may tend to excite curiosity. They should be handled only by experts.

It is recommended that a safety area of 75 ft be flagged off until such time as the bomb is rendered ineffective.

Characteristics of the bomb are :

Overall length	-	10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins
Body length	-	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins
Body diameter	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins
Tail length	-	4 ins
Total weight	-	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb
Colour of body	-	black, with yellow band around centre of the body.
Explosive filler	-	cyclonite and TNT

The complete container is constructed of corrugated sheet steel and weighs 78 lb (35 Kg) filled. The overall length minus false nose and tail is 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins and it is 8 ins in diameter.

(2 Aust Corps Intelligence Report No 165)

PART V

SECURITY

DOCUMENTS IN FORWARD AREAS

Japanese, whilst searching our dead, have obtained further documents, including a diary, maps, etc. The following instance, and the conclusion drawn therefrom, are taken from a captured Japanese document :-

" A dead Australian soldier was examined in MAPRIK and a diary, maps, etc were found. It is needless to say that this should be carried out in all cases."

The same Japanese document also points out that another document left in forward areas has fallen into Japanese hands :-

" A document abandoned in a certain area was found and turned over to us. Our course of conduct is clear."

Besides showing that the Japanese realise the value of captured documents the above extracts demonstrate that Security lectures and training are not sufficient, if they only result in lip-service to Security principles. Actual application of the principles of Security by each individual soldier is what is necessary.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 166)

JAPANESE PROPAGANDA

Japanese propaganda is crude and in fact so obvious that it should deceive no one. One of its aims is to sow seeds of dissension and suspicion - by any means however crude and how inconsistent. That it does not always fail in its purpose is shown by an extract from a letter written by a junior officer in a forward area :-

" I have just been listening to a Japanese propaganda broadcast from TOKYO Radio. The title was 'Where is BRITAIN's power going?' or words to that effect. He spoke of the ever-increasing power of AMERICA and her domination of the PACIFIC and the loss of world markets by BRITAIN, due to the war, which they state will be taken over by the Yanks. I sat there and laughed at many of the obviously ridiculous statements like a good patriot, but in my mind I could not help thinking that there may have been perhaps a suspicion of truth in what they said."

Now that the threat to JAPAN is increasing, the enemy may be expected to increase their efforts, by propaganda and rumour, to create mistrust and irritation between the Allied Forces and peoples. In emulation of the Nazis, they will aim at confusing the issue by a continuous and planned output of lies in the hope that at least some will stick or gain credibility in the re-telling.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 166)

Japanese propaganda may seem crude to the European but it should be remembered it is originated by Asiatics who made a special study of the psychology of the Southern Asiatic and Indonesian people prior to, and to educate himself for, the occupation and governing of those countries. It is therefore probable that enemy propaganda has and does influence these people.

Japanese propaganda is generally of a type designed to attain its object by working on the sexual and compassionate reflexes of the mind of the recipient. A typical example was :-

" Towards the end of the BATAAN siege he dropped on forward ~~PL~~ nine troops pointedly suggestive photographs of nudes, bearing inscriptions indicating 'if troops laid down their arms they would be returned to their villages where they could once more experience sexual habits and also that the Japanese government would allow more license than the Americans'.

The enemy dropped propaganda leaflets on US troops in recent operations which were on a similar theme and designed to produce animosity between US and Australian troops.

Intelligence Officers and Unit Security Officers should include instructions to troops on this subject in their lectures.

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(From information received to 1200 hrs 1 Apr 44)

PART I

OPERATIONS

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

5 AUST DIV

A further four PW have been captured by a PIB patrol in the SINGORAKAI area.

7 AUST DIV (ref maps - 1:25000 series, BAGASIN and BOGADJIM 1" to 1 mile)

Active patrolling continues. On the right flank, patrols are operating to the coast, in the centre patrols are active on the BOGADJIM ROAD proper, on the left flank activity is limited. The enemy appears to be withdrawing along the whole front.

Right Flank : On 27 Mar a patrol from BARUM encountered approx 30 enemy about 3 miles NW of the village. A further patrol reached JAM JAM and moved 6 miles south along the MINTJIM RIVER without contacting any enemy.

On 31 Mar a patrol to the enemy position NW of BARUM found the position abandoned. Fresh occupied positions were located 700 yards further north.

Centre : In the DAUMOINA area, a patrol on 27 Mar located an abandoned enemy defensive position $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of DAUMOINA, overlooking the BOGADJIM ROAD. It had a frontage of 1000 yards and apparently had been a battalion position evacuated approx 24 Mar. A smaller position was located $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the west evacuated approx 26 Mar. On 30 Mar a further abandoned position was found 3 miles NW of DAUMOINA, apparently vacated 3 weeks previously.

MATELOI 1 was found to be unoccupied by a patrol on 30 Mar. On 31 Mar the same patrol found abandoned defensive positions on the 2900 feature NE of MATELOI 1. No enemy were seen.

On 31 Mar troops advancing north along the BOGADJIM ROAD reached a point 300 yards south of YAULA where they came under enemy fire from mortars, MGs and a mountain gun.

Left Flank : On 24 Mar a patrol returned to FAITA after having been ambushed at EMER (20 miles WNW of BOGADJIM). We suffered no casualties. A patrol 2 miles SW of JAPPA on 31 Mar saw no enemy.

SAIDOR (ref maps - POMMERN BAY, BOGADJIM 1 inch to 1 mile)

The patrol to BOGADJIM Plantation reported in Summary No 332 received native reports of one enemy company in the northern portion of BOGADJIM Plantation, also defensive positions at the mouths of the GORI and MINTJIM RIVERS. The main enemy strength was reported to be at ERIMA Plantation.

Patrols have been active west and south of YALAU. On 25 Mar a patrol reached MARAKUM (14 miles east of BOGADJIM). No enemy were encountered. The area between the KAMBARA and GUABE RIVERS had been evacuated. A further patrol to the GUABE RIVER on 29 Mar reported no contact. Enemy equipment abandoned east of MARAKUM included six assault boats and one half-sunken barge. This area was long suspected to be a barge staging area.

An inland patrol on 25 Mar killed 16 enemy near DIMAN (10 miles SW of YALAU).

A report dated 25 Mar states that enemy in good condition were moving south from TARIKNGAN to GWARAWON, evidently with the intention of returning to the NOKOPO area where extensive native gardens are situated.

Enemy casualties since the landing at SAIDOR to 29 Mar total 774 dead and 17 PW.

NEW BRITAIN

Enemy movement towards GAZELLE PENINSULA continues. In the ten days ended 27 Mar 3/4000 troops have now passed through GOGOSI moving east. The enemy were carrying small arms only and travelling mostly at night. Day hideouts camps were irregularly spaced. Natives in the OPEN BAY area report the relaying of arms, ammunition and equipment towards RABAU.

On 25 Mar an Allied patrol landed at the KULU RIVER (12 miles east of ELEONORA BAY) with the intention of patrolling east to NUMUNDO. No opposition was encountered during the landing but contact was established later. No further details are available.

Active patrolling was carried out in the TALASEA and LINGA LINGA areas. Twenty one enemy were killed and 68 PW taken between 26 and 28 Mar.

Investigation of native reports dated 18 Mar to the effect that enemy were in the AUGITNI area (between REIN BAY and ARAWA) was concluded on 26 Mar. One hundred enemy were found dead and 3 killed.

Enemy casualties in NEW BRITAIN to 29 Mar total 4022 killed and 176 PW, including 3686 killed in the CAPE GLOUCESTER - REIN BAY area.

Note: These figures correct and cancel the figures quoted in Summary No 332.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

LOS NEGROS ISLAND

Patrol activity continues in the area south of LOMBRUM POINT. Slight enemy opposition was encountered on 25 Mar but, on 27 Mar, an Allied patrol reached LONIU PASSAGE without making contact. The enemy in this area are reported to be short of food and ammunition and to be withdrawing SW.

MANUS ISLAND EAST

Allied troops advancing south from LORENGAU along the Number Two Road occupied WAREMBU (3 miles south of LORENGAU) on 27 Mar. Opposition from enemy defences in depth north and south of ROSSUN was overcome. Fighting patrols on 28 Mar were operating along tracks to the NE, north, west and NW from WAREMBU but contact with the enemy was lost.

On 25 Mar 28 enemy were killed on the isthmus at the NE extremity of MANUS ISLAND.

AMO and NDROVA ISLANDS (off the SE tip of MANUS ISLAND) were occupied without opposition on 25 Mar.

Enemy on PITYILU ISLAND were shelled from HAUWEI ISLAND by Allied troops using a captured 5 inch naval gun. PITYILU ISLAND has also been heavily shelled by Allied naval units. A report dated 29 Mar states that Allied troops have landed on the island and advanced east to within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the eastern tip. No further details are available.

MANUS ISLAND WEST

On 24 Mar a patrol landed from MTBs at AMUR and KALI Plantations on the west coast of MANUS ISLAND. No enemy were encountered.

OUTER ISLANDS

Four PW were captured on 25 Mar by an ANGAU patrol to TONG ISLAND (25 miles east of LOS NEGROS ISLAND).

Total enemy casualties in the ADMIRALTY GROUP to 29 Mar total 2620 dead 16 PW, effectives being 880.

SOLOMONS

BOUGAINVILLE

On 23-24 Mar, the enemy made yet another attempt to break through the Allied perimeter at EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY. A determined battalion attack from the north (where the Japanese had been reported concentrating) was thrown against the

Allied line, but, although slight penetration was effected at some points, the attack was thrown back with heavy casualties. The Allied line was completely restored. Between 24 and 26 Mar, 375 enemy dead were counted in the northern sector. Total Japanese dead counted in the EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY area since 9 Mar total 2384.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 167)

(b) SEA - ENEMY

NEW GUINEA

Enemy shipping activity has decreased and the majority of the vessels sighted were believed to be engaged in the distribution of supplies from HOLLANDIA.

Most of the activity was centred in the vicinity of WEWAK, where at least 15 vessels were sighted. At HOLLANDIA, the only concentration reported was on 22 Mar, when one 7000 ton and two 3000 ton vessels were in the harbour. Forward of WEWAK, the only vessels sighted were small coastal ships and the usual stack aft vessels. Two 500/1000 ton vessels visited HANSA BAY.

It is estimated that throughout this area 30,000 tons of enemy shipping were active during the week to 28 Mar. Of this amount, three small ships totalling 1500 tons were sunk and three other vessels damaged. Two gunboats were also sunk on 22 Mar in the WEWAK area.

Enemy barge activity was consistent with that observed during the past few weeks, but his barge losses have been particularly heavy. Forty one are believed to have been destroyed off the NEW GUINEA coast and in addition twenty barges believed damaged during the week to 28 Mar.

NEW BRITAIN - NEW IRELAND

No change has been reported in the shipping situation at RABAU. However, barge concentrations may have decreased slightly as a 75 per cent coverage of SIMPSON HARBOUR and KERA VIA BAY revealed only 200 present on 22 Mar. Ten barges were sunk in the NEW BRITAIN area as a result of Allied sea and air attacks during the week to 29 Mar 44.

Allied light surface craft maintained patrols to GAROVE ISLAND and along the north and south coast of NEW BRITAIN. Early on the morning of 26 Mar, one Allied light surface craft sank a Type "A" barge, killing 35 and capturing four PW. The action took place six miles SE of GAROVE ISLAND.

In the ST MATTHIAS GROUP, enemy supply and fuel dumps were successfully attacked by Allied naval craft on 23 Mar.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 167)

(c) OWN - AIR

NEW GUINEA

The WEWAK area has again been the chief target for Allied bombers. Heavy attacks were made against dumps and installations at WEWAK, CAPE WONG, BAGO and KAIRIAU ISLAND. Many fires were started and much damage was caused.

Successful attacks were also carried out against shipping in the area. A total of 800 tons of bombs were dropped in this area during the week to 28 Mar.

HOLLANDIA. Three LIBERATORS attacked the aerodrome area on 29 Mar. No visible damage was reported.

AITAPE. On 26 Mar BOSTONS conducted a barge sweep from BUT to AITAPE. Three barges and one lugger were strafed and a direct hit was scored on the radio station at AITAPE.

HANSA BAY. Dumps and personnel areas at HANSA BAY were attacked on 26 and 27 Mar and considerable damage was reported.

BUNABUN BAY. BOSTONS successfully attacked stores and personnel areas on 25 and 29 Mar. The whole area was thoroughly strafed.

Strikes were also carried out in support of 7 Aust Div troops in the BOGADJIM ROAD area.

NEW BRITAIN - NEW IRELAND

The daily raids on the RABAUI township and wharf areas and on the surrounding airfields have continued. Direct hits were scored on gun positions and all strips have been rendered unserviceable.

The enemy continues to rely solely on his AA defence to protect RABAUL.

Direct hits were scored on gun positions at KAVIENG and fires were started in several light attacks by SOPAC aircraft on KAVIENG and NAMATANAI. (NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 167)

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

Allied activity has been restricted, only one raid, on enemy positions 15 miles SW of LORENGAU, being reported.

(d) AIR - ENEMY

Excellent photographic coverage of airfields in the HOLLANDIA area has been obtained during the week and a substantial increase in enemy air strength particularly in fighters, has been revealed.

This renders the more perplexing the complete absence of any interception during our recent air attacks. Apparently the enemy is determined to build up the largest reserve possible, before committing his aircraft in counter-measures against the increasing weight of Allied attacks.

Attached as Appendix "A" to this Summary is a table showing Japanese air bases and their development since September 43. (NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 167)

PART II

9. GENERAL

JAPANESE BARGE HIDEOUTS

The ideal conditions which were available to the enemy at NAMBARWA for the concealment of his barges do not exist at all points along his barge staging route down the NE NEW GUINEA coast. Where no such ideal conditions exist, the enemy is known to construct hideouts which entail the dragging of barges across the beach to suitable cover.

A recently captured document illustrates the manner in which these hideouts are constructed. A wooden runway leads from the water's edge to the cover of overhanging foliage. Under this foliage is built a covered revetment of timber and earth designed for the protection of the stern of the barge from possible damage through air attacks.

The barge is drawn ashore by means of a wire cable attached to the stern of the barge and led through a pulley to a windlass which can be made to serve two barges. Timber rollers appear to be placed beneath the barge to facilitate its handling.

The captured sketch relates probably to barge hideouts in the CAPE GLOUCESTER area but it is thought that similar hideouts are being used in the vicinity of HANSA BAY and at other points along the NEW GUINEA coast.

A sketch illustrating the nature of these hideouts appears as Appendix "B" to this Summary.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 167)

JAPANESE TREATMENT OF CASUALTIES

During the Japanese withdrawal from the HUON PENINSULA there were frequent references by PW to the fact that officers were giving the sick and wounded hand grenades with which to dispose of themselves. One prisoner suggested that medical officers were also assisting to dispose of the sick in order that the rate of the withdrawal could be maintained.

Accordingly it is of interest to read an instruction issued on 21 Jan 44 by the Chief of Staff of 17 Division relating to the withdrawal from Western NEW BRITAIN. He states :

" Arrangements to send the wounded and sick to the rear are being made, but if this causes too obvious an obstruction to the efficient execution of the withdrawal, unavoidable instances when wounded and sick must be disposed of are to be expected. "

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 167)

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

INFORMATION FROM NATIVES

Before commencing a recent patrol, an ANGAU officer discussed tracks with unit IOs. His comments after completing the patrol were as follows :-

" It was interesting to note how much inaccurate information had been given to them by local natives and accepted as authentic. Reasons for giving this inaccurate information appeared to be the usual ones - village natives would stress the length and steepness of roads because they feared they might be called upon to act as carriers or guides.

For example, natives had stated that one track had not been used for 20 years and that they thought the journey would take from seven to ten days. Actually, some of the natives who gave this information had travelled by this road as carriers for the retreating Japs. The journey can be accomplished comfortably in 3 days and, during the patrol, one native traversed it in less than twenty-four hours."

A similar case was reported by a former prospector and recruiter with a lifetime experience in handling natives. He stated that natives had recently led him for 8 days over particularly difficult unmapped country. Afterwards he was satisfied that there was an alternative one day track which had not been disclosed because the natives feared that his movements might attract Jap attention to their area.

Information from natives and native guides is invaluable, but the possibility that they may deliberately mislead should always be borne in mind.
(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 167)

PART V

SECURITY

ENEMY PROPAGANDA

Summary No 332 gave an instance of Japanese propaganda aimed at creating suspicion of our Allies. The following extracts from letters written by soldiers of two separate AIF units in NEW GUINEA are examples of propaganda aimed at arousing nostalgia:-

" I got real homesick the other night.....a Jap station broadcasting in English. They called it Radio Tokio and lasted for an hour of beautiful music and not so beautiful propaganda. They weren't the latest records by any means but ones that came out before the war. It's marvellous how an old song reminds you of something that happened at the time it came out."

" Tokio Radio is our strongest station and they put on the best music I've ever heard on the wireless. All European music of course but none of that awful American jive.....it carries me right back to the old days when we were together."

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 167)

UNIT CENSORSHIP

Censorship and security regulations are based upon commonsense. Troops will observe them willingly, only if they understand them, and the reasons why they are made. The booklet "Censorship and Security in NEW GUINEA", recently distributed, was prepared for this purpose.

Troops judge such regulations as these by the way they are applied. Unless they are applied with commonsense, they cease to be commonsense. When this happens, soldiers lose confidence either in the higher formations which make the regulations or in their own officers who apply them or even in both. If this is not to happen, the real purposes of unit censorship must be understood by all franking officers.

Letters are censored for one purpose only - national security. Action is to be taken on letters stopped only if security is infringed.

As long as his remarks do not offend security, a soldier can write and criticise as he pleases. No matter how offensive his remarks may appear to the franking officer, such things as the following are not in themselves censorable: e.g. obscene or abusive language, "smutty" stories, pornographic letters, lying or exaggerated stories, political or religious views, criticism of the government or army whether in general terms or of individual politicians, officers or NCOs, criticism of rations, quarters, amenities, postal services or censorship, etc. Nor, save in exceptional circumstances, of which the franking officer must be the judge, should a reference to or confession of a military or civil offence be held for action or investigation.

An officer reading his men's letters will learn much about himself as well as them. Their opinions, worries and complaints will enable him to help them with their problems and, by viewing the letters as a whole, to improve his leadership and his unit's efficiency.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 167)

Comment: Reference sub para 4 above. It is advisable to interpret this para in the broad sense only. The instructions laid down in FCI No 4, especially Part A para 4 sections B and D, should be read in conjunction with it.

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APPENDIX "A"

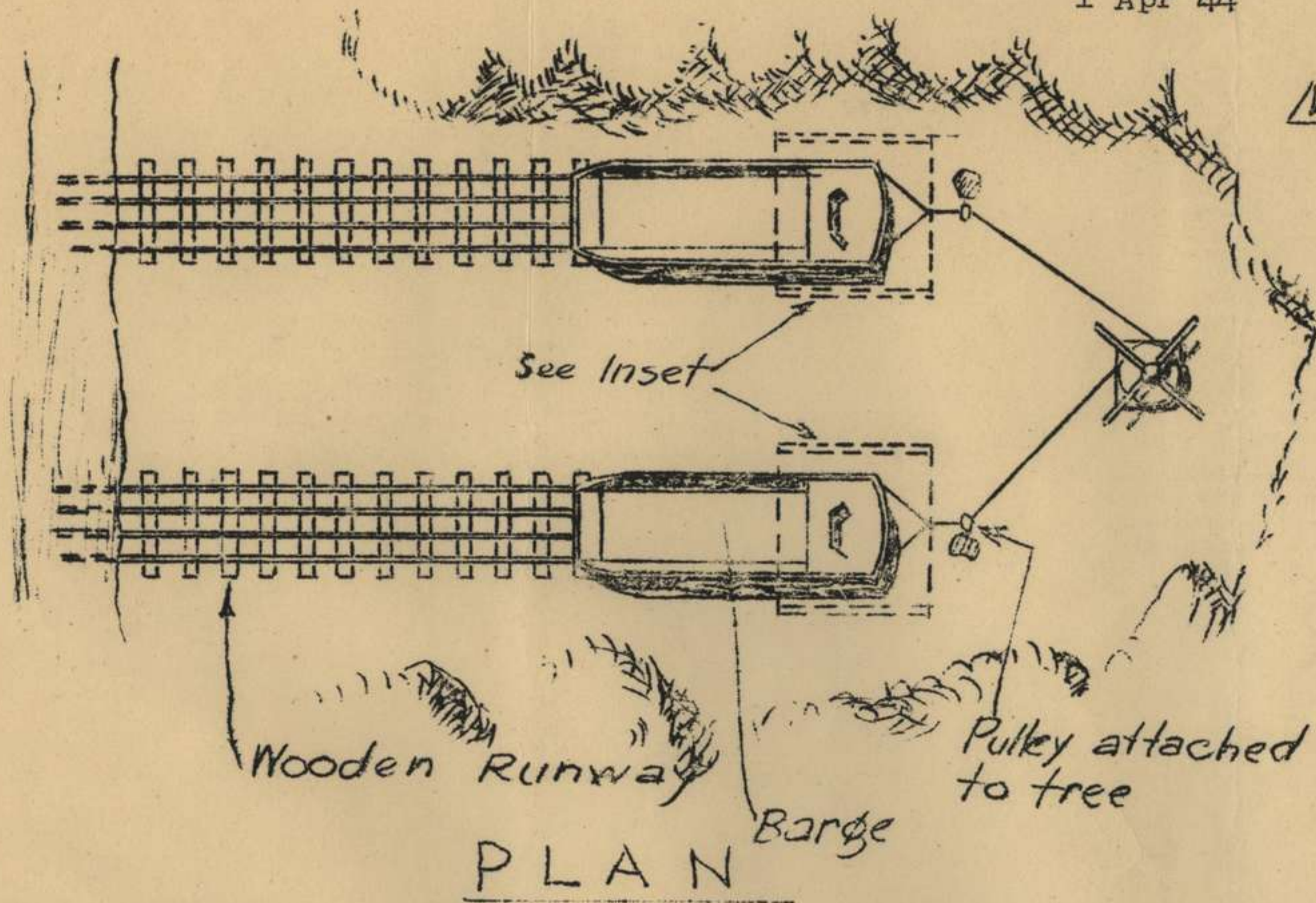
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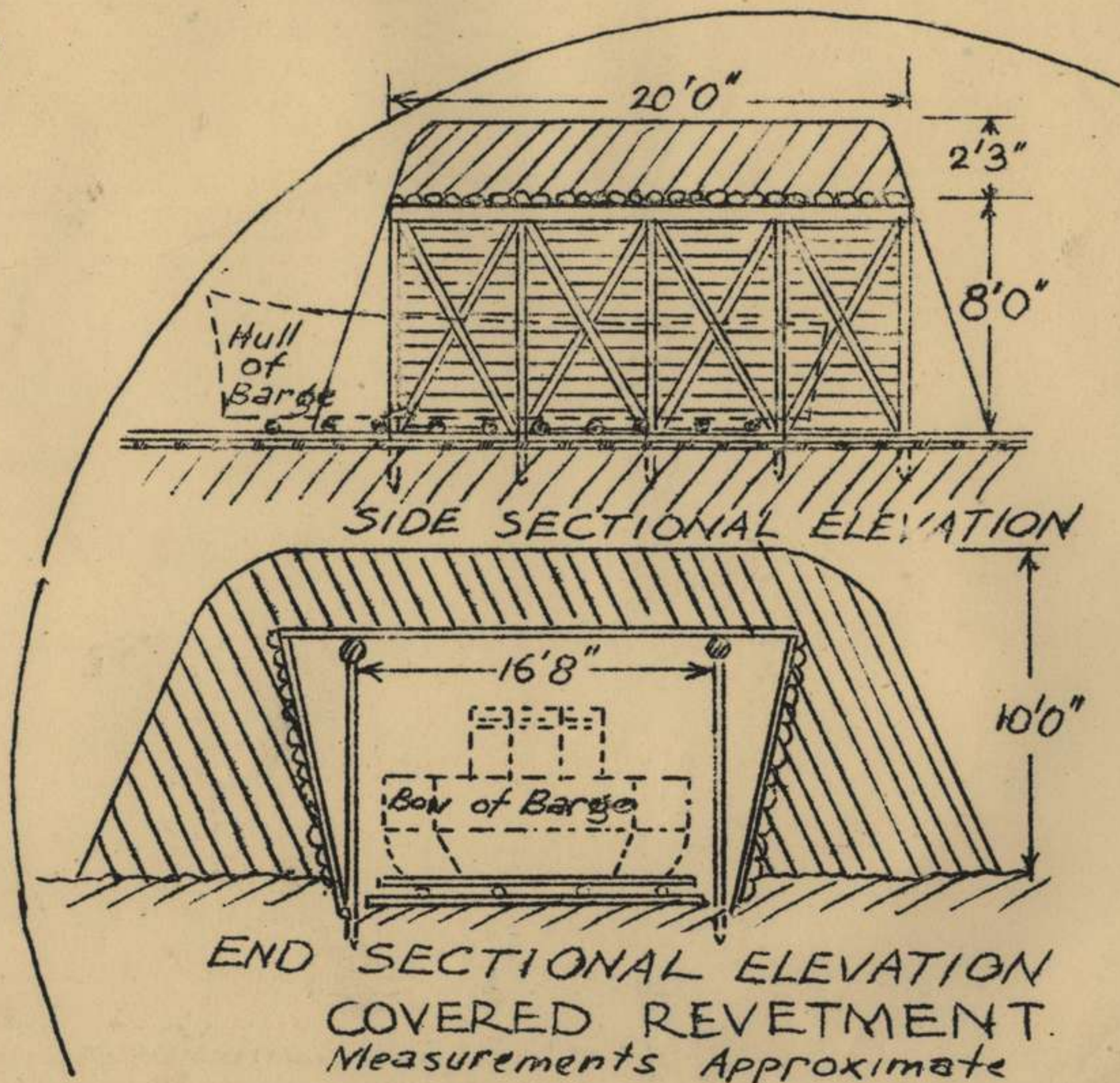
JAPANESE AIR BASES NW SECTOR

AREA	As at Sep 43		Since Sep 43 and additional to			TOTAL as at Mar 44		As at Mar 44 Seaplane bases and anchorages
	Operational	Under constn	Operational	Under constn	Believed under constn	Operational	Under & believed under constn	
NW NEW GUINEA and DUTCH NEW GUINEA	14	1	9	4	-	23	5	8
KAI or EWAB IS TANIMBAR IS AROE IS	3	-	3	1	-	6	1	5
BOEROE and CERAM IS	3	-	2	1	1	5	2	1
HALMAHERA IS	-	-	4	2	-	4	2	-
TIMOR, SOEMBA, FLORES	7	2	6	-	1	13	3	2
CELEBES	6	-	2	-	-	8	-	4
JAVA, BALI, LOMBOK and SOEMBAWA	15	-	-	-	1	15	1	3
BORNEO	6	-	10	-	-	16	-	2
PHILIPPINE IS	12	-	14	-	-	26	-	2
TRUK	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	1
PALAU	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	1
Islands in vicinity of TRUK and PALAU	9	-	3	-	-	12	-	2

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Note:- Overhanging foliage completely covers this hideout but is omitted to show detail



BARGE CONCEALMENT METHODS

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5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 334

(From information received to 1200 hrs 8 Apr 44)

PART I

OPERATIONS

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

7 AUST DIV (ref maps - 1:25000 series, BAGASIN and BOGADJIM
1 inch to 1 mile)

The advance north along the BOGADJIM ROAD continues, with patrol activity on both flanks.

Right Flank -

Patrolling is now based on NANGAPO (2½ miles SW of BARUM). A summary of the activity is as follows :-

- 31 Mar own patrol was ambushed between BARUM and KALIKO, suffering casualties.
- 1 Apr A patrol moving west surprised 15 enemy about 2500 yards east of YAULA, inflicting casualties.
- 2 Apr A small enemy party occupied ALIBU 1 (4 miles west of NANGAPO).
- 3 Apr A patrol moving east contacted a US patrol at SUNGUM (5 miles south of the KABENAU RIVER).
- 4 Apr A patrol reported BARUM was unoccupied.
- 5 Apr A patrol to ALIBU 1 (reported occupied 2 Apr) saw no movement.
- 6 Apr A patrol to ALIBU 1 returned to base without contact.

Centre -

Our advance has been rapid, the enemy's delaying tactics being small ambush parties only which withdraw after contact. Our forward elements are now 2000 yards north of AIYAU astride the BOGADJIM ROAD and 7 miles from the coast. The area north of MATELOI 1 and the track from there to YAULA are clear of enemy.

The week's activity comprises :-

Centre Right -

- 3 Apr Forward elements reached MABELÉBU area, making no contact. A patrol to the junction of the MINDJIM and KOFEBI Rivers made no contact.
- 4 Apr Forward elements were at KWATO, no contact being made. Much abandoned equipment was found along route. One coy left MABELÉBU to patrol the MINDJIM River to BOGADJIM.
- 5 Apr Own position was : one coy at YAULA, one coy at AIYAU with an advance patrol forward to Bridge 7 2000 yards north along the Road. This patrol was ambushed and three are missing.
- 6 Apr Patrols moving from AIYAU to attack enemy at Bridge 7. One was moving along the Road and one SE of the Road to outflank.

Centre Left -

- 1 Apr A patrol from MATELOI 1 successfully attacked positions 1500 yards SW YAULA.

- 2 Apr A patrol from MATELOI 1 was 500 yards SW YAULA and moving to YAULA. No contact was made.
- 3 Apr A patrol from JAPPA returned to SANA.
- 5 Apr The patrol from MATELOI 1 made contact with the coy established at YAULA.
- 6 Apr Firm bases were established at MATELOI 1 and KISA.

Left Flank -

Few details were received. On 3 Apr a patrol reached KUALU (24 miles WNW of BOGADJIM) and reported clearing the area of enemy.

Enemy Information -

Natives report the enemy have prepared positions 4 miles SSW of BOGADJIM covering the WENGA - JAMJAM track and that they recently occupied positions along the KALIKO - MINDJIM track. Enemy patrols are operating in the MALE area.

SAIDOR (ref map SAIDOR 1 inch to 1 mile)

The activity was confined to patrolling only.

Between 1 Apr and 5 Apr patrols killed 14 enemy and found 141 enemy dead in the TARIKNGAN - GWARAWON area.

An OP in the YANGALUM area reports an unstated number of enemy west of KABENAU River on 5 Apr.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

The enemy garrison can no longer be considered a force with any striking power. However, in view of the effectiveness of the control of the withdrawal after the fall of LORENGAU, the final mopping up may take time and resistance may be met. The total enemy losses to 4 Apr (approx) are now reported 2800 known dead and 1100 estimated dead. The effectives now number only 350.

LOS NEGROS ISLAND :

All organised enemy resistance has ceased. Isolated small groups continue to fight. PW stated that the enemy were breaking up into small parties and attempting to rejoin the mainbody on MANUS ISLAND.

MANUS ISLAND (see map attached as Appendix "A")

The enemy has broken off contact and apparently is attempting to regroup in the south eastern area at MT DREMSEL, where he has supplies cached. It is probable he may attempt a stand in the DRONDRA area. Attempts to evacuate officers and key personnel by seaplane are probable.

- 29 Mar Natives report many enemy at YIRU (5 miles SW of WAREMBU). These troops are apparently withdrawing from KELAU HARBOUR area.
- 30 Mar A patrol contacted a small party of enemy NW of WAREMBU. A large enemy patrol was dispersed 500 yards east of OLD WAREMBU. Patrols were despatched to ALACRITY POINT (westernmost MANUS) and to AKEYOS POINT (northernmost point of MANUS)
- 3 Apr A patrol near WAREMBU killed 17 enemy.
- 4 Apr Increased enemy activity observed in the DRONDRA area (SE MANUS); bunkers were being occupied and stragglers continued to move in.
- 6 Apr In the vicinity of DRABITO and METAWARI on No 4 Road it is estimated there are 200 enemy. Ten patrols were observed moving north in this area.

OTHER ISLANDS :

PITYILU ISLAND, by 31 Mar, was cleared of enemy, the total killed being 58. Our losses were 7 killed and 15 wounded.

On 31 Mar NDRILO and KORUNIAT ISLANDS (off western LOS NEGROS) were occupied without opposition.

RAMBUTYO ISLAND (east of LOS NEGROS) was occupied on 3 Apr without opposition. On 6 Apr 29 enemy were contacted and 2 killed in the vicinity of PELCHAL.

NEW BRITAIN

Allied activity comprises the consolidation of areas evacuated by the enemy with mopping up patrols active in localities where isolated enemy groups are known or reported to be.

The enemy appears to have entirely evacuated all areas west of a line drawn NE from JACQUINOT BAY except for occasional abandoned groups and a few small rear parties.

On 31 Mar a patrol encountered 73 enemy near KANDOKO (4 miles east of ELEONORA BAY). Six were killed including a high ranking officer. On the same day 27 PW were captured in the IBOKI Plantation area.

A patrol is investigating a report of an organised enemy group on POI ISLAND in EMELINE BAY.

SOLOMONS

BOUGAINVILLE

After the failure of their attack on 23/24 Mar the enemy has withdrawn from close contact, probably to reorganise.

Allied patrols from the perimeter found five enemy guns destroyed and evidence of mass burials.

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(b) SEA - OWN & ENEMY

NEW GUINEA

The enemy appears to have been engaged only in minor coastal traffic during the week.

HOLLANDIA, as usual, was the focal point for shipping but the number of vessels sighted was considerably lower than over the past fortnight. The largest concentration of shipping sighted in this harbour was on 3 Apr, when two auxiliary naval craft, possibly gunboats, and seven or eight small merchant ships totalling at least 4500 tons were reported.

Elsewhere along the NEW GUINEA Coast 500/1000 ton ships were sighted at VANIMO, SISSANO Lagoon, TADJI and WEWAK. Three 500/1000 ton stack-aft vessels were in the WEWAK area on 2 Apr and several small unidentified vessels, possibly luggers, were reported in the vicinity of CAPE GOURDON and KARKAR ISLAND.

During the week, Allied air and sea attacks accounted for 19 barges sunk and a similar number probably damaged.

On night 3/4 Apr PT boats sank 3 and damaged one barge near SARANG HARBOUR. Heavy 37 mm fire was encountered from the shore.

On night 4/5 Apr PT boats sank 2 and damaged one barge north of BUNABUN. The barges were armed with 37 mm and 20 mm guns and numerous MMGs. One of our boats was slightly damaged.

NEW BRITAIN

A small cargo ship was probably sunk and another vessel was

beached in the RABAUL area as a result of Allied air attacks. In addition a possible destroyer was attacked in KERAUIA BAY on 29 Mar causing an explosion. Subsequent attacks were made on the hulk of a destroyer in this area on 30 Mar.

A string of spiked, orange coloured spheres, probably mines, spaced 50 feet apart has been sighted extending from the eastern tip of WATOM ISLAND to LIGUAN BAY.

Allied PT boats made a torpedo attack on an enemy submarine 13 miles NE of UBILI on 2 Apr. Seven torpedoes were fired and a heavy explosion occurred although results could not be observed. The same units sank a Type "B" barge and captured a second similar type on the same night. One Japanese was taken prisoner.

Thirteen barges were destroyed and seven damaged in these waters during the week.

PALAU

It was estimated that, on 25 Mar, 300,000 tons of shipping was present in MALAKAL HARBOUR. One battleship, one light cruiser and two destroyers left PALAU on 29 Mar on a course NW by north. An Allied submarine which attacked the convoy probably damaged the battleship. (NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 168)

(c) AIR - OWN

NEW GUINEA

The weight of Allied bombing has been concentrated against HOLLANDIA following the reduction of WEWAK. Airstrips forward of HOLLANDIA are now almost deserted.

HOLLANDIA. On 30 Mar 65 Liberators thoroughly bombed the strip and dispersal areas, destroying aircraft on the ground and starting large fires. The attack was continued on 31 Mar by 61 Liberators which dropped 20 lb fragmentation bombs over the entire dispersal area, starting many fires. Photographs show that 165 enemy aircraft were destroyed or probably destroyed on the ground and 15 fighters were shot down in attempting interception during the two days of operations.

Another heavy attack was made on 3 Apr by 237 bombers with fighter escort. Huge fires up to 12000 ft were started and large explosions caused terrific damage. Twenty five intercepting fighters were shot down. On 5 Apr 201 bombers again attacked the area with the same excellent results. Smoke and dust prevented detailed observation. Six luggers in HUMBOLDT BAY were strafed and sunk.

Photographic reports are not yet to hand but it is anticipated the damage revealed will confirm that the enemy air strength in the area has been almost totally eliminated.

TADJI AND AITAPE. The airfields at TADJI and AITAPE were successfully attacked and rendered unserviceable. On 5 Apr 83 fighters carried out a strafing sweep from ULIGAN to TADJI. Buildings and fuel dumps were set on fire and 2 barges sunk.

WEWAK, KAIRIRU and MUSCHU ISLANDS were heavily attacked on 31 Mar and 1 Apr. Large fires were started and 12 barges were destroyed. On 4 Apr 8 squadrons of Liberators, unable to reach HOLLANDIA due to bad weather, dropped their bombs on personnel and dump areas at WEWAK.

HANSA BAY. Eleven Liberators bombed AA positions on 1 Apr with unobserved results.

BOGADJIM. MAGARIA Plantation and a bivouac area west of ERIMA were bombed and strafed on 1 Apr.

On 4 Apr two unsuccessful attempts were made to destroy the bridge over the GUM River on the coast road north of BOGADJIM.

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

RABAU was again raided each day, a total of 270 tons being dropped on the township, and surrounding airfields which photographic reconnaissance shows still unserviceable.

Once again there was no fighter interception although several fighters were sighted on the ground. AA fire was reported to be less intense than in the past and no damage was caused to our aircraft during the week.

The enemy has attempted to keep in repair some of the strips at RABAU, possibly to enable evacuation of remaining aircraft.

Several small raids were carried out on KAVIENG and NAMATANAI and AA positions on GAROVE ISLAND were satisfactorily bombed.

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TRUK

A series of raids have been carried out on the CAROLINE ISLANDS during the week, most being carried out by one and two aircraft but, on the night 29/30 Mar, 29 SOPAC Liberators dropped 30 tons of bombs on ETEN ISLAND. Heavy toll was taken of grounded aircraft - 35 fighters ten dive-bombers and four medium bombers were reported destroyed. The enemy had 90 fighters airborne but interceptions were not determined and a possible 20 were destroyed by Allied aircraft.

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PART II

1. ENEMY OOB

The enemy, following the fall of LAE, has been most active improving the defences in NW British NEW GUINEA and NE Dutch NEW GUINEA. Reinforcements for the area have been received but Allied air attacks against shipping have undoubtedly eliminated many others en route.

In British NEW GUINEA, enemy dispositions are :

- WEWAK - 51 Div, now about 55 per cent below full strength including 3/4000 reinforcements. Morale probably affected by huge losses in the BISMARCK SEA convoy.
- HANSA BAY - 20 Div, now about 50 per cent below strength including 1/2000 reinforcements. This division was very badly mauled in the SALAMAU - HUON PENINSULA campaign. Its morale can be considered poor.
- Forward of HANSA BAY - 41 Div, now about 35 per cent below strength. Comprises two Regts not committed to date. One Regt well below strength due to battle casualties. The morale of the Div can be considered good.

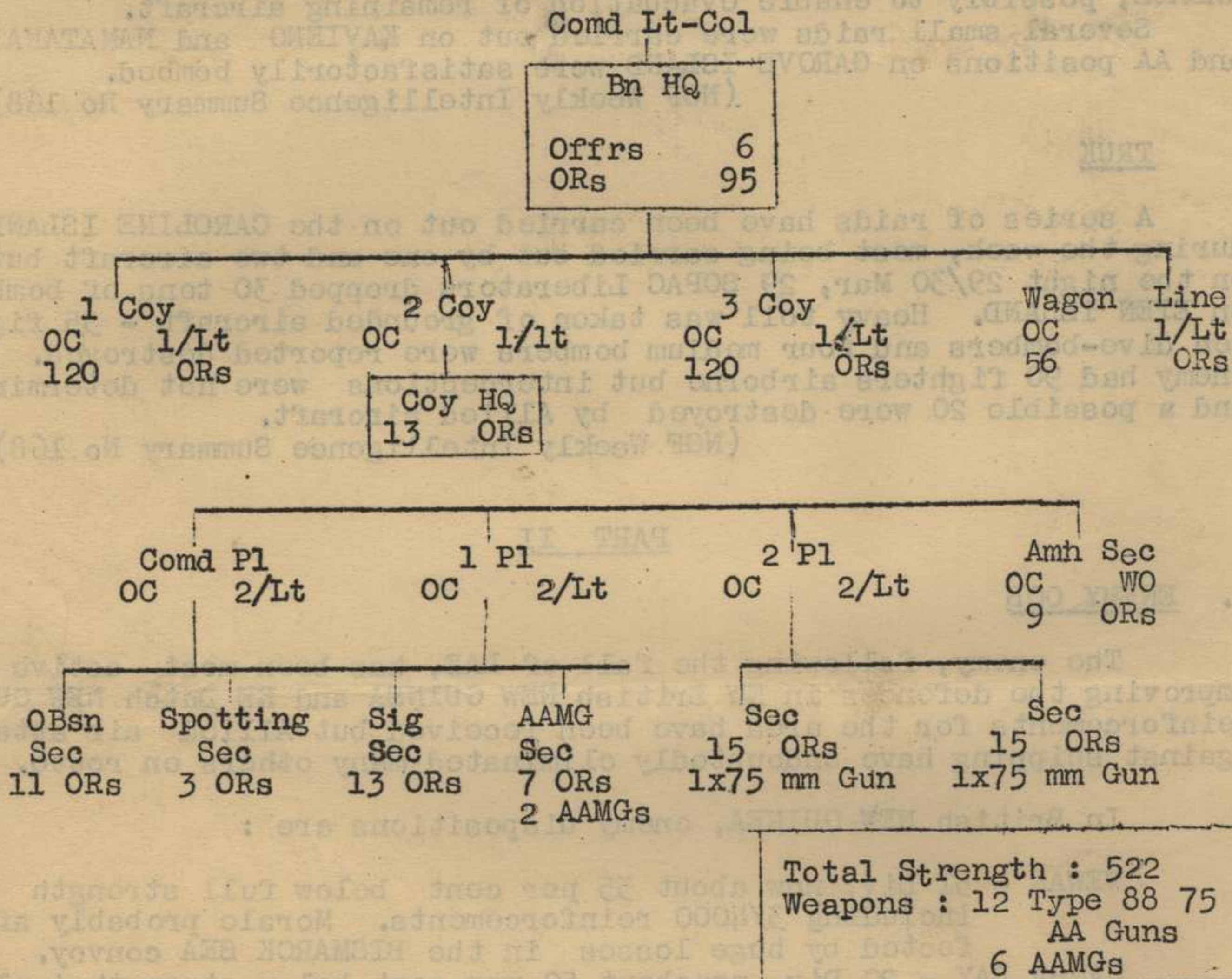
Location	Field Troops	Engrs	A/A Troops	Base, L of C, unallotted troops	TOTAL as at 5 Apr 44	TOTAL as at 1 Mar 44
HOLLANDIA	3500	450	1080	4085	9115	4032
VANIMO				500	500	500
AITAPE		75		1755	1830	800
WEWAK	5620	2325	2671	9640	20256	13990
HANSA BAY	6150	2110	1450	8340	18050	13970
MADANG	8520	3150	1905	4365	17940	22403
					67691	55695

4. ORGANISATION

JAPANESE FIELD AA BATTALIONS

Recently captured documents provide information concerning the organisation of Field AA Battalions. The War Establishment strength appears to be 522.

The organisation suggested is as follows :-



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6. EQUIPMENT

JAPANESE HOLLOW CHARGE 75 mm HE SHELL

Since details of this shell were published in Summary No 330 further samples have been recovered which have brass shell cases. At the time of the earlier report, steel shell cases only had been encountered. In addition, it has now been established that the conical type 88 Instantaneous Fuse is normally employed with this shell, confirming the earlier assumption that this was the normal fuse.

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ENEMY INFANTRY WEAPONS AND THEIR ROLE

The chart, attached as Appendix "B" is diagrammatic only and is not to be taken as indicating their tactical deployment.

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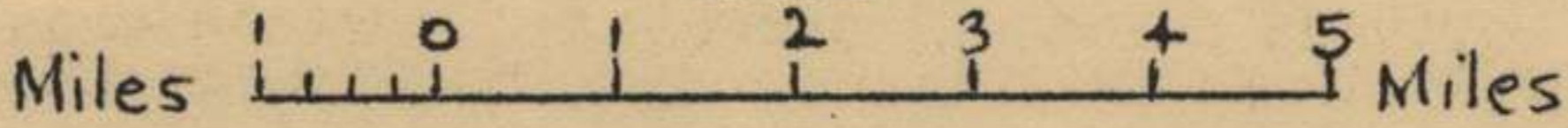
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EASTERN MANUS ISLAND (EXCLUDING EASTERN TIP)

SCALE



ANDRA I.

PAPINBUCH I.

HUS I.

ONNETA I.

MANDRIN I.



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DIAGRAMMATIC LAYOUT
OF THE BASIC WEAPONS USED BY
A
**JAPANESE
INFANTRY REGIMENT**
PRODUCED BY G S I FIRST AUST ARMY

<p>① "MEIJI 38" 6.5 MM RIFLE</p> <p>Calibre 6.5 mm (.256 in) Length 4 ft 2 in. Weight 8 lb 12 oz. Effective Range 500 yds.</p> <p>This is the basic infantry weapon, but may in time be replaced by the "MODEL 99" shown as No 4.</p> <p>BAYONET Length 20 in. Weight 13 oz. Sword Type.</p>	<p>② TYPE "97" HAND GRENADE</p> <p>Weight 15 oz. Length 4 in. Diameter 1.94 in. Fuze Delay 4-5 seconds.</p> <p>Used freely by Infantry, often employed as a booby trap, the fuzes are erratic therefore the grenade must be thrown IMMEDIATELY head of grenade has been struck.</p> <p>No specific number carried per man.</p> <p>HR/MISC/6624</p>	<p>③ MODEL "14" 8 MM PISTOL</p> <p>Calibre 8 mm (.315 in) Weight 2 lb. (approx) Length 9 in. Sights Fixed (open) Magazine Capacity 8 rounds.</p> <p>Issued to most officers and NCO's.</p> <p>SWORD A two handed weapon of varying lengths, usually 36in. approx. The blade is slightly curved.</p>	<p>④ MODEL "99" 7.7 MM RIFLE</p> <p>Calibre 7.7 mm (.303 in) Length 3 ft 8 in. Weight 8 lb 12 oz. Magazine Capacity 5 rounds. Sight Range 328-1640 yds.</p> <p>Probably will replace the "MEIJI" 38", a monopod is attached to the lower band. Has a pronounced muzzle flash.</p> <p>May be fitted with the standard infantry bayonet, sometimes used as a SMG, usually issued on the scale of one gun per section.</p>	<p>⑤ TYPE "96" 6.5 MM LMG</p> <p>Calibre 6.5 mm (.256 in) Length 42 in. Weight 21 lb. Magazine (BREN Type) 30 rounds. Max. Rate of Fire 530 rpm Practical Rate of Fire 120 rpm. Muzzle Velocity 2410 fps.</p>	<p>⑥ TYPE "92" 7.7 MM "JUKI" HMG.</p> <p>Calibre 7.7 mm (.303 in) Weight 83 lb. Weight of Tripod 86 lb. Length 46 in. Type of Feed Strip (30 rounds) Max Rate of Fire 400-600 rpm.</p> <p>Referred to by Australian troops as the "Woodpecker", issued on the basis of 8 guns per MG Coy.</p>	<p>⑦ TYPE "89" GRENADE DISCHARGER</p> <p>Calibre 50 mm (1.97 in) Length 23.8 in. Weight 10 lb 1 oz. Range 130-710 yds. (with Type "89" Grenade). Range 44-210 yds. (with Hand Grenade).</p> <p>A weapon largely used in immediate support of the riflemen. One per section is probably the normal allotment.</p>	<p>⑧ TYPE "99" 81 MM MORTAR</p> <p>Calibre 81 mm (3.149 in) Length of Barrel 25 in. Base Plate 14 in. (Square) Total Weight 62 lb. Weight of Bomb 8lb 16oz. Range 550-3280 yds.</p> <p>Normally used by MORTAR UNITS which are attached as required to the Infantry Regiment. It is NOT a part of regimental equipment.</p>	<p>⑨ TYPE "41" REGIMENTAL GUN</p> <p>Calibre 75 mm (2.95 in) Weight 1220 lb. Traverse 7 in. Length of Barrel 4 ft. 6 in. Max Range 7000 yds. Muzzle Velocity 1250 fps.</p> <p>The regimental support weapon, allotted on the scale of 4 guns per Infantry Regiment.</p>	<p>⑩ TYPE "92" 70 MM BATTALION GUN</p> <p>Calibre 70 mm (2.75 in) Weight 470 lb. Traverse 40 Max Range 3000 yds. Muzzle Velocity 650 fps.</p> <p>A close support weapon issued on the scale of two guns per Infantry Battalion. Not an efficient weapon.</p> <p>REPRODUCED BY 6 AUST ARMY TOPO SURVEY COY AIF, JAN '44</p>	<p>⑪ TYPE "94" 37 MM TK/A GUN</p> <p>Calibre 37 mm (1.4 in) Weight 815 lb. Total Length 10 ft 3 in. Traverse 60 Muzzle Velocity 2300 fps. Max Range 6500 yds. Rate of Fire 25 rpm.</p> <p>Known as the "RAPID FIRE" gun, this is also used as a light field piece. The allotment is probably two guns per Infantry Battalion.</p>
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5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 335

(From information received to 1200 hrs 15 Apr 44)

PART I

OPERATIONS

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ACTION

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

11 AUST DIV (ref maps - 1:25000 series, BAGASIN and BOGADJIM
1 inch to 1 mile)

BOGADJIM ROAD AREA :

Movement NE along the main road continued during the week, with patrols operating forward of the advance. Only slight opposition was encountered.

On 7 Apr a patrol reached JAMJAM and moved through MAGARIA and DUAI Plantations to a point one mile south of BOGADJIM. Indications of enemy movement to the north were seen but no enemy were encountered. Natives from BOGADJIM reported that there were no Japs at BOGADJIM but many in ERIMA Plantation.

Patrols in the vicinity of Bridge 7 on 8 and 9 Apr saw no enemy. On 10 Apr one platoon moved forward and encountered enemy positions at Bridge 6, 2 miles NE of AIYAU and inflicted casualties. One company then successfully attacked and occupied an enemy position 1100 yards north of the Bridge. A further position 600 yards north of the Bridge was occupied on 11 Apr.

On 11 Apr a patrol NE along the Road some 600 yards reached Bridge 5. No enemy were seen. On 12 Apr a patrol along the road reached the western edge of MAGARIA Plantation, 3 miles SW of BOGADJIM. Indications of recent withdrawal were found at BAU-AK, otherwise no movement was seen. On 13 Apr the patrol entered BOGADJIM and reconnoitred tracks to the north and south. An engineer dump and seven abandoned trucks were found but no enemy were sighted.

KALIKO AREA :

Active patrolling was carried out forward of NANGAPO during the week.

On 7 Apr a patrol en route to KALIKO was fired on 1000 yards east of the village and withdrew to BARUM. A patrol en route to WENGA (3 miles north of ALIBU 1) encountered 20 enemy in prepared positions 1300 yards south of WENGA.

On 9 Apr a patrol contacted an enemy position 1 mile south of KALIKO and returned to NANGAPO.

Patrols to WENGA, ALIBU 1 and KALIKO on 13 Apr sighted no enemy.

MARKHAM VALLEY :

A patrol is investigating a report of enemy movement in the vicinity of WANTOAT (approx halfway between DUMPU and LAE).

SAIDOR

On 12 Apr 39 dead Japs were found at BAMBU and another 65 en route to GWARAWON. All enemy equipment found in the area had already been destroyed.

NEW BRITAIN :

In the WILLAUMEZ PENINSULA and HOSKIN S PENINSULA areas, no enemy contacts have been made and no movement over the road near CAPE HOSKINS is reported. It is apparent that these areas have been abandoned by the Japanese in their movement eastward.

In the UBILI area Japanese are reported to be on both sides of the stream which empties into HIXON BAY 8 miles ESE of CAPE DESCHAMP and at the mouth of the PANDI RIVER. On 8 Apr eight enemy barges were reported operating from LOICBAU ISLAND to the PANDA RIVER area, no doubt accounting for the presence of these enemy troops.

On the south coast, enemy have been reported digging on a line between MATONG (east side of WATERFALL BAY) and PULPUL, and recent signs of activity have been observed on the northern shore of WIDE BAY. (NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 169)

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS :

MANUS ISLAND :

A reported dated 7 Apr stated that enemy in the LORENGAU area were retreating south completely routed and had abandoned hundreds of dead and many wounded.

Patrols despatched for the purpose of mopping up scattered enemy parties killed 58 enemy during the week. The DRABITO area is reported to be occupied by approx 200 Japs where extensive enemy patrolling is also reported.

OTHER ISLANDS :

On 10 Apr Allied troops made an unopposed landing at PAK ISLAND (east of LOS NEGROS). Patrols on 11 Apr killed 4 enemy.

Known enemy dead in the ADMIRALTIES operations to 11 Apr total 2962.

SOLOMONS

BOUGAINVILLE :

During 7/8 Apr our troops east of the TOROKINA RIVER mouth advanced against scattered resistance and engaged the enemy dug in on a hill east of the perimeter. Further to the north the hills NE of our defences have been reported clear of enemy.

Our patrols have found many graves and unburied Japanese in the North TOROKINA perimeter.

Mortars, MGs and ammunition have been captured in the areas north and east of our FDLs.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 169)

(b) SEA

NEW GUINEA

Following the recent smashing attacks on HOLLANDIA by Allied aircraft enemy shipping activity on the northern coast of NEW GUINEA has been substantially reduced. No shipping was sighted east of WEWAK during the past week.

However, on 5 Apr eight vessels totalling 8000/16000 tons were observed at HOLLANDIA. This was the largest concentration reported at any port in NEW GUINEA during the week. Seven of the above ships had left the area by 7 Apr. There are indications that barges are being withdrawn from forward areas to WEWAK and HOLLANDIA. A greater use of barges forward of HOLLANDIA may therefore be expected.

In converse proportion to the extent of enemy shipping traffic, losses were heavy. At WEWAK two medium sized merchant ships totalling 2500/4000 tons were observed burning fiercely on 8 Apr, and on the same day a 2000/3000 ton vessel and a smaller vessel, possibly a barge,

were sighted burning off CAPE DJERUAN, 40 miles west of WEWAK. Enemy barge losses were particularly heavy. At least 30 were destroyed and 45 - 55 damaged by air and surface action between MADANG and HOLLANDIA.

Eleven Allied PT boats in conjunction with eleven medium bombers carried out a successful co-ordinated attack on KARKAR ISLAND (NE of ALEXISHAFEN) on the morning of 7 Apr. BISON, KURUM BIU and KAVILO BAYS were bombed, strafed and shelled with resultant destruction to enemy installations.

A new type of barge was encountered by PT boats in the BUNABUN area on the night 4/5 Apr. The barges, which were heavily laden, were described as 110 feet in length and box-like in shape. They are believed to have been propelled by twin screws and were travelling at 8 - 10 knots.

Allied naval vessels which bombarded HANSA BAY on 10 Apr started several fires in the AWAR Plantation. AA positions at CONDOR POINT received concentrated shellfire and LAING ISLAND was reported completely devastated.

ADJACENT AREAS

Crippling losses were inflicted on the enemy when an Allied naval task force attacked shipping and ground installations at PALAU on 30/31 Mar. Twenty five ships were definitely sunk and a further 17 damaged. ULITHI and YAP ISLANDS were also attacked on 31 Mar and WOLEAI ISLAND on 1 Apr. A total of 121 enemy aircraft was destroyed in all these operations. No damage was sustained by the Allied naval forces. Two tankers totalling 20,000 tons were recently sunk by Allied submarines 320 miles ENE of SINGAPORE and a freighter of unreported tonnage was sunk near WAKE ISLAND on 4 Apr.

A 9000 ton freighter transport was observed amongst other ships at WOLEAI ISLAND on 10 Apr.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 169)

(c) AIR - OWN

Following the devastating attacks on HOLLANDIA reported in Summary No 334, Allied aircraft extended their range to WAKDE ISLAND (110 miles NW of HOLLANDIA), the last main enemy air base on the north coast of NEW GUINEA. HOLLANDIA and AITAPE were also attacked and regular attacks were made against the enemy L of C between WEWAK and MADANG. Details are as follows :-

WADKE ISLAND. On night 5/6 Apr 15 Liberators, 6 Mitchells and 4 Catalinas attacked the strips and dispersal areas, starting large fires visible for 50 miles. One of our aircraft was damaged by AA fire.

Weather prevented a further heavy attack scheduled for 7 Apr.

HOLLANDIA. Forty nine Liberators attacked the township and installations on 9 Apr. Warehouses were destroyed and large fires started. Another heavy attack was made 12 Apr by 97 aircraft. A further 23 attacked shipping in HUMBOLDT BAY scoring direct hits on 2 freighters.

TADJI. Strips and dump areas were attacked on 7 and 9 Apr. Large fires were started and one aircraft was destroyed on the ground.

WEWAK area. Heavy attacks were made on 8 Apr against AA positions and dump areas at BUT, CAPE MOEM, BRANDI and POTSDAM HARBOUR. Large fires were started but results were largely unobserved.

Forty eight Mitchells again attacked the area on 11 Apr.

HANSA BAY. AA positions were heavily attacked on 9, 10 and 11 Apr. Many direct hits were observed but low cloud prevented detailed observation.

Regular barge sweeps were carried out between HANSA BAY and AITAPE and a number of barges were destroyed. A 7000/10000 ton

freighter was bombed and strafed off WEWAK on 6 Apr and left burning fiercely.

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

SOPAC aircraft kept up their assault on RABAUl this week dropping over 300 tons of bombs on supply areas and the RABAUl airfields.

Air reconnaissance revealed that only the concrete runway at VUNAKANAU was serviceable, and that work was being carried out on it at one end. No enemy interception was reported but AA fire was heavier than in recent weeks.

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(d) AIR - ENEMY

Air photographs reveal considerable activity on the SARMI PENINSULA (west of WAKDE ISLAND) and in the surrounding areas. The Japanese have constructed a fighter and bomber strip at SAWAR, 6 miles SE of SARMI, and are building a further strip at MAFFIN, three miles SE along the coast near the WOSKE RIVER. There is also a clearing at the south end of FOE MAOE Plantation (5 miles south of SARMI) which may indicate the construction of yet another strip.

Considerable activity is reported on the SARMI PENINSULA. Large concentrations of stores and personnel areas were observed.

SARMI has become an important Japanese supply and staging area for troops and barges moving from HALMAHERA to HOLLANDIA and points SE along the north coast of NEW GUINEA.

In addition, the WAKDE - SARMI airfields have replaced the HOLLANDIA group, in that they now house the bulk of the enemy's forward air strength in the NEW GUINEA sector.

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PART II

1. ENEMY OOB - LAND

The withdrawal from MADANG continues. Pending some clarification of the enemy's eventual intentions all troops from MADANG, together with those thought to be still there, are carried in estimates of strength under HANSA BAY - MADANG.

Accordingly it will be of interest to observe whether the current withdrawal to HANSA BAY is followed by further movement westward to WEWAK, AITAPE and HOLLANDIA. At the moment it is significant that the withdrawal of the enemy's air strength from HOLLANDIA to WAKDE ISLAND and airfields further west is accompanied by activity which suggests a hurried preparation of ground defences and the building up of supplies in the HOLLANDIA area.

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PART V

SECURITY

JAPANESE COMMENTS ON INTERROGATING PW

The professional notebook of a Japanese Naval Ensign begins by declaring the official Japanese views on PW, which, of course, reflect the commonly accepted principles of International Law, but, in interpreting these principles, the writer proceeds to give his own views. Despite official pronouncement, it might well be that the views of this Ensign represent the views of many Japanese officers.

Attention has recently been directed to the ways and means available to the Japanese to extract information from PW, and, in this

regard, it is of interest to note the comments of this Japanese officer on the limitations of cross-examining PW in English and his suggestions for overcoming them. These details, if known to troops, may assist them, in the event of capture, to defeat the object of such an interrogation.

"My Own Views Concerning the Interrogation of PW
(Translation - JICPOA Item No 4986)

- A. Insofar as possible, PW should be picked up separately.
- B. Conversation and communication between PW should be restricted.
- C. To help elicit testimony from PW, material recognised to be of value (documents, messages, etc) should be gathered and arranged to the best of one's ability. The principal function of interrogation then should be the further interpretation of this material.
- D. In interrogating, coercion should be the principle. Since in cases when the PW's native language differs from one's own it is difficult to take advantage of any slip of his tongue, to practice detailed examination, or to use indirect questioning (especially at times when one lacks confidence in one's vocabulary), it is easier (for the interrogator) to adopt the formalities of a consultation. The feeling that the victor is superior, the loser inferior, should pervade the interrogation. If necessary, you should demand that questions and answers be made in writing.
- E. Until the object of the interrogation has been attained, the PW should be made to feel anxious about his fate, should become haggard. Consideration should be given to PW's quarters, sustenance, surveillance, etc."

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RUMOURS

Rumours may be considered in two military aspects - the one, rumours relating to our operations, plans and intentions - the other, rumours damaging to morale.

Troops, particularly those in static roles or resting after operations, naturally speculate on their future use, and that of other troops; but it is one thing for a soldier to expound his own views on the strategy of war and another to impute intentions to Commanders.

Within limits, speculation by troops does no harm, and is generally a sign of healthy interest. It has, however, inherent dangers. Soldiers who possess some scraps of knowledge about future moves may give away information, often unwittingly, in the course of discussion. The piecing together of little scraps of information observed and heard may lead to an appreciation or a guess, which, in a snowball fashion, soon becomes a widespread rumour, often surprisingly close to the truth.

The other type of rumour is probably even more dangerous. This may deal with all sorts of subjects, many trivial in themselves, but in their cumulative effect lead inevitably to a lowering of morale, e.g. rumours about leave, the conduct of civilians or of our Allies, dissension between AIF and CME, distrust of our leaders, etc. Whatever its subject, it consists, in essence, either of "bad news" which creates an immediate lowering of morale or of "good news"

which, by creating temporary and unfounded optimism, lowers morale when the falsity of the news becomes plain. This is the sort of rumour that frequently springs through doubts or wishful thinking from enemy propaganda.

To prevent their beginning or spreading requires constant work and much patience on the part of every officer; but, if every unit commander ensures that rumours do not spread in or emanate from his unit, their mischief will soon be ended.

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(From information received to 0900 hrs 4 May 44)

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PART I

OPERATIONS

No. *I/6*
DATE *5 May 44*

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

5 AUST DIV (ref map MADANG EAST, MATUKA EAST, BOGADJIM 1 inch to 1 mile)

ALEXISHAFEN AREA :

Activity has been confined to patrolling. No contact has been made with the enemy.

On 29 Apr a patrol found an old defensive position with no signs of recent occupation at CAPE MAYLUN, $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of ALEXISHAFEN. The patrol then moved north some $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the REMPI RIVER without sighting any enemy.

Local patrols between MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN reported no movement seen.

Booby traps consisting of ~~novel~~ bombs were located at ALEXISHAFEN Strip No 2 on 29 Apr. Other booby traps constructed from bars of soap were found at NAGADA MISSION on 3 May. The road from MILLILAT PLANTATION to the road junction north of SEK HARBOUR at 734415 is now clear of mines. The road north from this point is reported to be mined.

MADANG AREA :

MADANG wharf is now capable of unloading a Liberty ship, one hold at a time.

BOGADJIM AREA :

Local patrols were carried out but, apart from a few stragglers, no enemy were encountered. One PW was captured at BOGADJIM on 28 Apr and another captured on 30 Apr between BOGADJIM and MADANG. Three Japs were killed in the MINDJIM River area on 3 May.

A naval ML patrol on 2 May searched the coast as far north as CAPE CROISELLES without seeing any sign of the enemy.

PART II

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENT AND STRENGTHS

"This information is compiled mainly from the preliminary examination of captured documents and is subject to confirmation from higher formation when all evidence has been assessed."

(a) The main enemy field forces encountered in the LAE-SALAMAUA-HUON PENINSULA and RAMU operations comprised :

20 Div
51 Div (with 238 Regt of 41 Div under command)
Elements 41 Div.

41 Div (less 238 Regt) during the above operations was in the HANSA BAY - MADANG area and it was not until Nov 43 that the Div became actively engaged in operations when 239 Regt, plus attached troops, supported and covered the enemy forces retreating in the RAMU from the time of the fall of SHAGGY RIDGE. One battalion was also detached to the SIO - BONGA area to cover and assist the evacuation of retreating troops from LAE and the HUON PENINSULA.

(b) The dispositions of these main field forces are now believed to be as follows:-

51 Div : WEWAK area and deployed covering the left (west) bank of the SEPIK River and also the coast line from the River mouth to WEWAK with elements in the HOLLANDIA area.
Estimated strength as known to 19 Apr - total 7200

20 Div : Deployed in the HANSA BAY area with elements at AITAPE (encountered by the US landing forces) and with elements probably in the WEWAK area.
Estimated strength as known to 19 Apr - total 9100.

41 Div : Deployed from CAPE CROISELLES to RAMU DELTA less one regiment (WEWAK - AITAPE areas).
Estimated strength as known to 19 Apr - total 11645

Comment : 41 Div (less 238 Regt, probably still under command 51 Div and already in the WEWAK - AITAPE area) was to be the last field formation to effect evacuation to westwards of the SEPIK.

(c) Concerning the enemy's Base troops, L of C troops, airdrome construction and defence units, etc, these were being evacuated concurrently with or immediately after the field troops have been evacuated through and by the L of C resources, excluding the MADANG covering force.

A captured document reveals that as far as all such base troops were concerned MADANG was evacuated by mid Mar.
ALEXISHAFEN was evacuated by end Mar.

(d) The following information covers enemy strengths and dispositions forward of our FDLs to the RAMU DELTA. This may be considered reliable but due allowance should be taken of the fact that the information is from individual items only and cannot be considered as substantiated or confirmed.

237 Inf Regt deployed from CAPE CROISELLES to BROKEN WATER BAY, estimated strength 2775.
This Regt has not been committed to date.

239 Inf Regt deployed in the RAMU DELTA area, estimated strength 2420.
A captured document reveals that this Regt commenced to evacuate ALEXISHAFEN area on 10 Apr and completed same by 21 Apr. Evacuation was by barges operated by 9 Shipping Engr Regt. The order for the evacuation dated 9 Apr stated a regimental base would be established at RAMU.

All 41 Divisional troops are believed to be in the HANSA BAY - RAMU DELTA area less those attached to 237 Regt.

Of 20 Div it is considered probable that two regiments and two thirds of the divisional troops are in the HANSA BAY area. The Divisional HQ is probably in the WEWAK area.

Estimated strengths as at 3 May -	Field troops	13500
	Engineers	5000
	AA	3000
	Base and L of C troops	11000
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(c) The enemy has thoroughly reconnoitred and planned the route of withdrawal. A captured map shows that, from SARANG to BOGIA, the enemy has prepared alternative detours from the main coastal track, these to be used if the coastal track is severed by Allied landings.

All information received to date points to a continuation of the enemy's intention to evacuate all forces to the west of the SEPIK River where it is believed 51 Div have or are establishing a defensive line.

NOTE: Nothing has been received dated later than 21 Apr. Therefore no assessment can be made as to what effect the Allied landings at HOLLANDIA and AITAPE have had on the enemy's evacuation plans.

2. JAPANESE METHOD OF LAYING MINES

The method of laying mines as used by the Japanese in the MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN area is as follows :-

Normal Type 97 mine was used with two types of fuses, the variation being a heavy and light shear wire. The mine was laid in direct contact with aerial bombs. The mine was buried so that the pressure plate was one or two inches below ground level. No definite plan was used, the mines just lying indiscriminately over road and tracks and, in most cases, were very badly concealed. Bomb and fuse boxes were strewn along the roadside in the mined area.

With the light shear wire type fuse, a man walking on the mine would be sufficient to detonate it.

It was found that some of the mines on the road had had the shear wire severed but the mine had failed to explode.

A sketch is attached as Appendix "A(i)".

3. JAPANESE BOOBY TRAPS SO FAR ENCOUNTERED TO 4 MAY IN ALEXISHAFEN AIRFIELDS AREA

A dump of fifty eight 100 kg aerial bombs with two prepared picric charges arranged to be fired electrically was found. The dump was covered by a sheet of corrugated iron which was partially covered with turf. The method of operation was that contact was made by the lifting or applying pressure to the corrugated iron sheet.

The engineer officer investigating the booby traps is of opinion that the lethal area for this trap would be 500 yards radius and a dangerous area of up to 1000 yards.

A sketch of this booby trap is attached as Appendix "A(ii)".

A second booby trap of this nature was found but had an alternative method of firing viz a separate circuit containing clock mechanism with electric firing arrangements. It was uncertain whether the clock was still going but, when picked up, the clock was ticking.


AIROPS

Tac R reports just received are as follows :-

On 2 May Tac R reported roads and bridges in the REMPI RIVER area in very bad condition. No sign of wheel or foot traffic was observed in the ODOBEG - MEIGAR areas.

On 3 May a reconnaissance 15 miles inland from CAPE CROISELLES to MADANG showed no sign of enemy movement. Many new huts in various stages of construction in villages were observed.

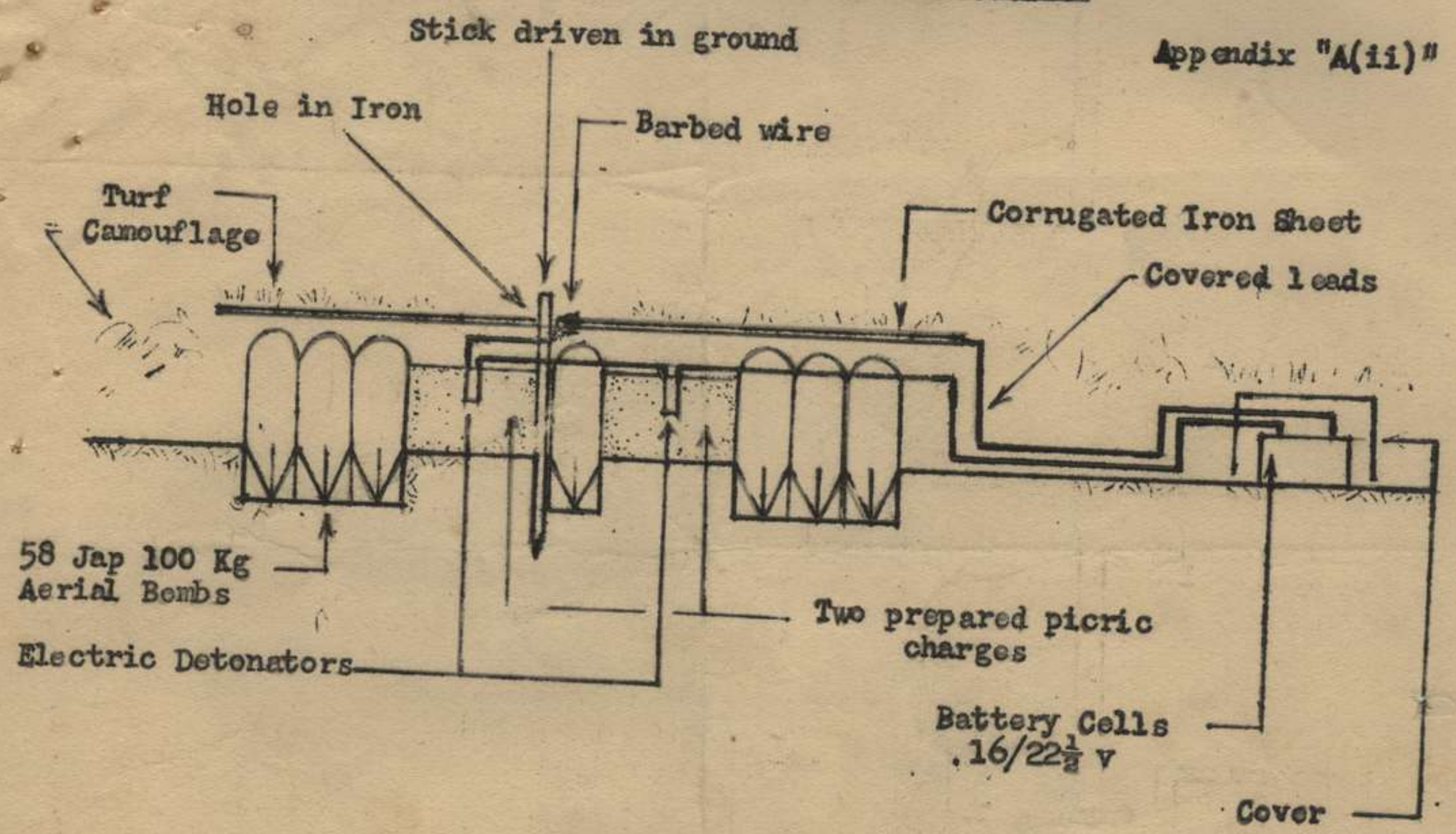
On 4 May heavy movement was observed on the coast road from a point 5 miles east of and to the mouth of the GILIGIL RIVER (approx 35 miles north of ALEXISHAFEN), both wheel and foot traffic being observed.


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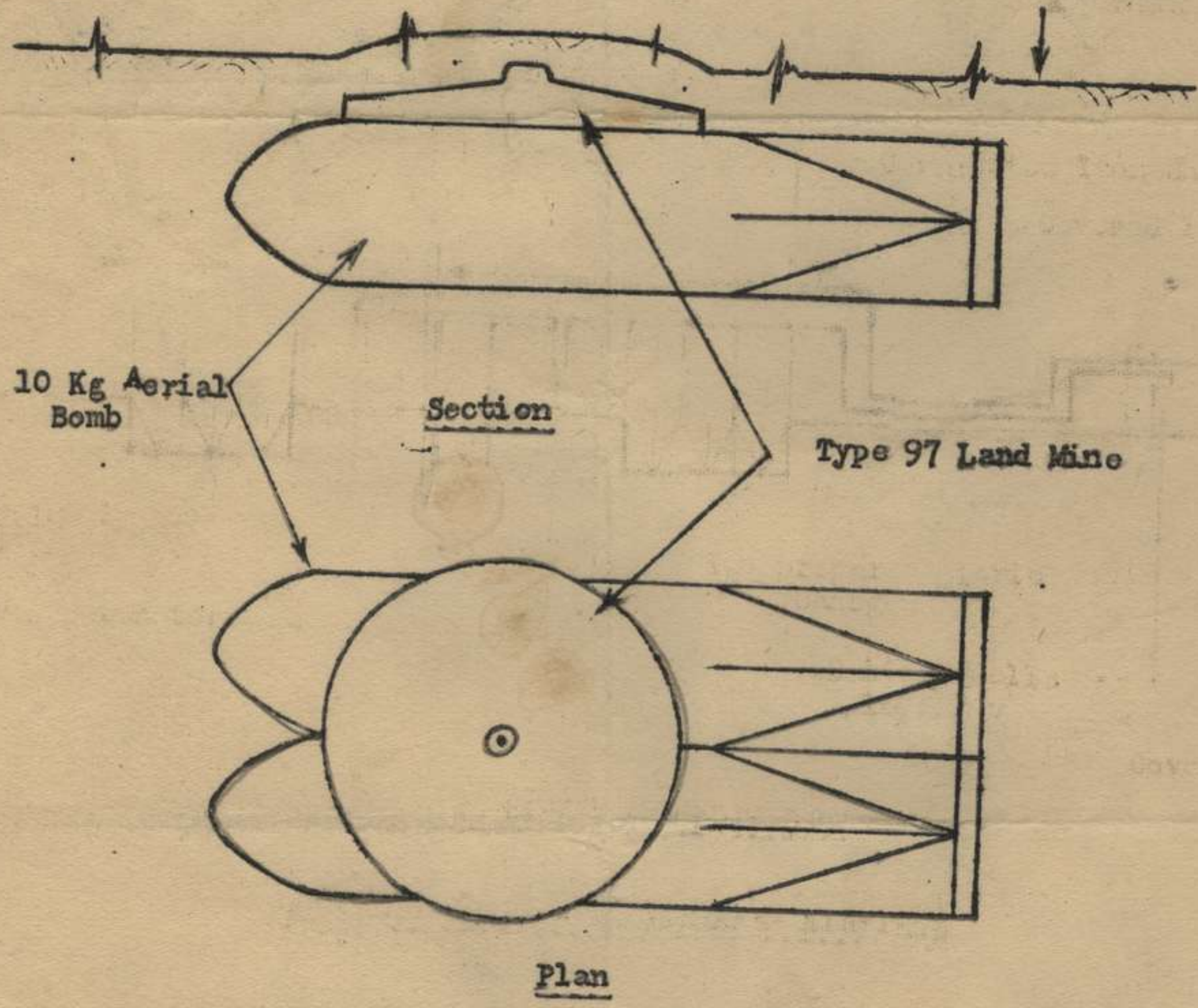
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JAP BOOBY TRAP - ALEXISHAFEN AIRFIELD



JAP METHOD OF LAYING MINES

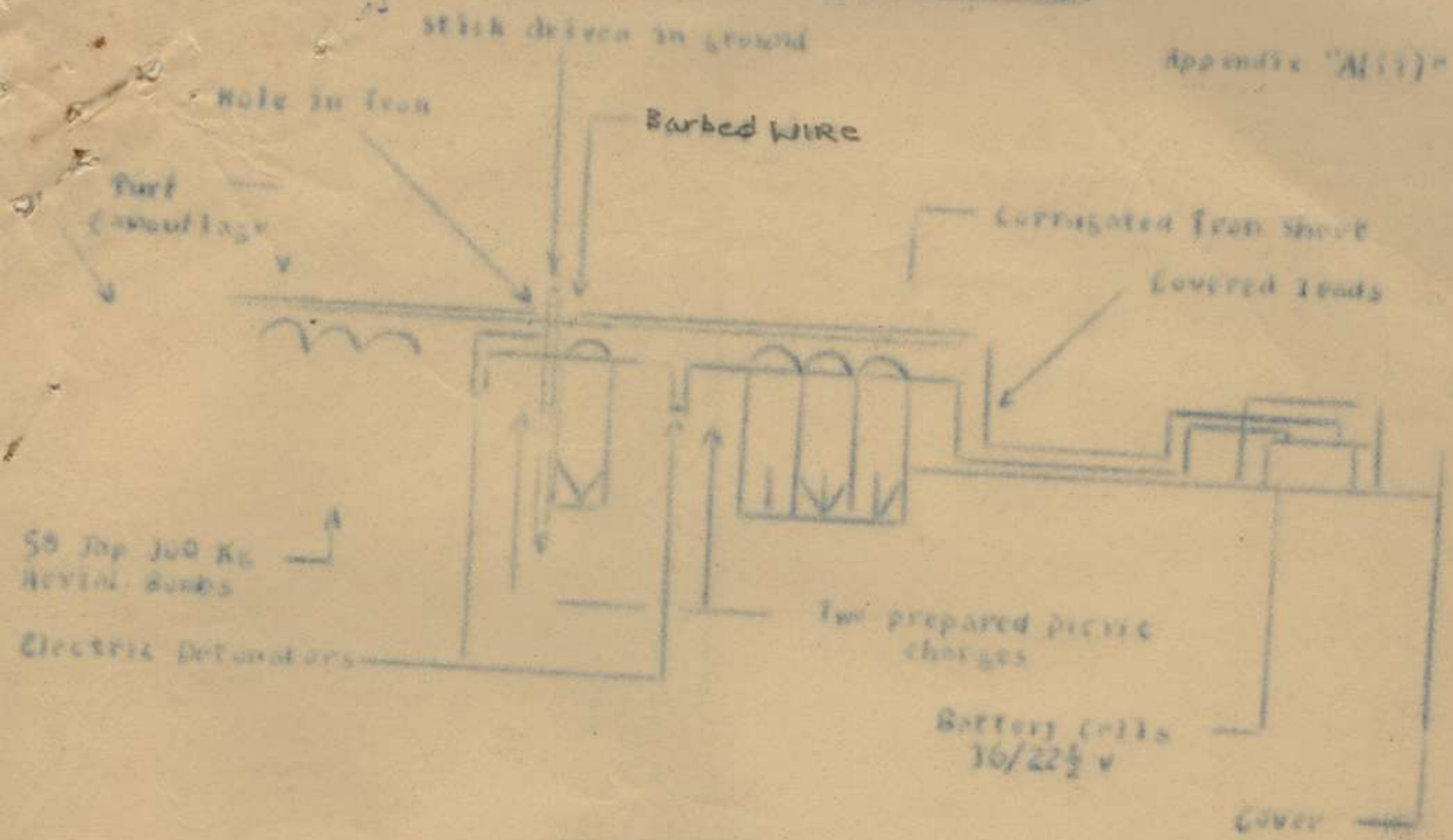
ALEXISHAFEN AREA

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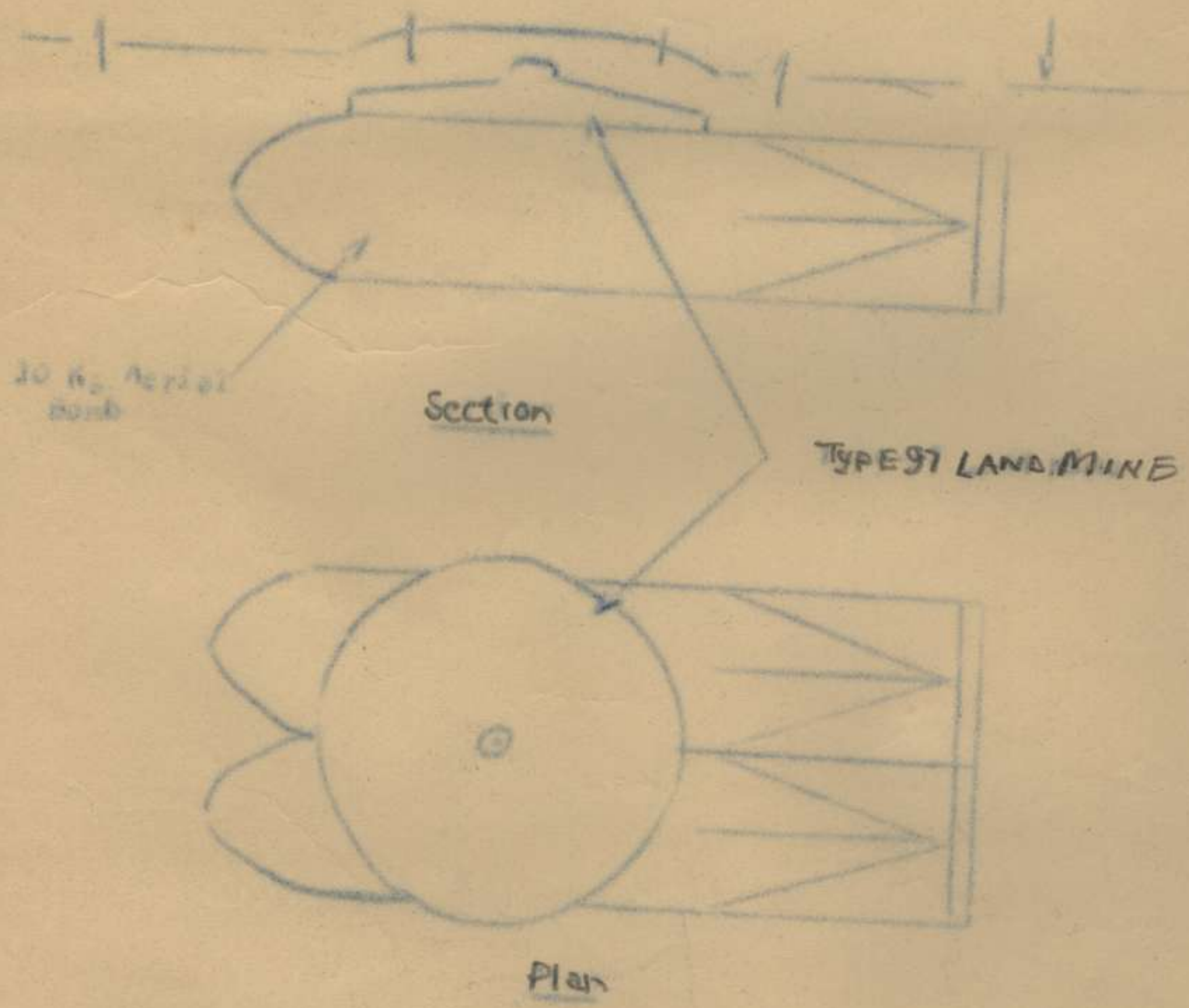
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JAP BOMB TYPE - ALKISHAFEN AREA

Appendix "B"



JAP METHOD OF LAYING MINES

ALKISHAFEN AREA

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PART I

OPERATIONS

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No. 5/6

DATE 9 May 44

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

5 AUST DIV (ref maps MADANG EAST, MADANG WEST, BOGADJIM 1 inch)

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

Inland patrols from PIB penetrated to WANGAR MISSION 609394, KAMBA, MOGURUL and HAPURPI. Another patrol from AMELE through PAGASIN 588172 and NANAI returned to AMELE without sighting any enemy. A patrol to UTU (approx 18 miles west of ALEXISHAFEN) reported no movement seen.

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

Further reports of enemy mines and booby traps have been received, including a booby trap found in a bomb dump at ALEXISHAFEN Strip No 1 on 4 May. A patrol investigated the mining of bridges on the road north of ALEXISHAFEN and reported as follows :-

Bridge 721412 : The approach from the east was laid with booby traps consisting of two grenades placed between the corduroy logs so as to explode when a vehicle passed over them. The grenades were badly placed and it is doubtful whether they would have proved effective.

Bridge 712408 : Five metal cases of picric acid primed and set with a fuse ignition switch were found under the bridge. The trap had not been placed and was not considered to be a danger to vehicles.

Engineer reports show the road north from ALEXISHAFEN clear of mines as far as 731441. There is no evidence of mines at the REMPI RIVER.

The road MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN is now open to restricted jeep traffic.

(b) AIR - OWN

Tac R on 5 May reported most of the bridges between CAPE CROISILLES and NUBIA destroyed.

West of the GILAGIL River, signs of movement NW were observed.

The WEWAK area was heavily attacked by Allied bombers on 4 May. Twelve Liberators bombed AA positions at BORAM and WEWAK, destroying five guns. Ten Bostons attacked grounded aircraft at DAGUA scoring many direct hits. Twenty four Bostons straffed the road NW of WOM POINT and destroyed four dumps and one bridge. Ten Mitchells attacked KAIRIRU and MUSCHU ISLANDS with unobserved results.

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

PART II

9. GENERAL

FS NCOs searching the coastal areas at ALEXISHAFEN discovered a number of native "lakatois" on which had been placed a number of crude stretchers, indicating their use by the Japs to evacuate their wounded. Traces of what appears to be congealed blood were noticed on the stretchers.

("Z" Sec FSW Weekly Report No 2)

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING MAPS

Ref Map. MADANG EAST and WEST, MATUKA EAST 1 inch to 1 mile

TRACKS

(a) REMPI MISSION to track marked sq 6747 - track time 4 hours.

Route :- The track commences from REMPI MISSION 727459 and passes through the following references - DARENCK 715459 to WARWIN CREEK 704462 to WARWIN CREEK 692467 and continues up a fairly steep grade where the track is faint and joins the track shown on the map in sq 6747.

(b) The coastal road from Bridge 712409 to REMPI RIVER is easily convertible to a good two-way traffic route.

The present condition is - jeepable dry weather, bridges still in position but require attention, surface mostly gravelled, bad patch vicinity of ULULAN.

VILLAGES

Correction of locations :

SILABOB	at	663253	not	655233	{	ref map	MADANG WEST
YELBECK	"	674475	"	681473	{	" "	MADANG EAST
BAITETA	"	680472	"	674475	{	" "	MADANG EAST

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BURMA :

The following general review of the position in BURMA has been taken from a recent SEAC Summary and is reproduced as it contains an interesting appreciation of Japanese intentions.

It is now evident that the Japanese have allowed neither our airborne operations nor their rapidly deteriorating position in the HUKAWNG to interfere to any appreciable extent with their present offensive, and it is probable that they now dispose four regiments west of the CHINDWIN. They have also increased their activity in ARAKAN with the obvious intention of pinning troops there.

It seems, therefore, that they are prepared to lose MOGAUNG and possibly even MYITKYINA in order to cut our communications up the BRAHMAPUTRA VALLEY, and appreciate that, if they can succeed

in doing this, they will be able to deal with our airborne forces and our forces in the HUKAWNG at their leisure, with fresh troops brought up from LOWER BURMA (once the weather precludes landings) or even by troops brought into BURMA from elsewhere.

Additional weight is given to the possibility that this may be the Japanese plan by the direction of their present movements. These up to date appear to be aimed at KOHIMA and the road between KOHIMA and IMPHAL, rather than against IMPHAL itself, or our positions between PALEL and TAMU.

The Japanese have broadly two course open to them. They can either attempt to make direct for KOHIMA and DIMAPUR, having blocked the IMPHAL road, or they can, having reached the IMPHAL road, turn south against IMPHAL and attempt to defeat our forces before advancing beyond KOHIMA. With either of these plans they might combine advances by small bodies of troops due north to GOLAGHAT and MARIANI on the ASSAM BENGAL railway.

It is not possible at this stage to say which method the Japanese will use, but, on balance and because it would seem they must obtain a all-weather L of C as soon as possible, it is likely that they will adopt the second course and attempt to liquidate our forces at the south of IMPHAL before moving in any strength west of the IMPHAL - KOHIMA road.

If the Japanese plan is in fact designed to cut our L of C in the BRAHMAPUTRA VALLEY, it is an exceedingly bold one, in that it is difficult to see how they can reinforce their four regiments west of the CHINDWIN with more than one regiment; and its ambitious nature is such that recovery from failure would be very difficult. It is, however, probable that, with their usual over-confidence, they are under estimating us and trusting overmuch to the effect of cutting our L of C, while if they even envisage failure they would trust to the tactical ability of their troops to hang on long enough to extricate them from a bad strategical situation.

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PART V

SECURITY

UNIT CENSORSHIP

Censorship has again sighted a number of complaints in soldiers' letters that franking officers have been discussing the contents of letters franked by them.

An officer's obligation to treat as secret and confidential the contents of letters he franks, is set out in LHQ Field Censorship Instruction No 4 (see Appendix "B" Part "A" para 2). Officers who disregard this instruction not merely display their unfitness to act as franking officers; but are in effect sabotaging security. The object of censorship cannot be realised unless troops willingly comply with the requirements of security and cheerfully submit their letters for franking. When men cannot trust their officers to respect as confidences the contents of the letters they read, it is natural that troops will seek to avoid unit censorship. Where this is done by resort to Green Envelopes no great harm results, but where troops evade unit censorship, serious breaches of security often follow.

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PART I

OPERATIONS

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

5 AUST DIV (ref maps 1/25000 series, MATUKA EAST 1 inch)

The activity since the last Intelligence Report has been confined to patrolling but these patrols have been of a much longer range than before.

The most important was a patrol north along the coast from ALEXISHAFEN to MEIGAR (approx 25 miles from ALEXISHAFEN), (followed later by an Aust battalion to this village). No enemy were seen in this move. Local patrols are now pushing out from MEIGAR.

A native captured in this area was questioned and stated the following :-

"He had been with the Japs at BOGIA until a week ago and that the Japs were evacuating BOGIA, there being no Japs between BOGIA and MEIGAR".

The native was not a very intelligent type and his report is graded E3.

An Aust patrol to the REMPI RIVER mouth on 9 May found abandoned Jap defensive positions sited along the coast in the ULULAN and MURNASS Plantations. These positions were connected by crawl trenches. A US Browning MG was found on the south side of the River mouth.

A PIB patrol pushing inland from ALEXISHAFEN reached DILAN (approx 12 miles south of MEIGAR) on 11 May. No enemy were seen.

On 13 May a patrol of platoon strength investigating a native report of a small party of Japs moving along the coast towards BILIBILI reported no movement seen.

Other local patrols inland from MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN have reported no enemy.

In the SAIDOR a patrol of platoon strength left for YOGAYOGA (on the Japanese evacuation route) on 10 May and by 13 May was at MASIBANG (8 miles SSW of SAIDOR) via SEIN. Thirty one dead Japs were found and 4 killed between SEIN and MASIBANG.

SEPIK RIVER

Tac R reports to 3 May show increased activity from the SEPIK RIVER mouth to YESCHAN. Barges and rafts were sighted at the mouth and at NEW SINGARIN (eight air miles from the mouth).

Reports suggest that the enemy is staging to NEW SINGARIN from the coast via the WATAM LAGOON where barges have been sighted, some laden with personnel.

A road north from MARIENBERG was observed to have heavy recent use, and a good, well-used MT road was seen near TIMBUNKE.

Much activity was reported at a village four miles SE of BURIU and 31 lakats in convoy were recently sighted five miles north of MALU. Possible barge hideouts were located at JAPANDAI

and MALU. YESCHAN appears occupied.

Air reconnaissance is keeping this enemy activity under regular observation.

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DUTCH NEW GUINEA

Reports received confirm the fact that the enemy were taken completely by surprise by the Allied landings at HOLLANDIA and AITAPE. In the AITAPE area fires were found burning and food cooking in Japanese kitchens. Much valuable equipment, a large proportion of which was still in crates, was captured, not least among which was a complete radar apparatus.

A possible evacuation route open to the Japanese is the track which leads west from the HOLLANDIA drome area to GENJEM, then north to DEMA (approx 50 miles NW HOLLANDIA) and along the coast to SARMI. This is an old government track and is reported by natives to be in good condition.

AITAPE AREA :

Patrols have penetrated to NYAPAPAME, PALAURU and SIERRA (40 miles NW AITAPE) and have met little resistance except at KAMTI (8 miles south of AITAPE) where still resistance was encountered. This was overcome and the village was occupied on 1 May.

By 6 May patrols had reached BABIANG and AITERAP.

Up to this date, small numbers of Japanese were being killed in all areas and the total casualties were 525 killed and 26 PW.

HOLLANDIA - TANAHMERAH AREA :

On 1 May increased enemy activity was observed in the TAMI drome area but this drome was cleared a few days later. A patrol contacted a Japanese force of undetermined strength in a village one mile south of PIM.

On 4 May native sources report that Japs were in the hills south of DEMA, 117 at WARI (along the coast between DEMA and HOLLANDIA), 300 in the hills south of SENTANI LAKE and a large number moving west from GENJEM to TUARIM RIVER.

On 7 May an amphibious patrol met what was thought to be a large force at BARET (2 miles south of DEMA). At WARI the US forces were in continuous contact with the enemy who were surrendering in small groups.

Small numbers of Japanese were killed daily by patrols in scattered localities and by 7 May the total enemy casualties were 732 killed and 161 PW.

(b) SEA - OWN

On the night 8/9 May RAN MLs made three separate attacks on a possible submarine in the vicinity of CAPE CROISILLES. The area was searched next morning but no wreckage was found.

On 11 May ML patrols to KARKAR and BAGABAG ISLANDS reported no movement seen.

On night 11/12 May truck lights were observed at DOVE POINT and BUNABUN HARBOUR.

At dawn on 12 May a RAN corvette bombarded buildings and enemy positions at BANGAME, KAVIAR, KUBURNE and MANGAR on KARKAR ISLAND, starting fires and destroying buildings. Light inaccurate fire was encountered from an enemy position at MANGAR. Indications were reported of a radar and W/T station on the SW slope of the island.

At dawn 13 May the RAN again bombarded KARKAR ISLAND destroying gun positions at BUI and an ammunition dump between BUI and MANGAR. No return fire was encountered. It was reported that the radar station was still active.

On 12 May depth charges were dropped off WADANG on a suspected submarine. No details are available.

(c) SEA - ENEMY

Ship sightings suggest a determined effort by the enemy to build up his bases in NW DUTCH NEW GUINEA. On 29 Apr a convoy consisting of one light cruiser, one destroyer and two large merchant vessels totalling 25,000 tons, was sighted 85 miles NNE of SORONG on an easterly course and may have been destined for MANOKWARI, and an aircraft carrier carrying 20/30 aircraft on deck was seen at anchor near SORONG.

Although ship sightings in GEELVINK BAY showed a slight decrease compared to those of the previous week, there are further indications of the enemy's continued interest in BIAK and NOEMFOOR ISLANDS. Enemy shipping may be expected to continue to frequent eastern GEELVINK BAY until the area is made untenable for him. Approximately 18,000 tons of shipping were sighted during the week in the BIAK and NOEMFOOR areas where development continues. Abnormal barge sightings were reported in the BIAK ISLAND area on 28 Apr when 120 barges were seen, and also at SATAJI (five miles south of CAPE GEELVINKS EAST) where 75 barges were reported on 1 May.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 172)

(d) AIR - OWN

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

On 8 May 18 Beauforts attacked personnel areas causing fires and smoke to 1000 ft. Twelve A20s attacked supply dumps at BORAM destroying two stacks.

On 9 May a total of 83 A20s attacked targets from WOM PT to DAGUA with excellent results.

On 11 May 36 B24s attacked the same area destroying ammunition dumps and buildings and causing fires to 2000 ft.

Again on 12 May 22 aircraft attacked BORAM.

HANSA BAY : Eighteen A20s attacked AA positions on 8 May in the HANSA BAY area, silencing them and destroying one. Fires were started in the dump areas.

Airacobras destroyed one barge in ULINCAN HARBOUR.

On 11 May 22 A20s attacked bridges on the coastal track from the MALAS RIVER to the RAMU RIVER destroying two.

On 12 May 11 A20s attacked the HANSA BAY area destroying the bridge over the AWAR RIVER.

BIAK ISLAND has been subjected to three heavy attacks during the period under review. Two of these attacks were on MOHMER drome and both resulted in explosions in the area. On 12 May a large force of Liberators attacked SOSNEK with excellent results.

A very successful attack was made on WAKDE ISLAND by 84 aircraft on 11 May.

On 12 May a Liberator attacked a convoy of three transports each of 7500 tons and one cruiser approx 70 miles east of MANOKWARI. Damage was caused to one transport by strafing.

PART II

6. EQUIPMENT

JAPANESE 7.7 mm BREN TYPE AIRCRAFT LMG CAPTURED ALEXISHAFE
AREA

GENERAL

This weapon is a modified Bren Type LMG adapted to air gunnery. The weapon examined had been roughly converted to an infantry weapon by the addition of a rough wooden butt and an improvised tubular bipod.

MECHANISM :

The weapon is an aircooled gas-driven type with cylinder and piston of Bren type along right hand side of the barrel. It is cocked in the same manner as the Bren, the cocking handle being returned and remaining stationary while the gun is firing.

The flow of gas to cylinder is regulated through the gas chamber by a milled head screw mechanism with gas ports of various dimensions, thus differing from the Bren with its gas block regulator.

SIGHTS

The sights on the weapon were of the bead and ring type in common use in air gunnery.

FEED

The weapon is fed from a drum type magazine - a modification of the Lewis drum. The magazine holds 70 rounds which are fed into the chamber in a manner similar to the Lewis LMG.

MAGAZINE

The magazine is of a modified Lewis type. It differs in the following particulars:-

The base of the magazine is clipped on to the gun in two places and remains stationary. The flanged top revolves round a post on a centre block, spiral grooved as the Lewis but the rotary movement is supplied by tension on a watch-type spring inserted in the centre block and which is wound by a pin attached to the split pin holding the two plates of the magazine together. The cartridge guide is in the magazine bottom casing at the aperture through which cartridges are dropped by gravity into the boltway. Upright metal angles affixed to top of drum take the place of the retaining plates or the serrations of the Lewis magazine. An empty magazine is indicated when a dummy round on a hinged pivot on the top magazine casing comes into contact with the cartridge guide causing the gun to stop in the cocked position.

AMMUNITION

The .303 cartridge could be used in the drum as the ammunition found with the gun was rimmed type.

Attached as Appendix "A" is a side view of the LMG. Appendix "B" contains two illustrations of the magazine.

7. TACTICS

A captured document written by a Japanese patrol commander addressed to a Colonel (apparently Regimental Commander) reads as follows (extract) :-

29 Mar 44
2 Km east of MADANG

1. At vicinity of BILIBILI gun and rifle fire were heard.

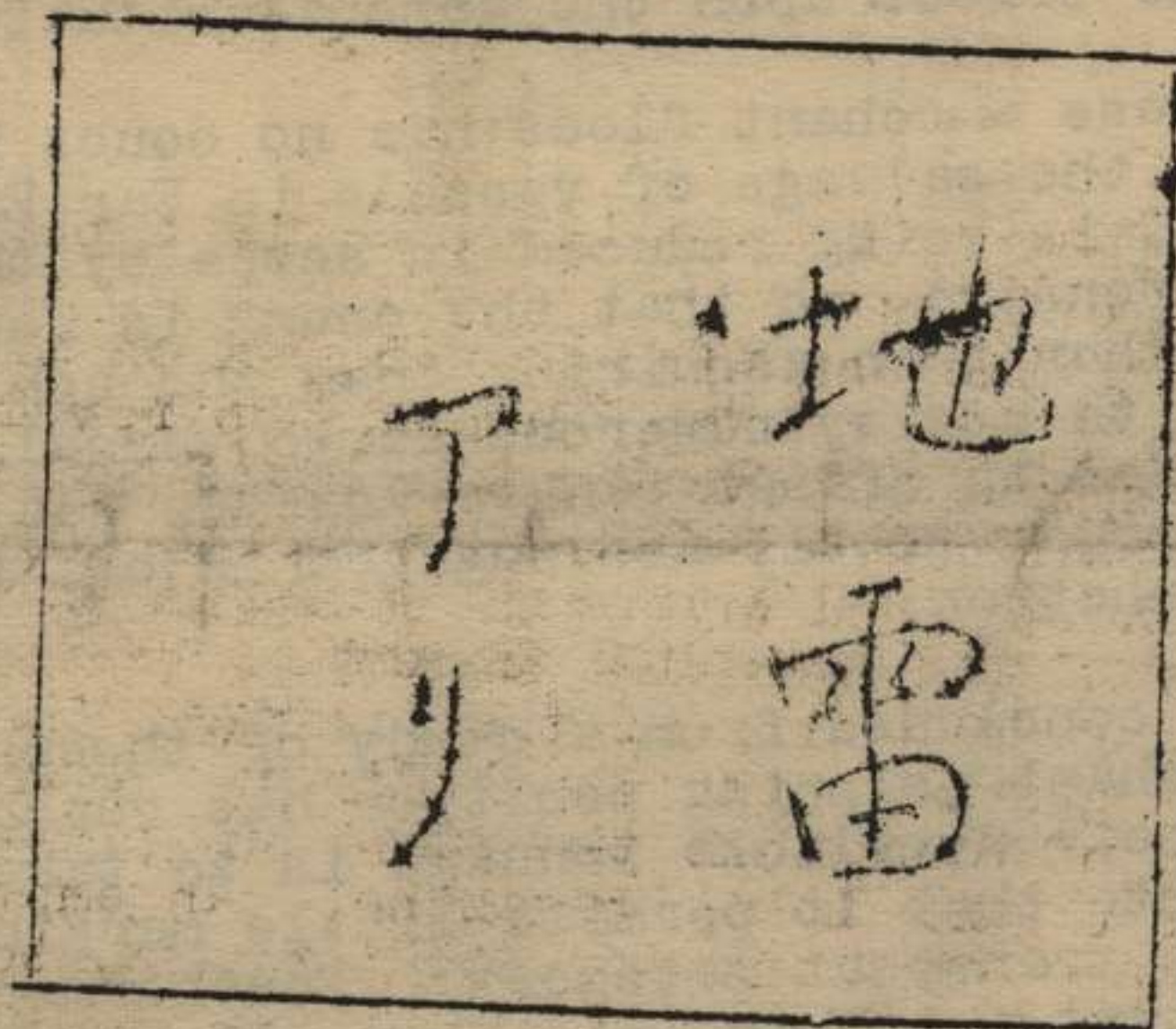
2. Presumably the enemy Div HQ is situated in the vicinity of ERIMA.
3. The enemy forces crossed the GOGOL RIVER 0700 hours and completed the river crossing by 1200 hours. The landing party is in the vicinity of OMU(?) RIVER and having dinner.
4. The current of GUM RIVER is swift and at present the river crossing is hopeless.
5. According to natives the enemy strength is 5000.
6. I am planning to ford the upper reaches of the GUM RIVER and to recce the enemy in the jungle to SO(?) village.

By Patrol Comd"

JAPANESE MINES

An exact copy and translation of Japanese landmine markings found on trees in the vicinity of mines and booby-traps in the MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN areas is shown as under :-

Postcard Size



Characters in RED

ATIS Translation ; Landmines here

Troops entering new areas should keep a sharp lookout for this or similar sign and take the necessary precautions when observed.

("Z" AUST FS SEC REPORT No 2)

9. GENERAL

THE DECLINE OF JAPANESE MERCHANT SHIPPING

The following has been adapted from a reported dated 1 Mar 44 issued by the Intelligence Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, WASHINGTON, and previously published in toto in AAF Intelligence Summary No 200 :-

Re published

"At the commencement of the Pacific War, JAPAN had available for use some 6,369,788 gross tons of merchant shipping made up of vessels of 1000 gross tons or above. This was supplemented by captures and seizures, the taking over of smaller vessels, and their construction programme which, up to 1 Feb 44, is estimated to have provided 1,020,000 gross tons: the sum result of these activities brought the available total to 8,769,501 gross tons. Of this total, it is estimated that the Japanese have lost 3,502,494 gross tons due to Allied action, and these losses in conjunction with the amount under repair and those ships taken over for conversion to naval vessels, has reduced their total of shipping available for operational requirements to some 4,671,511 gross tons - a comparative loss of 40 per cent of their merchant fleet.

In the construction of steel vessels, it is estimated that the enemy would, in 1944, produce a total of 800,000 gross tons of vessels over 1000 gross tons each, and of this total some 125,000 gross tons would be invested in tankers. It seems likely that the enemy will try to step up this figure, but it is doubtful if their capabilities will permit any excess in the steel shipbuilding field. In the meantime, the Japanese are continuing to publicise the wooden shipbuilding efforts. In this regard, however, serious difficulties have been encountered in the form of shortage of materials, machinery and labour, and as only limited numbers have so far been constructed, the programme will need to be greatly accelerated in 1944 to have any noticeable effect upon the general situation.

The Japanese merchant fleet has no doubt been strongly supplemented by the salvage of vessels in Far Eastern waters, but this field is being reduced in scope by the advance of the Allied offensive, so that the enemy is now leaving vessels behind rather than acquiring them through an advance. The enemy continues to employ numerous cargo vessels for the transport of oil in order to offset tanker losses, and it is considered that some 50 cargo vessels are engaged in oil transport as their primary function.

It can be concluded from a study of these factors that the enemy merchant shipping position has reached a critical stage in that their available tonnage is so taken up with normal requirements that it permits little margin for an increase in any one transport category. Furthermore, it can be expected that, with the mounting Allied offensive increasing the percentage of losses, the situation will become more acute and will probably be evident in some of the following forms :-

- (a) Steady sacrifice of economic tonnage.
- (b) Increased use of cargo vessels for the transportation of oil.
- (c) Provision of heavier escort protection and the routing of a larger percentage of vessels in convoy, thus resulting in a slower turnaround.
- (d) Increased difficulties in the transportation of troops and supplies."

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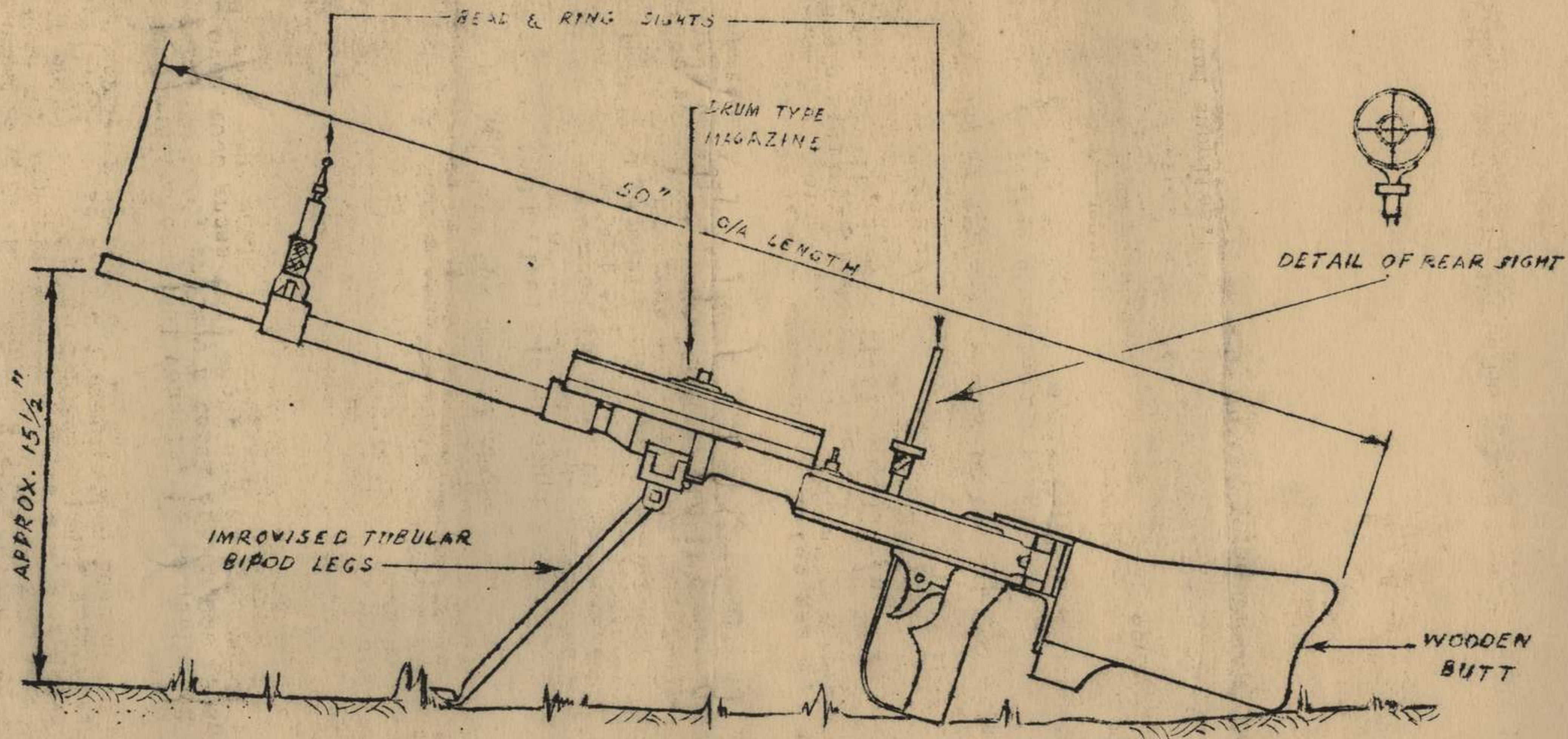
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APPENDIX "A"

5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 339

14 May 44

JAPANESE 7.7 mm BREN TYPE LMG CAPTURED ALEXISHAFEN AREA



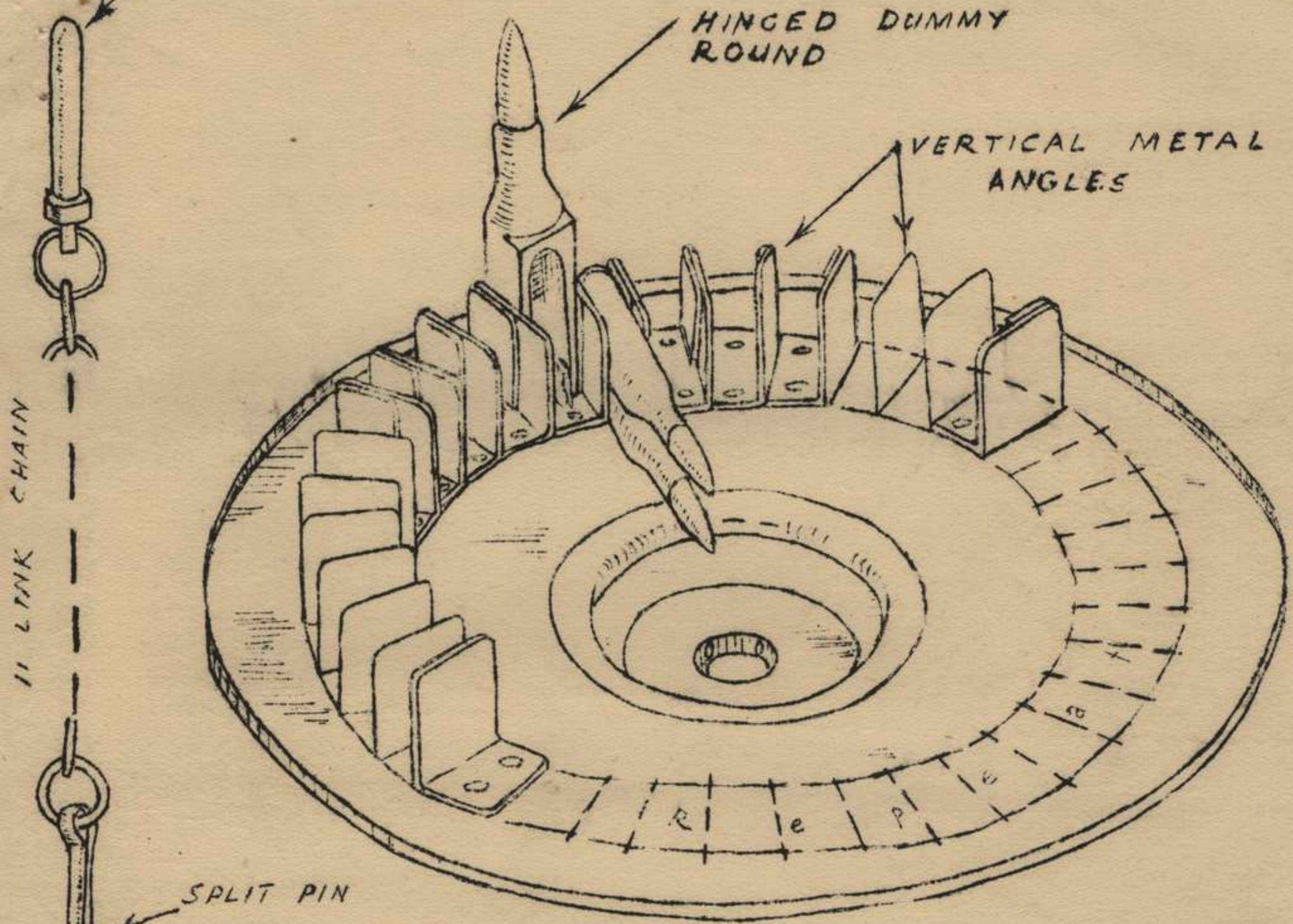
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APPENDIX "B"

5 AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 339

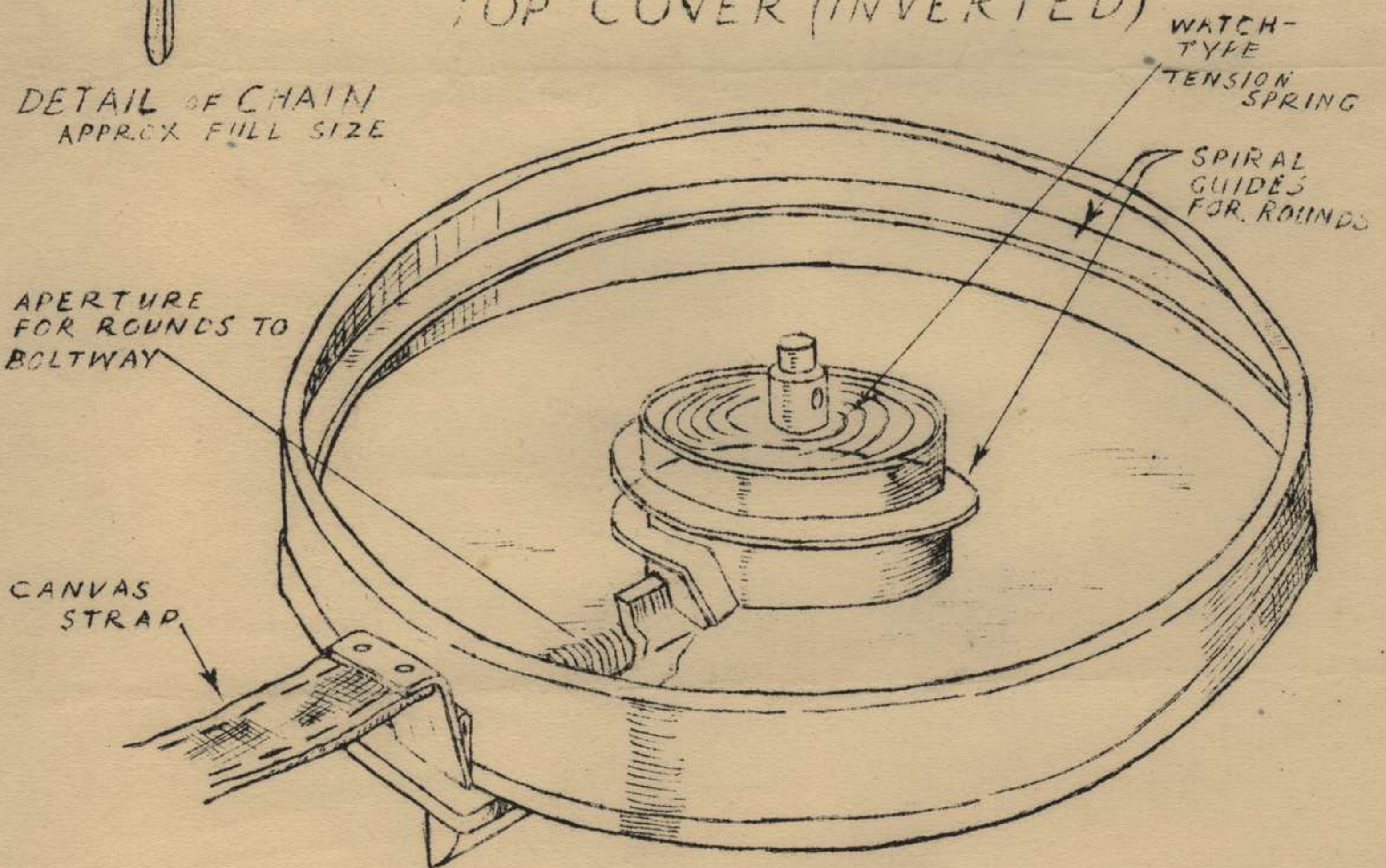
JAPANESE 7.7 mm BREN TYPE AIRCRAFT CAPTURED ALEXISEATEN AREA

PIN FOR WINDING
TENSION SPRING



TOP COVER (INVERTED)

DETAIL OF CHAIN
APPROX FULL SIZE



DRUM

APPROX HALF FULL SIZE

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(From information received to 0900 hrs 21 May 44)

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PART I
OPERATIONS

No. I/6
DATE 22 May 44

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23. May

OWN FRONT - SWPA

(a) LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(Ref maps MATUKA EAST, MATUKA WEST, KARKAR WEST, SAIDOR 1 inch to 1 mile)

MATUKA Area :

Patrols have been active forward of MEIGAR and along the inland tracks without sighting any enemy.

In the coastal sector a patrol to the GILAGIL RIVER on 15 May reported a bridge across the stream capable of carrying jeep traffic. The bridge across the WAGEM RIVER at 633711 was still standing but all other bridges between MEIGAR and the GILAGIL RIVER were found to be destroyed.

Another patrol on 16 May reached the mouth of the GILAGIL RIVER at 567783. No enemy were seen.

In the inland area PIB patrolled to BUDUK 623539 on 14 May. Another patrol on 15 May to WASUP 686600 reported the village unoccupied.

On 16 May PIB patrolled from ABAP 588520 through ANAHBAK, SIGU, TANA, DADIMFOK 1 and DADIMFOK 2 and returned to ABAP. A further patrol from ABAP moved through KANEBAK, DUDALA, GADUBAK, UGAP and UGAP MISSION to BUBNO. Here the patrol divided, half returning through BUDUK and ANAHBAK to the coast at BAGILDIK 710536. The remainder moved through BURBURA, YOIDIK and WASUP to MATUKA. No movement seen.

MADANG Area :

On 20 May ANGAU natives captured one Jap in the vicinity of MADANG, while collecting coconuts for food. He had been separated from his unit for two months.

In the area 1-2 miles west of MADANG drome ANGAU have captured a further 3 Japanese and killed one. Another Jap was killed by a standing patrol at 693247. A report of eight Japs on tracks running NW from this area to MEIRO Plantation is being investigated.

SAIDOR Area :

A patrol in the YOGA YOGA area found 10 enemy dead on 14 May. On 16 May a patrol in the same area killed one Jap, believed to be a member of an SNLP. Natives reported that all villages beyond YOGA YOGA were clear of enemy.

On 17 May natives at SIBOG reported the presence of enemy in gardens at 420750. A patrol to the gardens on 19 May failed to locate any enemy.

(b) SEA - OWN

At dawn on 16 May three RAN vessels shelled enemy positions at KRONPRINZ, ULIGAN and BUNABUN HARBOURS. A searchlight was observed at ULIGAN but there was no return fire. The vessels reported that the enemy radar at KARKAR ISLAND was still active.

On the morning of 18 May three MLs shelled and strafed enemy positions on KARKAR ISLAND. A complete circuit of the Island was made but no return fire was encountered. One Jap was observed at BISON BLY.

(c) AIR - OWN

The heavy attacks against the WEWAK area continued during the past week. Details are as follows :-

HANSA BAY :

Daily bombing and strafing attacks were carried out by Bostons, starting large fires. One bridge was hit on 16 May and a store hut was set on fire on 18 May.

WEWAK :

Large numbers of aircraft were over the area each day and heavy attacks were made on the airfields at BUT, DAGUA, WEWAK and BORAM. A troop concentration between WEWAK and DAGUA was attacked on 17 May and it is believed that many enemy were killed.

OTHER FRONTS - SWPA

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

AITAPE Area :

During the week ended 14 May active patrolling was carried out to the NW, SE and south.

Numerous contacts were made with small parties of enemy and enemy casualties to date total 615 killed and 26 PW.

Natives report that small parties of Japs in poor condition and lightly armed are wandering between the TADJI strips and the TORRICELLI MOUNTAINS. They also state that there is no enemy movement over or south of the TORRICELLI MOUNTAINS.

HOLLANDIA Area :

Active patrolling continues in all directions. During the week ended 14 May 160 Japs were killed and 56 captured, bring the total of enemy casualties to 1132 dead and 334 PW.

On 6 May a patrol landed at BOUGAINVILLE BAY and killed 5 Japs. Signs of a larger group of enemy in the vicinity were found. This has been confirmed by statements of PW.

The enemy evacuated his perimeter 4 miles north of HOLLANDIA airfield on 9 May, leaving booby traps consisting of small sticks of dynamite with attached detonators.

NEW BRITAIN :

During the week ended 14 May Allied troops occupied CAPE HOSKINS airfield without opposition. Two fighters in fair condition were found on the strip.

Enemy casualties in NEW BRITAIN to 13 May total 4302 dead and 334 PW.

(b) AIR - OWN

WAKDE ISLAND :

WAKDE ISLAND, SARMI and MAFFIN BAY were attacked on 14, 16 and 17 May by a total of 214 aircraft. Hits were scored on fuel dumps and gun positions resulting in large fires.

BLAK ISLAND :

Large numbers of Liberators attacked the area on 14, 16 and 17 May. Fires were started but results were largely unobserved.

PART II

6. EQUIPMENT

NEW TYPE LAND MINE

Japanese magnetic land mines were found near vacated enemy positions close to the mouth of the VENAGA river (FINSCHHAFEN area). The mines were of a bottle-shaped type with magnetised bottom and purely for use against AFVs.

None of this type of mine has been examined as yet. Specimens and further information are required.

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PART III

TOPOGRAPHY

(a) Corrections and additions to existing MS Sheets 1 inch to 1 mile

BOGADJIM (Provisional) -

- Villages : sq 6719 YELSA not GASUP
- 666190 GALAMU
- sq 6019 SUA not MILHANAK
- sq 5918 erase name MOLSEHU
- 606187 erase village
- 604184 insert village MOLSEHU
- 608178 erase name AULAN
- 611171 ORK not ALHA
- 628171 insert village AIYA
- 649162 ANGRU 1
- 661161 BANUP 1
- 660160 BANUP not SANUP
- 671161 BANUP 2
- 613154 erase name NANAL
- 650158 insert village ANGRU 2
- 659154 ORO 2
- 666154 ORO 1
- 684152 SAU
- 619141 APRUN not BAITAPU
- 624138 BAITAPU not BADANIA

- Tracks : (i) from YELSA 671197 to WAGUK 683174, follows farmline.
- (ii) by track from 704195 to 691177
- (iii) from ORT 707185 to 698190 (junc by track (ii)), thence 692188, thence direct to 680205.

MADANG EAST (Provisional) -

- Villages : 673404 MIBAT
- 678407 erase village

- Tracks : (i) from 702397 to 701393, thence HALAR to 685397 to 686406 (garden).
- (ii) from 684400 to MIBAT 673404
- (iii) from 678404 to 673421

MADANG WEST (Provisional) -

- Villages : 664254 SILABOB
- 656234 erase name SILABOB
- 650262 erase name KAMBA
- 634308 insert village KAMBA
- 659416 insert village ALAWAG
- 673420 insert village HAVEN

- Tracks :
- (i) NOBINOB 671299 to 652308 to 637304 to KAMBA 634308.
 - (ii) From 673404 to 660402 to 650408.
 - (iii) From HAVEN 672422 to 659411 (branch to ALAWAG) to 650408, thence to 647408, thence HALOPA 643391.
 - (iv) Erase track NOBINOB to BELAAN direct.

MATUKA EAST (Provisional) -

MT ford probable 703506.
 MT track leads from MUGIL Church to 706660 with branches to UDISIS and LIKSAL Villages.
 Track from 689690 to KABONAS, thence to MODEAS - reported as "easy going".

MATUKA WEST (Provisional) -

SARANG MISSION on island 631731 not 629733.

KARKAR WEST (Provisional) -

By-pass west from bridges GILAGIL RIVER with probable MT ford at 559780.

By-pass (probably jeepable) from TAVILTAE Church to 396940 to 396950, thence to 399963.

(b) Information obtained from enemy documents - no reliable indication of accuracy can be given.

- (i) Pack horse track from (MADANG EAST) 699413 to (MADANG EAST) 712470.
- (ii) Track from (MADANG EAST) 688353 to (MADANG WEST) 664340.
- (iii) Track from (MADANG EAST) 688353 to 670351 thence to (MADANG WEST) 641354.
- (iv) Track from (MADANG EAST) 690376 to 674373 thence to (MADANG WEST) 625375 to 616395.
- (v) Track from (MADANG WEST) MENMIUSABA 609383 to 634412 to 625430 to GOG 605432.
- (vi) Track from (MADANG WEST) 620390 to HALOPA 643391 thence to (MADANG EAST) 674405 to HALAR via village 679407.
- (vii) By-track joins tracks (v) and (vi) from 660400 to 634413.
- (viii) Track from (MADANG WEST) ABER 606448 to 623469 to 628480, thence due west to DADIMFOK 2 594480.
- (ix) Track from (MADANG WEST) 624469 to 637429 to 655436 to 655427 to 673429 thence to (MADANG EAST) to HALAR.
- (x) Track (MADANG WEST) links village 652263 to village 624266.
- (xi) Track (MADANG WEST) from village (FURUMURU?) 550236 to village (MABAN?) 487250 to village OMERUG to village UTU, with track from MABAN(?) to OUPAN.
- (xii) Track from (MATUKA EAST) 709574 to 694590 to 690587 to 687587 to WASUP to 674594.
- (xiii) Tracks lead from (MATUKA WEST) village 673485 - one due west to 596483, two to MANAMANG, three to MAHBAK.
- (xiv) Track leads from house (MATUKA WEST) 647703 to 632656.
- (xv) Track from (MATUKA WEST) 632656 to 631691 to 625702 to bridge 606730.
- (xvi) Track joins KURUM and YAP.
- (xvii) Track from (MATUKA WEST) village 606736 to GAROMKOM to DAMIR to DIMIR via high feature sq 5068, thence to GUMAKEN to ANDAPA to BOSKAN to ANIBIKINAM to 453756.
- (xviii) Track from (MATUKA WEST) DIMIR to WAIPKEN to 544671.
- (xix) Track from (MATUKA WEST) DAMIR to 554756, thence to (KARKAR WEST) 563780.
- (xx) Track from (MATUKA WEST) BOSKAN to 396669.
- (xxi) Track from (ADDU EAST) 396669 to 303759 to village 259739 to village 233748 to 229756.
- (xxii) Track from (KARKAR WEST) 521814 to 454757.
- (xxiii) Track from (KARKAR WEST) TAVILTAE Church to 397911 thence to (UW EAST) RAINDUK to SARISAVA to village 348792 to ABEN.
- (xxiv) Track from (UW EAST) 230757 to village 227767 to MAKINIAN.
- (xxv) Track (UW EAST) links ANGAN to KUWANGI.
- (xxvi) Track (UW EAST) links KOWAKI to SIAR.

- (xxvii) Track (UVO EAST) links MEREHEK to MAVAK.
- (xxviii) Track (UVO EAST) from TARITA to river 195945 to PAPUA.
- (xxix) Track (UVO EAST) from HINIHON to 192760 to (ADDU EAST) 200710 to village 173659 to village 125575 to (ADDU WEST) village 075546 to MUSITA MISSION.
- (xxx) Track (UVO WEST) from JOSEPHSTAAL to river 875830 to UTAR.
- (xxxii) Track (BOGIA EAST) from ARIAGON to APINGAM 2 to village 763150.
- (xxxiii) Complete track (BOGIA EAST) from BIRASSI to ABAGENE.
- (xxxiiii) Track (NUBIA EAST) from 581338 to TOK TOK to BOROI 2 to BAK 1.
- (xxxv) Track (NUBIA WEST) from GALIK to MAKUM to KAIAN.
- (xxxvi) Track (UVO EAST) from MOROTO to (UVO WEST) KOKUMBA.
- (xxxvii) Track (AMAIMON EAST) from AMAIMON to 270255 to ORIGA.

PART V

SECURITY

UNIT CENSORSHIP

Field Censorship Detachments report that many officers still delete expressions, opinions and complaints of which they personally disapprove, but which in no way infringe security. Men are aware that this type of franking is not permissible. Examples of justified complaints sighted in letters are

"Apparently some of the guardians of military affairs consider they are guardians of morals between man and wife."

"He has no right to cut out bits of love I put in, he's only supposed to cut out the stuff that interests the enemy."

"Our censors won't even let us tell whether the food is good or bad."

The object of unit censorship is to guard National Security. It is no part of the duty of a franking officer to act as a policeman or a censor of morals. Opinions, criticism and complaints, boastful or even lying stories, crudities of language or obscenity must not be deleted because they appear offensive. There are few complaints and criticism which are likely to assist the enemy because of the danger to morale. Confessions of offences may only be used as a basis for action or investigation in exceptional circumstances.

The yardstick by which the franking officer may measure the offence is - "Does this letter contain information which could be of value to the enemy directly and indirectly."

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5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 341
(From information received from 0900 hrs 21 May 44
to 0900 hrs 27 May 44)

PART I
OPERATIONS

OWN FRONT - SWPA

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY (Ref. Maps 1 inch to 1 mile series)

MADANG AREA : On 25 May a patrol investigating a report that 5 Japs had been seen at the GUM RIVER mouth reported no movement seen. On the same day 3 Japs were captured in the vicinity of AMRON MISSION.

SARANG AREA : On 21 May movement commenced along the coast NW from MEIGAR and one coy moved to SARANG. On 24 May one pl of the forward coy reached TUKAIN 560785 on the north bank of the GILAGIL RIVER. On 25 May one bn was located at the UMAI RIVER 733805. No contact has been made with the enemy.

SAKARUA MISSION - WEWAK : SAKARUA MISSION appeared in fair condition on 20 May with tracks used within the last 48 hours. DAGOI MISSION itself evidenced usage by Japs whilst, although the BOGIA area appeared deserted, on the same day evidence of well defined track was noticed; SW BOGIA showed considerable recent use on 22 May with well defined tracks and villages appeared in good condition although no movement was seen on 18 and 19 May. An aircraft recce of HANSA BAY disclosed MT in the area. Sighting in the RAMU RIVER on 18 May identified slight barge activity and 40 unserviceable trucks between DROME CREEK and RAMU RIVER whilst all tracks appeared heavily used, except in the area RAMU RIVER - NUBIA. Native craft appeared to be in use as supply lines in the SEPIK.

WEWAK AREA : Several newly constructed buildings and some barges were noticed on the SW end of MUSCHU ISLAND. Moderate barge and MT activity was sighted on 18 May whilst several supply dumps appeared to be established at CAPE MOEM together with an oil dump 4 miles NW of WOM POINT. Jap movement was observed centred around KAIRIRU. On the HAWAIN village coast road 10 trucks were operative 21 May.

DAGUA - BUT AREA : Encountering AA and MG fire on 20 May our aircraft reported a naval gun emplacement and supply dumps. The area appeared well occupied with new and serviceable buildings whilst a light concentration of barge and MT traffic was noticed of which six barges were along the south coast KARASAU ISLAND. DAGUA DROME appeared to hold a large concentration of stores stacked along the coastal side.

(b) SEA - OWN

On night 20/21 May MLs patrolled the coast from dusk to dawn. No sighting made. A close inshore daylight recce of ULIGAN and BUNABUN on 21 May failed to locate any enemy. Pillboxes and defences were overgrown and in an advanced state of disrepair.

Three MLs patrolling from BILUA BAY to BUNABUN on 25 May sighted quantities of enemy equipment on CHIRUNOSH ISLAND (HATZFELDT BAY) but saw no enemy.

Two MTBs encountered 2 Jap barges 15 miles NW MARANGIS (On KARKAR ISLAND) on 25 May. One was loaded with personnel. Both were severely damaged but gave heavy return fire damaging one of our craft.

(c) AIR - OWN

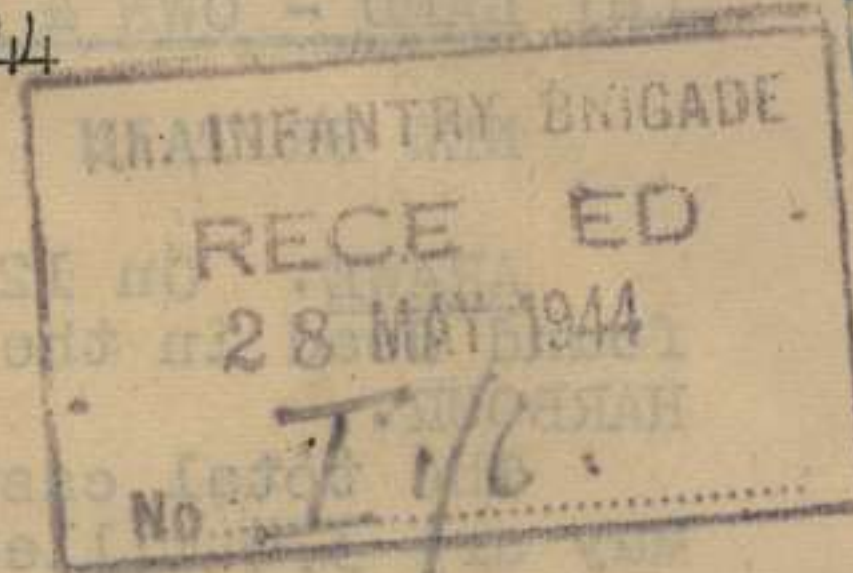
HANSA BAY AREA : On 23 May 4 squadrons of Bostons attacked stores at MANAM ISLAND with unknown results.

On the same day 12 Bostons attacked bridges and vehicles at AWAR. One truck was destroyed and others damaged.

WEWAK AREA. On 19 May 72 Bostons and 25 Mitchells attacked the coastal area between SUAIN and WOM POINT destroying many huts. The bridge across the ANUMB RIVER was also destroyed.

On 20 May a total of 113 medium bombers attacked personnel areas from BUT to DAGUA. BOIKEN MISSION and trucks were destroyed and fuel fires were started. The coastal area between SUAIN and BUT was attacked on 21 May by 115 medium bombers and 37 fighters.

On 22 May 112 medium bombers and 89 fighters attacked enemy bivouac areas and gun positions at WEWAK. Results are not known.



OTHER FRONTS - SWPA

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

NEW BRITAIN

ARAWA. On 12 May 37 Japanese were killed, 4 captured and 200 found dead in the ARAWA area. Patrolling continues to MONTAGU HARBOUR.

The total casualties suffered by the enemy in this area to 19 May are 374 killed, 200 found dead and 4 PW.

NORTH COAST. Routine patrol activity has been carried out with nil enemy contacts in the TALASEA, HOSKINGS, ELEANORA BAY, SAGSAG and AISEGA areas.

Accumulated total to 21 May are 4304 killed and 340 captured.

ADMIRALTIES

An amphibious patrol landed and pushed in towards BORUAI where remaining Japs were reported to be in the rugged hills and killed 6 and found 3 dead on the track.

To 17 May the total enemy casualties in this sector were 3289 Japs buried, 75 Jap PW and 38 Javanese, 71 Sikhs and 3 Chinese PW.

AITAPE AREA

Patrols have been active during the period under review and have killed small numbers of Japs, bringing the total of enemy casualties to 22 May to 742 killed and 31 PW.

On 18 May a great deal of enemy activity was observed approx 3 miles east of MARUBIAN (30 miles east of AITAPE). Native reports, confirmed by captured documents, indicate that there is a bivouac area and defensive positions at DEIA CREEK.

On 21 May it was reported from reliable sources that the enemy is by-passing AITAPE via inland trails from the DRINIUMOR RIVER (3 miles west of MARUBIAN) to SENGI (24 miles SE TADJI), thence to YIRKON (7 miles SE SENGI), WASISI, YUGIL and eventually to WAPIL. This village is located in the thickly populated area SSW of AITAPE beyond the TORRICELLI Mountain Range.

A captured document indicated that the main body of 41 Div was in the jungle area south of MARUBIAN on 18 May and intended moving inland from there on 19 May.

A PW captured in this area stated that the location of 18 Army HQ was just west of KARAWOP TOWN (6 miles east of DAGUA). All buildings were well-camouflaged and could not be picked up on aerial photos. Six hundred men, mostly officers including Lt Gen ADACHI (CG 18th Army) lived there.

Air reconnaissance disclosed 24 serviceable barges at SOWAM village.

HOLLANDIA AREA

Mopping up continues in this area and by 22 May the total enemy killed was 1856 and 462 PW had been taken. The details are as follows :-

On 18 May 11 Japs were killed at DOROMENA (4 miles NE DEPAPRE), 16 at SABRON (5 miles SE DEPAPRE) and 11 near TAMI (12 miles east of HOLLANDIA).

On 19 May 42 Japs were killed at GENJEM, 27 at DOROMENA - WARI, 22 MARIBO (3 miles south DEPAPRE) and 16 at SAPIRI (3 miles east DOROMENA).

Further success was obtained on 22 May when 21 Japs were killed 13 PW taken and 69 found dead at TAMI, 30 killed 7 captured in the OEMOE - WARI area, 52 killed on the GENJEM trail and 60 found dead.

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It is reported that Japanese attempting evacuation from GENJEM to SARMI are in bad shape and are discarding rifles and MGs. Natives reported that 250 armed Japs on these tracks were in bad physical condition and were stealing food.

WAKDE - SARMI AREA

On the morning of 19 May, following an air attack and a heavy artillery barrage on the beach and southern part of WAKDE ISLAND, Allied troops landed and met little opposition. The strip was seized by 1443 hours. The strongest opposition was encountered in the form of pillboxes and snipers in the NE corner of the Island. The Island was completely free of Japanese resistance by 191820K.

On 20 May 37 Japs made a 'suicide' attack on the WAKDE beachhead but were annihilated.

Other landings were made without opposition on the islands of INSOEMANI, LIKI and NIROEMOAR.

To 20 May 676 Japs have been killed and 1 PW taken.

In the SAWAR sector the Japs made two determined, but ineffectual, counterattacks on the night of 19/20 May against our bridgehead across the TOR RIVER. They were supported by mortars, MG and grenade fire but were driven back with heavy losses. The total enemy casualties in this area are 818 killed and 1 PW.

Air recce has located Japanese groups around MAFFIN 1 and 2, along the TOR RIVER and south of SAWAR.

(b) AIR - OWN

BLAK ISLAND

On 20 May 12 Bostons bombed and strafed airfields on the south coast of BLAK ISLAND starting a large oil fire at SORIDO.

SORIDO was again attacked on 21 May by 34 Liberators. Explosions and fires were observed.

Twelve Bostons attacked SORI and MOKMER on 23 May. Gun positions and trucks were hit and one lugger was sunk.

MANOKWARI AREA

On 19 May 12 Bostons attacked shipping at MANOKWARI also KAMIRI airfield. One medium and two small freighters were sunk. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed and four damaged.

Nine Liberators attacked KAMIRI on 20 May starting fires.

KAMIRI was again attacked on 21 May by 12 Bostons. Six to eight enemy aircraft were destroyed and two damaged. Fires were started among oil dumps.

On night 21/22 May 10 Liberators attacked MANOKWARI. Fires were started and ammunition dumps destroyed.

Three Liberators attacked MANOKWARI and another three attacked KAMIRI on night 22/23 May. Fires and explosions were observed at both places.

TRUK

Eight squadrons attacked TRUK on 21 May starting fires on KARAM and MOEM ISLANDS. Interception was made by 30/40 enemy fighters. One Liberator was lost.

(c) AIR - ENEMY

On 14 May 6 Jap planes in 2 waves dropped approx 32 bombs on the TANAHMERAH BAY, CYCLOPS and HOLLANDIA DROMES and HUMBOLDT BAY BEACH areas. The damage was reported to be slight. AA engaged with nil results.

On 18 May 16 bombs were dropped between CYCLOPS and SENTANI dromes with no damage.

PART II

8. CHEMICAL WARFARE

JAPANESE TYPE 98 GAS MASK TESTER FOR UNIT USE

The above article of equipment was **recently found** abandoned in the MADANG area.

This HQ has no record of a gas mask tester having been **previously found** and it is probably a comparatively new article of equipment in gas protection.

Description

The apparatus has two parts :-

- (a) A solid head form on which the mask is fitted. The base of the head form has an intake tube, one way valve and outlet hole.
- (b) Instrument box for developing pressure. It has an open-shut valve, and hand cranked pressure generator, with a tube running to pressure meter and out into an outlet tube.

Method of Operation

The operation appears to be as follows :

- (a) The mask is fitted **securely** to the face form.
- (b) The outlet hole on the mask is plugged by a stopper provided.
- (c) The inlet tube of the mask is attached to the outlet hole on the base of the head form.
- (d) The inlet tube on the base of the head form is connected to the outlet tube from the pressure generator and guage.
- (e) White cotton cloth saturated with an unspecified chemical solution is applied over the entire face of the gas mask.
- (f) The hand crank is turned, generating pressure which is registered on the guage.

Principle of Mechanism

The guage shows maximum pressure for types 87, 91 and 95 respirators.

Presumably, by means of the open-shut valve, the generated pressure is released, passing through the outlet tube of the box, through the one-way valve in the base of the head form, and thence into the facepiece itself. If any leakage is present, the escaping air causes the saturated cloth to turn red.

A sketch of this equipment is attached as Appendix "A".

PART III

TOPOGRAPHY

(a) Corrections and additions to existing MS Sheets 1 inch to 1 mile :-

Tracks :

- (i) Track from (MADANG EAST) 692366 to 690354 to 684357 along river bank; one branches to 687363; other branches to village 683357 called GIABABUSH MISSION; along ridge to 673345 to (MADANG WEST) 650345 thence HAIDUREM.
- (ii) Road (MALALA WEST) SAKARUA to DUGUMUR - fair condition.
- (iii) Track (MALALA WEST) DUGUMUR to WIBARU well defined.
- (iv) Road (MALALA WEST) SAKARUA to DAGOI good condition.
- (v) Villages at (MALALA WEST) 959198, 950200, 941191.
- (vi) (BOGIA EAST) track 804297 to 802298 well worn, jeepable.
- (vii) (BOGIA EAST) track 806281 to 802282 well defined.
- (viii) (BOGIA EAST) track 804272 to 804269 well defined.
- (ix) (BOGIA EAST) track TSEPA to WONAM to MASAWURA not well defined.
- (x) (MATUKA EAST) Overgrown track 710572, along river bank to 7 ft deep ford at 691572 to 683578 to 683586 to YOIDIK 1 687587 to YOIDIK 2 687589 to ford 2 ft 6 ins deep at 678596 to WASUP to 2 ft 6 ins deep ford 686603 to 681613.
- (xi) MATUKA WEST - Mouth of SARANG RIVER 608734
Mouth of HARINAP RIVER 588749
SARANG 1 does not exist.
- (xii) Track from (KARKAR WEST) 582759 to 570780 thence along beach to 568782 thence to 564779.
- (xiii) KARIM 582759 does not exist.
- (xiv) MT track leaves coast (KARKAR WEST) 467904 inland for 550 yards rejoining road 463910.
- (xv) Foot track leaves road at (KARKAR WEST) 471883 then south for 500 yards then east to road at 477875.
- (xvi) Ford at 467899.
- (xvii) Bridges intact at 476876, 474880, 473874.

(b) Corrections to Part III of Intelligence Summary No 340.

Page 3 - "673420 insert village HAVEN" should read
"672422 insert village HAVEN".

Page 4 - (i) "Pack horse track from (MADANG EAST) 699413 to (MADANG EAST) 712470" should read "Pack horse track from (ME) 699413 to (ME) 703472".

(ii) "Track from (MADANG EAST) 688353 to (MADANG WEST) 664340" should read "Track from (ME) 688353 to (MW) 653340".

(iii) "Track from (MADANG EAST) 688353 to 670351 thence to (MADANG WEST) 641354" should read "Track from (ME) 688353 to 680351 thence to (MW) 641354".

(xiv) "Track leads from house (MATUKA WEST) 647703 to 632656" should read "Track leads from house (MW) 647703 to 632666".

(xv) "Track from (MATUKA WEST) 632656 to 631691 to 625702 to bridge 606730" should read "Track from (MW) 632666 to 631691 to 625 702 to bridge 606730".

Attached as Appendix "B" is an annotated map of KARKAR IS.

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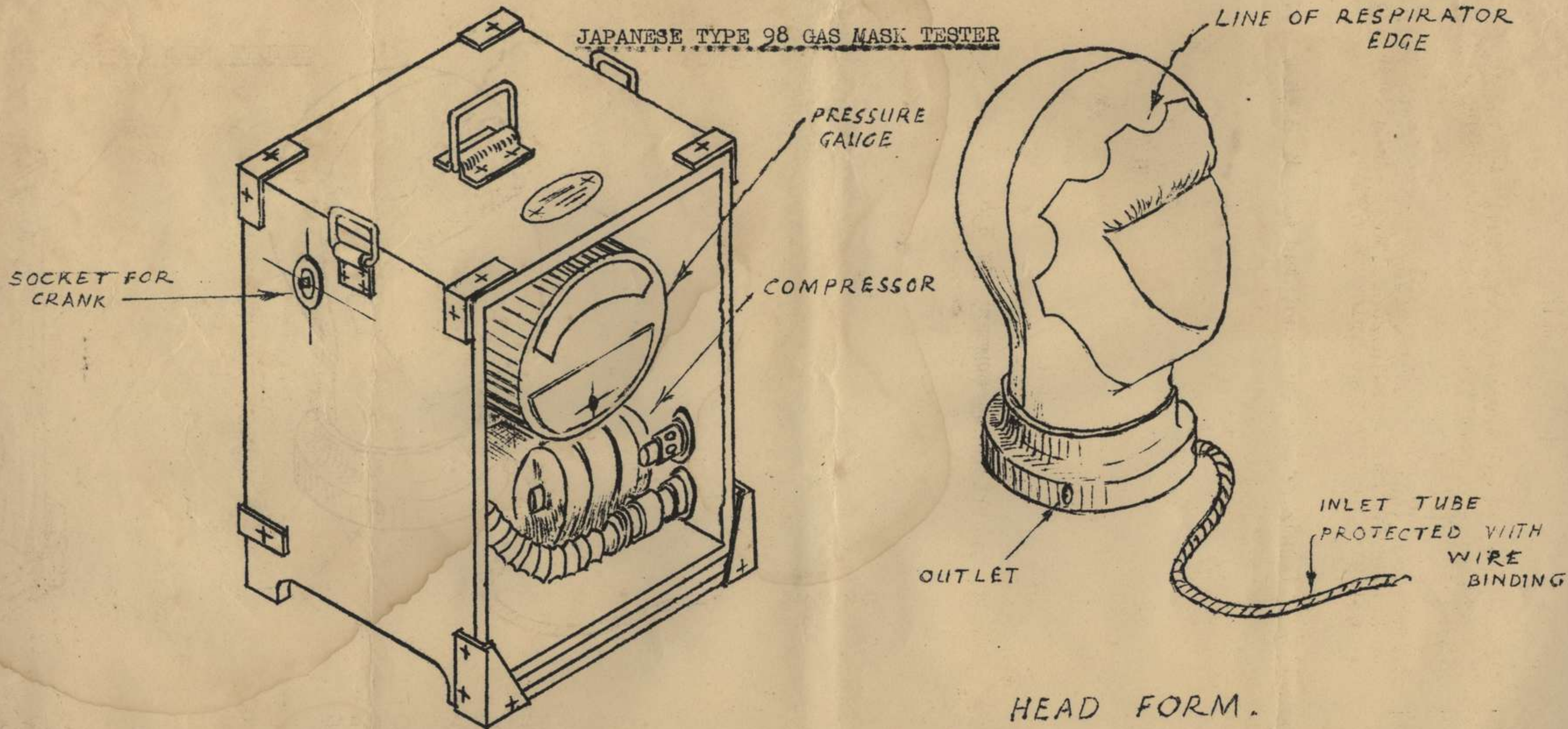
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APPENDIX "A"

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JAPANESE TYPE 98 GAS MASK TESTER



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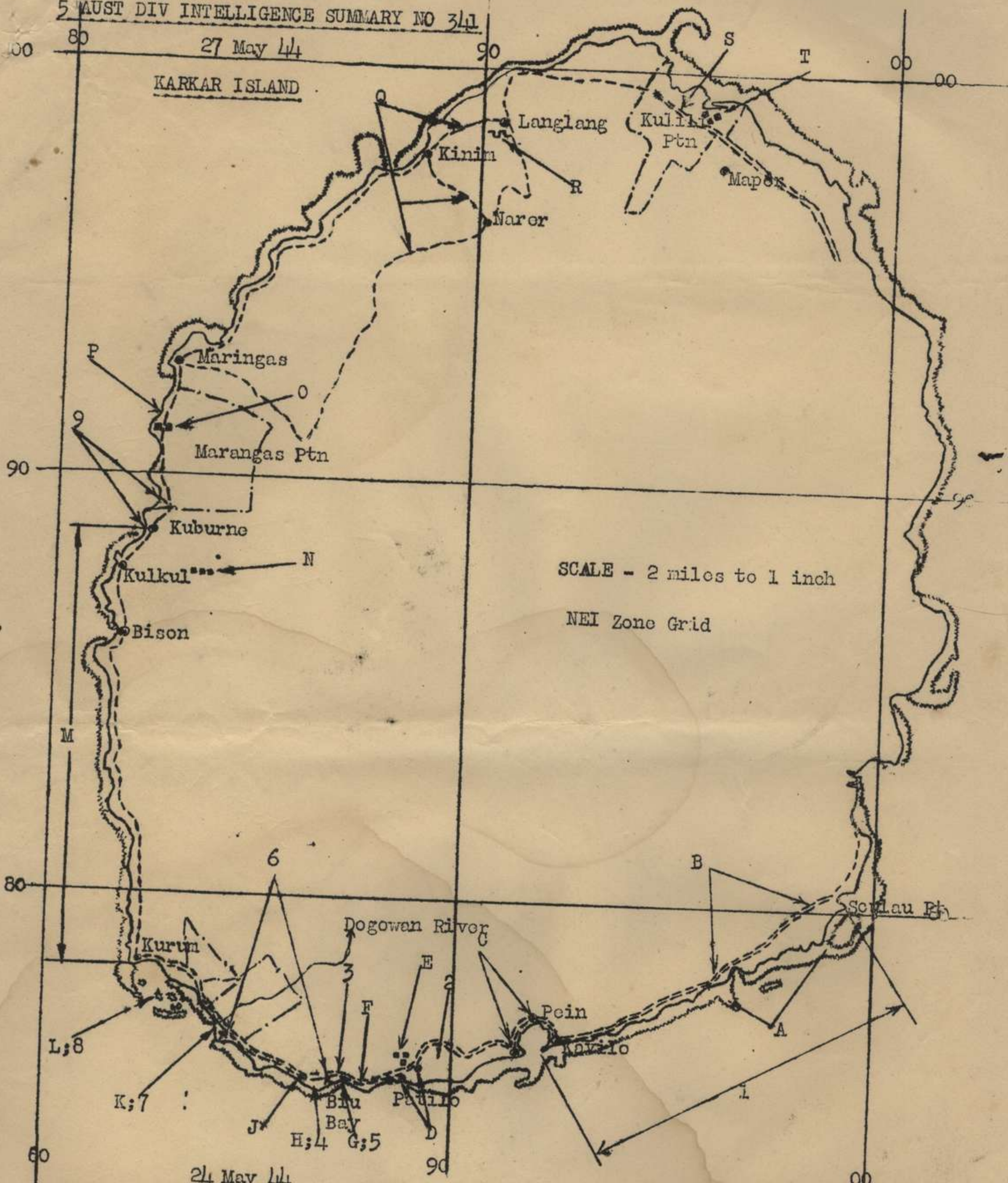
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APPENDIX "B"

5 AUSTRALIAN DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 341

27 May 44

KARKAR ISLAND



SCALE - 2 miles to 1 inch

NEI Zone Grid

24 May 44

25 May 44

- A. Shallow reefs
- B. Tracks appear used
- C. Villages deserted; shallow reefs but ground rises steeply
- D. Villages appear occupied
- E. Huts NMS
- F. Road does not appear used
- G. Beach appears suitable for landing
- H. Coastal gun position
- J. Does not appear suitable beach
- K. Partly destroyed jetties
- L. Reef broken, offers passage to beach
- M. Shoreline shallow near beach; no signs of recent use of tracks
- N. 3 large European houses plus stores
- O. 3 European houses
- P. Beach 500 yds long appear good landing
- Q. Fairly well worn tracks
- R. Slit trenches area well used
- S. Tracks overgrown
- T. Huts

- 1. Landings in this sector hampered by reefs
- 2. Hill would provide good defensive posn covering beach 200 yds seaward NMS
- 3. Road appears suitable for MT traffic
- 4. Gun posn appears to be excavations only
- 5. Beach appears suitable
- 6. Deserted gun positions
- 7. Beach suitable for landing small craft 350 yds long 20 ft wide. Serviceable jetty overlooked by large European house
- 8. Beach suitable for landing 300 yds long 20 ft wide, mud surface no likely defensive posns
- 9. Beaches 300 yds long 20 ft wide mud and gravel; do not appear suitable for landing

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Nil

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN FRONT - SWPA

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY (ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile series)

KARKAR ISLAND :

On the morning 2 Jun Aust troops made an unopposed landing at BISON BAY. The beachhead was established by 0830 hrs and exploitation north and south to KULKUL PLANTATION (approx 2½ miles) and KURUM (approx 5 miles) respectively resulted in no enemy seen.

ULINGAN AREA :

The advance north towards HANSA BAY continued during the week. No enemy were sighted.

The forward troops reached BUNABUN on 28 May. Patrols to the BUNABUN RIVER, MANGEM RIVER and TAE reported no movement seen. KORAK was reached on 30 May and a patrol inland to HORIZ 363000 (ref map UVO EAST) saw no enemy.

On 31 May our troops reached ULINGAN. Patrols inland from KORAK to SUSINA and KORAK GARDENS saw no enemy.

A patrol on 1 June reached the vicinity of MALALA HARBOUR at 265082 (ref map MALALA EAST) where a beach suitable for 30 barges was discovered.

SAKARUA - BABANGAU :

Although Tac R on 28 May reported no movement seen in the area,

our MLs sighted enemy material on CHINANOSH ISLAND. On 31 May our PT boats operating in the early morning encountered 40 mm fire from enemy gun position on the northern end of this Island with Japs being sighted on the north side beach of PATAKI ISLAND.

HANSA BAY :

Reports indicate that the HANSA BAY area has, from the enemy point of view, degenerated to a graveyard for their equipment including MT, tractors, stores and other gear whilst a further large amount of equipment was sighted in the jetty area 2000 yards north of EKU. From 21 May to the end of May, no movement was seen in the area although occasional MT tracks appeared in use. AWAR airstrip was reported on 28 May as being serviceable with bombs stacked at intervals along its entire length but no movement was seen. MT tracks in the BABUT CREEK area showed signs of very recent use on 30 May but MT sighted appeared in poor condition. Nil barge sightings are recorded for the period under review.

As regards gun positions several have been pinpointed in the area but all have an abandoned and deserted appearance.

RAMU AREA :

On 21 May BOT BOT and the adjacent jetty appeared well-used although our aircraft did not encounter AA fire. Sightings in the area included 7 prahoes and 2 barges, probably loaded with fuel oil, at PURPUR village (on the RAMU RIVER) on 28 and 30 May respectively. Our aircraft accounted for 4 of the prahoes. A 40 mm gun NW MARANGIS village fired at our PT boats on 24 May.

From a reliable source information relative to the Japs withdrawal from this area to WEWAK has been obtained in great detail and little doubt is left as to any enemy action likely to be put up by them.

The report stated that the enemy method of withdrawal includes a track by sea shore at night from HANSA BAY - BOGIA area to the RAMU RIVER, the crossing usually being made some time between 2000 and 0200 hrs. The next step to the SEPIK RIVER is made by day via jungle tracks. Four rest camps are located along the route including one at WANGAN. From WANGAN movement is continued to KURUK, the night rest being taken either in the jungle near MAKIKA HOUSE or in the House itself.

The enemy's L of C's between WEWAK and HANSA BAY is also disclosed as well as the HANSA BAY - WEWAK return line.

SEPIK RIVER AREA :

Lending credence to the existence of the enemy's escape along the coast to WEWAK, a PW captured at HOLLANDIA stated that a barge concentration point had been established at the mouth of the SEPIK RIVER whilst a further line of retreat was indicated along the SEPIK then overland to SARMI. Its usefulness is doubtful as the same source reported that of those troops who have attempted this avenue, most have perished of hunger.

Native activity has been continually observed in this area but nil sighting of the enemy is recorded. Fifteen to twenty possible camouflaged barges were sighted on the SEPIK RIVER between CAPE GIRGIR to 4 miles upstream from KALOPA village on 26 May and a further 3 to 6 at the River mouth on 30 May.

WEWAK :

MT is still evidenced around WEWAK and store dumps are being maintained especially around WEWAK POINT, BORAM, CAPE WOM, CAPE MOEM and MUSCHU ISLAND. Personnel enemy activity was evidenced at WEWAK on 24 May and at WIRIU PLANTATION on 26 May when our aircraft encountered intense AA fire whilst at CAPE WOM and CAPE

BORAM lighter AA was met.

A sidelight on the enemy's westward movement from WEWAK was contained in captured documents wherein it was stated that a sizeable force had started from this area on 1 Apr 44. Documents also indicated that it was the intention to have three infantry companies, a mountain gun company and an MT company remaining in the area on 25 May.

Barges were sighted at WEWAK and WOM VILLAGE on 29 May together with supply and petrol dumps in quantity in the area. On 31 May AA positions south of WEWAK MISSION were observed unoccupied.

DAGUA - BUT :

Activity still centres around BUT DROME together with MT in the vicinity. AA positions were also sighted. A report dated 24 May indicated a small Jap camp SW DAGUA DROME and was apparently well used.

(b) SEA - OWN

On the night 23/24 May our PT boats met three heavily armed Type A Jap barges close inshore in BROKENWATER BAY, the encounter resulting in heavy damage to the enemy. Our casualties included a damaged engine and slight personnel injuries.

In the same area on 25/26 May our PT boats reported no barges.

(c) AIR - OWN

HANSA BAY :

Six P39s strafed AWAR POINT on 24 May. A fuel truck was set on fire and a searchlight was believed destroyed. Huts at AWAR POINT were again attacked on 28 May by 8 P39s. A camouflaged barge was also strafed and hit. On 29 May 4 P39s strafed and hit supplies and huts south of AWAR POINT. AA positions at HUBIA were also strafed. On 30 May 6 P47s and 12 P39s strafed the general HANSA BAY area starting fires and destroying many huts.

WEWAK :

A total of 186 bombers and fighter bombers attacked the BUT - BORAM area on 24 May starting many fires. Roads, bridges and possible bivouac areas at BORAM, WEWAK and BUT were attacked on 25 May by 18 B25s, 6 A20s and 5 sqns of fighter bombers. A further 67 bombers were over BUT and WEWAK on 27 May starting numerous fires.

On 28 May 90 bombers and a large number of fighter bombers bombed and strafed BUT, DAGUA and WEWAK. Six barges were hit off CAPE MOEM and many fires started.

On 30 May 96 bombers started many fires among targets at BORAM, WEWAK, DAGUA and BUT.

OTHER FRONTS - SWPA

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

TADJI - AITAPE AREA :

Increased enemy activity on the east flank has been a feature of the period under review.

On 23 May patrol encountered 50-75 Japs moving west along the coastal track near DEBOL PLANTATION. Other Japs were sighted in the same general area moving inland from ANAPALUL. Four Japs were killed.

On 24 May the enemy launched a two company attack on our outpost at NYAPARAKE (28 miles east AITAPE) forcing a withdrawal of 2500 yds.

West of AITAPE 11 Japs were killed and 20 found dead in the SERRA - WARAPU area and 12 killed west of SERRA.

On 27 May an amphibious patrol to a point 5 miles west of BUT reported many Japs in the area.

Patrols on 28 May encountered approx 100 Japs 2500 yards west of YAKAMUL (3 miles west NYAPARAKE) and engaged them while an LCM fired on the enemy with rockets and 37 mm cannon. In the afternoon the Japs broke contact but the patrol followed and were last reported in contact with 50-60 Japs 2000 yards west of YAKAMUL.

A PT patrol landed at VANIMO on 30 May and captured 3 PW. Natives report only scattered enemy in the area.

On 1 Jun patrols south and east of YAKAMUL encountered strong opposition. Our carrier line was ambushed by 30 Japs between ANAMO and AFUA. Other strong enemy parties were encountered north of AFUA and HMG and artillery fire were encountered east of PARAKOVIO.

The total of enemy killed to 1 Jun is 895.

HOLLANDIA AREA :

Patrols continue to probe for isolated enemy pockets of resistance. These are scattered over a wide area, the principal ones being in the CYCLOPS MOUNTAINS, BOUGAINVILLE BAY (19 miles east of HUMBOLDT BAY), AREO (25 miles SE HOLLANDIA) and GENJEM. On 24 May 75 Japs were killed and 22 PW taken. The native chief at AREO sent a message that he had evacuated his village leaving 1000 Japs there.

Captured documents and PW statements reveal the movement of a combat team of 2 and 3 Bn and RHQ of 224 Inf Regt towards HOLLANDIA to attack forces. Undated maps give a full description of operations for an attack on DEMTA (45 miles west HOLLANDIA) on an unspecified date. The plan is for the forward elements to withdraw, leading our forces to the Jap main body. Air and native reports on 24 May indicated that the main elements of the Japs force moving eastward were between TAKAR and ANOLU, with leading elements at ARMOPA (approx 40 miles west DEMTA). Enemy troops, presumably part of this force, were strafed at the mouths of the BIER and ORANJIE Rivers on 25 May.

Patrol activity south of GENJEM on 26 May resulted in 30 Japs killed, 303 found dead and 7 PW. Natives and patrols reported a considerable number of enemy near TAFIA (4 miles NW DEMTA). Forty Japs were found dead SE of LAKE SENTANI on 27 May. The WARI area was reported clear and most enemy activity was reported to be south of GENJEM and LAKE SENTANI and around TAFIA.

A further 61 Japs were killed and 2 captured on 28 May. Reports were received of 300 Japs between BOEKIS and WANBADE and 550 in prepared positions along the trails 2 to 3 miles north of GOYA (13 miles SE HOLLANDIA).

On 1 Jun enemy evacuating from AITAPE and WEWAK were in contact with Allied patrols south and west of LAKE SENTANI. Blockage of the enemy escape routes between LAKE SENTANI and the coast and west to TAFIA was being effected.

Enemy casualties to 1 Jun total 2389 killed and 512 PW.

WAKDE - SARMI AREA :

During the period under review Allied troops extended their beachhead across the TOR RIVER and advanced west towards MAFFIN STRIP.

On 23 May Jap artillery fired 12 rounds into our bridgehead caused several casualties. Jap light artillery on 24 May knocked out three US tanks on the east bank of the TOR RIVER.

Captured documents indicate that HQ 36 Div is at MT HAKKO, in the vicinity of SARMI. Air recon of MT HAKKO on 24 May reports many new huts with phone wires running to the area. Two sedan staff cars were strafed. Sixty Japs were sighted in BETAG VILLAGE.

Much enemy activity was observed in the vicinity of MT HAKKO

on 25 May, also what appeared to be defensive positions in course of construction at MAFFIN STRIP. Two batteries each of 3 75 mm guns were located $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east and west respectively of the Strip. Heavy east and west traffic was observed crossing the WOSKE RIVER bridge which was later destroyed by our artillery. Active sniper, MG, grenade and mortar fire was encountered from enemy defensive positions on the east bank of the TIRFOAM RIVER, just west of MAFFIN 1. An estimated total of 60 Japs were killed in this area.

Scouts landed at HARARENA (NW of SARMI) on 25 May and patrolled 3000 yards east along the coast during the night. Approx 50 Japs were observed, also two dumps, 3 bunkers and one barge.

On 26 May natives reported that approx 300 Japs were living in native gardens near MASIMASI (12 miles east of the TOR RIVER). A further 50 Japs were said to be in coconut groves at TAKAR.

Allied troops advanced to a point $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of MAFFIN 1, where they were pinned down. Others were on the hill $\frac{1}{2}$ mile SE of MAFFIN strip while patrols located enemy positions on HILL 225, 1 mile SE of the Strip. During the day 225 Japs were killed.

A captured document shows that an Allied amphibious attack was expected on the beach between MAFFIN 1 and MAFFIN STRIP. Two companies were placed in defensive positions in this area.

On 27 May, following an air strike by one enemy plane, the Japs attacked our troops on the eastern flank. The attack was repulsed with 53 enemy casualties. Stiff resistance continued on the west flank and on night 28/29 May an undetermined number of Japs attacked our positions 1000 yards SE of MAFFIN STRIP, losing 45 killed. Twenty two Japs were killed in other areas.

On night 29/30 May enemy attacks penetrated to our command post and on 30 May increased enemy pressure forced the task force to halt about 1 mile east and south of MAFFIN STRIP. Our troops were consolidating positions of LONE TREE HILL and HILL 225. Twenty seven Japs were killed. Another determined enemy attack against LONE TREE HILL and HILL 225 was made on 1 Jun.

It is estimated that 40 Japs remain east of our perimeter, 300 moving west in the area east of TEMENTOE RIVER, 300 in small groups south of the perimeter moving east, 500 in the vicinity of LONE TREE HILL and 2300 between MAFFIN and SARMI.

On 31 May our positions in the vicinity of TOR RIVER were attacked by the enemy who lost 36 killed. Small parties of Japs infiltrated our perimeter defences east of TOR RIVER on night 31 May/ 1 Jun.

BIAK ISLAND :

Taking another step towards the complete occupation of NEW GUINEA Allied troops landed at 270715K on four beaches near BOSNEK on the SE shore of BIAK ISLAND. Fourteen Japs were killed during the landing.

One Regt formed the beachhead, seized the high ground to the rear of BOSNEK and fanned out to the right and left. Another Regt then passed through the left flank and made rapid progress against little opposition as far as the eastern end of MOKMER DROME. On 28 May, following an artillery barrage, the enemy counterattacked and forced our forward elements to withdraw 1500-2000 yards east of the drome. The Japs were in prepared positions using automatic weapons, mortars and dual purpose guns to cover the narrow approaches to the drome.

Eight turret shaped pillboxes with 4 inch walls were found on BOSNEK beach. Captured and destroyed enemy material included two 6 inch and 3 other naval guns, one 50 inch searchlight and 2 track laying prime movers. Ninety Javanese PW had been taken to 28 May.

An enemy counter attack on 29 May was halted. In a tank engagement 11 enemy light tanks were knocked for a loss of 3.

Eight Jap tanks and probably 4 more were destroyed by artillery on 30 May. On the same day the enemy forced a wedge between two

of our regts and established a road block. Three strong enemy attacks were made against one regt by 300/500 Japs.

Scattered parties were still at large in the beachhead area on 30 May and 500/1000 Japs were entrenched on a ridge NW of MANDOM with mortars and MGs.

On 1 Jun strong enemy attacks forced a withdrawal east to IBDI. Our perimeter now runs from IBDI to the old jetty at BOSNEK. Positions have been occupied approx 1 mile north and 1 mile NW of BOSNEK. Enemy strongposts 2000 yards west of MANDOM were attacked by our troops on 1 Jun. No further details are available.

NEW BRITAIN :

On 22 May an Allied patrol raided an enemy outpost at BAIEN (south of WIDE BAY) killing 8 army and naval personnel. All equipment, including radios, rifles and 22 MGs, was captured.

ADMIRALTIES :

Allied patrols have been active around DRABITO (south central MANUS ISLAND). Between 20 and 29 May 170 Japs were killed and 2 PW taken bringing the total of enemy casualties to 3535 killed and 90 PW.

SOLOMONS :

ABC reports that Allied troops have landed at KAKESS RIVER in EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY.

(b) AIR - OWN

MAFFIN BAY :

Two squadrons of P40s provided close support to ground troops on 24 May. Close support was again provided on 30 May by B25s and P40s.

SCHOUTEN ISLANDS :

On 24 May 10 A20s attacked airfields at KAMIRI and NAMBER, starting several fires. Eleven enemy aircraft were destroyed and five damaged.

On 26 May 8 squadrons of B25s bombed SORIDO. Bombing was described as accurate.

On 27 May 125 B24s attacked MOKMER drome, AA positions and landing beaches on the south coast of BIAK ISLAND.

On 28 May 38 B24s attacked airfields at RANSIKI, KAMIRI, NAMBER and BERDEI while 31 A20s provided close support for ground troops on BIAK ISLAND.

MANOKWARI :

Twenty B24s bombed the area on 26 May.

BABO :

Four squadrons of B25s bombed and strafed BABO on 26 May. Large fires were started, buildings destroyed and several aircraft damaged on the ground.

AROE ISLANDS :

On 26 May 22 B25s bombed and strafed DOBO, destroying several buildings and sinking one lugger.

(c) AIR - ENEMY

At 1640 hours on 27 May, the day of the Allied landing on BIAK ISLAND, the enemy made an attack with 12 aircraft on the beachhead area, resulting in a few casualties. Two Zeros, one Helen were destroyed and one Helen probably destroyed while one enemy aircraft crashed into a sub chaser. Four enemy planes later strafed the same area.

Two enemy air attacks against our troops on BIAK ISLAND on 1 Jun caused no damage.

PART II

TACTICS

Several conclusions of interest to AA gunners may be derived from an analysis of Japanese antiaircraft tactics and trends from Jul 1943 to Apr 1944.

1. Antiaircraft fire has changed from "following" to "barrage" in the majority of cases.
2. Antiaircraft installations have been sub-divided and placed farther from the areas to be protected.
3. Various trick bursts have been employed indicating that the enemy is resorting to all means at his disposal to make up for the apparent ineffectiveness of his antiaircraft weapons.
4. Gun revetment construction has changed in some instances so as to afford more protection to gun crews but precluding horizontal fire.
5. Gun revetment dimensions are no longer the criterion of their contents.
6. It has not been proved that the Japanese have used fire control equipment (directors) in this theatre to any appreciable degree.
7. Searchlights and gun fire are possibly radar controlled, as was evidenced at KAVIENG in Feb 44.
8. Due to sub-dividing of antiaircraft positions and the concentric pit construction, small bombs will do much more damage to antiaircraft installations and personnel than large ones.
9. Naval antiaircraft has been more accurate and effective than land base antiaircraft.
10. It has not been conclusively proven that radar is used by the Japanese as GL (gun laying) but has been used extensively as AWS (Air Raid Warning Service).
11. Japanese antiaircraft has improved in accuracy and effectiveness, due to experience and practice.
12. The most feared and most effective attacks against Japanese antiaircraft installations have been dive-bombing and strafing. Instantaneously fused bombs were the most effective in high level bombing.

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PART III

TOPOGRAPHY

Additions to Existing MS Sheets 1 inch to 1 mile

- BOGIA EAST - Tracks vicinity RUGASAK 1, RUGASAK 2, SANGAN, MASAWURA, WAREMIG, and ARIAR well defined.
- KARKAR WEST - Track at MANGEN PT fairly wide giving appearance of landing strip for small aircraft.
- MALALA EAST - Disused MT tracks from 238083 to 235082 and from 202146 to 200140.
- MALALA WEST - Well used road from 860233 to 854228.
- NUBIA EAST - New NUBIA strip unserviceable except to light aircraft.
AWAR Strip in good condition.
Coastal road round HANSA BAY in good condition.
MT track WOREAKOISA to POTSDAM PLANTATION good condition. All bridges intact.
Bridge 718372 destroyed but river fordable at mouth.
Bridge 710372 destroyed; river NOT fordable.

Information taken from captured enemy documents -

- NUBIA EAST - Small type coastal gun 654471.
Numerous dumps in AWAR and NUBIA PLANTATIONS.
Along coast between 700370 and 715370 many old foxholes and 50 yards inland, 2 underground tunnels.

Attached as Appendix "A" is a sketch map and Chart of Distances for places between MADANG and WEWAK.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS (not SWPA) - Nil

PART V

SECURITY

INTELLIGENCE FUNCTIONS OF JAPANESE SPECIAL ASSAULT PARTIES

CAPTURE OF DOCUMENTS - Under instructions as to the "Organisation and Method of attack by Special Assault Parties" (contained in an enemy document captured in the ARAKAN area), the Japanese have laid down that the role of these troops includes the capture of our secret documents and maps for use in current and future operations. The opening paragraph of these instructions reads :-

"Role. To carry out surprise attacks on enemy HQ and capture enemy Commanders - destruction of enemy's HQ will cause confusion throughout his whole force and destroy him. At the same time enemy secret documents and maps will be captured; from these we can immediately learn his strength and dispositions and they are of great value to us in future operations. The task is great and its achievement difficult but there is

an old saying 'You cannot catch a tiger cub unless you go into the tiger's den'. The courage necessary to carry out this duty, which is not impossible, is repaid by the results."

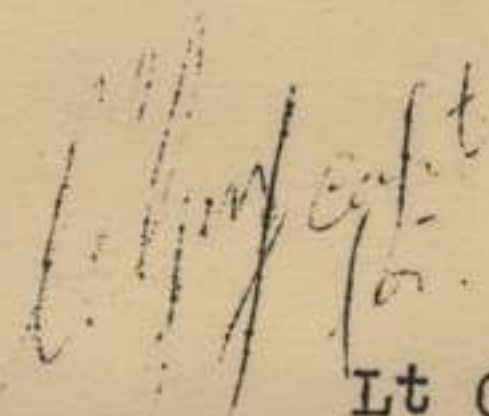
It is of interest to note that the organisation of these Special Assault Parties provides for a "Booty Party" which includes two interpreters, two pioneers and two signallers.

PRISONERS OF WAR - These troops are further instructed that, as soon as the assault is effected, prisoners are to be taken, disarmed, tied and taken aside.

It is then the task of the interpreters to endeavour to get the prisoners to indicate the position of their Commander. "Any who resist will be killed, but it must be remembered that the main task is the capture of the commander."

If it is found that the Commander has been killed, during the action, "evidence will immediately be collected (shoulder badges, etc). Secret documents, maps showing dispositions, etc, will be collected. The party will withdraw as soon as their mission is completed."

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Nil

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN FRONT - SWPA

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY (ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile series)

KARKAR ISLAND :

By 6 Jun Aust patrols had completed a circuit of the Island and no enemy were seen. The patrols covered only the coastal tracks. A Chinese family found at TARI village stated that the Japs had evacuated the Island by 20 Mar. This confirmed a native report to this effect.

An ammunition dump was found at 842880 (approx 2 miles east KULKUL).

? BAGABAG ISLAND :

A patrol to this Island on 8 Jun returned on 9 Jun and reported no movement seen.

ULINGAN - DUGUMUR AREA :

Our forces continued the advance along the coast. By 9 Jun a company was located at DALUA village with a platoon forward to 997186 (near SUARU VILLAGE). No enemy were sighted.

On 4 Jun local patrols to MERIMAN, RUDENAT and TOTO areas reported that all areas showed no signs of recent occupation.

On 7 Jun patrols inland for 500 yards along both banks of KOKUMBA RIVER reported no movement seen. One dead Jap was found.

On 8 Jun a mountain gun was found near the village of DUGUMUR. Natives report that there are no Japs at BOGIA.

A patrol to CHIRUNOSH ISLAND on 9 Jun reported no signs of Jap occupation. Only one Kanaka was on the Island. Foxholes were found which showed signs of occupation approx a week ago.

DUGUMUR BAY. Native scouts on 6 Jun reported that a recce by them as far as MOTIMIR PT disclosed no signs of enemy. No defensive positions were left and bridges and ferry punts were destroyed. Local natives state that the Japs had evacuated the area a month previously.

HANSA BAY AREA :

Tac R of MANAM ISLAND on 7 and 8 Jun revealed no installations or defensive positions. All villages on the Island appeared occupied though no movement was seen. The eastern foreshore of this Island has many 100 yard beaches suitable for landings.

The AWAR strip is reported as being completely unserviceable. Several stacks of serviceable MT tyres were observed at 683444 (AWAR PLANTATION) and a camouflaged position containing a searchlight was strafed at 690438 (AWAR POINT).

SEPIK RIVER AREA :

On 1 Jun it was reported that the Japs are now only staging at TIMBUNKE and intend moving upstream. The Japs informed the natives that ANGORAM and MARIEN BURG had been abandoned. Other reports indicate that the Japs have abandoned most positions on the SEPTV RIVER.

WEWAK AREA :

On 3 Jun an occupied village, stores and fuel dumps were sighted on KAIRIRU IS.

A recaptured Australian flyer saw fully equipped troops, a motor pool and supplies being unloaded and distributed near the western end of BUT STRIP. A camp site was also being constructed along the ANUMB RIVER.

(b) SEA - OWN

On night 2/3 Jun PT boats reported lights on the coast between BONAPUTA and DAGOI. Verrey lights revealed uniformed personnel in the area. The boats shelled and strafed the area but results were unobserved. Light SA fire was encountered.

On 3 Jun PT boats harassed two 3 inch and one 40 mm shore batteries NE YARIN, one 75 mm bty at SUAIN and three 3 inch btys at NIGHTINGALE BAY.

On 4 Jun MLs made a daylight recce of MANAM and ARIS ISLANDS and the coastline from PODBIELSKI POINT to ULINGAN. Pillboxes on ARIS ISLAND and at PODBIELSKI were strafed. Telephone lines were observed from PODBIELSKI PT to DUGUMUR BAY.

(c) AIR - OWN

HANSA BAY :

On 1 Jun 24 P47s dive bombed opportunity targets at HANSA BAY while 12 P39s carried out an armed recce of this and the SEPIK RIVER areas. Sailboats, huts and fuel dumps were set afire at MARIENBURG. Several trucks were badly damaged at AWAR.

On 4 Jun 32 P47s glide bombed targets in the vicinity of HANSA BAY.

On 7 Jun P47s and P39s carried out an armed recce of the coast HANSA BAY - WEWAK and along the SEPIK RIVER. No further details are available.

WEWAK AREA :

On 31 May 2 squadrons of Beauforts with an unknown number of fighter-bombers attacked targets in the WEWAK area. The attack was repeated by a total of 73 aircraft on 1 Jun.

On 4 Jun 78 A20s and an unknown number of fighter-bombers attacked targets in the BUT - WEWAK - BORAM area. The same areas were again attacked on 5 and 6 Jun.

The attacks on this area were continued on 7 Jun by 57 medium bombers and on 8 Jun by 53 medium bombers when fires were started and 6 barges were destroyed.

OTHER FRONTS - SWPA

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

TADJI - AITAPE :

AFUA area (5 miles SW YAKAMUL) : The enemy is reported to be strengthening and extending his defences along the NIGIA RIVER. Enemy pillboxes were also being constructed on both sides of the DRINIUMOR RIVER. Our attack on 3 Jun on a ridge one mile north of AFUA was repulsed, the enemy being strongly entrenched with LMGs. The following day the ridge was captured after strong resistance by the enemy. Large bivouac areas and defensive positions, visible from the ridge were abandoned by the enemy.

On 8 Jun an outpost was established on the coast 2 miles east of DRINIUMOR RIVER and a battalion was established on the ridge north of AFUA. A Jap patrol was reported digging in 1000 yards west of AFUA with MGs.

On 9 Jun the Japs still held positions on the trail west of AFUA. Light contact was made further to the west. The enemy appears to have outflanked Allied positions on the DRINIUMOR RIVER. Patrols encountered enemy in unknown strength at CHAGOAR CREEK and 30/50 heavily armed Japs 2 miles west of AFUA.

YAKAMUL area (24 miles east AITAPE along coast) : On night 4 Jun a Jap attack at YAKAMUL was repulsed, the enemy sustaining 95 killed.

Our artillery was active in this area. A Jap attack on an outpost west of YAKAMUL was repulsed, 8 Japs being killed. Patrol clashes continued on 5 Jun.

On 6 Jun our sig line between YAKAMUL and PARAKOVIO was cut by the enemy and a party repairing the line was attacked.

At 041800K between 400 and 500 Japs attacked our eastern outpost in the PARAKOVIO area with mortars, MGs and arty support. Our outpost was overrun and the forward elements lost contact with their HQ.

One battalion moved from TADJI to 2500 yards east of PARAKOVIO where they were pinned down.

A patrol to VANIMO on 7 Jun found the natives unfriendly. The suspected presence of Japs in the area was confirmed by inland patrol reports of large parties of Japs moving west.

On 9 Jun it was reported that enemy activity to the south and SE of AITAPE was increasing. Strong patrols were reported in the area 22 miles SE AITAPE and further parties were reported moving west from TAU. Reports of the possible establishment of a base at INAKOR have been received.

The strength of a western enemy move from BUT indicates a probable attack on AITAPE.

The total enemy casualties in this area to 8 Jun are 911 killed, 34 PW.

HOLLANDIA AREA :

Activity is restricted to patrol clashes. Parties of Japs up to 500 strong were reported in the WAAB area and south of HOLLEKANG and a further 200 were also reported along the SEKANTO RIVER.

Patrols also reported a large number of Japs at BIRI RIVER mouth and another patrol reported 500 Japs 10 miles SE of SAW MILL JETTY (HUMBOLDT BAY). The latter groups was reported well armed and fed.

Trustworthy natives reported that there are 800 Japs south of HOLLEKANG awaiting evacuation.

Enemy in unknown strength were located west of TOARIN RIVER moving east. They were poorly armed and in poor condition.

Total Japs casualties to 9 Jun - 3035 killed, 586 PW.

WAKDE IS AREA :

On night 30/31 May a party of approx fifty Japs infiltrated our perimeter in the SARMI area and destroyed two Bofors guns and an LMG. A further 30 who broke into a dump area were driven off, 18 being killed. They were found to be completely equipped with automatic weapons, rifles, molotov cocktails and a radio.

On 4 Jun two Bns occupied a perimeter defence encompassing both banks at the mouth of the TOR RIVER. An unsuccessful enemy attack was made on the Western perimeter, 21 Japs being killed. On 5 Jun a further 80 Japs attacked the perimeter 3000 yards west of TOEM (on the mainland, SOUTH of WAKDE) with mortars, LMGs and grenades. On 6 Jun activity was widespread but confined to patrol clashes.

A PW report states there approx 1000 Japs in the vicinity of IMENO, in the KEDDA area. Recent information from CHINESE escapees indicate that 3000 to 4000 Japs, with 2000 British Malaysians, evacuated SARMI to a point 17 miles south west of the mouth of the ORAI RIVER on 25 April, together with 10 Jap tanks.

BLAK IS AREA :

On 31 May heavy enemy mortar and MG fire forced a rifle coy off the ridge 1000 yards NW MANDON. The enemy had troops, mortars and artillery strung along the coral ridge between MANDON and MOKMER. From the eastern flank of a line east of PARAI JETTY, our troops, with support from 2 tanks, advanced and captured IPIAREF village (4 miles east BOSNEK). On night 2/3 Jun a further advance was made to 800 yards NE of PARAI and enemy pillboxes were cleared NW IPIAREF. WOENDE IS was occupied on 2 Jun; no opposition.

The ridge NW of MOKMER drome was occupied by 5 Jun and our troops moved west on the high ground 2000 yards north of IBDI. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy in this sector. Thirty two suicides of an estimated 100 Japs were found.

A PW stated that he estimated there were 6000 to 7000 Jap troops on BLAK.

On 7 Jun our troops occupied MOKMER airfield and beachhead and also PARAI was occupied on 8 Jun. The western advance from PARAI was assisted by 6 tanks and only moderate resistance was encountered. The Japs still hold a ridge on a line from the eastern end of MOKMER strip to 1200 yards NNE PARAI. Jap casualties to 6 Jun - 948 killed, 4 PW.

NEW BRITAIN :

A native report on 31 May stated that the Japs have started a training school for native soldiers at LALA village (east coast GAZELLE PENINSULA). Reliable sources indicate that the Japs have little food and are living almost entirely from native gardens, coconuts, unripe bananas and pawpaws.

Patrol activity in the TALASEA - HOSKINS area reported no

contact except at the mouth of the PANDI RIVER where 12 Japs were encountered on 31 May.

ARAWA reports that 150 Japs arrived at MILIM in WIDE BAY by barge from RABAU.

ADMIRALTIES :

Patrol activity only has been reported resulting in small numbers of Japs being killed. The total enemy casualties to 6 Jun are 3654 killed and 96 PW.

(c) ENEMY - SEA

On 3 Jun a recce plane sighted an enemy naval task force north of the HALMAHERAS on course of 150 degrees. The force consisted of 2 battleships, 3 heavy cruisers, one light cruiser and 9 destroyers.

(c) AIR - OWN

Allied aircraft have given continual support to the ground troops throughout the past week, bombing and strafing enemy positions, stores and bivouac areas in the WAKDE and BIAK ISLANDS areas.

Other activities are -

RANSIKI

On 31 May and 1 Jun our aircraft attacked RANSIKI drome. One barge was sunk on 31 May while, on 1 Jun, 8 enemy fighters were destroyed on the ground; 4 trucks and several buildings were also destroyed.

TIMOEKA

On 2 Jun 40 B25s attacked this village and dispersal areas starting fires.

KAMIRI

On 4 Jun 13 A20s bombed and strafed KAMIRI drome. The drome was again attacked on 6 Jun and 3 aircraft were left burning on the ground.

MANOKWARI

On 4 Jun 43 A20s bombed and strafed MANOKWARI. A small freighter was sunk, barges were set on fire, buildings and fuel dumps were hit.

On the same day 12 A20s sank a corvette and one 500/1000 ton freighter off CAPE SAOEKRIS

On 6 Jun 43 A20s again attacked MANOKWARI. Results not known.

CAPE DE GOEDE HOPE (110 miles west MANOKWARI)

Ten B25s made a masthead attack on a Jap convoy 30 miles north of this Cape on 8 Jun. For the loss of 3 B25s, 3 destroyers were sunk and one damaged while our escorting fighters shot down 3 intercepting enemy fighters.

WAIGEO IS (approx 200 miles west MANOKWARI)

In an area 50 to 160 miles NW of WAIGEO ISLAND recce B24s made three separate attacks on Japanese shipping. One destroyer was sunk, a direct hit was scored on one of a convoy of 5 ships while the third attack was on 8 ships, all bombs scoring hits.

BABO

On 5 Jun 44 A20s bombed and strafed BABO, damaging 7 enemy aircraft on the ground.

TRUK

Explosions and large fires were caused by an attacking force of 8 squadrons of B24s against TRUK on 2 Jun.

TRUK was again attacked on 6 Jun but no details are available. Eight squadrons of B24s again attacked TRUK on 7 Jun. No results of this raid are to hand.

(d) AIR - ENEMY

Enemy air activity has shown a considerable increase during the past week.

On 31 May enemy aircraft made two attacks against our positions on BIAK ISLAND, causing no damage. They lost one plane.

Fifteen Jap planes made an attack against the beachhead on BIAK IS on 3 Jun but no damage or casualties were caused. Seven of these planes were shot down by AA.

On 5 Jun Jap aircraft made a successful attack against the airstrip on WAKDE ISLAND. Besides damaging a very large number of our aircraft, a small number of aircraft were destroyed and direct hits on dumps caused casualties amongst personnel, vehicles and equipment.

PART II

ENEMY AIR STRENGTH

Figures as to 26 May show that the enemy aircraft strength has increased 25 per cent since 1 May in the NW Sector. This figure is twice the number of aircraft concentrated in the NE Sector since Jan 43. The present main forward concentration is at HALMAHERAH where an increase of over 100 per cent has been effected since 1 May. The strength at rear base areas remains stable.

Already the object of this increase has been indicated by the large scale enemy air raid on WAKDE IS on 5 Jun.

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

The following is obtained from captured documents, date and sources unknown and is not considered reliable.

Ref Map MALALA WEST - Mountain Gun seen at MOTOMIR PT 067174.

Ref Map NUBIA EAST - Suspected AA gun position BOROI HILL 601438

MARIENBURG MISSION - Can billet four companies. German missionary and natives friendly to Japanese.

GENERAL

JAPANESE ESCAPE ROUTE HANSA BAY TO WEWAK

Reference 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary 342 page 2 below are further details of the Escape Route -

The route moves from HANSA BAY along the coastal road to a Rest Camp (ref map NUBIA EAST 607500) on the BOROI RIVER and thence to a Rest Camp at MARANGIS 2 (483564), continuing along the coast to 355612 (ref map WATAM EAST) and to rest camp at WANGAN (345588).

Here the route provides two alternatives. The first crosses the WATAM LAGOON from WANGAN and continues along the edge of the LAGOON to 286630, to NEW SINGARIN (ref map SEPIK EAST 232652) and thence along the river bank to a Rest Camp at OLD BIEN (154593). The route then crosses the river at 137602 to NEW BIEN.

The second alternative route crosses WATAM LAGOON at 332587 (ref map NUBIA EAST) to 286540 to URU (ref map OMBA EAST 578528) to a Rest Camp on the BIEN RIVER at 114517 and down the BIEN RIVER to the SEPIK RIVER where it rejoins the main route at NEW BIEN.

The main route from NEW BIEN is to MARIENBERG MISSION 025640 to 008650 to BOANAN to MAMBET to ATABU to a Rest Camp at MANSEP (ref map SEPIK WEST 678917) to GAVIEN to WASKURIN to KIS (785767) to KAUP (755807) to 732810 and thence along the coastal road to 673864 (ref map WEWAK EAST) to SUMUP (675875) to SIL (602926) to TEREBU (537965) to FOROK (478998) to 454013 to WEWAK.

This route coincides with the WEWAK - HANSA BAY L of C from WEWAK to OLD BIEN. From here the L of C route goes to URU (ref map OMBA EAST 578528) to 200452 to 238403 to 285404 to SENAI (ref map NUBIA WEST) to BOSGUN (462400) to the RAMU RIVER at 508343 to TIMORAKA to BIROP to 563327 to SANGAM (ref map NUBIA EAST) to IKU (662342) to the main track at OLD NUBIA STRIP 706371.

The return L of C from HANSA BAY to WEWAK runs along the coast all the way with rest camps at 607500 (ref map NUBIA EAST), MARANGIS 2 (483564), WANGAN, MURIK, KAUP, SUMUP, SIL, TEREBU and FOROK.

The crossing times of all rivers and lagoons is between 2200 and 0200 hours.

PART II

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Amendments and Additions to existing MS Sheets 1 inch to 1 mile

- NUBIA EAST - 684437 jetties intact
- 3 jetties in vicinity 672433 destroyed
- 665434 Bridge approach damaged
- 664433 Bridge destroyed
- 666420 Jetty badly damaged
- 663422 Causeway and bridge in poor condition
- 665412 Bridge slightly damaged
- 668403 Jetty destroyed
- 673392 Jetty destroyed
- 675385 Bridge intact
- 682379 Bridge intact
- 719373 Bridge destroyed
- 711372 Bridge destroyed
- 711370 Bridge destroyed
- 709370 Bridge badly damaged.

- KARKAR WEST - At 565776 southern approach to GILAGIL RIVER leaves the main track, crosses creek at 563777, then through swamps to ford 558779.
- Delete previous track shown leaving the main track at 563778.
- Bridges in bad condition at 563777, 554788.

Bridges at 547792 and 539798 not jeepable
Culverts in good condition at 533804, 505834,
490853

Track YEDIKUM to 505834 jeepable.

Track from 504835 to TIMPER RIVER to 487858 is
muddy; much repair to make it jeepable.

Bridges destroyed in vicinity 476875; fordable.

Track 487858 to MARUKINAM is jeepable except for
crater which cannot be detoured at 468874.

Barge points at 470885 and 465911 useable only in
calm weather

Road MARUKINAM to 467899 jeepable; 3 culverts
over tidal backwaters in good condition.

Main track leaves mapped track at 459916 and follows
the coast rejoining the mapped track at 441931.

This track is jeepable.

Mapped track is unjeepable in large portion of it.

Barge points at 462913 and BUNABUN HARBOUR between
437931 and 426937; at 420943 and TAVILTAE
402968

Track MEDIEUR to BARBIR (UVO EAST) is jeepable.

Track crosses unmarked creeks at 539798, 419942,
417944, 414943, 401961.

BUNABUN RIVER is fordable.

Track from 407955 along north bank of BUNABUN RIVER
to track junction at 390942 (UVOEAST).

Possible site for strip 200 yards long 449936.

River

UVO EAST

- Track BARBIR to BARBIR/jeepable.

Track BARBIR RIVER to KORAK suitable 3 ton vehicles
BARBIR RIVER fordable 20 yards up from destroyed
bridge.

Barge points at BARBIR 386085 (600 yards), at
KORAK 363000 (150 yards), at MULU HARBOUR
358008 (200 yards) suitable only in emergency.

Bridge 363000, 3 span, jeepable.

Creek shown 348025 not in existence.

Track and all bridges jeepable from KORAK to 320003.

Bridge 357008 jeepable

MALALA WEST

- Road 065165 to 950207 fair condition.

All bridges along this road in fair jeepable
condition except those at 028187, 039177,
061174, which are partially destroyed.

Cattle seen at 034185 and KUMUG PLANTATION 051176

(b) Information obtained from enemy documents - no reliable
indication of accuracy can be given

MALALA EAST

- Bridge destroyed KOKUMBA River, ferry used.

Road west of KOKUMBA River to HANSA BAY usable to
MT.

OMBA WEST

- ANGORAM strip - fighters and light bombers can land
Depth of SEPIK RIVER at 840510 about 35 ft.
ANGORAM 815518 suitable for small L of C base

WATAM WEST

- Mouth of SEPIK RIVER 350450 296 to 590 yards wide;
45 to 80 feet deep, large boats can enter.

SEPIK EAST

- MURIK LAGOON 090820: portion can be used to
accomodate MLC.

SEPIK RIVER in vicinity of MARIENBERG MISSION 217
to 325 yards wide, depth at midstream 65 to
85 feet, at banks 7 to 30 feet

MARIENBURG MISSION - many machine shops, a Chinese
lumber mill, a 30 ton motor boat under
construction. River at 074650 width 16 feet
depth 7 feet.

- SEPIK WEST - The following tracks, 8 inches to 2 ft 4 ins wide, passable only to infantry -
1. KAUP 755807 to MAMBET 962689
 2. From KIS and WASKURIN to ULABUI to 732682
- 998648 area unsuitable for airstrip.
BOANAN good road 100 to 200 ft wide.
Coastal track from KAUP to SUMUP (WEWAK EAST) very steep.
- WEWAK EAST - From TEREBU to KAUP (SEPIK WEST) surf makes coast unsuitable for barge landings
SAMOK RIVER 677872 35 ft wide, good drinking
LETAK CREEK 518980 over 160 ft wide.
Track SUMUP to TEREBU 3 to 10 ft wide, passable only to infantry.
Track TEREBU to BRANDI PLANTATION (WEWAK WEST) suitable to pack horses only.
- WEWAK WEST - Track for 6 miles east of BORAM suitable for MT
Track WEWAK to KAUP 1 in 4
Undulating country in area vicinity square 3104.
Dense jungle east of 321055
WEWAK Strip 1200 yards by 55 yards.
WEWAK Strip 550 yards inland from coast.
Swamps are located at 321057, 322061, 310068, 309372, 305068, 315378
steep cliffs (93 degree angle) at 323082, 324087
312077 sand beach
306076 good landing beach
Road WEWAK to WOM suitable for MT if repaired
Rivers at 280092 and 275107 55 yards wide.
Coral reefs CAPE WOM area
Clear ground vicinity WOM 278118 suitable for two airstrips.
WEWAK : 10,000 ton vessels can approach to 1200 yards offshore. Boats 3 ft draught can come into shore. Beaches generally 31 yards of sand and 3 to 12 ft in depth. Tide 3 to 5 ft.
- KAIRIRU WEST - KAIRIRU WEST
KAIRIRU ISLAND : no roads, all transportation by boat.
- BUT EAST - 985244 suitable for airfield, better than BUT.
900254 no bay or harbour, surf.
- BUT WEST - BUT : Runway 1400 yards by 80 yards, can extend to 1600 yards by 100 yards. Hard, sandy surface, dense grass, 15 bomb bays, dense forest all round.
BUT VILLAGE, lack of clean water and produce
NINAHAU RIVER 795294 55 yards wide, 2 ft 3 ins deep
WAKIP RIVER 626304 10 ft wide, 6 ins deep, no obstacle.
- AITAPE EAST - Vicinity 017488 suitable for airfield.

Attached as Appendix "A" is a chart showing track distances between MADANG and BOTBOT.

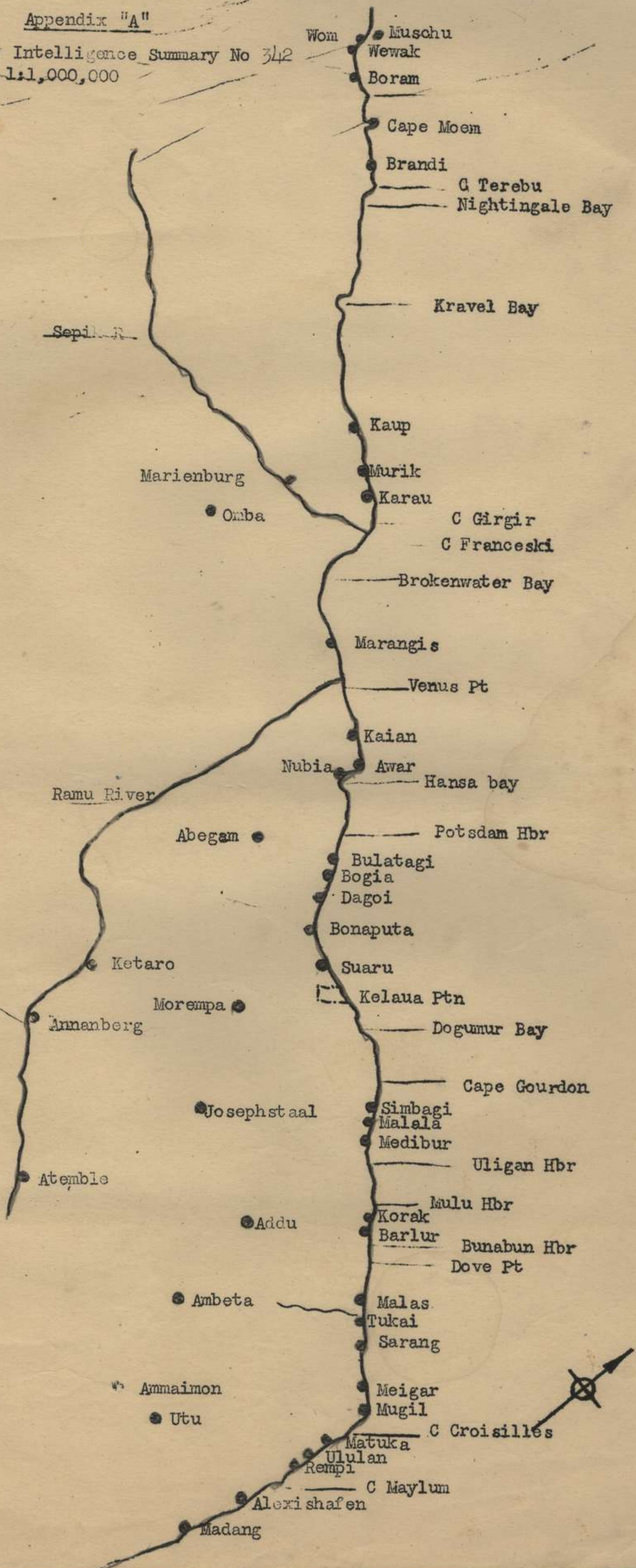
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CHART OF DISTANCES

MADANG TO WEWAK

Scaled Coastal Statute Miles

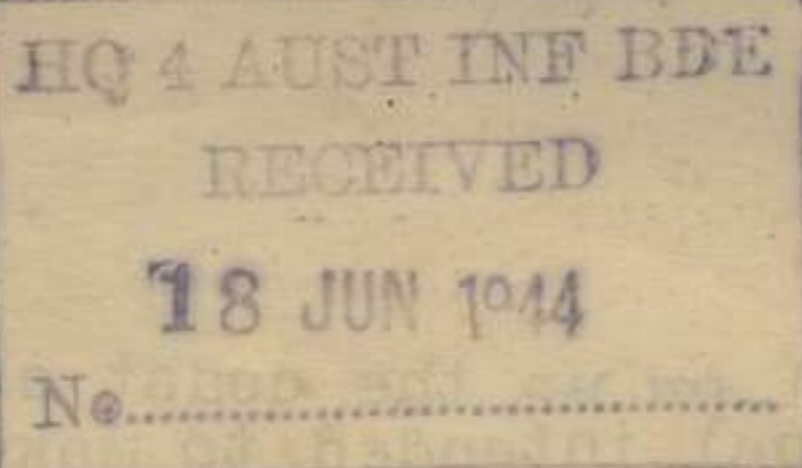
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E.G. - Sarang to Malala 43 miles

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	MADANG	ALEXIS	REMPI	MATUKA	C CROISELLES	MEIGAR	SARANG	MALAS	BUNABUN HBR	BARBIR	MULU HBR	ULINGAN HBR	MALALA	C GOURDON	DOGUMUR BAY	SUARU	DAGOI	BOGL	POTSDAM HBR	HANSA BAY	AWAR	RAMU RIVER	MARANGIS	BROKENWATER R	SEPIK RIVER	MURIK	KAUP	KRAVEL BAY	NIGHTINGALE B	BRANDI	CAPE MOEM	WEWAK
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MALAS	49	41	35	26	21	17	10	0	10																							
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BARBIR	64	56	50	41	36	32	25	15	5	0	3																					
MULU HBR	67	59	53	44	39	35	28	18	8	3	0	5																				
ULINGAN HBR	72	64	58	49	44	40	33	23	13	8	5	0	10																			
MALALA	82	74	68	59	54	50	43	33	23	15	10	0	5	8																		
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POTSDAM HBR	126	118	112	103	98	94	87	77	67	62	59	54	44	39	31	21	12	5	0	4												
HANSA BAY	130	122	116	107	102	98	91	81	71	66	63	58	48	43	35	25	14	7	0	0												
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RAMU RIVER	153	145	139	130	125	121	114	104	94	89	86	81	71	66	58	48	39	32	27	23	16	0	6									
MARANGIS	159	151	145	136	131	127	120	110	100	95	92	87	77	72	64	54	45	38	33	29	22	6	0	5								
BROKENWATER R	164	156	150	141	136	132	125	115	105	100	97	92	82	77	69	59	50	43	38	34	27	11	5	0	10							
SEPIK RIVER	174	166	160	151	146	142	135	125	115	110	107	102	92	87	79	69	60	53	48	44	37	21	15	10	0	30						
MURIK	204	196	190	181	176	172	165	155	145	140	137	132	122	117	109	99	90	83	78	74	67	51	45	40	30	0	13					
KAUP	217	209	203	194	189	185	178	168	158	153	150	145	135	130	122	112	103	96	91	87	80	64	58	53	43	13	0	7				
KRAVEL BAY	224	216	210	201	196	192	185	175	165	160	157	152	142	137	129	119	110	103	98	94	87	71	65	60	50	20	7	0	12			
NIGHTINGALE	236	228	222	213	208	204	197	187	177	172	169	164	154	149	141	131	122	115	110	106	99	83	77	72	62	32	19	12	0	14		
BRANDI	250	242	236	227	222	218	211	201	191	186	183	178	168	163	155	145	136	129	124	120	113	97	91	86	76	46	33	26	14	0	6	
CAPE MOEM	256	248	242	233	228	224	217	207	197	192	189	184	174	169	161	151	142	135	130	126	119	103	97	92	82	52	39	32	20	6	0	
WEWAK	264	256	250	241	236	232	225	215	205	200	197	192	182	177	169	159	150	143	138	134	127	111	105	100	90	60	47	40	28	14	8	0

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Nil

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN FRONT - SWPA

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

Ref Maps MALALA WEST, BOGIA EAST, NUBIA EAST 1 inch to 1 mile.

Our troops have continued their movement along the coast, the forward elements reaching BOGIA HARBOUR on 13 Jun and CONDOR POINT 3 days later. Nil enemy were sighted except four dead along the track. Ninety Chinese were intercepted whilst proceeding along the inland track from BOGIA AREA to MADANG and are now held at POTSDAM HARBOUR.

One Jap was captured near KOSA KOSA whilst a German half-caste able to speak broken English was found at NAUPA.

On 15 Jun it was reported that our signal line between KOSA KOSA and POTSDAM had been cut but our patrols have investigated without result. It is possible that natives or Jap stragglers in the area are responsible.

A PIB patrol from DOGUMUR BAY inland via WIBARU and TAUTOPIA reached DAGUA on 15 Jun without sighting any Japs.

From several sources, the individual reliability of which cannot be assessed, considerable light is thrown on the enemies retreat from ALEXISHAFEN to HANSA BAY area. It appears that the Jap, suffering from our heavy air attacks, decided on what they termed a deceptive withdrawal, the intention being to entice our

troops to follow up the coast and then, having extended our L of C, they (the Japs) intended to make a strong counter attack, thus proving to all and sundry the invincibility of the Jap army. Instructions were issued to the natives not to aid our troops and to keep to the hills. About the early part of the end of April seems to be the latest date that any organised Japs were south of BOGIA HARBOUR and consisted only of small parties.

These sources also reveal that the Japs were hastily evacuating the area and had discarded all heavy equipment, the majority of which was dumped into the sea at various points along the coast. Nor were small arms being carried in any quantity, two men to one rifle being the order of the day.

SAIDOR AREA :

On 13 Jun an Aust party left on a twelve day patrol from SAIDOR to MASIBAN to investigate an Angau report of Japs in the area.

HANSA BAY AREA :

On 10 Jun numerous foot and bicycle tracks, 48 hours old, were observed in A WAR PLANTATION. Six bogged MT were observed at the mouth of a small creek $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of AWAR PLANTATION.

RAMU RIVER AREA :

Tac R on 12 Jun reported a serviceable MT road from BOROI RIVER to BOT BOT, thence jeepable to the mouth of the RAMU RIVER. No signs of recent use were visible.

One boat, approx 20 ft long and apparently serviceable, was observed beached on the west bank of the BOROI RIVER near the mouth.

There was evidence of deserted store dumps and a staging camp at VENUS POINT (mouth of the RAMU RIVER).

No barges, canoes or movement was seen 7 miles upstream of the RAMU RIVER.

SEPIK RIVER AREA :

On 10 Jun tracks to villages around MARIENBERG seemed well used. Fresh tracks were observed from KAUP to MURIK and from KARAU to CAPE GIRGIR.

On 11 Jun activity was observed in the MADJOP CANAL area.

WEWAK AREA :

On 10 Jun AA was encountered from CAPE WOM and from WEWAK. A gun position at WEWAK MISSION appeared occupied.

On 11 Jun photos of BRANDI PLANTATION showed an unnamed village in good condition. A W/T bridge of recent construction was visible along the road in this area. Considerable smoke was rising from the woods just east of the BRANDI RIVER mouth.

On 12 Jun a half loaded truck was observed in the CAPE MOEM area and a 35 ft boat was sighted at WEWAK POINT jetty.

Six Japs were strafed in an AA position at CAPE BORAM.

Stores and dumps were noticed in all areas.

(b) SEA - OWN

On night 10/11 Jun a barge hideout west of CAPE WARBU on MUSCHU ISLAND was strafed and bombed by MTBs and P39s.

On night 11/12 Jun three type "A" barges were destroyed off this point.

(c) AIR - OWN

For the past week daily attacks have been made by large

numbers of medium bombers and fighter-bombers against known enemy targets in the WEWAK - BUT area.

OTHER FRONTS - SWPA

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

TADJI - AITAPE AREA :

AFUA area : On 9 Jun there were signs of enemy occupation at many points west of the DRINIUMOR RIVER.

On 10 Jun the AFUA - PALAURU (8 miles west AFUA) trail was reported clear of enemy. Enemy positions were located 2000 yards NE AFUA and 1000 yards east DRINIUMOR RIVER on 12 Jun.

A party of 120 Japs were reported moving in the area 25 miles south of PALAURU on 11 Jun.

From 11 - 15 Jun activity was limited to minor patrol clashes only.

YAKAMUL AREA : On 10 Jun captured documents reveal a possible Div HQ on this flank at ANAPALUK (approx 6 miles SE YAKAMUL) or CHAROV (approx 4 miles SE YAKAMUL). PARAKOVIO is believed to be the unloading point for enemy movement by truck from the east from where air recce reports signs of continuous movement. Much enemy activity was reported in the ANAPALUK - CHAROV area and to YAKAMUL.

A PW stated that one Jap regt was in the YAKAMUL coast area and another in the CHAROV - AFUA area both short of rations. On 12 Jun evidence of new work in progress was observed east of YAKAMUL and AFUA.

TONG AREA : On 3 Jun a patrol landed at SUAIN and moved inland to the TONG base (approx 20 miles SW SUAIN) by 8 Jun.

Enemy movement was observed on 9 Jun at WOMGRER - KABRIWAT - MUSIMBILIM area (south TONG).

On 11 Jun 100 Japs were reported in the MUSIMBE area (10 miles SE TONG). Japs were reported to be holding SUKUAMANEN and MAKUIR (10 miles south SUAIN).

On 13 Jun a patrol clash at YAMATONG (8 miles south TONG) resulted in 3 Jap officers being killed. Jap parties were observed moving between YAMATONG and PEREMBIL (10 miles east YAMATONG).

On 14 Jun patrols in this area reported no contacts made.

Captured documents indicate that 20 Div has moved west from WEWAK to contain, if possible, our beachhead and 41 Div was to follow for attack.

Jap casualties to 14 Jun - 1016 killed.

HOLLANDIA :

On 12 Jun an amphibious patrol to the mouth of the TOARIM RIVER (approx 80 miles west HOLLANDIA) reported that all enemy movement was to the west, being mostly poorly armed Japs in poor condition. One thousand Japs were reported in the BETAF - JAMNA area. A PW stated that there was a large number of Japs in the area from AITAPE.

Other than this there has been only patrol activity.

Enemy casualties in this area to 15 Jun are 3192 killed and 601 PW.

WAKDE - SARMI AREA :

On 11 Jun it was reported that the area north of a line to MAFFIN 1 was clear of enemy.

A PW stated that, on 28 May, 1000 Japs, arrived at TOR RIVER.

from HOLLANDIA. Their morale was bad. Five hundred well armed Japs were reported to be entrenched on the inland trail from TOR RIVER to TEUMENTINE CREEK.

On 12 Jun TIRFOAM RIVER was reached, some resistance being met at MAFFIN 2. Patrols pushed south between the TOR RIVER and TESENTOE River and east to MASI MASI (approx 15 miles east MAFFIN 1).

On 13 Jun extensive patrolling was made 1000 yards inland on both sides of the TOR RIVER. Strong enemy positions 1000 yards west and NW of MAFFIN 1 were attacked. Positions were destroyed and 20 Japs killed.

The perimeter at ARARA was extended on 14 Jun. (ARARA is 10 miles east MAFFIN 1).

1866 Japs have been killed and 22 PW taken to 12 Jun.

BIAK ISLAND :

Two forces, one moving east from MOKMER and the other west from PARAI, linked up on 9 Jun and by 11 Jun had completely cleared the road.

The enemy pocket with MGs on the cliffs 1200 yards NE PARAI was still resisting on 11 Jun but was cleared on 12 Jun by an attack with artillery and naval support.

Japs were reported to be well dug in north of MOKMER.

The advance to the west to BOROKOE airdrome was continued on 12 Jun but the right flank of the advancing force was held up by strong Jap defences on a ridge 2500 yards north ERABOE. A battalion attack on these positions resulted in a 400 yard advance. The left flank is unable to advance until these positions have been cleared. On 14 Jun the advance was still held up by this opposition.

A Jap counter attack on night 14 Jun was repulsed. At 0730 hours 15 Jun another enemy counter attack but with tanks was repulsed.

The work on the MOKMER airstrip has been held up on several occasions by Jap artillery and mortar fire.

Enemy casualties to 10 Jun in this area are 1570 killed 4 PW.

NEW BRITAIN

It was reported on 11 Jun that 500 Japs were making well prepared defensive positions with supporting arms along the coast from north WIDE BAY to BRIEN to CAPE ORFORD.

No other reports of activity have been received.

ADMIRALTIES :

Minor patrol activity only has taken place during the past week.

Enemy casualties to 12 Jun - 3698 killed 98 PW.

(b) SEA - OWN

On night 8/9 Jun MTBs sank three Jap type "A" barges and one 60 ft lugger off MUSCHU ISLAND.

On night 12/13 Jun PT boats destroyed 8 barges and sank 6 off BIAK ISLAND.

(c) SEA - ENEMY

The enemy naval task force reported in 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 343 was reported to have as its primary target a point 35 to 50 miles NW of MANOKWARI.

(d) AIR - OWN

Aerial support on a large scale was given to ground forces continually throughout the week under review in operational areas in DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

Allied fighters intercepted 6 enemy aircraft over BIAK ISLAND on 12 Jun and shot down 3 definites and two probables for the loss of one.

RANSIKI : On 12 Jun 23 Bostons attacked the three airfields in the RANSIKI area, destroying 2 enemy aircraft on the ground, Two luggers, 1 barge and 4 buildings were also destroyed and many fires started.

VOGELKOP PENINSULA : Off the northern end of the PENINSULA, 8 B25s sunk two 500/1000 ton freighters and 2 luggers on 12 Jun.

MANOKWARI : On 9 Jun 15 A20s in an attack on MANOKWARI destroyed 2 small freighters and one barge, left one small freighter burning and damaged a luggers.

Another successful attack was made on this area by 8 B25s on 10 Jun. One 500/1000 ton freighter, 6 luggers, one AA barge and several buildings were destroyed.

On 15 Jun 30 A20s attacked shipping and shore installations at MANOKWARI. Nine luggers and a small freighter were sunk whilst 9/10 luggers were damaged.

DUBLON and WOLEAI IS : On 14 Jun medium bombers attacked DUBLON and WOLEAI IS. Several explosions and fires were caused on the runway of WOLEAI airdrome. Of 10/15 intercepting fighters, three enemy aircraft were definitely destroyed.

BABO : On 10 Jun 17 A20s attacked BABO starting fires. On 14 Jun 19 A20s destroyed one enemy fighter on the ground at BABO, strafed others and started large fuel fires.

CENTRAL PACIFIC. TRUK was bombed by an unknown number of B24s on 10 Jun. In an attack on 14 Jun B24s caused large fires and explosions.

On 12 Jun 24 B24s attacked PALAU, destroying one ammunition dump.

Six B24s bombed YAP on 14 Jun starting fires.

(e) AIR - ENEMY

Two enemy air attacks on WAKDE ISLAND on night 8/9 Jun resulted in nil damage.

On 11 Jun one enemy aircraft made a run over WAKDE ISLAND but dropped all bombs into the sea.

On 12 Jun an enemy air attack on BIAK ISLAND resulted in slight damage to one of our warships. Two Jap planes were shot down.

PART II

ANALYSIS OF ENEMY STRENGTHS

The following table shows enemy strengths in areas of Allied landings at AITAPE and WEST

Area	Date of Allied Landings	Enemy strength estimated as at	Enemy casualties - latest official figures	Enemy reported escaped from area to 14 Jun	Enemy reported by forward observation in area between 8/14 Jun	Enemy reported escaped but numbers not stated there-fore estimates to 14 Jun	Enemy estimated still to be accounted for at as at 14 Jun
BIAK	27 May 44	(17 May 44) 4000	(3 Jun) 1650	-	1750	-	600
WAKDE - SARMI	17 May 44	(17 May 44) 7500	1883	3100	-	1200	1317
HOLLANDIA	22 Apr 44	(5 Apr 44) 9115	3621	5680	2500	-	2686 over original estimate
AITAPE	22 Apr 44	(5 Apr 44) 1830	1018	250	250	1050	738 over original estimate

The total estimates prior to landing in areas of operation AITAPE and west - 22,445; the total accounted for to 14 Jun is 23,844 making an underestimate of 1399. In view of the strong resistance still encountered on BIAK and known reinforcement of the Island since the Allied landing, this, together with continued opposition in the SARMI area, indicates that the estimates for the zone have been proved correct on the average and in two places in excess thereof. In view of the evidence set out above it is reasonable to assume that the two places where estimates have not yet been fully accounted for will also be exceeded, particularly as the fighting on BIAK IS is in too early a stage to have allowed for a full count of dead and delayed reports.

Conclusion :- The prior to landing estimates for areas of operations and west were 10 per cent too low.

AITAPE

5 DIV AREA :

- (a) All documents and PW statements obtained confirm that 80 per cent of the units stated to have been in the area, Feb to Apr, were actually there plus a few additional units or elements thereof which were shown as being in the HANSA BAY area.
- (b) Only a few documents gave any indications as to the strength of the units, however. Those that did tied in with the estimates. This evidence, together with the conclusion made above, disprove any suggestion that the recent intelligence estimates have been excessive.

The enemy plan prior to Allied landings provided for the evacuation of 51 Div to HOLLANDIA from WEWAK in Jul 44, the concentration of 41 Div at WEWAK and for 20 Div to remain at HANSA at that stage, whilst base and L of C units also withdrew westwards, of which a fair proportion were listed for MANOKWARI and some for PELAU. It has been partially confirmed that the plan provided for the eventual evacuation of 20 Div and probably 41 Div further to the west.

The Allied landings completely disorganized the plan. However, it now appears that the enemy has endeavoured to effect in part by evacuation up the BEPIK to its headwaters, thence overland to and

down the IDENBURG Valley to SAPMI. Also parties have effected evacuation from WEWAK area behind the Allied perimeters.

The present NG Force estimated of 50,600 for the AITAPE and east area is based on information from Japanese own figures as at 19 Mar 44.

(a) From then to time of Allied landings some evacuation took place. However, reinforcements also arrived in the WEWAK area for 20 Div and 41 Div and convoy sailings were repeatedly delayed owing to Allied action.

With due regard to the harassing effects of Allied sea and air activity the maximum estimate of evacuees is 6,000 including 3,000 known to be at BOUGAINVILLE BAY en route to HOLLANDIA and a further known 1500. From this figure of 6,000 a total of 3,000 must be deducted for known reinforcements inwards.

(b) Estimated number of enemy attempting evacuation since Allied landings via the inland routes on coastal belt is 8,000. This includes 3,500 actual estimate made from observation and also from checked native reports.

(c) Only a guess can be made at the number attempting to escape via SEPIK - IDENBURG Rivers. The only evidence to support native statements is air observation of canoe activity over a wide area near TIMBUNKE. A tentative estimate is 5,000. Whatever the figure 95 per cent will undoubtedly never survive the march.

(d) Dead and PW in areas east of AITAPE - 500.
Total of evacuees from east of AITAPE, also known dead and PW since 19 Mar :-

(a) 3,000
(b) 8,000
(c) 5,000
(d) 500 (probably more) = 16,500

This leaves 34,100 still east of AITAPE as at 14 Jun 44.

Note : The calculation (a), (b), (c) above have been arrived at from recent signalled summaries and reports. NG Force estimates from same sources not yet to hand. However, a larger allowance has been made than that allowed for by NG Force for losses through starvation and exhaustion, although NG Force state full allowance has been made for casualties, illness at 37 per cent and evacuees.

ENEMY AIR STRENGTH - NW SECTOR

A further substantial increase of enemy aircraft in the NW Sector is 24 per cent and upwards. As under are figures from 1 May to 3 Jun :-

Area	1 May	6 May	13 May	20 May	26 May	3 Jun
TIMOR - SOEMBA	24	24	24	30	39	39
AMBON, CERAM, BOEROE	53	53	53	60	58	93
AROE - KAI ISLANDS	6	9	9	9	12	7
HALMAHERA	58	61	97	184	196	216
NEW GUINEA	115	151	124	87	119	143
CELEBES	51	65	65	65	65	77
JAVA-BALI-LOMBOK	29	26	26	26	41	41
BORNEO	22	28	28	28	28	28
PHILIPPINES	242	242	242	242	242	353
TOTAL	600	659	668	731	800	997

TACTICS

The following extracts from captured operation orders illustrate tactics and the roles allotted by 36 Div to forces under command in the SARMI area :-

"8 May Diversionary tactics must be employed in the MAFFIN Sector. The first diversionary unit will collect information, interfere with enemy landings, and apply diversionary tactics in the sector west of TEVA RIVER."

"12 May Division will resort to every means possible to force out and paralyse enemy PT boat activities. Aim at perfection of transport to MAFFIN. The Right Sector CO will mop up the right bank sector of lower TOR RIVER along the coast and destroy enemy intelligence nets. The Left Sector CO will mop up MUKAIJIMA and YUKIJIMA and destroy enemy intelligence nets."

Undated (May) "The Suicide Assault unit will proceed to the advance point and prepare for suicide attack after reconnoitring that area. On 24th and 25th, the Right Sector Unit CO and the others will commence suicide attack after assisting the main strength of the Div."
(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 177)

GENERAL

A report was received on 12 Jun from a reliable source that there was a force of 2/3000 enemy just inland from the base of BOGIA BAY with AA bty and naval guns in the same general area. No date was quoted as to when the force was there. However, it was apparently recently. Further substantiation was given to the report by the sighting of 1 officer and 5 ORs road mending at 806280 (BOGIA EAST) and 7 enemy were seen at 853242 (MALALA WEST) on 3 Jun. PT boats on night 2/3 Jun saw movement in the area from DAGOI to BONAPUTA and very light revealed uniformed personnel and SA fire was received.

Later information stated enemy troops were moving west from MOLESAPA WEST (ref 836040) approx 9 Jun and this party may form part of the force referred to above.

The present whereabouts at 16 Jun of this party is somewhere near SENAI (ERREEN).

Attached as Appx A is a map showing Allied landings in NEW GUINEA and events between 22 Apr and 31 May.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Amendments and Additions to existing MS Sheets 1 inch to 1 mile

KARKAR ISLAND : Coastal track BISON to KURUM 6 to 8 ft wide, drains either side, much overgrown with small footpad 1 ft wide in centre.
Tracks lead inland from 814848 from 814846 to 818846, from 814843 to 822843, from 820807.

KARKAR WEST : Road 467899 to GARUM RIVER jeepable; 7 culverts over tidal backwater in good condition.

UVO EAST : Track MULU to SIKOR excellent condition, jeepable. Bridge 311022 need of repair. Bridge 308022 destroyed, fordable. Track SIKOR to TOTO (MALALA WEST) excellent condition, jeepable. 313039 good drinking water. Barge point 311022.

NUBIA EAST : Road BOROI to BOTBOT serviceable to MT.
AND WEST BOT BOT to mouth RAMU RIVER jeepable.

MALALA WEST : Main coastal track from SAPARA to NIMURA RIVER sand and coral surface, 10 ft wide, jeepable. Creek crossing at 273074. Creek shown at RUDENAT does not exist. Jeepable track from NIMURA RIVER to BEDIUP. Villages of WIVENAN and TOMAKOT are burnt out.
NIMURA RIVER 140 feet wide at bridge site and 20 feet wide at mouth, 1 ft deep and easily fordable, tidal water 400 yards upstream.

BRIDGES - Creek 273074, 60 feet long, jeepable;
NIMURA RIVER washed out.
SIMBINI RIVER destroyed. Small amount of work required to make jeepable.
TORORO RIVER fair condition.

Water Points - SAPARA RIVER good drinking water.
NIMURA RIVER - unsuitable for drinking
SIMBINI RIVER - good drinking water. Soaks sunk at 202148, good drinking water.

Barge Points - 239083 suitable for 30 barges
SIMBINI BAY possible barge point.

Bivouac Areas - SAPARA village suitable for Bn.
SIMBINI River suitable for Bn

BUT WEST : 842278 road in muddy condition. Signs recent use by MT with chains. First possible river crossing at 816248.

KARKAR IS : Track from jetty 833779 to DOGOWAN PLANTATION via KURUM CRATER completely overgrown, necessary to go along beach.

Wide sand bar at mouth DOGOWAN RIVER.

Small creeks across track at -
814848 with small footbridge
814846 with small footbridge
814831 good drinking, fordable
831780 with small footbridge.

Information taken from Captured enemy documents and other sources

BUT WEST : Camouflaged 3 inch coastal gun 871272.
Motor repair pool 843273
Gunpits cut out of hillside 846276.
20 Japs working on bridge at mouth of NINAHAU RIVER
762235 Jap working party constructing road and camp on high west bank of river 17/24 May.

AITAPE EAST RAIHU River 924523, 55 yards wide, 5 ft deep.
AITAPE RIVER 894539, 33 yards wide, 3 ft deep.
ROHM POINT 898540, steep 33 ft high.

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Latest indications enemy activity WEWAK - AITAPE area

Conservation of supplies, only issuing to field troops, not to stragglers. The enemy is not moving by such numbers by inland escape routes as in early Jun. Those field troops using by-pass probably only 51 Div. Probably 20 and 41 Divs are not attempting to by-pass except advance elements prior to Allied landings. Their present role is to pin down large Allied force at AITAPE or wipe out perimeter.

The estimated strength of 20 Div is 11,400 and of 41 Div, 10,145.

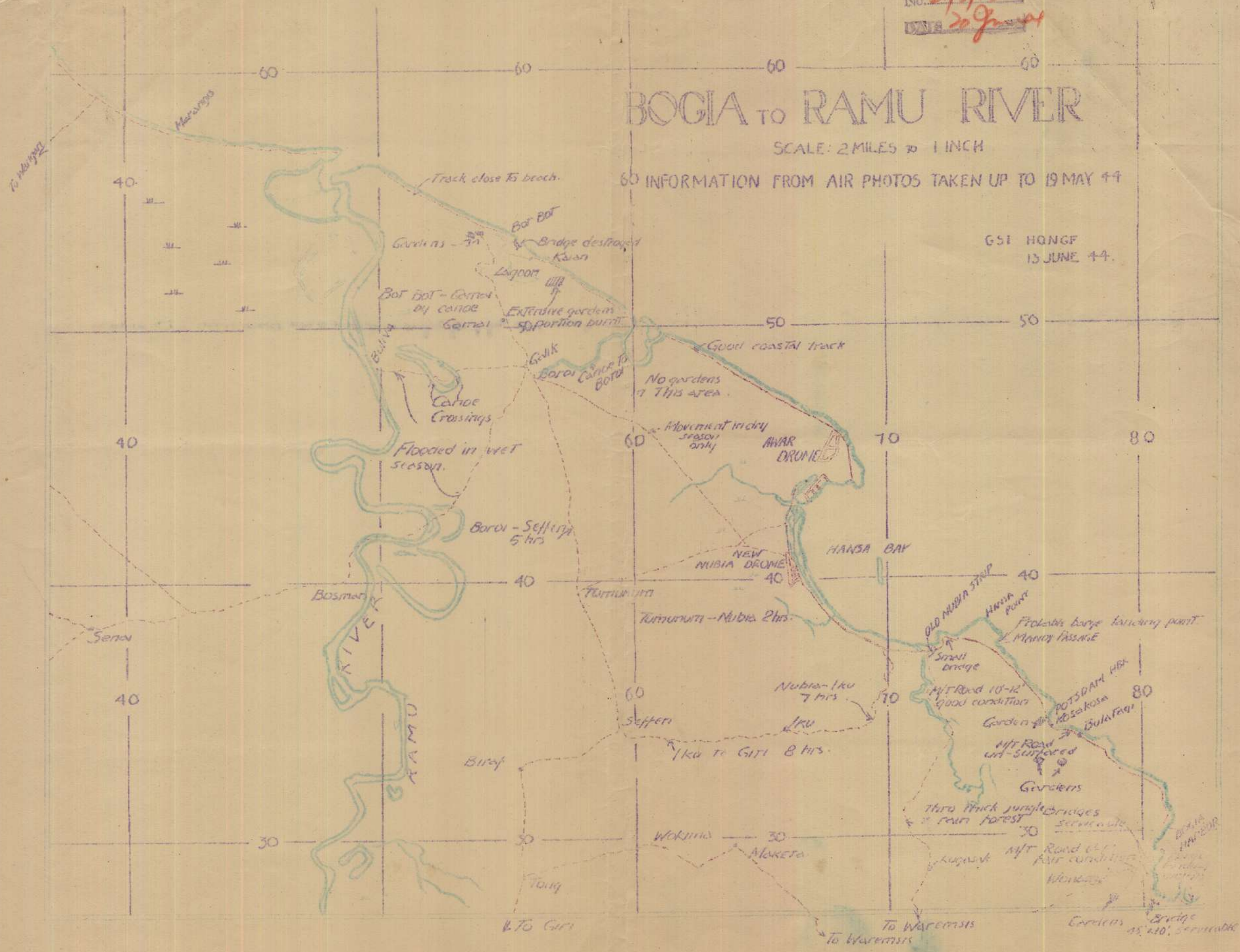
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BOGIA TO RAMU RIVER

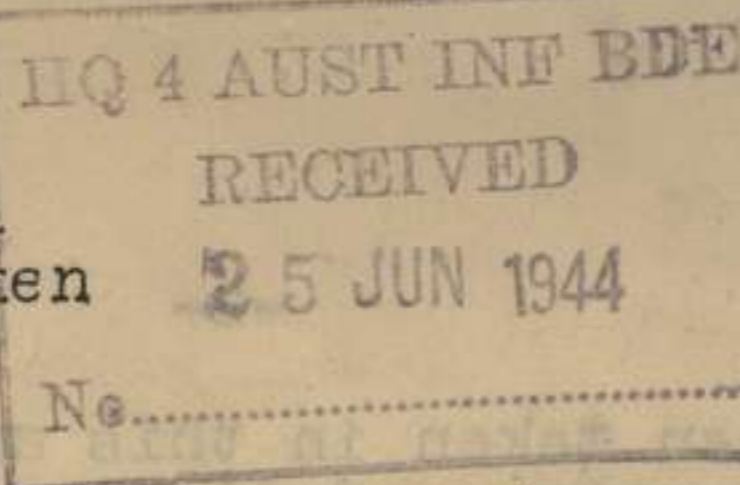
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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Nil

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN FRONT - SWPA:

(a) LAND - OWN ENEMY

SAIDOR AREA : Ref Map 1 inch to 1 mile SAIDOR

A patrol to MASIBANG returned via GALEK on 22 Jun. Eleven dead Japs were found in the HUMUKLERAK area (391699) but otherwise no movement was seen.

KARKAR ISLAND :

With reference to the Jap activities on KARKAR ISLAND evidence is now to hand indicating that the Jap first occupied the island with a landing party of between forty and fifty in Apr 43. This party was gradually increased to its maximum of 300. From KARKAR a party of thirty went to BACABAG ISLAND but no information is available concerning their activities. The Jap evacuation, except for possible stragglers and small special parties, was completed towards the end of Mar 44. Jap troops on this island were very contradictory in their statements either through the enforcement of good security measures or, on the other hand, the commanders themselves may not have known. Nor was there any indications of the receipt of information concerning other theatres of operations.

HANSA BAY AREA :

Ref Maps NUBIA EAST 1 inch to 1 mile

*Maps of islands
set boards.
Map of islands
reproduced for set board,
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Two PW have been taken in this area, both being in very poor condition from starvation and disease notwithstanding the fact that our troops have found large store dumps in the area. Large quantities of equipment including a complete QM store, several serviceable trucks, cars and carriers, generators, lathes and quantities of petrol. In view of the period of time between the main Jap evacuation and the entry of our troops it is not clear why the enemy did not destroy his equipment to a larger extent.

RAMU RIVER AREA :

Reaching the RAMU RIVER on 21 Jun our troops have still failed to meet any enemy opposition. A few stragglers have been captured but organised parties have not been met.

A naval patrol operating in the RAMU - SEPIK area on 12 Jun reported fire from the shore but further stated that, although this fire was accurate for direction, the range was invariably short. Naval explanation indicates the use of directional but not ranging Ra. No barge traffic was sighted nor submarine contacts made.

SEPIK RIVER AREA :

One 50 ft canoe at KARAU village and two at MINDAM village were sighted and strafed by our aircraft. Although our aircraft reported no movement seen from the SEPIK RIVER mouth upstream to MARIENBURG on 21 Jun, a large number of very recently used tracks were noted.

WEWAK AREA :

Large piles of supplies and drums were observed $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of WOM POINT on 14 Jun whilst a large loaded and manned barge was sighted off CAPE MOEM on the same date. A pile of 40 fuel drums was observed at HAWAIM village on 15 Jun as well as several trucks in areas around BUT and WEWAK aerodromes. Information dated 20 Jun established the possible presence of two large guns at WEWAK POINT together with several smaller guns positioned along the coast.

WEWAK INLAND :

Ref Map WEWAK 4 miles to 1 inch

TONG area : Reliable sources state that what is believed to be the final enemy party, originally evacuated from MADANG, is now in this area. Parties of Japs have been identified at MUSEMBILEM, MIWHAK, TIMINGER, MUNAMBUAL and possibly WIRIM, MAPRIK and SALATA, whilst the main concentration is at TIMINGER which appears to be used as a staff camp.

(b) SEA - OWN

A patrol with PT boats to BLUP BLUP ISLAND on 20 Jun returned without contact. Natives reported that 3 Japs were manning a W/T station and OP five months ago but left in February. The patrol also landed at BAM ISLAND without sighting any enemy.

WEWAK : Our MTBs operating along the coast sank one 110 ft barge off CAPE MOEM and possibly another of the same type off CAPE WOM. Several reports of submarines off CAPE DJERUAM (15 miles west BUT) were received although none were sighted.

(c) AIR - OWN

Targets in the WEWAK - BUT area were attacked daily during the past week by large numbers of medium bombers and fighter-bombers. Allied bombing is now restricted to a 5 mile coastal strip stretching from the SEPIK RIVER to BUT DROME.

OTHER FRONTS - SWPA

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

TADJI -- AITAPE AREA :

AFUA area : Minor patrol clashes took place between 16 and 21 Jun. On 16 Jun new enemy defensive positions were reported one mile south along the river from NYAPARAKE. On 21 Jun a force estimated at two coys 78 Inf Regt was reported 2 miles north of AFUA.

Patrols report many Jap parties infiltrating west of the DRINIUMOR RIVER.

YAKAMUL area : Activity has been confined to patrolling with numerous patrol clashes. Reports continue to indicate an enemy concentration in the CHAROV - YAKAMUL - SABIANG area. Patrols reported enemy movement from CHAROV and ANAPALUK west to the HARECH RIVER. An enemy HQ is believed to be in the hills 7000 yards south of YAKAMUL.

Captured documents reveal that the bearers of same were members of a reconnaissance party dispatched to reconnoitre trails to the south and east of AITAPE and to determine Allied activities. There were indications that another reconnaissance force was dispatched from headwaters of TAMI RIVER to find routes to the east and west from LUMU to SARMI. Both forces were to propagate information that Jap troops were to bypass AITAPE and HOLLANDIA to join Jap forces in the SARMI area. The same documents also indicated that the 20 and 41 Jap Divs were to attack AITAPE from the east and south following the completion of reconnaissance prior to 1 Aug. (Taken from 309 Bomb Wing Memorandum)

ANGAU native police shot two native Jap scouts near MAPRIK. The Japs are apparently using natives in this area to warn them of the presence of Allied patrols. (Taken from 309 Bomb Wing Memo)

Jap casualties to 19 Jun - 1055 killed, 38 PW.

HOLLANDIA AREA :

Patrol clashes have been numerous in the GENJEM, POEE, BAIM and WAAB areas. On 17 Jun the enemy ambushed a patrol near POEE by means of a white flag trick.

Patrols in the ANSO area found 400 Japs, killed by starvation and strafing attacks.

A reliable report indicates the presence of 200 Japs moving inland towards the MANBERANO RIVER.

A boat patrol to coastal villages located between TANAHMERAI BAY to WARI reported no enemy activity.

Total enemy casualties to 22 Jun are 3360 killed, 614 PW.

WAKDE - SARMI AREA :

Patrol activity continues in the vicinity of MAFFIN No 1 where 19 Japs were killed and 28 PW taken on 16 and 17 Jun. Surrender leaflets dropped by air on morning of 17 Jun from BIEN RIVER to TEMENTOE RIVER resulted in a number of Japs turning themselves in.

By 23 Jun our troops had advanced to within 1½ miles of MAFFIN aerodrome. Jap resistance is still strong and our troops have air and naval support for their advance.

Captured documents indicate that 10 Ech 6 Jap Air Div is dispersed inland from SARMI.

Enemy strength in the SARMI area is estimated at 4670 as compared with 3000 before the Allied landings.

Native reports indicate that 400 Japs were living in the sago swamps at the headwaters of the FOKIM RIVER on 1 Jun. A further 200 Japs were living on the east bank of the APAUWAR RIVER and 100 in a village east of the river. Later reports place 100 Japs at CAPE D'URVILLE and 100 at HAVICK. The enemy was reported to have a radio station 3 miles south of the MAMBERANO RIVER mouth and another at the junction of the MAMBERANO and MAMORE RIVERS. Service troops were said to be evacuating the area via the coastal track to the NW.

Jap casualties to 19 Jun : 1955 killed, 30 PW.

BLAK ISLAND :

Progress was made by our troops between 14 and 20 Jun against stubborn resistance. Our aircraft are now operating from a new strip on OWI ISLAND.

Right Flank : On 14 Jun two battalions moved from MOKMER drome to reinforce our right flank. The enemy still held a wedge in our line along the ridge north of the west end of the strip. Three heavy enemy counter attacks with tanks were repulsed on 15 Jun with 160 Japs killed.

On the same date our troops began an enveloping movement to cut in behind the enemy 1500 yards NW of the west end of MOKMER drome. The key ridge 800 yards north of the west end of the strip was captured on 17 Jun. Enemy resistance in the waterhole area 1500 yds NW of the strip was reported to be crumbling and by 23 Jun the activity in this area became a mopping up of Jap pockets.

Left Flank : Patrols on 15 Jun reconnoitred the BOROKOE DROME area without opposition. They reported nil defensive positions around the strip which was unserviceable.

BOROKOE and SORIDO airstrips were occupied by our troops on 21 Jun.

Mopping up of Jap parties around these two dromes was continued on 23 Jun with slight resistance being encountered north of SORIDO village.

Enemy casualties to 19 Jun are 1620 killed 6 PW.

ADMIRALTY

Active patrolling continues with occasional clashes. Enemy casualties to 16 Jun are 3719 killed 98 PW.

(b) AIR - OWN

Regular attacks have been carried out against airfields and shipping in the NW sector. Details are as follows :-

NOEMFOOR ISLANDS :

On 21 Jun 32 Liberators bombed KAMIRI and KORNASOREN aerodromes. Results were not observed due to cloud but smoke to 5000 feet was seen.

Eleven A20s attacked KAMIRI aerodrome on 22 Jun starting fires.

MANOKWARI AREA :

On 19 Jun 33 A20s attacked airfields at MOEMI, KAMIRI and

MANOKWARI, also shipping at MANOKWARI. One small freighter was set on fire and probably sunk, one lugger and one barge were sunk and 3 barges left burning. Several buildings were destroyed and fires started.

MANOKWARI was attacked again on the same day by 20 Beauforts. AA positions were silenced and one grounded aircraft destroyed.

On 20 Jun KAMIRI was attacked by 37 B24s resulting in several large fires. Shipping at MANOKWARI was attacked by 18 A20s, resulting in 3 luggers and 3 barges destroyed and several barges damaged. A further 2 barges were sunk off the north coast of JAPEN ISLAND.

SORONG AREA :

On 16 Jun two groups of B25s attacked airfields at JEFMAN and SAMATE from minimum altitude. Many fires were started and 60/70 grounded aircraft destroyed.

The same area was attacked on 17 Jun by 7 squadrons of A20s. Incomplete reports indicate damage and destruction to shipping at JEFMAN.

On 22 Jun medium bombers attacked shipping and small craft in the SORONG area. Five barges and 7 luggers were destroyed, one medium freighter was damaged and 17 luggers and barges were probably damaged. One B25 was shot down.

BABO AREA :

Twenty four A20s attacked airfields at BABO, SAGAN and OTAWIRI on 17 Jun starting fires.

CENTRAL PACIFIC :

On 16 Jun 39 B24s attacked TRUK starting large fires and explosions.

DUBLON ISLAND was attacked on 17 Jun resulting in fuel fires and explosions. Interception was made by 20 enemy fighters, one of which was destroyed.

PART II

ENEMY OOB - LAND

Attached as restricted Appendix "A" is Appendix "E" to NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 178.

ENEMY EQUIPMENT

Attached as ^{restricted} Appendices "B" and "C" are Appendices "A" and "C" to NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 178.

ENEMY TACTICS

DUMMY COOKING SMOKE

Where there's smoke, there's usually a fire, but not always Japs cooking rice. An order issued by a unit commander at HOLLANDIA states :

"1. The practice of making smoke to create the impression that cooking is taking place, which has been carried out in the area south of the airfields, in accordance with 18 Air Sector Order No 59, will be temporarily discontinued from tomorrow 18 April.

2. The COs of 22, 38 and 209 airfield Bns will discontinue this practice of 'dummy cooking smoke' until further orders."

"Col SAITO
CO 18 Air Sector Force".

This stratagem might well be employed by the Japs to deceive ground troops, as well as Allied plane crews.

(Alamo Force G2 Weekly Report No 44)

GENERAL

EVACUATION OF HANSA BAY (ref map NUBIA EAST 1 inch to 1 mile)

Evacuation : The main body of the enemy appears to have evacuated by the first week in May. Small parties were still in occupation to approx 14 Jun, located along the coast towards the BOROI RIVER, also in vicinity map ref 663447 (1000 yards west of the SW end of the strip). This latter site was the HQ of a Searchlight Coy and probably was also occupied by the HQ of the rearguard.

Method of Evacuation : Deception was used.

Coastal and AA guns at squares 6641 and 6642 and also at AWAR POINT area were replaced by dummies.

A few guns, searchlights, direction finders and motor transport were left in action with the rearguard.

All shelters were raised by crashing the roofs, no attempt being made to burn.

Dumps were left in position but the tarpaulins were adjusted to allow the weather to penetrate.

Where Allied bombing had been extensive stores were tipped into bomb craters, all crates smashed and all sealed containers breached.

In contrast with MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN where the destruction of stores had been hurried, everything in HANSA BAY had been thoroughly done over with the exception of motor transport, a workshop and the weapons/in the latter stages.
manned

Demolitions : None were apparently attempted with the possible exception of the bridge at ref 666434. No booby traps have been encountered to date.

Supplies : No evidence of any lack of supplies. It is estimated the stores were sufficient to maintain one division and subbase troops for one month. Of these stores a large proportion was foodstuffs, now damaged by exposure. Medical stores were in abundance, being proportionally three times greater than other commodities. This was also the case to a lesser degree at MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN. It appears the priority for movement of medical stores to forward units must have been low. Unfortunately almost all are smashed and useless.

Casualties : A base cemetery has been found near BABET CREEK. This contains approx 400 marked graves. Only isolated graves were found elsewhere.

Communications :

Roads : These are in much better condition than were those in the MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN area. They will easily carry all traffic necessary for maintenance of a battalion. For use by a base force the gutters would need reforming, a few bomb craters, at present detourable, would require filling and the surface would need additional coral limestone.

Bridges : Most have been destroyed, the only one which will interfere with the maintenance of a battalion is at ref 666434 where one span is blown. This can be repaired easily and quickly for restricted traffic. For use by a base force, most bridges would have to be reconstructed but much of the decking and uprights are useable.

Jetties : Almost all are sufficiently intact to cope with the maintenance of a battalion. For continuous use they would require a few weeks' work, mainly new piles. The decking is mostly re-usable.

Depth at low water of all jetty heads is a maximum of 4 feet 6 inches. The bottom is soft fine grey sand.

The whole sheltered portion of the bay is shallow.

AWAR airstrip : About 20 bomb craters are along the face of the strip. These appear to be the result of Allied 500 lb bombs. In contrast to the MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN strips, demolitions do not appear to have been attempted. Nor were obstacles laid. The strip has a surface soil of black loam approx 8 feet deep. The bomb craters could be filled in within 48 hours by three bulldozers with some gravel for topping. The secondary growth would form no danger in present condition for landing, it being only one foot tall. Two hundred natives could clear the entire strip in 48 hours. No assessment of drainage works necessary has been made but the drome appears to have a fair to good natural drainage.

Captured Australian Equipment : Several damaged Australian staff cars were found and these had been in use in the area.

SECURITY

Enemy troops have been most unguarded in their statements to natives, invariably telling their destination and intentions. It is probable that, during the period Apr - May, odd deliberate misleading information was given to the natives. Very thorough destruction or evacuation of documents has been observed. The few odd lapses have been committed by service troops, e.g. A FPO dumped a large mass of legible mail matter. It can now be reasonably assumed that 2 Area Army have efficiently trained the troops under command in the security of documents. It is interesting to note, however, that little or no attempt is made to destroy manuals, unit rubber stamps, unit sign boards and technical instructions on equipment.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Amendments and Additions to existing MS Sheets 1 inch to 1 mile :

- NUBIA EAST : BOROI HILLS- There are two, one is kunai, the other dense undergrowth. Good OP from CONDOR POINT to BOROI RIVER.
TOK TOK 585413 deserted.
SANGAM Good condition.
Track IKU to SANGAM well defined, no signs of recent use
- NUBIA WEST : Villages at 476495, 484500, 498483 and MARANGIS (2) in poor condition, deserted.
Track 484500 to BOSNGUN overgrown, partly through swamp
461567 - clearing but no mission.
BOSNGUN signs of activity, probably native re-occupation, no camouflage, 10 canoes east of village.
SCHILLING PLANTATION overgrown, deserted.

WATAM WEST : WATAM huts destroyed, tracks overgrown.
353683 huts in fair condition, 3 - 4 native canoes
approx 20 feet long, appears unoccupied.
MOPRAN cannot be located.

SEPIK EAST : 222707 huts destroyed; tracks along each bank of
the MAJOP CANAL for 500 yards are distinct. No
sign of recent use.
NEW SINGARIN - fronted by small mud flat, opens to
river, many footprints after recent rain.
MABUK - huts in fair condition, kunai on opposite
bank flattened in small patches, tracks distinct.
OLD BIEN - huts in disrepair, area well worn, tracks
covered with water.
NEW BIEN - huts in fair condition, tracks 5 to 10
feet wide, well worn for approx 500 yards west, then
single track to MARIENBERG partly hidden, rest
distinct and wide.
MARIENBERG - village in fair condition, mission
destroyed, many tracks to open kunai patch at rear
of village. 50 ft launch at creek mouth appears
serviceable.

Attached as appendices "D(i), D(ii), D(iii)" is an information
resume in map form of the SEPIK and RAMU RIVERS areas.

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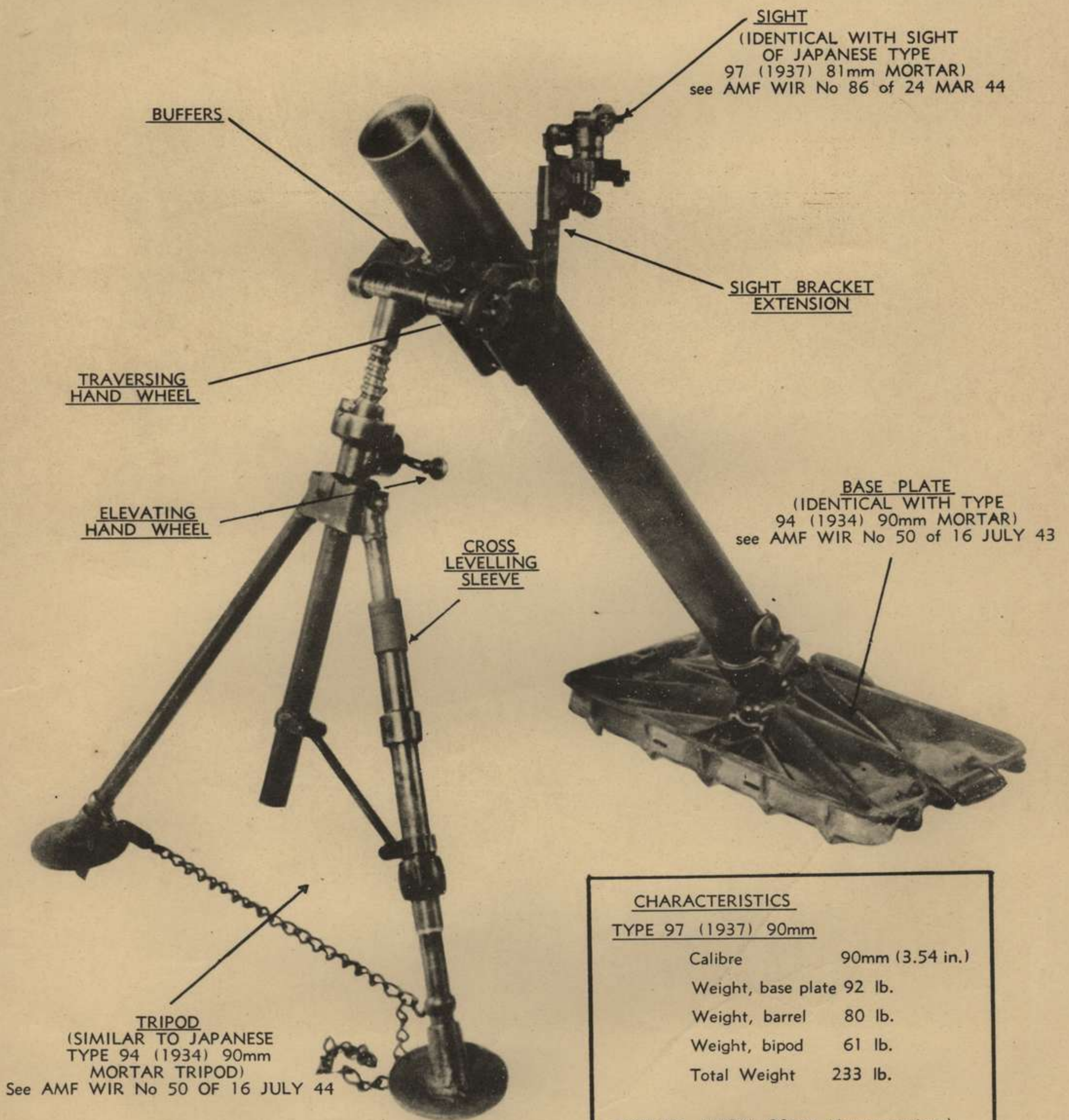
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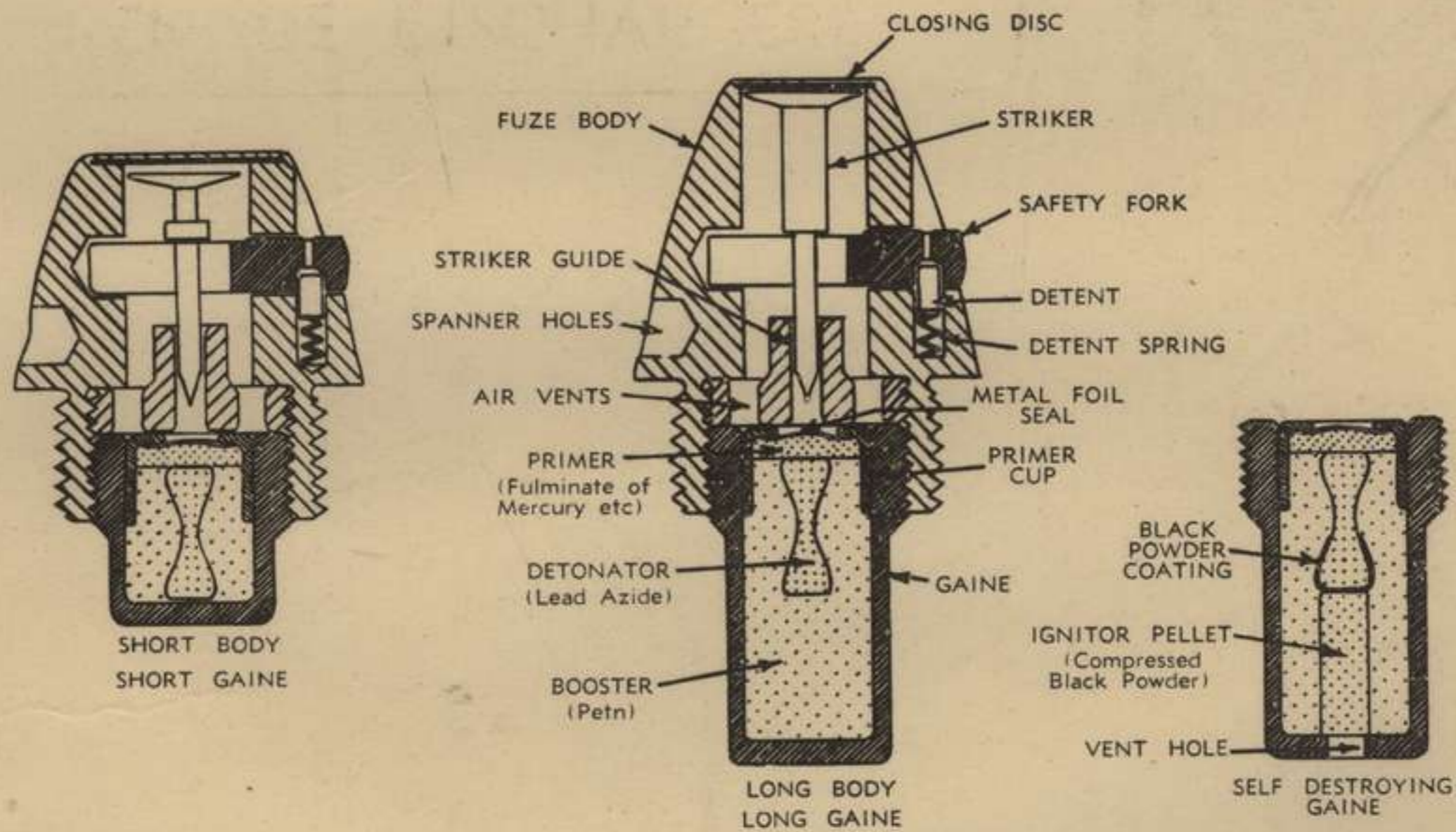


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Weight, barrel	80 lb.
Weight, bipod	61 lb.
Total Weight	233 lb.
<u>TYPE 94 (1934) 90mm (for comparison)</u>	
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Weight, bipod	75 lb.
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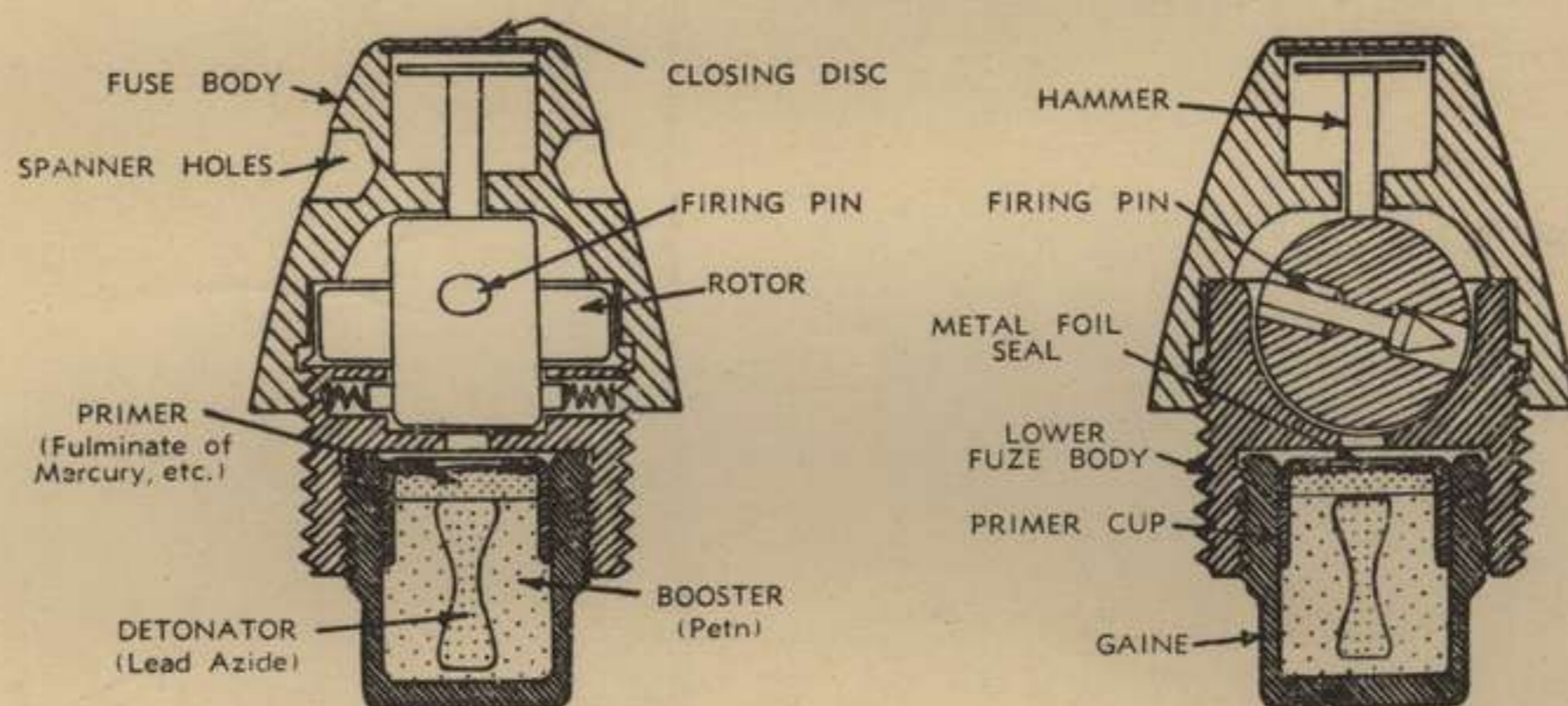
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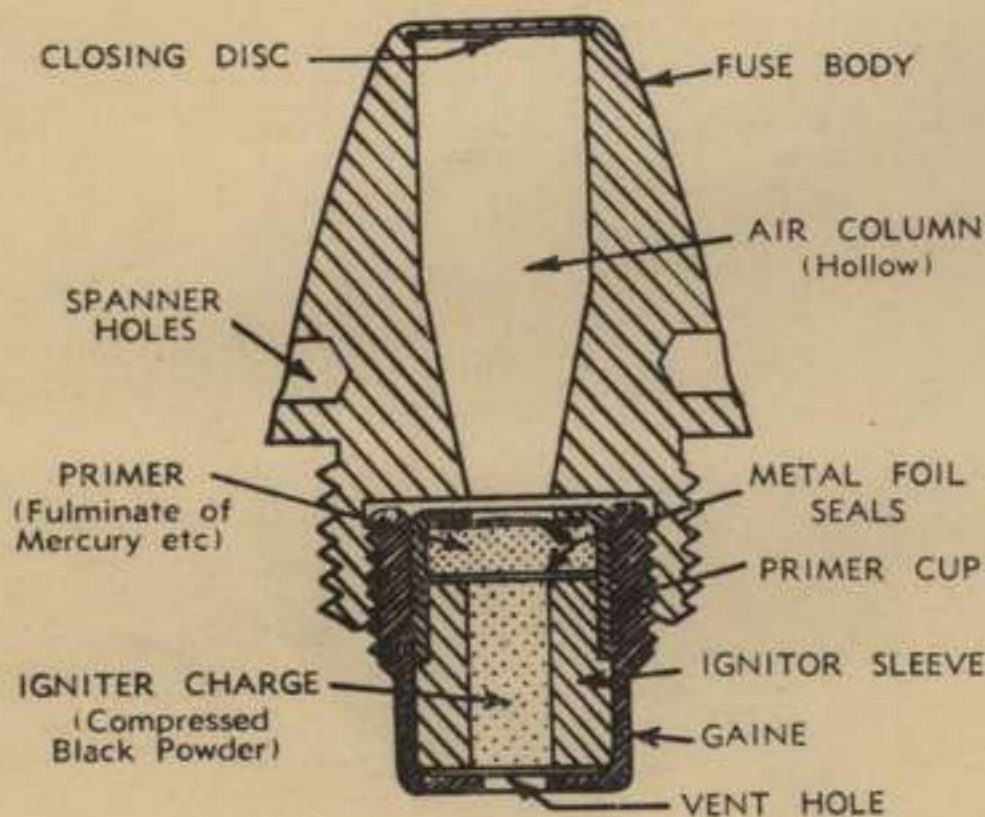
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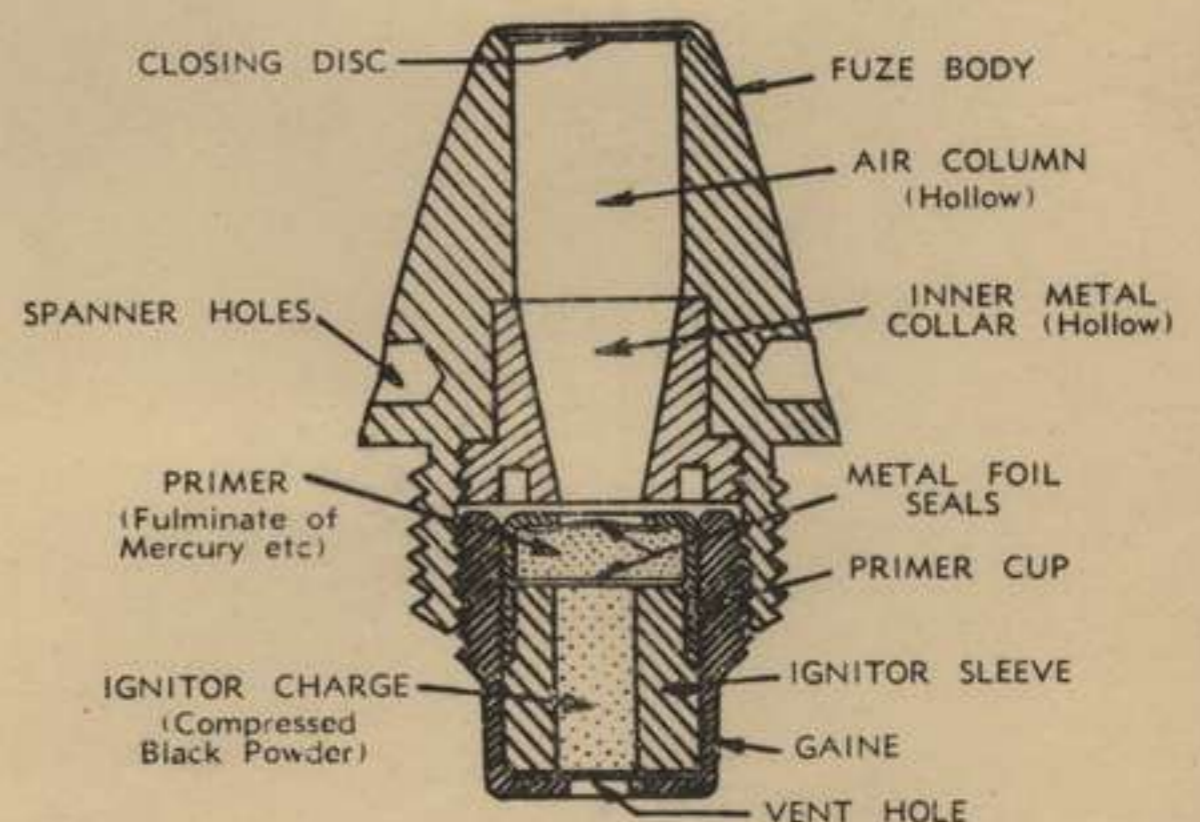
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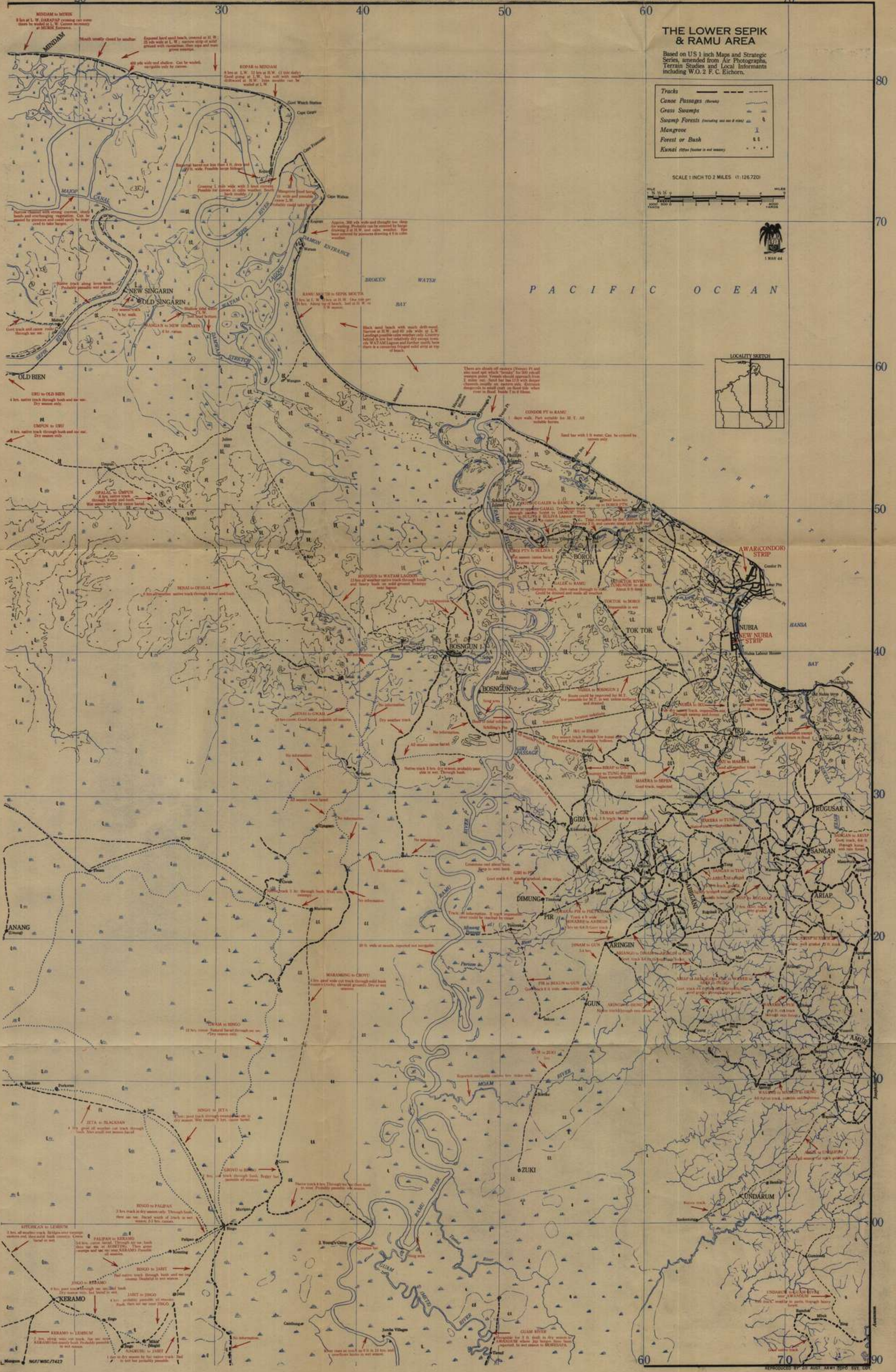
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Grass Swamps	---
Swamp Forests (including wet and dry)	---
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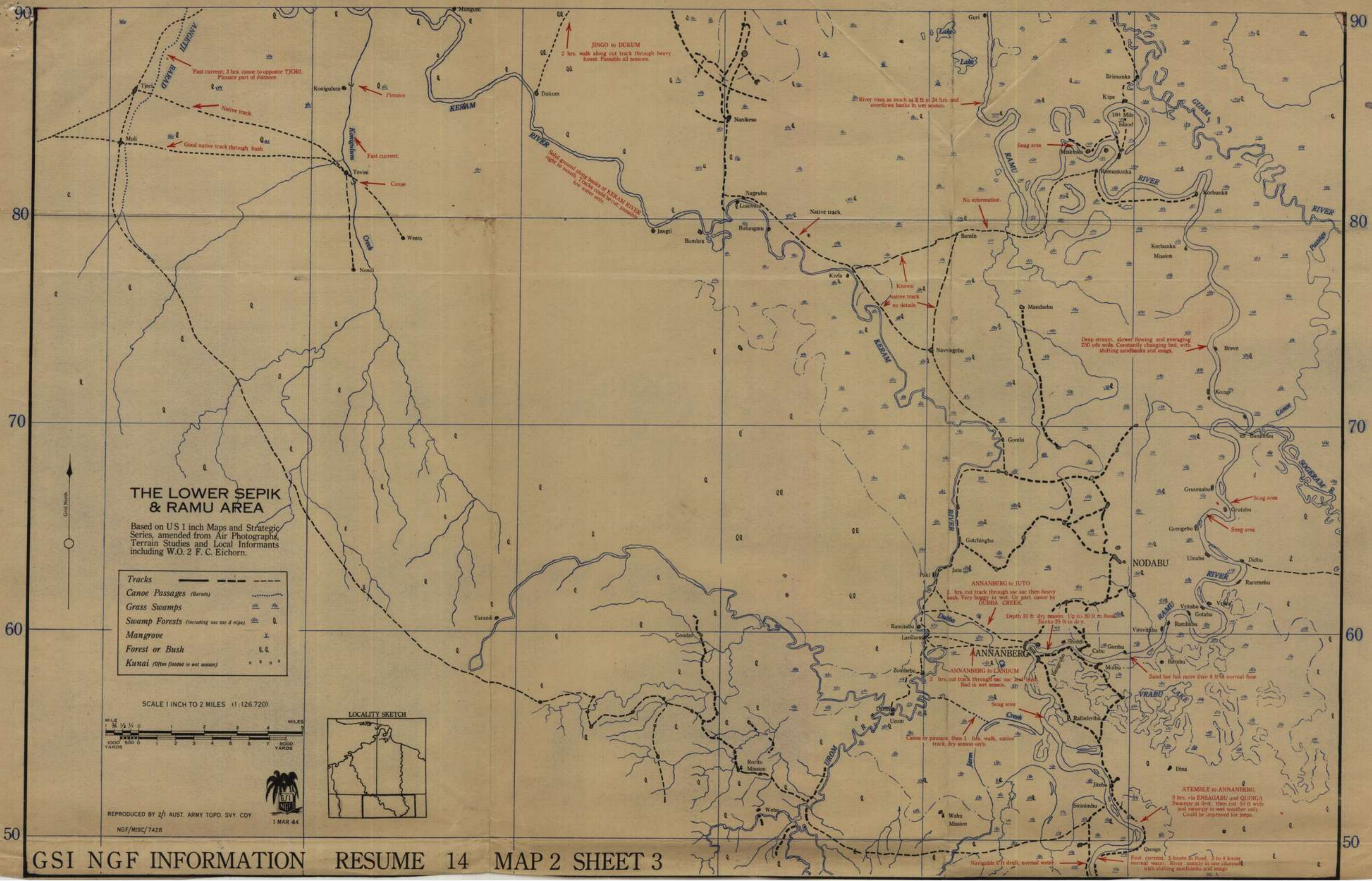


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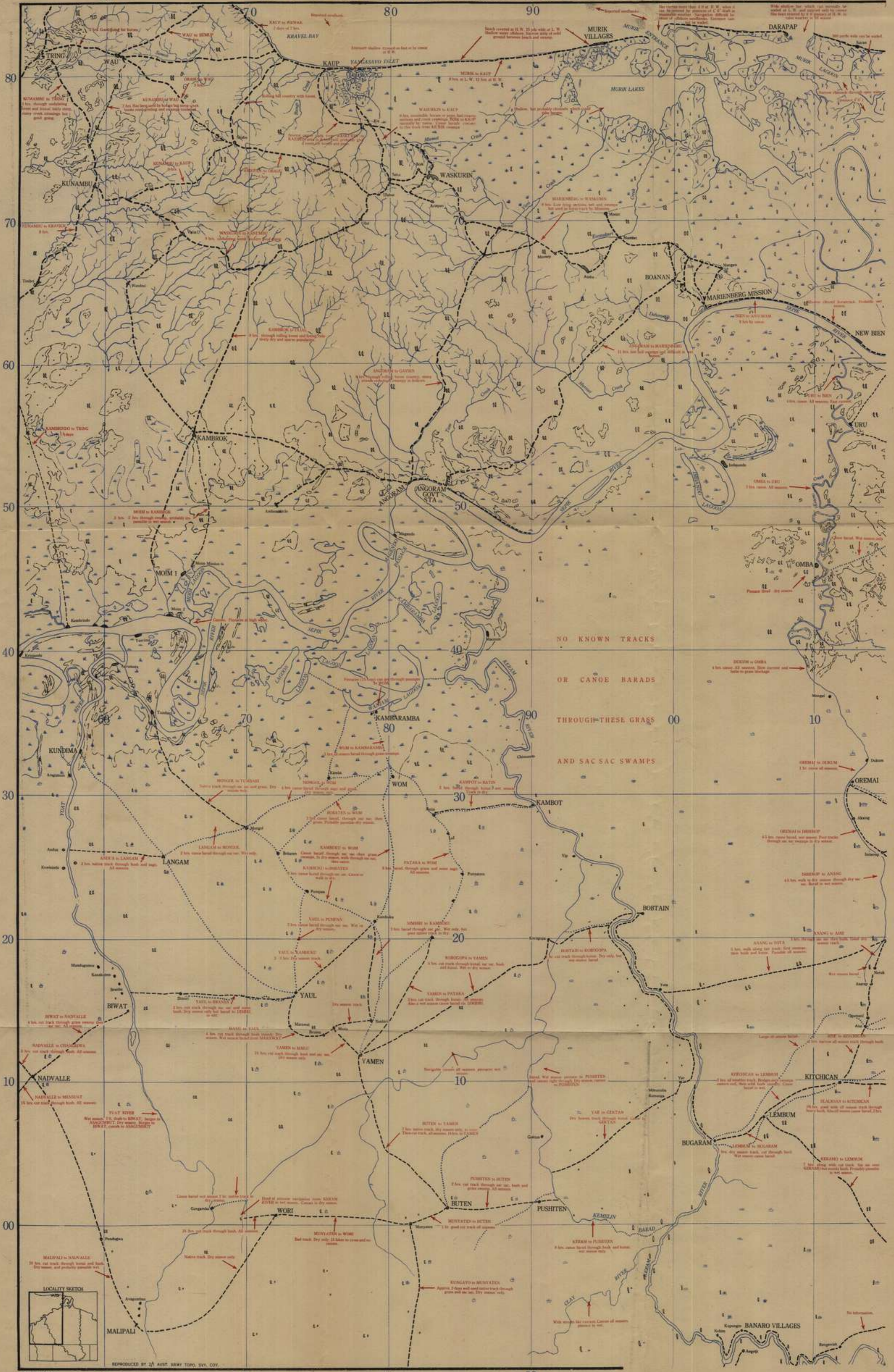
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Tracks	
Canoe Passages (Baraka)	--- --
Grass Swamps	
Swamp Forests (including sac sac & nipa)	
Mangrove	
Forest or Bush	
Kunai (Often flooded in wet season)	

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Although enemy pressure around YAKAMUL and vicinity is still strong, the areas south of the TORRICELLI RANGES are witnessing an increased enemy influx. Interest in the area is further heightened by the reported presence of high ranking Jap officers.

Strong enemy resistance is being encountered in the WAKDE - SARMI and BIAK ISLAND areas and several enemy night attacks have been attempted in the former.

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN FRONT - SWPA

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

HANSA BAY - RAMU - SEPIK AREA :

Leaving SAKALU on 17 Jun a patrol proceeding via inland tracks and waterways passed through BOSMAN, SENAI, JULIEN HILL, WONANG (unmarked) to the coastal village of WATAM. From WATAM the patrol returned along ^{the coast} to its base. Two Japs were killed at JULIEN HILL whilst a small party of eight armed enemy were encountered in the vicinity of WONANG. Of this party our patrol killed four Japs but the remainder escaped into the bush. This enemy party appeared to be in excellent condition, possessed new equipment, were well armed and carried food and supplies, whilst a motor launch capable of carrying 20 troops was also nearby. As a result of this encounter our patrol captured one LMG, 10 short rifles, grenades as well as a number of Jap maps of the RAMU and SEPIK River areas. No enemy were met during the return journey along the coast.

NORTHERN SEPIK AREA :

Possible indication of the enemy's presence in this area is contained in a report received which stated that three or four heavily camouflaged foxholes, together with fairly recent footprints leading to them, had been observed above the beach at the western end of KAUP village. KIS village, although partly destroyed, also showed foot tracks whilst tracks from WASKURIN to KAZIMIN also appeared in good condition.

WEWAK AREA :

Large concentrations of food and supply dumps are still noted in the area

together with many signs of enemy foot and vehicular traffic being evidenced. Our aircraft strafed two marching columns of approx 40 armed Japs west of CAPE PUS and another group near SUAU village.

Barge observations for the period under review have been principally around CAPE PAUSUM, CAPE SAMBIN, KOFI village and BUT whilst seven barges were strafed at KAIRIRU and MUSCHU ISLANDS.

(b) SEA - OWN

On night 24/25 Jun PT boats silenced batteries and strafed trucks at SOWAM also barge hideouts on TARAWAI and MUSCHU ISLANDS.

SW of MUSCHU ISLAND on the following night PT boats sank 15 possibly 16 enemy barges.

Again on night 27/28 Jun PT boats strafed trucks at SOWAM and ANUMB RIVER. Three inch and 40 mm fire was encountered from numerous points along the coast from BUT to DANMAP RIVER.

On the fourth night in succession PT boats were active, destroying 3 barges west of the ANUMB RIVER and 2 on the south coast of MUSCHU ISLAND.

The same night PT boats sighted a submarine NW of TENDANYE ISLAND (15 miles north BUT).

(c) AIR - OWN

Constant air attacks have been continued on known targets in the WEWAK - BUT area.

Fighter aircraft on a sweep along the coast north from NIGHTINGALE BAY to SUAIN damaged 7 barges.

OTHER FRONTS - SWPA

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

TADJI - AITAPE AREA :

The activity in this area for the period under review has been mainly continuous patrolling by both sides. Patrol clashes have been numerous, especially in the YAKAMUL, AFUA, DRINOUMOR RIVER and PALAURU areas. On 24 Jun it was reported that the Japs had dug in and established a defensive outpost around YAKAMUL village while, on 26 Jun, our patrol was unable to pass to the east of NIUMEN CREEK (approx 3 miles east DRINOUMOR RIVER) because of a counter recce line which the Japs had established along this Creek. On 29 Jun the enemy's 80 Inf Regt was reported to be occupying "dug in" positions 2500 yards west of YAKAMUL and Jap recce patrols had penetrated our outpost line along the DRINOUMOR RIVER. A small party of Japs attacked our artillery positions at ANAMO but were repulsed.

Our patrols reported the KAMRI, NIGIA RIVER, RAINU RIVER and ANAPALUK areas clear of enemy on 25 Jun whilst two days later the upper reaches of the HARECH RIVER were stated to be clear. MAKUIR and TUMABAE were reported clear on 28 Jun.

In the area south of the TORRICELLI RANGE indications are still evident of the westerly movement of the enemy from the WEWAK area. Small parties have been observed at TIMINGER, TAU and MUMAMKUAL whilst MUSENDAI and WOMGRER are stated as the locations of large parties including high ranking Jap officers.

Enemy casualties to 27 Jun : 1089 killed, 39 PW.

HOLLANDIA AREA :

No enemy activity has been reported in this area and Allied activity has been entirely that of patrols to locate and wipe out small Japanese parties who are still in the area.

On 20 Jun a patrol proceeded to WATONG (west of BOUGAINVILLE BAY) following a report by native police boys that there was a Jap patrol in the area.

A boat patrol covered the coastal villages between TANAHMERAH BAY and WARI and reported no enemy activity.

Enemy casualties to 25 Jun : 3481 killed, 636 PW.

WAKDE - SARMI AREA :

The Allied advance continued against stiff opposition from the enemy. This advance was slowed down throughout 21 Jun by heavy fire and pillboxes; the enemy still controlled HILL 225 and SANKE RIVER. In this area the Jap has done

extensive fortification work and the hillsides are literally honeycombed with pillboxes and MG positions. An Allied amphibious patrol made a successful landing 1000 yards east of MAFFIN STRIP and succeeded in joining with the Allied forces on LONE TREE HILL. By 25 Jun the Allied line ran from the creast of LONE TREE HILL to a point 200 yards NE of HILL 225 whilst strong enemy resistance from the coral cliffs on the eastern and western slopes was being encountered in the form of constant sniper attacks on our supply lines. On 26 Jun bitter resistance was continued by the enemy on the eastern and western slopes of LONE TREE HILL and many night attacks were made against our perimeter. Enemy positions were located south of the Allied south (left) flank in the area immediately south of LONE TREE HILL. Our troops destroyed seven 70 mm guns. On 28 Jun the Allied advance on MAFFIN DROME was again held up as a result of well-sighted enemy MGs in the caves and dug-in positions along both sides of the road from LONE TREE HILL to HILL 225. It was also reported that enemy mortar and field pieces were active on the western slopes of LONE TREE HILL.

On the eastern flank of our beachhead Allied patrols operating in the area $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles SE of ARARA and SW of TOEM on 21 Jun reported nil enemy contact. Nevertheless on night 22/23 Jun an enemy attempt was made to break through our perimeter at TOEM but it was repulsed. Further Jap attacks were made against this perimeter on succeeding nights.

Enemy casualties to 25 Jun : 2451 killed, 34 PW.

BIAK ISLAND AREA :

Enemy documents have been captured indicating the enemy's possible intention of withdrawing from the MOKMER DROME area to the NW, leaving only a delaying action force. Meanwhile the Allies have been very active in regrouping and mopping up Jap pockets of resistance.

Right Flank : On 26 Jun the main Jap resistance was centred on a ridge $2\frac{5}{4}$ miles north of MOKMER DROME and at a point 2000 yards west NEW IBDI village. This pocket on 27 and 28 Jun ^{was attacked} and, though the Jap perimeter was reduced, the enemy was still resisting, being strong with HMGs and mortars.

Left Flank : On night 22 Jun a Jap counter attack NE SORIDO STRIP was repulsed and by 24 Jun enemy resistance was centred in the area along the road north from SORIDO DROME. Other contacts were made with the enemy in the hill region to the NW of MOKMER DROME. The following day patrols had pushed north and west from SORIDO drome and towards INSORIDA BAY. Enemy defensive positions were located in the coral cliffs NE of the east end of BOROKOE DROME and efforts were being made to wipe these out.

The Allies have made every effort to occupy the ridges along both sides of the road leading from SORIDO VILLAGE north to KORIM BAY, in order to ensure the interception of any Japanese groups evacuating the Drome area. A great deal of activity was observed on 27 Jun on this track along which 2000 Japs were reported to be moving.

Enemy casualties to 29 Jun : 2642 killed, 12 PW.

NEW BRITAIN :

Reports dated 26 Jun state that all of the island west of a line running approx from WATU and OPEN BAY south west to BALEN is now clear of the enemy except for small isolated parties. An earlier report of 19 Jun stated that the enemy was re-occupying and fortifying the WIDE BAY area.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS :

Patrol activity only and the enemy casualties to 27 Jun are 3785 killed, 101 PW.

(b) SEA - ENEMY

On 21 Jun a recce plane sighted a 15 vessel enemy convoy in the vicinity of the CAROLINE ISLANDS. One of the vessels was sunk as a result of an attack by the recce plane.

Later in the same day one large merchant vessel with 2 escort vessels was sighted in the HALMAHERAH area.

(c) AIR - OWN

Besides giving continuous support to our ground forces in the AITAE - WAKDE - SARMI areas, our air forces were busily engaged in the period under

review in attacking the remaining enemy localities in DUTCH NEW GUINEA. The attacks were not of the large scale of preceding weeks but were none the less effective.

The main features of the week's activities were :-

NOEMFOOR IS :

Enemy airfields of KAMIRI, KAAIRI, NAMBER and KORNASOREN on this Island were attacked on 24 Jun, one aircraft being destroyed on the ground.

The next day Liberators attacked gun positions, stores and personnel areas in the vicinity of these dromes. Large fires and explosions were started.

A total of 63 aircraft bombed and strafed all known targets on this Island on 26 Jun.

An attack was made by a small number of aircraft the following day on KAMIRI. Two large fires were started and an MG position silenced. A small freighter off KORNISOREN was damaged.

RANSIKI :

Fifteen Liberators bombed RANSIKI on 26 Jun starting large fires. The following day 10 B25s attacked the aerodrome and personnel areas.

WAREM drome, which is in this vicinity, was accurately bombed and strafed on 29 Jun. Two AA positions are believed destroyed.

MANOKWARI :

Shipping and shore installations at MANOKWARI were attacked on 26 Jun. One small cargo vessel, several luggers and barges were attacked but results were unobserved due to intense accurate heavy AA fire.

Two days later 5 barges were set on fire off CAEE BOROPEN by P38s.

MACCLUEA GULF :

On 24 Jun A20s bombed enemy shipping in the BAY of SEKAR damaging one small freighter and one lugger. The villages of SEKAR and KOKAS were also bombed and strafed.

A successful raid by 2 A20s was made on KOKAS on 28 Jun. Most of the town was set on fire, with flames rising to 1000 feet and two large explosions were observed.

BABO area was also accurately bombed by Liberators. One motorized lugger was strafed and set on fire.

SORONG :

On 26 Jun a 2000/4500 ton cargo vessel was damaged by strafing.

JEFMAN :

Sixteen B24s bombed JEFMAN airfield on 24 Jun starting large fires in the dispersal areas and leaving aircraft burning on the ground.

YAP :

On 27 Jun 19 Liberators attacked YAP starting fires. Twenty five to thirty enemy fighters intercepted and of these 7 were destroyed and 5 damaged whilst four of our aircraft suffered damage.

(d) AIR - ENEMY

It was reported on 22 Jun that enemy aircraft were observed taxiing from revetments south of the SE end of WUNAKANAU DROME (RABAUL), whilst several new or freshly painted aircraft were also observed.

PART II

ENEMY EQUIPMENT

JAPANESE $\frac{1}{2}$ KG HE CLUSTER BOMB

Attached as restricted Appendix "A" to this Summary is Appendix "C" to NG Force Weekly Intelligence Summary No 179.

GENERAL

ENEMY CLASSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS

It has been found that recently an increasing proportion of Japanese protected documents have their security classification endorsed by hand and NOT with red seals.

The four main classifications are as follows :-

- Military - Ultra-Secret
- Military - Most Secret
- Military - Secret
- Restricted

Attached as Appendix "B" are the ideographs and their translations.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Amendments and Additions to Existing MS Sheets 1 inch to 1 mile series :

MADANG EAST AND WEST :

Tracks : Generally in good order, main tracks kept clear, well maintained by natives. Tracks are steep and generally follow ridges.

Track from HALAR 690400 (ref MADANG EAST) to MIBAT 673404 (MADANG WEST) - track time 1½ hours.

MADANG WEST :

From MIBAT, track continues almost to top of hill 1489 ref 653401, then round north side to junction track HALOPA - HAIMO at 649403. Main track from HALOPA, 643386, runs round south side hill 1489 to junction 649403; from here, track follows contours to junction 651413, the left branch leading to ALWAG, 649415. Continuing along right branch to 652416, track branches right to HAUEN, 666416, follows down ridge, crosses GIMAP RIVER at 642430, then up steep hill to OLD HAIMO at 634444, thence to HAIMO 631445. Right branch at junction 652416 crosses headwaters MACLAY RIVER and continues to HAUEN. From HAUEN, continues down hill, crosses stream at 668412, joining MIBAT - HALAR track at 678405 (MADANG EAST).

- Track times :-
- MIBAT - ALWAG 1½ hours
 - ALWAG - HAIMO 1½ hours
 - ALWAG - HALOPA 1 hour
 - ALWAG - HAUEN 5/4 hour
 - HAUEN - HALAR 1½ hours

MALALA EAST :

Tracks : Coastal track from BEIDUP 180156 to TOBANUM 123164 good jeepable surface. KOKUMBA RIVER 200 yards wide at bridge site, 158161, fordable at mouth, 30 yards wide 2 ft deep.

Bridges : KOKUMBA RIVER 158161 destroyed, pontoon bridge nearby unserviceable. At 180156 east end of BEIDUP village, requires new decking and at 177157, jeepable but in need of repair.

Barge Points : KOKUMBA beach, unsuitable. TOBANUM beach suitable 40 yds long.

Water Points : KOKUMBA RIVER; also creek at 118162, good.

MALALA WEST :

Tracks : Coastal track from TOBANUM to WIDARE CREEK 069161 is only a fair earth and sand surface and at western end of DEIGUN CREEK, 099161, road badly drained, numerous potholes, with large bomb crater completely blocking the road. Continuing to SUARU 980191, track is only fair.

Bridges : DUGUMUR CREEK, 183156, jeepable but requires repairs. BANARA R 072159 destroyed, gap 80 yards wide, corduroyed road needs slight repair, river jeepable at mouth. WIDARE CREEK, destroyed, detours lead to three bridges, one 5 yds long good condition, one 20 yds long jeepable but requiring repairs and the third 20 yds long good condition. KELUA CREEK 021186, now repaired, capable carrying 4 tons. Bridge at 077157, creek not shown, 5 yds long, good condition.

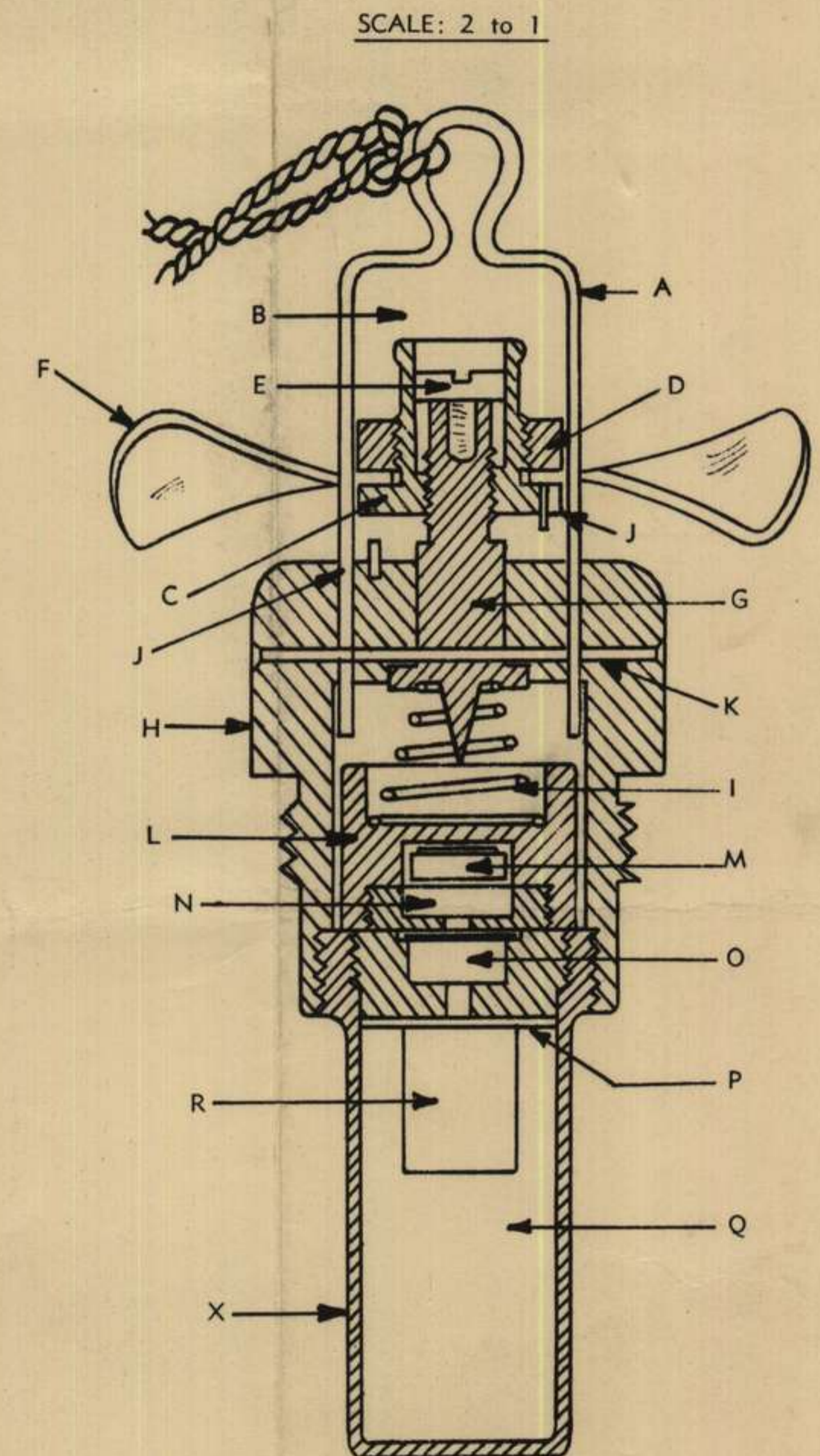
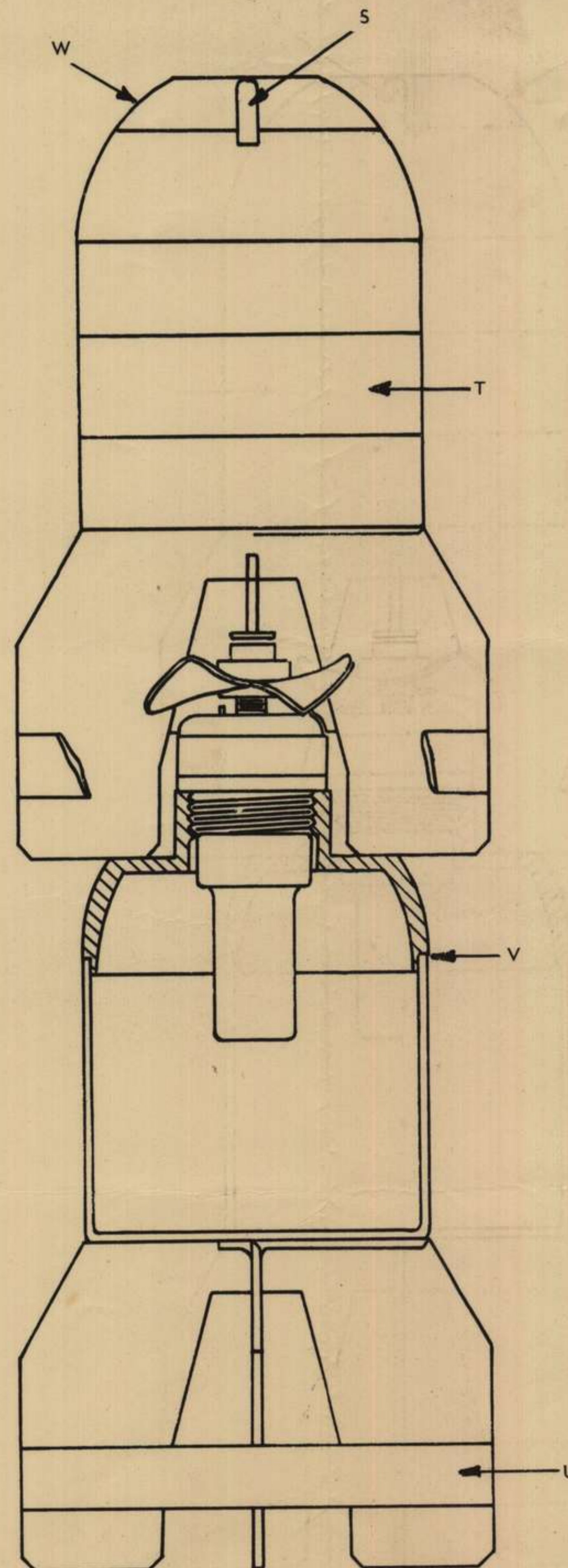
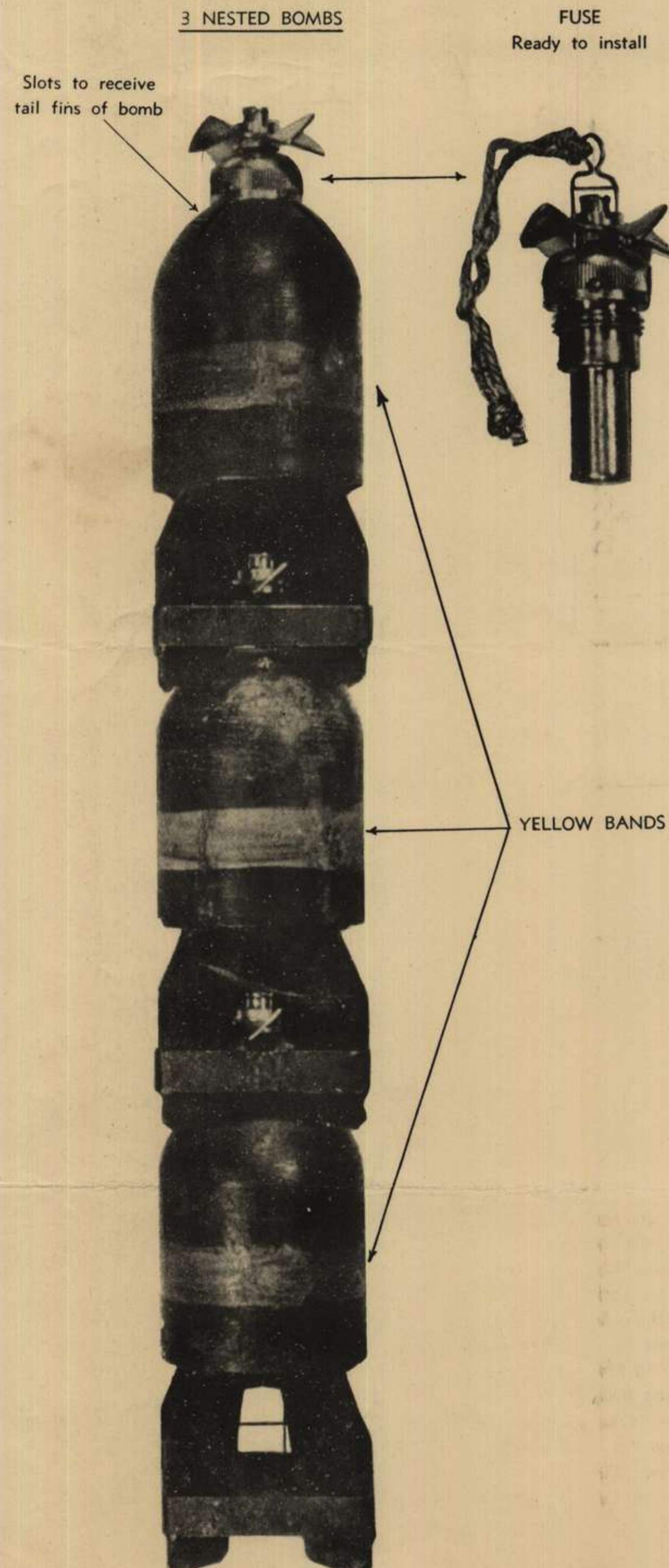
Barge Points : BILAU BAY, DALUA BAY, and SUARU BAY 988187 are all suitable.

Water Points : BANARA RIVER and WIDARE CREEK good drinking.

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A Safety Fork	M Primer Cap
B Closing Washer	N Black Powder Relay Pellet
C Vane Hub	O Black Powder Relay Pellet
D Vane Locking Collar	P Felt Washer
E Locking Screw	Q Cyclonite
F Vane	R Lead Azide Cove
G Firing Pin	S Tail Fin Slot
H Fuse Body	T Yellow Band
I Anti-Creep Spring	U Tail Strut
J Stop Pin	V Weld
K Shear Wire	W Red Band
L Primer Cap Carrier	X Gaine

APPENDIX "B"

5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 346

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Whilst personnel movement from BUT westerly continues to be reported, the implication of movement of a major Jap dump, at present located south of MATAPU, also westerly towards the AITAPE area is significant especially when coupled with captured documents and PW statements relative to a preposed enemy attack between 1 Jul and 10 Jul.

The reported increase in barge traffic around WEWAK and vicinity together with submarine sighting in the area is also worthy of note.

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN FRONT - SWPA

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

WEWAK AREA :

Amid the continued sighting of stores, petrol, supply and MT dumps throughout the whole area, especially in the coastal sector reports are to hand indicating a general westerly MT movement from BUT, together with a great deal of enemy activity between BUT and CAPE DJERUAN, proceeding both easterly and westerly. A major enemy supply dump is stated to be south of MATAPU from which hand carriers are moving the contents westward.

41 Div was reported in the WEWAK area with the main concentration of troops near BUT whilst, at the south end of BOIKEN PLANTATION, there are many buildings and continued signs of enemy activity.

It was reported on 7 Jul that three hundred Japs were at each of the villages of MINGIL and YUWIL. Their purpose was stated to be the job of relaying cargo from the east.

The total enemy casualties from 24 Apr to 3 Jul are as under :

SAIDOR AREA -

5 killed, 54 found dead

BOGADJIM - RAMU -

15 killed, 6 found dead, 16 PW

(b) SEA - OWN

Allied PT boats have been active during the period under review. Their activities are summarised below :-

- Night 28/29 Jun Vicinity ANUMB - Straffed trucks west of ANUMB, also observed many lights between CHEMBIHLRI and CAPE DJERUAN (Note : This activity is additional to that notified in 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 346)
- Night 1 Jul MUSCHU ISLAND - Sank 4 barges in MUSCHU STRAIT, destroying 2 on SW shore MUSCHU ISLAND.
- Night 2/3 Jul NORTH WEWAK AREA - 5 barges sunk off NINAHAU RIVER.
- Night 4 Jul NORTH BABIANG - Barge sightings made around BUT, CAPE JERUAN, CAPE KARAWOP.
- Night 5 Jul BUT - Contacted 9 barges with stores near BUT, four were sunk and remaining 5 believed damaged.
- Reported 7 Jul BUT - 22 barges sighted travelling west from vicinity BUT. Combined action by Allied PT boats and aircraft accounted for 16, 5 of which were sunk, the remainder damaged.

The sighting, by PT boats, is reported of one enemy submarine off DANMAP RIVER on night 2/3 Jul. At 040205K a further enemy submarine was stated to be four miles north of BABIANG on course 300 degrees. No contact was reported by Allied PT boats.

(c) AIR - OWN

WEWAK - BUT :

Air attacks have been continued on an undiminished scale on store dumps and other selected targets in this locality.

OTHER FRONTS - SWPA

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

TADJI - AITAPE

The activity in this area has been mainly patrolling by both sides.

Our patrols have been particularly successful in that three important Jap locations have been pinpointed. A Japanese Div HQ was located at a bend of the MARBOM RIVER 1 mile south of CHAROV, an inf regt HQ was in position 1 mile west of CHAROV and another inf regt HQ was 1 mile south of YAKAMUL. According to captured documents and PW statements, these two regiments were to make a simultaneous attack on our perimeter at AITAPE and the D Day is stated to be between 1 Jul and 10 Jul.

There have been several patrol clashes in the DRINIUMOR RIVER

area and enemy activity was observed in the DEIA CREEK area. Patrols encountered enemy dug in with automatic weapons 1000 yards west YAKAMUL. Artillery fire was brought to bear on this position with good effect. Other patrols clashed with the enemy 2000 yards west of AFUA and our troops were forced to withdraw.

Total enemy casualties to 1 Jul : 1100 killed, 40 PW.

HOLLANDIA AREA :

Only minor patrol activity has been carried out with a few contacts with the small parties of the Japs still roaming in the area. Allied engineers in the WAAB area were reported to be receiving slight harassing efforts by Japs and it is thought that this enemy group is the same as the one which has been subsisting on rations stolen from Allied dumps.

Total enemy casualties to 1 Jul : 3622 killed, 639 PW

WAKDE - SARMI AREA :

Although the stubborn enemy resistance in this sector is continuing, by 3 Jun the Allied perimeter had been extended to take in the entire area from the TOR RIVER to the WOSKE RIVER with the Japs still holding strong position on HILL 225.

Through 29 Jun a total of 32 Jap snipers was killed on LONE TREE HILL.

Patrols reported numerous supply dumps in the SAWAR STRIP area and a new Jap position on HILL 265.

An unconfirmed report states that, between ARMOPS and TARONIA (5 miles west of ARMOPS), there are 300 dead Japs whose death was caused by starvation and strafing by Allied planes.

Total enemy casualties to 1 Jul : 2772 killed 30 PW.

BIAK ISLAND :

The enemy pockets of resistance north of IBDI and PARAI were overcome early in the period under review and since then Allied activity, in this sector, became that of patrolling to search out the enemy remaining in the caves and coral cliffs that overlook these villages.

Meanwhile on the western flank, our troops continued to push north along the SORIDO - KORIM BAY track, two Allied regiments patrolling to the west of the track on a broad front of 5000 - 6000 yards. Native reports received on 28 Jun state that the Japs in the WAFOOR area on this track were very disorganised but, on the following day, the enemy launched a strong counter attack along the track.

Another report stated that there were 1000 Japs in KORIM BAY.

Total enemy casualties to 1 Jul : 3038 killed, 19 PW.

NOEMFOOR ISLAND :

At 020800K Jul the Allied made a successful landing against slight resistance in the KAMIRI aerodrome area and by 1050 hours held a perimeter from the east end of the aerodrome 1000 yards inland. At 1000 hours the following day paratroops made a successful landing in the vicinity of the KAMIRI DROME.

Very little resistance was met by our troops who occupied KORNASOREN airfield on 4 Jul and reached SJORIBOE about midday 5 Jun. Patrol action SE of KAMIRI aerodrome resulted in 106 enemy being killed.

At 061330 hrs Jul our troops occupied NAMBER aerodrome without suffering any casualties.

The re-surfacing of KAMIRI aerodrome is already in progress.

Although PW give conflicting reports as to the Jap strength on the Island, it is estimated that the number of enemy is between 2000 and 4500. Another PW report is that 2000 Jap reinforcements arrived on 25 Jun. The Japs encountered to date were in good condition, well-armed and well-equipped.

PLANIM ISLAND, a few miles SW of NOEMFOOR, was cleared by 051500K.

BOUGAINVILLE :

Allied activity in this sector is still been maintained as evidenced by a delayed despatch of 27/28 Jun reporting the establishment of a road block 10 miles NE of the TOROKONIA perimeter. Our artillery, however, forced an enemy withdrawal to the safety of the LARUMAR Valley.

NEW BRITAIN :

Reliable sources report four large Jap parties moving NW towards UBAI (20 miles SE CAPE HOSKINS) from TU (on south coast in vicinity CAPE BEECHY).

Total enemy casualties : 4875 killed, 342 PW.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS :

A Chinese PW captured by natives in the vicinity of BOHUAI on 28 Jun states that there were 46 enemy nearby. Other PW report 35 enemy at KALI PLANTATION.

Total enemy casualties to 1 Jul : 3800 killed, 103 PW.

MARIANAS ISLANDS :

A map showing Allied operations in the MARIANAS issued as Appendix "A" to NGE Intelligence Summary No 180 is attached as restricted Appendix "A".

(b) AIR -- OWN

The heaviest air activity during the week has been concentrated around the theatres of Allied operations. Heavy daily attacks were made on known enemy targets before the Allied landing on NOEMFOOR ISLAND and further heavy attacks were made in support of our ground forces on this Island.

Constant air support has been rendered in the AITAPE, WAKDE and BIAK areas while particularly heavy attacks were carried out daily on enemy targets from WEWAK to AITAPE.

Summarised below are the more important activities in other areas :-

NORTH EASTERN VOGELKOP PENINSULA :

On 30 Jun P39s on recce strafed roads and fuel dumps in the MANOKWARI area.

Nine A20s carried out a coastal sweep from MANOKWARI to the NW on 3 Jul. One barge was strafed.

The following day another barge sweep was carried out by three B25s and 3 barges were left unserviceable.

A third barge search was made along the north coast of the VOGELKOP PENINSULA on 5 Jul by 15 medium bombers and 8 fighters. Eleven barges were attacked, of which 3 were set on fire, 5 probably sunk and 3 damaged.

On the fourth successive day, a barge search was made. Nineteen B25s made a sweep around WAIGDO ISLAND. Eleven barges and one motor boat were damaged, one lugger badly damaged and one jetty destroyed.

SAGAN (140 miles SW MANOKWARI) :

A total of 53 aircraft, including fighters, attacked SAGAN aerodrome on 6 Jul, destroying 2 enemy fighters on the ground. Buildings were also destroyed and large explosions caused.

Eighteen medium bombers attacked OTAWIRI (in the vicinity of SAGAN) on the same day, starting a large fire in the store dumps and silencing 3 MG positions.

JEFMAN (180 miles west MANOKWARI) :

On 4 Jul one group of Liberators bombed JEFMAN drome starting fires.

One group of Liberators with 12 P38s as top cover attacked JEFMAN and SAMATE the following day. The fighters strafed a barge off FALSE CAPE.

SAMATE (near JEFMAN) :

Sixteen Liberators attacked SAMATE on 3 Jul starting large fires.

NAMLEA (west of CERAM) :

Thirty B24s attacked the OLD NAMLEA strip, workshops and barracks area on 2 Jul. Direct hits were scored on the barracks starting two large fires. An AA position was silenced, five aircraft on the runway were destroyed and one was shot down. Two of our aircraft were holed.

YAP :

On 5 Jul 19 Liberators attacking YAP were intercepted by 25/30 enemy fighters of which 2 were destroyed. One of our aircraft was lost.

PELELIU (PALAU ISLAND) :

Two Liberators bombed this aerodrome on 2 Jul starting 3 fires. A sole Liberator started a fire on PELELIU aerodrome on night 4/5 Jul.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

The following information is obtained from a recce carried out by an Aust Inf unit :

Ref Maps : MALALA WEST 1 inch to 1 mile
BOGIA EAST 1 inch to 1 mile

TRACKS :

Track from 022187 to 004188, 10 ft wide, not built up, even surface.

Vicinity of 006188 track is ruddy and greasy for 100 yards. From KELAUA PLANTATION to 973196 track is uneven, but jeepable.

Vicinity of KELAUA PLANTATION the surface is loose.

Vicinity of 989185 is boggy.

From 972196 to 943209, solid coral surface, 10 ft wide.

Vicinity of 954207 is a boggy patch but jeepable.

From 921222 to 905222, largely potholes with greasy surface, no drainage.

At 827273 track branches to right and follows coast, sand coral surface, uneven.

At 813273, rejoins plantation road.

From 813273 to 803281, badly cut up and boggy, barely jeepable.

WATER POINTS :

- 004187 - tidal stream, brackish
- 997185 - good; bn supply
- 991185 - dry creek
- 986187 - good; coy supply
- 982189 - bad; stagnant
- 978192 - good, coy supply
- 975193 - bad; stagnant
- 973196) - good, coy supply
- 946208) - good, coy supply
- 944208 - good; bn supply
- 942209 - good, ample supply
- 904420 - small; no flow
- 900221 - good; coy supply
- 899222 - good; bn supply
- 891223 - good; coy supply
- 855224 - bad; stagnant
- 876228 - good; large supply
- 855239 - good, coy supply
- 854239 - good; bn supply
- 834265 - good, large supply
- 819276 - tidal at mouth
- 805274 - brackish, good supply
- 806280 - pump and well at Mission; good; bn supply.

BRIDGES :

- 015193 - sound palm and coral culvert
- 004187 - 2 span timber bridge, 30 ft centres, road bearers 4/10 in spaced 2 ft, width of roadway 10 ft, decking 10 inch palm logs and sand wheel guides 8 ins, cut piers 10 inch logs 3 ft high, height above water 3 ft 6 ins, abutments 10 inch palm bed logs, load capacity 4 tons.
- 997187 - single span bridge 20 ft, 10 inch palm logs laid longtitudinally on bed logs and dog-spiked, load capacity 3 tons.
- 991185 - two span 12 ft centres, road bearers 4/10 inch palms spaced 2 ft 6 ins, width of road 10 ft, height 10 ft, decking 10 inch palm logs and gravel, trestle 4/8 inch, 10 inch transom, abutments 10 inch bed logs, general condition sound, load capacity 3 tons.
- 986187 - single span bridge 18 ft, 5/10 inch palm log bearers spaced 2 ft 6 ins, width of road 10 ft, decking 10 inch palm logs, wheel guides 6 ins, abutments palm bed logs, general condition sound, load capacity 3 tons.
- 982189 - single span bridge 18 ft, 4/10 inch palm log bearers spaced 2 ft 6 ins, width 10 ft, decking 10 inch palm logs, abutments 10 in bed logs, general condition sound, load capacity 3 tons.
- 978192 - single span bridge 20 ft, rd bearers 5/10 inch spaced 2 ft, width of roadway 10 ft, decking scrap 2 inch timber, abutments 10 inch palm logs, condition sound, load capacity 3 tons.
- 975193 - single span bridge 20 ft, road bearers 4/10 inch logs spaced 2 ft 6 ins wide, width of roadway 10 ft, decking 10 inch palm logs, wheel guides 10 inch palm, abutments 10 inch palm log bed, condition sound, load capacity 3 tons.
- 973196 - single span bridge 18 ft, road bearers 5/10 inch spaced 2 ft, width of road 10 ft, decking 10 inch round logs, abutments spiked cut piers (palm logs), height 3 ft, general condition good, load capacity 4 tons.
- 964208 - NO bridge, fordable by jeep, small flow, gravel bottom, east bank 3 ft high, wants breaking down.
- 944208 - single span 16 ft long, longitudinal 10 inch palm logs on bed logs and spiked together, no decking, width of road 10 ft, height above water 2 ft, condition sound, load capacity 3 tons.
- 944209 (WANGOL CREEK) - 3 span palm log bridge 18 ft centres, road bearers 4/10 inch spaced 2 ft 6 ins, width of roadway 10 ft, decking 10 inch palm logs and gravel, wheel guides 6 inch logs, piers and crib 10 inch palm logs base 11 ft by 4 ft, height 3 ft, abutments sound bed logs, load capacity 4 tons.

- 827276 - sound coral culvert
- 824274 - single span palm log bridge 16 ft, 10 inch palm logs laid longitudinally on bed logs and spiked, load capacity 3 tons.
- 904220 - single span palm log 20 ft, 5/10 inch palm logs spaced 2 ft 6 ins, decking 10 inch palm logs, wheel guides 10 inch palm, height of road above water 3 ft, abutments sound bed logs, load capacity 3 tons.
- 900221 - single span, 25 ft road bearers 5/10 inch spaced 2 ft 6 ins, decking 8 inch logs and gravel, height above water 3 ft, load capacity 3 tons.
- 899222 - single span 27 ft, 10 inch palm logs laid longitudinally on bed logs and spiked, height above water 4 ft, load capacity 3 tons.
- 891223 - 2 span palm log bridge, 15 ft centres, road bearers 4/10 inch spaced 3 ft, decking 10 inch palm and gravel, wheel guides 6 ins, height above water 7 ft, trestles 2/12 inch, load capacity 3 tons.
- 885224 - single span 24 ft, 10 inch palm logs laid longitudinally on bed logs and spiked, height above water 4 ft, load capacity 3 tons.
- 876228 - 3 span bridge 24 ft centres, road bearers 5/10 inch palm spaced 2 ft 6 ins, decking 10 inch palm logs and gravel, height above water 10 ft, trestles 3/12 inch logs, 10 inch transom, 2 ft 6 ins in full diagonal braces, abutments east sandstone, west palm logs, stream jeepable at mouth, load capacity 3 tons.
- 855239 - 2 span 15 ft centres, height above water 8 ft, bad condition, only trafficable for jeep, west approach rough.
- 854239 - 2 span 16 ft centres, road bearers 4/10 inch palm logs spaced 3 ft, decking 6 inch logs, wheel guides 6 inch, height above water 8 ft, trestles 4/8 inch logs, 10 inch transom, abutment bed logs and gravel, condition fair, load capacity 3 tons.
- 834265 - 4 span bridge, 15 ft centres, road bearers 5/10 inch palm logs spaced 2 ft 6 ins, decking 10 inch palm logs, wheel guides 10 inch palm, height above water 5 ft, trestles 4/8 inch logs, 10 inch palm transom, load capacity 3 tons.
- 819276 - 2 span bridge, 15 ft centres, road bearers 4/12 inch palm, wheel guides 10 inch palm, height above water 3 ft, trestles 3/10 inch, transom 10 inch, abutments bed logs and coral, load capacity 3 tons.
- 813273 - single span 10 ft, road bearers 5/10 inch palm logs decking 8 inch by 2 inch hardwood, wheel guides 3 in by 3 in hardwood, height above water 3 ft, trestles 3/10 inch logs, 10 inch palm transom, abutments bed logs and coral, load capacity 3 tons.
- 807273 - 12 ft single span, road bearers 7/10 inch logs spaced 18 inches, decking 6 in by 2 in hardwood fair condition, height above water 3 ft, abutments coral, load capacity 3 tons.
- 805274 - 2 span bridge 15 ft centres, road bearers 6/10 inch spaced 2 ft, decking 10 inch palm log, height above water 6 ft, trestles 4/7 inch logs, transom 10 inch palm, abutments partly washed away, would take 3 ton but unsafe for constant use, partly complete alternate crossing 30 yards downstream.

NOTE : All bridge load capacities given are estimates and subject to engineer confirmation.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Although the expected Jap attack in the AITAPE coastal sector met with initial success, Allied troops were able to mount profitable counterattacks on 12 Jul, partly restoring the original line. However, a statement to the effect that the Japs were generally withdrawing would appear premature at this juncture, especially when his alternatives are taken into consideration nor can a flank thrust from the southeast be overlooked.

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN FRONT -- SWPA

(a) LAND -- OWN & ENEMY

SEPIK AREA :

Ref Maps -- WATAM WEST, SEPIK EAST, NUBIA WEST, CMBA WEST 1 inch

Although no change is reported in the general area, a PIB patrol from SAKULA on 12 Jul proceeding via WATAM to the mouth of the SEPIK River observed an unnumbered party of Japs at KOPA 337735. This patrol then returned to WATAM and proceeded to WONANG 350579. Four dead Japs were found in the vicinity of WONANG whilst it was reported that the enemy had been using the village, possibly as a motor boat or barge base.

A further undated report stated that natives had counted 60 Japs at SINGARIN, also an unknown number of pinnaces. Later information stated that the enemy were extensively using the sea route to WEWAK via the SEPIK RIVER, MAJOP CANAL and MURIK LAGOON.

Continuing to OLD BIEN this patrol was attacked at 090430K by an enemy party estimated about 50 strong, consisting of Jap soldiers and kanakas, armed possibly with IMGs, MMGs, rifles and grenades.

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Our patrol did not suffer any casualties in the engagement nor are there any reported enemy casualties. It is stated that the BIEN natives are pro-Japanese.

Our aircraft on armed ~~recces~~ reported no movement seen over this general area on 10 Jul.

WEWAK AREA :

Reference 5 Aust Div Summary No 347. The previous report under this area of 300 Japs at the villages of MINGIL and YUWIL is corrected to 30 Japs in each village.

The jetty area of WEWAK POINT has shown much recent activity, many motor trucks and piles of stores being visible whilst it is reported that the enemy has possibly dug into the hillside. Several new buildings and other unidentified structures on both sides of the POINT are noticeable since 7 Jul but it is further reported that the majority of AA revetments appear abandoned. Six serviceable barges were sighted in the area at a later date.

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Landing west of DAGUA at 040550K an Allied amphibious/party moved 3500 yards westward where gun emplacements were found. Eleven Japs were attacked in the area prior to the party returning to its base. During the same period a recco party landed on TENDAYNE ISLAND (off BUT) but encountered enemy mortar fire whereupon the party returned. It was estimated that 20 Japs were on this Island. Natives claim that the enemy has evacuated SUAIN village.

(b) SEA - OWN

It was reported, on 6 Jul, that our PT boats had contacted 9 barges possibly loaded with stores near BUT; the ensuing engagement resulted in the sinking of 4 barges, the remaining 5 being believed damaged. Within the next 24 hours an Allied combined sea and air strike on 22 barges travelling west from BUT sank 5 and damaged 11, the remainder turning back on their course. A further 4 barges, ~~moving west near~~ the NINAHAU RIVER, were intercepted by PT boats during the same period, two being set on fire believed destroyed and the third set on fire. A later engagement in the same area accounted for two more barges set on fire.

Operating in the MUSCHU ISLAND vicinity, contact was made with 8 barges late on the night 8/9 Jul. Four were claimed as definitely sunk, two as possibly sunk and the remaining two damaged. These barges were believed to be carrying ammunition and supplies.

In the most recent engagement our PT boats damaged 3 barges at CHEMBLIHERI and destroyed one at CAPE WOM. Our force suffered slight damage from enemy barge and shore fire.

(c) AIR - OWN

WEWAK AREA :

A total of approx 250 aircraft have made sorties over the WEWAK area during the past week in the Allies continued assault on enemy targets in this area.

The enemy's barge traffic has been receiving no little attention and, during the period, at least 5 barges have been destroyed, 13 probably destroyed and 13 damaged.

OTHER FRONTS - SWPA

(a) LAND - OWN & ENEMY

TADJI - AITAPE COASTAL SECTOR :

It would appear that the planned Jap attack reported in last week's summary eventuated at midnight 10 Jul.

On 8 Jul the enemy commenced pushing his outpost line west of YAKAMUL to NIUMEN CREEK where, in the following days, increasing enemy resistance was met and Jap patrol activity in a westerly direction became stronger.

Our patrols encountered enemy in undetermined strength 2000 yards west of YAKAMUL where they were held up. Patrols were also fired on from a position about 300 yards east of the DRINIUMOR RIVER mouth.

The first Jap thrust was 800 yards SW YAKAMUL where our forward battalion was attacked. Shortly afterwards, another attack was launched from across the DRINIUMOR RIVER 2 miles south of the mouth. At 110505K a second attack was made across the River with an estimated force of one battalion and by 1050K the enemy had established a bridgehead approx 1200 yards deep where 300 Japs were later reported digging in. One of our companies was overrun in this attack and our troops withdrew to a second delaying line along KORONAL CREEK. It is estimated that a Jap regiment had crossed the River. At 111500K 150 to 200 Japs attacked NW in a creek bed in the KORONAL CREEK west of their bridgehead. A large number of Japs with automatic weapons were later reported in the area 300 yards west of KORONAL CREEK.

Our forces made a counter attack on 11 Jul south along the DRINIUMOR RIVER but failed to restore our line. Our patrols along NIUMEN CREEK were subjected to fire by a large number of Japs in the previously mentioned defensive position east of DRINIUMOR RIVER mouth. The Allies made another attack east along the coast and met the Jap force at ANAMO at 121800K who subjected them to heavy fire from 90 mm and 75 mm guns. During the afternoon Jap counter attacks were repulsed and the enemy were driven east of the DRINIUMOR RIVER. Another force advanced south from ANAMO to the DRINIUMOR RIVER without opposition.

The third scene of Jap activity is in the AFUA area where our patrol ambushed the head of a strong Jap column $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles SE of the village. Our forces at AFUA then began to withdraw to the west leaving a delaying force at AFUA. This rearguard was successful in delaying the enemy advance to the west until 111700K but, by this time, it is estimated that two Jap battalions had crossed the DRINIUMOR RIVER in the vicinity.

Our force moving along the PALAURU - AFUA trail contacted an unknown number of enemy 1500 yards west of AFUA at 121300K and, following an air strike an hour later, occupied AFUA then pushed north for a distance of $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

The total enemy casualties, excluding the above activity, are 1111 killed, 39 PW.

TADJI - AITAPE INLAND :

Information received 10 Jul stated that Allied patrols had reported TIMINGER, TAU and KUBRIWAT villages clear of the enemy and no westward movement through the TIMINGER area.

HOLLANDIA :

The only activity in this sector has been that of light patrolling by the Allies.

Enemy casualties in this sector are now 3623 killed, 641 PW.

SARMI AREA :

After light patrol activity Allied troops made an attack on 8 Jul against enemy positions SE of MAFFIN STRIP. This attack failed due to a combination of weather, terrain and intense enemy resistance

and the two battalions withdrew to the perimeter for re-organisation prior to a renewed attack. The Japs have a well-organised line of resistance extending from HILL 265 west towards the WOSKE RIVER.

Several days later the Allies successfully extended and consolidated their positions on HILLS 265 and 225 and later pushed on to occupy MOUNT SAKSIN.

Total enemy casualties : 3047 killed, 40 PW

BLAK ISLAND :

The enemy activity during the period under review has been very slight. There is a pocket, estimated 100 Japs with HMGs, NW of IBDI who were still stubbornly resisting our attacks on 13 Jul.

Pillboxes, MGs, heavy mortars and AA guns were found in the caves overlooking MOKMER whilst patrols pushing N and NE of SORIDO and MOKMER DROME encountered a small enemy group along the east side of the KORIM BAY trail.

A recce by PT boat to JAPEN ISLAND and the MAOEL and KOBROEDOE IS (between JAPEN and the mainland) reported 50 Japs on KOBROEDOE but only a few stragglers on JAPEN. Natives from the mainland claim there are no Jap installations along the coast between DOMBO and NAPPEN and that NABIRE has been evacuated. Escapees from MANOKWARI state that the place is well defended but the Japs are in bad health.

PT boats sank a small vessel off BLAK and captured 70 PW.

Total ^{Enemy} Allied casualties : 3295 killed, 93 PW.

NOEMFOOR ISLAND :

After the occupation of NAMBER AERODROME, which was reported to be in excellent condition, Allied activity became that of patrolling with light contacts in the MENOEKWARI and KORNASOREN areas. On 9 Jul 80 of a group of Japs west of MENOEKWARI were killed.

A captured document revealed the location of enemy minefields at KAMIRI strip, JENAMNOE and PIEFOERI. These were located and destroyed without difficulty. Another minefield of undetermined size was reported east of SJORIBOE.

A PW claimed that attempts were being made to take senior personnel off the Island by submarine and by aircraft. In keeping with this, is the report of a possibly submarine on night 4 Jul by PT boats and an unconfirmed report of Jap planes having used NAMBER aerodrome after D Day.

The Allies estimate that the enemy strength on the Island is not larger than two battalions. The known enemy casualties to 11 Jul are 518 killed, 14 Jap PW and 71 Formosan PW. Also 144 Javanese have been liberated. All the Japs killed and captured to date have been in good physical condition but the Formosans and Javanese appear undernourished.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS :

Allied patrols continue to encounter and kill small parties of Japs and the total enemy casualties are now 3884 killed and 108 PW.

CENTRAL PACIFIC :

A Jap civilian from YAP and PALAU stated that the civil evacuation of PALAU began in March and believed the Jap garrison to be 3000 Army and Navy personnel.

(b) AIR - OWN

Allied air activity has been centred around the enemy bases on the North Eastern VOGELKOP PENINSULA and MACCLUER GULF. A noteworthy feature is the fact that our medium bombers are now attacking Jap targets in the HALMAHERAS.

Details of this activity are as under :

NORTH EASTERN VOGELKOP PENINSULA :

On 7 Jul 4 squadrons of B24s attacked MOEMI, RANSIKI, WAREN aerodromes, scoring direct hits on supply dumps at NABIRE.

The same night 2 P61s dropped 2000 lb bombs on MOEMI aerodrome which was again attacked the following night by 2 B25s whose bombing destroyed buildings.

Sixteen B24s scored hits on the runway and started fires in the dispersal areas of JEFMAN aerodrome on 9 Jul.

NAMLEA aerodrome and town were attacked by 16 B24s the same day, two grounded aircraft being destroyed.

A light attack was made on MOEMI, WAREN, MANOKWARI on night 10/11 Jul.

The following day 16 B24s bombed AA positions at MANOKWARI, six guns being silenced and possibly destroyed. On a barge hunt from MANOKWARI to JEFMAN, 3 barges were damaged by strafing.

In an attack on AA positions at MANOKWARI on 13 Jul, Boston aircraft used rocket guns for the first time in the SWPA.

MACCLUER GULF :

Eight B25s and 11 P38s on an armed recon of BABO, SAGAN, FAK FAK, KOKAS and enemy shipping in the MACCLUER GULF attacked all these targets. Stores were set on fire, an ammunition dump at FAK FAK blown up, buildings and one small sail boat destroyed.

On night 7/8 Jul 2 B25s hit a gun position at BABO and strafed SAGAN.

On 9 Jul 23 A20s attacked BABO and met intense AA fire, three of our aircraft being shot down and three damaged. One fuel dump was exploded, buildings damaged, many fires started, the smoke from which rose to 2000 feet.

Two days later 11 B24s attacked the same target scoring direct hits on one gun position and starting large fires and explosions. The same day 11 A20s attacked KOKAS, destroying 2 fuel dumps and buildings and scoring direct hits on a gun position.

AA positions at BABO and KOKAS were attacked on 13 Jul. Many fires were started and one ~~AA position~~ at BABO was destroyed.

HALMAHERAS :

On night 6/7 Jul a Liberator scored three direct hits on a 6000 ton cargo vessel in WASILI BAY. The vessel was left sinking.

On 9 Jul 6 B25s attacked a 3000 ton cargo vessel loaded with gasoline and towing 7 barges in BOLI BAY. Six direct hits were obtained on the vessel which sank in 2 minutes. All the barges were sunk.

Two days later 6 B25s attacked and sank a 50 ft sail boat in the HALMAHERAS area.

On 12 Jul 6 B25s sank one small freighter and 4 barges and possibly sank a medium freighter in ANKELAMO BAY.

(c) AIR -- ENEMY

The enemy made two air attacks on OWI ISLAND on night 6/7 Jul. Several personnel were wounded. One probable DINAH was destroyed by a P 61.

On 9 Jul one Jap plane caused an alert at NOEMFOOR, dropping 75 one lb bombs. Three red alerts were given during the night but no damage was done.

EQUIPMENT

Attached as restricted appendices "A" and "B" are Appendices "A" and "F" to NG Force Weekly Intelligence Summary No 182.

GENERAL

It is now six months since a War Souvenir Stamp was issued to this Div in which period an effective system has been evolved for its use. This system is outlined below, adherence to which will assist all sections concerned.

The Div Intelligence Officer holds the Stamp. Bde Intelligence Officers and FS Sec are kept informed by the Intelligence Officer of what souvenir articles are eligible for release by formation.

Unit Intelligence Officers receive and hold at their office all articles from troops under command. Souvenirs are checked, those not eligible for release by formation are segregated, labelled with the War Equipment Label and handed over to Field Security. Those eligible for release are listed on a slip of paper, with the owner's number, name and home address and are signed by the unit Intelligence Officer. Such lists are handed into Bde or Field Security representative attached for onward movement to Division.

When the lists arrive at Division, the Intelligence Officer checks and signs them, and/or erases any item which cannot be released.

These are then handed to Field Security Section who return them to the units. The FS Sec collects all articles not released, such articles still retaining the War Equipment Label.

The unit Intelligence Officer returns all released articles to the individual, together with certificate complete with the War Souvenir Stamp. This certificate is the authority for release by franking officers.

All articles not released are handed into Div Salvage Unit and are evacuated through Salvage channels. High priority equipment is escorted by Field Security Section direct to higher formations.

Units and services without Intelligence Officers are contacted by Field Security and arrangements made for one of the officers to collect troops' souvenirs. Periodically an Field Security representative calls and collects the collection and then carries out the same procedure as for a unit Intelligence officer as above.

The officers responsible for collection then return to troops in accordance with the above.

It has been found advisable to ensure that any articles of enemy origin, even postcards or trinkets made from shell cases, etc, are treated in the above manner. Any relaxation leads to confusion.

During operations or movement, unit Intelligence Officers issue an instruction stating that they will not accept souvenirs for treatment until further notice; this tends to decrease the traffic in souvenirs but troops still have the privilege of using the War Equipment Label and leaving articles in the temporary dumps.

The real value of the War Souvenir Stamp is during the cleaning up of the battlefield and occupied areas. Troops soon realise these souvenirs are quickly released, wherever possible, therefore they hand everything in and very willingly accept the non-release of odd items. Many valuable documents and some identifications have been obtained in this manner which previously have been lost to intelligence, mainly by irresponsible individuals who have secreted same because of its local barter value which is lost to them if sent through intelligence channels to a home address. The War Souvenir Stamp now allows these to be released locally and this malpractice has practically ceased.

NOTE : When officers forward slips for certification, they must ensure a full description of the article(s) is given and, in the case of articles previously containing explosive, they must sign each slip

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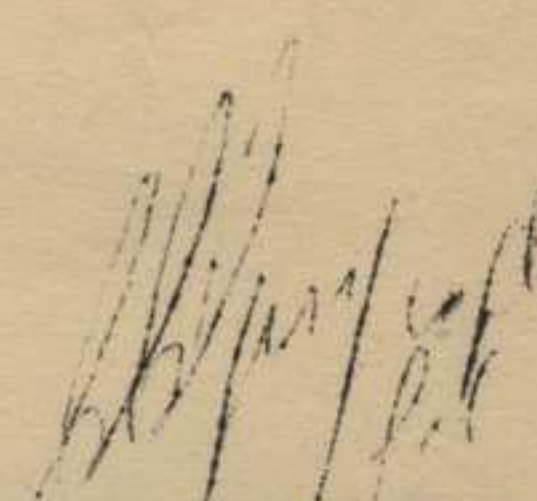
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SEPIK EAST :

Water passage cut from OLD SINGARIN 243643 to NEW SINGARIN 231651 and through to the SEPIK RIVER; capable of taking pinnacles.

WATAM WEST - NUBLA WEST :

Track from WATAM 357681 to WONAM (WONANG) 330578. Track follow coast for 300 yards from WATAM, thence inland - 6 ft wide, fair surface, partly drained for 400 yards from coast, thence narrow track through sak sak and mangroves to village 300 yards north of WONAM.


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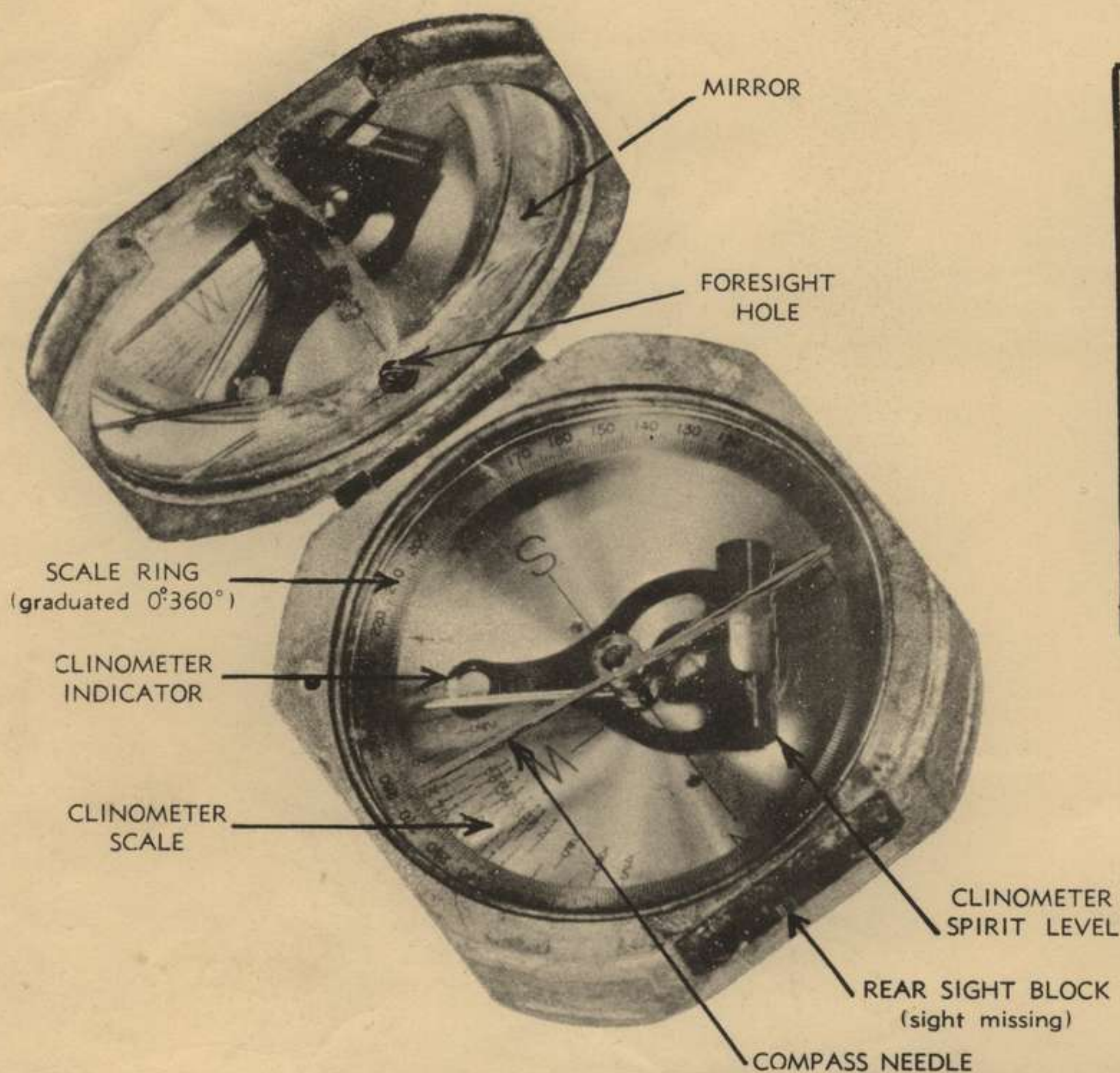
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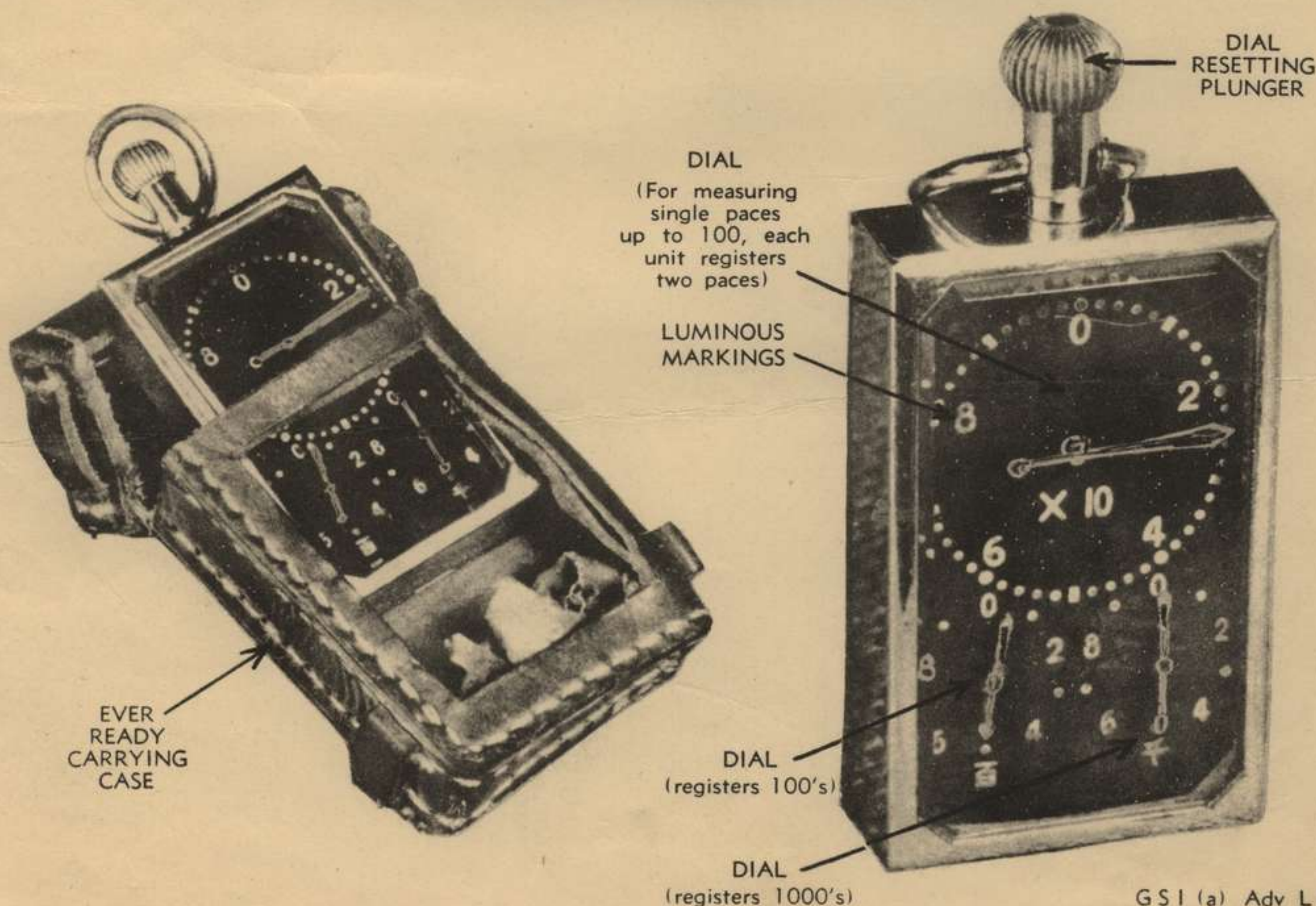
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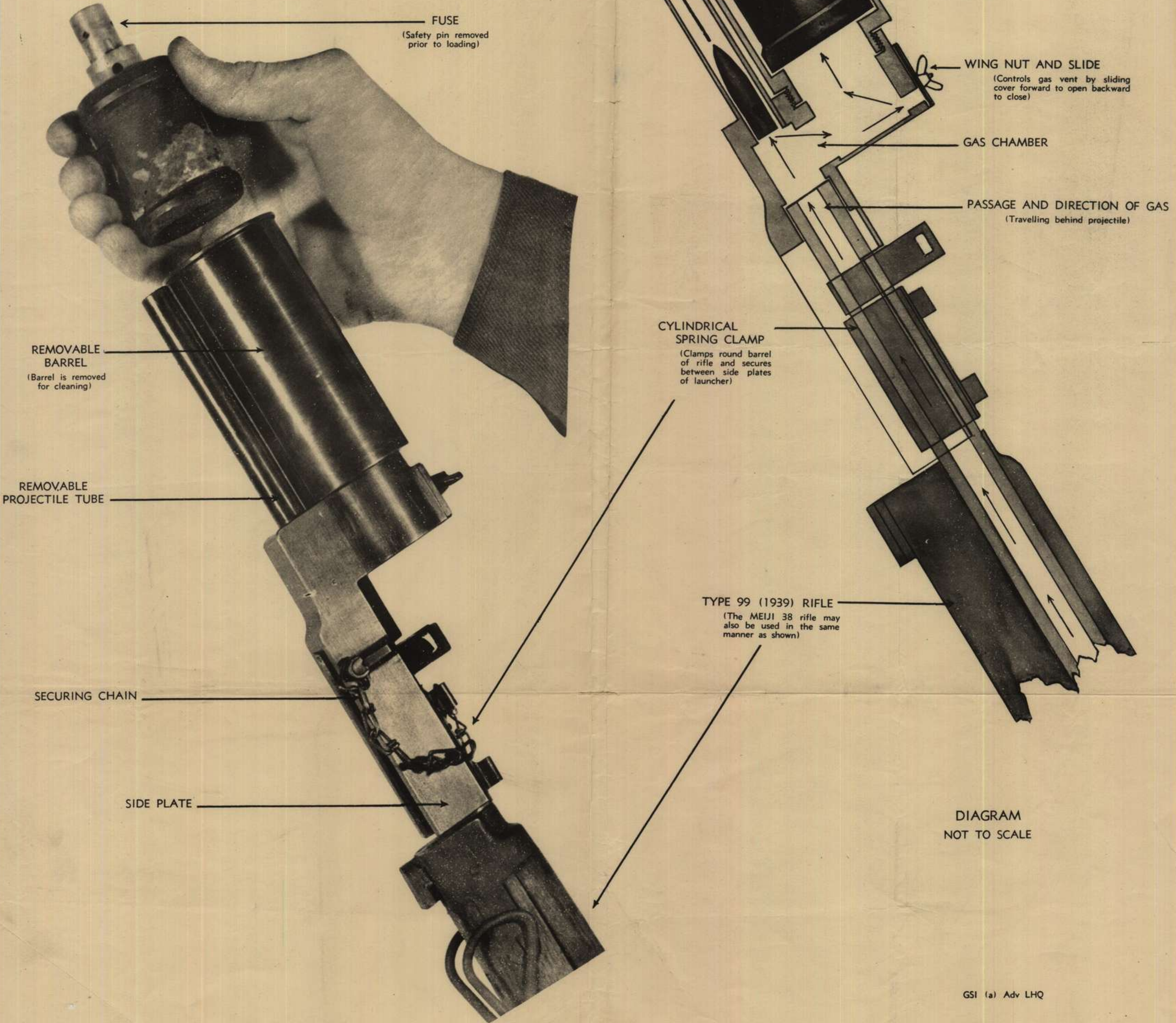
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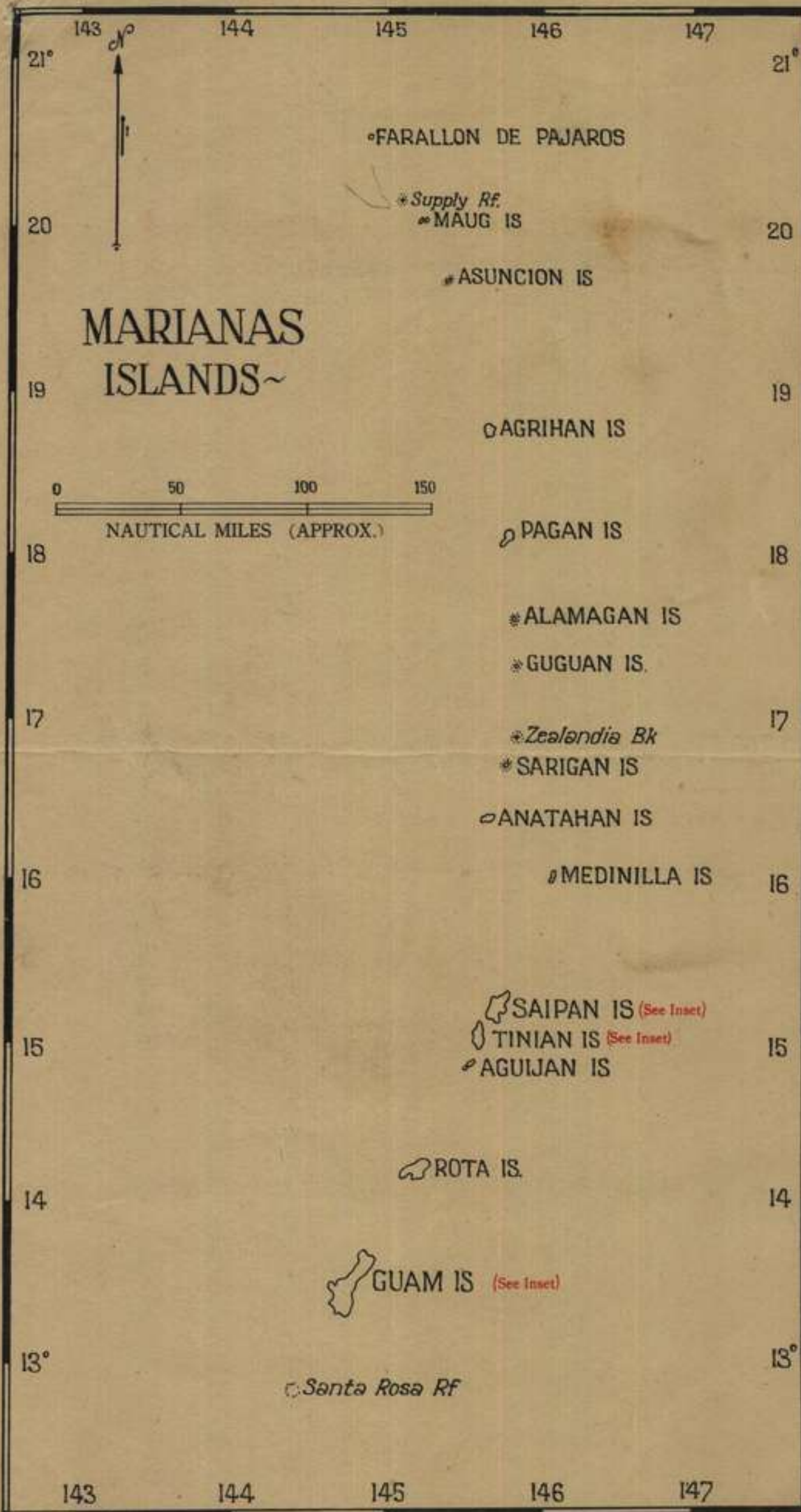
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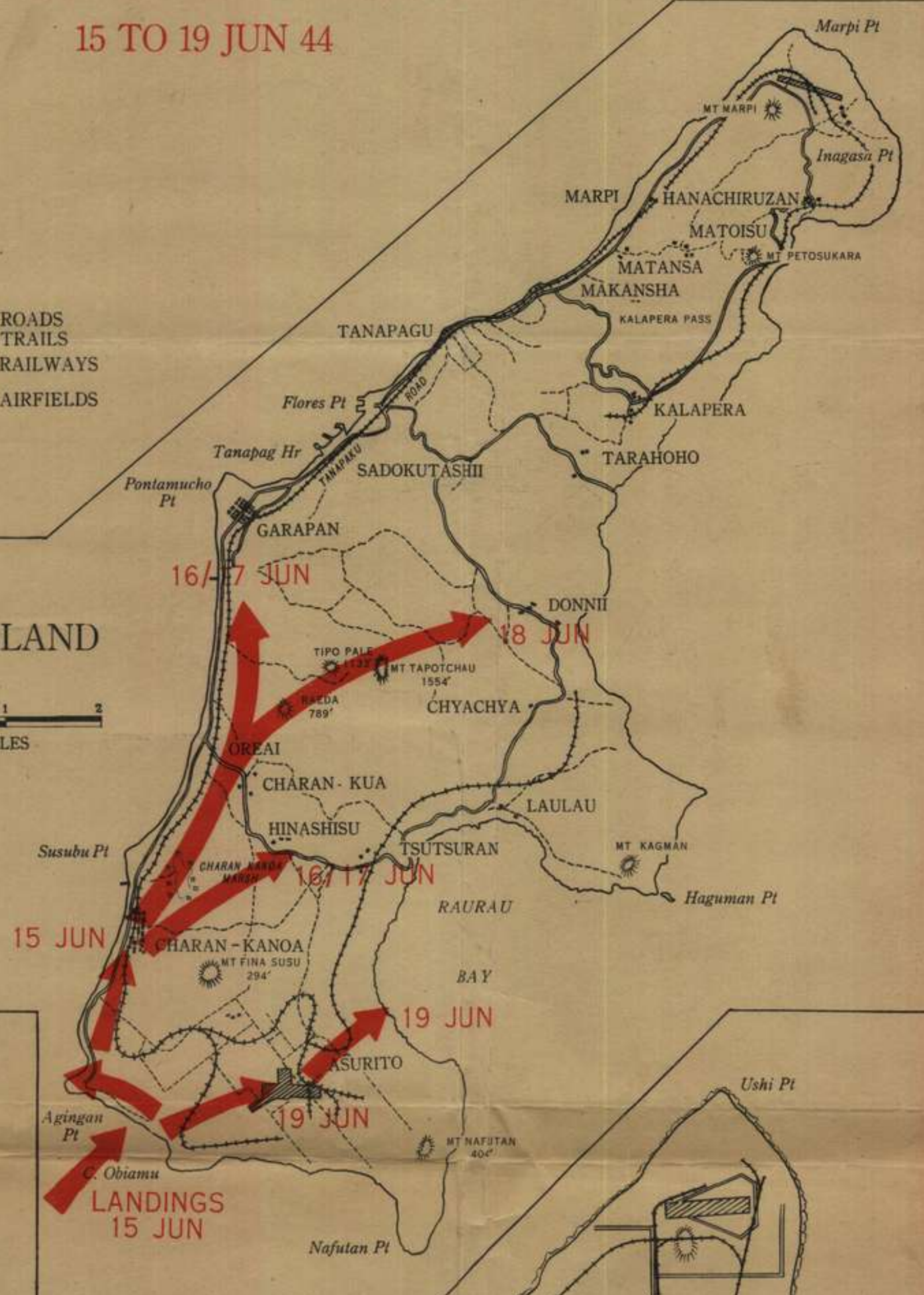


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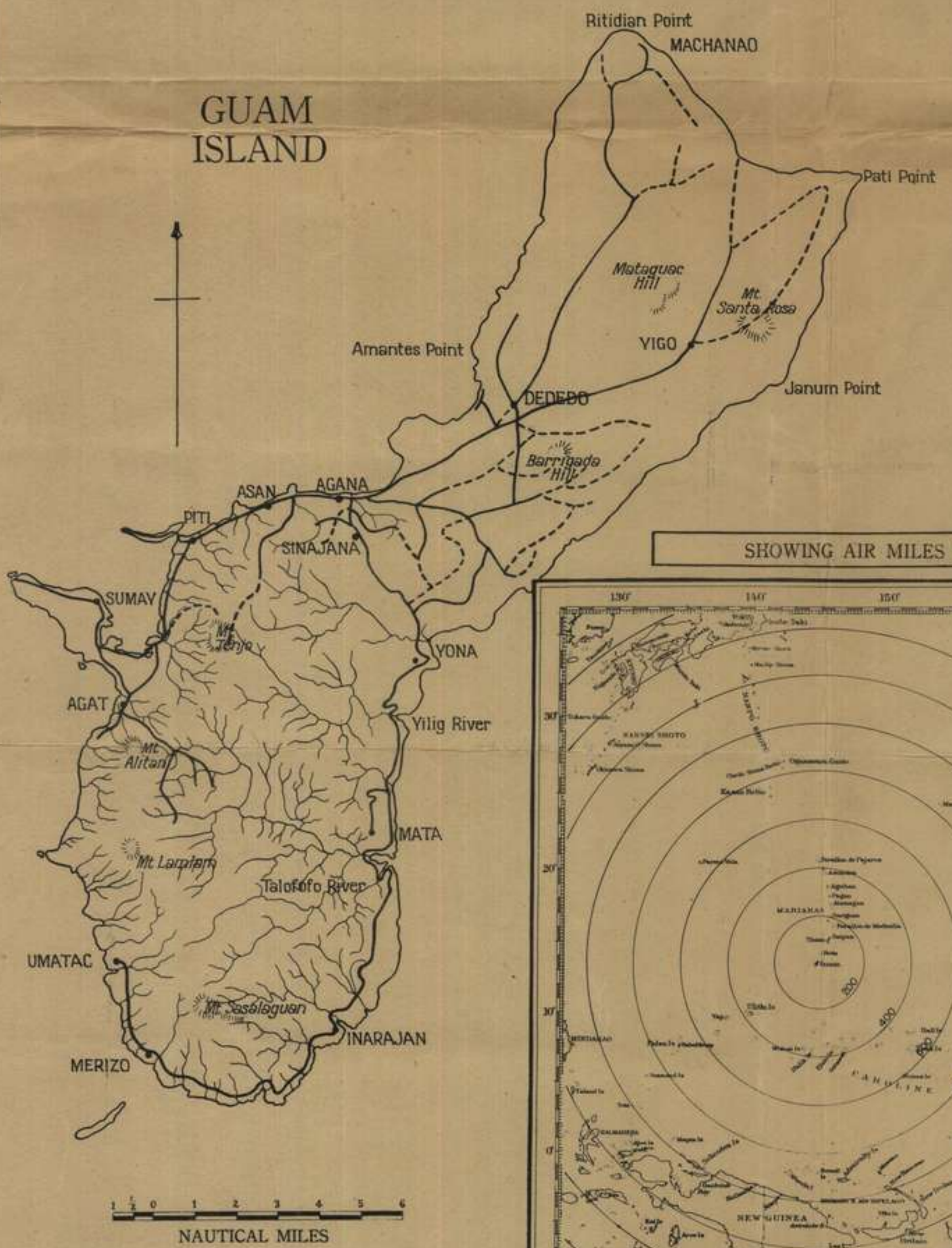
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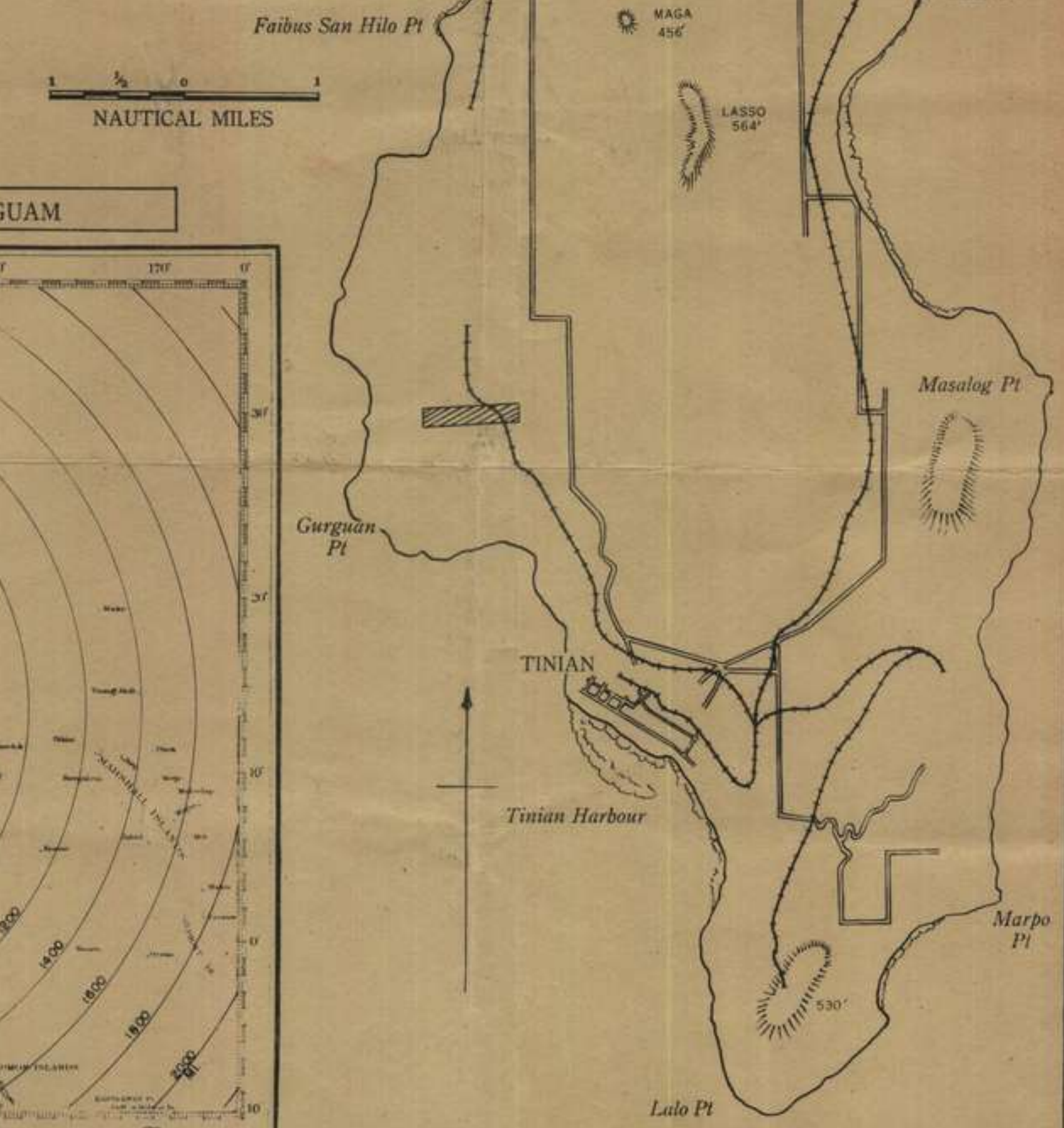
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SHOWING AIR MILES FROM GUAM

