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2/6 AUST INF BN

BULOLO

APR 43

- 1 Apr 43 Working party of 2 Offrs and 42 ORs sup by Bn commenced work on rd repairs under supervision of 2/14 AUST FD COY RAE.
- 0800 Maj NORRIS and Lieut MARSDEN, accompanied by Maj TAYLOR (CO 2/5 AUST IND COY) left for SUNSHINE en route PARTEP II.
- Maj NORRIS to supervise trg of pers 2/5 AUST IND COY.
- In absence of Lieut MARSDEN duties of Adjt assumed by Capt H L LAVER,
- 1115 Col FANNING (US ARMY AIR CORPS) visited Bn HQ.
- 8 Offrs 3 AUST DIV, engaged on general recce of area, reported in to Bn HQ during day.
- 1920 Air Raid Red.
- 1950 All Clear; NO planes heard BULOLO area.
- 2 Apr 43 0830 2 Offrs 33 ORs A Coy marched out on full day exercise.
- Maj J S JONES and Capt K A CARROLL left for FGCM at WAU.
- 1000 CO visited C Coy.
- 1100 Maj G F SMITH rejoined unit.
- Maj SMITH was OC HQ Coy during LIBYAN and GREEK campaigns and was responsible for the re-organization of A Coy after GREECE.
- In Nov 41 he was seconded as CO 17 AUST INF TRG BN and, for some time immediately prior to rejoining Bn, he was Adm Comd 6 AUST INF TRG BDE.
- He will fill appointment of 2 i/c Bn and Maj G M NORRIS, present 2 i/c, will return to succeed him as Comd 6 AUST INF TRG BDE.
- 1100 12 ORs (reinfts) joined unit.
- 1400 CO and Maj SMITH on tour of inspection Bn area.
- 3 Apr 43 1030 Maj Gen S G SAVIGE, GOC 3 AUST DIV, visited Bn HQ.
- Maj Gen SAVIGE was original Comd 17 AUST INF BDE until Jan 42.
- GOC was accompanied by Lt col WILTON (GSO I 3 AUST DIV).
- 1105 Maj Gen SAVIGE, accompanied by Lt col WILTON, left for UPPER BULWA power house.

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- 3 Apr 43 1445 CO held Orderly Room. S
- 1530 Bn played second game of rugby against 156 AUST LT AA BTY RAA. S
- Bn defeated by 18 pts to NIL; AA bty sustained one minor casualty. S
- 2100 Maj NORRIS and Lieut MARSDEN returned from PARTEP II. S
- Tps in BULOLO area were entertained by AES mob cinema unit. S
- 4 Apr 43 0700 C of E Holy Communion celebrated by Padre FIRTH. S
- 1500 Capt DUGGAN (Army Dietitian) visited Bn HQ. S
- 1545 Maj G F SMITH and Capt H B GULLETT left for SUNSHINE. S
- Maj SMITH en route to WAMPIT on general inspection of area. S
- Capt GULLETT to PARTEP II to take over and personally supervise trg of offr and NCOs 2/5 AUST INDCOY, assisted by Lieuts E W PRICE and E N GIBBONS. S
- 5 Apr 43 0800 Maj NORRIS left by plane from BULOLO airfield en route to AUST to assume comd 6 AUST INF TRG BDE. S
- 0830 4 Offrs 59 ORs A Coy moved out on full day exercise. S
- 0845 CO held Orderly Room. S
- 0900 Maj SMITH left SUNSHINE for WAMPIT and Capt GULLETT for PARTEP II. S
- Digging of def posns by 2/5 AUST IND COY at PARTEP II commenced. S
- 6 Apr 43 0630 Slight earth tremor felt in area; continued for approx 30 secs. S
- 1300 Lt col E A GRIFFIN (AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV) visited Bn HQ. S
- 1330 3 senior AAMC offr, incl Maj REFSHAUGE (2/2 AUST FD AMB), visited Bn HQ. S
- 1400 CO held Orderly Room. S
- Lieuts W L SHERGOLD and P F STOTT, with 18 reinfts, rejoined unit from PORT MORESBY. S
- Lieut SHERGOLD had NOT previously rejoined unit since evacuation to Ship's Hosp on S

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- 8 Apr 43 2 ORs being sup each evening by HQ Coy to escort native carr lines from SUNSHINE to BOBS. S
- 9 Apr 43 0930. A Coy mved out on full day exercise. S
Recommendations for relief of D Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN by 2/5 AUST IND COY pl approved by HQ KANGA FORCE. (Vide Appxs "E" and "F") S
- 1100 Capt H McB STEWART left SUNSHINE to supervise handing over by D Coy to A Pl 2/5 AUST IND COY. S
- 1100 CO left for BULWA to discuss with Lieut W J CAMERON staging of D Coy whilst moving to KIANDI rest camp. S
- 1200 Maj SMITH returned from visit to exercise being conducted by A Coy. S
- 1600 Message from D Coy:
"MUNUM patrolled BWARIP 1820 hrs 8 apr in rubber boat (.) last seen 1850 hrs going well (.) presume reach NARAKOPOR on first stage safe (.) orders to observe for 2 days unless infm obtained earlier" S
- 10 Apr 43 1530 Team from A Coy played combined team RAAF and 156 AUST LT AA BTY RAA at football; game won by A Coy. S
- 2125 One U/I A/C flew over BULOLO in NE direction. S
NO planes arrived BULOLO during day. S
- 11 Apr 43 0645 Padre FIRTH celebrated Holy Communion. S
- 1100 Notification received of following Honours and Awards:
Capt H B S GULLETT awarded Military Cross. S
Lieut E N GIBBONS awarded Military Medal. S
- 1530 Composite team from Bn played 156 AUST LT AA BTY at rugby. S
- 12 Apr 43 1100 Comd KANGA FORCE and Maj GOBLE visited Bn HQ and remained for lunch. S
- 1115 1 capt, 1 lieut, 1 WO and 1 sgt, of 15 AUST INF BDE, arrived for temporary att to gain experience and knowledge of area. S
- 1400 Brig MOTEN left for WAU. S
CO lectured pers 15 AUST INF BDE ref Bn area and later party perused maps and recce reports

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12 Apr 43

held by Bn Int Sec.

1500 Pers 15 AUST INF BDE left for C Coy at BULWA, from whence itinerary commenced.

Pte G L COLQUHOUN, Bn Int Sec, guide to party.

(Vide Appx "G")

15 Pl relieved 13 Pl C Coy standing patrols at KWATOMANE, KWASANG, MAPOS and PARTEP I.

1450 306 RDF STA RAAF reported enemy A/C heading WEST from LAE.

Messages intercepted by Sigs indicated that these A/C raided PORT MORESBY.

1600 D Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN relieved by A Pl 2/5 AUST IND COY (Capt SHEPPARD i/c) in MARKHAM area.

During afternoon 8 sick pers D Coy reported in to Bn HQ.

1945 Air raid alert.

U/I A/C circled BULWA for 20 mins.

1955 All clear.

2105 Air raid Red.

U/I A/C circled BULOLO, then flew in direction WAU.

2130 AA fire seen from WAU; reported NO bombs dropped.

2210 All Clear.

13 Apr 43

End of third year since embarkation of 2/6 AUST INF BN for ME (14 Apr 40).

Of pers who embarked on that date, 116 all ranks still remain with unit.

0800 Adm pers, incl cooks, mved KIANDI in preparation for arrival of D Coy.

1000 Lt col WILTON (GI KANGA FORCE) and Lt col GRIFFIN (AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV) visited Bn HQ to inspect buildings prior to being taken over by HQ 3 AUST DIV.

1130 Lt col FARQUHAR (CSO 3 AUST DIV) passed through BULOLO en route to MARKHAM area.

2000 Orders issued to A Coy to provide working parties for rd repairs. (Vide Appx "H")

Orders issued to B and HQ Coys to provide working parties BULOLO airfield. (Vide Appx "I")

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- 13 Apr 43 1700 19 ORs D Coy marched in to C Coy at BULWA. S
- 14 Apr 43 0630 Padre O'KEEFE celebrated RC Mass. S
- 0630 2 Int Sec pers left Bn HQ with orders for 2/5 AUST IND COY ref special patrol at MARKHAM PT. S
- (See Appx "J")
- 0900 21 ORs D Coy passed through Bn HQ en route to KIANDE Rest Camp. S
- 1030 CO visited BULWA area. S
- 0830 Pnr pl moved out to commence construction of huts in area 305838 (Ref Map BULOLO First Edition 1 in : 1 mi), to which it is proposed to move Bn. S
- During morning B Coy conducted range practice. S
- 1100 Boston "Havoc" A/C flew low over area in direction WAU. S
- 1300 Lieut URQUHART and 24 ORs D Coy arrived at SUNSHINE. S
- 1600 Above party arrived arrived BULWA. S
- 1800 Lieut E W PRICE, accompanied by two Int Sec pers arrived SUNSHINE from PARTEP II. S
- Infm received from HQ KANGA FORCE that Lieut D B BURKE would be required as LO immediately after return from MARKHAM area. S
- 15 Apr 43 0830 Lieut URQUHART and 24 ORs D Coy passed through Bn HQ en route to KIANDE. S
- 0900 Lieut K L BROUGHAM, det as SC(L) HQ KANGA FORCE, emplaned from WAU en route to attend Junior Staff School at DUNTROON. S
- 1330 CO and Adjt visited BULWA. S
- 1800 Lieut E W PRICE left for SUNSHINE and PARTEP II. S
- 60 pers RAE 3 AUST DIV passed through BULOLO en route to SUNSHINE. S
- 2000 Notification received of following Honours and Awards:
- Lieut E R ST JOHN awarded Military Cross.
- Sgt J G GRAY awarded Military Medal. S
- Infm received that WO(ii) H T RIGNEY, who was CSM C Coy when evacuated to hosp at MILNE BAY, had been discharged from the Army. S

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- 15 Apr 43 Pte T MERRITT, who was also evacuated from MILNE BAY, had been killed in a motor accident in MELBOURNE.
- A Coy on full day exercise.
- Large quantity of mail received by Bn.
- 16 Apr 43 0900 Lieut P F STOTT evacuated to MDS WAU.
- 1400 Carr Pl moved to new Bn area.
- 1400 2 i/c, Adjt and QM inspected new Bn area.
- 1830 Adjt visited C Coy.
- 17 Apr 43 0800 Lieuts L G GRANT and V N MALONEY emplaned from BULOLO to attend No 9 Course LHQ SCHOOL of MI.
- Lieut GRANT to attend Junior Wing for Bn IOs and Lieut MALONEY Photographic Interpretation Wing.
- Lieut D G KEMP and Sgt G K CHANDLER emplaned from BULOLO to attend SA SCHOOL (BONEGILLA) No 2 MMG Course.
- 1200 Lieut L S ROACH and 25 ORs D Coy arrived SUNSHINE from MARKHAM area.
- 1325 "Liberator" A/C flew SOUTH over BULOLO area; estimated height 10,000 ft.
- 1500 Combined team from 2/6 AUST INF BN played 156 AUST LT AA BTY at rugby.
- 18 Apr 43 0645 Padre FIRTH celebrated Holy Communion.
- Church parades as follows were conducted during day: Bn HQ and HQ Coy 0815 hrs, A Coy 0915 hrs, B Coy 1100 hrs, C Coy 1630 hrs.
- 0700 Lieut ROACH and 24 ORs D Coy moved to KIANDE.
- 0900 Maj SMITH on recce of MANKI track.
- 1400 3 Offrs 51 ORs SIGS 3 AUST DIV arrived BULOLO area.
- 1400 Capt W R DEXTER and remainder of D Coy (24 ORs) arrived SUNSHINE.
- Lieuts D B BURKE and L C JOHNSON sick en route.
- 1500 Report ref progress of def works and trg 2/5 AUST IND COY, PARTEP II, received from Capt H B S GULLETT MC.
- (Vide Appx "K")

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- 18 Apr 43 1500 Capt HILL (Camp Comdt HQ 3 AUST DIV) arrived Bn HQ to supervise arrival of pers DIV HQ. S
- 2000 Signal received from HQ 3 AUST DIV for Bn HQ area to be vacated as soon as possible to make way for HQ 3 AUST DIV. S
- 19 Apr 43 0800 Capt K A CARROLL left for WAU to be member of FGCM. S
- 0900 Capt DEXTER and 24 ORs left for KIANDE. S
- 0900 CO and Camp Comdt HQ 3 AUST DIV inspected Bn HQ area. S
- Working parties continued on preparation of new Bn area. S
- 1500 Maj Gen S G SAVIGE, GOC 3 AUST DIV, with Lt col WILTON, G1, and Lt col GRIFFIN, AA & QMG, visited Bn HQ and inspected area accompanied by CO. S
- 1500 Lt col McLEAN, CASC 3 AUST DIV, visited Bn HQ. S
- 1600 Maj, who is to succeed Maj D C WILSON as BM 17 AUST INF BDE, visited Bn HQ accompanied by Maj WILSON. S
- 1600 Maj Gen SAVIGE and Staff left for WAU. S
- Order issued for Bn HQ to be evacuated on following day. S
- 20 Apr 43 0930 Pers Bn HQ and majority HQ Coy moved out to new area. S
- New code lists issued by HQ KANGA FORCE. S
- HQ 2/6 AUST INF BN and coys retained code names previously issued but code names allotted to other sub-units BULOLO area cancelled. S
- Preparation of new area continued. S
- Mvt of "Q" stores and amn commenced. S
- Layout of new area being supervised by Maj G F SMITH. S
- 1200 Adm Instns for relief of 2/5 AUST IND COY, at WAMPIT and PARTEP II, by two coys 24 AUST INF BN prepared ready for issue. S
- (Vide Appxs "L" and "M")
- 21 Apr 43 Notification received of promotion of Lieut J W WATERSTON to A/Capt. S

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21 Apr 43

Lieut K L BROUGHAM seconded as LO 17 AUST INF BDE, vice Capt A G S EDGAR, who ceased to be seconded.

2 Offrs 51 ORs HQ 3 AUST DIV arrived by plane BULOLO area.

Unexpected arrival of pers 24 AUST INF BN.

6 Offrs 168 ORs deplaned BULOLO during day and, after being given hot meal at 3 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP, these pers commenced march to BULWA, where they were staged for night by C Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN, en route to relieve A Pl 2/5 AUST IND COY at WAMPIT.

Other pers 24 AUST INF BN deplaned WAU throughout morning and commenced to march to BULOLO.

1100 Remainder pers HQ Coy moved to new area.

1230 GI 3 AUST DIV advised Adjt that 24 AUST INF BN would come u/c 2/6 AUST INF BN.

1400 Lt col R FALCONER, Comd 24 AUST INF BN, visited Bn HQ and conferred with Lt col F G WOOD.

1430 Lt col GRIFFIN, AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV, arrived Bn HQ.

1500 CO, with Lt cols FALCONER and GRIFFIN, left to supervise mvt of pers 24 AUST INF BN marching from WAU.

Arrangements were made to tpt packs to BULOLO and later pers were moved to 3 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP, where they staged night.

Heaviest rain storm since arrival BULOLO area.

2000 Lieut R MacLEAN rejoined unit from Rest Camp KIANDE.

Preparation of new area continued; removal of stores and amn still in progress.

22 Apr 43

0730 Bn requested to sup guides for coys 24 AUST INF BN moving to NIDDON CAMP and MARKHAM area.

0800 Pers 24 AUST INF BN, who had staged night at 3 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP, marched out for BULWA; pers who staged night at BULWA marched out to SUNSHINE.

0845 Sig sent to Capt DEXTER at KIANDE to sp 1 Offr, 1 Sgt and 2 Cpls as guides for MARKHAM area.

Capt H McB STEWART left for PARTEP II to supervise relief of 2/5 AUST IND COY and staging of pers en route.

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- 22 Apr 43 0900 HQ 2/6 AUST INF BN closed at location now taken over by HQ 3 AUST DIV and reopened at area 305838 (Ref Map BULOLO First Edition 1-in : 1 mi). S
- 1000 Maj Gen S G SAVIGE visited BULOLO area. S
- 1100 FGCM Pte E M CARROLL conducted at A Coy HQ. S
- During morning 14 planes arrived BULOLO with pers 24 AUST INF BN. S
- These pers subsequently marched to BULWA and staged night. S
- 1500 FGCM Pte N J McCLENAHAN conducted at A Coy HQ. S
- 1830 Lieut R D URQUHART, with 1 sgt and 2 cpl D Coy and Pte C W A BURGE (Int Sec), marched out as guides to 24 AUST INF BN in MARKHAM area. S
- Pte BYRNS (Int Sec) marched out as guide to A and D Coys 24 AUST INF BN proceeding to NIDDON CAMP. S
- 2130 Lieut L C JOHNSON marched in from MARKHAM area. S
- 23 Apr 43 0800 HQ 3 AUST DIV opened at area vacated by HQ 2/6 AUST INF BN. S
- HQ KANGA FORCE dissolved. S
- 2/6 AUST INF BN now u/c HQ 3 AUST DIV, with 24 AUST INF BN and 2/5 AUST IND COY u/c 2/6 AUST INF BN. S
- 0830 Good Friday church service conducted at A Coy HQ by Padre FIRTH. S
- Work on new buildings continued throughout day. S
- 1100 2/6 AUST INF BN Op Instn No 4 ("Def of PARTEP area") issued. S
- (Vide Appxs "N" and "O").
- 1400 Pers 15 AUST INF BDE returned from MARKHAM area. S
- (Vide Appx "V").
- 1830 CO and Adjut visited HQ 24 AUST INF BN at SUNSHINE. S
- 2100 Lieut D B BURKE returned from MARKHAM area. S
- 2100 Lieut E W PRICE returned from PARTEP II. S
- 2130 Bn ordered to sup working party for cartage amn 3 AUST DIV at BULWA. S

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23 Apr 43

Pl C Coy detailed for duty.

Disposns 24 AUST INF BN now as follows:

HQ, A and D Coys at BULWA; B Coy at SUNSHINE;
C Coy en route MUMENG.

24 Apr 43

0800

Lieuts L G G CAMERON and R MacLEAN emplaned
BULOLO en route for No 3 Course OCTU (WOODSIDE)

0830

Pers nominated for transfer to 6 AUST DIV CARR
COY proceeded to WAU for interviews, trade
testing, etc.

0900

Lieut D B BURKE left Bn HQ for KIANDE.

1430

CO proceeded to HQ 24 AUST INF BN to arrange
for relief of LAE OP.

1630

Report submitted to HQ 17 AUST INF BDE ref
tests conducted with new AUSTEN SMG.

(Vide Appx "Q").

25 Apr 43

0645

Padre FIRTH celebrated Holy Communion at Bn HQ.

During day parade services were held and Easter
Day Holy Communion celebrated at all coys
except D Coy at KIANDE.

1030

Infm received of landslide WAU-BULOLO rd near
ADS BULOLO; rd probably blocked for 1½ days.

1500

CO visited HQ 3 AUST DIV ref plan for def
BULOLO airfield.

1900

Bn ordered to sup working party 1 Offr 30 ORs
for clearing landslide.

2000

CO visited HQ 3 AUST DIV.

26 Apr 43

0630

B Coy sup working party 1 Offr 30 ORs to clear
landslide WAU-BULOLO rd.

0900

Test of air raid siren at Bn HQ.

0930

Op Instn received from HQ 3 AUST DIV.

1600

WAU-BULOLO rd reported cleared.

1700

6 "Liberator" A/C flew NE over BULOLO area.

1935

Air Raid Red.

U/I A/C flew SW over BULOLO area.

Subsequently reported by object had fallen in
vicinity A Coy area.

Party from A Coy searched area without result
on following morning.

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29 Apr 43 1800 Maj SMITH marched out to SUNSHINE en route to PARTEP area. S

30 Apr 43 0800 B Pl 2/5 AUST IND COY left PARTEP II for MUMENG. S

C Coy 24 AUST INF BN took over fwd posns MARKHAM area from A Pl 2/5 AUST IND COY. S

Instns issued by HQ 3 AUST DIV restricting use of MT in order to conserve POL sups WAU-BULOLO area. S

Draft of proposed scheme for def BULOLO airfield prepared for submission to HQ 3 AUST DIV. S

(Vide Appx "U")

3 tpt A/C, the first for 5 days, arrived BULOLO during morning. S

Lieut D B BURKE det as LO 17 AUST INF BDE. S

2200 Instn received from HQ 3 AUST DIV ref fighting patrol one pl B Coy 24 AUST INF BN to obtain more detailed infm of enemy activity SOUTH bank of MARKHAM RIVER, in area MARKHAM PT. S

CO's COMMENTS

The handing over by D Coy to 2/5 AUST IND COY was well executed.
Pers of D Coy are badly in need of rest and refit.
They have done an excellent job and gained much valuable infm.

F. G. Wood Lt col
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

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MARKHAM AREA

APR 43

2 Apr 43 0900 Cpl McELGUNN and 1 OR on recce for tracks running EAST from OLD MARI to WAMPIT RIVER
to 1400
1045 Lieut L C JOHNSON returned BOBS from KIRKLANDS.
1130 3 ORs (reinfts) reported in at DEX HQ.

3 Apr 43 Lieut H J COUGHLAN left on two day recce of BOBS-KIRKLANDS-OLD MARI area.
0830 1 NCO 2 ORs left BEN on two day recce patrol area EAST of GABENSIS.
1315 Pte H W AULTON left DEX with safe hand despatches for Bn HQ.

4 Apr 43 0745 Planes over HEATHS and LAE.
to 0845 Explosions heard from direction LAE.
0850 15 med bombers flew over in direction WAU.
1130 Cpl KURTZ arrived D Coy HQ with safe hand despatches and mail from Bn HQ.
Canteen sups and ACF issues distributed to all posts.
1200 Maj's LEONARD and SIMPSON and Capt BALDOCK (Engrs) arrived at DEX and proceeded to BOBS to recce area for site for br across MARKHAM RIVER.
1330 Capt MANSFIELD, Sgt MARSHALL and 5 medical pers 2/5 AUST IND COY arrived at DEX.
1705 1 sgt 4 ORs 2/5 AUST IND COY arrived DEX on recce BOBS area.
1835 2 hy explosions heard from direction HEATHS.

5 Apr 43 0700 20 hy explosions heard from direction HEATHS.
0830 Capt SCOTT YOUNG (MO) and medical pers 2/5 AUST IND COY left for TIMNE.
0900 Cpl BARLOW and 2 ORs left BEN OP on two day recce patrol to MARKHAM PT.
1330 Court of Inquiry into death of Pte BELL (2/2 to AUST FD AMB) held at DEX. Capt DEXTER - President; Lieuts BURKE and URQUHART - Members.
1750
1630 Lieut COUGHLAN arrived DEX HQ.

6 Apr 43 0815 Lieut COUGHLAN left DEX to return Bn HQ.
0830 Conclusion of Court of Inquiry into death of Pte BELL.
to 1230

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- 6 Apr 43 1655 MARKHAM PT patrol reported 1 JAP sentry sighted on OP approx 1 mi EAST of MARKHAM. S
- JAP sentry standing and gazing idly across MARKHAM RIVER. S
- Patrol kept sentry under observation for some and then returned to report. S
- 1730 Maj G F SMITH, 2 i/c Bn, arrived at DEX. S
- 7 Apr 43 0855 Capt SCOTT YOUNG proceeded to NEW MARI to inoculate natives. S
- 0910 Maj SMITH left to return Bn HQ. S
- 0930 1 Douglas tpt A/C circled at tree top level over WAMPIT. S
- 1850 Capt SCOTT YOUNG returned to DEX HQ. S
- 8 Apr 43 0745 Pers 2/5 AUST IND COY left for PARTEP II. S
- 1200 3 engr offrs arrived DEX. S
- 1335 Engr offrs proceeded to WAU. S
- 1400 Lieut JOHNSON visited OLD MARI. S
- 1820 Patrol for MUNUM-YALU area left BWARIP, crossed MARKHAM RIVER in rubber boat, and were seen to reach NARAKOPOR safely. S
- Patrol expected to report in 1000 hrs 11 Apr 43. S
- 9 Apr 43 0915 Pte P J MEEHAN left DEX with safe hand despatches for Bn HQ. S
- 1130 Sup line and canteen stores arrived DEX HQ. S
- Comn with OP, broken during night, re-est 1045 hrs. S
- Sig L/T comn being est from PARTEP II to TIMNE. S
- Natives who had moved across MARKHAM RIVER to NEW MARI reported that bombing and strafing of HEATHS on 4 Apr 43 destroyed 1 AA gun, wrecked houses and blew up 1 amm dump. S
- Natives also stated that JAPS had returned to LAE. S
- Instns for relief of D Coy by 2/5 AUST IND COY received from BN HQ. S
- 2105 Message received from HQ KANGA FORCE stated patrol report submitted by Pte MORTYN was excellent and suggested that a pt EAST of MARKHAM PT should be booby-trapped. S

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D COY 2/6 AUST INF BN

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- 10 Apr 43 0830 Capt SCOTT YOUNG proceeded to TIMNE to arrange mvt of con pers fit to travel to BULOLO.
Canteen sups distributed to all posts.
- 1130 Pte AULTON arrived DEX HQ with mail and safe hand despatches from Bn HQ.
- 1415 Maj VERTIGAN (DO ANGAU MARKHAM area) and Capt McBRIDE (SC KANGA FORCE) marched in to DEX and later proceeded to BOBS.
- 1445 L/T comn est between PARTEP II and DEX HQ.
- 1600 A Pl 2/5 AUST IND COY marched in to WAMPIT to relieve D Coy.
- 1715 Capt STEWART arrived DEX HQ with instns ref handing over and mvt of D Coy to BULWA.
Stores checked in preparation for packing.
- 11 Apr 43 0850 1 Douglas A/C circled WAMPIT.
- 1030 Report of patrol MUNUM-YALU area arrived DEX HQ by runner from BWARIP.
No enemy observed in area 9/10 Apr 43.
Natives stated JAPS send patrol of 10 from HEATHS to MUNUM twice weekly.
Patrol divides at MUNUM and proceeds to NEW MUNUM and NGASAWAPUM respectively.
- 1145 Maj VERTIGAN and Capt McBRIDE marched in to KIRKLANDS and remained for night.
Relieving parties 2/5 AUST IND COY proceeded to BEN, OP, BOBS, KIRKLANDS and OLD MARI.
- 1300 15 pers att from HQ COY marched out to rejoin coy.
- 1330 Capt SCOTT YOUNG proceeded to GABENSIS to attend natives.
- 12 Apr 43 0740 Patrol left OP as guides to indicate booby traps to relieving force.
- 0900 Lieut L S ROACH and 24 ORs marched out en route to BULOLO area.
- 1200 DEX HQ, GABENSIS, OLD MARI taken over by A Pl 2/5 AUST IND COY.
- 1250 Maj VERTIGAN and Capt McBRIDE left KIRKLANDS for WATUT RIVER.
- 1600 Capt SHEPHERD, OC A Pl 2/5 AUST IND COY, assumed comd BOBS FORCE.

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D COY 2/6 AUST INF BN

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12 Apr 43	1830	Capt SCOTT YOUNG returned to DEX HQ.	<i>W</i>
13 Apr 43		Surplus sups and stores handed over to Capt SHEPHERD.	<i>W</i>
	1130	22 boy-loads stores fwded en route to BULWA.	<i>W</i>
	1600	KIRKLANDS, BOBS and WAMPIT handed over to relieving parties.	<i>W</i>
		All D Coy pers now at DEX, WAMPIT or en route BULOLO area.	<i>W</i>

F. G. Wood Lt col
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

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- "G" "Itinerary - Personnel - 15 AUST INF BDE"
- "H" Instn - "Working Parties - Rd Repairs"
- "I" Instn - "Working Parties - BULOLO Drome"
- "J" Instn - "Standing Patrol - MARKHAM PT". Patrol Report
- "K" Report - Preparation Def Posns & Progress Trg - PARTEP II
- "L" 2/6 AUST INF BN Adm Instn No 1 ("Relief of Pl 2/5 AUST IND COY at WAMPIT by one coy 24 AUST INF BN")
- "M" 2/6 AUST INF BN Adm Instn No 2 ("Relief of 2/5 AUST IND COY (less one pl) at PARTEP II by coy 24 AUST INF BN")
- "N" 2/6 AUST INF BN Op Instn No 4 ("Def of PARTEP Area")
- "O" Instn - "Def of PARTEP Area"
- "P" 2/6 AUST INF BN Adm Instn No 3 ("Arrival of 24 AUST INF BN less two Coys")
- "Q" Report on Tests of AUSTEN SMG.
- "R" Code Names 24 AUST INF BN
- "S" 2/6 AUST INF BN GP Adm Instn No 1 ("MVT of 2/5 AUST IND COY from BULOLO Area")
- "T" "Orders for AA Def - Bn HQ & HQ Coy Area - 2/6 AUST INF BN"
- "U" "BULOLO Airfield Close Def Op Instn No 1"
- "V" "Att of Personnel - 15 AUST INF BDE" (Report)
- "W" "Appx to 2/6 AUST INF BN Standing Orders - Dress - Tropical Scale"
- "X" Location Statement - 2/6 AUST INF BN GP - 2359 hrs 25 Apr 43
- "Y" Confidential Report - Lieut H McL MARSDEN - LHQ School of MI
- "Z" Photographs - 2/6 AUST INF BN - MILNE BAY
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FD RETURN OF OFFRS

2/6 AUST INF BN

PART A - STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFTS REQUIRED

<u>WE: II/12/3</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Posted Strength</u>
1	Lt col	1
3	Maj	3
10	Capt	7
20	Lieut	26
34	<u>Total</u>	37

PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFRS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEKOFFRS JOINED DURING WEEK

Maj	SMITH	G F	Rejoined unit from 6 AUST INF TRG BDE 2 Apr 43
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OFFRS QUITTED DURING WEEK

Lieut	MacLEAN	R	Evacuated to hosp and transferred to "I" List 31 Mar 43
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PART C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFRS WHOSE RETURN TO UNIT IS
PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

NIL

PART D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFERS ON STRENGTH

<u>Substantive Rank</u>	<u>Acting or Temporary Rank</u>	<u>Name and Initials</u>	<u>Whether With Unit</u>	<u>How Employed</u>
Lt col		WOOD	F G	Yes CO
Maj		SMITH	G F	Yes 2 1/c Bn
Maj		BORRIS	G M	Yes (a)
Capt	T/Maj	JONES	J S	Yes OC B Coy
Capt		CARROLL	K A	Yes OC A Coy
Capt		DEKTER	W R	Yes OC D Coy
Capt		STEWART	H McB	Yes OC HQ Coy
Capt		GULLETT	H B	Yes OC C Coy
Capt		HAY	D O	No (b)
Capt		LAVER	H L	Yes 2 1/c A Coy
Lieut		WATERSTON	J W	Yes 2 1/c B Coy
Lieut	T/Capt	WALKER	J G	Yes CM
Lieut		CAMERON	W J	Yes 2 1/c C Coy
Lieut		MARSDEN	H McL	Yes A/Adjt
Lieut	<i>Scyldt</i>	EROUFGAN	K L	No (c)
Lieut		BURKE	D B	Yes 2 1/c D Coy
Lieut		PRICE	E W	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		URQUHART	R D	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut	<i>Slott</i>	BRENNAN	J D	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		McNAMARA	C L	No (a)
Lieut		ASHTON	T W	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		WARD	R D S	Yes Sig Offr
Lieut		MOSS	E W	Yes OC Mor Pl
Lieut		KEMP	D G	Yes OC Pnr Pl
Lieut		MALONEY	V W	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		JONES	H T	Yes OC Carr Pl
Lieut		ROACH	L S	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		EXTON	E G	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		GRANT	L G	Yes IO
Lieut		CAMERON	L G G	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		BARREN	J P	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		LANG	A B	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		SMITH	R J H	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		TRETHEWIE	E C	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		GIBBONS	E H	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		JOHNSON	L C	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		COUGHLAN	H J	Yes Pl Comd

- (a) Awaiting movt to AUST on secondment as Comd 6 AUST INF TRG BDE
- (b) Attending Staff School No 4 Junior Wing
- (c) Det as SC(L) HQ 17 AUST INF BDE
- (d) Det Pack Tpt KANGA FORCE

(11) OFFERS APT FROM OTHER CORPS

Capt	QUINN	W H J	AANC	RMC
Chapl	FIRTK	T	AACHD	Padre

2/6 AUST INF BN

3 APR 43

J. G. Wood Lt col
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
17 AUST INF BDE

FD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS2/6 AUST INF BNPART A - STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFTS REQUIRED

<u>WE: II/12/3</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Posted Strength</u>	<u>Reinfts</u>
1	WO(1)	1	
7	WO(ii)	7 *	
5	S/Sgts	6	
36	Sgts	31	
	L/Sgts	5	
77	Cpls	72	
735	Ptes	521 *	218
861	<u>Total</u>	643 *	218

PART B - OTHER RANKS ATT FROM OTHER CORPS

Med Sgt	AANC
Med Orderlies (3)	AANC
Fitters MT (2)	AMEE
Pay Sgt	AAPC
Shoemaker (Cpl)	AAOC
Batman Dvr (Padre)	HQ 17 AUST INF BDE
Hygiene Cpl	AANC
Postal Sgt	AUST ARMY POSTAL SERVICES

PART C - DESCRIPTION OF OTHER RANKS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

NIL

PART D - DETAIL OF SURPLUS OR REINFTS REQUIRED

	<u>Reinfts Required</u>
Armourer (To be att from AMME)	1
Signallers (Operators)	10
General Duties	208
<u>Total</u>	218

* Incl 1 WO(ii) and 9 ORs with Rear Party PORT MORESBY

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3 APR 43

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 Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
 17 AUST INF BDE

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FD RETURN OF OFFRS

2/6 AUST INF BN (incl REAR DETAILS, PORT MORESBY)

PART A - STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFTS REQUIRED

<u>WE: II/12/3</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Posted Strength</u>
1	Lt col	1
3	Maj	2
10	Capt	7
20	Lieut	28
34	<u>Total</u>	38

PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFRS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK

OFFRS JOINED DURING WEEK

Lieut	SHERGOLD	W L	From I AUST CORPS RECEPTION CAMP 6 Apr 43
Lieut	STOTT	P F	do

OFFRS QUITTED DURING WEEK

Maj	NORRIS	G M	To 6 AUST INF TRG BDE 5 Apr 43
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PART C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFRS WHOSE RETURN TO UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

NIL

PART D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFRS ON STRENGTH

<u>Substantive Rank</u>	<u>Acting or Temporary</u>	<u>Name and Initials</u>	<u>Whether With Unit</u>	<u>How Employed</u>
Lt col		WOOD	F G	Yes CO
Maj		SMITH	G F	Yes 2 1/c Bn
Capt	T/Maj	JONES	J S	No (a)
Capt		CARROLL	K A	Yes OC A Coy
Capt		DEXTER	W R	Yes OC D Coy
Capt		STEWART	H McB	Yes OC HQ Coy
Capt		GULLETT	H B	Yes OC C Coy
Capt		HAY	D O	No (b)
Capt		LAVER	H L	No (a)
Lieut		WATERSTON	J W	Yes 2 1/c B Coy
Lieut	T/Capt	WALKER	J C	Yes QM
Lieut		SHERGOLD	W L	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		CAMERON	W J	Yes 2 1/c C Coy
Lieut		MARSHEN	H McL	Yes A/Adjt
Lieut		BROUGHAM	K L	No (c)
Lieut		BURKE	D B	Yes 2 1/c D Coy
Lieut		PRICE	E W	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		STOTT	P F	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		URQUHART	R D	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		BRENNAN	J D	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		McNAMARA	C L	No (d)
Lieut		ASHTON	T W	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		WARD	R D S	Yes Sig Offr
Lieut		MOSS	N W	Yes OC Mortar Pl
Lieut		KEMP	D G	Yes OC Pnr Pl
Lieut		MALONEY	V N	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		JONES	H T	Yes OC Carr Pl
Lieut		ROACH	L S	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		EXTON	E G	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		GRANT	L G	Yes IO
Lieut		CAMERON	L G G	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		BARREN	J P	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		LANG	A B	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		SMITH	R J H	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		PRETHEWIE	E C	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		GIBBONS	E N	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		JOHNSON	L C	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		COUGHLAN	H J	Yes Pl Comd

(a) Attending LHQ TACTICAL SCHOOL

(b) 115 GH HEIDELBERG Vic

(c) Det as SC(L) HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

(d) Det as OC Pack Tpt KANGA FORCE

(11) OFFRS ATT FROM OTHER CORPS

Capt	QUINN	W H J	AAMC	RMO	Att according to WE
Chapl	FIRTH	T	AACHD	Padre	NOT att according to WE

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10 APR 43

F. G. Wood. Lt col
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
17 AUST INF BDE

FD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS2/6 AUST INF BN (incl REAR DETAILS, PORT MORESBY)PART A - STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFTS REQUIRED

<u>WE:</u> II/12/3	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Posted Strength</u>	<u>Reinfts</u>
1	WO(1)	1	
7	WO(11)	7	
5	S/Sgts	6	
36	Sgts	33	
	L/Sgts	5	
77	Cpls	72	
735	Ptes	552	185
861	<u>Total</u>	676	185

PART B - OTHER RANKS ATT FROM OTHER CORPS

Medical Sgt	AAMC	
Medical Orderlies	AAMC	(3)
Fitters HT	AEME	(2)
Pay Sgt	AAPC	
Shoemaker (Cpl)	AAOC	
Hygiene Cpl	AAMC	
Postal Sgt	AUST ARMY POSTAL	
Batman Dvr (Padre)	HQ 17 AUST INF BDE	

PART C - DESCRIPTION OF OTHER RANKS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

NIL

PART D - DETAIL OF SURPLUS OR REINFTS REQUIRED

	<u>Reinfts Required</u>
Signallers (Operators)	10
General Duties	175
<u>Total</u>	185

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10 APR 43

F. G. Wood, Lt col
 Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
 17 AUST INF BDE

FD RETURN OF OFFRS

2/6 AUST INF BN (incl REAR DETAILS, PORT MORESBY AREA)

PART A - STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFTS REQUIRED

<u>WE: II/12/3</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Posted Strength</u>
1	Lt col	1
3	Maj	2
10	Capt	7
20	Lieut	28
34	<u>Total</u>	38

PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFRS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK

OFFRS JOINED DURING WEEK

NIL

OFFRS QUITTED DURING WEEK

NIL

PART C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFRS WHOSE RETURN TO UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

NIL

PART D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFRS ON STRENGTH

<u>Substantive Rank</u>	<u>Acting or Temporary</u>	<u>Name and Initials</u>	<u>Whether With Unit</u>	<u>How Employed</u>
Lt col		WOOD	F G	Yes CO
Maj		SMITH	G F	Yes 2 1/c Bn
Capt	T/Maj	JONES	J S	No (a)
Capt		CARROLL	K A	Yes OC A Coy
Capt		DEXTER	W R	Yes OC D Coy
Capt		STEWART	H McB	Yes OC HQ Coy
Capt		GULLETT	H B S	Yes OC C Coy
Capt		HAY	D O	No (b)
Capt		LAVER	H L	No (a)
Lieut		WATERSTON	J W	Yes A/OC B Coy
Lieut	T/Capt	WALKER	J C	Yes QM
Lieut		SHERGOLD	W L	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		CAMERON	W J	Yes 2 1/c C Coy
Lieut		MARSDEN	H McL	Yes A/Adjt
Lieut		BROUGHAM	K L	No (c)
Lieut		BURKE	D B	Yes 2 1/c D Coy
Lieut		PRICE	E W	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		STOTT	P F	No (d)
Lieut		URQUHART	R D	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		BRENNAN	J D	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		McNAMARA	C L	No (e)
Lieut		ASHTON	T W	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		WARD	R D S	Yes Sig Offr
Lieut		MOSS	N W	Yes OC Mortar Pl
Lieut		KEMP	D G	No (f)
Lieut		MALONEY	V N	No (g)
Lieut		JONES	H T	Yes OC Carr Pl
Lieut		ROACH	L S	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		EXTON	E G	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		GRANT	L G	No (g)
Lieut		CAMERON	L G G	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		BARREN	J P	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		LANG	A B	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		SMITH	R J H	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		TRETHEWIE	E C	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		GIBBONS	E N	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		JOHNSON	L C	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		COUGHLAN	H J	Yes Pl Comd

- (a) Attending LHQ TACTICAL SCHOOL, BEENLEIGH
- (b) 115 GH HEIDELBERG Vic
- (c) Attending STAFF SCHOOL, DUNTROON
- (d) MDS WAU
- (e) Det as OC Pack Tpt KANGA FORCE
- (f) Attending SA SCHOOL, BONEGILLA (No 2 MMG Course)
- (g) Attending LHQ SCHOOL of MI, SOUTHPORT

(11) OFFRS ATT FROM OTHER CORPS

Capt	QUINN	W M J	AAMC	RMO	Att according to WE
Chapl	FIRTH	T	AA ChD	Padre	NOT att according to WE

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17 APR 43

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Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

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FD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS2/6 AUST INF BN (incl REAR DETAILS, PORT MORESBY AREA)PART A - STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFTS REQUIRED

<u>WE:</u> II/12/3	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Posted Strength</u>	<u>Reinfts</u>
1	WO(1)	1	
7	WO(11)	7	
5	S/Sgts	6	
36	Sgts	31	
	L/Sgts	5	
77	Cpls	70	
735	Ptes	548	193
861	<u>Total</u>	668	193

PART B - OTHER RANKS ATT FROM OTHER CORPS

Medical Sgt	AAMC	
Medical Orderlies	AAMC	(3)
Fitters MT	AEME	(2)
Pay Sgt	AAPC	
Shoemaker (Cpl)	AAOC	
Hygiene Cpl	AAMC	
Postal Sgt	AUST ARMY POSTAL SERVICES	
Batman Dr (Padre)	HQ 17 AUST INF BDE	

PART C - DESCRIPTION OF OTHER RANKS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

NIL

PART D - DETAIL OF SURPLUS OR REINFTS REQUIRED

	<u>Reinfts Required</u>
Signallers (Operators)	10
General Duties	183
<u>Total</u>	<u>193</u>

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2/6 AUST INF BN (incl REAR DETAILS, PORT MORESBY)

PART A - STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFTS REQUIRED

<u>VEt</u> <u>II/12/3</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Posted Strength</u>
1	Lt col	1
3	Maj	2
10	Capt	9
20	Lieut	26
34	Total	38

PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFRS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEKOFFRS JOINED DURING WEEK

Capt	EDGAR	A G S	Ceased to be seconded as LO 17 AUST INF BDE - 19 Apr 43
Lieut	MacLEAN	R	Rejoined Unit ex Hospital - 22 Apr 43

OFFRS QUITTED DURING WEEK

Lieut	BROUGHAM	K L	Seconded as LO 17 AUST INF BDE - 19 Apr 43
Lieut	STOTT	P F	Evacuated Hospital PORT MORESBY - 19 Apr 43

PART C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFRS WHOSE RETURN TO UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

NIL

PART D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFRS ON STRENGTH

<u>Substantive Rank</u>	<u>Acting or Temporary Rank</u>	<u>Name and Initials</u>	<u>Whether With Unit</u>	<u>How Employed</u>	
Lt col		WOOD	F G	Yes	CO
Maj		SMITH	G F	Yes	2 i/c Bn
Capt	T/Maj	JONES	J S	No	(a)
Capt		CARROLL	K A	Yes	OC A Coy
Capt		DEXTER	W R	Yes	OC B Coy
Capt		STEWART	H McB	Yes	OC HQ Coy
Capt		GULLETT	H B S	Yes	OC C Coy
Capt		HAY	D O	No	(b)
Capt		LAVEN	H L	No	(a)
Capt		EDGAR	A G S	No	(c)
Lieut	A/Capt	WATERSTON	J W	Yes	A/OC B Coy
Lieut	T/Capt	WALKER	J C	Yes	QM
Lieut		SHERGOLD	W L	Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		CAMERON	W J	Yes	2 i/c C Coy
Lieut		MARSDEN	H McL	Yes	A/Adjt
Lieut		BURKE	D B	Yes	2 i/c D Coy
Lieut		PRICE	E W	Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		URQUHART	R D	Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		BRENNAN	J D	Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		McNAMARA	C L	No	(d)
Lieut		ASHTON	T W	Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		WARD	R D S	Yes	Sig Offr
Lieut		MOSS	N W	Yes	OC Mortar P1
Lieut		KEMP	D G	No	(e)
Lieut		MALONEY	V N	No	(f)
Lieut		GRANT	L G	No	(f)
Lieut		CAMERON	L G G	No	(g)
Lieut		JONES	H T	Yes	OC Carr P1
Lieut		ROACH	L S	Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		EXTON	E G	Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		MacLEAN	R	No	(g)
Lieut		BARRON	J P	Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		LANG	A B	Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		SMITH	R J H	Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		TRETHEWIE	E C	Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		GIBBONS	E N	Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		JOHNSON	L C	Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		COUGHLAN	H J	Yes	P1 Comd

- (a) Attending LHQ Tactical School
- (b) 115 GH HEIDELBERG Vic
- (c) Det as LO HQ 17 AUST INF BDE
- (d) Det as OC Pack Tpt WAU
- (e) Attending SA School (BONEGILLA) No 2 MNG Course
- (f) Attending LHQ School of MI
- (g) Attending OCTU (WOODSIDE) No 3 Course

(11) OFFRS ATT FROM OTHER CORPS

Capt	QUINN	W M J	AAMC	RMO	Att according to WE
Chapl	FIRTH	T	AACHD	Padre	NOT att according to WE

2/6 AUST INF BN

24 APR 43

F. G. Wood Lt col
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

U/C 3 AUST DIV

2/6 AUST INF BN Unit.

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Driyers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
General Duties		200						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/6 AUST INF BN Unit.

Date of Despatch

24 APR 43

F. G. Wood
Signature of Commandant
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Bde., Divn., Area, etc. with which unit is serving.

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PART D. Detail of Specialists
Part

Detail of Specialists Tradesmen, etc.	Ranking (a)	Detail of Specialists Tradesmen, etc.	Ranking (a)	Detail of Specialists Tradesmen, etc.	Ranking (a)
Ammunition Examiners		Fire Control Operators		Panel Beaters	
Armament Artificers		Fitters		Pattern Makers	
Armourers		Fitters and Turners		Plumbers	
Artificers, Artillery		Fitters, Cycle		Photographers, dry plate	
Axemen		Fitters Drivers		Photographers, wet plate	
Bakers		Fitters, M.V.		Photo-Writers	
Battery Surveyors		Fitters, Railway Signal		Plate Layers	
Battery Comdr. Asst.		Fitters, Signal		Plumbers	
Blacksmiths		Grinders		Predictor Makers	
Bottle Makers		Gun Layers		Printers	
Bricklayers		G.P.O. Assistants		Radiator Mechanics	
Butchers		Gun Operators		Radiographers	
Camouflage Modeler		Hammermen		Rance Takers	
Carpenter and Joiner		Heights Takers		Riggers	
Clerks		Helio Operators		Riveters	
Clerks, Engineering		Instrument Mechanics		Saddlers	
Clerks, Supply				Saddle Tree Makers	
Clerks, Technical				Saw Doctors	
Coatmakers				Sawyers	
Computers				Shoemakers	
Concretors				Signalers	
Cooks				Signallers	
Cooks, Hospital				Signwriters	
Coppersmiths				Stokers, Stationary Engine	
Dental Clerks Orderlies				Stonemen, Technical	
Despatch Riders				Surveyors	
Dispensers				Surveyors, Engineering	
Drapers				Tailors	
Draftsmen, Architectural		Mechanics, Dental		Telescope Identification Numbers	
Draftsmen, Mechanical		Mechanics, M.T.		Testin Rollers	
Draftsmen, Signal		Mechanics, Typewriter		Tinsmiths	
Draftsmen, Topographical		Mechanics, Wireless		Toolmakers	
Driver Mechanics		Millwrights		Turners	
Driver Operators		Miners		Vulcanizers	
Driver, Transportation Plant		Molders		Wagon Erectors	
Electrical Fitters		Nursing Orderlies		Watchmakers	
Electricians		Nursing Orderlies (Mental)		Watermen	
Electricians, Eng. Units		Nurses, Trained		Welders	
Electricians, Signal		Observation Post Assistants		Well Borers	
Engine Artificers		Operating Room Assistants		Wheelers	
Engine Hands V.C.		Operators, Signal		Whitewashers	
Equipment Repairers		Opticians		Whomen	
Farmers		Painters		Woodturners	

ALLIED

General Entries

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Signature of Commanding Col
Commanding 2/5 Aust Inf Bn

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Unit

Date of Despatch
Bde., Div., Area, etc. with which unit is serving.

24 APR 43

WAR DIARY

APPX "B"

2/6 AUST INF BN

RMO's REPORT

APR 43

The incidence of malaria in the Bn continued to fall; the figures for the month being 22 cases, only 5 of which occurred during the last two weeks, and only one during the last week of the month.

These figures do NOT incl D Coy, who are at present at Rest Camp KIANDE.

Other diseases most prevalent were furuncles (14), skin diseases (14), conjunctivitis (5), diarrhoea (5), and URTI (4).

During the month Bn HQ and HQ Coy moved to a new site.

The Hygiene Sec has again done a very satisfactory job.

W. L. Lunn Capt

RMO 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

1 May 43

WAR DIARY2/6 AUST INF BNBULOLOAPR 43QM's REPORTMVT

During the month stores and pers were moved from HQ 3 AUST DIV area to new site on WAU rd.

Buildings to house rations and WE stores were erected by No 6 Pl pers.

CANTEEN

In addition to supplying all sub-units previously located in area, QM was instructed by HQ 3 AUST DIV that all incoming units were to be supplied by 2/6 AUST INF BN.

RATIONS

Further to our usual weekly indents for rations, indents were prepared to sup D Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN, 24 AUST INF BN and 2/5 AUST IND COY, who were being staged by C Coy, at BULWA, during mvt to and from fwd areas.

Owing to tpt difficulties, the usual weekly drawing of rations has ceased and a daily issue is made.

This is a rather unsatisfactory arrangement as tpt problems within the unit are also acute.

Supplementary rations to the value of £163 were purchased from bulk canteen at WAU.

This cuts out our credit up till Apr 3, when Supplementary ration allowance of 1½d per man ceases.

STORES

A quantity of clothing was indented for, for the purpose of re-clothing D Coy.

Some of it, although new, was unserviceable owing to exposure to the weather and was returned to Ord, together with a report.

Replacement was received.

Other stores received incl Pnr and Sig stores.

COMFORTS

During the month two distributions were made to all AUST tps in area.

PERS

Two storemen were sent fwd to BULWA to assist in re-equipping D Coy pers.

WO(ii) F J DARBY (Catering WO) proceeded to a school on the mainland.

RQMS arrived from Rear Details, PORT MORESBY.

Granger Capt
QM 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

APPX "D"

Subject: RECCE PATROL REPORT

SECRET

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN
Ref No IR/47
14 Apr 43

HQ KANGA FORCE (for BM)

NEW MUNUM - OLD MUNUM

1. Fwded herewith is copy of report of recce patrol of D Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN to observe any enemy movt in above area, keeping LAE-NADZAB rd under close observation.

Lt col

Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

PATROL REPORT

Ref Map: Sketch Map att 1 in : 1 mi
Patrol found by: 16 P1 D Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN
Patrol Strength: 1 NCO (A/Cpl SMITH A J); 1 OR (Pte HURN);
1 Native (ZENAC)
Patrol Comd: A/Cpl SMITH A J
Nature of Patrol: Recce
Time Out: 1820 hrs 8 Apr 43
Time In: 1850 hrs 10 Apr 43
Route Out: BWARIP--MIAP--NARAKOPOR; thence track
NARAKOPOR--NEW MUNUM--OLD MUNUM
Route In: Reverse to Route Out
Narrative:

Stage I

Patrol left BWARIP at 1820 hrs 8 Apr 43 and crossed MARKHAM RIVER by means of a rubber boat, landing at KIAP at 1915 hrs. Boat was hidden and patrol proceeded to village, which consists of 3 deserted huts. Night was spent here and, at 0630 hrs, patrol left for NARAKOPOR, arriving there at 0715 hrs.

Stage II

Patrol then hid in a banana plantation while the native ZENAC contacted the native YARSEE at NARAKOPOR ref JAP movt in area. On learning that NO JAPS were in area, patrol entered village and questioned natives concerning enemy movt in NEW MUNUM--OLD MUNUM area. The remainder of the day was spent searching tracks leading from NARAKOPOR to MUNUM and NEW MUNUM. (The MUNUM mentioned above is NOT marked on our maps to date. It is approx 1,200 yds NORTH of NARAKOPOR and consists of 8 large huts.) Approx 1,000 yds NORTH of MUNUM we found a JAP track branching off to the left and leading to a few orange trees. This track shows signs of constant use. The patrol then moved back and spent night 9/10 Apr at NARAKOPOR.

Stage III

Left village at 0600 hrs 10 Apr 43 and moved up to MUNUM. Here the native ZENAC arranged with local natives to work in their gardens along MUNUM--NEW MUNUM track and to inform us if JAPS moved along this track. Patrol then proceeded to NEW MUNUM by means of a back track, ZENAC acting as scout. Arrived at NEW MUNUM at 0725 hrs and hid there while native scouted LAE--NADZAB rd. When informed that the area was free of enemy patrol moved up to LAE--NADZAB rd and took up a posn of observation looking up and down rd for approx 300 yds. The rd in this locality is overgrown by kunai grass and is now a foot track NO wider than 2 ft. NO tpt has been over this portion of the rd in recent months. Patrol remained at this pt until 1000 hrs without result, so decided to move down rd EAST of NEW MUNUM--OLD MUNUM. Approx 300 yds down rd patrol crossed a wooden br spanning a

deep ck.

This br is badly in need of repair and, in its present condition, could NOT sp $\frac{1}{2}$ ton in weight.

Patrol moved on and took up a fresh posn approx 800 yds EAST of NEW MUNUM--OLD MUNUM track.

Patrol observed from here until 1400 hrs, without any further result.

Patrol then moved back to the track OLD MUNUM--NEW MUNUM--NAROKOPOR and proceeded to the last named village, which was reached at 1515 hrs.

Patrol then embarked on native ELEMEN'S canoe and sailed up MARKHAM RIVER, arriving at BWARIP at 1850 hrs.

Here we joined our covering party.

The following infm was gathered from natives at NARAKOPOR and is regarded as 100% correct.

1. LAE--NADZAB RD

The JAPS are repairing portion of this rd between HEATHS and YALU.

The remainder of the rd to NADZAB has NOT be covered by mechanical tpt since JAP occupation of this area.

2. ENEMY PATROLS

Approx twice a week a patrol of 10 men move from HEATHS to NEW MUNUM and here patrol divides into 2 parties of 5; one party moving to MUNUM and the other to NGASAWAPUM.

At these villages they take native food, such as pigs, fowls, taro, bananas, etc; then move back to NEW MUNUM, reform and return to HEATHS.

Weapons carried by this patrol are reported to be 1 rifle, the remaining men carrying grenades.

3. FOOD SITUATION

JAPS in MARKHAM VALLEY are very short of food and natives state they are starving; several have collapsed and died in MUNUM area.

They are supplementing their rations with young leaves and roots of paw paw trees and several types of roots.

4. HEATHS

JAPS have constructed three huts between MASTER HEATHS and MASTER HARRYS houses and approx 300 tps are living in these abodes.

During recent air raid only one bomb fell at HEATHS and NO damage was caused.

During such raids all tps move down and take cover in ck flowing through plantation.

5. YALU

JAPS have taken all native food in this village, so the natives have gone bush.

Conclusions:

1. FUTURE PATROLS

To successfully observe enemy movt in MUNUM area it would be necessary for a patrol to remain there for at least 4 days.

2. LAE--NADZAB RD

The portion of the rd that was observed was unfit for any tpt other than foot traffic, but could be made fit for use in a short time.

During our patrol in MUNUM area we walked around in bare feet and advise future patrols to do the same so that natives will NOT be suspected of helping us.

3. RUBBER BOAT

This type of boat is an excellent means of crossing
MARKHAM RIVER, being very buoyant.

In order to maintain secrecy, it is suggested that future
patrols of a similar nature in this area be conducted on same
lines as above.

(Sgd) A J SMITH A/Cpl

Subject: CHANGE OVER IN BOBS AREA

SECRET

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN
Ref No AD/3/3
9 Apr 43

One pl of 2/5 AUST IND COY will relieve D Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN, as from 1600 hrs 12 Apr 43.

2. Movt of pl 2/5 AUST IND COY from PARTEP II to WAMPIT will take place on 10 Apr 43.

3. The relief of BOBS, KIRKLANDS and WAMPIT will be effected by 1600 hrs 13 Apr 43.

4. The relief of DEX HQ, OLD MARI, Mt NGARONENO and GABENSIS will be effected by 1200 hrs 12 Apr 43.

5. Movt of D Coy to BULWA area will be by pls, leaving DEX at following times:

(a) One pl 1200 hrs 12 Apr 43; arrive SUNSHINE 1800 hrs 14 Apr 43.

(b) One pl 0830 hrs 14 Apr 43; arrive SUNSHINE 1800 hrs 17 Apr 43.

(c) One pl and Coy HQ 0830 hrs 15 Apr 43; arrive SUNSHINE 1800 hrs 18 Apr 43.

6. All movt of sick personnel will be arranged by Capt SCOTT-YOUNG.

7. D Coy will be sent to KIANDI for one week's lt trg; tpt to be arranged by SC.

8. Adm

The following stores, now in BOBS area, will be taken over by 2/5 AUST IND COY:

2 MMGs (complete)	<u>Sig Stores</u>
10 Picks	4 108 Sets
10 Shovels	4 D5 Sets
25 Slashers	3 Battery Boxes
Cooking Gear	1 S Type Cell
1 Container (6 gals)	10 X Type Cells (Dry)
	12 X Type Cells (Wet)
	27 mis Cable
All amm less M 3-in,	1 reel Insulation Tape
M 2-in and .5 Tk A	2 tins Rubber

9. Capt STEWART will be responsible for the move and the handing over of stores.

10. Sitreps will be submitted to this HQ by 1800 hrs daily giving progress of move and relief.

(Sgd) F G WOOD Lt col

Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution:

D Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN
2/5 AUST IND COY
Capt STEWART
File

MOST SECRETCopy No: 62/6 AUST INF BN OP INSTN NO 3OPS IN MARKHAM VALLEYRef Map:Sketch Map Tracks WAU-SALAMAUA-LAE area Revised
1 in : 2 mi.INFMEnemy

Patrol reports, sitreps, native reports; patrol reports and sketches by D Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN now held by A Pl 2/5 AUST IND COY.

Own Tps

One coy plus one sec MMGs plus one det M 3-in.

INTENTION

Coy will carry out active and offensive patrolling to the MARKHAM RIVER.

METHODTasks

- (1) Maintain standing patrols at GABENSIS, Mt NGARONENO and KIRKLANDS; also regular observation patrol towards MARKHAM PT.
- (2) Act offensively against enemy patrols moving SOUTH of MARKHAM RIVER, or otherwise exposing themselves to attack or ambush.
- (3) Collect and fwd infm regarding enemy strengths, disposns and mvts.
- (4) Delay and harass any enemy force attempting to cross MARKHAM RIVER and move SOUTH via the WAMPIT VALLEY to PARTEP II.
- (5) First Pl
Pl HQ and two secs area 40594036.
- (6) Tasks
 - (a) To man OP 40594036.
 - (b) To man OP 40684036.
 - (c) Patrols daily to recce areas BWARIP (40505014) OONSIS (40824040) and inspect booby traps.
 - (d) Small standing observation patrol area MARKHAM PT (50954029).
- (7) One sec at BEN (40194009).
- (8) Tasks
 - (a) Small patrol daily to Pl HQ.
 - (b) Standing patrol four ORs at FISHER'S POST (40624014).

(9) Second Pl

Pl HQ and one sec at BOBS (30114041).

(10) Tasks

(a) Daily patrol to KIRKLANDS.

(11) Sgt and one sec at KIRKLANDS (30125013).

(12) Tasks

(a) Recce patrols of two ORs to HARAGOONA (20305015) every second day.

(b) Recce patrols of two ORs to OLD MARI (30745017), with observation pt on MARKHAM RIVER (40075042), alternate days to HARAGOONA patrol.

(c) To man OP 30115003.

(d) To man LMG posn covering MARKHAM RIVER at pt 30125018.

(13) One sec at NGARONENO (40125005).

(14) Tasks

(a) To man OP on Mt NGARONENO (40225005).

(b) Small recce patrol to OLD MARI to contact patrol from KIRKLANDS.

(c) Recce patrols to explore surrounding area.

(15) Third pl at WAMPIT (30163082) as res pl.

(16) Tasks

(a) Small recce patrols daily to BEN and BOBS.

(b) OP at 30253088 watching track from GABENSIS (40464019).

(17) Coy will be prepared to sup any other patrols that may be ordered.

(18) Fire Plan

One det M 3-in covering WAMPIT drone.

One sec MGCs covering WAMPIT drone.

AIM

Med

CAP at IEX. (30203071).

AANC orderlies at WAMPIT, BEN and BOBS.

Anti-malarial precautions will be strictly observed.

Arm

~~As handed over.~~ W.F.T.

Stores

~~As handed over.~~ W.F.T. has sig Stores, 2 MMGs plus associated stores to be handed over by A Pl, 2/5 Aug 8 4nd Coy.

INTERCOMN

Coy HQ at DEX.

W/T to KANGA and PARTEP II by 11 set.


L/T DEX to BOBS, KIRKLANDS, WAMPIT, ANGAU WAMPIT,
BEN, GABENSIS OP, TIMME, PARTEP II.

Runner.

ACK

Signed at 1400 hrs 21 Apr 43.

Method of Distribution: DRLS and Safe Hand.

 Lieut

Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution:

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24 AUST INF BN	1 & 2
HQ KANGA FORCE	3
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2/6 AUST INF BN WAR DIARY	5 & 6
FILE	7
SPARES	8 & 9

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MOST SECRET

Copy No 8

AMENDMENT NO 1 TO 2/6 AUST INF BR GP INSTRUCTIONS NOS 3 & 4

For 2/6 AUST INF BR GP INSTRUCTIONS NOS 3 and 4, read 2/6 AUST INF BR GP GP INSTRUCTIONS NOS 1 and 2.

ACT.

Signed at 1400 hrs 26 Apr 43.

Method of Distribution: BULS and Safe Room

W. J. Gardner Lieut

Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Br

Distribution:

As for 2/6 AUST INF BR GP GP Instructions Nos 1 and 2

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WAR DIARY - 2/6 AUST INF BN - APR 43

APPX "G"

(COPY)

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN
Ref No P/7/2
12 Apr 43

ITINERARY - PERSONNEL - 15 AUST INF BDE

The following itinerary will be observed by personnel of 15 AUST INF BDE att to 2/6 AUST INF BN for experience:

12 Apr Lecture; move to BULWA
13 Apr PARTEP III and return
14 Apr Commence move to MAPOS; 1st stage - hut half-way
 KWATOMANE
15 Apr KWASANG
16 Apr MAPOS
17 Apr } Accompany patrols to VAGAU and LEGA
18 Apr }
19 Apr PARTEP I
20 Apr PARTEP II
21 Apr 1400 hrs - Leave PARTEP II for MUMENG
22 Apr MUMENG to Bn HQ
23 Apr Lecture; return to WAU

(Sgd) H McL MARSDEN Lieut
Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Subject: WORKING PARTIES - RD REPAIRS

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN
Ref No GEN/4/1
13 Apr 43

As from 14 Apr 43, A Coy will sup the following working parties daily, except Sunday:

No 1 Party - 1 Offr and 30 ORs
No 2 Party - 1 Offr and 30 ORs

2. No 1 Party

No 1 Party will work from 17 mi post towards WAU

Tools: 10 Picks 10 Shovels 5 Slashers
Will be delivered to A Coy on evening 13 Apr.

Work will commence daily at 0845 hrs and cease at 1600 hrs.

^{FIVE} Five rifles will be taken for protection.

3. No 2 Party

No 2 Party will work from 13 mi post towards BULOLO.

Tools: 10 Picks 10 Shovels 5 Slashers
Two men will report RQM store 0815 hrs 14 Apr to accompany tools to 13 mi post. Tpt for tools has been arranged. Tools will be deposited each evening with Sgt DANIEL, approx 1½ mis SOUTH of Bn HQ. Work will commence daily at 0900 hrs and will cease at 1600 hrs.

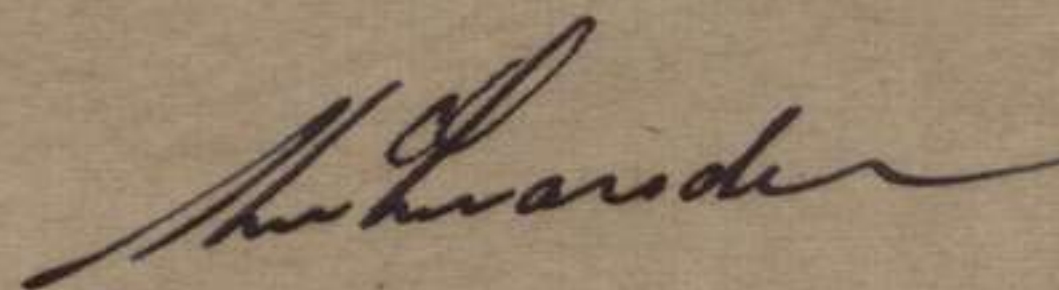
Five rifles will be carried for protection.

4. Both parties will work under supervision of Lieut MacLURAN, 2/14 Aust Fd Coy.

5. Parties will commence clearing of drains on 14 Apr, without waiting for instns from Lieut MacLURAN, who will contact parties during morning.

6. A Coy will arrange rationing.

7. Personnel will march to and from work.


Lieut
Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution: A Coy
2/14 Aust Fd Coy (2)
War Diary (2)
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APPX "I"

Subject: WORKING PARTIES - BULOLO DROME

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN
Ref No GEN/4/2
13 Apr 43

The following working parties will report to Sta Comd, BULOLO, at 0845 hrs daily, unless otherwise notified:

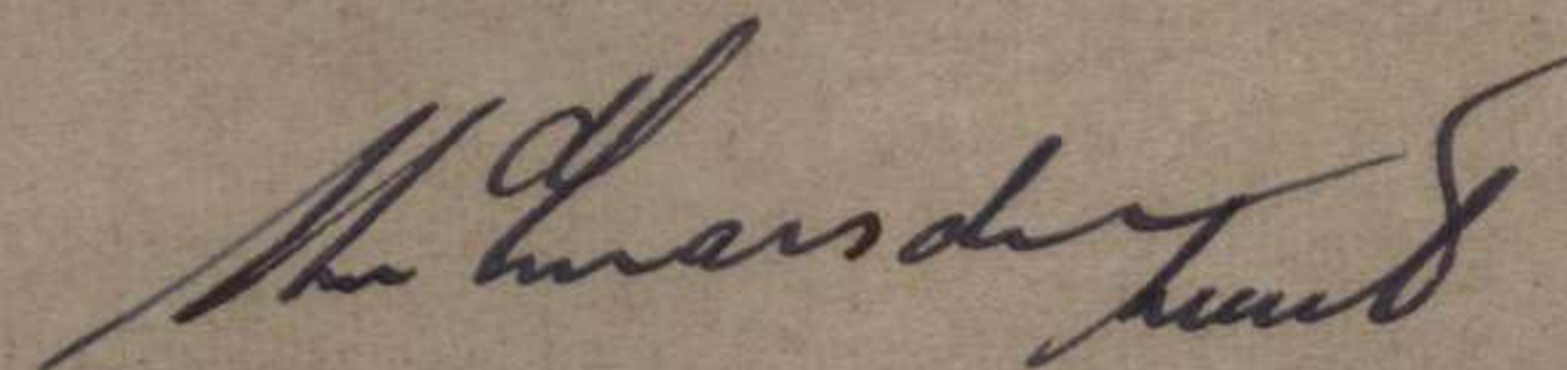
B Coy	1 Sgt and 20 ORs
HQ Coy	1 Sgt and 22 ORs

2. Sta Comd will notify HQ 2/6 AUST INF BN as early as possible daily if parties are NOT required.

3. Sta Comd will dismiss parties at conclusion of tasks daily.

4. Rationing will be by coy arrangements.

5. Arrangements made by telephone will be observed on 14 Apr.



Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Distributions

B Coy
HQ Coy
Sta Comd, BULOLO
War Diary (2)
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WAR DIARY - 2/6 AUST INF BN - APPX "J"

MOST SECRET

Subject: STANDING PATROL - MARKHAM PT

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN
Ref No AD/3/6
13 Apr 43

CO 2/5 AUST INF COY

You will establish a small standing observation patrol in area vicinity of MARKHAM PT.

2. Object:

(1) To obtain early warning of any JAP movt SOUTH of MARKHAM RIVER in this area.

JAP sentries on SOUTH side of river to be observed daily.

(ii) To endeavour to locate suitable OP in this area, from which view of HEATHS may be obtained.

3. It is suggested that patrol be relieved every two or three days and that sufficient rations be carried to cover period out, in order to obviate any maintenance.

4. Report covering patrol to MARKHAM PT, together with sketch, is att for info.

5. Please advise this HQ when arrangements are completed, giving full details.

F. J. Wood Lt col
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

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PATROL REPORT

Ref Map: (1) HUON GULF (Special) 4 mi : 1 in
(2) Sketch Map att 1 mi : 1 in

Patrol Found By: 16 Pl D Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN

Patrol Comd: Cpl BARLOW T W

Patrol Strength: 1 NCO; 2 ORs

Nature of Patrol: Recce

Time Out: 0900 hrs 5 Apr 43

Time In: 1655 hrs 6 Apr 43

Object of Patrol: To keep wooded island opposite MARKHAM PT under observation for possible enemy movt for at least 3 hrs by night and 4 hrs by day

Route Out: Track OP-OOMSIS-MARKHAM PT

Route In: Reverse of Route Out

Narrative:

Patrol left OP (L)R4545 and proceeded to OOMSIS, where booby traps were inspected and runner sent back to OP to report them OK.

JAP track was then followed to a high kunai ridge and entered jungle at site of old JAP bivouac area.

Ten minutes later patrol encountered one of our booby traps which, on inspection, proved to be OK.

A little further on an excellent view of MARKHAM PT and MARKHAM RIVER and country NORTH and WEST of LAE was obtained through a small break in timber.

Then followed track, as per att sketch map and, after 1 hrs adv, patrol arrived at first native shelter and reached the second $\frac{1}{2}$ hr later.

From here track through swamp was followed and DEEP CK was reached at 1600 hrs.

DEEP CK was crossed by means of a recently felled log and patrol searched ground in vicinity for traces of recent JAP movt - NIL result.

DEEP CK was followed for 15 mins, when patrol waded across and moved to edge of MARKHAM RIVER.

From here patrol could see NO wooded island opposite MARKHAM PT, so proceeded upstream for 800 yds but could see NO other island which would compare with the one being sought.

Patrol then returned to within 200 yds of DEEP CK and chose a tree for use as an OP.

This tree afforded an excellent view of MARKHAM RIVER for approx 1 mi up and down stream.

From this pt we could hold the island opposite MARKHAM PT under constant observation.

This island is approx 800 yds long and covered with very little vegetation, which affords NO cover for enemy tps.

This island was watched from 1815 hrs until 1910 hrs and a listening post was then established on edge of RIVER until 2200 hrs.

During this time NO enemy movt was seen or heard.

Observation was resumed at 0545 hrs 6 Apr 43 and island was watched until 0800 hrs.

Patrol was then definitely of the opinion that JAPS were NOT using the island for any purpose.

Approx 1 mi EAST of the mouth of DEEP CK patrol observed a timbered ridge running down to the MARKHAM RIVER.

We moved down towards this ridge to see whether there was another island which would fit into the patrol's object and, after crossing DEEP CK, patrol forced way through undergrowth and joined OOMSIS-MARKHAM PT track approx 300 yds EAST of DEEP CK.

Patrol proceeded along track for 10 mins and then crossed a heavily timbered spur which jutted down to the edge of the RIVER.

The ground here was soft and level and footprints of a small JAP party were noted.

From this pt track was followed and steps were made at frequent intervals to observe RIVER, but at NO stage did patrol see any further islands apart from small mud banks.

Approx 2,000 yds EAST of DEEP CK patrol came to a small clearing and 25 yds ahead was a heavily timbered spur running from MARKHAM PT down to edge of RIVER.

Looking along track from this pt a small shelter was located about 40 yds distant on the crest of the spur.

Ten ft on the RIVER side of the shelter a JAP sentry was standing beside a tree about 50 yds up the slope of spur.

The sentry was facing the RIVER and seemed to be taking NO interest in his surroundings.

He was dressed in what appeared to be a dark gabardine uniform and was wearing a cap of similar material.

A bayonet was fixed to his rifle and at NO time did the sentry look in any direction other than directly across the RIVER.

I covered sentry until remainder of patrol had moved back to a posn from which they could cover my withdrawal; I then also withdrew and patrol remained at this posn for approx 10 mins in case it had been seen and a JAP patrol had been sent out.

NO further JAP movt was noticed and, at approx 0900 hrs, patrol returned to track.

OOMSIS was reached at 1400 hrs and patrol lunched and rested until 1530 hrs when OOMSIS patrol was met and party returned to OP at 1655 hrs.

Conclusions:

(a) Island:

The island opposite MARKHAM PT affords NO cover and, in my opinion, is NOT being used for any purpose whatsoever.

(b) JAP Sentry:

NO explanation can be given of the fact that the sentry was facing the RIVER, for all that is visible in this direction is hy jungle and also approx 1 mi upstream.

Sentry appeared to be thinking rather deeply at the time and it is possible that he was absent-mindedly facing the wrong direction.

I suggested that he is a member of a JAP standing patrol covering the track from MARKHAM PT to the sea.

(c) Booby Traps:

As NO JAP booby traps were encountered it is evident that our former patrols in this area have NOT aroused suspicion.

I would also like to bring to notice the splendid work of Ptes KELLEHER and WADE throughout the patrol and especially for the cool manner in which they acted in covering my withdrawal from JAP sentry.

(Sgd) T W BARLOW Cpl

The reason for sending the patrol to observe the islands mentioned was because Sgts WEST and RUSSELL, who had just returned from LAE OP, were of the opinion that JAPS were using an island off MARKHAM PT as a hideout.

(Sgd) W R DEXTER Capt

(COPY)
 Comd Offr 2/6 AUST INF BN

PART II
 15 Apr 43

WEEKLY REPORT - 8 APR 43 TO 15 APR 43

1. WORK

Digging and camflg has continued this week on the weapon pits of the two fwd coys.

This work, incl MMG posns, should be completed by 1700 hrs Saturday 18 Apr 43.

As A Pl of 2/5 AUST IND COY is now at WAMPIT and B Pl is still building, only C Pl has been available for work and this accounts for the slow progress.

The standard of work is most satisfactory and weapon pits will be very hard to find, even by own tps.

I am having them all marked with a tripod of sticks.

Burning and clearing of ground has to be done by 2/5 AUST IND COY, NO natives being available.

The nature of the ground is frequently much altered by clearing and a number of posns have had to be moved.

Either Lieut PRICE or myself, or both, has constantly to supervise this.

2. INSTN

(a) NGOs As previously reported instn was commenced on Thurs 8 Apr 43.

NGOs have proved very willing to learn and progress has been quite satisfactory.

Weapon trg abilities are of a fair standard in the work covered.

Tactical trg - A fair grasp of elementary inf tactics; need practice.

(b) Offrs Owing to illness of Lieut GIBBONS and necessity for supervision in the def work, it has NOT been possible to adhere to the trg syllabus.

Sickness among 2/5 AUST IND COY offrs (at one stage four out of seven had fever) has madethis, in any event, impracticable.

Lectures and exercises have, to date, only been given on Appreciations and Def.

It is proposed by Capt WINNING to send out a number of track and recce patrols and I intend to send an instructor with these.

(sgd) H B GULLETT Capt

2/6 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN NO 1

RELIEF OF PL 2/5 AUST IND COY AT WAMPIT BY ONE COY 24 AUST INF BN

On arrival in BULOLO area, one coy 24 AUST INF BN, plus one det mortars and one sec MMGs (if available), will proceed to WAMPIT and relieve A Pl 2/5 AUST IND COY.

METHOD

MVT - COY 24 AUST INF BN

- D Coy will march to BULWA.
- D1 Coy will march to SUNSHINE.
- D2 SUNSHINE to MUMENG.
RQM 2/6 AUST INF BN will arrange hot drinks at BLAKE'S CAMP.
- D3 MUMENG to PARTEP II.
- D4 PARTEP II to TIMNE.
- D5 TIMNE to WAMPIT.
- D5 to D9 Relief of A Pl 2/5 AUST IND COY and handing over of stores.

MVT - A PL 2/5 AUST IND COY

- D10 WAMPIT to TIMNE.
 - D11 TIMNE to PARTEP II.
 - D12 PARTEP II to MUMENG.
 - D13 MUMENG to SUNSHINE.
- To be completed by 1400 hrs.

DRESS & METHOD OF MARCH

All ranks will wear full marching order.
Native carriers will NOT be used to carry personal gear.
Coy 24 AUST INF BN will move by pls, at intervals of 30 mins.
Pls will move by secs in single file.

STAGING

2/6 AUST INF BN will stage coy 24 AUST INF BN from night D/D1 until arrival at WAMPIT incl.

Unoccupied DID store huts at BULWA may be used for this purpose if required.

Capt H McB STEWART and RQM 2/6 AUST INF BN will make necessary arrangements for staging, which will incl preparation of meals at staging camps by pers of 2/6 AUST INF BN.

STORES

Capt A R ROSS is arranging mvt of bulk blankets, res amn, rations and unit stores direct to SUNSHINE on D, with exception of blankets required at BULWA.

RQM 2/6 AUST INF BN will advise ADM HQ KANGA FORCE of blanket requirements for BULWA.

SUPS

CASC will arrange for delivery to 2/6 AUST INF BN at places indicated by Capt STEWART SWP rations for pers in transit.

A PL 2/5 AUST IND COY

Separate instns will be issued for move from SUNSHINE and staging of A PL 2/5 AUST IND COY.

ARMS, EQPT, ETC

A PL 2/5 AUST IND COY will move with personal arms and eqpt only. Other arms, eqpt, amm, stores and existing line and sig comms will be handed over intact to relieving coy.

ADOS is arranging for rep to proceed to WAMPIT forthwith to check recalls required from 24 AUST INF BN for re-issue to 2/5 AUST IND COY.

ACK

Signed at 1130 hrs 20 Apr 43.

Method of Distribution: DRLS and Safe Hand

H. Lander Lieut
Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

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RQM 2/6 AUST INF BN	1
CAPT H McB STEWART	2
24 AUST INF BN	3 & 4
ADM HQ KANGA FORCE	5
HQ KANGA FORCE	6
2/5 AUST IND COY	7 & 8
2/6 AUST INF BN WAR DIARY	9 & 10
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AMENDMENT NO 1 TO 2/6 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN NO 1

Delete para "ARMS, EQPT, ETC" and insert:

24 AUST INF BN will move fwd from SUNSHINE with WET less one M 3-in and sig stores.


2/5 AUST IND COY will move from fwd area to 3 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP, BULOLO, with WET less one M 3-in, two Vickers MMGs (with associated stores) and sig stores.

For purposes of Adm Instn No 1 D will be 21 Apr 43.

ACK.

Signed at 0800 hrs 22 Apr 43.

Method of Distribution: DRLS and Safe Hand.

 Lieut
Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

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2/6 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN NO 2RELIEF OF 2/5 AUST IND COY (LESS ONE PL) AT PARTEP II BY COY24 AUST INF BN

On arrival in BULOLO area, one coy 24 AUST INF BN, ~~plus one det mortars and one sec Migs (if available)~~, will proceed to PARTEP II and relieve 2/5 AUST IND COY less one pl.

METHOD

- MVT - COY 24 AUST INF BN
- D Coy will march to BULWA.
- D1 Coy will march to SUNSHINE.
- D2 SUNSHINE to MUMENG.
- RQM 2/6 AUST INF BN will arrange hot drinks at BLAKE'S CAMP.
- D3 MUMENG to PARTEP II.
- D4 to D7 Relief of 2/5 AUST IND COY less one pl and handing over of stores.
- MVT - 2/5 AUST IND COY LESS ONE PL
- D8 B Pl 2/5 AUST IND COY from PARTEP II to MUMENG.
- D9 Coy HQ and C Pl 2/5 AUST IND COY from PARTEP II to MUMENG.
- B Pl from MUMENG to SUNSHINE.
- To be completed by 1400 hrs.
- D10 Coy HQ and C Pl from MUMENG to SUNSHINE.
- To be completed by 1400 hrs.

DRESS & METHOD OF MARCH

- All ranks will wear full marching order.
- Native carriers will NOT be used to carry personal gear.
- Coys will move by pls, at intervals of 30 mins.
- Pls will move by secs in single file.

STAGING

- 2/6 AUST INF BN will stage coy 24 AUST INF BN from night D/D1 until arrival at PARTEP II incl.
- Unoccupied DID store huts at BULWA may be used for this purpose if required.
- Capt H McB STEWART and RQM 2/6 AUST INF BN will make necessary arrangements for staging, which will incl preparation of meals at staging camps by pers of 2/6 AUST INF BN.

STORES

- Capt A R ROSS is arranging mvt of bulk blankets, res amn, rations and unit stores direct to SUNSHINE on D, with exception of blankets required at BULWA.
- RQM 2/6 AUST INF BN will advise ADM HQ KANGA FORCE of blanket requirements for BULWA.

SUPS

CASC will arrange for delivery to 2/6 AUST INF BN at places indicated by Capt STEWART SWP rations for pers in transit.

2/5 AUST IND COY LESS ONE PL

Separate instns will be issued for move from SUNSHINE and staging of 2/5 AUST IND COY less one pl.

ARMS, EQPT, ETC

2/5 AUST IND COY less one pl will move with personal arms and eqpt only.

Other arms, eqpt, amm, stores and existing line and sig comms will be handed over intact to relieving coy.

ADOS is arranging for rep to proceed to PARTER II forthwith to check recalls required from 24 AUST INF BN for re-issue to 2/5 AUST IND COY.

ACK

Signed at 1200 hrs 20 Apr 43.

Method of Distribution: DRLS and Safe Hand.

H. H. H. H. Lieut
Adjutant 2/6 AUST INF BN

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AMENDMENT NO 1 TO 2/6 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN NO 2

Delete para "ARMS, EQPT, ETC" and insert:

24 AUST INF BN will move fwd from SUNSHINE with WET less one M 3-in and sig stores.

2/5 AUST IND COY will move from fwd area to 3 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP, BULOLO, with WET less one M 3-in, two Vickers MMGs (with associated stores) and sig stores.

For purposes of Adm Instn No 2 D will be 22 Apr 43.

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Signed at 0800 hrs 22 Apr 43.

Method of Distribution: DRLS and Safe Hand

Lieut

Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

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AMENDMENT NO 2 TO 2/6 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN NO 2

Ref para METHCD:

MVT - COY 24 AUST INF BN

For D4 to D7 read D4 to D6

D2 will now be 25 Apr 43

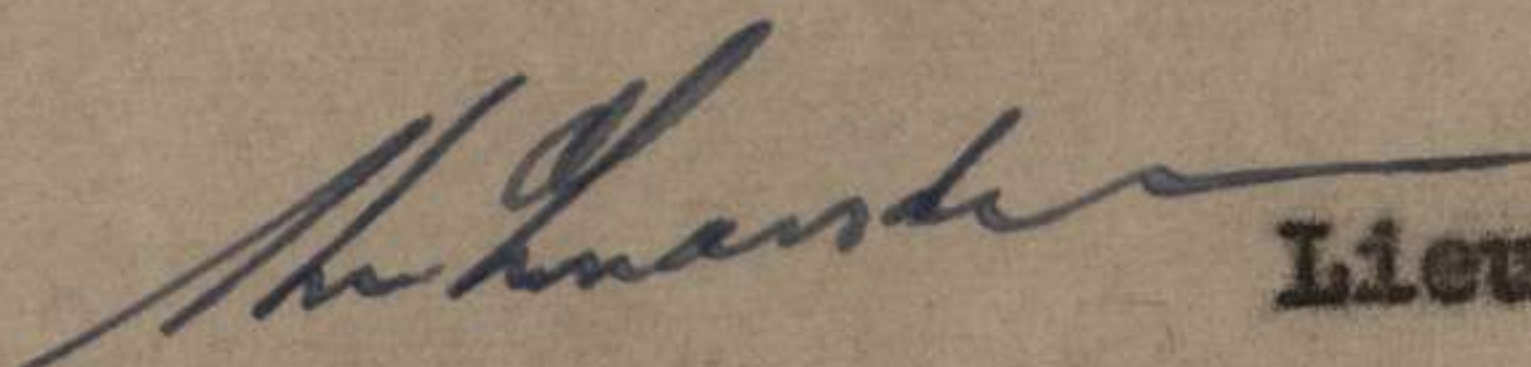
MVT - 2/5 AUST IND COY LESS ONE PL

For D8, D9, D10 read D7, D8, D9

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Lieut
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MEMORANDUM NO 2 TO S/6 ADUT THE IN ADM LIAISON NO 2

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Ref para METHOD:

WAT - COY 24 ADUT THE IN

For 24 to 27 road 24 to 26

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For 24 to 27 road 24 to 26

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Signed at 1530 hrs 24 Apr 43

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Adjutant S/6 ADUT THE IN

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2/6 AUST INF BN OP INSTN NO 4DEF OF PARTEP AREA

Ref Map: Sketch Map Tracks WAU-SALAMAUA-LAE Area Revised
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INFM

Enemy Patrol reports, sitreps, Tac/R.
Own Tps Coy 24 AUST INF BN plus one det
M 3-in; one sec MMGs u/c.

INTENTION

Coy will prevent any enemy mvt SOUTH of line
TOKANIN (402108) - PARTEP II (209201).

METHOD(1) Tasks

- (a) To complete preparation of def posns for one inf bn, one MMG coy, one tp fd arty (or bty if available) at PARTEP II under direction of Capt H B GULLETT, 2/6 AUST INF BN.
- (b) Preparation of two pl strongest posns in area TOKANIN-PARTEP I (307200).
- (i) To guard against possible approach via MAPOS (403202) and SNAKE VALLEY.
- (ii) To guard Eastern flank of PARTEP II posn.

Posns will be reced in conjunction with Capt GULLETT.

Pl posns will be mutually supporting, if possible.

(2) Patrols

On completion of preparation of posns (Task (b)), one pl will take over from pl 2/6 AUST INF BN the following standing patrols:

- (a) Pl HQ plus one sec at PARTEP I.
- (b) One sec at KWASANG (309105).
- (c) One sec at MAPOS with recce patrols of two GRs to:
- (i) VAGAU (408208) every third day.
- (ii) TOKANIN every third day.
- (iii) BNUSSI track NOT EAST of 50 Grid Line every third day.
- (iv) Along track to LEGA (506203) NOT EAST of 50 Grid Line daily.

(3) Enemy Action

In event of enemy action def posns will be occupied.

(4) PARTEP II Area

Two pls will occupy def posns to be selected in conjunction with Capt GULLETT.

These posns will NOT be vacated unless ordered by GOC.

(5) Fire Plan

One det M 3-in; tasks to be selected.

One sec MMGs; tasks to be selected.

(6) TOKANIN-PARTEP I Area

One pl will occupy prepared strongpost posns; dispo to be selected in conjunction with Capt GULLETT.

ADM

(7) Medical

CAP at PARTEP II.

AAMC orderly at PARTEP II.

(8) Ann

WET.

(9) Stores

WET less sig stores to be handed over by 2/5 AUST IND COY.

(10) Tools

10 picks, 10 shovels from 2/5 AUST IND COY.

INTERCOMN

(11) Coy HQ at PARTEP II.

(12) W/T - PARTEP II to HQ 3 AUST DIV, SUNSHINE, BULWA, PARTEP I, DEK.

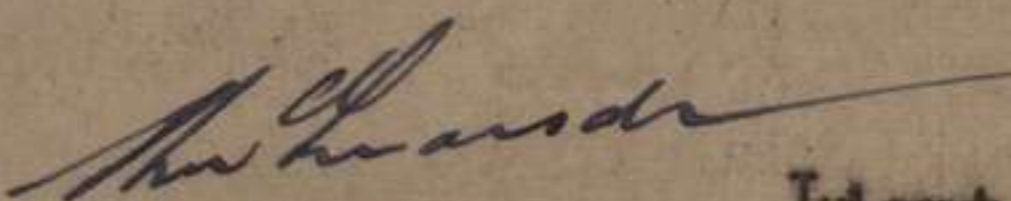
(13) L/T - PARTEP II to WAMPIT, PARTEP I.

(14) Runner.

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Signed at 1100 hrs 23 Apr 43.

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Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

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SECRETHeadquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN
23 Apr 43Subject: DEF OF PARTEP AREA24 AUST INF BN (2)

Ref 2/6 AUST INF BN Op Instn No 4.

OC PARTEP II area will submit the following, after relief of 2/5 AUST IND COY:

- (1) Weekly report on progress of def works, showing posns completed, under construction and NOT yet commenced.
- (2) Plan for def of PARTEP II area by coy less one pl, when completed.
- (3) Plan showing posn of two pl strongpost posns TOKANIN-PARTEP I area, when completed.
- (4) Plan showing disposns of pl to occupy def posns TOKANIN-PARTEP I area in event of enemy action, when completed.
- (5) Approx date on which relief of pl 2/6 AUST INF BN will be effected.

2. Two copies of each are required; one to HQ 24 AUST INF BN and one to this HQ.

3. ACK

F. G. Wood Lt col
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

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2/6 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN NO 3ARRIVAL OF 24 AUST INF BN LESS TWO COYSQUARTERING

24 AUST INF BN, less two coys moving fwd to WAMPIT and PARTER II, will be quartered as under:

<u>SUNSHINE</u>	(1)	Bn HQ and Q Store - On site now occupied by ANGAU.
	(2)	HQ Coy - On site now being constructed under RAE supervision SE of Bn HQ site.
<u>NIDDON CAMP</u>		Two coys.

STAGING

Lieut W J CAMERON and RQM 2/6 AUST INF BN will arrange staging at BULWA on nights of day of arrival and at SUNSHINE on DL.

Unoccupied DID store huts at BULWA may be used for this purpose if required.

STORES

Capt A R ROSS is arranging mvt of bulk blankets, res amn and unit stores direct to SUNSHINE on D, with exception of blankets required at BULWA.

RQM 2/6 AUST INF BN will advise ADM HQ KANGA FORCE of blanket requirements for BULWA.

SUPS

CASC will arrange for delivery to 2/6 AUST INF BN, at places indicated, SWP rations for pers in transit.

GUIDES

G COY 2/6 AUST INF BN will arrange guides for coys moving to NIDDON CAMP.

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Signed at 1130 hrs 20 Apr 43

Method of Distribution: DRLS and Safe Hand

M. Lander Lieut
Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

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4.

Identified as an
item of possible
technical and/or
historical interest

- Report of tests
carried out with
new 'AUSTED'

SMG.

Subject: AUSTEN SMGHeadquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN
Ref No SR/7/3
24 Apr 43HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

Ref HQ KANGA FORCE memo G1/64 dated 15 Apr 43.

1. Exhaustive trials have been carried out with AUSTEN SMGs and the following report is submitted:

- (a) Sighting arrangements are satisfactory.
- (b) The gun has a comfortable grip but it is considered that it could be improved by another set of serrations running up and down the grips as it was found that these became slippery from perspiration or wet weather.
- (c) The protruding magazine is only a disadvantage to a left-handed shot.
- (d) The weight of the gun by itself is satisfactory, except that it has too much weight fwd.
- (e) Similar remarks to (d) apply to the weight of the gun plus filled mag.
- (f) The folding butt is a very definite advantage. The gun, with sling over the shoulder, can be fired with excellent accuracy from the hip with the butt folded.
- (g) The mag filler on the AUSTEN gun is satisfactory, but NOT to be compared with the hand-loaded OWEN mag.

The AUSTEN mag can only be loaded by hand up to about ten rounds and this is difficult.

If the mag filler is lost under active service conditions, the grave disadvantage of mag loading is obvious.

- (h) Time taken to load six AUSTEN mags is approx 5 mins; this time may be reduced with practice but average personnel would very rarely improve on it.

Six OWEN mags can be loaded in approx 3 mins with 32 rounds against 28 rounds of the AUSTEN mag

(1) Detailed Results of Firing Trials

<u>Posn</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Result</u>
Lying	15 - 20 yds	100%
	30 - 50 yds	100%
	100 yds	66%
From Hip (Standing)	15 - 20 yds	100%
	30 - 50 yds	66%
From Shoulder (Standing)	15 - 20 yds	100%
	30 - 50 yds	100%
	100 yds	50%
From Shoulder (Kneeling)	15 - 20 yds	100%
	30 - 50 yds	100%
	100 yds	50%
From Hip (Butt Folded)	15 - 20 yds	100%
	30 - 50 yds	50%

- (j) The extreme accurate range of the gun, firing single rounds, is 100 yds (but a good shot would develop 100% efficiency at 150 yds); firing automatic nearly 75% efficiency is obtained up to 100 yds.
- (k) The effect of weather and jungle conditions on AUSTEN gun is NIL and, in this respect, it is the equal of the OWEN gun but, as referred to above, the magazine protruding from the side would tangle in vines, branches, etc, when carried at the alert by a left-handed firer.

- (l) In the event of stoppages, it is NOT hard to strip and reassemble the AUSTEN gun.
- (m) NO breakages of any part occurred during tests and it is considered that sturdy construction of gun and simple mechanism would make breakages infrequent.

(n) Advantages of AUSTEN SMG

Short barrel enables targets to be engaged quickly from different directions.

Stopping power is equal to that of OWEN gun.

Mag on side provides excellent foregrip for right hand firer.

Folding butt gp makes gun very compact and easy to carry when slung from the shoulder and wpn can be brought into action immediately without unfolding the butt.

The gun can easily be fired "single rounds" when change lever is at automatic.

Size of 9 mm amm enables a large sup to be carried on the man.

Simple trigger mechanism.

Disadvantages

Weight of gun is NOT well balanced and, when engaging targets from different directions quickly, the firer is liable to over-swing the gun and thus NOT obtain full advantage of his instinctive pointing sense. This is due to too much weight fwd of the butt grip.

Difficulty of loading mag by hand in event of mag filler being unavailable.

Mag catch on top of mag opening - It would speed up loading if this catch was on side towards butt.

The apparent tight fit of the mag in the mag way.

45 secs by a trained soldier to fill a mag is considered too great a waste of time; a simple mag, loaded by hand in 25 to 30 secs, is what is required.

Mags are too long for existing basic pouches and special eqpt to hold 10 mags.

2. It is NOT considered that AUSTEN SMG is as good an all round wpn as OWEN gun.

The OWEN gun is more accurate when switching from one target to another because it is better balanced than the AUSTEN.

It is suggested that the mag could be placed under the gun and so provide a pistol grip in place of the unnecessary foregrip.

The OWEN gun is simpler and easier to handle than the AUSTEN and quite as efficient and effective.

The only advantage possessed by the AUSTEN gun over the OWEN, from the firer's pt of view, is the folding butt.

Lt col

Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Subject: CODE NAMES - 24 ARMT INF BN

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Headquarters
2/6 ARMT INF BN GP
Inst No 0/3/2
27 Apr 43

1. The following code names have been allotted to 24 ARMT INF BN and will come into operation forthwith:

HQ 24 ARMT INF BN	LARD
HQ COY 24 ARMT INF BN	PALA
A COY 24 ARMT INF BN	DELA
B COY 24 ARMT INF BN	COCO
C COY 24 ARMT INF BN	YOGI
D COY 24 ARMT INF BN	SAGO

2. ACK

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Lieut
Adjutant 2/6 Armt Inf Bn

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A COY 2/6 ARMT INF BN	3	WAR DEPT	10
B COY 2/6 ARMT INF BN	4	WAR DEPT	11
C COY 2/6 ARMT INF BN	5	HQ 3 ARMT DIV (See Inst)	12
D COY 2/6 ARMT INF BN	6	GI	13
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2/6 AUST INF BN GP ADM INSTN NO 1MVT OF 2/5 AUST IND COY FROM BULOLO AREA

1. 2/5 AUST IND COY will move by plane from BULOLO to PORT MORESBY.

2. AMN

All amn, less .450 SAA and security amn, will be taken over in situ by 24 AUST INF BN coys in present posns.

.450 SAA will be back-loaded and taken over by CASC at SUNSHINE.

Security amn as follows will be carried:

20 rounds per Rifle
20 rounds per TSMG

20 rounds per LMG
6 rounds per Pistol

3. STORES

Coy will move with WET less:

(a) Accommodation stores.

(b) Two-man tentage.

(c) Blankets, except one per man which will be carried.

Stores surplus to WET will NOT be taken.

The above stores will be returned to Ord under arrangements made by ADOS, who will provide Ord rep to report RQM Store 2/5 AUST IND COY, SUNSHINE, on 30 Apr 43 to take over stores.

QM 2/5 AUST IND COY will advise HQ 2/6 AUST INF BN as stores are ready for mvt from SUNSHINE to BULOLO.

This advice will be given in form of no of jeep and trailer loads.

On mvt from SUNSHINE stores will proceed to old DID building BULOLO.

2/5 AUST IND COY will sup guard for protection of stores at BULOLO, on first lift taking place.

QM 2/5 AUST IND COY will notify HQ 2/6 AUST INF BN at earliest possible moment of tpt requirements to shift stores from DID store to BULOLO airfield.

This advice will be in form of no of jeep and trailers per plane load.

Plane loads will be of 2,000 lbs

4. EMPLANING TABLES

Emplaning tables will be prepared based on 2,000 lbs payload, which will NOT be exceeded.

Pers, eqpt and arms will be separate payloads from stores.

HQ 2/6 AUST INF BN will be advised as payloads are available for emplaning and emplaning tables, in triplicate, will be submitted to this HQ.

5. STAGING

2/5 AUST IND COY will arrive at SUNSHINE by 1400 hrs on days shown:

1 May 43
2 May 43
5 May 43

B P1
Coy HQ plus C P1
A P1

24 AUST INF BN will provide midday meal on each day.

Packs will be tpted to BULWA staging camp by 24 AUST INF BN.

Pers will march from SUNSHINE to BULWA after midday meal.

OC C Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN, at BULWA, will stage pers 2/5 AUST IND COY for evening meal, accommodation and breakfast as follows:

1/2 May 43	B Pl
2/3 May 43	Coy HQ plus C Pl
5/6 May 43	A Pl

Pers will march from BULWA to BULOLO to arrive Reception Camp BULOLO for midday meal.

Packs will be tpted from BULWA to BULOLO by 2/6 AUST INF BN.

All blankets, except one per man, will be withdrawn on morning of emplaning and rolled in bundles of 10.

6. RATIONING

2/5 AUST IND COY will advise HQ 2/6 AUST INF BN of no of pers marching into SUNSHINE, BULWA and Reception Camp BULOLO on dates as stated at least 24 hrs before arrival, in order that necessary rations may be drawn from FSD.

HQ 2/6 AUST INF BN will notify those concerned.

7. DISPOSAL OF PERS AT ADS, MDS, CON CAMP, ETC

Pers 2/5 AUST IND COY at ADS, MDS, Con Camp, etc will be marched in to Reception Camp BULOLO to rejoin unit.

8. SOUVENIRS

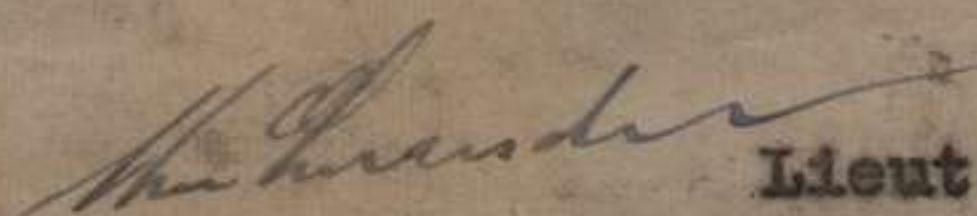
Souvenired articles of either civil or enemy origin will NOT be taken by sub-units or individuals.

Coy comd will carry out kit inspection and render a certificate to HQ 2/6 AUST INF BN that NO member has in his possession any unauthorised article.

9. ACK

Signed at 2230 hrs 28 Apr 43.

Method of Distribution: EBLS & Safe Hand.


Lieut
Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn Gp

Distribution

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HQ 2/5 AUST IND COY	1
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RECEPTION CAMP BULOLO	5
HQ 3 AUST DIV (for DAQMG)	6
2/6 AUST INF BN WAR DIARY	7 & 8
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Tasks will be typed to BUNIA during camp by 24 AUGUST 1945. Tasks will march from BUNIA to BUNIA after midday noon. 2/5 Coy 2/8 AUGUST 1945, at BUNIA, will stage here 2/5 AUGUST 1945 for evening meal, accommodation and breakfast as follows:

2/5 AUGUST 1945	2/5 AUGUST 1945
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Tasks will march from BUNIA to BUNIA to arrive Reception Camp BUNIA for midday noon.

Tasks will be typed from BUNIA to BUNIA by 2/5 AUGUST 1945. All blankets, except one per man, will be withdrawn on morning of 2/5 AUGUST 1945 and rolled in bundles of 10.

RECEPTION

2/5 AUGUST 1945 will advise HQ 2/5 AUGUST 1945 of no of persons marching into BUNIA, BUNIA and Reception Camp BUNIA on dates as stated at least 24 hrs before arrival, in order that necessary rationing may be drawn from BUNIA. HQ 2/5 AUGUST 1945 will notify these concerns.

DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL EFFECTS

Persons 2/5 AUGUST 1945 at BUNIA, BUNIA, BUNIA, etc will be warned in to Reception Camp BUNIA to report with.

RECEPTION

Personnel effected of either civil or enemy origin will NOT be taken by air-raid or land-raid. Coy camp will carry out the instructions in a certificate to HQ 2/5 AUGUST 1945 in case of any such action any un-attached personnel.

ACK

Signal at BUNIA on 24 AUGUST 1945.

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Method of Reception

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Reception at BUNIA on 24 AUGUST 1945

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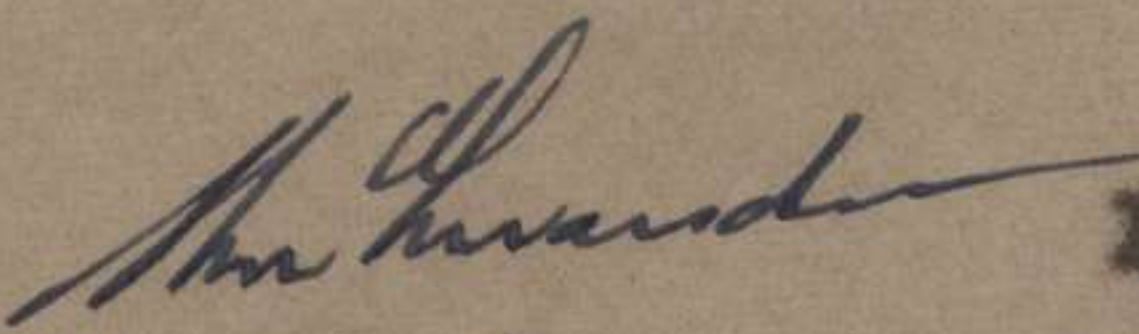
Subject: ORDERS FOR AA DEF - BN HQ & HQ COY AREA - 2/6 AUST INF BN

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN CP
Ref No AI/A/8
29 Apr 43

1. LMGs will be mounted at following pts:
 - (a) Opposite ration store
 - (b) Water tank
 - (c) Western mess hut
2. LMGs will be mounted and manned from first light until dark, and at such other times as may be ordered.
3. One box of mags, loaded 1 tracer to 3 ball, will be by each gun at all times, with one mag on the gun.
4. LMGs will NOT open fire unless a direct attack on the area is made and a/c are below height of 2,000 ft, or on order from Bn HQ.
5. Pers manning LMGs will remain at guns during period of daylight.

Reliefs for mess will be arranged, but one man at least must remain by gun.
6. Air sentries will be on duty 24 hrs daily.

Advice of approaching U/I a/c will be despatched to Bn HQ by quickest possible means.
7. LMGs, tripods and mags will be serviced daily.
8. Binoculars will be drawn from HQ Coy at first light daily and returned each night.
9. LMGs and stores, with exception of binoculars referred to in para 8, will be handed over nightly for safe-custody to NCO i/c nearest inhabited hut, etc.


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BULOLO AIRFIELD CLOSE DEF OP INSTN NO 1

Ref Maps:

BULOLO First Edition 1 in : 1 mi
 WAU WEST (Revised) 1 in : 1 mi

INFM

1. Enemy

3 AUST DIV Int Summary No 1 of 22 Apr 43 and such other summaries as may be issued from time to time.

2. Own Tps

Following tps are available for close def of BULOLO airfield:

(a) Permanently Available for Full Time Duty

- (i) One MMG coy
- (ii) Two tps 156 AUST LT AA BTY RAA
- (iii) One bty .5 MGs 708 CA (AA) BTY US ARMY
- (iv) One pl plus det sigs req from bn stationed at BULOLO

(b) Available as soon as Infm of Impending Attack is Received

All units permanently located in immediate vicinity of airfield.

These are mainly adm and tech units who cannot be made available without interruption to their normal duties.

(c) Available if Large Scale Attack Appears Imminent

Units which are located in the respective areas as div res.

Normally one inf bn will be located in BULOLO area as force res.

(d) Fd Arty

At least one tp fd arty will be available in sp of fixed def.

INTENTION

3. To deny to the enemy the BULOLO airfield.

METHOD

4. Def will be in two phases:

PHASE 1Fixed Def

Fixed def of airfield will be allotted as under:

(a) Fixed Ground Def to consist of

OC - Comd MMG Coy

One coy MMGs

One pl and necessary sigs of inf bn which is force res at BULOLO.

Pl will provide standing patrols at 299887, 272865, 303882 and 311869.

Patrols will remain under bn comd, but all infm will be immediately repeated to OC Fixed De:

(b) AA Def

OC - Comd 156 AUST LT AA BTY

Two tps 156 AUST LT AA BTY

708 CA (AA) BTY US ARMY - .5 MGs

In the event of a ground attack NOT combined with an air attack, the local AA comd will come u/c OC Fixed Ground Def and will be used for ground def.

Only targets that can be seen will be engaged.

Targets will be engaged as instructed by any responsible offr, or gun NCOs can engage any obvious enemy target that is favourable on own initiative.

(c) Adm and Tech Units and Sub-Units

As soon as infm of impending attack is received, all units or sub-units permanently located in the immediate vicinity of airfield will place surplus pers NOT required for adm or tech duties of an essential nature i/c OC Fixed Ground Def.

These pers will report to OC Reception Camp, who will organise and retain them for use as a mob res u/c OC Fixed Ground Def.

5. Disposns and Tasks

As per Appx "A"

PHASE 26. Def Against Large Scale Attack

Should a large scale attack appear imminent, on receipt of order from 3 AUST DIV, following tps will come u/c of bn acting as BULOLO force res:

- (a) Fixed ground def and AA def, as per para 4 (a) and (b).
- (b) Adm and tech units and sub-units, as per para 4 (c).
- (c) One tp or bty fd arty.
- (d) All other tps in BULOLO area.

7. Disposns of Force Res

- (a) Force res bn less two coys, 2 (MMG) Pl, one sec 3 (Mortar) Pl, one sec 4 (Tk A) Pl will immediately occupy def posns as per Appx "B" att.
- (b) Two coys, 2 (MMG) Pl, one sec 3 (Mortar) Pl, one sec 4 (Tk A) Pl will be used as mob res.
- (c) Disposns and tasks of fixed def and local mob res, as per Appx "A", will NOT normally be changed without ref to higher comd.

8. Fd Arty

OC fd arty will be prepared to cover tasks as shown in Appx "B" and any additional tasks as ordered by OC force.

ADM

9. Medical

RAP 289874 (SOUTH of track)
ADS 333800

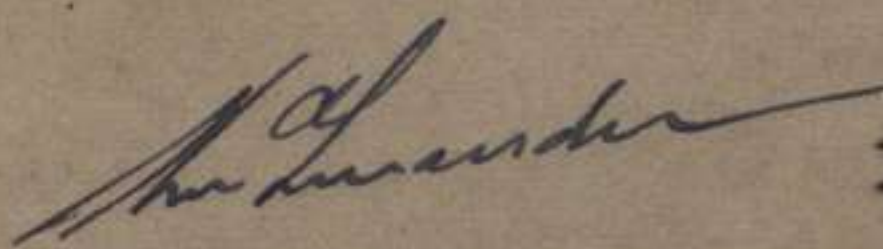
10. All units concerned, less Reception Camp, will render weekly return of strengths available for mob res in accordance with para 4 (c) to OC Fixed Ground Def by 0800 hrs each Monday.
11. OC Reception Camp will render a daily return at 0800 hrs.
12. Adm Instns as may from time to time be issued by HQ 3 AUST DIV.

INTERCOMN

13. Comd Posts { OC Fixed Def 286875 (NORTH of track)
OC Force Res 286874 (SOUTH of track)
14. L/T, W/T, R/T, V/T, as per Appx "C".
15. Call for Def Fire - Red/Green.
Cease Fire - Green/Red/Green.
16. ACK

Signed at 1100 hrs 1 May 43

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OC FORCE RES BN	1 & 2
OC FIXED GROUND DEF	3
156 AUST LT AA BTY	4 & 5
708 CA (AA) BTY US ARMY	6
Reception Camp	7
STA COMD	8
HQ 3 AUST DIV	9 - 16

Subject: ATT OF PERSONNEL - 15 AUST INF BDE

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN
Ref No P/7/4
25 Apr 43

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

Ref HQ KANGA FORCE memo G5/6 dated 11 Apr 43.

Pers from 57/60 AUST INF BN, consisting of two offrs and two NCOs, on arrival were given a lecture on the general topography of the area and dispositions of enemy and own tps.

2. On afternoon of 12 Apr 43 party, with one Int Sec pers 2/6 AUST INF BN, moved to BULWA.
3. On 13 Apr 43, party visited PARTER III, returning to BULWA the same evening.
4. On 14 Apr 43, party left BULWA on a ten-day tour.
5. The route followed was BULWA-KWATOMANE-KWASANG-MAPOS-PARTER I-PARTER II-TIMNE and return to SUNSHINE.
6. The party found the track as far as PARTER I extremely difficult and were unable to proceed from KWATOMANE without the assistance of native carriers.
7. At KWATOMANE, on 16 Apr 43, Lieut MADDISON was unable to continue and returned to SUNSHINE, arriving there on 18 Apr 43. He has since been evacuated to PORT MORESBY, suffering from bush typhus.
8. At MAPOS (18 Apr 43) the party rested for 2 days. It had been intended that party would accompany patrols to VAGAU and along LEGA track but, owing to the general physical condition, it was found impossible to carry out this plan.
9. Standing patrols of 2/6 AUST INF BN at KWASANG, MAPOS and PARTER I passed on to the party all infm at their disposal.
10. At PARTER II, on 22 Apr 43, party inspected the def scheme for that area.
11. Pers were very interested during the trip and gained much useful knowledge and experience.
12. Physical condition was only fair but, as tour proceeded, it improved greatly.

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APPX TO 2/6 AUST INF BN STANDING ORDERS

DRESS - TROPICAL SCALE

Marching Order

On order to move the following will be observed, unless otherwise ordered:

DRESS

Egpt Web
Water Bottle on right side
Hat Fur Felt
Haversack on left side
Pack

Haversack to Contain

1 tin Emergency Rations
Mess Gear
Towel
One days rations
Anti Mosquito Cream
Toilet Gear, incl Shaving Gear
6 Atebrin tablets

Pack to Contain

spare pair Boots
1 Singlet
1 Shirt
Mosquito Net
2 pairs Socks
1 Undershorts
1 pair Trousers

(Wrapped outside over top)

1 Blanket
1 Groundsheet

(Strapped on)

1 Helmet Steel

To be carried in Right Hip Pocket

Fd dressing

To be carried in Left Hip Pocket

1 tin Emergency Rations

AMM

Rifle
TSMG
LMG
M 2-in
M 2-in
EY Rifle
50 rounds per rifle
100 rounds in mags per TSMG
100 rounds in mags per Bren LMG
(18 bombs HE
(6 bombs Smoke
6 Grenades No 36 (7 sec)

All ranks will carry one No 36 Grenade (4 sec) ~~and six~~
~~No 36 Grenades (7 sec).~~

The Rifle and LMG tripod will NOT be carried unless ordered.

A GAS EGPT

All personal a gas eqpt will be collected and handed over to RQM.

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Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

SECRETLOCATION STATEMENT -- 2/6 AUST INF BN GPBULOLO-MARKHAM AREA2359 HRS 25 APR 43

Ref Maps: (a) BULOLO First Edition 1 : 63,360
 (b) HUON GULF Special 4 mi : 1 in
 (c) Sketch Map Tracks WAU-SALAMAU-LAE Area 2 mi : 1

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Sub Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Map Ref</u>
1	HQ 2/6 AUST INF BN GP	BULOLO	305838 (a)
2	HQ COY 2/6 AUST INF BN less one sec	BULOLO	305838 (a)
3	One sec HQ COY 2/6 AUST INF BN	BULOLO	LW3384 (b)
4	A COY 2/6 AUST INF BN less two secs	BULOLO	287870 (a)
5	One sec A COY 2/6 AUST INF BN	BULOLO	299887 (a)
6	One sec A COY 2/6 AUST INF BN	BULOLO	272865 (a)
7	B COY 2/6 AUST INF BN less two secs	BULOLO	293868 (a)
8	One sec B COY 2/6 AUST INF BN	BULOLO	303882 (a)
9	One sec B COY 2/6 AUST INF BN	BULOLO	311869 (a)
10	C COY 2/6 AUST INF BN less one pl	BULWA	LR2701 (b)
11	Pl HQ and one sec C COY 2/6 AUST INF BN	PARTEP I	307200 (c)
12	One sec C COY 2/6 AUST INF BN	KWASANG	309105 (a)
13	One sec C COY 2/6 AUST INF BN	MAPOS	404202 (c)
14	D COY 2/6 AUST INF BN	EDIE CK	304703 (c)
15	HQ 24 AUST INF BN	SUNSHINE	207003 (c)
16	HQ COY 24 AUST INF BN	SUNSHINE	207003 (c)
17	A COY 24 AUST INF BN	WIDDON CAMP	204908 (c)
18	B COY 24 AUST INF BN	WUJENG	208103 (c)
19	C COY 24 AUST INF BN	ELMIE	209208 (c)
20	D COY 24 AUST INF BN	WIDDON CAMP	204908 (c)

SECRET

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Sub Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Map Ref</u>
21	2/5 AUST IND COY less one pl	PALMER II	208202 (c)
22	P1 HQ 2/5 AUST IND COY	DEX	30203071 (c)
23	Sec 2/5 AUST IND COY	MARKHAM AREA	40594036 (c)
24	Sec 2/5 AUST IND COY	BOBS	301404 (c)
25	1 sgt 6 ORs 2/5 AUST IND COY	KIRKLANDS	302502 (c)
26	1 cpl 3 ORs 2/5 AUST IND COY OP		40594036 (c)
27	1 cpl 3 ORs 2/5 AUST IND COY OP		40684036 (c)
28	Sec HQ and 1 offr 20 ORs 2/5 AUST IND COY	GABENSIS	404402 (c)

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WAR DIARY - 2/6 AUST INF BN - APPX "Y"

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Army School: LHQ SCHOOL OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

No: VX 7586 Rank: Lieut Name: MARSDEN H McL

Unit: 2/6 AUST INF BN Location: NG FORCE

Student at No 7 Course for Bde and Unit Int Offrs

Examinations:

Classification Qualified 90% Distinguished

Recommendation as to Future Employment:

Any I(a) appointment in fd.

Instructional Ability:

Good Instructor

Personal Note:

Quiet methodical approach to work - clear and logical thinker.

Capable executive - commanded respect of both students and staff.

General Remarks:

Topped school with results outstanding in experience of present SI.

Should be considered for staff appointment and should later do Senior Formations Course.

Entirely trustworthy.

25 Feb 43

(Sgd)

Maj Instructor

(Sgd)

Maj CI

KEY TO PHOTOGRAPHS - 2/6 AUST INF BN - MILNE BAY

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Detail</u>
1)	Digging def posns in the jungle
2)	
3	JONES Track, constructed by 2/6 AUST INF BN through jungle
4)	Corduroying JONES Track
5)	
6)	Spreading gravel on JONES Track
7	
8	Working party lunching
9	A Coy working party on JONES Track
10)	Work in progress on JONES Track
11)	
12)	Sec of JONES Track nearing completion
13)	
14	Working party 2/6 AUST INF BN reinforcing ROUTE 8
15)	
16)	Cattle grazing in coconut plantation
17	
18	Lieut WATERSTON, then OC Mortar Pl, inspecting damage to coconut palm by explosion of mortar bomb
19)	Mortar pl on mortar target
20)	
21)	Patrol cutting track through jungle
22)	
23	View of the jungle
24	Scene amongst sago palms
25	Group of MILNE BAY natives
26	Native drinking from banana palm
27	Natives offering coconut prepared for drinking
28	Majs G M NORRIS and J S JONES



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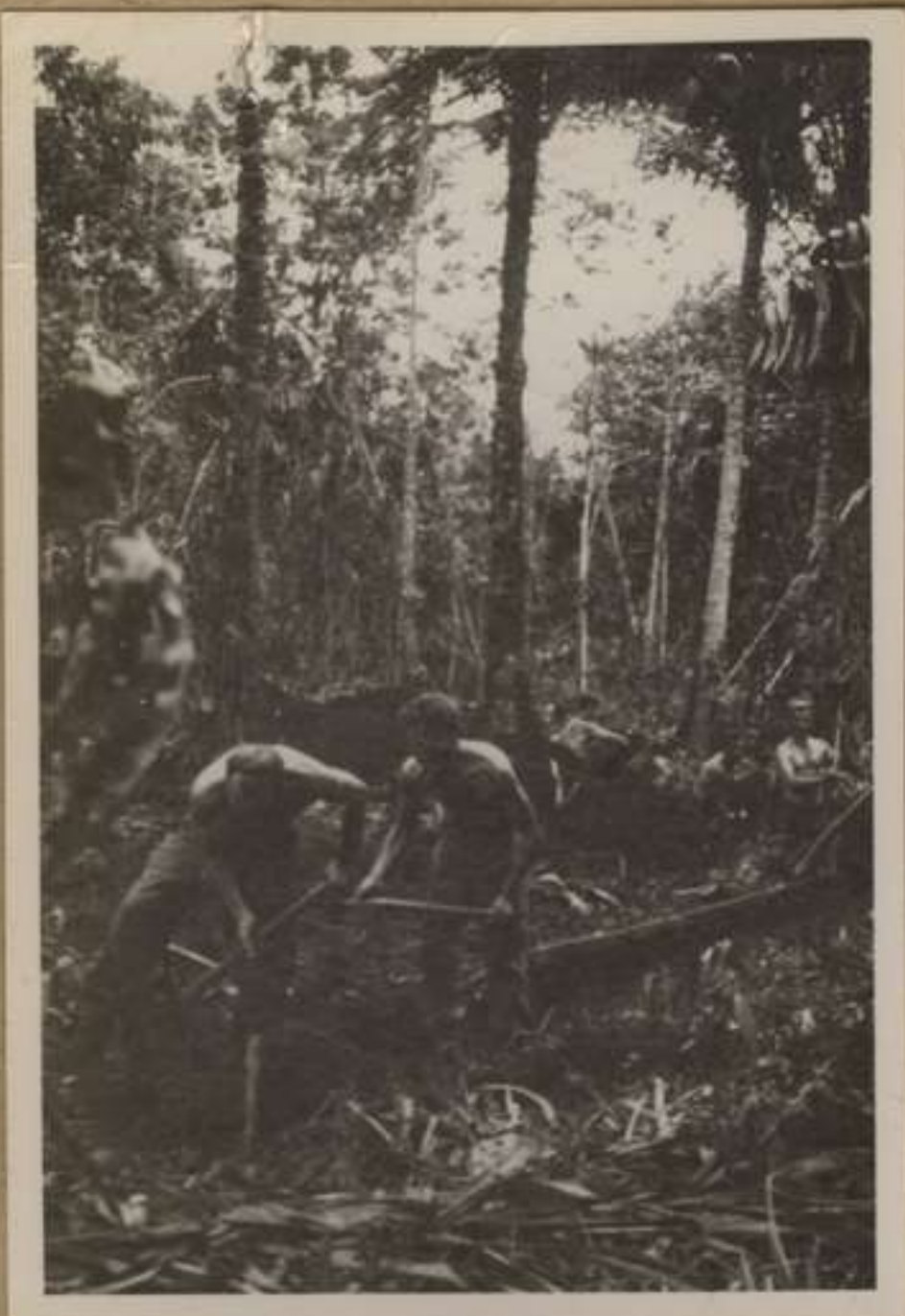
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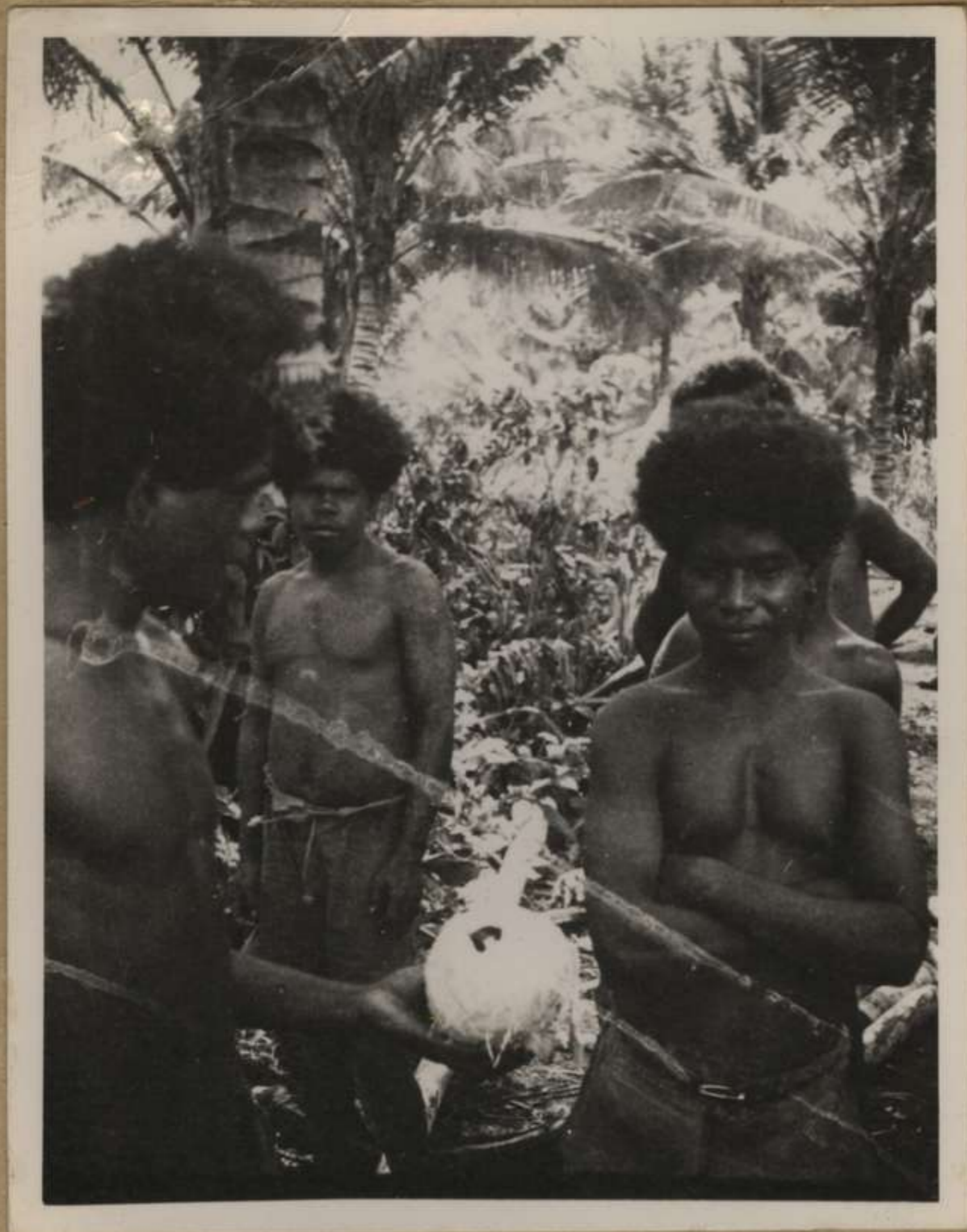
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MAY 43

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2/6 AUST INF BN

BULOLO

MAY 43

- 1 May 43 0320 U/I A/C flew over BULOLO area.
- 0600 B Coy 24 AUST INF BN took over from 2/5 AUST INDEP COY at PARTEP II.
- 0800 CO left for SUNSHINE with orders for fighting patrol to be carried out by pl 24 AUST INF BN in MARKHAM area.
- Lieut W L SHERGOLD evacuated to MDS WAU.
- A pl 2/5 AUST INDEP COY arrived SUNSHINE en route to emplane for PORT MORESBY from BULOLO and WAU.
- 1000 Adm Instn ref reception of further units 15 AUST INF BDE received from HQ 3 AUST DIV.
- 2/6 AUST INF BN to foster units occupying prepared sites BULOLO-BULWA.
- 1400 Col H B SAXBY (ADMS 3 AUST DIV) visited Bn HQ and conferred with CO.
- Lt col McLEAN (CASC 3 AUST DIV) visited Bn HQ.
- 2 May 43 0645 Padre FIRTH celebrated Holy Communion.
- 0800 Padre MORGAN celebrated RC Mass.
- 1500 Maj HOLMES (Arty Comd WAU-BULOLO area) visited Bn HQ and subsequently left with CO on recce of arty posns for close def BULOLO airfield.
- 1 offr 53 ORs 2/5 AUST INDEP COY emplaned WAU for PORT MORESBY.
- Coy HQ and B pl 2/5 AUST INDEP COY arrived SUNSHINE and proceeded to WAU.
- 3 May 43 0830 CO visited Capt WINNING (CO 2/5 AUST INDEP COY) at Reception Camp BULOLO.
- 0930 CO, Capt CARROLL, Lieut JONES and Int pers made further recce of def posn EAST of BULOLO RIVER.
- Lt col E A GRIFFIN (AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV) requested per telephone that Maj SMITH, who was then in PARTEP I area, would report to HQ 3 AUST DIV.
- On returning from recce CO and Lieut JONES had to swim BULOLO RIVER as there was noone to operate flying fox.
- 1000 Orders received from HQ 3 AUST DIV for Lt col FALCONER to proceed 3 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP and for Maj CLUTTERBUCK to adm comd 24 AUST INF BN pending arrival of new CO.

5 JULY 1943

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2/6 AUST INF BN

BULOLO

MAY 43

3 May 43

During morning NO tpt A/C arrived BULOLO.

1315

Gipsy "Moth" A/C landed BULOLO airfield.

Mvt from area of 2/5 AUST INDEP COY proceeded satisfactorily during day.

1700

Lt col WILSON (future CI LHQ SCHOOL of MI) visited CO to gain knowledge of work done by Int pers and conditions generally in area.

During day two small working parties were sup to DID and HQ 3 AUST DIV.

2100

CO visited Lt col FALCONER at 3 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP.

4 May 43

0730

Lt col FALCONER visited Bn HQ en route to WAU.

0930

Lt col WILSON again visited Bn HQ, questioned Int pers ref. activities in area and perused patrol reports, etc, until 1200 hrs.

4 offrs and 47 ORs 2/5 AUST INDEP COY arrived SUNSHINE from WAMPIT and proceeded to WAU, thus completing mvt of unit from MARKHAM area.

1400

CO and Capt CARROLL proceeded to 24 AUST INF BN SUNSHINE.

1430

Capt STEWART returned from PARTEP II, where he had been supervising mvt of 24 AUST INF BN and 2/5 AUST INDEP COY.

1530

Maj-Gen S G SAVIGE visited Bn HQ.

Pers 2/5 AUST INDEP COY from Reception Camp BULOLO emplaned for PORT MORESBY; additional pers emplaned from WAU.

Adv party pl 24 AUST INF BN arrived PARTEP I in preparation for relief of standing patrols C Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN in that area.

1730

CO and Capt CARROLL returned from SUNSHINE.

2130

Maj SMITH returned from PARTEP I.

5 May 43

0915

Maj SMITH visited HQ 3 AUST DIV until 1230 hrs.

1400

Brig M J MOTEN (Comd 17 AUST INF BDE) visited Bn HQ.

1800

Maj SMITH left to adm comd 24 AUST INF BN.

Three Int Sec pers left for BULWA to prepare maps for def scheme BULWA airfield.

Relief of standing patrols C Coy in PARTEP I area in progress.

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BULOLO

MAY 43

- 5 May 43 2100 Signal received from 24 AUST INF BN with infm that patrol had encountered JAP ambush near DEEP CREEK (MARKHAM PT area). - 2 enemy killed, 1 OR own tps wounded.
- 6 May 43 1400 Infm ref staging stas to be est MARKHAM L of C submitted to HQ 3 AUST DIV.
- 2030 Bn ordered to sup 1 OR for relief LAE OP - Cpl R G MOTTROM (Int Sec) nominated.
- 7 May 43 Patrol 24 AUST INF BN to LOWER WATUT RIVER moved out from SUNSHINE.
- 0900 Instns issued ref standing patrols BULOLO area.
- Extracts from 2/6 AUST INF BN Standing Orders "Security and Censorship" issued for re-promulgation to all ranks.
- Instn issued ref revised system of air raid warnings instituted by HQ 3 AUST DIV.
- 1800 Cpl R G MOTTROM moved out to SUNSHINE en route to LAE OP.
- 2345 Warning order received from HQ 3 AUST DIV for 24 AUST INF BN to be prepared to send two M 3-in dets MISSIM area at short notice.
- 8 May 43 1830 24 AUST INF BN reported firing heard SE PARTER II.
- Patrols sent out to investigate subsequently reported NIL results.
- 2330 Warning order received from HQ 3 AUST DIV for pl 24 AUST INF BN to be prepared to move POWER HOUSE-PILMUNG L of C.
- 9 May 43 0645 Padre FIRTH celebrated Holy Communion.
- Parade services held HQ area, A and B Coys in morning; evening at HQ 24 AUST INF BN.
- 1000 Bn instructed to sup ^{ONE} ~~one~~ pl for guard duties FSD BULOWAT for one month.
- 1200 Lieut D B BURKE (LO 17 AUST INF BDE) visited Bn HQ with warning order for move of D Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN at EDIE CREEK to GUADAGASAL area in sp 2/7 AUST INF BN - to come under comd 2/7 AUST INF BN on arrival op area.
- Last details 15 pl C Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN returned to BULWA on completion of relief standing patrols

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2/6 AUST INF BN

BULOLO

MAY 43

- 9 May 43 PARTEP I-MAPOS area.
- 1430 Warning order issued to D Coy ref move to MUBO area.
- Signal from DADOS 3 AUST DIV advised approval given by LHQ for re-organization Inf BN on new WE (II/12C/2).
- 1500 Capt H B GULLETT MC returned to Bn HQ from PARTEP area where he had been supervising def works.
- 1600 Lieut R D URQUHART and remainder of party which had been acting as guides to 24 AUST INF BN in MARHAM area returned to Bn HQ.
- 1630 Instn received from HQ 3 AUST DIV for det 24 AUST INF BN to proceed POWER HOUSE-PILMUNG L of C to be increased to two pls.
- During afternoon preparation made for move of D Coy.
- 2050 Detailed instns issued for move of two pls 24 AUST INF BN to POWER HOUSE-PILMUNG L of C.
- 2050
- 10 May 43 0600 D Coy came under comd HQ 17 AUST INF BDE.
- During morning reinfts for D Coy, who had been trg with A and B Coys, moved to EDIE CREEK; 3 Sig pers also moved out.
- 1230 Lieut H McL MARSDEN, Lieut R D URQUHART and Pte N L HORNER (Int Sec) moved out to D Coy - Lieut MARSDEN to be 2.i/c D Coy.
- Capt GULLETT assumed duties of adjt.
- 1600 Report on malarial svy BULOLO area by Hyg Sec 2/6 AUST INF BN submitted to HQ 3 AUST DIV.
- 17 AUST INF BDE Op Instn No 9 received - D Coy to operate on right flank 2/7 AUST INF BN towards coast in DUALI-NASSAU BAY area and to be emp on fighting patrols.
- 11 May 43 1500 Lt col PONT (ADOS 3 AUST DIV) visited Bn HQ ref stores, etc, in connection with new WE II/12C/2.
- Draft Op Instn for close def BULOLO airfield submitted to HQ 3 AUST DIV. (Vide Appx " ")
- 1230 Op Instn for close def BULWA airfield issued.
- 1900 5 Offrs 115 ORs D Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN reported to have arrived BALLAMS.
- 12 May 43 0430 D Coy 24 AUST INF BN left SUNSHINE for duty POWER

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2/6 AUST INF BN

BULOLO

MAY 43

12 May 43

HOUSE-PILMUNG L of C to relieve pers 2/3 AUST INDEP COY.

0730 5 Offrs 115 ORs D Coy left BALLAMS for McDUFF's Staging Camp.

0945 Lt-Gen J D NORTHCOTT (CGS) accompanied by Maj-Gen S G SAVIGE (GOC 3 AUST DIV), Brig R M THOMPSON (BGS NGF), Lt col WILTON (G1 3 AUST DIV) and Lt col GRIFFIN (AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV) visited Bn HQ.

1100 CGS and party left to visit 24 AUST INF BN at SUNSHINE.

Instn received from HQ 3 AUST DIV for immediate re-organization in accordance with WE II/12C/2.

During day HQ Coy pers re-organized on basis of new WE.

Under new WE AA and Carr Pls disbanded and MMG and Tk A Pls formed.

Pls HQ Coy now 1 (Sigs), 2 (MMG), 3 (M 3-in), 4(Tk A), 5 (Pnr), 6 (Adm).

Tps Sec now deleted from Inf Bn WE.

Carr Pl pers to be retained as such pending absorption into 6 AUST DIV CARR COY.

1830 Tk A Pl moved out for BULWA to attend fortnight's course of instn on 2-pr Tk A guns.

Capt A G S EDGAR, who was performing duties as LO 17 AUST INF BDE, resumed regtl duties and was posted 2 i/c A Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN.

1800 5 Offrs 108 ORs D Coy arrived McDUFF'S Staging Camp and came under comd 2/7 AUST INF BN.

13 May 43

0830 5 Offrs 108 ORs D Coy marched out for HOUSE BANANA.

0930 Maj G F SMITH (Adm Comd 24 AUST INF BN) arrived Bn HQ.

1700 Maj SMITH returned to SUNSHINE.

1800 Lieut R J H SMITH left A Coy for BULWA to assume comd Tk A Pl.

1905 Air raid alert - U/I A/C flew NORTH over BULOLO.

1920 All clear.

1940 Air raid alert - U/I A/C flew NORTH over BULOLO.

1950 All clear.

During day re-organization of HQ Coy continued.

WAR DIARY

2/6 AUST INF BN

BULOLO

MAY 43

- 14 May 43 0750 JAP A/C (Type 97 "NATE") flew low over BULOLO area, circled area, AA-guns opened fire and A/C flew in direction WAU. W
- Later enemy A/C returned flying at great height and was last seen diving in vicinity SUNSHINE. W
- 1030 5 Offrs 107 ORs D Coy arrived GUADAGASAL area. W
- Offrs from 7 AUST MG BN visited Bn HQ ref plan for close def BULOLO airfield. W
- 1200 24 AUST INF BN ceased to be under comd 2/6 AUST INF BN and came under direct comd HQ 3 AUST DIV. W
- 1945 Fighting patrol under Capt STEWART left to investigate repeated firing SE Bn HQ area. W
- 2030 Patrol returned - Firing ascertained to have been by US engr, who was placed under arrest. W
- 2100 Lieut H J COUGHLAN and Lieut E N GIBBONS arrived Bn HQ from C Coy. W
- Lieut COUGHLAN to assume comd Pnr Pl. W
- Lieut GIBBONS to be instr Bn cadre course. W
- Instn issued ref Bn cadre course for NCOs and rifle secs. (Vide Appx " ") W
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- 15 May 43 0930 Lt col R J BARHAM (G1 9 AUST DIV) and Maj R V RUSHTON (LHQ SCHOOL of ARMY. (AA)) visited Bn HQ. W
- 20 JAP med bombers, escorted by 11 ZEROS, attacked WAU. - high level bombing inaccurate; casualties and appreciable damage NIL. W
- Formation passed directly over Bn HQ area on return flight. W
- Lt AA BULOLO airfield opened fire; NO bombs dropped. W
- 1230 10 MITCHELL bombers, escorted by LIGHTNINGS, flew NE over BULOLO valley. W
- 1530 U/I A/C (unofficially reported to be ZERO) flew very high NE over BULOLO valley. W
- 1930 Lieut E C TRETHERWIE and three sgts who had been acting as instrs to pers 24 AUST INF BN at NIDDON CAMP rejoined unit. W
- Lieut TRETHERWIE to be instr at cadre course. W
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- 16 May 43 0650 Padre FIRTH celebrated Holy Communion. W
- 0800 10 LIGHTNINGS flew NE over BULOLO valley. W

WAR DIARY

2/5 ACST INF BN

BULOLO

MAY 43

19 May 43

H McL MARSDEN.

1400 C Coy conducted elimination trials for combined sports meeting 25 May 43.

Throughout day cadre course conducted range practices - 30 yds and fd firing range.

Fine weather has continued for 10 days and very little rain has fallen during this period.

1900 Infm received that Pte R J FRAZER D Coy had been accidentally killed.

20 May 43

0600 Cadre course moved out to WATUT VALLEY area on 3 day tactical exercise.

0930 CO and Capt STEWART visited C Coy area at BULWA.

Applications from pers desirous of obtaining interview with Offrs Pre-Selection Board received at Bn HQ.

Despite excellent weather, NO tpt planes landed BULOLO.

2310 Practice alarm for HQ Coy and Bn HQ pers.

Infm received that Ptes DEHNE and FRASER J D (D Coy) accidentally wounded 19 May 43.

21 May 43

0850 U/I A/C flew SW over BULOLO - very high and obscured by clouds.

(Later ascertained that 16 enemy fighters had patrolled over WAU.)

1100 Sounds of air combat heard.

(Later ascertained two JAP A/C had been shot down over MISSIM area.)

1130 Maj HOLMES (Arty Comd) visited Bn HQ; after lunch sited arty tp posns in BULOLO area.

1900 Capt CAMERON notified Bn HQ that 4 men, presumed to be US tps, had been observed attempting to swim BULOLO RIVER at BULWA and were last seen being swept downstream.

Patrol sent to investigate - NIL report.

22 May 43

0740 U/I A/C over BULOLO area - Air Raid Red.

0845 HQ Coy guard at Fd Punishment Centre BULOLO relieved by guard from C Coy.

0900 7 ALLIED bombers, escorted by LIGHTNINGs flew

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2/6 AUST INF BN

BULOLO

MAY 43

22 May 43 0930 CO and Adjt visited C Coy at BULWA. S

 1100 Tpt A/C arrived BULOLO. S

 During preceding 3 days NO tpt planes had landed in area and adverse flying weather had delayed arrival of flight scheduled for 0700 hrs. S

 1800 Conclusion of cadre course No 1. S

 2000 Instns issued for strict control of MF to conserve stocks of POL, NO further sups of which will be brought to area for some time. S

 During day amm to complete WE II/12C/2 was received by Bn. S

 2000 Cpl R G MOTTROM returned from LAE OP. S

 2200 Bn instructed to provide working party of 50 men to clear landslide WAU-BULOLO rd. S

23 May 43 0700 Padre FIRTH celebrated Holy Communion. S

 0800 Parade service held HQ area. S

 1100 Maj-Gen SAVIGE (GOC 3 AUST DIV) visited Bn HQ. S

 Capt A G S EDGAR transferred from 2 i/c A Coy to 2 i/c B Coy. S

24 May 43 1030 Warning order received from HQ 3 AUST DIV for 2/6 AUST INF BN to relieve 2/7 AUST INF BN in MUBO area. S

 1100 A Coy warned to be prepared to march to WAU on 25 May 43. S

 HQ Coy instructed to provide immediate reliefs for standing patrols. S

 Cadre course No 2 cancelled. S

 1115 CO returned from HQ 3 AUST DIV. S

 C Coy to move on 24 May 43. S

 Orders passed to Capt CAMERON for C Coy to march to BULOLO. S

 Tk A Pl to remain at BULWA until 26 May, when course of trg concluded. S

 1200 CO held conference with Adjt, QM and Capt STEWART ref move of Bn. S

 1400 C Coy marched out from BULWA. S

 1540 2/6 AUST INF BN Adm Instn No 5 ref move of C S

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 fallen in size and adverse flying weather had
 delayed arrival of flight scheduled for 0700
 hrs.

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2/5 AUST INF BN

BULOLO

MAY 43

24 May 43

Coy and CO's recce party from BULOLO-WAU issued.

During afternoon numerous signals amplifying details for mvt of unit were received from HQ 3 AUST DIV

- 1700 Infm received that 2/7 AUST INDEP COY would ultimately move to BULWA and fwd coys 2/7 AUST INF BN to BULOLO.
- 1900 Padre FIRTH celebrated Holy Communion.
- 2005 Main body C Coy arrived Bn HQ area.
- 2245 Recommendation received from HQ 3 AUST DIV that mvt of Bn from BULOLO be undertaken by specified gps.
- 2315 Orders issued for Tk A Pl to proceed WAU on following day; to move from BULWA by MF and march with C Coy.
Two secs MMG Pl to also move on 25 May.

25 May 43

- 0500 Reveille for pers marching out to WAU.
- 0645 Muster parade pers marching out.
- 0700 4 Offrs 81 ORs C Coy and att pers (Capt W J CAMERON OC), Lieut JONES with one sec MMG Pl and Lieuts ASHTON and LANG with 11 ORs (Int Sec, sigs, etc), comprising Gp I moved out from Bn HQ.
- 0745 Lieut SMITH and 22 ORs Tk A Pl arrived Bn HQ by MF from BULWA.
- 0800 CO, Adjt and sig Offr left by MF for WAU; CO and Adjt to proceed to BALLAMS.
Capt STEWART i/c pers remaining BULOLO area.
- 0815 Tk A Pl left by MF to join Gp I and march to WAU.
- 0900 Instns issued offrns would NOT take pistols fwd, but would use rifles.
- 1500 Orders received that Gp II (A Coy) would NOT move from BULOLO before 31 May.
Infm ref mvt subsequent gps received during afternoon.
- 1900 Arrival Gp I at WAU reported.

26 May 43

- 0800 4 Offrs 30 ORs C Coy marched out WAU for BALLAMS.
- 1115 Air Raid Red.
- 1200 All Clear - NO A/C heard over BULOLO.

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2/6 AUST INF BN

BULOLO

MAY 43

- 28 May 43 0800 C Coy left KAISENIK for SUMMIT CAMP. *S*
- 0830 Pers Bn HQ and HQ Coy NOT on duty on route march in full marching order until 1230 hrs. *S*
- 1830 C Coy arrived SUMMIT area. *S*
- During day tpt A/C arrived WAU-BULOLO bringing 2/34 SUP DEPOT PL, portion Bn HQ, HQ Coy and C COY 58/59 AUST INF BN. *S*
- Notification received from HQ 3 AUST DIV of promotion of Capt W R DEXTER (OC D Coy) to rank of A/Maj. *S*
- 29 May 43 0755 Message sent to all coys that spair boots would NOT be carried, but would be sent fwd later. *S*
- 0800 4 Offrs 103 ORs C Coy left SUMMIT for HOUSE BANANA. *S*
- 1659 Message from GUADAGASAL that Pnrs make 4 Vickers AA mountings and that these and 200 sandbags be sent fwd as soon as possible. *S*
- 1830 C Coy arrived HOUSE BANANA. *S*
- 30 May 43 0830 Reveille for Gp III. *S*
- Strength - 3 Offrs 84 ORs A Coy, 12 ORs C Coy, 22 ORs HQ Coy, 9 ORs Bn HQ, 3 ORs (recce gp) B Coy. *S*
- 0430 Breakfast *S*
- 0445 Gp III less two pls A Coy moved by MT to WAU. *S*
- MT returned later and picked up marching pers *S*
- 0815 Padre FIRTH held church parade. *S*
- 0930 First pers Gp III tpted to BALLAMS, remainder arrived by MT at intervals during day and Gp staged night. *S*
- 0800 C Coy left HOUSE BANANA. *S*
- 1130 C Coy reached SADDLE area. *S*
- 1145 Infm received that Pte A O GIBBONS (D Coy) wounded 28 May. *S*
- Instns issued for mvt of Gp IV on night 30/31 May. *S*
- Gp IV consisted of - HQ Coy Sigs 10, MMG 15, Mortars 10, Tk A pers; Bn HQ 4 stretcher bearers, 1 Int Sec, FMO, 1 RAP orderly, Padre. *S*
- 1415 All maps and Int Sec files handed over to IO and GII 3 AUST DIV. *S*

FD RETURN OF OFFRS2/6 AUST INF BN (incl REAR DETAILS, PORT MORESBY)PART A - STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR RELIEFS REQUIRED

<u>WE: II/12/3</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Posted Strength</u>
1	Lt col	1
3	Maj	2
10	Capt	9
20	Lieut	28
34	<u>Total</u>	40

PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFRS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEKOFFRS JOINED DURING WEEK

Lieut	PALMER	G M	Rejoined unit from 1 AUST CORPS RECEPTION CAMP 28 Apr 43
Lieut	FELS	M	First appointment to commiss- ioned rank

OFFRS QUITTED DURING WEEK

NIL

PART C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFRS WHOSE RETURN TO UNIT IS PARTICULARLY
REQUESTED

NIL

PART D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFRS ON STRENGTH

<u>Substantive Rank</u>	<u>Acting or Temporary Rank</u>	<u>Name and Initials</u>	<u>Whether With Unit</u>	<u>How Employed</u>
Lt col		WOOD	F G	Yes CO
Maj		SMITH	G F	Yes 2 1/c Bn
Capt	T/Maj	JONES	J S	No (a)
Capt		CARROLL	K A	Yes OC A Coy
Capt		DEXTER	W R	Yes OC D Coy
Capt		STEWART	H McE	Yes OC HQ Coy
Capt		GULLETT	H B S	Yes OC C Coy
Capt		HAY	D O	No (b)
Capt		LAVER	H L	No (a)
Capt		EDGAR	A G S	No (c)
Lieut	A/Capt	WATERSTON	J W	Yes A/OC B Coy
Lieut	T/Capt	WALKER	J C	Yes OH
Lieut		SHERGOLD	W L	No (d)
Lieut		CAMERON	W J	Yes 2 1/c C Coy
Lieut		MARSDEN	H McL	Yes A/Adjt
Lieut		BURKE	D B	No (e)
Lieut		PRICE	E W	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		URQUHART	R D	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		BRENNAN	J D	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		McNAMARA	C L	No (e)
Lieut		ASHTON	T W	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		PALMER	G M	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		WARD	R D S	Yes Sig Offr
Lieut		MOSS	N W	Yes OC Mortar Pl
Lieut		KEMP	D G	No (f)
Lieut		MALONEY	V N	No (g)
Lieut		GRANT	L G	No (g)
Lieut		CAMERON	L G G	No (h)
Lieut		JONES	H T	Yes OC Carr Pl
Lieut		ROACH	L S	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		EXTON	E G	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		MacLEAN	R	No (h)
Lieut		BARRON	J P	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		LANG	A B	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		SMITH	R J H	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		TRENEWIE	E C	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		GIBBONS	E N	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		JOHNSON	L C	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		COUGHLAN	H J	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		FELS	H	Yes Pl Comd

- (a) Attending LHQ TACTICAL SCHOOL
- (b) 115 OH HEINELBERG Vic
- (c) Det as LO HQ 17 AUST INF BDE
- (d) ADS BULOLO
- (e) Det as OC Pack Tpt WAU
- (f) Attending SA School (BONEGILIA) No 2 MMG Course
- (g) Attending LHQ SCHOOL OF MI
- (h) Attending OCTU (WOODSIDE) No 3 Course

(11) OFFRS ATT FROM OTHER CORPS

Capt	QUINN	W M J	AAMC	RNO	Att according to WE
Chapl	FIRTH	T	AACHD	Padre	NOT att according to WE

2/6 AUST INF BN
1 May 43

F. G. Wood Lt col
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
2/6 AUST DIV

FD RETURN OF OFFRS2/6 AUST INF BN (incl REAR DETAILS, PORT MORESBY)PART A - STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFTS REQUIRED

<u>WE: II/12/3</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Posted Strength</u>
1	Lt col	1
3	Maj	2
10	Capt	9
20	Lieut	28
34	<u>Total</u>	40

PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFRS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEKOFFRS JOINED DURING WEEK

NIL

OFFRS QUITTED DURING WEEK

NIL

PART C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFRS WHOSE RETURN TO UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

NIL

PART D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFRS ON STRENGTH

<u>Substantive</u>	<u>Acting or Temporary Rank</u>	<u>Name and Initials</u>	<u>Whether With Unit</u>	<u>How Employed</u>
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Lt col.		WOOD	F G	Yes	CO
Maj		SMITH	G F	No	(a)
Capt	T/Maj	JONES	J S	No	(b)
Capt		CARROLL	K A	Yes	OC A Coy
Capt		DEXTER	W R	Yes	OC D Coy
Capt		STEWART	H McB	Yes	OC HQ Coy
Capt		GULLETT	H B S	Yes	OC C Coy
Capt		HAY	B O	No	(c)
Capt		LAVAR	H L	No	(a)
Capt		EDGAR	A G S	No	(d)
Lieut	A/Capt	WATERSTON	J W	Yes	A/OC B Coy
Lieut	T/Capt	WALKER	J C	Yes	QM
Lieut		SHERGOLD	W L	No	(e)
Lieut		CAMERON	W J	Yes	2 i/c C Coy
Lieut		MARSDEN	H McL	Yes	A/Adjt
Lieut		BURKE	D B	No	(d)
Lieut		PRICE	E W	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		URQUHART	R D	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		BRENNAN	J D	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		McNAMARA	C L	No	(f)
Lieut		ASHTON	T W	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		PALMER	G M	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		WARD	R D S	Yes	Sig Offr
Lieut		MOSS	N W	Yes	OC Mortar Pl
Lieut		KEMP	D G	No	(g)
Lieut		MALONEY	V N	No	(h)
Lieut		GRANT	L G	No	(h)
Lieut		CAMERON	L G G	No	(i)
Lieut		JONES	H T	Yes	OC Carr Pl
Lieut		ROACH	L S	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		EKTON	E G	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		MacLEAN	R	No	(i)
Lieut		BARRON	J P	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		LANG	A B	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		SMITH	R J H	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		TRETHEWIE	E C	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		GIBBONS	E N	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		JOHNSON	L C	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		COUGHLAN	H J	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		FELS	M	Yes	Pl Comd

- (a) Det 24 AUST INF BN
- (b) Attending LHQ TACTICAL SCHOOL
- (c) 115 GH HEIDELBERG Vic
- (d) Det as LO HQ 17 AUST INF BDE
- (e) Hospital PORT MORESBY
- (f) Det as OC Pack Tpt WAU
- (g) Attending SA SCHOOL (BONEGILLA) No 2 MMG Course
- (h) Attending LHQ SCHOOL of MI
- (i) Attending OCTU (WOODSIDE) No 3 Course

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Capt	QUINN	W M J	AAMC	RMO	Att according to WE
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2/6 AUST INF BN

F. S. Wood Lt col
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

U/C 3 AUST DIV

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2/6 AUST INF BN (incl REAR DETAILS, PORT MORESBY)

PART A - STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR DEFICITS REQUIRED

<u>NO</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Posted Strength</u>
1	Lt col	1
3	Maj	2
9	Capt	9
19	Lieut	28
32	<u>Total</u>	40

PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK

OFFERS JOINED DURING WEEK

NIL

OFFERS QUITTED DURING WEEK

NIL

PART C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFERS WHOSE RETURN TO UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

NIL

PART D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFRS ON STRENGTH

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Capt		DEXTER	W R	Yes OC B Coy
Capt		STEWART	H McB	Yes OC HQ Coy
Capt		GULLETT	H B S	Yes A/Adj't
Capt		HAY	D O	No (c)
Capt		LAVER	H L	No (b)
Capt		EDGAR	A G S	Yes 2 i/c A Coy
Lieut	A/Capt	WATERSTON	J W	Yes A/OC B Coy
Lieut	T/Capt	WALKER	J C	Yes QM
Lieut		SHERGOLD	W L	No (a)
Lieut		CAMERON	W J	Yes A/OC C Coy
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Lieut		JONES	H T	Yes OC MMG Pl
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(ii) OFFRS ATT FROM OTHER CORPS

Capt	QUINN	W M J	AAMC	RMO	Att according to WE
Chapl	FIRTH	T	AACHD	Padre	NOT att according to WE

2/6 AUST INF BN
16 MAY 43

F. G. Wood Lt col
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
U/C 3 AUST DIV

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FD RETURN OF OFFRS

2/6 AUST INF BN (incl REAR DETAILS, PORT MORESBY)

PART A - STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFTS REQUIRED

<u>WE: II/12C/2</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Posted Strength</u>
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9	Capt	11
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OFFRS JOINED DURING WEEK

NIL

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NIL

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Capt		STEWART	H McB	Yes OC HQ Coy
Capt		GULLETT	H B S	Yes A/Adjt
Capt		HAY	D O	No (c)
Capt		LAVER	H L	No (b)
Capt		EDGAR	A G S	Yes 2 i/c A Coy
Lieut	A/Capt	WATERSTON	J W	Yes A/OC B Coy
Lieut	T/Capt	WALKER	J C	Yes QM
Lieut	A/Capt	CAMERON	W J	Yes A/OC C Coy
Lieut	A/Capt	MARSDEN	H McL	Yes 2 i/c D Coy
Lieut		SHERGOLD	W L	No (d)
Lieut		BURKE	D B	No (e)
Lieut		PRICE	E W	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		URQUHART	R D	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		BRENNAN	J D	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		McNAMARA	C L	No (f)
Lieut		ASHTON	T W	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		PALMER	G M	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		WARD	R D S	Yes Sig Offr
Lieut		MOSS	N W	Yes OC Mortar Pl
Lieut		KEMP	D G	No (g)
Lieut		MALONEY	V N	No (h)
Lieut		GRANT	L G	No (h)
Lieut		CAMERON	L G G	No (i)
Lieut		JONES	H T	Yes OC MMG Pl
Lieut		ROACH	L S	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		EXTON	E G	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		MacLEAN	R	No (i)
Lieut		BARRON	J P	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		LANG	A B	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		SMITH	R J H	Yes OC Tk A Pl
Lieut		TRETHERWIE	E C	No (j)
Lieut		GIBBONS	E N	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		JOHNSON	L C	Yes Pl Comd
Lieut		COUGHLAN	H J	Yes OC Pnr Pl
Lieut		FELS	M	Yes Pl Comd

- (a) Det as Adm Comd 24 AUST INF BN
- (b) Attending LHQ TACTICAL SCHOOL
- (c) 115 GH HEIDELBERG Vic
- (d) Hosp PORT MORESBY
- (e) Det as LO HQ 17 AUST INF BDE
- (f) Det as OC Pack Tpt WAU
- (g) Attending SA SCHOOL (BONEGILLA) No 2 MMG Course
- (h) Attending LHQ SCHOOL of MI
- (i) Attending OCTU (WOODSIDE) No 3 Course
- (j) MDS WAU

(ii) OFFERS ATT FROM OTHER CORPS

Capt	QUINN	W M J	AAMC	RMO	Att according to WE
Chap1	FIRTH	T	AACHD	Padre	NOT att according to WE

2/6 AUST INF BN
22 MAY 43

J. S. Wood Lt col
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
U/C 3 AUST DIV

2/6 AUST INF BN

Unit.

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering	1	(a)	Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	1	(a)
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.	4	(a)	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics	12	(a)	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			General Duties		30
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								30

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/6 AUST INF BN

Unit.

Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf BN

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 22 MAY 43

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Appx "B"

WAR DIARY

2/6 AUST INF BN

BULOLO AREA

MAY 43

DATE

RMO'S REPORT

The number of cases of malaria during May was the lowest for for 7 months and most of the cases which did occur came from C Coy area at BULWA.

Here it was further narrowed down to 13 Pl area, where mosquitoes were found breeding in an overgrown pool.

There were twenty cases of malaria evacuated to hosp.

Three offrs were evacuated to hosp suffering from furunculosis, peptic ulcer and suspected dysentery respectively; two of these were subsequently further evacuated to PORT MORESBY.

One case of mumps, with secondary orchitis, occurred in an OR returning from MUMENG patrol.

Other complaints incl several tropical ulcers, tropical ears, furuncles and minor skin complaints.

Towards the end of the month the Bn commenced to move to MUBO area, marching with full packs most of the way.

Owing to the strenuous nature of the march, less fit pers were left behind.

They can come up by easy stages if required.

Hyg was again of a high standard within the camp.

A new addition was a first class incinerator.

Capt

RMO 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Subject: 2/6 AUST INF BN STANDING PATROLS

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN GP
Ref No OP/4/2
6 May 43

DUTIES

1. Primary role of patrols is to act as an OP during hrs of daylight and a listening post by night.
2. Reports will be submitted to Coy HQ, or through existing comm channels, immediately anything of a suspicious nature is observed.

Particular attention will be paid to the reporting as soon as possible of U/I A/C, stating, where practicable, distance from area, direction of flight, approx height, type of plane (no of engines, whether fighter, bomber, etc).

3. One sentry will be on duty at all times.

He will be correctly dressed and will NOT sit down or converse during his tour of duty.

4. NO sentry will be on duty for a longer period than 1 hr during hrs of daylight.
5. A recce patrol will move out daily to comb nearby jungle and/or dead ground.
6. Patrols NOT connected by L/T will comm with Coy HQ on a time table to be laid down by Sig Offr.

ROUTINE

1. Standingpatrols located in this area will be visited daily by an offr or senior NCO from the coy mounting the patrol

Patrols will also be visited twice weekly by night.

Telephones will be tested by visiting offr or NCO.

2. One member of each patrol will be relieved daily, or every second day.
3. An offr will accompany each NCO taking over duties as OC Patrol.

He will explain the duties and ensure that they are understood.

4. NCOs i/c patrols will keep a diary showing:

- (a) Duties
- (b) Reliefs
- (c) Reports
- (d) Any suggestions made
- (e) Daily Routine

5. Range card for each patrol will be prepared by Int Sec, in conjunction with rangetaker, together with compass card to be placed in posn by Int Sec and uses explained by means of written instns.

6. The area will be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

Proper latrines will be constructed under advise from rep of Hyg Sec with each coy.

Tins, rubbish, scraps, etc will be buried after each meal.

A pick and shovel will be left at each post for this purpose.

7. Members will shave daily and will wear boots, slacks and gaiters at all times.

(Sgd) H Mc L MARSDEN Lieut

Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn Gp

Distribution

A Coy
B Coy
HQ Coy

IO
Sig Offr
File

APPX " E " TO 2/6 AUST INF BN WAR DIARY - MAY 43

Subject: SYSTEM OF AIR RAID WARNINGS

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN
Ref No OP/2/3
7 May 43

All Coy Comds, IO, QM

The following instns, as laid down by HQ 3 AUST DIV, will be observed by all sub-units 2/6 AUST INF BN.

2. These instns will be carried out in conjunction with those recently issued as "Appx to 2/6 AUST INF BN Standing Orders - "Protection from Air" and will be cancelled on departure of unit from the area.

(a) REPORTING APPROACH OF HOSTILE OR U/I A/C

- (i) Sub-unit at BULWA will report any hostile or U/I A/C flying over area.
- (ii) Reports will cover following pts, where possible:
 - (a) Time of observation
 - (b) Direction of flight
 - (c) Height (High, med height, low)
 - (d) No of A/C
 - (e) Type when known (bomber, fighter, etc)
- (iii) Reports will be made direct to 11 FIGHTER CONTROL SUB SECTOR US ARMY and will be given AIRFLASH priority.
- (iv) Reports will be telephoned when possible.
- (v) Air sentries will be on duty at all times.
- (vi) Instns for standing patrols have been issued separately and HQ receiving report will transmit immediately to 11 FIGHTER CONTROL SUB SECTOR, as directed above.

(b) RESPONSIBILITY FOR INITIATING AIR RAID WARNINGS

- (i) 11 FIGHTER CONTROL SUB SECTOR will initiate all warnings, except those resulting from the sound of A/C during darkness.
- (ii) Sub-units hearing U/I A/C by night will sound their local alarms and immediately notify 11 FIGHTER CONTROL SUB SECTOR.

(c) CHAIN OF COMN FOR WARNINGS

- (i) 11 FIGHTER CONTROL SUB SECTOR will pass warning immediately on receipt to SIGS 3 AUST DIV.
- (ii) SIGS 3 AUST DIV will immediately clear the switchboard plug in the lines to all HQ in the area and give a series of SHORT RINGS, which require NO answer.
- (iii) Unit alarms will be sounded forthwith.
- (iv) Sig Offr is responsible for the passing of warning to Bn HQ and all sub-units, other than those with which comm is through switchboard HQ 3 AUST DIV.
- (v) He will check that these sub-units have received warning from SIGS 3 AUST DIV.
- (vi) Sig Offr will ensure that all warnings received from sub-units with direct comm to this HQ are passed immediately to 11 FIGHTER CONTROL SUB SECTOR, through SIGS 3 AUST DIV, using AIRFLASH priority.

(d) AIR RAID WARNINGS TO BE SOUNDED

- (i) Sub-units will make their own arrangements for sounding air raid warnings in their respective areas.
- (ii) This will result in a number of devices being employed and the following procedure will be adopted for these:

<u>Device</u>	<u>Air Raid Alarm</u>	<u>All Clear</u>
Siren	A rising and falling wail	Continuous wail
Gongs	Rapid beating	Slow beating
Horns	Short toots	Long toots
Bells	Series of short rings	Series of long rings
Whistles	Series of short blasts	Series of long blasts

The whistle arty, or whistle inf, on issue to NCOs will NOT be used for air raid warnings as this is the general alarm for ground attack.

The discharge of weapons will NOT be used as an alarm signal.

- (iii) The following will also be regarded as air raid warnings:
- (a) The sound of Bofors gunfire, unless a definite notice has been issued that firing will take place at the time.
- (b) The sound of A/C at night.

In either case unit alarms will be sounded.

- (iv) Sub-units will note that the alarm and all clear signals on the siren are different from those previously laid down.
- (v) Sub-units will advise this HQ by 1800 hrs 8 May 43 the system of alarm being employed.
- (vi) Sub-unit alarms will NOT be tested without notice being given to this HQ at least 24 hrs before test is to be conducted.

(e) READINESS FOR ACTION

- (i) Paratps are known to be in NEW GUINEA and this form of attack may develop with great rapidity.
- (ii) All sub-units will provide inlying piquet of one sec, which will be on duty for 24 hrs, fully eqpd and ready to act as mob patrol at immediate notice.

(f) GENERAL

- (i) Sub-unit comds will ensure that all pers are fully conversant with system of air raid warnings and action to be taken in accordance with "Appx to 2/6 AUST INF BN Standing Orders - "Protection from Air".

(Sgd) H McL MARSDEN Lieut
Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Subject: SYSTEM OF AIR RAID WARNINGS

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN
Ref No OP/2/6
18 May 43

A, B, C Coy Comds

Attention is directed to this HQ memo OP/2/3 ("System of Air Raid Warnings") dated 7 May 43.

2. During recent enemy air activity in 3 AUST DIV area it has become increasingly apparent that instns as to reporting of approach of hostile A/C are NOT being fully complied with.

3. It will be impressed on all ranks that, when reporting A/C mvt, infm as required vide para 2, sub para (a) (ii) of this HQ memo OP/2/3 must be provided.

4. Such infm is as follows:

- (a) Time of observation
- (b) Direction of flight
- (c) Height (High, med height, low)
- (d) No of A/C
- (e) Type when known (bomber, fighter, etc)

5. If reports are NOT complete it is most difficult for 11 FIGHTER CONTROL SUB SECTOR to make the decision to originate an air raid warning.

6. Incomplete infm must be checked by 11 FIGHTER CONTROL SUB SECTOR and this caused delay and, consequently, results in air raid warnings NOT being given until A/C are almost overhead.

7. All AIRFLASH messages, incl intercepts, will be passed to 11 FIGHTER CONTROL SUB SECTOR direct, vide para 2, sub para (a) (iii) of instn OP/2/3, NOT through this HQ.

8. This HQ will, however, be notified immediately after infm has been passed to 11 FIGHTER CONTROL SUB SECTOR.

9. ACK.

(Sgd) H B GULLETT Capt
A/Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Copies (for infm) to:

HQ Coy Comd
IO

Subject: STANDING ORDERS - AIR DEF

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN
Ref No OP/2/4
7 May 43

All Coy Comds IO QM

1. Sub-units are reminded of their responsibilities at the conclusion of any hostile attack from the air:
 - (a) At conclusion of attack, patrols will be sent out to search sub-unit area of responsibility (or as ordered) for:
 - (i) Paratps
 - (ii) Bomb craters
 - (iii) Unexploded bombs
 - (b) Reports on the above will be submitted to this HQ stating:
 - (i) If any paratps located
 - (ii) No of bombs dropped in area (giving map refs)
 - (iii) No of unexploded bombs (giving map refs as accurately as possible)
 - (c) Unexploded bombs will be piqueted on discovery and all tps in area warned of whereabouts.

(Sgd) H McL MARSDEN Lieut
Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Appx F

MOST SECRET

Copy No: 3

C COY 2/6 AUST INF BN OP INSTN NO 1

CLOSE DEF - BULWA AIRFIELD

Ref Map:

BULOIO First Edition 1 : 63,360

INFM

1. Enemy

As per Int Summaries, sitreps and patrol reports.

2. Own Tro

One coy plus one det M 3-in u/c.

INTENTION

3. Coy will deny the BULWA airfield and surrounding features to the enemy.

METHOD

4. Coy, less one pl, will be mob and prepared to meet attack from any direction.

One pl will occupy def posn.

5. Disposns

As per Appx "A".

6. Fire Plan

Det M 3-in will cover likely approaches, dead ground and airfield.

ADM

7. Three days op rations,
Three days water,
Scale "B" amm

} To be maintained in area.

MEDICAL

8. Coy Aid Post - Present location.

INTERCOMM

9. Coy HQ - Present location.

ACK

Time of Signature

W B Pullitt Capt

OC C Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

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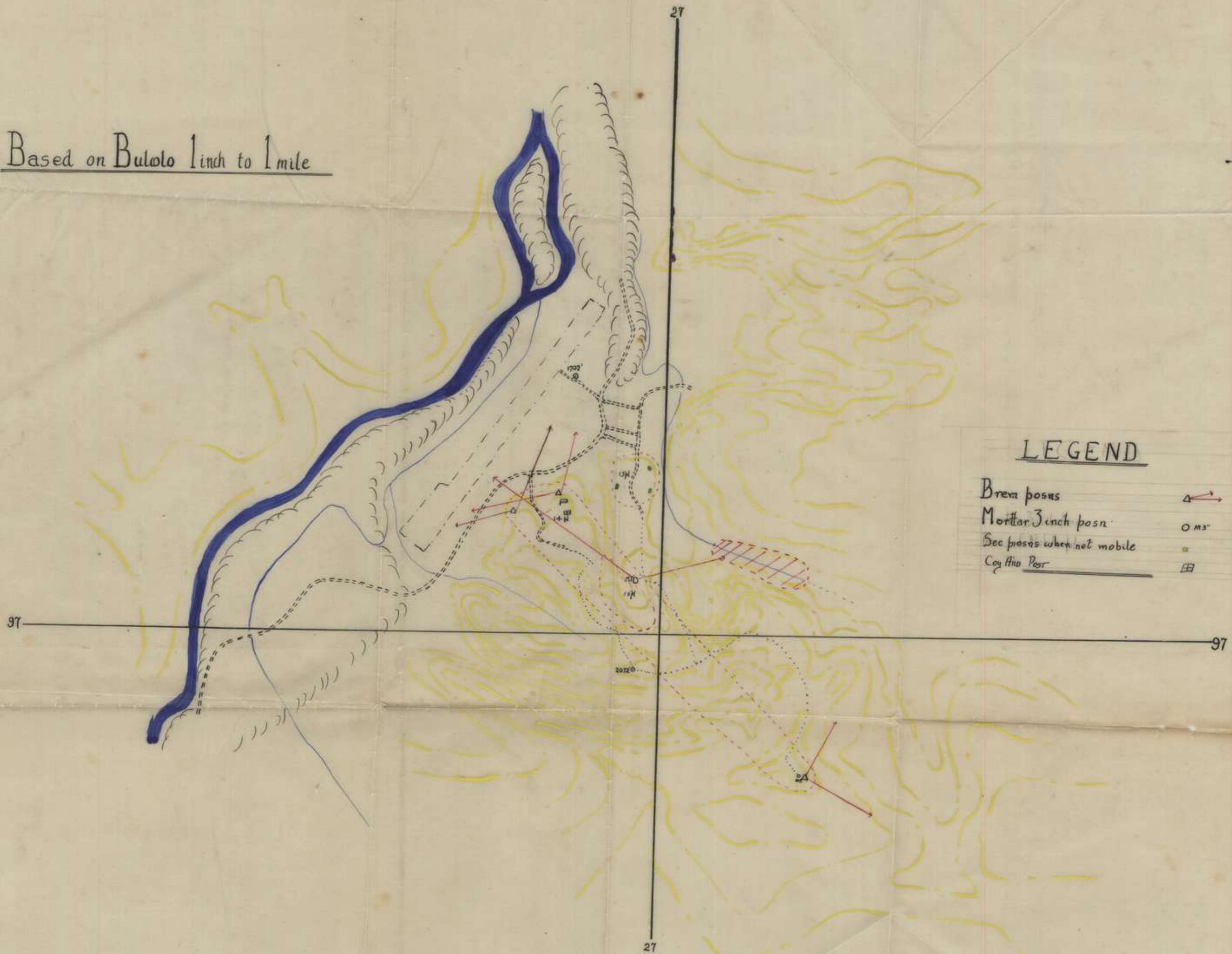
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CLOSE-DEFENCE-BULWA-AIRFIELD

Based on Buloto 1 inch to 1 mile



Method: Compass Traverse

SCALE 1 inch to 220 yards



Int Sec
2/6 Bn
8 May 43

Appx G

Appx " "

THIS INSTN MUST NOT BE TAKEN FWD OF PARTEP II

MOST SECRET

Subject: INSTNS FOR MARKHAM AREA

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN GP
Ref No OP/2/
12 May 43

24 AUST INF BN

The limit of normal patrolling will be SOUTH of the MARKHAM RIVER and WEST of MARKHAM PT.

2. These patrols are primarily responsible for fwding infm as quickly as possible.
3. They will resist possible enemy patrols into this area, mainly by ambushing and the use of booby traps.
4. Patrols will be reinforced, if necessary, by their secs or any part of the fwd coy available.
5. Reinfts will NOT be sent fwd from PARTEP II without ref to this HQ.
6. Should it become necessary for the fwd coy to withdraw, they will fight a delaying action, using ambushes and booby traps, and destroying tracks to PARTEP II.
7. PARTEP II is vital ground and MUST be held, unless orders to withdraw are received from this HQ or HQ 3 AUST DIV.
8. Providing reports are quickly received by this HQ, there should NOT be any difficulty in sending reinfts before it becomes necessary for the fwd coy to withdraw.
9. Patrols will NOT cross the MARKHAM RIVER without ref to this HQ.
10. ACK.

(Sgd) F G WOOD Lt col

Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn Gp

SECRET

Subject: TRG

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN GP
Ref No TRG/5/1
12 May 43

A, B, C, HQ Coys, Bn HQ

Talk that the unit is to be shortly relieved for return to AUSTRALIA is apparently being encouraged by offrs and NCOs.

2. This is having a detrimental effect on trg and will cease forthwith.
3. While it is NOT possible nor desirable to discuss future moves, our early return to AUSTRALIA is most unlikely and there are definite indications that we may again be used for more active duties in this area.
4. The daily furnishing of work parties does NOT permit of trg on a large scale; it does NOT however prevent trg.
5. More thought must be given to the preparation and supervision of this and any opportunity for "wedging in" a few mins smartening up or hardening exercises will be taken.
6. Despite previous instns, orderly room pers, cooks, storemen, etc are NOT being sent on marches of a hardening up nature and coy comds will give this matter their personal attention.
7. An excellent opportunity for good trg is being neglected by lack of supervision of standing patrols.
8. Each patrol should be given a daily task for their recce parties - don't leave it to the NCO - and recce patrol reports will be fwded to Bn HQ.
9. These reports must be made on the Bn Standing Orders pro forma and, if necessary, Bn Int Sec will be made available to assist in the preparation of model reports.
10. "Spare" pers may be sent on recce patrols extending over several days, but permission for this will be obtained from Bn HQ.
11. In order to practice coy security guards in their duties and to further their trg, the att instn will supersede Bn Standing Orders for this area.
12. Bn HQ will order practice alarms at least one night a week; tps will move in marching order unless otherwise ordered.
13. It is to be made a pt of honour that lights are NOT used to assist in dressing.
14. While all ranks are on one hrs notice, there is NO reason why a coy cannot move complete on fifteen mins notice; coy comds will report progress each week.
15. In addition to the Guard Comd, a duty offr will sleep near the telephone. He may remove his boots but NO other articles of clothing.

(Sgd) F G WOOD Lt col
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn Gp

Subject: COY SECURITY GUARDS

SECRET

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN GP
Ref No
12 May 43

A, B, C, HQ Coys, Bn HQ

All coys or equivalents will maintain a security guard at all times.

2. Unless otherwise ordered this will consist of one sec of at least one NCO and seven ORs and increased to one offr, two NCOs and fourteen ORs from 2000 hrs to 0600 hrs.

3. A duty roster will be kept by the Guard Comd and a copy of Duties for Guards will be posted in the Guard Room and read by all members of the Guard.

4. The Guard will NOT remove any article of clothing during its tour of duty.

5. The Guard will be ready to move, in marching order, at three mins notice and will be turned out at least once by day and once by night and inspected by the coy comd or his representative.

6. In the event of members of the Guard being det for an emergency or a special task they will immediately be replaced.

7. Bn HQ will be immediately notified of any variation from these orders.

8. ACK.

(Sgd) F G WOOD Lt col

Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn Gp

2/6 AUST INF BN LOCATION STATEMENTAS AT 2359 HRS 13 MAY 43

Ref Maps: BULOLO First Edition 1 : 63,360 (a)
 WAU WEST (Revised) 1 : 63,360 (b)

<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Map Ref</u>	<u>Remarks and Projected Move</u>
1	HQ 2/6 AUST INF BN	BULOLO	305838 (a)	
2	HQ COY 2/6 AUST INF BN less one sec	BULOLO	305838 (a)	
3	ONE SEC HQ COY 2/6 AUST INF BN	BULOLO	316814 (b)	
4	A COY 2/6 AUST INF BN less two secs	BULOLO	287870 (a)	
5	ONE SEC A COY 2/6 AUST INF BN	BULOLO	289887 (a)	
6	ONE SEC A COY 2/6 AUST INF BN	BULOLO	272865 (a)	
7	B COY 2/6 AUST INF BN less two secs	BULOLO	293868 (a)	
8	ONE SEC B COY 2/6 AUST INF BN	BULOLO	303882 (a)	
9	ONE SEC B COY 2/6 AUST INF BN	BULOLO	311869 (a)	
10	C COY 2/6 AUST INF BN	BULWA	265975 (a)	
11	D COY 2/6 AUST INF BN	HOUSE BANANA	637767 (c)	U/C 2/7 AUST INF BN
12	DENTAL SEC 15 AUST FD AMB	BULOLO	305838 (a)	

(c) Ref Map WAU EAST (Revised) 1 : 63,360

14 MAY 43

F. G. Wood Lt col
 Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Subject: TRG

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN
Ref No TR/2/4
14 May 43

HQ 3 AUST DIV

Ref 3 AUST DIV Trg Instn No 1, Para 2.

Owing to working parties, guard and patrol duties, trg is mainly confined to building up and improving of a res of specialists and key men.

2. In order to maintain a high degree of security and ensure a constant readiness for an emergency, each coy maintains a 24 hr guard of one sec.

This is built up to one pl, less one sec, from 2000 hrs to 0600 hrs.

At least twice a week an "Exercise Emergency Task" is sent Bn HQ and to each coy, incl HQ Coy.

One task may entail the use of a sec on a night patrol.

Another task may require the standing to ot mvt of the coy by night.

3. Clerks, cooks, batmen, orderlies, storemen and any "spare" pers after duties have been allotted are taken on recce patrols, mainly of a hardening up nature.

4. Standing patrols in the area (five, each of one NCO and four ORs) send out daily recce patrols, both for security and trg.

5. The Sig Pl has a trained squad of sixteen to allow for a res. These pers train six days a week and are rapidly becoming efficient sigs.

6. The Mortar Pl trains one day a week. It is the most efficient specialist pl we have and is mainly used for guards and work.

7. The Tk A Pl is being trained by 24 AUST INF BN instructors and MMG Pl is still undergoing elementary trg. As only one MMG is available, the pl is broken into two secs, each having three days a week for trg and three days for guards or work.

8. A short refresher course for Pnr Pl in the use of explosives is to commence on 23 May 43.

9. An NCO cadre, duration six days, commences each Monday.

10. A trg cadre, formed from one sec from each coy, is held weekly, Mon to Sat incl.

11. Offrs NOT required for duty train in minor tactics each Sunday.

Lectures for offrs are held two nights weekly.

(Sgd) F G WOOD Lt col
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

APPX "K" TO 2/6 AUST INF BN WAR DIARY - MAY 43

Subject: TRG

A, B, C, HQ Coys, Bn HQ 2/6 AUST INF BN
24 AUST INF BN

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN
Ref No TR/3/1
14 May 43

An NCO cadre will be held weekly; vacancies are allotted as under:

A Coy	2	B Coy	2
C Coy	2	HQ Coy	3
Bn HQ	1	24 AUST INF BN	4
Total		14	

2. A cadre for rifle pl secs will be held in conjunction with above; vacancies are allotted as under:

A Coy	1 sec	B Coy	1 sec
C Coy	1 sec	HQ Coy	1 sec
24 AUST INF BN	1 sec		
Total		5 secs	

3. Students from BULOLO area will report to HQ 2/6 AUST INF BN at 0630 hrs each Monday.

Students from BULWA-SUNSHINE will report after evening meal each Sunday.

Courses will conclude at 1800 hrs each Saturday and students will be returned under their own coy arrangements.

4. Should exceptional circumstances prevent vacancies being used, Bn HQ will be notified by 1800 hrs each Friday.

5. Students will report in marching order and extra blankets, etc, will be fwded under coy arrangements.

6. It is intended that courses will be of a strenuous nature; pers NOT medically or physically fit to undertake this will NOT be sent.

(Sgd) F G WOOD Lt col

Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

SYLLABUS - NCO TRG CADRE

Day	0815 - 0845	0845 - 0930	0930 - 1030	1030 - 1215	1330 - 1630
MON	Fall In & Inspection	Object of Course Team Work & Leadership	Sec in Attack Formations	Protection on Move, at Rest & Occupation of Bivouac Area on Firm Base	Camflg, Concealment The Ambush
TUES		Explosives, Booby Traps, Electricity Lectures & Demonstration			Blitz Course
WED		30 yds Range			Fd firing
THURS		Three Day Exercise			
FRI					
SAT		Scouts, Patrols, Booby Traps, Occupation & Arming Bivouac Area, Free for All Patrolling, Attack & Def			

SYLLABUS - CADRE - INF SEC

Day	0815 - 0845	0845 - 0930	0930 - 1030	1030 - 1215	1330 - 1630	1830
MON	Fall In & Inspection	Object of Course Team Work	Minor Tactics Gps & Formations	Sec in Attack	Explosives Booby Traps Electricity	Lecture
TUES		Camflg, Concealment, The Ambush			Blitz Course	Lecture
WED		Fd Firing			30 yds Range	Lecture
THURS		Three Day Exercise				
FRI		Patrols, Occupation of Perimeter, Booby Traps, Attack, Def				
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MEDICAL STATISTICS - 2/6 AUST INF BN

(since arrival in BULOLO VALLEY in mid-Jan 43)

These figures do NOT incl D Coy, which had a high percentage of sickness, particularly malaria, while in MARKHAM area.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u> <u>(to 21)</u>
Malaria	20	50	60	23	14
Diarrhoea	4	8	4	4	2
Dysentery	-	1	1 (?)	-	2 (?)
URTI	-	2	10	5	2
Typhus	-	1	2	-	1 (?)
Skin Diseases	28	21	12	15	12
Furuncles	4	7	4	13	3
Tinea	36	30	7	5	7
Foot Diseases	5	24	1	1	3
External Otitis	3	5	3	3	1
Tropical Ulcers	-	1	-	1	2

Statistics concern following areas:

Jan	WAU
Feb	WAU-BLACK CAT
Mar	BULOLO-BULWA
Apr	BULOLO-BULWA
May	BULOLO-BULWA

Remarks

Only about six cases of malaria can definitely be stated to be primary cases; the remainder are indefinite.

URTI incl pharyngitis, follicular tonsillitis and Vincent's Angina.

Cases of typhus have come from MISSIM and WAU areas.

Skin diseases are mainly impetigo and infected sores.

21 May 43

Capt
RMO 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

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MOST SECRET

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2/6 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN NO 5

MVT OF PERS BULOLO-WAU

The following will move from Bn HQ to WAU on 25 May 43:

(a)	<u>C Coy</u>		4 Offrs	107 ORs
(b)	<u>Att to C Coy</u>			
	Int Sec		1	
	Sigs		3	
	Mortar Det		4	
	RAP Orderly		1	
	Stretcher Bearers		4	
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	<u>Total C Coy and att</u>		4 Offrs	120 ORs

(c) CO's Party

The following additional pers, who will move fwd with CO as adv party, will be att to C Coy for mvt to WAU:

	Int Sec (incl one cpl)		3	
	<u>A Coy</u>			
	Lieut T W ASHTON and	1	1	
	batman			
	Sgt SAGHS		1	
	<u>B Coy</u>			
	Lieut A B LANG and batman	1	1	
	<u>HQ Coy</u>			
	Lieut H T JONES	1	1	
	and batman			
	Sgt WALSH		1	
	Lieut RDS WARD and	1	1	
	batman			
	Sigs		3	4 Offrs 12 ORs

Total Marching Pers 8 Offrs 132 ORs

(d) CO and Adjt will move 2 2 2 Offrs 2 ORs
by MT (Batmen will march)

Total Pers Moving Out 10 Offrs 134 ORs

2. ROUTINE

Reveille	0500 hrs
Breakfast	0600 hrs
Pers specified in Para 1 (b) and (c) will parade under Lieut JONES and move to C Coy bivouac area	0640 hrs
C Coy fall in	0645 hrs
Form up in order of march	0650 hrs
Capt W J CAMERON report Adjt ready to move	0655 hrs
March Out	0700 hrs

3. DRESS & METHOD OF MARCH

Dress will be marching order as laid down in Bn Standing Orders.

Order of march will be arranged by Capt W J CAMERON, OC C Coy.

4. ARMS & AMN

The following arms will NOT go fwd, but will be returned to

RQM Store by 2100 hrs 24 May 43:

M 3-in M 2-in
1k A Rifle tripods Bren

All effrs will carry Verrey pistol and 9 cartridges signal.

The following amm will be taken:

LMGs	12 mags loaded with 20 rounds each
TSMGs	10 mags loaded with 20 rounds each
Rfn	50 rounds
Grenades 36m (7 sec)	2 per EY Rifle
Grenades 36M (4 sec)	1 per man all ranks

Further instns will be issued ref pistols.

5. MESSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARCH

Midday meal will be prepared for all ranks at CLIFFSIDE by B Coy working party stationed there.

Evening meal will be provided at STAGING CAMP WAU.

Further messing arrangements will be detailed at WAU.

6. SPARE BLANKETS

Spare blankets will be rolled in sec lots, clearly labelled, and delivered to RQM Store by 0545 hrs 25 May 43.

7. RATIONS

All ranks will carry one days rations and two days emergency rations.

8. ADM

Nominal rolls will be submitted to this HQ NOT later than 2200 hrs 24 May 43.

Surplus personal gear will be dumped at RQM Store.

Sugar bags for this purpose may be obtained from RQM Store.

9. ACK

Signed at 1540 hrs 24 May 43

H B Pallett Capt
A/Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution

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A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
HQ Coy	4
IO	5
QM	6
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HQ 3 AUST DIV (for infm)	11

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LIST OF 2/6 AUST INF BN

GP 1 (25 May 43)

OC Capt W J CAMERON

C Coy	97
Tk A Pl	28
Det H 3-in	5
Sec MG Pl	16
Int Sec pers	4
Det Sigs	6
Recce Gp	11
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GP 2 (27 May 43)

OC Capt R A CARROLL

A Coy	96
Det H 3-in	5
Det Sigs	5
Stretcher Bearers	4
3 MGs B Coy	3
1 Int Sec pers	1
Medical Sgt	1
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	115

GP 3

OC Capt A G S EDGAR

B Coy	98
Det H 3-in	5
MG Pl less one sec	16
Det Sigs	5
Stretcher Bearers	4
1 Int Sec pers	1
HMO and NAF	3
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	115

GP 4

OC Capt H McB STEWART

Bn HQ (incl TURNER)	5
HQ Coy	11
Enr Pl	20
Carr Pl	30
Adm Pl (NOT reqd Rear HQ)	?
Stretcher Bearers	2
Sigs	9
Hyg Sec	4
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	(approx) 103

REAR HQ

Capt WALKER
 16 ORs (incl S/Sgt DUCK, Cpl COLE, Pay Sgt, Pay Cpl)

Cypsc N

Subject: MOV OF TK A PL - 2/6 AUST INF BN - BULSA-WAU - 25 MAY 43

Headquarters
2/6 AUST INF BN
24 May 43

OG TK A PL 2/6 AUST INF BN

- TK A Pl will move to WAU on 25 May 43.
- 2. Spt will report at BULSA at 0700 hrs and take you as far as C Coy has marched.
- 3. Suggest you have reveille at 0430 hrs and breakfast at 0530 hrs.
- 4. Dress - Marching order as laid down in Bn Standing Orders.
- 5. All ranks will be in possession of either rifle, TSMG or Bren LMG.
- 6. Following amm will be carried:
 - 50 rounds per Rfn
 - 200 rounds per TSMG
 - 40 rounds per Bren LMG, with 10 extra empty mags per gun.
- 7. If in doubt as to details, consult C Coy storeman.
- 8. Leave everything else there with him; there is NO need for any of your tps to carry rations.
- 9. Any man who cannot march will NOT be taken.
- 10. All ranks must have at least one pair service boots and two if possible.
- 11. Bren LMGs of Ptes CREWSON and SQUIRE of C Coy will be carried by TK A Pl.
- 12. Nominal roll of pers proceeding to WAU will be submitted to this HQ when passing through BULOLO.
- 13. ACK.

W. Culbert Capt
A/Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

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rptd 2/6 BN

ADV 17 BDE

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ref our 0156 (.) to facilitate hand over suggest 2/6 BN should move to MUBO area in gps with priority as follows (.) gp 1 (.) tk a pl det sig pl (.) area with D coy base camp PIMPLE area with sec LABABIA OP sec June BUYAWIN BITOI (.) gp 2 (.) one coy det mortars sec MMGS det sig pl (.) area SADDLE (.) gp 3 (.) one coy det mortars det sig pl (.) area MATMAT with one sec VICKERS RIDGE (.) gp 4 (.) one coy det mortars MMG pl less one sec det sig pl (.) area coy HQ HOUSE KIAP one pl MMG pl less one sec HILL SEVEN one pl det mortars BUIBAINING one pl WAIPALI (.) gp 5 (.) bn HQ HQ coy pnr pl adm pl (.) gp 5 to move to suit requirements 2/6 BN (.) suggest recce party should incl reps of pls (.) one sgt per pl one offr per coy 2/7 BN will remain in area until they give all known infm of various areas to incoming coys (.) also suggest 2/6 BN should bring full anti malaria eqpt (.) please advise all infm

2030 K/24

2045

rptd 3 AUST DIV 2/6 BN 2/5 BN

ADV 17 BDE

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24

ref our 0156 (.) equivalent of one coy 2/7 BN will move from MUBO area on 26 may lunch HOUSE BANANA stage night 26/27 SKINDY lunch 27 may SUMMIT stage night 27/28 may BALLAMS (.) details of further mvt later all informed

2040 K/24

2045

2/7 BN rptd 2/6 BN

ADV 17 AUST INF BDE

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ref our 0159 rear party one sgt per pl one offr per coy will remain with 2/6 BN as long as required by them (.) 2/6 BN will advise bde when this party NO longer required and will then be moved under bde

0940 K/25

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17 AUST INF BDE rptd 2/6 BN

3 AUST DIV

AQ605

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desirable that relief be effected in four main gps (.) advise
urgently if you can stage your suggested gp one and two approx 160
all ranks as one gp (.) all ranks will carry one fd op ex BALLAMS for
consumption en route

2315

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2/6 AUST INF BN

3 AUST DIV

AQ607

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further to AQ603/24 (.) first (.) relief will be carried out by five
gps 2/7 BN and four gps 2/6 BN (.) first gp 2/6 BN will contain gps
one and two vide 17 BDE 0159/24 remaining gps will be arranged between
17 AUST INF BDE and 2/6 BN (.) owing to maintenance difficulties gps
two three and four 2/6 AUST INF BN may NOT pass BALLAMS until gps two
three and four 2/7 AUST INF BN have cleared SKINDEWAI (.) third 2/6
BN gps will arrive at BALLAMS as follows (.) gp two night 2/3 jun gp
three night 9/10 jun gp four night 15/16 jun (.) if 17 AUST INF BDE
can expedite relief without infringing para 2 2/6 BN gps can be called
fwd earlier (.) further to stores named in AQ603/24 2/7 AUST INF BN
will hand over to 2/6 AUST INF BN two fd op rations and two blankets
per man (.) exchange of blankets for 2/6 AUST INF BN will be necessary
when maintenance situation eases (.) ADOS will arrange issues of 2 blank
ets per man 2/7 AUST INF BN on arrival at WAU (.) one fd op ration
will be carried in by all relieving tps but must NOT be consumed
until night arrival at GUADAGASAL (.) OC 2/7 AUST INF BN recce party
will contact town maj immediately on arrival that area (.) dental sec
15 fd amb att 2/6 AUST INF BN will NOT move with unit (.) ack all
informed

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3 AUST DIV rptd 2/6 AUST INF BN 2/7 AUST INF BN

ADV 17 AUST INF BDE

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AQ607

can expedite relief without infringing para two of your AQ607 (.)
 gps 2/6 BN as set out our 0159 will have to arrive and depart BALLAMS
 as follows (.) gps one and two arrive BALLAMS for night 26/27 may (.)
 gp one departs 0800 K/28 gp two 1300 K/28 (.) gp three arrive night
 1/2 jun departs 0800 K/2 (.) gps four A and four B (.) arrive night
 7/8 jun (.) depart gp four A 0800 K/8 gp four B 0900 K/8 (.) gp five
 arrive night 13/14 jun. depart 0800 K/14 (.) only amendments to original
 gps is sig pl less dets is now with gp three instead of gp five (.)
 march tables are being forwarded by vourier to 2/6 2/7 BNS with copies
 to 3 AUST DIV am 27 may

1445 K/26

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2/6 BN 17 AUST INF BDE

3 DIV

03178

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relief of 2/7 BN by 2/6 BN is approved (.) relief will take place in accordance with adm instns to be issued later ack

1004

17 BDE 2/6 BN

3 AUST DIV

03186

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further to our 03182 (.) coys come under comd 17 BDE on arrival BALLAMS

1445

1450

17 AUST INF BDE 2/7 IND COY rptd 2/6 BN

HQ 3 AUST DIV

03188

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SECRET (.) 2/7 BN on arrival WAU area will come under comd 3 AUST DIV as div res but will remain under comd 17 BDE for adm (.) bn less two coys will be located south of WAU airfield incl WILDES FARM area (.) two coys will be located at BULOLO (.) detailed instns for billeting will be issued by Q (.) 2/7 IND COY will move to BULWA under instns to be issued by Q and remain as div res BULWA area and also be responsible for def BULWA airfield (.) op roles and tasks at present allotted 2/7 IND COY will be taken over by 2/7 BN

1555

1614

2/6 AUST INF BN

3 AUST DIV

AQ603

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ref 03178/24 (.) relief will commence forthwith (.) 17 BDE will arrange for one coy 2/7 BN to stage BALLAMS night 27/28 (.) units will only move arms amm and eqpt necessary for security and maintenance en route (.) following stores plus any decided upon by appropriate comds will be left in unit area (.) a tk rifles MMG and associated stores mortars 3 and 2 in (.) tripods bren W/T sets phones all types (.) batteries switchboards cable lucas lamps helios (.) destination of 2/7 BN WAU (.) 2/6 BN will march (.) details for completion of relief follow (.) NO further mvt pending receipt ack (.) all informed

1225

rptd 3 AUST DIV 2/5 BN 2/5 BN

ADV 17 BDE

0156

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warning orders (.) 2/7 bn will be relieved in MUBO area by 2/6 bn (.)
NO move of 2/7 bn before 0600 K/26 (.) 2/7 bn moving to WAU BULOLO
area as follows (.) two coys SOUTH WAU airfield two coys BULOLO (.)
2/7 bn recce party consisting of NOT more than 6 all ranks will
depart for WAU am 25 may (.) recce parties 2/6 bn departing WAU 25
may (.) 2/7 bn will come under op comd 3 AUST DIV on arrival BALLAMS
but will continue under adm comd 17 BDE ack all informed

1830 K/24

1837

rptd 3 AUST DIV 2/6 BN 2/5 BN

ADV 17 BDE

0157

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ref our 0156 (.) following stores and eqpt will be handed over to 2/6
BN in sub unit areas (.) cooking gear axes picks shovels a/tk rifles
mortars 3 in 2 in four MMGs and associated stores W/T sets phones all
types batteries switchboards cable and all other sig eqpt (.) QM stores
at SKINDEWAI will also be taken over as well all transit camps and
stores and eqpt at present manned by 2/7 BN which are MACDUFF SKINDEWAI
HOUSE BANANA (.) following moved out on man 10 rounds 303 per rifle
20 rounds per TSMG mosquito nets blankets (.) one MMG with associated
stores will be taken with bn to WAU (.) all belt MMG amm will be
handed over to 2/6 BN (.) above stores and eqpt for 2/7 BN are being
provided under DIV arrangements on arrival WAU (.) billeting is also
being arranged by 3 AUST DIV (.) feeding and billeting at all
staging camps incl BALLAMS will be arranged by 17 AUST INF BDE for
2/6 2/7 BNS (.) pnr pl 2/7 BN will remain SKINDEWAI until further
notice

1930 K/24

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2/6 AUST INF BN LOCATION STATEMENT

AS AT 2359 HRS 28 MAY 43

Ref Maps: (a) BULOLO First Edition 1 : 63,360
 (b) WAU WEST (Revised) 1 : 63,360

<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Map Ref</u>	<u>Remarks and Projected Moves</u>
1	HQ 2/6 AUST INF BN	BULOLO	305832 (a)	
2	HQ COY (less four secs, one det M 3-in, one det Sigs, 1 offr 15 ORs MMG Pl, Tk A Pl)	BULOLO	305832 (a)	
3	4 ORs HQ COY	BULOLO	272865 (a)	
4	4 ORs HQ COY	BULOLO	289887 (a)	
5	7 ORs HQ COY	BULOLO	294876 (a)	
6	4 ORs HQ COY	BULOLO	316814 (b)	
7	A COY	BULOLO	287870 (a)	
8	B COY (less two secs)	BULOLO	293833 (a)	
9	One sec B COY	BULOLO	303882 (a)	
10	One sec B COY	BULOLO	311369 (a)	
11	C COY (plus one det M 3-in, one det Sigs, 1 offr 15 ORs MMG Pl, Tk A Pl)	SUMMIT AREA		u/c HQ 17 AUST INF BDE
12	D COY	GUADAGASAL AREA		u/c 2/7 AUST INF BN

W. H. Stewart
 Capt for Lt col (AOD)

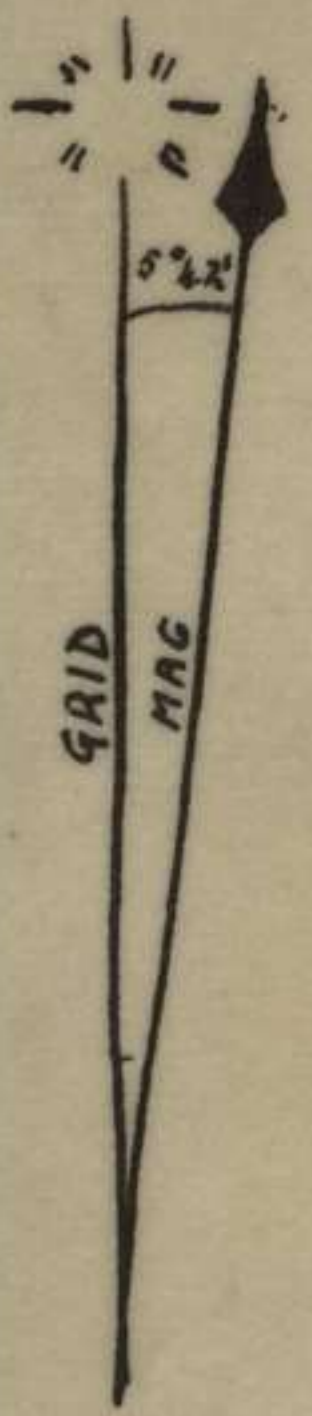
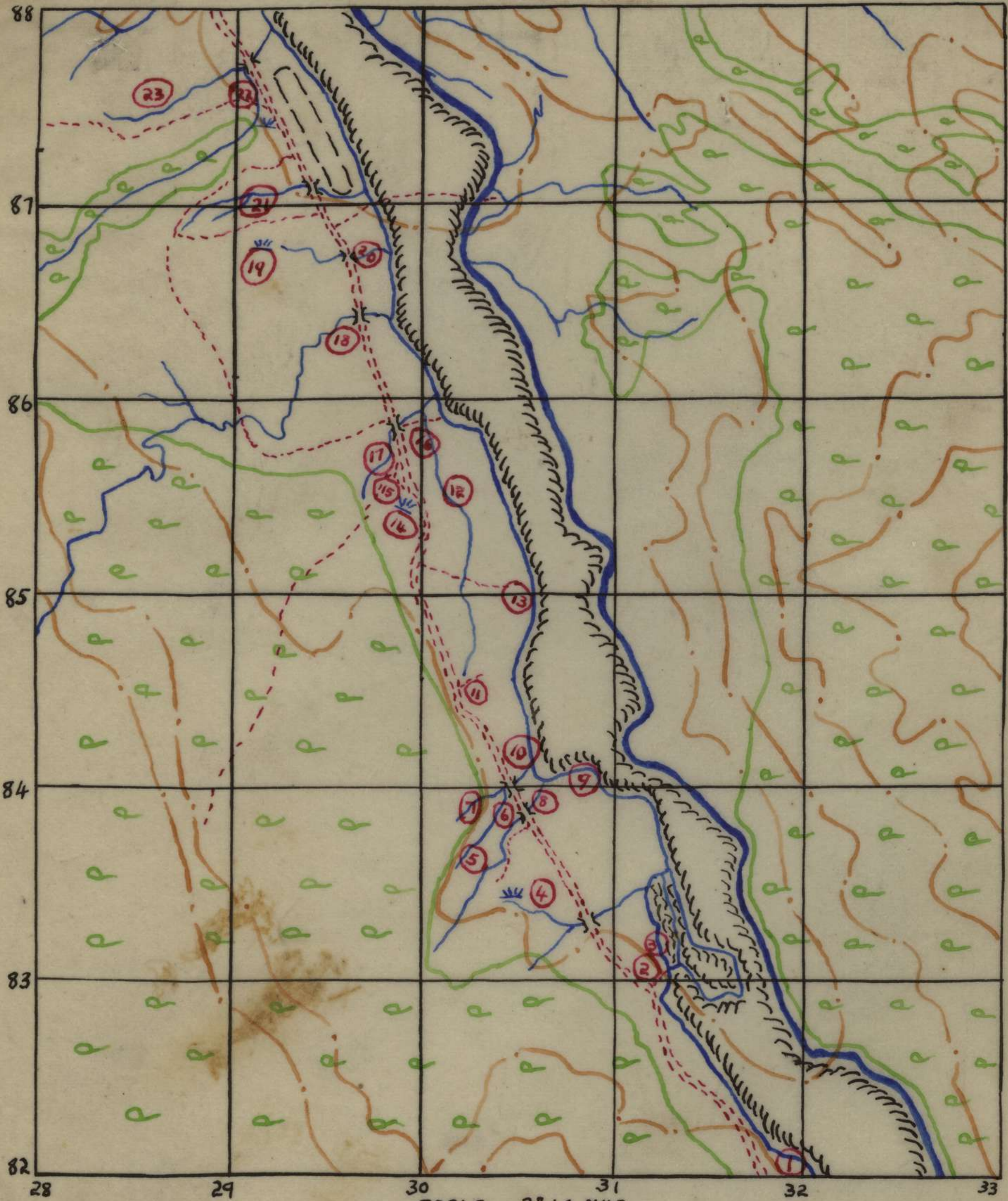
29 May 43

Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

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HQ 3 AUST DIV (2)
 War Diary (2)
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REF MAP: BULOLO FIRST EDITION - ENLARGED TWICE



SCALE 2" : 1 MILE
V.I. : 100' (APPROX)

2/6 INT. SEC.

C/M/x ①

REPORT - MALARIAL SVI - BULOLO AREA - HYG SEC 2/6 AUSTRALIAN INF BN

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Location & Description of Area</u>	<u>Species Found</u>	<u>Treatment Suggested</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	Creek	NIL	-	Fast flowing; well stocked with fish in backwaters
2	Track to No 7 Dredge	Culex larvae in wheel tracks	Filling in or Oiling	-
3	Swampy patches along dredge tailings	NIL	-	Well stocked with fish
4	Swampy area drained off by slow flowing ck 400 yds SW 2/6 AUSTRALIAN INF BN area	Anopheline & Culex larvae	Could be improved by draining and cleaning up of ck and oiling swamp area	-
5	Slow flowing ck	Culex larvae	Cleaning up of ck bed and transferring of fish	-
6	Canal flowing into above ck	Culex larvae	Cleaning up of banks and bed	-
7	Fast ck	NIL	-	Stocked with fish
8	Fast ck	NIL	-	Stocked with fish
9	Creek along dredge tailings	NIL	-	Stocked with fish
10	Old swimming pool	NIL	-	Stocked with fish
11	Track leading into above	Culex in wheel tracks	Filling and Oiling	-
11A	Track into Tennis Court	Culex	Filling and Oiling	-
12	Slow ck	Culex	Cleaning up in places	Stocked with fish
13	Backwater at bottom of track leading in 300 yds SOUTH of HQ 3 AUSTRALIAN DIV	Culex	Stock with fish	-
14	2 waterholes approx 200 yds SOUTH of HQ 3 AUSTRALIAN DIV	Culex	Stock with fish or Oil	-
15	Tracks in and around HQ 3 AUSTRALIAN DIV	Culex &	Oiling, Draining & Filling	-
16	Deep drain opposite HQ AASC	Culex	Oiling	-
17	Flowing ck	NIL	-	Stocked with fish

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Location & Description of Area</u>	<u>Species Found</u>	<u>Treatment Suggested</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
18	Fast flowing ck	NIL	-	Stocked with fish
19	Swamp area drained by slow ck at rear B Coy 2/6 AUST INF BN	Culex	Clearing out, draining and ciling	-
20	Flowing ck	NIL		Stocked with fish
21	Slow ck		Requires cleaning up	-
22	Canal dug swamp area WEST of airfield	Culex	Requires cleaning up	-
23	Slow ck	Culex	Requires cleaning up and stocking of holes with fish	-

Sgt

Ryg Sec 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

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WAR DIARY

D COY 2/6 AUST INF BN

MAY 43

MUBO AREA

9 May 43 1700 Warning Order received for coy to prepare to move from EDIE CREEK Rest Camp to MUBO area.

10 May 43 0900 Coy on 6 hrs notice to move.
1100 Coy comd called to HQ 17 AUST INF BDE.

11 May 43 0700 First party left for BALLAMS - Strength 1 Offr 50 ORs.
1300 Remainder of coy moved out to Reception Camp WAU, where they were joined by party i/c Lieut MARSDEN.
Lieut MARSDEN to be 2 i/c coy.
1340 Left WAU by MT for BALLAMS.
1540 Arrived BALLAMS.
Reinfts allotted to pls.
Coy strength - 5 Offrs 115 ORs.

12 May 43 0730 Coy left BALLAMS carrying packs and one blanket.
Extra blankets, rations and amm carried by boy line.
Track fair, muddy in parts.
1100 Coy lunched at SUMMIT.
1400 Coy marched out from SUMMIT.
Track very muddy.
1745 Coy arrived McDUFF'S.

13 May 43 0830 Coy departed McDUFF'S.
Track bad.
1015 Coy arrived SKINDEWAI and lunched

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D Coy 2/6

MAY 43

MUBO AREA

13 May 43 1200 Left McDUFF'S.

 1610 Arrived HOUSE BANANA and staged night.
Hy rain fell $\frac{1}{2}$ hr before reaching destination.

14 May 43 0800 Coy left HOUSE BANANA

 1115 Arrived GUADAGASAL.

 1145 Coy arrived SADDLE area.

 1200 Boyline carrying blankets, etc, arrived SADDLE.

 1215 Pls placed in def posns; 17 and 18 Pls
SADDLE area, 16 Pl MCKENZIE'S KNOLL; Coy HQ
in rear 400 yds WEST pl areas.

 1600 Capt DEXTER, Lieut MARSDEN visited HQ 2/7
AUST INF BN.

15 May 43 0900 All offrs and sgts attended lecture by Lieut
GUDE (IO 2/7 AUST INF BN) at Bn HQ.

 1330 One and seven enemy A/C respectively strafed
& vicinity SADDLE and HOUSE SALE (AASC depot);
1600 later 4 bombs dropped HOUSE SALE area - NO
casualties.

16 May 43 0800 OC, Lieut URQUHART and NCOs visited Bn HQ
followed by Lieut ROACH and NCOs.

 1400 OC, Lieuts URQUHART, ROACH, JOHNSON and party
moved fwd from BASE CAMP on LABABIA RIDGE for
purpose of receiving area.

17 May 43 0830 Remainder of D Coy moved fwd to LABABIA;
arrived 1100 hrs and immediately occupied def
areas.

 1100 OC recced BASE CAMP area and LABABIA OP.

 1300 2 i/c with Int Sec pers recced def posns and

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COY 2/6 AUST INF BN

MAY 43

MUBO AREA

17 May 43

liaised ref def with B Coy 2/7 AUST INF BN, who were in posn approx 300 yds NORTH of BASE.

1330

CSM addressed NCOs, stressing following pts:

- (i) NO lights, mvt or loud talking after 1930 hrs.
- (ii) NO mvt outside perimeter during day.
- (iii) Booby traps.
- (iv) Care of arms.
- (v) Procedure to be adopted should suspicious mvt or noise be heard, etc.

18 May 43

0900

OC and Int Sec pers visited OC B Coy 2/7 AUST INF BN and reced def posns.

0800

Lieut URQUHART and 13 ORs moved out to RIVER JUNC to est camp and remain as standing patrol.

1200

Lieut URQUHART'S party reached destination.

During day all tracks vicinity BASE CAMP were patrolled - NIL reports.

Siting and digging sec posts and clearing fire lanes proceeded throughout day.

0730

Whilst delousing booby trap Pte R J FRAZER accidentally set off another booby trap and was killed.

Pte F D FRASER slightly wounded.

0730

Pte A E DEHNE whilst attempting to cross swollen river set off underwater booby trap, suffering flesh wounds right arm and legs.

1330

Capt DEXTER conducted burial service at grave of Pte R. J FRAZER.

1335

2 i/c moved to LABABIA OP area to recce pl def posns.

Booby traps laid during day and fire lanes cleared.

WAR DIARY

D COY 2/6 AUST INF BN

MAY 43

MUBO AREA

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- 20 May 43 Expected air strike SALAMAUA-NASSAU BAY cancelled owing to unfavourable weather.
Def in BASE CAMP area proceeded.
- 21 May 43 All weapon pits approaching completion.
- 22 May 43 1000 Maj NELSON and Int Sgt 2/7 AUST INF BN visited coy area.
Adm Op Instn received.
All weapon pits dug and being revetted.
Outer booby traps laid around perimeter.
1600 Special patrol reported in from recce BITOI OVERFLOW.
Sighted footprints 2-3 weeks old but NO enemy.
- 23 May 43 0745 Court of Inquiry into death of Pte R J FRAZER conducted by 2/7 AUST INF BN at 17 Pl. HQ.
1750 Recce patrol (strength 1 cpl 2 ORs) moved out from RIVER JUNC towards DUALI.
Recce patrol (strength 1 sgt, 2 ORs and 2 native guides) left on recce towards NASSAU BAY.
- 24 May 43 0815 OC and 2 ORs left BASE CAMP for RIVER JUNC, arriving at destination at 1105 hrs.
Capt MARSDEN inspected LABABIA OP def area.
Issue of $\frac{1}{2}$ oz tobacco per man.
- 25 May 43 1515 Patrol to DUALI returned.
Tests of 208 W/T sets from BASE CAMP to LABABIA OP and RIVER JUNC very satisfactory.
Tobacco donated and dropped by RAAF bomber squadron distributed to pers.

WAR DIARY

D COY 2/6 AUST INF BN

MAY 43

MUBO AREA

25 May 43

Message received advising that 2/7 AUST INF BN would shortly be relieved by 2/6 AUST INF BN.

26 May 43

0745

Sgt with one sec left BASE CAMP for OP area to continue preparation of pl def posns.

1000

Weekly food sups arrived by boy line.

1130

Capt DEXTER and party arrived at BASE CAMP from RIVER JUNC.

1330

2 ORs left BASE CAMP for Bn HQ carrying reports and sketches of recent patrols.

1530

Lt col H G GUINN, CO 2/7 AUST INF BN, sent verbal message of congratulation to Cpl McELGUNN on report of DUALI patrol.

Outline of Cpl McELGUNN'S report as follows:

Bivouaced DRY CREEK bed night 23/24 May.

At 0300 hrs 24 May 43 left for OVERFLOW and from there proceeded SOUTH over hills.

Moved WEST and then NE reaching pt on OVERFLOW approx $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from coast.

Mvt and noise of chopping were heard from this pt.

Attempts by patrol to move fwd were frustrated by swamp and dense undergrowth.

Patrol spent most of day in this vicinity, then moved SW and bivouaced night 24/25 May in hills.

Patrol then moved EAST and later NORTH to OVERFLOW.

In this vicinity two cleared areas of ground approx 100 yds x 50 yds.

Patrol arrived back at RIVER JUNC afternoon 25 May 43.

27 May 43

0815

Capt MARSDEN, sgt and 2 ORs left BASE CAMP for RIVER JUNC.

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MAY 43

MUBO AREA

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- 27 May 43 0830 Digging party left for LABABIA OP to continue work on def posn.
- 1130 Report received at BASE CAMP that Capt MARSDEN'S party en route to RIVER JUNC had accidentally exploded booby trap.
- Pte F R PEVITT sustained wounds in foot.
- 1355 B Coy 2/7 AUST INF BN ambushed by JAPS in old A Coy area.
- Exchange of SA fire - 2 B Coy pers wounded, 1 believed killed.
- Desultory fire continued throughout afternoon.
- Patrol unable to move or evacuate wounded until after dark.
- 1530 1 OR moved back as escort for Lieut MACKIE - evacuated with wound in shoulder.
- 1630 Patrol to NASSAU BAY returned - one member evacuated to hosp suffering from suspected malaria.
- Underground RAP completed and occupied.
- 1700 Enemy consistently mortaring vicinity VICKERS RIDGE.
- Recce patrol along BITOI OVERFLOW reported in.
- 28 May 43 0900 Patrol left to recce area NORTH side BITOI RIVER.
- 0910 Advice received from B Coy 2/7 AUST INF BN that patrol ambushed by JAPS had extricated themselves at midnight.
- 0930 OC, Lieuts ROACH and JOHNSON, accompanied by Capt BAIRD (2/7 AUST INF BN), inspected B Coy 2/7 AUST INF BN area preparatory to D Coy occupying posns.

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MAY 43

MUBO AREA

28 May 43 1200 BITOI RIVER patrol returned - unable to find track NORTH side; left shortly afterwards to recce SOUTH side.

 1730 Booby trap exploded on LABABIA track.

 pte GIBBONS received slight wounds back and arms.

 Brief report of patrol to NASSAU BAY:

 Object: 1. To observe NASSAU BAY area for mvt.
 2. To ascertain results recent straffing.
 3. To contact natives.

 Found JAP message forms at grid ref 7981 (BADEN BAY).

 At 872773 patrol observed BASSIS (reported by natives to be No 1 Village.

 TABALI RIVER running through village.

 NO sign of life; NO results straffing observed; unable to contact natives.

 One guide proceeded to SACHSEN BAY to see if natives could be contacted there.

29 May 43 0745 Pers D Coy joined B Coy 2/7 AUST INF BN patrols to become familiar with area.

 1030 Padre WALLACE (2/5 AUST INF BN) conducted church parade and celebrated Holy Communion.

 1200 Lt col GUINN, Lt col WOOD, Capt GULLETT, Capt BAIRD and lieut GUDE arrived at BASE CAMP.

 1230 Capt MARSDEN and party returned to BASE CAMP from RIVER JUNC.

 1330 CO's party left BASE CAMP to return to HQ 2/7 AUST INF BN.

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MAY 43

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29 May 43 1430 Orders issued for special patrols BITOI RIVER-junc BITOI RIVER-BUIGAP CREEK to be undertaken by Lieut ROACH, K/Sgt HEDDERMAN and Cpl KURTZ.

 1500 Capt BARR (2/7 AUST INF BN) visited BASE CAMP to discuss handing over his area.

 1805 1 Offr 18 ORs Tk A Pl pers arrived BASE CAMP.

30 May 43 0700 Recce patrols moved out on following tasks:

 1. BUIGAP CREEK via BITOI RIDGE.
 2. From pt on BITOI RIVER EAST to RIVER JUNC.
 3. Junc BITOI RIVER-BUIGAP CREEK.

 0715 16 Pl occupied fwd pl area.

 0745 17 Pl occupied right flank pl posn.

 0800 B Coy 2/7 AUST INF BN moved back from BASE CAMP area.

 Handing over LABABIA area arranged by Capt MARSDEN.

 1100 Capt MARSDEN returned to Bn HQ to assume duties as Adjt and IO.

 1130 Lieuts WARD and RICE visited BASE CAMP area ref sig layout.

 1430 Maj DEXTER inspected fwd pl areas.

 1730 Observation patrol on JAP track reported having proceeded to within 50 yds of old A Coy 2/7 AUST INF BN posn.

 Coughing heard and JAPS believed to be in occupation but NO mvt seen.

 Patrol observed for 2 hrs, noticed two fresh graves.

31 May 43 0900 CO ordered OP to be manned 24 hrs daily.

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MAY 43

MUBO AREA

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- 31 May 43 1100 Pte A W SHEPHERD (wounded when booby trap exploded) carried to RAP by natives.
- 1100 Capt KELLOCK (IO 17 AUST INF BDE) visited LABABIA-OP.
- 1200 Lieut JOHNSON inspected all booby traps in area.
- 1430 Observation patrol returned.
- Reached old JAP ambush posn and moved fwd to within 10 yds of bodies of two AUST soldiers.
- Coughing heard and JAP ambush suspected but NO mvt seen.
- 1630 Patrol to DUALI returned.
- Report in brief:
- Patrol proceeded along track SOUTH side BITOI RIVER until this petered out and then broke bush, reaching coast at 833855 (ref map SALAMAUA 1 in : 1 mi).
- Patrol unable to locate track to DUALI - only way along beach.
- Saw 3 sets boot-marks on sand leading in direction DUALI.
- Swamps around DUALI impassable.
- Proceeded NORTH to NORTH ARM BITOI, crossing same 200 yds from coast.
- Followed faint track leading NORTH as far as possible, then broke bush.
- Patrol unable to reach SALUS and returned to BASE CAMP via NORTH ARM BITOI, crossing river 1/2 hrs WEST LABABIA RIDGE.

Lt col
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

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