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PART I

OPS - LAND

NAGAM RIVER AREA:

The advance in this area is being maintained by C Coy with 4 Pl under command.

As the result of Tac /R, survey, arty and Mortar shoo together with an intensive study of air photos and ground recce, it was decided the location of the coy was, at 101800L, as follows:

Coy HQ and 15 Pl	ref 260596
13 Pl	260593
14 Pl	258595.

14 Pl carrying out an encircling movement on the evening of 10 Mar moved around the left of the main track running NORTH - SOUTH and cut a track running EAST - WEST at 258595. Owing to the density of the undergrowth progress to this point was slower than anticipated and the pl dug in for the night astride the track at this point. On the 11 Mar this patrol continued the move eventually cutting the NORTH - SOUTH track at approximately 260600. Again the undergrowth was thick and progress slow. The patrol dug in at this point.

During the day no contact was made with the enemy.

COMPTON RIVER AREA

Activity of D Coy in this area for the day was limited to patrolling.

Recce patrol reported enemy movement in area of gardens near COMPTON RIVER at 249602.

One enemy body was found at 246603 and it is thought to be the body of the Jap who broke through the perimeter on night 28/1 ( ref our I 383) and was fired on by Owen Gun.

DOWNNS RIDGE AREA

A patrol from 12 Pl moved SOUTH from B Coy HQ and contacted enemy ambush position at approximately 270573. Recce patrols established the strength of the enemy to be 1 HMG, 2 LMGs and rifles. Number of men unknown.

Our arty engaged the enemy position, results not yet known.

Patrol dug in for the night on track near enemy position.

PART II

ENEMY OOB

Equipment found by C Coy in vacated enemy position at 260595 showed markings of 1 Sec 87 Naval Guard Force.

Sjt Maj YAMANE captured on TAIDF ISLAND on night 10 Mar was a member of ISHIHARA unit ( ISHIHARA is 1/Lt) No 1 Bn of 23 Fd Arty Regt which is now known as 38 MB Arty Unit. Present CO is Maj FUJIE Giichi, former CO was Maj ISHII Tomizo.

Further details are the subject of separate report.

PERSONALITIES

Enemy documents captured at 246602 indicate 2/Lt OMON was killed with 10 men in the TSBABA AREA. Lt. OMON was apparently at one time in charge of a remaining unit of 81 Inf Regt at TABUI.

PW captured by Capt CAMBRIDGE and party was Sjt Maj YAMANE Yoshiyasu and NOT a Capt as reported by Capt CAMBRIDGE.

Equipment

HMG captured by D Coy on 10 Mar was in good mechanical condition, well oiled and cared for. 3 full cases of JUKI amm was also captured and appeared to have been maintained regularly although ~~XXXX~~ wooden amm cases showed signs of decay.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHY The spur running approx NORTH - SOUTH in square 2588 is actually about 500 yards WEST of the position as shown on the map. The course of the COMPTON RIVER runs NORTH from ~~259582~~ 259582 to 259593 (this was mentioned in a recent Tac/R report).

There is a formed jeepable road joining the following points : from 12 Pl at 259589 to 4 Pl at 260590 to 13 Pl at 260593. This track was apparently used ~~ixx~~ for vehicles prior to the war as there are several small cuttings along the rd.

GENERAL

The old civilian telephone line exists along the track running NORTH from 14 Pl at 260600. There is no Jap cable along the track which suggests the possibility of the enemy using this line. According to Capt. CAMBRIDGE, who lived in the SORAKEN PEN prior to the war, this line runs to NAGAM which appears to be situated in the vicinity ~~ix~~ of 261607.

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12 Mar. 45.

PART I

OPS - LAND

SOUTH SORAKEN AREA

Operations in this area are being carried out by A Coy and the first wave landed unopposed at 247620 and secured the beachhead at 112115L. The second wave with heavy stores and equipment landed at 112245L. Communications were opened at 112140L.

Native scouts would not move inland to locate track until daylight so a company perimeter was established for the night.

At first light the company moved inland and at 1300L established a firm base at ref 254618. The company then moved SOUTH along the track on the WEST side of the plantation.

In the area of the firm base 2 Japs were contacted and killed.

By dark the company had reached a position approximately 253609 and dug in ~~in~~ for the night. No enemy were contacted after leaving firm base.

Reports indicate that the track SOUTH was clearly defined and at 253609 turns WEST in the direction of the COMPTON RIVER. On 13 Mar a recce will be made to locate a track to the EAST.

NAGAM RIVER AREA

The advance of C Coy in this area was continued during day.

Coy HQ moved forward and by night the dispositions of the company were as follows:

Coy HQ	)	
13 Pl	)	ref. 260605
14 Pl	)	
15 Pl	)	260601.

The location of the latter Pl was checked by today's Tac/R.

During the morning patrols moved back from 14 Pl at 260600 to company HQ at 260596 and reported track clear of enemy. This patrol also located bodies of Japs killed on 8 Mar and counted 6 NOT 5 as reported in our I 455.

During the afternoon recce patrols moved forward along the NORTH track and came to a track junction at approximately 260606. According to the ~~xxx~~ natives the track running EAST crosses the NAGAM RIVER. Probably this crosses the NAGAM at the ford at ref 262605 which was reported by Tac/R. The WEST track appears to run approximately NW to the SW end of the plantation at 254607. The natives also state that the enemy is guarding the river crossing.

Two Japs were seen during this patrol.

The body of a recently killed Jap was found in the vicinity of the old Jap HQ at 260595.

COMPTON RIVER AREA

Activities in D Coy area were restricted to active patrolling.

At 1630L a patrol to COMPTON RIVER area contacted enemy at 245606 killing one Jap. The estimated strength of the enemy at this point is given as 2 LMGs and 3 rifles.

DOWNS RIDGE AREA

B Coy HQ and 11 Pl moved down to join 12 Pl at 270573.

Recce patrols reported the enemy still in occupation of the ambush position at 270573.

During the afternoon recces were made with a view to attacking the position on 13 Mar.

Our arty again engaged the enemy position with unknown results.

At night Coy HQ, 11 and 12 Pls dug in for night on opposite side of river to the enemy at approximately 269573.

11 Pl remained at 258593.

ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY

Enemy arty continues to be active and during the day shelled areas in vicinity of 18 Pl at 243601 (from 1630L to 1635L) and Tac HQ (from 1755L to 1800L). In the former case 5 rounds were fired nil duds and in the latter 30 rounds with 3 duds. It is estimated the enemy operated with 2 or possibly

3 guns of 75 mm calibre

OWN ARTY

Our arty retaliated to shelling by enemy arty by engaging targets  
at 271621, 283641 and 275614.

*W. J. Wilson*

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12 Mar. 45.

PART I

OFS

Land

SOUTH SORAKEN AREA

Reports received this morning indicate that A Coy firm base at 245618 was attacked with LMG and rifles at 121900L. As the result of this encounter our casualties were nil enemy 2 wounded. Much groaning could be heard.

At 1150L a patrol moving WEST from 253609 struck the coast at approximately 247613. Another patrol operating in an easterly direction, after considerable search, located a track running at 140 deg from ref 255608 at 1445L. Coy HQ and 8 Pl proceeded along this track and at 1900L contacted 15 Pl of C Coy at 260606 where they dug in for the night. This patrol did not contact any enemy. 9 Pl remained at the track junction at 255608 and whilst digging in at 1800L were attacked by an unknown number of enemy with LMGs and rifles resulting in 1 enemy being wounded own casualties nil.

At 1650L 3 Japs with rifles approached the coy firm base but went to ground about 100 yds from our positions. They were engaged by our LMGs with unknown results.

A patrol operating from firm base at about 1700L found our signal cable to forward pls and Coy HQ had been cut and about 50 yds of cable removed.

For the night the dispositions of the coy were:

Coy HQ and 8 Pl	ref	260606	with 15 Pl C Coy.
9 Pl		255608	
7 Pl		254615	at firm base.

NAGAM RIVER AREA

C Coy continued their advance in this area during the day.

Patrols moved out NORTH along the track and at 1200L 13 Pl entered the SORAKEN Plantation at ref 261608. By 1400L they were on the WEST bank of the NAGAM RIVER ref 263609. Here the river is about 60 feet wide and too deep to ford. The Pl did not find a crossing and dug in for the night.

At 1340L C Coy HQ were fired on from the direction of the river crossing at 262605. Consequently our Arty and Hy mortars engaged the crossing with unknown results.

15 Pl on patrol came under enemy fire at 1800L from both sides of the river at the crossing. The strength of the enemy on the WEST bank was estimated at 2 LMGs and 5 rifles, the strength on the EAST bank is unknown. As the result of this encounter 3 enemy were killed our own casualties were nil. It would therefore appear that the enemy intends to vigorously defend this crossing.

Owing to approaching darkness 15 Pl dug in for the night at ref 260606. At 1900L A Coy HQ and 8 Pl joined 15 Pl.

Locations of C Coy for the night:

Coy HQ and 14 Pl	at	260605	
13 Pl		263609	
15 Pl		260606	with A Coy HQ and 8 Pl.
4 Pl )			
Rear C Coy HQ )		260590	

COMPTON RIVER AREA

D Coys activities were limited to probing enemy positions as the result of which Arty and Hy mortar fire was accurately brought down on enemy positions about 100 yds inland from the mouth of the COMPTON RIVER at 245606. The enemy are occupying a Garden area at this location. Arrangements have been made for harassing fire on this post during the night.

DOWN'S RIDGE AREA

Our operations in this area were the most important for the day.

Time spent in making a recon of the enemy positions at 270573 on 12 Mar was well repaid today when the Coy lodged a two pl attack at approximately 0920L. As the result of this action casualties to hand are own 1 wounded enemy 10 killed. 3 fresh graves were found nearby. Enemy dead included 1 Sgt and 1 Superior Private. One Aust. snipers rifle, documents and articles of enemy equipment were captured.

The enemy positions were on the EAST bank of the river at 270573 and were approximately 300 yds by 200 yds in extent. The enemy were scattered over the whole of the area. Sleeping huts and fighting trenches were together and logged, and appeared to be from 2 to 3 weeks old. There are 10 huts in the area each capable of holding about 5 personnel. It is estimated that the strength of the opposition was approximately 20 with 2 LMGs. Efficient Arty concentrations on positions, combined with surprise, were the main factors in the success of this attack. The terrain allowed for the Start Line to be close to the Arty bombardment.

Owing to the scattered positions of the enemy's defences it is estimated about 10 enemy escaped.

From the appearance of the enemy kits captured it would appear that the enemy were preparing to evacuate.

A well worn track runs through the former enemy position which it is suspected leads to a garden area about 500 yds NORTH on the EAST bank of the river.

Information from captured documents point to the possibility of this area being in the vicinity of KUNAPOFO.

SAPOSA ISLAND OP.

This OP reported no activity during the day.

TADF ISLAND OP

The barge carrying the party to occupy this OP arrived at TADF Island at pt 138693 at 0930L. The party then departed for the OP with Police boys and native carriers at 1230L. The barge returned to PUTO at 1430L. The location of the OP will be notified later.

ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY

The enemy still continues to operate 3/4 guns in this area. At 0010L to 0045L 3 guns probably 75 mm fired 50 rounds 2 duds along the coastal strip in the vicinity of Tac HQ at 236576. From 0045L to 0100L 25 rounds nil duds fell in vicinity of B Coy rear at 260590.

OWN ARTY

Our arty replied to the enemy shelling by bombarding target at 269616.

PART II

10. COMMENTS ON CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

Documents captured by B Coy at 269573 today deal principally with personnel of FUJII Force and give indications that they were captured in the vicinity of KUNAPOFO.

Among other things is an "Order of the Day" issued by Lt. General HYAKUTAKE dated 6 Mar 45 which reads as follows:

"The enclosed message is sent to you by the Commander in Chief  
TARLENA GARRISON UNIT  
CO Lt Col NAKAMURA  
6 Mar 45.

I commend you, Genga Garrison Unit, for your heroic stand against great odds. With a small force you have stopped the enemy. Keep your morale high and imbue yourself with the fighting spirit. Fight desperately and frustrate the enemy's plans.

Lt Gen HYAKUTAKE.

*Reference to IO*

PART I

(a) LAND

SOUTH SORAKEN AREA

The activities of A Coy in this area were restricted to patrolling.

During the night 13/14 the enemy attacked our 9 Pl at 256607 as the result of which 1 Jap was killed and our casualties were 1 slightly wounded but remaining on duty.

At 1535L a patrol from 8 Pl returned from reconnoitering the enemy positions at the river crossing 262605 with information that the enemy had evacuated their positions on the WEST bank of the river but were still in occupation on the EAST BANK. One Jap was sighted on the EAST bank and killed. Near the ford the patrol stated the river is about 40 yds wide, deep and fast flowing. It was not practicable to make a thorough examination of the river crossing itself.

A Coy HQ and 8 Pl remained in the perimeter at 260606 which enabled C Coy to continue their advance during the day.

Dispositions of the Coy are the same as on the night 13 Mar.

NAGAM RIVER AREA

During the day C Coy maintained their advance and, in doing so, moved NORTH along the WEST bank of the NAGAM RIVER until a crossing was made at 264613. At this point the river was about waist deep. The coy then moved in an easterly direction through the Plantation. Recently cut coconut trees indicate that contact with the enemy may be made at any time. The advance was therefore slow and the coy eventually dug in for the night at 264612. A Coy HQ and 8 Pl remained at 260606 to deal with enemy resistance at river crossing.

COMPTON RIVER AREA

During the morning D Coy's activities consisted of reconnoitering enemy positions along the SOUTH bank of the COMPTON RIVER in the vicinity of the gardens at 245605.

At 1600L our fighting patrols contacted the enemy at this position. The enemy defensive positions were scattered over an area of about 80 yds front and 50 yds in depth. The strength of the enemy was estimated as 3 IMGs and approximately 12 rifles. Our movement around the right flank came under heavy enemy fire after advancing 30 yds into the enemy position. Supported by fire from this flank another patrol moved around the left flank and also came under heavy enemy fire. To enable the target to be engaged by our Arty the patrols moved back and dug in at 245602. Our arty brought down harassing fire on the enemy position during the night. OC D Coy reports the arty fire on the enemy positions has been most accurate.

During the encounter one enemy IMG type 99 was captured but was in a damaged condition ~~was~~ caused by one of our grenades. Casualties were own 4 killed 6 wounded enemy 4 killed 3 probably killed. This count may not be complete.

According to a report received a Jap pack was found and it contained, amongst other things, a photo of a Jap soldier wearing a Sam Browne. A Sam Browne was found beside the pack. Owing to the severity of the fighting this pack was left when the patrol moved out. It would therefore appear that the opposition at this point is commanded by an officer. So far no captured documents have been received that would give any indication as to the composition of the force opposing us or the sub-unit commander's name.

This area is apparently the position marked "Main strength" on an undated Jap map handed over by 31/51 Bn. This map is of the GENGA Sector. The sketch captured by D Coy on 3rd Mar shows the TAKAHASHI Outpost KAWAKAMI Unit to be located just SOUTH of the Compton River crossing. Capt. KAWAKAMI was known to be operating in this area at the end of last month - reference personnel letter from 2/LASUTO to Capt KAWAKAMI dated 0600L 26 February captured by D Coy on 27 Feb at ref 242589.

Capt KAWAKAMI is listed as CG 10 Coy 81 Inf Regt.



DOWNS RIDGE AREA

Patrolling was continued in this area today.

A patrol taking most of the day moved NORTH to a track junction about 600 yds, approx map 269577. The track running EAST and WEST was well worn. The patrol reced the track running to the west for 500 yds, saw no signs of enemy, and came to an old abandoned log hut. The track to the EAST was reced for 250 yds and came to a garden, about 200 yds by 200 yds, which was overgrown and not used. Along the track was found an old Jap hand cart and a bicycle in fair condition. The patrol moved around the right of the garden and found 2 deserted huts. The left of the garden was found to be on the river bank. The patrol returned at 1715L.

At 1805L it was reported that 2 more Jap bodies had been found near the scene of the action on 13 Mar at 269573.

5 PI arrived at ref 243602 at 1530L and are now resting. Dispositions of the Coy are the same as last night.

SAPOSA OP.

A Coy Beachhead at 247620 reported hearing the sound of a motor from the direction of SAPOSA at about 132020L. At 141015L our Arty received a signal from the OP stating that an engine was heard during the night. A check up was made by them and it was not our own barge. No times were given. The OP of TAIDF reported seeing a barge travelling NORTH land at 256733 at 0920L. It is not possible to give any further particulars. The SAPOSA OP then advised that the Security patrol returned at 1130L and advised it had been fired upon by an LM at the SE pt of the Island. Many new footprints were seen.

TAIDF OP

OP located at 147637. The vision is limited here and recess are being made with a view to locating a better CP.

Reported seeing a barge landing at 256733 at 140920L (.). The barge was travelling from the SOUTH.

ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY

Enemy arty shelled B Coy area at 269574 from 1510L to 1615L. They operated with 1 gun probably 75 mm. No information as to the position of the enemy gun. 6 rounds were fire nil duds. From 2220L to 2240L probable 3 guns 75 mm shelled the coastal strip from COMPTON to GENGA rivers. They fired 50 rounds 2 duds.

OWN ARTY ACTIVITY

In reply to enemy shelling our arty engaged targets at 276618 and 276615.

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In the FIELD.  
14 Mar. 45.

(a) LAND  
SOUTH BORAKEN AREA

Troops operating in this area are A and C Coys.

During the morning a patrol operated in the vicinity of the river crossing at 262605 but, although enemy movement was observed on the eastern bank of the river, the patrol failed to draw fire. Three Japs were observed moving in the direction of C Coy. Our arty then brought down fire on the enemy posn with unknown results.

At 1300 L A Coy ration party moving from Firm base to 9 Fl was engaged by the enemy when only about 50 yds from 9 Fl perimeter. As the result of this contact the casualties were own one killed enemy one killed.

*Killed* 9 Fl reported finding the body of one Jap killed near the Fl perimeter during the exchange of fire on the night 14/15.

During the night 14/15 communications between firm base and forward coy were cut.

At night the locations of 7 and 9 Fls remained the same as previous night. Coy HQ and 8 Fl moved NORTH along the NAGAM RIVER, crossed it and formed a perimeter in the area used by C Coy on the night 14/15 Mar at ref 264612.

By 1430L C Coy had moved from perimeter at 264612 about 400 Yds in an EASTERLY direction and arrived at the edge of the plantation. They reported the edge of the plantation to be fenced with a plain three wire fence. Their location at this stage was approximately 268613 and from here could be seen a horseshoe shaped feature about 40 ft high in a NE direction which the natives reported as being occupied by the enemy. A recce patrol was sent out and returned at 1700L with information to the effect that sounds of chopping could be heard and the enemy were probably preparing positions. The enemy appeared to be there in strength and there seems a possibility of a gun position in the area.

At about 1730L one Jap was heard cutting wood about 30 yds from the perimeter at 268613, a small patrol went out and killed him.

The company was in perimeter for the night at 268613.

COMPTON RIVER AREA

D Coys activities were restricted to small recce patrols which confirmed the fact that the enemy were still in occupation of their defensive position at 245605.

DOONS RIDGE AREA

During the morning a patrol moved out from B Coy in an endeavour to locate any further enemy in the area. The patrol moved 150 yds NW of the old 5 Fl area at 272577 and found a coconut garden which showed signs of recent occupation. Jap clothing, ammunition and equipment was strewn about. Close by two small streams were found running with warm water.

According to Fws the name LALUM is given to a locality in which there are several gardens and it was a hospital area. A lot of medical gear was found amongst the rubbish left behind by the Japs. According to reports there are hot mineral springs at LALUM used by the Japs in undergoing self treatment for skin diseases and sores. In view of the above it would appear that this is the locality known as LALUM.

*W. J. A. Brown*  
D. Lt.

15 Mar. 45.

(a) LAND

SOUTH SAPOSA AREA

A Coy.

At 1200L a patrolling moving NORTH along the EAST bank of the NAGAM RIVER contacted 5 Japs at 263618 as the result of which 4 enemy were killed and one LMG "NAMBU" was captured. Here the patrol struck a track running SE. On this track they found another Jap travelling in a NE direction who they killed.

At 1700L a reconce patrol from firm base at 254615 returned from patrolling easterly to the NAGAM RIVER. The patrol reported the country between the firm base and the NAGAM to be of a swampy nature and unsuitable for the construction of a track. The same patrol moved SOUTH and struck another well worn track at about ref 257613. The patrol then returned to the firm base - no enemy contacted.

The whole of the company remained for the night in the same perimeter as last night.

C Coy

During the morning patrols were sent out to reconce HORSESHOE KNOLL following which 13 and 15 Pls occupied the SW slopes of the feature at 1115L.

1530L one Jap approaching the perimeter on SW slopes of HORSESHOE Knoll was killed. Further reconce patrols located a track running NORTH and SOUTH at about 271610. This track they reported was being used by enemy food carrying parties. 13 Pl moved to this track and dug in for the night at 1800L.

Coy HQ and 14 Pl moved up to 15 Pl and formed perimeter for the night at approximately 269613.

COMPTON RIVER AREA

Reconce patrols were out during the day and reported the enemy still in occupation of posn at 245605 despite continued harassing by our arty and by mortars.

SAPOSA ISLAND

Reported no activity during night 14/15 or during day.

TAIDF ISLAND

No activity during night 14/15.

At 1540L and Engrs Gun Salvaging squad landed on TAIDF at ref 141681 with a view to removing all guns on TAIDF to PUTO and reporting on their condition.

ENEMY ARMY ACTIVITY

From 152345L to 160015L 2 guns probably 75 mm fired 39 rounds 2 duds along the coastal strip from COMPTON to GILMAN rivers. Our arty replied by shelling target at 277615.

GENERAL.

At ref 271610 at 1800L C Coypany tapped a Jap telephone line which was connected through to Tac HQ. Our ATIS representative listened in to the conversation. The line apparently connected a Jap Coy HQ to its Pls. The main topic of conversation concerned the unaccountable disappearance of 5 men during the day. They were presumably the 5 that A Coy killed during the day.

TAC HQ. moved from its old site and opened at ref 243601 at 1400L.

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PART I(a) LANDSOUTH SORAKEN AREAA Coy

The activities of A Coy during the day consisted of patrolling.

A patrol from 8 Pl moved NORTH along the EAST bank of the NAGAM RIVER along much the same route as followed on the 16 Mar. The patrol failed to contact any enemy and reported finding the bodies of the 5 killed on the previous day. A signal wire running along the track which was cut by yesterday's patrol was not repaired. It would therefore appear that the line was not of much importance and supports the statement of PWs that the majority of the enemy either have or are evacuating SORAKEN.

At 1300L another patrol from the Pl perimeter at 256607 moved out on a bearing of 218 deg and, after travelling about 700 yds struck the NORTH bank of the COMPTON RIVER, thence they proceeded NW along the river for about 700 yds and found an old survey peg (no other particulars available). A further 250 yds in the same direction brought the patrol to an old enemy position constructed to accommodate about 15. A further 100 yds on the same bearing the patrol came to a river bend, they then moved WEST for 400 yds and struck a creek. Proceeding SW the patrol was stopped by a swamp. The patrol then returned approximately NE to the perimeter. No contact was made with the enemy.

Coy dispositions are the same as the previous night.

G Coy

Recco patrols during the morning discovered a "Y" shaped track junction about 40 yds NORTH of the position occupied by 13 Pl at 271610. There is enemy signal cable along each ~~main~~ track. A Pl perimeter was formed on this junction and occupied by 15 Pl during the afternoon. 13 Pl moved back to Coy perimeter at 269613.

At 0900L an outpost 60 yds NORTH from the then 13 Pl ~~perimeter~~ perimeter at 271610 sighted 4 Japs killing 1.

Recco patrols were out during the day - no contact was made with the enemy.

COMPTON RIVER AREA

Recco patrols were out during the day and at 1700L a patrol probing enemy positions at 245605 reported the position had been evacuated. This was the area in which our patrols contacted strong enemy opposition on 14 Mar. The remnants of an Australian 208 W/T set was captured together with articles of equipment and documents. It is suspected the enemy has withdrawn from this position to another located at the mouth of the COMPTON RIVER. This position will be investigated on 18 th.

An examination of the vacated area indicated that our Arty were right on their target and made the position untenable.

In view of the fact that the enemy L of G has been cut by our A and G Coys it would appear that this is the beginning of an organised withdrawal from the COMPTON RIVER area.

SAFOSA ISLAND

Reported no activity during the night 16/17 and security patrols during the day reported no enemy seen.

The GP reported seeing lights on Island at 217663 from 162110L to 162310L.

TAJDF ISLAND

No enemy activity during night 16/17. At 156692 patrols reported finding 2 type 89 Grenade dischargers, sword and documents.

ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY

Enemy arty shelled NORTH coast of SAPOSA from west to east from 161700 to 161715. 14 rounds 1 dud from one gun probably 75 mm.

From 172015L to 172025L enemy arty shelled A Coy beachhead with 19 rounds nil duds. 2 Gunds were used probably 75 mm.

OWN ARTY

In reply to the shelling of SAPOSA our arty engaged target at 234655. Following the bombardment A coy beachhead reported seeing heavy smoke and flames from the direction of the target.

In retaliation for the enemy shelling of A Coy beachhead our arty bombarded areas 277616 and 274646.

PART II

Organisations

Documents captured on the 17 Mar by A Coy at 254606 give nominal roll of KAWAKAMI unit (OC 10 Coy 81 Inf Regt) showing strength 62. The document appears recent and is probably in answer to a request by HQ of the Regiment contained in a document dated 12 Mar captured by A Coy on 14 Mar at 256607.

Personnel of the KAWAKAMI unit are a mixture of Naval, 2 Shipping Engr Unit, 38 A A Bn, sigs unit, Tank unit, 4 Med Arty and Bn Gun Pl personnel.

Personalities

Captured documents supply the following information:

2/Lt TANAKA was killed or wounded on 6/2/45  
Capt. FUJII was killed in action on about 21 Feb. 45.

Also captured by D Coy on 17 Mar at 245665 is a casualty list of KAWAKAMI unit from 16 to 20 Feb. 45.

Equipment

The following units equipment is shown as held at KAWAKAMI unit :

- 1 - 92 type Inf Gun
- 1 92 " HMG
- 1 99 " LMG
- 1 96 " LMG
- 2 91 " "
- 1 NAMBU "
- 2 89 type Grenade dischargers.

*W. J. ...*  
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In the Field.  
17 Mar. 45.

(a) LAND

SOUTH BORAKEN AREA.

A Coy

A Coy's activities were again restricted to patrolling.

At 1500L a patrol from 256607 returned from a patrol 1000 yds in the direction of the COMPTON river and reported no enemy contacted.

Later during the afternoon a patrol operating from 7 Pl towards Coy HQ located an enemy position 400 yds EAST. The position was not dug in but lanes of fire had been cut along our signal wire and banana leaves cut down to sleep on. It would appear that this position was used by enemy evacuating the COMPTON RIVER area on the night 17 Mar. The positions were occupied by 6/7 personnel.

The Coy also reported that an L of C had been recced from the beachhead across to Coy HQ, walking time about 1 1/2 hours. It was necessary to skirt several swamps.

Locations of the coy at 1800L were:

Coy HQ and 8 Pl at 264612  
7 Pl at 256607  
9 Pl at 254615 and beachhead 247620.

G Coy

Recece patrols were out again during the day but failed to make contact with the enemy.

As the result of a recece during the morning in the vicinity of 271610 another Jap rifle was found and a quantity of blood was observed on the ground. The report I 539 is now amended to read 1 killed 1 wounded at 170900L.

At about 1700L enemy of estimated strength of 7 with 1 LMG attacked 15 Pl perimeter at 271610 as the result of which our casualties were nil and enemy 3 killed. Some documents were captured and are being sent in by the Coy.

Possibly these were the same Japs as mentioned as having camped 400 yds EAST of 7 Pl on the night 17 Mar.

Location of Coy at 1800L:

Coy HQ, 13 and 14 Pls at 269613  
15 Pl 271610.

COMPTON RIVER AREA

D Coy

At 1155L our patrol returned and reported the enemy position at the mouth of the COMPTON RIVER to be unoccupied. Some documents were captured and returned. This patrol crossed the mouth of the river and moved NORTH along the coast with a view to contacting A Coy beachhead at 247620. At 1800L the patrol dug in for the night at 246615. During the move NORTH no enemy were seen.

At 1340L a recece patrol sent to investigate the garden area to the EAST of D Coy on the COMPTON RIVER reported the enemy to be free of enemy. The main EAST - WEST track runs through the garden and a sign board found indicates GONGA one way and the MAIN track the other way. This is probably the track used by the enemy vehicles in carrying stores etc from their barge landing point at approx 242602.

GONGA

No activity during night 17/18 Mar.

At 1130L security patrols returned and reported no enemy sighted. At the SE corner of the island the patrol located 1 JUKI HMG 1 LMG type not stated, 2 rifles amm and documents. The condition of these weapons is not known as yet.

TAIOF

No activity during the night 17/18 Mar.

Our OP reported seeing a fire in the vicinity of garden at rear of PORTON Plantation at 1010L, bearing 65 deg.

At 1600L the party of Engrs who landed on the 15 Mar returned to PUTO having salvaged the following guns from TANWOA, a small island just SOUTH of TAI OF:

1 Complete 75 MM gun resembling type 94 but having 7 ft barrel and barrel trail, 1 47 MM gun probably type O1 Tk/A gun. There are still other guns on the island to be removed.

Enemy Arty Activity

At 181800L one 75 MM gun fired 6 rounds nil duds in the vicinity of A Coy beachhead at 247620.  
Our arty replied by shelling target at 235651.

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PART I

(a) LAND

SOUTH SORAKEN AREA

A Coy

With a view to regrouping the Coy, 7 Pl moved from 256607 to a new position on the WEST bank of the NAGAM RIVER at 263612 arriving there at 1100L. Coy HQ and 8 Pl moved across the plantation and joined 9 Pl at the coy firm base at 254615, this move was completed by 1800L.

No contact was made with the enemy during the day.

Locations at night were:

Coy HQ, 8 Pl and portion 9 Pl	ref 254615
Remainder of 9 Pl (beachhead)	247620
7 Pl	263612

C Coy

This coy also regrouped by moving Coy HQ, 13, 15 Pl and portion of 14 Pl to a position on the EAST bank of the NAGAM RIVER at 264612. The remainder of 14 Pl, one section in strength, remained to hold the track at 269613.

No enemy were contacted during the day.

Locations at night were :

Coy HQ, 13 Pl, 15 Pl and portion 14 Pl	ref 264612
One section from 14 Pl	269613.

D Coy

Operations for the day consisted of an advance NORTH by the whole of the company from the COMPTON RIVER area. At 0730L 18 Pl commenced moving NORTH by means of the log crossing at 254599 thence by any available road or track leading NORTH, as right flank protection to the advance of the main body along the coast. The patrol reached the river crossing at 1130L. On the south bank of the river at this spot they found an abandoned Jap truck, the tyres were in fair condition. Here a Jap body was also found, death took place about 10 days ago. A body was also found on the NORTH bank at the crossing and appeared to have died at the same time. From the crossing a track could not be found leading directly NORTH so the patrol followed another track leading EAST which eventually joined up with the track leading NORTH which was used by C Coy during their advance. The patrol moved NORTH along this track and by 1800L arrived at 7 Pl area at ref 263612 where it dug in for the night.

By 1155L the forward elements of the main body of D Coy passed through A Coy beachhead at 247620. At 1400L Coy HQ and 16 Pl had arrived at the beachhead, moving further NORTH the coy dug in for the night at 247621. Patrols were then sent out to locate tracks in the area leading NORTH.

At 1715L Coy HQ reported 3 barges had been sighted NORTH of SORAKEN Ptn. Our arty engaged the barges but results were unobserved on account of heavy rain.

Locations of coy at night were:

Coy HQ, 16 Pl and 17 Pl	ref 247621
18 Pl	263612

SAPOSA ISLAND

No activity during the night and security patrols reported no contact.

TAJUF ISLAND

No activity during the night.

at 1245L our OP sighted an enemy barge landing at a wharf in the vicinity 256734. The barge came from PORTON Plantation and troops were disembarked on the beach at 1300L.

At 1350L the OP sighted 2 persons on the beach near CHABAI Plantation. They were unable to determine whether they were natives or enemy but appeared to be carrying out sentry duties.

During the day a recce patrol found an abandoned enemy position at 154677 which contained several items of enemy equipment and documents.



ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY

Enemy arty engaged our A Coy beachhead at 247620 at 0615L.  
Probably 1 gun of 75 mm calibre fired 4 rounds nil duds.

PART II

Comments of captured documents

Several maps were received during the day principally of TAIOP ISLAND and adjoining islands showing former Jap defensive positions. One contained plans for the construction of track through swamps to link up TAIOP with TANWOA. Another showed a plan of the enemy signal system on TAIOP. The documents were old and have been sent on by AMIS.

Note: Copies of maps are being made and will be forwarded to Bde by LC within a few days. Perhaps some arrangements could be made with AMIS for map translations to be sent to you.

PART III

The patrol from 18 Pl which moved EAST from D Coy and the crossing of the COMPTON RIVER and then NORTH reported the track as followed by them could easily be made jeepable. A bridge ~~orxxxxxxx~~ pontoon would be necessary over the COMPTON RIVER.

*Paula Scott*

Lt

IO.

In the Field.  
19 Mar. 45.

PART IXLANDSORAKEN PENINSULA

Since the capture of the enemy's defensive positions on the SOUTH bank of the COMPTON River our advance NORTH to the SORAKEN Peninsula has practically been unchallenged.

Today another big step was taken with a view to destroying or driving the enemy from the whole of the Peninsula.

These operations took the form of an amphibious operation, and a coy was landed by barges about 2000 yds forward of our A Coy - the then forward Coy.

B Coy

B Coy landed on the beach at ref 246625 at 200005L. The landing was not unopposed. The first wave landed without opposition and established the beachhead. At 0055L the second wave landed and commenced unloading stores etc on the beach. During these operations a red star shell was fired from the coast about 200 yds SOUTH of the beachhead. About 20 minutes later our watercraft were fired on by small arms fire and one round of a possible 37 mm gun, during which we suffered one casualty - injuries not serious. Estimated strength of the small arms fire was 3 or 4 rifles. Our barges were ordered to withdraw and they returned to PUTO. Except for a few items the unloading was completed.

The coy remained in the vicinity of the beachhead during the remainder of the night as movement in the dark was practically impossible owing to the dense jungle and the swampy nature of the ground. There was no enemy activity during the night around the perimeter.

At 0700L 11 Pl moved out in an easterly direction with a view to locating tracks leading NORTH and SOUTH along the edge of the Plantation. By 0800L a track had been located and a perimeter formed at ref 240637.

Recco patrols moved NORTH and SOUTH of the beachhead at 1130L and, at 1230L, the patrol to the NORTH returned reporting no sign of enemy for a distance of 300 yds. The patrol to the SOUTH located two huts and a gun position at approximately ref 239636. The huts showed signs of recent occupation and accommodated an estimated 20 personnel. Here was found one 20 mm Type 98 AA Tka Gun in good condition, together with a quantity of ammunition. The gun had recently been fired presumably at our landing. Some documents were also found and will be returned in due course. A further patrol moved SOUTH at 1400L and, after travelling about 50 yds SOUTH of where the 20 mm gun was found, located an abandoned 75 mm Type 41 Regimental Gun. The breach block was missing and the gun was not in good condition.

At approximately 1220L enemy arty opened fire, shells landing in the vicinity of A Coy beachhead. The gun was fired from a position estimated 600 yds NORTH of B Coy. At 1400L a patrol moved out accompanied by an Arty FOO with a view to locating the enemy gun position. After going approximately 400 yds the patrol encountered fire from 1 HMG and rifles after which they retired to enable our arty to engage the position.

The Coy formed a perimeter for the night at 240637.

D Coy

D Coy maintained their advance NORTH throughout the day by pushing forward 2 patrols. 17 Pl moved inland along the track which follows the edge of the Plantation. 16 Pl followed the coastline.

18 Pl, which had camped for the night with 7 Pl at ref 263612, joined Coy HQ at 247621 at 0930L.

The patrols from 16 and 17 Pls moved out at 0800L. 17 Pl moved inland to contact the NORTH - SOUTH track. By 1130L 16 Pl had reached a position approximately 246625 while 17 Pl, moving on the inland track, at about this time located abandoned Jap huts at approximately ref 248626. Some documents and maps were recovered from the huts and were sent back by special runner. (The documents are dealt with more fully later in this report). The huts also contained blankets and mosquito nets and, for reasons best known to themselves, some clothes to fit a child aged about 4 years.

Both patrols continued the move NORTH and at 1515L 16 Pl contacted B Coy beachhead at 239638 and thus established line communications between B Coy and Tac HQ.

By 1625L the coy had dug in for the night at the following locations:

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Coy HQ and 18 Pl	at ref	247621
16 Pl		241635
17 Pl		249629

A Coy

During the day 8 Pl patrolled the area between the firm base at 254615 and the NAGAM RIVER. This patrol also receded the WEST bank of the river for 200 yds NORTH and SOUTH of position 263617 where the Pl eventually dug in for the night.

Locations for night are:

Coy HQ and portion 9 Pl	ref	254615
Remainder of 9 Pl (beachhead)		247620
8 Pl		263617
7 Pl		263612.

C Coy

Patrol activities were continued throughout the day. At 1545L a patrol returned from the river crossing at 262605 and reported position there to be clear of enemy. A patrol to the track at 264617 also returned reporting no contact with the enemy.

SAPOSA ISLAND

No activity during the night and security patrols reported no contact during the day.

TAIDF ISLAND

No activity during night 19/20 or during day.

ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY

From 1219L to 1225L enemy arty shelled area in the vicinity of A Coy beachhead, one gun operating probable 75 mm, 10 rounds nil duds. It was to locate this gun that the patrol from B Coy moved out at 1400L and was stopped by enemy HMG and rifle fire.

From 1720L to 1730L a probable 2 guns fired 12 rounds 2 duds in the vicinity of the mouth of the COMPTON RIVER. One of these guns was possibly a 70 mm Bn Gun and the other a 75 mm.

In reply our arty engaged target at 237647

PART II

Personalities

1/Lt GOTO, presumably of 38 Fd A A Bn, is now commanding the apparently newly formed Grn known as "SORAKEN GARRISON Unit".

One of the Pls named "AKIYAMA Pl" of the above Grn has been allotted of "annihilating the enemy" landing at the piers. Possibly this unit is commanded by Lt (jg) AKIYAMA of KURE 6 SNLP.

It is believed that an Officer of the KAWAKAMI Unit was killed in the operations at the COMPTON RIVER although no confirmatory evidence has been received. A very good sword, probably the property of an officer, was found in the area near 7 Pl used by the personnel evacuating the COMPTON River on night 17 Mar (see report of 18 Mar)

Equipment

B Coy today captured a 20 mm (.79 inch) Type 98 (1938) AA TKA Gun. This is the first contact with this type of gun in this area. Probably part of the equipment of 38 Fd A A Bn, as Inf Regts at the time this island was invaded were not equipped with these guns.

It is also noticed the enemy has a "quick firing" gun on the strength of the AKIYAMA Pl at the NORTH end of the SORAKEN Peninsula, this is probably a 37 mm Type 94 (1934) Tk A Gun.

Comment on captured documents

Several documents were captured by D Coy in some abandoned huts at 248626 today. By far the most interesting is the first Operation Order issued by the SORAKEN GARRISON Unit dated 11 Mar dealing with the steps being taken for the defence of the Peninsula. The advance of our B and D Coys indicate that, up to the present time, the particulars as set out on the sketch attached to the Operation Order are correct. Our B Coy obviously landed between the TAO and OMOTO Fls and the two guns captured today were those indicated as part of the equipment of TAO Fl. The personnel of this Fl seem to have evacuated the area (ref report D Coy). The H M and rifle fire encountered by the patrol from B Coy at 1400L was from the OMOTO Fl.

The sketch also confirms the fact that KAWAKAMI Unit was defending the area in the vicinity of COMPTON River.

A point worth noting about the Operation Order is the enemy's apparently lack of communications. The order refers to the support expected from SAPOSA Island. This island was taken by our A Coy on 6 Mar, 5 days before the issue of the Operation Order.

Other documents were not of immediate importance and have been sent on to ATIS.

(O O and sketch forwarded earlier today)

PART III

Topographical

B Coy report the Plantation as shown on the Standard 1" to 1 Mile map to be more correct.

*W. J. Harrison*  
Lt.  
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In the Field.  
20 Mar. 45.

The main event today was the commencement of a move by D Coy to contact the enemy on the EAST coast of the SORAKEN Peninsula by moving across the Peninsula to a point on the coast at approximately 251636.

Another interesting point was the report of a C Coy scout of a party of 29 Japs with packs, 2 LMGs and rifles, seen moving SE from the river crossing at 264618 at 1130L. This would seem to indicate the commencement of the evacuation of the SORAKEN Grn.

PART I

LAND

SORAKEN PENINSULA

B Coy

At 0940L 12 Pl with Arty and Mortar FOOs moved out NE to cut a track running through the centre of the Plantation and at 1315L struck the track at approximately 245640. Here the Pl dug in astride the track and was, later on in the afternoon, joined by 11 Pl. Three enemy were seen approaching the perimeter, two of whom were killed and the third wounded. This position is estimated to be about 200 yds NORTH of a Jap position of estimated strength of 1 HMG, 1 LMG and rifles.

At 1835L this perimeter was attacked from the NORTH by a force estimated strength 1 HMG, 1 LMG and rifles. The enemy fire was erratic and the majority of the shots hit the coconut trees overhead. In this action we suffered casualties to the extent of 1 man wounded.

The location of the coy for the night is:

Coy HQ, 10 Pl at ref 240637  
11 Pl & 12 Pl 245640  
Rear & 5 Pl 240636

D Coy

During the morning 17 Pl struck EAST with a view to reaching the EAST coast of the Peninsula. At 1545L the patrol struck the coast at approximately ref 251636. The Pl had to cut through the undergrowth and move through swamp most of the way. Several tracks were crossed but they showed very little sign of use. It would therefore appear that the enemy moving around the NORTH of the Peninsula and SORAKEN HARBOUR move mainly by barge. No contact was made with the enemy.

By 1530L 16 Pl had moved and were digging in near a former Jap ambush position on a track junction at 245636.

At night locations are:

Coy HQ and 18 Pl	ref	247621
16 Pl		245636
17 Pl		251636.

A COY

At 1520L patrols from 8 Pl at 263617 returned from patrolling WEST bank of the NAGAM River from 7 Pl at 263612 to a point 400 yds NORTH of their perimeter. Patrol reported no sign of the enemy.

A patrol from 7 Pl SOUTH to the crossing at 262605 thence WEST to track at 260604, then back to perimeter returned at 1500L, no contact with the enemy.

Positions at night are:

Coy HQ and portion 9 Pl	ref	254615
Remainder of 9 Pl (beachhead)		247620
8 Pl		263617
7 Pl		263612.

C Coy.

Patrols were again out today.

At 0830L a recon patrol moved SOUTH along the EAST bank of the NAGAM River to a log crossing located at 263608. Here they crossed the river and moved approximately SOUTH along the track to the junction formerly occupied by C Coy rear at 261606. The patrol then moved EAST to the WEST bank of the NAGAM River. From this point the patrol moved NORTH along the river to the ford at 262606. Here they found abandoned Jap defensive positions extensive enough to accommodate 15/20 men. Close by was a gun position

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consisting of a gun pit and a hole 50 yds in front for concealment of gun when not firing. The gun had a arc of fire of 215 deg. An examination of the area showed that it had been well covered by our shell fire. Patrol returned to base at 1530L.

Another patrol during the morning moved NORTH along the EAST bank of the NAGAM RIVER to a log crossing at 264616 thence to the crossing at 264618. At this crossing the scout saw 29 Japs with full packs, 2 LMGs and rifles moving in a SE direction. The patrol was unable to engage the enemy. Enemy sig wire was noticed crossing the river at this ford. Moving further NORTH the patrol found stores incl potatoes, ammunition cases etc at 261620. This spot sk had the appearance of a barge landing point. The patrol then moved NE to 267624 thence SW back to Coy HQ.

At 1800L the section from 14 Pl at 269613 was being attacked but the communications were cut and there probably will be no report of the action until tomorrow.

Location of Coy at night:

Coy HQ, 13, 15 and portion 14 Pl ref 264612  
One section of 14 Pl 269613.

### SAPOSA ISLAND

Reported no activity during night 20/21 and security patrols failed to contact any enemy.

### TANWA ISLAND

Reported no activity during night.

During the day one gun type O1 Tk/A Gun 47 mm was salvaged from TANWA Is at ref 152634. Barge returned with gun to PUTO at 1600L.

The equipment referred to in our I 558 also came back on the barge and was found to include 2 type 94 Mark 1 Walkie-Talkie sets, but their condition is poor.

### ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY

From 2330L to 2345L enemy arty shelled the area from A Coy beachhead ref 247620 to approximately grid line 60. Three guns operated probably 75 mm firing 50 rounds including 3 duds. There was no damage or casualties.

Our arty obtained good intersections by sound bearings and engaged areas 267630, 299618 and 284624.

### AIR

At 1350L the pilot of the Tac R aircraft sighted an enemy barge at ref 265680. The barge was strafed but the aircraft had to return owing to shortage of petrol. When last seen the barge was still afloat but there appeared to be water in the bottom. The pilot reports the occupants of the barge either fired on him or flashed a mirror, he did not know which.

The barge was out of range of our arty.

No information is available as to whether or not the barge was carrying troops but perhaps the pilot's report will clear this point.

## PART II

### Personalities

Captured documents today confirmed the fact that AKIYAMA Pl is commanded by 2/Lt ARIYAMA as suggested in my report of yesterday.

2/Lt SUDO of KAWAKAMI Unit was also allotted for duty to SORAKEN Garrison Unit but, unfortunately for him, he was killed before actually taking up duties. (see Comments on captured documents).

2/Lt TANAKA (initials unknown) has also arrived in the area to assist hold SORAKEN.

Mention is also made of 2/Lt TAO of TAO Pl, this officer is not listed among the known personalities on the island.

### Comments on captured documents.

Documents captured today were really "red hot" and contained last minute information on the activities of our immediate enemy.

Copies of documents are enclosed for your information.

Perusing the documents captured during the last few days, the sequence

of events in the SORAKEN Peninsula from the enemy point of view would appear to be as follows:

Lt col NAKAMURA, as CO 38 Fd A A Bn with HQ at SIAR, became perturbed over the rapid rate of our advance and on the 9 Mar communicated with Lt GOTO with reference to the defence of SORAKEN (documents enclosed).

Apparently as the result of this communication, GOTO compiled Operation Order No 1 of the SORAKEN Garrison dated 11 Mar 45 which was captured yesterday. (Copy has already been forwarded).

Our B Coy landed as outlined in my report yesterday and accounted for the TAO Pl.

GOTO was apparently a bit worried over TAO'S Pl (and out of the picture too) so he relieved TAO of his command today and appointed 2/Lt SUDO to take over.

(Note. 2/Lt SUDO had recently been on the sick list and after physical examination on Mar 16 was ordered to return to his Unit - KAWAKAMI Unit. (see translation of document captured by this Bn on 16 Mar near KUNOPOPO) In the meantime KAWAKAMI Unit had become very much disorganised in the clashes in the COMPTON River area and was out of action temporarily at least. This is probably the reason why SUDO found himself appointed to SORAKEN Garrison)

TAO was appointed to the Mtn Gun Pl.

Unfortunately for SUDO he was killed by our B Coy this morning on his way SOUTH to take over his new command.

In view of the order being captured from SUDO'S body, TAO may not know yet of his being relieved.

(The death of 2/Lt SUDO was confirmed by the badge of rank worn, the identity disc from around his neck, and the fact that he was wearing a belt with sword belt and carried revolver ammunition).  
Chain

### PART III

#### Topographical

C Coy patrol reported the track running NE from the ford at 262606 to be a track 8/10 ft wide and capable of carrying heavy vehicles.

The patrol NORTH reported that the track junction shown at 267623 on the map did not exist nor did the track leading from that pt SW to the river.

*W. J. ...*  
Lt.  
I O.

In the Field.  
21 Mar. 45.

Our advance in the SORAKEN Peninsula was continued throughout the day with very little opposition, and our troops now occupy approximately half of the Peninsula.

It would appear that the main opposition will be encountered at the northern tip of the Peninsula.

PAGE I

B Coy

Coy reported no activity during the night.

At 1110L a patrol from 10 Pl moved from 240637 to try and contact 16 Pl of D Coy. At 1200L the patrol located the perimeter at 245636. No enemy were sighted.

At 1130L the known enemy position 200 yds SOUTH of 11 and 12 Pls was engaged by our 3<sup>rd</sup> Mortars and then later by arty. A recon patrol to this area at 1600L found the area clear of enemy. The position was extensive enough to accommodate about 12 personnel.

By 1730L 10 Pl had moved to a position 245643 where an enemy listening post was found - here the Pl dug in.

Coy locations at night are:

Coy HQ, 11 and 12 Pls	ref	245640
10 Pl		245643
Rear and 5 Pl		240636

D Coy

During the morning 17 Pl moved NORTH from its last night position at 251636 on the EAST coast and dug in at a vacated Jap position on a three way track junction. The position had sufficient accommodation for about 40 men. Some documents were found and will be returned tomorrow morning.

At 1300L 16 Pl moved EAST to contact 17 Pl and by evening had reached a position 246641 where they dug in.

18 Pl moved NORTH to point 245636 which was formerly occupied by 16 Pl and moved along a track running off at 60 deg. At night the Pl reached as point 254644.

During the day no enemy were contacted.

Coy locations at night are:

Coy HQ and 17 Pl	ref	247640
16 Pl		246641
18 Pl		254644

A Coy

During the night 21/22 the signal wire from Coy firm base at 254615 to beachhead was cut.

Activities during the day were again limited to active patrolling.

At 1715L a patrol from 8 Pl returned from a patrol northwards along the NAGAM RIVER. The patrol reached a point 264624 about 300 yds from the top of the plantation. The NORTH - SOUTH track runs along the river and is well defined but does not appear to have been used for about 1 week. While on the way NORTH at approximately 262623 a vacated gun position was found and huts nearby sufficient to accommodate about 20. There were a lot of empty 75 mm shells in the area and, from their appearance, the patrol commander is of the opinion the gun was not operated from this position for about a week. There are no tracks leading out from the position so it would appear that the gun was dismantled for removal. The patrol returned to base - no enemy seen.

A patrol from 7 Pl at 263612 set ambushes along the track between themselves and 8 Pl - no enemy were contacted and it is considered that the area is clear of enemy.

Locations of coy at night are:

Coy HQ and portion 9 Pl	ref	254615
Remainder of 9 Pl (beachhead)		247620
8 Pl		263617
7 Pl		263612.

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C Coy

Patrol activities were continued today.

At 1400L 15 Pl patrol NORTH along the EAST bank of the NAGAM RIVER formed a Pl perimeter at ref 264615 - they will in future operate from this position.

The section of 14 Pl at 269613 was relieved by 13 Pl. Sec from 14 Pl returned to Coy HQ at 264612.

At 1500L 13 Pl patrolling from their new location struck a well used track 150 yds NE of their position. The track runs approximately NW.

Position at night are:

Coy HQ and 14 Pl	ref	264612
13 Pl		269613
15 Pl		264615.

SAPOSA ISLAND

There was no activity during the night 21/22 and security patrols during the day report no contact.

TANWOA ISLAND.

Reported no activity.

Barge returned from TANWOA Is at 1600L carrying one more salvaged type 01 Tk/A gun 47 mm. Gun was salvaged from ref 155631.

PART III

Topographical

D Coy reports that a road, wide and jeepable in its present condition, runs from about 3/400 yds inland from A Coy firm base along the centre of the Plantation to their present position.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
 Lt.  
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In the Field.  
22 Mar. 45

In the SORAKEN Peninsula area today our advance along the EAST coast was contacted the enemy but to date no estimate can be given of strengths. There are indications this may be the outskirts of his main defences.

PART I

D Coy

D Coy now occupies our most forward position.

At 1130L 18 Pl contacted the enemy about 40 yds NORTH of their last night's perimeter. Recce patrols were sent out around the right flank with a view to obtaining information as to the strength and dispositions of the enemy. The patrol, at about 1400L, located a barge landing place at approximately ref 254647 and found one barge engine in fair condition. Moving WEST the patrol found a Jap listening post at approx 251648.

At about 1415L the remainder of 18 Pl, which had been left to guard the track junction where they camped last night at 254644, killed two Japs they saw approaching from the NORTH. (Documents were captured from the bodies and sent back - see Comments on captured documents).

After the shooting of these two Japs, it was realised the element of surprise was lost so a patrol was sent out to destroy the 2 Japs previously seen at the listening post. The patrol found the 2 sentries had left their post.

Locations for the coy at night are:-

HQ and 17 Pl	at ref	247640
16 Pl		250644
18 Pl		252646.

(In this area map references are most difficult and the forward coys have to largely depend on arty shooting. This is also difficult due to the inaccuracy of the maps - see survey tracing attached).

B Coy

At 0950L 11 Pl moved up and joined 10 Pl at ref 245643 and at 1025L a patrol from 10 Pl moved out and contacted the enemy at 264644.

At 1125L the Arty FOO registered the target which was later engaged by our 3<sup>rd</sup> mortars.

After Mortar and Arty fire on this posn, 12 Pl moved around the left flank and located a track running EAST - WEST then moved back to the Jap position and found it vacated. 12 Pl dug in in this position.

Locations for coy at night are:

HQ and 5 Pl	at ref	244639
10 Pl and 11 Pl		241642
12 Pl		241644

(These references have been corrected as near as possible - the same difficulties apply as mentioned in my comments on D Coy)

A Coy

The patrolling from A Coy during the day covered the area from 9 Pl EAST to 8 Pl, SOUTH through 7 Pl to crossing at 262605, then to track junction at 255607 and from there back through the old A Coy L of C to firm base.

Patrol from 7 Pl patrolled area 400 yds NORTH and SOUTH of their perimeter at 263612.

No enemy were sighted during the day.

Locations of coy are night:

HQ & portion 9 Pl	at ref	254615
Remainder of 9 Pl (beachhead)		247620
8 Pl		263617
7 Pl		263612

C Coy

Local patrols out during the day

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At 1420L 13 Pl found another dead Jap near their perimeter at 269613. This Jap was apparently killed during the attack on the perimeter at 1800L on 21 Mar.  
 At 1500L 13 Pl less one section returned to Coy HQ at 264612.  
 Coy locations at night are:

Coy HQ 14 Pl, 13 Pl less one Sec	264612
One sec 13 Pl	269613
15 Pl	264615

SAPOSA BLAND

No activity during the night and security patrols report no contact.  
 At 1435L smoke was observed rising on EAST side of the SORAKEN Ptn bearing 63 deg from OP.

TADF ISLAND

No activity to report.

PART II

Comments on Captured documents.

Documents recovered by D Coy from the bodies of the two Japs killed included a letter from Capt MATSUNAMI to Capt KAWAKAMI instructing him that the SORAKEN area Unit is under his Command.

A most important fact discussed in the letter was that 6 Med Arty and A & Guns are standing by at TARLENA - TASUI area awaiting order to fire.

The statement that we are using barges on the RIOTEN River (NAGAM R) is obviously wrong.

From a perusal of KAWAKAMI Unit organisation it would appear that the FUKUI mentioned is identical with Leading Sgt FUKUI:- Motoe of Bn Gun Section of KAWAKAMI Unit (from 81 Inf Regt). It would therefore appear that FUKUI and his three men are bringing their 70 mm Mtn Gun into the SORAKEN. (This one 70 mm gun was mentioned in a letter dated 13 Mar from Capt MATSUNAMI to Capt KAWAKAMI dealing with the defence of the COMPTON River area).

The second document mentioned is a letter of thanks from OCHIAI to Capt KAWAKAMI after his evacuation to BON IS. My records show OCHIAI:- Hidemasu to be a Naval Warrant Officer who commanded a Pl in the DOWNS RIDGE area on 1 Mar 45.

PART III

Topographical

I am attaching a tracing of the coastline and tracks in this area.

The corrections have been made by the Sur Section of 4 Aust Fd Regt.

The track running NORTH from BP 3/136 is actually between COMPTON and NAGAM Rivers and is the track used by C Coy During their movement NORTH.

It will therefore be seen how difficult it is to pin point the positions of coys in this area.

The small bay in square 2563 will in future be referred to as WHITE BAY.

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In the Field.  
 23 Mar. 45.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT - 24 Mar 45.

Our advance along the WEST coast pushed forward about 1000 yds today during which they contacted small groups of enemy.

The move NORTH along the EAST coast is still hampered by small enemy outposts. Patrols are operating with a view to <sup>ascertaining</sup> the dispositions of his main strength.

PART I

D Coy

At 0630L 18 Pl moved NORTH approximately 80 yds and occupied an old enemy defensive position at approx ref 252647. A recce patrol from this Pl went north for about 250 yds and heard enemy movement. Further recce patrols were sent out to either flank to ascertain the extent and dispositions of the enemy main defences.

At 1030L our Arty engaged the enemy positions.

At 1100L the enemy attacked 16 Pl perimeter, the shots were erratic and we suffered no casualties, enemy casualties unknown. During this attack the Pl's communications were cut.

Throughout the day small patrols were continually out probing the enemy defences.

Locations of the coy at night are :-

Coy HQ and 17 Pl	at ref	251646
16 Pl		251645
18 Pl		252648.

B Coy

A recce patrol to the coast (west) from 12 Pl at 241644 reported contacting no enemy.

At 1435L 10 Pl contacted the enemy in gardens at about 241648, estimated strength of the enemy 10 men with 1 LMG. As the result of this encounter the casualties were Own Nil enemy 4 killed. The Pl dug in in this position.

During the evening 10 Pl was joined by 11 Pl and they formed a perimeter.

At 1930L the enemy engaged 10 Pl but we suffered no casualties. Enemy shots were from about 200 yds and were very erratic.

Locations at night are:-

Coy HQ, 5 Pl and 12 Pl	at ref	239644
10 Pl and 11 Pl		242651

A Coy

At 1055L 9 Pl relieved 8 Pl at 263617, 8 Pl relieved 7 Pl at 263612 and 7 Pl returned to the firm base at 254615 and beachhead at 247620.

During the morning two patrols left in an easterly direction on patrols lasting 2 days.

Locations for the night are:

Coy HQ and portion 9 Pl	at ref	254615
Remainder of 9 Pl (Beachhead)		247620
8 Pl		263617
7 Pl		263612.

C Coy

At 0830L a patrol left on a two day patrol to the locality known as KUNOPOPO.

A patrol returned at 1340L from patrolling the road from crossing at 262605 in a northeasterly direction for 1000 yds. Scattered over the whole distance were 30/40 Jap huts sufficient to accommodate 100/120 men.

The amount of old bandages and cotton wool found indicates this was probably a hospital area. Some articles of equipment were found.

At 1500L a patrol from 13 Pl returned from the crossing at 267626. At the crossing our patrol was engaged by enemy strength 3 with rifles. Our patrol returned fire with unknown results.

Locations for night are:

Coy HQ 14 Pl, 13 Pl less one section	264612
One section 13 Pl	269613
15 Pl	264615.

SAPOSA ISLAND

No activity during the night and security patrols reported no contact.

TADP BLAND

Patrols reported examining all old enemy gun positions on the NORTH of the island. These positions are shown on the captured enemy map recently forwarded. No guns were found but there was some 75 mm ammunition.

Enemy arty activity

At 1755 the enemy shelled SAPOSA Island with 30 rounds from two guns probably 75 mm. From 1841 to 1920L (.) one 75 mm fired 20 rounds in the vicinity of the COMPTON River.

Our arty retaliated by shelling targets at 284634, 299641 and 240657.

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I O. Lt.

In the Field.  
24 Mar. 45.

PART ISORAKEN AREAB Coy

At 0650L as a patrol from 10 Pl was moving out from the perimeter at 242651 the enemy opened fire but fortunately the shots were erratic and the only casualty was suffered was one slightly wounded. At 0945L a patrol operating between 12 Pl at 239644 and 10 and 11 Pls at 242651 found the body of one Jap killed in yesterday's operations. The patrol reported that the track between these two points was clear of enemy.

By 1245L Coy HQ had moved to 10 Pl at 242649. 11 Pl moved NORTH by moving around the left flank, and struck the main NORTH - SOUTH track at 240654. During the move the Pl found a well worn track running in a westerly direction which it is considered runs from the WEST coast to the track junction at 240652, where the enemy is known to have a position. During the afternoon, 12 Pl joined 11 Pl at 240654, where the two pls formed a perimeter for the night. At 1450L at this position 11 and 12 Pls were subjected to harassing fire from the south by at least one I MG and rifles. The firing was again erratic and we suffered no casualties. Our arty registered a DF task forward of these two pls.

A patrol operating along the main track at 240650 found an enemy type 93 Land Mine. The mine was primed but no attempt had been made at concealment.

At 1900L the enemy repeated his tactics of opening fire on our two forward pls at 240654, but once again the fire was inaccurate and we suffered no casualties.

Locations of the coy for the night are:

Coy HQ and 10 Pl	at ref	240649
11 and 12 Pls		240654
5 Pl		239644

D Coy

At 0845L a recce patrol reported the enemy was still in occupation of the garden at 250648. The patrol got to within 15 yds of the enemy position, and returned to the perimeter. Our arty engaged the target.

Other recce patrols were operating during the morning and at 1425L one of these patrols from 17 Pl contacted enemy at 249651. The enemy fired on our patrol using 1 I MG and 2 or 3 rifles. Casualties were own Nil enemy two probably killed.

At 1945L a barge was heard operating on a bearing of 20 deg magnetic from Coy HQ at 251645.

Coy locations for the night are:

Coy HQ and 17 Pl	at ref	251645
16 Pl		252646
18 Pl		251650

E Coy

At 1430L a patrol operating from base at 269613 returned. The patrol reported having investigated the area from 269613 NORTH to track at 268616 then NW for approximately 250 yds, where two Japs were encountered. Fire was exchanged resulting in one Jap being wounded. Our casualties were nil. In this position the patrol found about 300 live shells probably 75 mm. The patrol then moved to the NAGAM River at 263617, then SOUTH through Coy HQ to 269613.

At 1500L 15 Pl was withdrawn from 264615 to Coy HQ on account of flood waters. The recent heavy rains had caused the NAGAM River to rise and most of the country in this locality has turned into swamp.

The patrol to KUNOPOPO returned reporting no contact with the enemy. Map attached showing the area traversed during the patrol.

Coy locations for the night are:

Coy HQ, 14 Pl, 15 Pl and 13 Pl less one section	264612
One section 13 Pl	269613.

A Coy

During the day the two patrols which left yesterday returned.

The first patrol returned at 1440L, and reported having investigated the area NORTH from 9 Pl to the river crossing at 262623 then NE to a point 268626 then to 267627 then SE to base. No tracks were located or any enemy seen. The patrol had to cut through low undergrowth.

The second patrol returned at 1655L after having traversed the area from their base at 263617 SW approximately to 271610 then NORTH to track at 270613. From here the patrol moved along a well defined track EAST and then NE to point 275619. The patrol returned to base by moving SOUTH then WEST through 271610. No contact was made with the enemy.

Coy HQ and portion 9 Pl	at ref	254615
Remainder 9 Pl (beachhead)		247620
8 Pl		263617
7 Pl		263612.

SAPOSA ISLAND

No activity during the night and security patrols reported no contact.

TAPP ISLAND

No activity reported.

Now operating two OPs. Reference to second OP 149691.

One complete HMG (JUKI) and several Land Mines type 93 were found at 156656.

Enemy arty activity

From 1820L to 1845L 2 or 3 enemy guns probably 75 mm shelled the beach in the vicinity of B Coy ref 237643. 25 rounds 1 dud were fired. Locations of guns unknown.

PART III

Topographical

I am enclosing a tracing showing the route followed by the patrol to the KUNOFOFO area. The tracing is from a Jap map which C Company claim to be accurate.

The A Coy patrol ~~XXXXXXXX~~ NORTH confirmed the report ~~XXXXXXXX~~ by C Coy on the 21 Mar that the track junction shown on the map at 267623 and the track SW to the river from that point do not exist.

*Reed Wilson*  
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In the Field.  
25 Mar. 45.

As the result of the days operations a patrol for the first time reached the NORTH coast of the Peninsula.

The unexpected landing of 3 Japs on TAIOF ISLAND came as a surprise. This again indicates the Jap apparent lack of an efficient communication system, as our troops occupied this Island on the 13 Mar.

PART IX

SORAKEN AREA

B Coy

At 1055L enemy of estimated strength 1 MG and 3 rifles attacked 11 and 12 Pls with harassing fire; the enemy again adopted their tactics of firing everything without regard for accuracy. Casualties on both sides were nil.

At 1300L and patrol from the coy beachhead returned from investigating the coastline to point 228654. There were signs of old Jap camps but no recently used tracks.

A position was selected at 234648 for a new beachhead for B Coy and the Hy Mortar Pl.

At 1500L the enemy position between coy HQ and 11 Pl was engaged by our arty after which a fighting patrol moved in and cleared the enemy pocket by killing 2 and wounding 1 enemy. After the position had been cleared 2 fresh graves were found presumably as the result of our mortar fire during night 25/26.

At about the same time as the enemy position was cleared, a patrol from 12 Pl had pushed NORTH and reached the coast at approximate ref 240657. From this point the patrol could see two jetties and a concrete building. On the return journey they encountered an unoccupied enemy pill box constructed of concrete. The patrol failed to contact the enemy.

Two more type 93 Land Mines were found at 240650 and also some documents.

Locations for the night are:

Coy HQ and 11 Pl	at ref	240654
10 Pl		240649
12 Pl		240652.

D Coy

At 0730L a recon patrol to the enemy position at 249651 found enemy still in occupation. The patrol returned and our arty engaged this target.

At 1330L a Jap Sgt approaching the right flank of the perimeter at 252650 was shot, he was carrying documents and a map which were sent back.

An enemy barge was reported operating in the SORAKEN Harbour at 1450L. The barge was heard on bearing 38 mag from Coy HQ and appeared to be moving SOUTH along the coast.

After our arty had ceased shelling a patrol was again sent to investigate the enemy position at 249651 and found the enemy still in occupation at 1600L. Fire was exchanged resulting in casualties own nil, enemy 1 killed 1 wounded.

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At 1600L a patrol from 16 Pl moved out in a NNW direction in an attempt to get around the enemy position at 249651. The patrol moved 600 yds but could not locate any tracks and had to return as the country was a large swamp about knee deep as the result of the recent rains.

Our mortars engaged the enemy position after our patrol had returned.

Coy locations for the night are:

Coy HQ and 16 Pl	at ref	251647
17 Pl		251648
18 Pl		251649.

C Coy

At 1800L a patrol returned from investigating the ammunition dump reported yesterday at approximately 267618.

No enemy were contacted.

Coy locations at night are:

Coy HQ, 14, 15 and 13 Pls less one section	264612
One section from 13 Pl	269613.

A Coy

Patrols during the day were confined to security patrols.

Coy reported this locality is at present very swampy owing to the recent rains and flooding of the NAGAM River.

Coy locations at night are:

Coy HQ and portion 9 Pl	at ref	254615
Remainder of 9 Pl (Beachhead)		247620
8 Pl		263617
7 Pl		263612.

SAPOSA ISLAND

No activity reported during the night and security patrols report no contact.

TAIDE ISLAND

At 1230L a patrol from the OP on this island killed 3 Japs at ref 142693. The Japs were carrying about 7 days' rations and the natives report they came from BUKA by canoe.

Enemy arty activity

From 1540L to 1555L, 2 guns probably 75 mm fired 43 rounds including 1 dud in the vicinity of A and B coys beachheads. Our arty engaged target at 296648.

From 1820L to 1835L enemy shelled coastal strip from COMPTON River to A Coy beachhead. 2 guns were operating probably 150 mm, 8 rounds were fired.

Approximate location of guns 299650 and square 2768.

PART II

COMMENTS ON CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

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Documents captured by B Coy yesterday at ref 240650 (copy enclosed) indicate the strength of the enemy in this area on the 28 Feb last to be nearly 400.

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In the Field.  
26 Mar. 45.

Today our patrols operating along the NW tip of the SORAKEN Peninsula found this area free from enemy. The enemy apparently departed in a hurry as many items of equipment were left behind. At present it appears he was successful in removing his guns which had recently been operating from the northern tip of the Peninsula.

PART I

SORAKEN PENINSULA

B Coy

12 Pl: At 1015L a patrol from 12 Pl moved out to form a perimeter at 240657 and from there to send out patrols in a NE and NW direction. By 1145L the patrol had passed this point and arrived at 235659. A recon patrol from here moved to the wharf where they found three stone and concrete houses unoccupied.

One Jap was sighted moving SOUTH and when he sighted our patrol he discarded his rifle and pack and escaped.

Our recon patrol moved on towards the NW tip of the Peninsula.

At 1535L at the houses previously mentioned 2 drums of oil and about 100 rounds of 75 mm ammunition was found.

The patrol to the NW tip of the Peninsula at about 1745L reached a position at about 229660.

Some enemy positions were found and appeared to have been unoccupied for about 48 hours.

Near the houses previously mentioned an abandoned gun position was found and a workshop containing some electrical equipment.

The track around the NORTH of the Peninsula showed signs of very little traffic. The submerged whaleboat as mentioned in Tac R was sighted by the patrol.

10 Pl: At 1145L a patrol from 10 Pl moved NORTH to ascertain if enemy were still in occupation of the track junction 240657.

At 1315L the patrol returned and reported having contacted enemy at this junction estimated strength 8/10 with 1 HMG and 1 LMG. The Pl moved back and our 3" mortars engaged this target.

10 Pl dug in at 240656 about 100 yds SOUTH of the enemy position.

At 1745L 10 Pl again moved to investigate the enemy position by way of the left flank and found the enemy still in occupation. The Japs appear to be using their HMG on full traverse to both flanks and front.

On the return of our patrol our 3" Mortars again bombed this target.

Locations for the night are:

Coy HQ and 11 Pl	ref	240653
12 Pl		237660
10 Pl		240656.

D Coy

At 1100L a patrol from 18 Pl returned and reported finding a track leading WEST from the enemy position at 249651 and at 1400L 16 Pl moved to take up a position astride this track.

After taking up a position on this track, 16 Pl sent a patrol into the garden and found the enemy had evacuated. The Pl then moved through the garden to about 100 yds NORTH along the NORTH-SOUTH track and dug in.

At 1550L a patrol from 18 Pl moved through 16 Pl with a view to contacting the enemy. At 1615L 18 Pl struck the enemy about 200 yds along the track NORTH of 16 Pl - strength several rifles and 1 LMG. Gas nil.

Locations for the night are:

Coy HQ and 17 Pl	ref	251648
16 Pl		248653
18 Pl		251649.

C Coy

At 1430L a patrol from C Coy returned from a patrol to a distance of about 650 yds EAST from HORSESHOE KNOLL ref approximately 280614. Here the patrol located 3 Jap huts which showed signs of very recent occupation with sufficient accommodation for about 20. The patrol moved to the rear of the huts to investigate and was attacked by enemy estimated strength 12 including 2 HMGs. Fire was exchanged own casualties nil enemy unknown.

Locations for the night are :

Coy HQ, 14, 15 and 13 Pls less one section	264612
One section 13 Pl	269613

A Coy

At 0830L a patrol moved out to investigate the SOUTH shore of the SORAKEN ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Harbour. Patrol not expected back until tomorrow.

Locations at night are:

Coy HQ and portion 9 Pl	ref	254615
Remainder of 9 Pl		247620
8 Pl		263617
7 Pl		263612.

SAPOSA ISLAND

No activity during the night and security patrols report no contact.

TADE ISLAND

No activity during night, no contact during day.

Enemy arty activity

From 1125L to 1215L 2 guns probably 75 mm fired 11 rounds on coast NORTH of COMPTON River. From 1555L to 1619L 2 guns probably 150 mm fired 10 rounds on same area.

The 75 mm guns probably in square 2964 but not engaged by our arty as bearings were unsatisfactory due to high winds.

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I O. Lt.

As the results of the operations of our forward coys today, it is now considered that all organised resistance in the SORAKEN Peninsula has ceased. It is expected that a few isolated Japs may yet be contacted.

PART I

SORAKEN Peninsula

B Coy

At 0830L 10 Pl patrol returned from investigating the enemy position at 243656 and found it clear of enemy. A search of the area disclosed 4 bodies of Japs killed during night 27/28 by our 3<sup>rd</sup> Mortars.

At 1115L a patrol moved EAST and located a track junction at 244655 - a pl moved to occupy this junction and a patrol moved NORTH along the track towards the coast - no enemy were contacted.

A patrol NORTH struck the coast at approximately ref 244658 and then travelled EAST around the coast to a point at approximately 247657, then back to the Pl perimeter by direct route. The patrol returned at 1800L. No tracks were seen and no enemy contacted.

At 2055 B Coy Beachhead reported lights signaling from TOROTIAN Island as the result of which our arty engaged this target and, according to reports, our shells were right on the target.

Locations at night are:

Coy HQ, 10 Pl and 12 Pl	ref	242657
11 Pl		244657.

D Coy

At 1155L one Jap was killed by 18 Pl while attempting to evacuate their position at 248655.

During the morning our 3<sup>rd</sup> Mortars engaged the enemy position at 248655 after which our patrols went in and found the enemy still in occupation. The patrol returned and the position was again bombed by our Mortars. At 1620L our Arty also shelled this position and 18 Pl killed one Jap endeavouring to escape and probably wounded another.

At 1800L 17 Pl moved along the track between 16 and 18 Pls, killed one Jap marine and found the track to be clear.

One type 99 I.M.G. was captured.

Locations for the night are:

Coy HQ and 17 Pl	ref	253649
16 Pl		249652
18 Pl		248655.

C Coy

A patrol including personnel from A Coy at 1400L contacted enemy at approximately 278611. The patrol returned at 1620L. It is reported that fire was exchanged as the result of which our casualties were nil and enemy unknown. Our Arty engaged the position and it is reported the target was well covered.

Locations for the night are:

Coy HQ, 14, 15, and 13 Pl less one section	264612
One section 13 Pl	269613.

A Coy

At 1800L the patrol returned from investigating the SOUTH coast of SORAKEN Harbour. The party reached point 258633, found no tracks and saw no sign of the enemy. The patrol reports the country in the vicinity of the harbour is very swampy.

Personnel from A Coy were included in the patrol from C Coy mentioned above.

Locations for the night are:

Coy HQ and 9 Pl	254615
Remainder of 9 Pl	247620
8 Pl	263617
7 Pl	263612.

SAPOSA Island

No activity to report during the night 27/28, security patrols during the day made no contact.

TAEF Island

No activity to report during the night.  
0935L our OP sighted 4 Japs fishing on the EAST coast of  
MADEHAS Island at 271600L.

Enemy shelling

From 281905L to 281915L probably 2 guns of 75 mm fired 10 rounds  
nil duds in the area inland NORTH of the COMPTON River.

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In the Field.  
28 Mar. 45.

Patrols today failed to contact any further enemy in the SORAKEN Peninsula.

PART I

SORAKEN Peninsula

B Coy

Patrols throughout the day located two enemy dumps, one at 219656 and the other at 234663. Some enemy equipment and an abundance of documents were found.

All patrols during the day failed to locate any enemy.  
Locations for the night are:

Coy HQ, 10 Pl and 12 Pl	ref	242657
11 Pl		244657.

D Coy

During the morning a patrol from 18 Pl moved out with a view to locating the jetty as shown on the new maps at 249657. A small jetty and 2 huts were located and the patrol investigated the area. No enemy were contacted.

At 1700L a patrol returned from patrolling the coastline from point 244660 on the NORTH coast in an easterly direction around to point 256650 - no enemy were contacted.

Locations of coy at night are:-

Coy HQ and 17 Pl	ref	248657
16 Pl		248656
18 Pl		247655.

A Coy

At 1200L a patrol from A Coy thoroughly investigated the enemy landing point at approximately 264623 as the result of which 96 rounds of 75 mm and 24 rounds of 70 mm ammunition was thrown into the NAGAM River.

At 0730L a patrol from 8 Pl moved out in an easterly direction from HORNSHORN KNOLL and contacted the enemy on reaching the crest of the feature at 278611. During the ensuing encounter the casualties were own nil enemy 3 killed 1 probably killed. Our patrol then moved around to the rear of the feature where another Jap was contacted and killed.

On the return journey new footmarks were seen on some of the tracks crossed earlier in the day.

The patrol leader is of the opinion that there are further enemy in the area.

An examination of the area showed that our arty during the previous afternoon and night were right on the target.

Locations at night are:-

Coy HQ and 9 Pl	254615
Remainder of 9 Pl	247620
8 Pl	263617
7 Pl	263612.

C Coy

At 0930L - a patrol moved out in an easterly direction to rear of enemy position at 278611. The patrol is expected to return tomorrow.

Locations for the night are:

Coy HQ, 14, 15 and 13 Pls less one section	264612
One section of 13 Pl	269613.

Enemy Arty activity

From 1222L to 1320L, 2 guns, probably one 150 mm and one 75 mm shelled area in the vicinity of A Coy firm base and north along the beach. Fired 15 rounds nil duos. In retaliation our arty shelled target at 303652.

PART II

Comments on captured documents

To date, owing to transport difficulties, only one case of documents has been recovered.

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The documents are of no immediate operational value but there are some of probable to Corps.

(1) Documents relating to Jap self sufficiency plan.

(2). List of copies of telegrams of no immediate operational importance but references to Units in RABAU, submarine movements as at Mar last year, Units under command, personalities and promotions.

*W. J. ...*  
I O. Lt.

In the Field.  
29 Mar. 45.



PART I

SORAKEN PENINSULA

B Coy

Security patrols reported no contact with the enemy.  
No change in locations.

D. Coy

Local security patrols failed to contact any enemy.  
No change of locations.

C Coy

Coy patrol returned at 1630 hrs having patrolled the area from Coy HQ to 267604 thence easterly to 281602 thence northerly to creek at 276610 then direct to Coy HQ. No enemy were contacted.  
No change in coy locations.

A. Coy

No enemy contacted by security patrols.  
No change in locations.

SAPOSA Island

No enemy activity to report.

TAIDF Island

No enemy activity to report.

Enemy arty activity

From 1619L to 1700L a possible two 150 mm guns methodically shelled coastal strip EAST to WEST from 249657 to 234650. Fired 30 rounds. From 1845L to 1900L three guns, probably 2 150 mm and one 75 mm shelled coastal line vicinity of old beachhead at 242635. Fired 40 rounds.  
Our arty retaliated by shelling area 290650.

*W. J. ...*

I C. Lt.

In the Field.  
30 Mar. 45.

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Int Reports  
Apr 45

ABGD Coys

Nothing to report during the week.  
Security patrols each day failed to report any contact.

ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY

Enemy arty was very active during the week and much damage was caused to Bn property as the result thereof.

Particulars of the shelling are as follows:

070705L	One 75 mm	4 rounds	vicinity	"I" Beach
071845L	One 75 mm	2 duds 40 rounds		"I" Beach NE of SORAKEN Pen.
081715L	One 75 mm	11 rounds 1 Dud		"I" Beach
081900L	Two 75 mm	30 rounds		NORTH SORAKEN Pen.
101845L	One 75 mm	10 rounds		"I" Beach
111845L	One 75 mm	12 rounds 1 dud		"I" Beach
121745L	One 75 mm	19 rounds 1 dud		"I" Beach
				(Ann and CM dumps destroyed by fire as the result of this shelling).
122145L	One 75 mm	8 rounds		"I" Beach.

I O. Lt.

ABCD Coys

Nothing to report during the week.  
Security patrols each day failed to report any contact.

General

On 15 Apr the following islands were examined by patrols landed on each:

TAFFRANG Island	212645
TAKARU Island	205678
SIOTUS Island	210665
TURUARA Island	221660.

Signs of enemy occupation were found on all these except TAKARUO. Probable occupation TAFFRANG and SIOTUS by small party enemy during the last two or three weeks. TURUARA Island has not been occupied for some considerable time.

At 1000L on 17 Apr a barge was noticed leaving SASANAN Island and travelled approximately NORTH. At 1030L the Tac/R aircraft searched the area but was unable to locate any trace of the barge.

On 21 April a working party from D Coy, clearing the track in the vicinity of the old enemy defensive position at 247606, found the body of a dead Jap. This Jap was presumably killed by D Coy during the activities of this coy in that area and was NOT previously counted.

TAIOF ISLAND.

Apr. 17- At 1200L 3 Japs were observed on the SOUTH shore of MADEHAS Island.

Apr. 18- At 1525L a small boat was observed at 248677 but no other particulars could be given.

COMMENTS ON CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

Comparison of translated document No 1 of Batch 80, Document captured NORTH of KUNAPOPO map ref 28264 by D Coy 55/53 Bn on 13 Apr. 45, with Sitreps submitted by this Bn.

Mar 3. Translated Diary: Enemy patrol penetrated into our lines between 1 and 2 Sentry group. Killed Leading Pte UBARA.

Our sitrep I 402: B Coy, 12 Pl. 1000L. contacted enemy near Pl perimeter 267578 estimated 3 Japs with LMG. Fire exchanged one jap probably killed.

Kill confirmed by our I 417 of 5 Mar/

Mar 6. Translated Diary: Section Leader YOSHIDA was killed. Three enemy were sighted and we killed one of them.

Our Sitrep I 434. 1630L. Patrol from 14 Pl probing enemy right flank contacted enemy. Casualties own one killed.

Mar. 14. Translated Diary: Result of yesterday's skirmish there were heavy casualties in the KIYONO Unit. KIYONO Unit withdrew to the right flank of the RIOTEN River.

Our Sitrep I 501 of 13 Mar. B Coy covered by arty fire attacke ;aunched on enemy position 270575 at 0920L. Position captured and held by Coy HQ and 12 Pl. 11 Pl moved through. casualties one wounded, incomplete count of enemy 7

1300L ref our I 501. enemy casualties  
3 fresh graves found same area.

Mar. 21. Translated Diary. ARAI Unit CO and his men arrived. KAWAKAMI Unit withdrew to our position. With the main strength we attacked the enemy in the vicinity of coconut plantation. We suffered 2 killed and 1 wounded.

Our Sitrep I 576 of 21 Mar. C Coy.....at 0830L a patrol moved out NORTH from Coy HQ along the EAST bank of the river to log crossing at 264616 thence to cross at 264618..... at this crossing 29 Japs with full packs 2 LMGs and rifles were sighted moving along track in a SE direction.....

....1800L. Section at 269613 being attacked. Wire cut awaiting report.

I 578 of 22 Mar. C Coy. reference our I 576. Result of attack on section at 269613 at 1800L. Own casualties nil enemy 1 killed.

I 590 of 23 Mar. C Coy 1420L. 13 P1 found dead Jap near perimeter. Killed during attack on perimeter 211800L.

There appears therefore to be one wounded enemy we did not count.

Mar 28. Translated Diary. 3 to 4 enemy patrols were sighted in front of the ambush position in front of the KURIMARA Sentry post. We exchanged fire with them. They withdrew. we suffered one wounded. The enemy Mountain gun shelled 150 rounds in our coy area - No damage.

Our Sitrep I 634 of 28 Mar. C Coy 1620L. Combined patrol from C and A Coys returned. Contacted enemy still in position at 278611. Fire was exchanged casualties own Nil enemy unknown. Our Arty engaged position target well covered.

One enemy wounded which we did not count.

*W. J. Wilson*  
Lt.  
I.O.

In the Field.  
23 Apr. 45.

A, B, C, D, COYS

Coy trg carried out during the week.

Security patrols each day through SORAKEN PENINSULA report no sign of enemy.

GENERAL

On 21 Apr a working party from D Coy located one enemy body at 247606. This body had not been previously counted, and had obviously been killed by D Coy.

On the morning of 23 Apr a recce patrol from 11 Bty reported fresh Jap tracks of one man in the vicinity of 249656. On receipt of the infm a patrol was despatched to search the area in the vicinity of old Jap HQ, from 247657 to 255653. All tracks and coastline were searched with negative results.

BRIGHT OP

In the afternoon of 23 Apr the OP reported by guns firing in the vicinity of BUKA PASSAGE. Fall of shells was not observed and not heard.

ENEMY ARTY

There had been no enemy arty activity during the period 12 Apr to 25 Apr on the SORAKEN PENINSULA. During the afternoon 25 Apr one enemy 47mm fired seven rounds into the sea in the vicinity of I BEACH from TOROKORI ISLAND. Apparently the enemy were firing with the hope of a lucky hit on our barge traffic. Again in the afternoon of 26 Apr the abovementioned 47mm engaged the same target. At the same time two enemy 75ms engaged NW SORAKEN PENINSULA with 40 rounds 4 blinds.

At 1400hrs on 27 Apr an enemy gun fired 3 rounds, two of which were blinds on NW SORAKEN PENINSULA. The time of flight from this gun was particularly long when compared with other field pieces which have engaged this area. Following a heavy explosion shrapnel covered a large radius. This gun is considered to be, probably a 150mm or possibly a 105mm.

COMMENTS ON CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

On the translation of the map captured from Capt ARAI it is noticed that OMOTO P1 is in yren on the LAVELLE RIVER. (MR SORAKEN 1/25,000 - 305649). OMOTO P1 had apparently followed TAO pl around the SOUTH of the SORAKEN PLANTATION and was not withdrawn by barge from the peninsula. It is also noticed that by transposition RATSUA would on the SORAKEN 1/25,000 be at 310675 and not 302683 as shown.

In the Field

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26th Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Intelligence Report

Week ending 5 May 45

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Coy fire carried out during the week.

Security patrols carried out each day through SEVEN  
PLAINS. Security patrol on 1 May followed footprints  
presumed to be Jap for a distance of 200 yards in the  
vicinity of 1st. On the following day the area was thorough-  
ly searched by patrols but no further signs of the enemy  
were seen.

REMARKS

During the week several sightings of barges in the area  
north of SEVEN PLAINS were reported. These craft  
were all operating close ashore. Traffic to outer island  
apparently being carried out at night.

On the 2 May enemy arty fired 3 rounds on barge landing  
point 13892. The position of the gun which engaged the  
target area is obscure. A statement made by a 1st on 7 May  
stated that one 73mm and 5 men were on 13892. The  
gun was sighted in the direction of 13892.

Several reports of flashes seen on 13892 at 167700  
were reported during the week. These flashes may have been  
demonstrations of arty ranging on a target not yet in our hands.  
Supposing a 150 mm gun was situated at the above-mentioned  
point the target on 13892 could be engaged. The 45 deg  
elevation is sufficient to allow for clearance of the  
mountain range on 13892 and fall of shells on the target.

REMARKS

The only arty activity in this area during the week was on  
the 1 May when a possible 150 mm engaged 13892 with  
15 rounds.

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5 May 45

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26 AUST INF BN (AIF) INTELLIGENCE REPORT

for week ending 12 May 45

'A', 'B' Coy

Coy trg carried out during the week.

'C' Coy

On the night of 6 May C Coy Op made an unopposed landing on the East coast of TORIKOHI IS. Patrols during the morning of the 7 May reported that there was no evidence to show that the enemy had occupied the island for several months at least. On the western side of the island the remnants of a hut and old posts were found. The Coy was withdrawn on the night of 7 May and personnel to maintain an OP remained.

'D' Coy

Coy trg was carried out during the week. On 11 May the Coy moved by barge to RATSUA and cleared an area for 55/53 Aust Inf Bn Rear Echelon.

BRIGHT OP

During the morning of 5 May a boat was seen to leave HADRIAS IS with six Japs and head for SOHANA IS. Barge sightings in BUKA PASSAGE during the week were on a limited scale. No barge sightings were made on the area SOUTH of SOHANA IS. During the afternoon of the 6 May the OP reported what appeared to be the periscope of a submarine moving down BUKA PASSAGE to the vicinity of SOHANA IS.

Numerous sightings of flashes were reported during the week. These flashes are sighted constantly from the one post on SOHANA IS. The cause of these is still obscure.

On 10 May 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) assumed responsibility of BRIGHT AND SAPOBA OP's and our ops were withdrawn.

GENERAL

During the past week Gffrs and BOO's visited RATSUA area as observer parties with 55/53 Aust Inf Bn.

In the Field.

12 May 45

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26 AUST INF BN (AIF) INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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REVIEW

26 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) assumed comd as from 199630L and final handover by Coys was completed by 190800L. Intensive patrolling was carried out on all sectors during the day and enemy were contacted at several points. The enemy posn at track junc 333721 was found to have been vacated.

OPR A COY  
'A' COY

A patrol from 8 pl moved NORTH on the left flank of the track between 292689 and 289698 and contacted enemy of unestimated str at 290683, killing one and one probable. The patrol was unable to investigate the bodies as mov was heard on their rear. 7 pl moved NORTH on right flank of the above track and contacted enemy of str estimated 15 - 20 with one or more LMGs at map ref 290694. Gas enemy 5 killed own 3 wounded. This posn was later registered by arty.

B COY

A patrol from 12 pl moved NORTH 500 yds and contacted an unestimated number of Japs at ref 308700 (posn registered by arty). During the engagement the enemy lost four killed, our cas being one man missing with a Bron gun. A further patrol into the area failed to locate the missing man and found the enemy still in occupation. This posn was later registered by arty and as a result B Coy posn is now approx 308696.

C COY

Patrols from 13 pl (310695) and Coy Hq (312692) moved WEST and covered the area between C Coy and B Coy without seeing any signs of enemy.

D COY

Recco patrols approached the reported enemy posn at 333721 from the NORTH and SOUTH. The posn was found to have been vacated at least 48 hrs. The bodies of three Jap marines were found also the body of an Australian. The latter body was probably that of Pte ROMER, 55/53 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) but has not yet been definitely identified. No enemy arms were taken and no documents were found.

E PL

A patrol moved EAST along the SOUTHERN fringe of BUCI PLANTATION to A Coy without seeing any signs of the enemy. The country passed through was open, with visibility up to 200 yds.

A Coy 55/53 Bn

A patrol from this coy moved NW approx 900 yds along the track: failed to locate any enemy. No side tracks leading to the SW were found.

ARTY

During the late afternoon our arty engaged the enemy posn fwd of A coy at 290694 with 120 rounds. Also during the afternoon the arty engaged the enemy posn fwd of B Coy with 100 rounds.

CASUALTIES

ENEMY: 10 killed, 1 probably killed 3 found dead.

OWN: 1 missing 3 wounded.

GENERAL

Of the enemy cas during the day, t e 3 personnel found ~~was~~ dead by D Coy near RURI BAY, were definitely identified as Marines. The other forces contacted were wearing overcoats and as a close inspection of the bodies could not be made, no definite infm can be given as to their branch of the Jap force. However, they were all of large build which probably indicates Naval personnel. These personnel carried rifles with fixed bayonets.

LOCATIONS

A Coy	292689	
B Coy	308696	
C Coy and 15 Pl		311692
13 Pl		311696
14 pl		312685
D Coy with 16 and 18 pls		332720
17 pl		332722
5 pl	272692	
A Coy 55/53 Bn		311716/

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26 AUST INF BN (A F)INT REPORT.20 MAY 45REVIEW

Further patrolling was carried out on all sectors during the day. Only enemy posns contacted were the same as contacted yesterday by A and B Coys.

The body of Pte BARRAIT of 55/53 Aust Inf Bn was found

the change over of Hy Mortar Fls was completed

Native scouts report there are no Japs SOUTH of SIARA

OPS and MOVA COY

A patrol from 8 pl moved NORTH from the coy perimeter and contacted ~~an~~ a fwd Jap posn of 2 LMGs approx 300 yds out. During the ensuing fighting we suffered three men wounded while enemy cas are unknown. The patrol dug in at 292691 and the enemy posns were engaged with arty and 3" mortar fire. A further patrol moved round the left flank of the enemy posn and struck the track to the NORTH of the posn. This patrol dug in for the night on a small feature approx 150 yds from the track at 290693.

B COY

A patrol from B Coy moved in a general NW direction through the scrub to 302704, without seeing any signs of enemy. The patrol did not cross any tracks. A patrol from 10 pl probed the enemy posns at 308699 from the left flank. The enemy were found to be dug in on the ~~WEST~~ crest of a small feature. The posns of 1 LMG and 5 rifle pits were pinpointed. The LMG was sited in a logged-in bunker. At 1400L our arty engaged the posn.

This patrol also confirmed yesterdays cas as five enemy killed not four as previously reported.

C COY

Security patrols were maintained during the day along the L of C and in the area between B and C coys. One patrol found the body of Pte BARRETT at 309684. Other patrols operating along small side tracks between 312694 and 312684 found an enemy ordnance dump, hospital and field bakery. Eight large bags of grain were found in a shed at the latter posn.

D COY

At 1133L D Coy with 16 and 18 pls occupied a posn 334722, while 17 pl took up posn at 333723. A patrol moved EAST over the cliffs to the beach and investigated NORTH for 400 yds, and SOUTH for 200 yds. The caves and huts at 333724 showed no signs of occupation for some months. A further patrol along the track to 331729 thence NW to 325735 reached the edge of the kunai shown on the CHABAI 1/25,000. An old hut and some posns were found in the vicinity but no signs of any Japs. The patrol returned to 331729 and investigated a track th the EAST for a short distance. This track had enemy sig cable along it. At 1600 L a single Jap rifle shot was heard in the vicinity of 332726.

A COY 55/53 BN

During the early morning 2 Jap rifle shots were heard several hundred yards to the NORTH of the coy perimeter. These were answered by two shots to the SOUTH. Shortly afterwards, a lone Jap approached the perimeter from the NORTH, and was promptly despatched. This was

This was followed immediately by indiscriminate fire from the NORTH by an IML, which was again answered by two rifle shots to the SOUTH. It is considered that the enemy had moved SOUTH during the night and had withdrawn when he discovered that the track was occupied.

5 PL

This pl patrolled NORTH to BUDI PLANTATION at 274696 thence SE along the plantation to 282691 without finding any signs of the enemy.

4.2 MORTARS.

At 1000L 2Pl 101 Aust By Mortars relieved 1 Pl 101 Aust By Mortars at 293682.

ARTY

ENEMY: Nil

OWN: Gone on enemy posn fwd of B Coy at ~~308699~~ 308699  
Gone on enemy posn fwd of A Coy at 292691

CASUALTIES

Enemy

Previous:	11 Killed	1 Probable	3 Found Dead
Today:	1 "	"	"
	12	4	3

OWN

Previous:	1 missing	5 wounded
Today:	1 "	6 "

GENERAL

The body of Pte Barrett when found had not reached a bad state of decomposition considering it was 7 days since he was reported missing. The body was in a half sitting posn and had a gunshot wound through the head. His rifle was in his left hand with nine rounds in the magazine, and one expended cartridge in the breech. However, the member's shirt sleeves were rolled down, and his collar button fastened. Although American pattern gaiters were still in place, the boots were missing.

LOCATIONS

A Coy plus 7 pl	292689	8pl	292691	9 pl	298693
B Coy	308696				
C Coy plus 16pl	311692	14pl	312685	13 pl	311696
D Coy plus 16 and 18 pls			334722	17 pl	333723
4 pl	323708				
5 pl	272692				
A Coy 55/53 Bn	311716				

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INF REPORT21 MAY 45.REVIEWS

The enemy is strongly contesting our attempt to dislodge him from his positions fwd of A and B Coys.

A Coy ~~was~~ 55/53 Aust Inf Bn Departed RATSUA area 1200L

Adv party of A Coy Papuan Inf Bn arrived at Tac HQ

OPS & MOVA COY

Patrols from 8 and 9 pls linked and moving round the left flank of the enemy pocket at 289694, dug in at 291695. At 1100L a patrol from 7 pl moved NORTH from coy perimeter along the track killing one Jap sentry 150 yds NORTH of the perimeter. During the afternoon this patrol proceeded further along the track locating a recently vacated Jap posn at 292692. The patrol returned to the coy perimeter for the night.

B COY

At 1100L 11 pl moved round the right flank of enemy posn at 308699 and cut the track at 309699 where three Japs moving WEST to enemy posn were sighted. One Jap was killed. At 1200L 12 pl joined 11 pl and during the next hour the enemy attacked the two pls attempting to dig in, three times, during which we suffered 1 killed 1 wounded.

C COY

Security patrols along Ls of C and to coys flanks reported no sign of enemy. A patrol to track at approx 312703 made no contact.

D COY

A patrol NORTH from the coy sighted a lone Jap filling four water bottles at 333724. The Jap was allowed to start moving in a SW direction before being killed. Another patrol to track junc 330729 reported no contact. During the afternoon a patrol moved SE around RURI BAY to 340718 where a deserted galvanized iron hut and deserted caves were found. During the afternoon the body of a dead Jap was found outside the coy perimeter.

5 PL

A patrol NORTH along the coast to 274703 reported no signs of enemy

4 PL

A patrol from this pl investigated the garden at 328716 where they found deserted huts and three very recent graves.

4.2 MORTARS

During the day the 4.2 mortars engaged enemy posns 308099

ARTY

Enemy: nil

Own: During the afternoon a DP task was registered in the vicinity of 11 and 12 pls at approx 309699.

CASUALTIES

ENEMY

Previous:	12 Killed	1 Probable	3 Found Dead	
Today:	3 "		1 " "	3 Graves
	15 "	1 "	4 " "	3 "

OWN

Previous:	1 missing	6 wounded
Today :	1 killed	1 wounded
	<u>1 killed 1 missing 7 wounded.</u>	

GENERAL

During the morning a party of natives passed through G Coy moving in the direction of KE ANGAU. They did not reach the latter poen , apparently having turned off the track towards FORA FORA.

A patrol from A Coy reported that they heard sounds which appeared to be MT NORTH of the enemy poen at 291696. 5 pl patrol reported that at 1:00L they heard the sound of a motor at 79 degrees Mag from ENK BUOI JETTY. These two reports probably indicate that the track of the EAST side of BUOI PLANTATION is being used by MT to supply the enemy poen fwd of A Coy.

LOCATIONS.

A Coy plus 7 pl	292689	8 and 9 pls	291695
B Coy plus 10 pl	308696	11 and 12 pls	309699
C Coy plus 15 pl	311692	14 pl	312685
D Coy plus 16 and 18 pls	334722	13 pl	311696
5 pl	272692	17 pl	333723
4 pl	323708		

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During the afternoon 12 pl moved around to the ~~SOUTH~~ of the enemy position to their front, and dug in at approx 308700.

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### C COY

26 AUST INF BN (AIF)

C Coy less 13 pl moved to the area previously occupied by A Coy ~~55/53 Bn~~ and have formed a perimeter at 312715. In this vicinity the body of a Jap dead at least 7 days was found. At 1625L one

### REV INF

The enemy is still showing by resistance fwd of A and B Coys despite heavy losses.

C Coy moved from former posn to area previously occupied by A Coy 55/53 Aust Inf Bn.

### OPS & MOV

#### A COY

At 1930 on 21 May a party of Japs walked into booby traps on the track SOUTH of 8 pl at 291695. This morning three dead Japs were found outside the perimeter. At 0935 7 pl moved NORTH along the track and dug in for the night at 292692. At 1115 L a party of 5 Japs were sighted moving EAST along a track fwd of 7 pl. They were engaged with 3" mortars with unobserved results.

At 1015L the enemy attacked 8 and 9 pl perimeter at 291695. The attack was by a strong force from the NORTH, and the enemy was using four IHCs with rifles. During the ensuing action the enemy suffered 4 killed, one of whom, judging from his dress was an offr. One Type 99 IHC was captured. Our cas were nil. During the afternoon our 3" mortars registered a DP task fwd of these two pls and at 1600L Coy HQ joined these two pls.

All the enemy killed in this sector during the last 24 hrs have been identified as marines.

#### B COY

During the afternoon 12 pl moved around to the NE of the enemy position to their front, and dug in at approx 308700.

#### C COY

C Coy less 13 pl moved to the area previously occupied by A Coy 55/53 Bn and have formed a perimeter at 312715. In this vicinity the body of a Jap dead at least 7 days was found. At 1625L one Jap approached the perimeter from the NORTH. He was fired on but managed to escape. Patrols failed to locate signs of enemy. 13 pl moved NE along the RURI BAY road and dug in at 312705.

#### D COY

A patrol from D Coy moved out WEST to 328722 on the edge of the large kunai patch shown. At this point a freshly cut track was found. The patrol investigated NORTH and joined the main NORTH SOUTH track at 331729, but no contact was made with the enemy.

#### 5PL

A patrol from this pl moved SE to the estuary of the RATSUA RIVER at 279687, thence NORTH to the main track, without contacting any enemy.

#### 4.2 MORTARS

At 1430L the 4.2 mortars engaged the enemy position fwd of B Coy.

#### ARTY

Enemy: mtz At 0915L one round of small calibre fell in the vicinity of BUCI JETTY. Bearing to origin of sound was 290 deg from 272692



ARTY

Own: Arty fire was brought to bear on the enemy posn during the attack on 8 and 9 pls during the morning. During the afternoon a DF was registered fwd of A Coy.

CAS

<u>ENEMY:</u>	Previous:	15 killed	1 probable	4 Found Dead	3 Graves
	Today	7 "	"	1 " "	"
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		22 "	1 "	5 " "	3 "
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<u>OWN:</u>	Previous	1 killed	1 missing	7 wounded	
	Today	Nil			
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		1 "	1 "	7 "	
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GENERAL

The three Japs killed by A Coy during the night 21/22 May were wearing Aust clothing. The clothes had apparently been taken from packs lost previously by A Coy.

LOGAT DNS

A Coy plus 8 and 9 pls	291695	7 pl	292692
B Coy plus 10 pl	307695	11pl	309699
12 pl			308700
C Coy plus 14 and 15 pls	312715	13 pl	317704
D Coy plus 16 and 18 pls	334722	17 pl	333723
5 pl	272692	4 pl	323701.

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26 AUG 45 BN (A/P)BN REPORT23 MAY 45.REVIEW

The main body of A Coy PIB arrived this area and formed a perimeter at 316712.

The enemy have vacated the posn fwd of A Coy

Small parties of Japs were contacted moving SOUTH on the EASTERN sector of the Bn front.

O/S & MOVA COY

At 0935L a Jap approached 8 and 9 pl perimeter from the SOUTH and was killed. He was a marine and had already been wounded previously. 7 pl moved NORTH along the track from their perimeter, and found that the enemy posns between our two forces had been vacated. Contact was made with 8 and 9 pls. A patrol EAST to approx 29693 report a 40 ft feature with old Jap posns on it. Security patrols around perimeter report no contact.

B COY

During the night 1 Jap approaching 12 pl perimeter from the NORTH released one of our booby traps and was killed. At 0900L the body of a dead Jap was found outside 11 pl perimeter, apparently having been killed during the attack on our perimeter on 21 May. 11pl moved and joined 12 pl at 308700 while a standing patrol was left at 11 pl posn during daylight. 10 pl moved NORTH of enemy posn but failed to locate track and made no contact. 10 pl joined 11 and 12 pls for night.

C COY

At 0830L a patrol departed coy perimeter and moved NORTH for 150 yds where they contacted two Jap naval personnel both of whom were killed. The patrol investigated EAST from this point for several hundred yards and found a track cut within the last three days leading in a NORTHERLY direction. A small recon patrol operating in the vicinity of 317714 contacted a party of 5 Japs engaged in survey work. Cas enemy 1 killed 1 probably killed. Later in the afternoon a further patrol moved NORTH from the perimeter and contacted several Japs of whom 1 was killed and 1 ~~wounded~~ probably killed.

D COY

At 0915 four Japs, naval personnel, loaded with several days rations walked towards D Coy perimeter along the main track from the NORTH. Three of these were killed, and some documents taken. During the morning a two day patrol to the plantation in the vicinity of 331728 departed.

E PL

A patrol moved NORTH to vicinity 272702 and found 6 U/s barges and a hut covered with a tarpaulin. The OP at 5 pl made several sightings during the day of explosions and smoke on an island in square 7878

ARTY

Enemy: A probable enemy 47 mm fired approx 6 rounds into the bay in the vicinity of 271681. These shells fell several hundred yards wide of a barge moving into RABALA JETTY.

Own: During the day our arty engaged the enemy posn in the vicinity of B Coy

CASEnemy

Previous	22 killed	1 probable	5 found dead	3 graves
Today	10 "	2 "		
	32 "	3 "	5 "	3 "

Own

Previous	1 killed	1 missing	7 wounded
Today	NIL		
	1 "	1 "	7 "

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

The translation of sketchy organisation of Jap Unit captured by D Coy today indicate the possibility of the Unit concerned being WASA DEN: LAND CD FORCE : 87 NAVAL CD FORCE, which according to PWJA 160032 has 2/3 Htn Guns. Added to the fact that the Naval personnel killed by G Coy appeared to be engaged in survey or traverse of our fwd posns it is possible that WASA DEN Unit or part has been moved from WASA DEN to give arty support to Jap naval forces.

GENERAL

The freshly cut track found by G Coy probably follows around the SOUTH edge of the kunai patch in sqs 3172-3272 and links with the newly cut track reported by D Coy on 22 May. The track had apparently been cut from EAST to WEST.

The Jap in this area to date has not made use of his own grenades. Of the two parties contacted by G and D Coys today an MR 36 grenade was found on the belt of the enemy in both posns.

The party of Japs contacted by G Coy were in the possession of an accurate survey instrument resembling a compass and it is considered that the enemy were traversing in the posn of our Coy for some reason. Query arty target.

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26 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Intelligence

Report for 24 May 45

REVIEW

The enemy pocket in the vicinity of B Coy is reported clear of enemy.  
Small parties of Japs on the eastern sector are still being contacted by our patrols  
A wounded PW was taken by C Coy

OPS & MOV A Coy

During the morning a patrol from 7 Pl moved NORTH from the perimeter and contacted 8 and 9 Pls at 291695. 7 Pl later moved and joined 8 and 9 Pls perimeter. At 0900L a patrol from 8 Pl moved NORTH along track. A short distance NORTH of the perimeter marks of blood along the side of the track led to two bodies which had been dragged out after the enemy attack on 22 May. Approx 300 yds further NORTH the patrol contacted an enemy patrol and one Jap was killed. Our arty engaged the area with unknown results.

B Coy

During the morning 11 and 12 Pls moved around to the NW of the enemy posn. A patrol from 12 Pl moved down the track and found the enemy posn vacated. The posn consisted of a perimeter for 30 men with sleeping quarters in the centre. The patrol contacted 10 Pl. During the afternoon 10 Pl moved to 304702 and joined the Coy perimeter.

C Coy

At 0900L a patrol from 14 Pl moved NORTH from Coy perimeter and approx 309717 contacted a small enemy party. Enemy cas 2 probably killed. The patrol then moved EAST to 317724 and then SOUTH to Coy perimeter. At 1400L a patrol moved NORTH to 309717 and found one dead Jap and one wounded who was taken PW. A patrol to the garden area in the vicinity of 317713 reports no sign of enemy. During the afternoon the body of a dead Jap was found 40 yds from the Coy perimeter. This Jap was fired on on the 22 May but a search failed to locate the body.

D Coy

0900L a patrol moved NORTH along cliff from Coy perimeter and killed two japs 100 yds out. The patrol moved on and shortly after contacted and killed another Jap. The two day patrol to 353757 contacted an enemy patrol in vicinity 351734. Gas own one wounded enemy one killed.

5 Pl

A patrol yo 282691 then NORTH through plantation to 280701 then WEST to the coast report no sign of the enemy.

PIB.

Security patrols in sq 3271 report one Jap sighted near 321713

ARTY

Our arty engaged enemy vicinity 289697 during the morning.

CASUALTIES

ENEMY

Previous	32 killed	3 probables		5 found dead	3 graves
Today	9 "		1 PW		
	41 "	3 "	1 "	5 "	3 "

OWN

Previous	1 killed	1 missing	7 wounded
Today	1 "	1 "	8 "

LOCATIONS

A Coy HQ plus 7; 8 and 9 Pls	291695
B Coy HQ plus 10; 11 and 12 Pls	304702
C Coy less 15 Pl	312715
13 Pl	317704
D Coy less 17 Pl	334722
17 Pl	335723
5 Pl	272692
4 Pl	323701

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Report for 25 May 45.

The most significant event<sup>t</sup> of the day was the clash between the PIB patrol and the enemy in the vicinity of ~~332726~~ 332726 during which our casualties were nil, the enemy 7 killed and 1 probably killed.

During this action the enemy, for the first time, used mortars against our troops when they fired one round of probable 81 mm calibre.

A Coy

During the morning 7 and 9 PIs moved NE from the coy perimeter and, at 1200 hrs, had commenced to dig in at the corner of BUI Plantation reference 292698. After digging in patrols investigated this area for tracks and found a recently vacated enemy position at approximately 292698. A much used track was found running NORTH and SOUTH.

B Coy

At 0900L a patrol moved EAST along the track from the company perimeter to a point 316701 and reported no sign of enemy. One dead Jap body was found. At 1045L a patrol moving NE through the scrub contacted a small enemy party as the result of which our own casualties were two wounded, enemy casualties unknown. Our arty then engaged the enemy and a later patrol reported the position clear of enemy.

C Coy

At 1400L a patrol from 13 PI returned from patrolling from 312594 to approximately 307718 and reported several vacated enemy positions. The positions appeared to have been vacated during the last 24 hours. Evidence indicated that the enemy had withdrawn towards the WEST.

D Coy

Two patrols were out during the day, one moved about 500 yds SOUTH along the coast from 333722 which reported no sign of the enemy. The other patrol moved NORTH along the coast for about 500 yds from the same point and found one dead Jap in a cave on the beach. The Jap had been dead for several weeks.

5 PI

A patrol from this pl to point 290693 reported no enemy seen.

PIB

At 0900L a patrol moving NORTH from 333722 along the track contacted an enemy position at 332726 consisting of 1 MMG 2 LMGs and rifles. During this clash 5 enemy were killed and 1 probably killed. Our 3 inch mortars engaged this enemy position and the enemy withdrew leaving a quantity of 81 mm mortar bombs. Our patrol then moved further NORTH and killed 2 more Japs. The enemy were contacted in strength at 332728, their arms consisting of 1 MMG, 1 LMG and rifles. The enemy engaged our position with one round mortar fire, probably 81 mm calibre

CASUALTIES

<u>Enemy</u>					
Previous	41 killed	3 probables	1 PW	5 found dead	3 graves
Today	7	1		2	
	48	4	1	7	3
<u>Own</u>					
Previous	1 killed	1 missing (round)		7 wounded	
Today	2 killed	--		2 wounded (missing man)	9 wounded, found dead.

26 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Intelligence  
Report for 26 May, 45.

The main point of interest during the day was the strong opposition encountered forward of D Coy by the PIB. After the first clash the enemy reinforced their positions with approximately 20 well equipped troops. The enemy strength in the area is estimated as 50 with 1 HMG, 2 LMGs 1/90 mm Mortar and rifles.

A Coy

At 1200L a patrol from 7 Pl moving NORTH was fired on by 2 enemy LMGs. Our casualties were one killed enemy unknown. The position was then engaged by our Arty. At 1600L a patrol from 7 and 9 Pls moved 150 yds WEST into the Plantation and then NORTH to the top of the Plantation. No enemy were contacted and there were no recent signs of enemy activity.

B Coy

At 1130L 12 Pl outflanked the track leading NW and cut same at reference 295705 where they dug in. Patrols from this Pl moved 400 yards in a NE and SW direction and report no enemy seen. A further patrol from 12 Pl moved 150 yds in a NW direction found a Jap grave approximately 3 days old and native scouts observed tracks of three Japs in the vicinity. Local security patrols made no contact.

C Coy

Patrol from 13 Pl moved SE to 314713 where an old enemy shelter with 2 dead Japs was found. The Japs had been dead for several weeks. Another patrol moved NORTH 150 yards from the company perimeter and then EAST to a track at 307717. No enemy were contacted.

D Coy

Patrol moved around the southern end of RURI BAY to 346719 and found no recent signs of enemy. The track leading to the SOUTH at 342747 is clearly defined. At 339717 an Australian Pack was found containing personal effects of Pte ROMER of 55/53 Bn. It is estimated the track had not been used for approximately 4 days.

5 Pl

Patrol moved NORTH to BOUI Jetty and then along the SOUTH bank of the estuary to 275703. The patrol crossed the creek and proceeded NE along a track for 130 yards and made no contact.

PIB

At 1010L a patrol contacted the enemy at 331726 and were fired on by 1 HMG, 1 LMG and rifles estimated strength 20/30. Casualties enemy 2 killed. Our 3 inch mortars then engaged the enemy who withdrew 75 yards to a prepared position. Native scouts reported that approximately 20 well equipped Japs moved down the road from the NORTH and reinforced the enemy pocket. At 1115L our patrol probing the enemy position killed 1 Jap. Our 3 inch mortars and arty again engaged the enemy and, at 1330L, our probing patrol again contacted the enemy killing 1 Jap and probably killing another. At 0830L a patrol moved out NORTH to 317719 and struck a track leading WEST which was followed to 311719 where 2 Japs were contacted killing 1. At 1330L another patrol moved out and struck a track running parallel to KUNAI patch at 323720. The patrol followed this track WEST and at 316723 contacted 6 Japs killing 1. There is a probable LMG in hut at 314724.

ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY

From 1423L to 1457L one enemy gun probably 150 mm or 105 mm fired 5 rounds in vicinity of river mouth leading to RATSUA Jetty. The enemy gun was located on SOHANA Island.

OUR ARTY

During the day our Arty engaged enemy positions forward of A Coy and enemy pocket in coconut Plantation forward of B Coy.

CASUALTIES

ENEMY

Previous	48 killed	4 probables	1 PW	7 found dead	3 graves.
Today	6 "	1 "		2	1
	54	5	1	9	4

OUR

Previous	2 killed	9 wounded
Today	1	
	3 killed	9 wounded.

LOCATIONS

A Coy and 8 P1	291695
7 and 9 P1s	289696
B Coy less 12 P1	293702
12 P1	295705
C Coy less 14 P1	312715
14 P1	306717
D Coy less 18 P1	334723
18 P1	333724
4 P1	323701
5 P1	272692
FIB	318712.

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A Coy

At 1100L Coy HQ moved to join 7 and 9 Pls at 290695. 5 Pl moved from their position on the coast and joined 8 Pl at 291695 and came under command of A Coy.

At 1240L 8 Pl moved up and joined 9 Pl and together they pushed on to a new position at 289703 and dug in. While the Pls were digging in the enemy attacked using rifles as the result of which one Jap was killed and our own casualties were nil. Coy HQ moved up and joined these forward pls at 1530L.

The enemy, using 2 MGs and rifles, attacked the coy perimeter at 1735L as the result of which our casualties were one wounded. The enemy casualties were unknown but moaning could be heard. The enemy put down smoke to one flank which lasted about 10 minutes and seemed to serve no purpose other than to divert the attention of our troops.

At 1915L our 3 inch mortars engaged the enemy position.

B Coy

Activities of B Coy today were confined to security patrols which made no contact.

C Coy

During the morning an ambush party from 14 Pl astride the track at 310719 contacted enemy of estimated strength of 10 with possibly 2 MGs. Our own casualties were nil and enemy one probably killed.

At 1330L a combined patrol from 15 Pl and P13 contacted 6 Japs at 312719 killing 4, our own casualties were nil.

D Coy

During the morning a P13 patrol accompanied by Arty and Mortar BCOs moved out forward of D Coy with a view to pin-pointing the enemy position and bringing down fire as the result of which our Arty and 3 inch mortars engaged the target at 1445L. At the same time as the BCO party moved out another D Coy patrol moved to a position at approximately 329728 and set an ambush as flank protection - no enemy were seen by this patrol.

REMARKS

During the clashes with the enemy by D Coy on 25 May at 332726 4 enemy 90 mm mortar bombs were captured one of which has been returned for examination.

The bombs found comply with the illustration (figure 158) on Japanese explosive Ordnance by U S Navy Mobile Explosives Investigation Unit No 1.

TOPOGRAPHY

The bridge has now been completed across the creek at 311691.

The track WEST from 316701 to B Coy is now jeepable.

Today a track was recced leading off this EAST - WEST track at 312702 and running approximately NORTH to join the track at the rear of C Coy at approximately 314715. The BCO in charge of the recc reported this track could easily be made jeepable.

CASUALTIES

<u>Enemy</u>					
Previous	54 killed	5 probables	1 PW	7 found dead	3 graves.
Today	5	1			
	59	6	1	7	3

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A Coy

No activity to report from this coy area during the day.

B Coy

At 1115L a small recce patrol reported enemy were still occupying the track ~~junction~~ about 200 yds NW of 12 Pl at 295705. Estimated strength is given at 5/6.

At 1500L arty and heavy mortars engaged this enemy pocket .

C Coy

13 Pl moved up to join 13 Pl at 1030L, both pls now located at 306717. At 1620L a recce patrol to 317724 reported enemy of estimated strength of 6 still in occupation of that position.

D Coy

At 1145L one Jap grave was found near 18 Pl perimeter.

The patrol from Coy HQ 750 yds NORTH and 500 yds SOUTH along the beach reported no contact or signs of any activity. A patrol NORTH from 18 Pl to a point 333727 along the EAST side of the Plantation reported no enemy seen. A recce patrol from Coy HQ along the left flank reported the enemy still in occupation of the position at 332726. At 1550L a patrol which had been occupying an ambush position at 328726 returned a reported no enemy seen.

PIB

At 1700L a recce patrol reported seeing three Japs near the garden at 326716.

General

At 1000L a party making a reconnaissance in the vicinity of BUOI Plantation for a barge landing point was fired on by 1 DMB situated on the point at 273702. Our party was making the recce by Folding Boat. Fire was exchanged, we suffered no casualties, enemy casualties unknown.

At 2045L a green verrey light was observed on a bearing of approximately 320 deg Mag from Tac HQ.

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A Coy

A security patrol moving out from the company perimeter found, about 10 yards from the perimeter, the bodies of two Japs killed during the afternoon of 27 May. A damaged Owen Gun was also recovered. When attempting to move further forward the patrol was fired on by 1 LMG and rifles. Fire was exchanged resulting in our casualties being 1 killed, the enemy casualties were unknown. Our Arty and 3 inch mortars engaged the enemy position. At 1100L a party endeavouring to recover the body of our casualty was engaged, we suffered nil casualties.

During the afternoon a patrol from 7 Pl at 290697 to Coy HQ at 288703 reported the track clear of enemy.

B Coy

At 1000L 11 Pl moved NW through 12 Pl at 295705 and coy HQ and 10 Pl moved forward to join 12 Pl. 11 Pl pushing forward contacted the enemy about 75 yards NW of 12 Pl, the Pl deployed and approached the enemy position from the flanks during which time the enemy withdrew to another prepared position at 25 yards further along the track. Our Arty then engaged the enemy enabling our patrol to dig in on the track. At 1510L one enemy LMG engaged 11 Pl - nil casualties.

C Coy

At 1245L a patrol returning was engaged by an estimated 2 LMGs and 10 rifles at 316723 as the result of which our casualties were one wounded, the enemy casualties were unknown.

D Coy

At 1410L a patrol of D Coy personnel and PIB moved out from Coy HQ and found the enemy still to be in occupation of their position at 332726. Several Japs were observed sitting by the side of the track smoking and were taken by surprise by the PIB. 9 Japs were killed as the result of this encounter, our own casualties were nil. When the patrol returned to the perimeter our 3 inch mortars and arty engaged the enemy position.

PIB

At 1430L a patrol to the garden at 327717 reported sighting three Jap sentries who fled. The natives reported that approximately 20 Japs slept in this garden area during the previous night. During the morning an escort party sighted one unarmed Jap on the track at 312693. The Jap fled and a patrol sent out to search the area in this vicinity failed to find him.

Locations

A Coy less 7 Pl	289703
7 Pl	290695
5 Pl	290695
B Coy less 11 Pl	295705
11 Pl	294705
C Coy less 15 Pl	316718
15 Pl	316716
D Coy less 18 Pl	334723
18 Pl	333724
PIB	318712
4 Pl	312702

Casualties

Enemy

Previous	59 killed	6 probables	1 PW	9 found dead	4 graves.
Today	11			1	
	<u>70</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>

Own to 26 May.

	3 killed	9 wounded	1 Died of wounds
Since 26 May	2 killed	2 wounded	
	<u>5 killed</u>	<u>11 wounded</u>	<u>1 ddd of wounds.</u>

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A Coy

During the morning ANGAU scouts investigating the enemy position from the NORTH report they saw no sign on the enemy. During the afternoon the same scouts, working on the enemy flanks, reported the sighting of a vacant fox hole. During the late afternoon our small arms fire failed to draw enemy fire.

B Coy

At 07.0L, an MG fired on 11 Pl perimeter - casualties own one wounded. During the morning patrols moved to both flanks of the enemy and report movement heard. During the afternoon a further patrol to the enemy right flank reported no movement heard.

C Coy

A patrol to 308719 reports that the track at this point has not recently been used by the enemy. Another patrol to 312721 sighted three Japs on the track, casualties enemy unknown own nil.

D Coy

A patrol along the west side of the plantation to track EAST - WEST at 330729 reports no enemy seen.

5 Pl.

At 1300 L the Pl moved from A Coy area and now is in D Coy perimeter 333722.

PIB

Patrol to track at 304715 sighted 2 Japs one of whom was killed. During the morning two sections of PIB joined A Coy at 289703.

Casualties.

Enemy

Previous	70 killed	6 probables	1 PW	10 found dead	4 graves.
Today	1				
	71	6	1	10	4

Own

Previous	5 killed	11 wounded	1 died of wounds.
Today		1	
	5 killed	12 wounded	1 died of wounds.

Locations

A Coy less 7 Pl plus two Sections PIB	289703
7 Pl	290695
B Coy less 11 Pl	295705
11 Pl	294705
C Coy less 15 Pl	316718
15 Pl	316716
D Coy less 18 Pl plus 5 Pl	334723
18 Pl	333724
PIB less 2 Sections	318712
4 Pl	312702.

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A Coy

During the morning reconnaissance patrols probing the enemy position at 288703 forward of the company found that the enemy had withdrawn. The withdrawal was probably the result of the pounding this area has been receiving from our Arty, 3 inch Mortars and MM's. The vacated enemy position was about 20 yards forward of the company perimeter with accommodation for about 15. There was evidence that the enemy had been using a HMG. The positions were well logged with overhead cover and were not recently constructed. One more Jap body was found near the perimeter.

At 1515L a PIB patrol at 288706 found a track junction with two well worn tracks, one leading NORTH and the other NE. Two Japs were seen but they escaped - one was wearing an Australian hat.

By 1700L 7 Pl had moved through 8 and 9 Pls and occupied the track junction at 288706.

The location of this forward Pl by Arty registration is 292703 which puts the coy further EAST of the plantation than they really are on the ground.

B Coy

At 1000L a patrol probing the enemy position at 292707 from the left flank was fired on by 1 LMG and 5 rifles, the enemy appeared to be scattered on both sides of the track making it difficult to pin-point their positions.

Our Arty engaged the enemy position at 1210L.

A further patrol at 1700L was again fired on by the enemy from the same positions as previously.

The Arty registration of the forward Pl of B Coy is 299702.

C Coy

At 0900L a patrol moved WEST to approximately 305716 and located a track running NORTH and SOUTH which had not been recently used. The patrol then moved to 302715 without locating further tracks or contacting any enemy.

D Coy

At 1100L a patrol moved NW to the Kumai at 328723 then NORTH along the track to junction at 329726. The track running EAST into the plantation showed signs of recent use. A patrol on the eastern side of the plantation to 332726 fired 2 grenades into the known enemy position. The enemy replied with 2 shots. The patrol returned to the perimeter and the enemy was engaged by our 3 inch mortars.

101 Hy Mortars.

At 1400L the Hy Mortars moved to new location with B Coy rear at 300702.

Equipment.

By the side of the track running NORTH - SOUTH at approximately 314708 a magazine, similar to that of a Lewis Gun, was found. It is apparently the magazine of a Lewis type model 92 (1932) 7.7 mm. The magazine contained some 7.7 ammunition.

At the captured enemy position forward of A Coy some 7.7 ammunition was found in strips similar to those used in aircraft MGs. The ammunition consisted of AP and tracer.

Casualties.

Previous	71 killed	6 probables	1 PW	10 found dead	4 graves.
Today	1				
	72	6	1	10	4

Own casualties no change.

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A Coy

At 1130L a patrol from 7 Pl moving NE along the track contacted an enemy position at approx 290705 estimated strength of which was 1 IBS and rifles.

Another Jap body was found near the company perimeter.

At 1200L 8 Pl moved up and joined 7 Pl which were joined by Coy HQ later during the afternoon. 9 Pl remained at 289703.

At 1400L a PIB patrol investigated the enemy position referred to above as the result of which the enemy estimated strength was increased to 1 IBS, 1 IBS and approximately 12 rifles, situated in the vicinity of 6 huts. Natives threw 2 grenades at 2 Japs in a hut and claim that it is nearly a certainty that the Japs were killed, for the present these have been listed as probables.

At 1815L an estimated 1 IBS and 3 rifles opened fire but shots were wide of the company perimeter and apparently intended to draw our fire. Our troops did not reply.

B Coy

During the morning 10 Pl moved around the enemy position by the right flank and at 1230L was astride the track at approximately 297703, with the enemy position between them and company headquarters. At 1515L the enemy attacked 10 Pl from both flanks as the result of which our own casualties were nil, enemy unknown. At 1700L our arty registered a DF task forward of 10 Pl.

Later in the evening at about 1830L 10 Pl fired on 3 Japs approaching the Pl perimeter, our casualties were nil and enemy casualties will not be known until the area is examined tomorrow.

C Coy

At 1030L a patrol from 15 Pl accompanied by PIB personnel contacted the enemy about 250 yards NORTH of the company at approximately 315720 killing six. Our own casualties were nil. It is estimated that the enemy is about 30 strong and our arty engaged the position at 1145L. At 1300L 15 Pl dug in astride the track at approximately reference 315720. Native reconnaissance patrols report that the enemy have a mortar in this position but so far this has not been confirmed. Later in the afternoon Coy HQ, 13 and 14 Pls moved around the left flank and dug in on the track leading round the Kunai at 311722. Two Japs who had been dead for about a month were found near 15 Pl perimeter.

D Coy

At 0830L the company left BURI BAY with a view to moving NW through C Coy. 5 Pl remained in occupation of this position. By 1100L the forward Pl had contacted enemy at 308716 and killed 2 Japs. The Japs killed were of a smaller type than previous Japs killed and were apparently being used as a carrier party carrying potatoes - they were wearing no badges of rank. The full company was at 308716 by 1215L. At 1330L 18 Pl moved WEST from the company perimeter to approximately 304719. The track at this point runs 70 deg magnetic. During the afternoon a patrol from Company Headquarters at 308716 moved NORTH and located the track running EAST - WEST along the SOUTH edge of the Bmai.

At 1840L one Jap approaching 18 Pl perimeter was wounded but he escaped.

4 Pl

The carriers train operating between C Coy and 4 Pl sighted 3 Japs at 314705 at 1145L. Fire was exchanged and the enemy escaped towards the WEST. A patrol sent out to investigate ~~xxxxxx~~ returned at 1400L and stated that pools of blood indicated that one man had been wounded at least. A Lewis Type magazine covered with blood was recovered, the magazine contained 7.7 ammunition.

5 Pl

Throughout the day this Pl harassed the enemy position at 332728 with 3 inch mortar fire.

Casualties

Previous	72 killed	6 probables	1 PW	10 found dead	4 graves.
Today	9	2		2	
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Total	81	8	1	12	4
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No change in own casualties.

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A Coy

Native scouts operating in a NE direction from A Coy perimeter at 289705 located an enemy pocket at approximately 295706 containing at least one LMG and rifles. At the same time a patrol from 7 Pl moved EAST and dug in at 292705 just SOUTH of the enemy position. The position was then engaged by our Arty. During the afternoon 8 Pl moved from coy HQ at 289705 and joined 7 Pl at 292705 and the reserve Pl, 9 Pl, moved forward to Coy HQ at 289705.

At 1615L a patrol investigated the enemy position forward of company Headquarters and reported enemy still in occupation. On the return of the patrol the enemy position was engaged by our 3 inch mortars, grenade dischargers and LMGs.

Company positions were confirmed by Tac/R plane.

B Coy

Operations in the company commenced early today when two Japs approached the perimeter from the SOUTH at 0300L and were engaged with unknown results. A security patrol from 10 Pl at 295704 found two Jap bodies as the result of last night's activities. One body was identified as that of a second class Petty Officer. Documents recovered from his body have been sent back.

At 1500L one Jap approaching 10 Pl perimeter was killed. There were no badges or rank of documents.

Further patrols during the afternoon established that the enemy pocket between Company Headquarters and 10 Pl is now clear of enemy. An examination of the area showed that our Arty had been right on the target. Blood on the ground in several places indicates that at least some of the enemy were wounded.

The company's location was confirmed by Tac/R.

C Coy

At 1145L a patrol from 13 Pl at 311722 moved SW along the edge of the Kunai to a point 308719 and then through the Jungle to the track at 307717 just NW of D Coy Headquarters. No enemy were contacted.

Native scouts investigating the enemy position NORTH of 15 Pl at 1330L sighted three Japs and killed one - then enemy is still in occupation of the position.

The body of a Jap killed by Arty fire about 4 days ago was found near 15 Pl perimeter.

There was no change in the company locations - positions were confirmed by Tac R during the day.

D Coy

A patrol from PIB patrolling forward of 18 Pl located a track running SW - NE at approximately 303722. The patrol moved NE along the track for about 300 yards where they contacted 6 Japs killing one and probably killing one.

During the afternoon our ambush position in the vicinity of 18 Pl was engaged twice. ~~At~~ At 1300L, 5 Japs moving SOUTH approached the ambush 2 of whom were killed. Some documents were captured from the body of one of the Japs who appeared to be an officer as he was wearing a Sam BROWNE belt and carried a pistol. Later at 1500L the ambush engaged an enemy ~~ambush~~ party of unknown strength killing 2 and wounding 2 who escaped.

During the morning 4 Pl joined company headquarters and the locations tonight are:

Coy HQ 4 Pl and 17 Pl  
16 and 18 Pls

308716  
304718

5 Pl

A patrol on the WEST side of the plantation to 330729 failed to contact any enemy. This Pl engaged the enemy position at 332728 during the day with 3 inch mortars.

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Interest today centred mostly on the activities in the D Coy area where our troops were in constant contact with the enemy all day. Four enemy attacks on the company perimeter were repulsed without loss.

A Coy

During the morning a patrol NORTH from the company perimeter at 289705 found enemy still in occupation. Fire was exchanged and flame throwers used with unobserved results. A further patrol during the afternoon reported enemy still in occupation of this position and was well dug in with overhead cover.

D Coy 31/51 Bn arrived in company area at 1400L to relieve A company.

B Coy

At 0940L a patrol operating 75 yards NW of 10 Pl located a pad running SW. A Jap listening post was observed about 30 yards down this track. B Coy 31/51 Bn arrived in the area at 1400L.

C Coy

At 1145L the enemy was contacted by a patrol 50 yards WEST of 15 Pl at 316720. The patrol engaged the enemy sentry with unobserved results and the enemy replied with LMG fire. 13 Pl is now located with 4 Pl at 308716 otherwise locations remain unchanged.

D Coy

At 0700L an estimated 12 Japs moving from the SOUTH attacked the company perimeter at 308716. Fire was exchanged as the result of which our casualties were nil and the enemy unknown. The Arty FOC engaged the enemy with fire. At 1115L a patrol investigating after the attack found 1 Lewis Type LMG rifle and 5 packs and, in addition, evidence indicating at least one Jap was wounded. At 1000L an ambush party from 16 and 18 Pls 40 yards SOUTH of the perimeter at 304718 engaged 2 Japs moving through the jungle to the rear of the ambush, both Japs were probably wounded but escaped. Later, at 1030L, enemy of estimated strength of 1 LMG and 6 rifles attacked the perimeter of 16 and 18 Pls from the SOUTH. Fire was exchanged during which our casualties were nil and the enemy unknown. At 1045L our listening post forward of 16 and 18 Pls engaged enemy of strength of 1 LMG and 6 rifles probably killing 2. The Japs then attacked the perimeter and kept up the attack for about 15 mins. Our casualties were nil and again the enemy unknown. During this attack another ambush party from 16 and 18 Pls occupying a position 120 yards NORTH of this perimeter engaged 9 Japs resulting in own casualties nil enemy 1 killed 3 probably killed. At 1130L the enemy estimated strength 4 riflemen again attacked the perimeter from the WEST, our own casualties were nil and enemy probably 1 killed. At 1230L an investigating patrol struck the track 150 yds NORTH of the perimeter of 16 and 18 Pls and were fired on by 3 Japs, own casualties nil enemy unknown. At 1530L a combined patrol from D Coy and PIB set an ambush 100 yds SW of 16 and 18 Pls perimeter at approximately 304717. While moving NORTH in the timber along the right of the track to pin point the enemy position a small patrol from the PIB was fired on by 1 HMG and rifles. Fire was exchanged during which 1 Officer ~~xxxxxx~~ from PIB was killed and 1 native slightly wounded. Enemy casualties were 1 killed and 2 wounded who escaped.

Locations: Coy HQ, 16, 17 and 18 Pls at reference 304718.  
4 and 13 Pls 307716.

5 Pl

Security patrol for 700 yards SOUTH to 334715 made no contact with the enemy. The patrol to the SOUTH edge of the plantation at 332725 failed to draw enemy fire.

EQUIPMENT

B company reported the use by the enemy of improvised grenades / for booby traps but full details are not yet known. It is anticipated that this is one of the "improvised grenades" referred to by the recent PW constructed from fuzes from A A Shells. The portions found are being obtained from the company and will be returned in due course.

TOPOGRAPHY

A PIB patrol reports a foot pad running along the SOUTH of the Kunai from approximately 313722 in a westerly direction until it links up with a 3 ft wide track running NORTH at approximately 306723. At a point 308724 a track was noticed running in anotherly direction across the Kunai. This is only a foot track about 1'5" wide.

Sketch map attached showing the location of this track.

Casualties

Previous	81 killed	8 probables	1 PW	12 found dead	4 graves.	
2 & 3rd	11	7				5 wounded
	92	15	1	12	4	5

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A Coy

This coy was relieved by D Coy 31/51 Bn at 0700L and then moved to 315711 to rest.

B Coy

This company was relieved by B Coy 31/51 Bn at 0630L and, by 1700L, was located as follows:

Coy HQ, 10 Pl at ref 316716  
11 Pl 311721.

C Coy

During the night movement was heard around the company perimeter, shots were exchanged and grenades thrown by both sides resulting in nil casualties among our own troops and enemy unknown.

At 1100L at ref 317724 a PIB patrol, supported by a patrol from 15 Pl, contacted an enemy position killing 2 enemy in an LMG outpost. The enemy attempted to enter the position from the NORTH along the track through the Kona. The enemy defence on the feature at 316723 was disorganised and a panic occurred. As the result of this action our casualties were nil and the enemy suffered, at a conservative estimate, 34 killed including the 2 mentioned above.

At 1410L a PIB patrol reported the enemy dug in at 316721 estimated strength 20. Later during the evening our listening post reported seeing natives around the company perimeter. A patrol was sent to investigate but failed to make any contact. There was no change in locations.

D Coy

From 2359L to 0630L today the enemy harassed the company perimeter from the NORTH SOUTH and WEST. One Jap, after striking a booby trap, dived for cover on to one of our pits. Elms were exchanged but the Jap escaped. A number of shots were exchanged and grenades thrown by both sides. Our casualties were one slightly wounded and enemy unknown. At 0930L a patrol investigated around the perimeter and reported no enemy seen. One body of a Jap marine killed yesterday was found and three rifles. During the evening of 3 Jun our Arty FOO engaged the enemy position about 60 yards SOUTH of the company perimeter and again at 040615L. Sounds of squealing was heard.

During the afternoon our listening post killed one Jap about 50 yards NW of the perimeter and, at about 70 yards out another Jap was fired at. This Jap was wounded through the shoulder but escaped. At 1330L 17 Pl moved out and occupied a position at 306722. The company dispositions were otherwise unchanged.

E Pl

Security patrols only operated from this perimeter today, no contact made.

Casualties.

Previous	92 killed	15 probables	1 PW	12 found dead	4 graves	5 wounded
Today	36					1
	128 "	15 "	1 "	12 "	4 "	6 "

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A Coy. No activities during the day.

B Coy. Coy HQ and 10 Pl moved from 316716 to relieve 15 Pl at 316721.  
 At 1000L a patrol to the position at 316723 reported the enemy still in occupation.

During the morning the line between B. Coy rear at 316716 and C Coy at 311721 was cut by the enemy and at 1330L a line party cleared the track and repaired the line.

From 1500L to 1515L our arty FOO and 3 inch Mortars engaged the enemy position. at 316723.

C Coy

Enemy movement was heard around the company perimeter during the night 4/5 Jun.

At 1045L a line party and PIB escort moving between company headquarters and B Coy rear were fired on by 1 HMG and rifles at 312719. One PIB was wounded and enemy casualties were unknown. One Owen gun was lost by the PIB in this action.

During the morning 15 Pl moved to Coy HQ at 311721. The company moved WEST and tonight the company less 13 Pl was dug in at 307719.

D Coy

At 0800L 2 Japs approached the company perimeter from the SOUTH and were engaged by our listening post wounding one. At 0830L a patrol investigating the enemy position at 150 yds SW of the perimeter was engaged by enemy HMG, 2 HMGs and rifles when 70 yards from the perimeter. Casualties own 1 killed enemy unknown. One Owen gun was lost.

Shortly after, the enemy attacked the company perimeter from the NE NORTH, EAST and SOUTH with 3 HMGs 1 HMG and rifles. Grenades were also thrown. As the result of this action our casualties were one slightly wounded but remaining on duty and the enemy casualties unknown.

At 1500L 4 Pl joined 18 Pl at 304719 and 13 Pl, 16 Pl and Coy HQ moved up to join 17 Pl at 306722.

5 Pl

During the evening a patrol to the enemy position at 332727 was fired on by the enemy strength 1 HMG and rifles. Own casualties 1 killed. Our ~~xxxxxx~~ mortars bombed this enemy position.

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A Coy.

No activities during the day.

B Coy.

During the night 5/6 Jun there was movement around the perimeter, grenades were thrown with unknown results.

Two patrols during the morning failed to contact the enemy at 316723. One patrol moved out 100 yards NORTH and the other 150 yards NORTH.

It is not considered that these patrols were sufficient to establish the enemy had withdrawn.

C Coy.

At 1250L the company moved WEST and, at 1400L, had linked up with D Company at 306722.

D Coy.

During the morning our 3 inch Mortars engaged the enemy position 150 yards WEST of 18 Pl perimeter. A patrol moved out to investigate at 1700L and returned at 1815L without making any contact.

However, it is anticipated the enemy is still in occupation of this position.

5 Pl

At 0900L the line from RURI BAY to Tac Headquarters was cut at approximately 331717, but the patrol repairing the line failed to make any contact.

Patrol investigating the plantation area reports enemy still in occupation at ref 332727.

Topographical

During the morning a foot track was cut from C and D Company rear at 308717 to 307719. This is now the L of C for C and D Companies forward.

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A Coy.

No activities during the day.

B Coy.

There was movement around the perimeter during the night, some grenades were thrown with unknown results.

At 1245L a patrol from 11 Pl accompanied by an Arty FOO moved out to pin point and engage the enemy position to the NORTH of the company perimeter at 316723. After the patrol had moved about 130 yards it was fired on by 1 LMG. The FOO engaged the target with arty.

Locations for the night are:

Coy HQ 10 and 11 Pls ref 316721.

C Coy

At 0845L the company moved forward from 306722 and at 1100L joined D Company at 305723. At 1105L a reconnaissance patrol forward of D Coy to the track junction was engaged by enemy ambush as the result of which our casualties were one officer killed and enemy casualties unknown.

At 1550L a company perimeter was formed for the night at 307722 with C Company rear being at 307719.

D Coy .

At 0845L the company moved forward from the position at 306722 and at 1015L reached a track junction at 305723. At 1600L a patrol forward of the company perimeter reported the enemy had withdrawn from their ambush position on the track.

Company perimeter for the night was formed astride the track junction at 305723 with D company rear located at 307719.

5 Pl

Movement was heard around the ~~xxxxxx~~ perimeter during the night and some grenades were thrown with unknown results.

At 0730L our aircraft accurately bombed and strafed the enemy position at 332726.

At 1210L a patrol investigating the effect of the bombing was engaged by 1 LMG and rifles at approximately 333726, the enemy attacked from the NORTH, WEST and EAST. Our casualties were 3 wounded and enemy probably 2 killed. The patrol reports the enemy withdrew to prepared positions about 100 yards to the NORTH prior to the bombing. One Owen gun and 4 magazines were lost during the action.

Two Jap bodies were found, one killed by our Mortar fire and the other during the action of 051800L referred to on our I 739.

PJB

At 1430L a patrol returned from the garden area at 327717 and reported no recent signs of enemy activity in that area.

*P. J. B.*  
D. Lt.

A Coy

During the morning A Company relieved B Company.

At 1500L our 3 inch Mortars successfully set fire to the Kunai patch ~~xx~~ C with smoke bombs. During the afternoon our 4.2 Mortars engaged the enemy position forward of A Coy at 313722.

B Coy

During the morning this Company was relieved by A Company and moved to a rest area at 313713. Movement was heard around perimeter during night 7/8 Jun.

C Coy.

Security patrols made no contact.

D Coy.

At 0700L the company perimeter was attacked by an estimated 1 LMG and 6 rifles, our own casualties were nil enemy 1 killed and 1 probably killed. At 1200L a PIB patrol located an enemy defensive position at approximately 304723, the defences were arranged in a low horse-shoe shaped ridge and are about 200 yds in extent. The estimated strength at that time was estimated at about 15/20 armed with at least 1 LMG. The PIB also reported the enemy were occupying again the ambush position just NORTH of D Company where we had our officer killed yesterday.

5 Pl

During the morning a patrol moved out to the track at 327723, then SOUTH around the Kunai to 327721, then SOUTH to the garden area at 327716 and then returned by road to the Platoon perimeter. No signs of any recent enemy activity was seen.

PIB

At 1430L a patrol returned from investigating the area in the vicinity 303717 reports enemy in occupation of a hut with strength of from 15/20 strong with 1 LMG and 2/3 LMGs.

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A Coy

Movement was heard around the perimeter during the night, some grenades were thrown with unknown results.

Two patrols were out during the morning, one to the track at 312722 and the other EAST to the track at 322723. Both tracks were well defined both had not been used for sometime. Neither patrols made contact.

B Coy

Security patrols failed to make any contact.

C Coy

At 1000L a patrol WEST for 100 yards found a well worn pad running NORTH apparently from the old 18 Platoon perimeter at 303718 to the new D Company perimeter at 305723. One dead Jap was found apparently the result of our ambush patrol from D Coy on the 4 Jun.

At 1200L 4 Pl joined C Coy rear and formed a perimeter.

D Coy

Movement was heard around the perimeter during the night.

At 1200L a PIB patrol reports enemy defensive positions 150 yards from company perimeter at 305723 on bearing 220 degrees and extended in a horseshoe shape easterly to the Kunai.

During the afternoon the company moved to area 307717 and formed a ~~perimeter~~ perimeter.

5 Pl.

During the morning a patrol SOUTH along the coastal track to 339717 reports no enemy seen. During the afternoon movement was heard around the perimeter but patrols investigating failed to contact any enemy.

PIB

During the morning a patrol to area 303717 reported the enemy to be still in occupation in ~~strength~~ strength and evidence indicates enemy is probing our L of C to D and C Coys.

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A Coy

At 0930L a patrol, rolling in signal wire, was fired on by 1 ILM and 2 rifles, estimated strength 7, when 150 yards from the perimeter in a NW direction. Our casualties were 1 wounded enemy unknown. When the patrol returned our 3 inch Mortars engaged the enemy position. At 1030L a patrol moved 250 yards EAST then 50 yards NE and struck a well worn track running NW. The patrol moved NW along this track for about 20 yards and located an old enemy defensive position. Two Japs were observed to approach from the NW and were engaged with unobse ved results. The Japs were dressed in green, wearing helmets and carrying rifles.

No change in locations.

B Coy

Local security patrols failed to make any contact.

C Coy

At 1400L a patrol returned from occupying an ambush position on a track leading NORTH from the old 18 Pl position at 304718. No enemy were contacted. At 1505L a patrol to the former D Company area at 305723 returned and reported making no contact.

D Coy

During the morning a patrol 500 yds WEST and then 200 yds NW from the company perimeter failed to locate any enemy or strike any tracks.. The patrol towards old 18 Pl perimeter at 304718 sighted one Jap who escaped. During the afternoon a patrol 900 yards on bearing 234 deg from company perimeter made no contact.

PB

Security patrols during the day made no contact.  
New location of company ref 311715.

101 Hy Mortars.

1130L our Hy Mortars engaged the enemy defensive position forward of old D company area at 305723.

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A Coy

At 0930L a patrol 250 yards EAST then 50 yards NE struck a well worn track running NE. The patrol heard movement and saw one Jap hut which was engaged with unobserved results.

During the afternoon our 3 inch Mortars engaged the enemy defensive position forward of A Coy at 316723.

B Coy

Security patrols made no contact.

C Coy

During the morning a patrol moved out from the company perimeter on the left flank and, after moving about 75 yards, contacted four Japs. Fire was exchanged with unobserved results. In the afternoon a patrol to the old D Company area at 305723 failed to make contact.

During the afternoon our Heavy Mortars bombed the area of the enemy defensive position NORTH of the old D Company area at 305723.

D Coy

During the afternoon a patrol to the vicinity of old 18 Pl area at 304718 and then SOUTH and EAST to the road at 310716 failed to contact any enemy. Standing patrols during the day sighted no enemy.

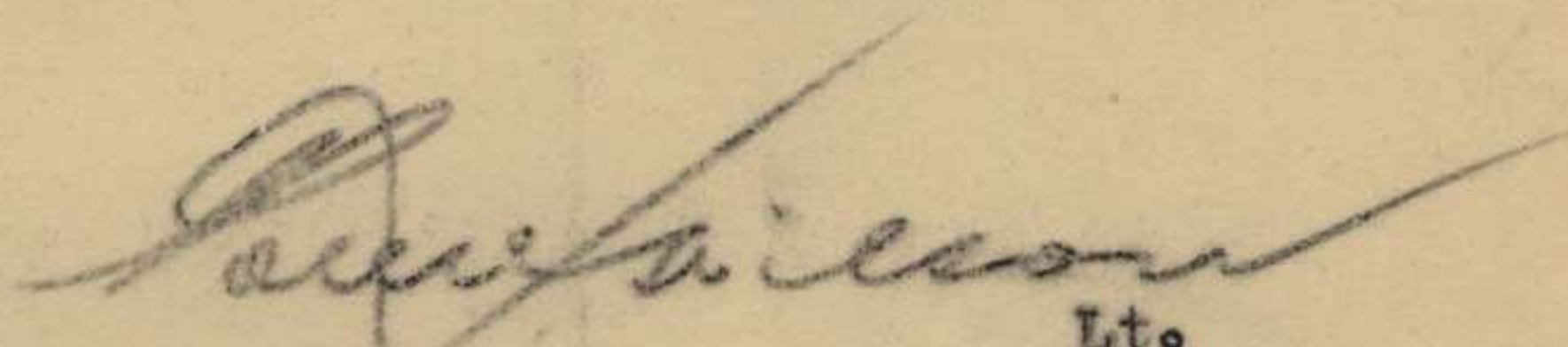
5 Pl.

At 1200L a patrol from the perimeter to the edge of the plantation at 327716 then NORTH to the edge of the Kunai at 327721 then EAST to the perimeter located several old Jap Huts at 327720 and also some abandoned defensive positions. No enemy were sighted during the patrol.

At 1355L a Jeep carrying water and rations to 5 Pl was wrecked by a probable enemy mine at reference 327712. The enemy was of estimated strength 2 armed with a rifle and possibly an automatic. Casualties were own 4 wounded 2 missing enemy 1 killed.

PIB

Security patrols throughout the day made no contact.

  
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A Coy

During the morning a patrol 250 yards EAST then 50 yards NE struck a track running NE. The patrol moved 100 yards along the track in a northeasterly direction and made no contact.

Our 3 inch Mortars engaged the enemy position forward of A Company at 346723 during the afternoon.

B Coy

Security patrols made no contact during the day.

C Coy

During the morning C company moved from reference 306722 to their new location on the RURI BAY track at 328715 and by 1400L were digging in.

D Coy

During the morning a patrol to the old D company area at 306722 made no contact.

Our 81 Mortars engaged the enemy position at 305723 during the afternoon.

4 Pl

During the morning 4 Pl moved to Tac Headquarters at 313714.

Tac HQ

During the afternoon a party moving along the track from Tac HQ to A Coy rear was ambushed approximately 300 yards NORTH of Tac HQ by enemy estimated strength 2/3 armed with one automatic and rifles. As the result of this clash our casualties were one wounded and the enemy one wounded. Patrols investigating this area failed to locate any enemy.

*W. J. Wilson*  
I O. Lt.

A Coy -

During the morning A Company vacated the position at 316720 and by 1300L was digging in 313714.

B Coy

At 1200L the company had arrived at its new area at ~~323727~~ <sup>318699</sup> and commenced digging in.

C Coy

During the morning a patrol moved to the SOUTH edge of the kuni at 326719 and then SE to the road during the course of which they crossed several old tracks but made no contact.

A patrol moving 100 yards SOUTH from the perimeter found one grave which proved to be that of a Jap. Close by a cigarette case was found bearing the inscription "Ascheta" 15 Batt, Fijian Inf 1942"

At 1730L a patrol returned from the area immediately SOUTH of the perimeter. The patrol was unsuccessful in locating an enemy tank reported to have been seen in that area. Another patrol will be visiting this area tomorrow.

D Coy

At 1400L the company had moved to new position at 313704 and commenced digging in.

101 Hvy Mortars.

1200L, 2 Pl moved to new location at track junction 314699.

PIB

By 1200L the PIB reported their arrival at their new area at 319711.

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A Coy

During the morning a patrol to the old Company firm base at 316716 observed no signs of enemy activity in that area.

Our 3 inch Mortars engaged the enemy defensive position at 316723 during the afternoon.

Security patrols throughout the day made no contact with the enemy.

B Coy

Patrol during the morning to D Company made no contact. Local security patrols during the day also failed to make any contact.

C Coy

At 1100L a patrol returned from investigating the area NORTH of the company. The patrol moved to the kunai at 327720 and then WEST to 323720 then SOUTH to road at 327713 then back to company headquarters, during the whole of the patrol no recent signs of enemy activity were observed.

At 1230L a patrol located an enemy tank at 326708, the tank was dug in and in good mechanical condition except for a missing generator. The Tank was a type similar to that found at RURI BAY (Medium tank model 89 B (1929)). The 57 mm gun and ammunition is on the ground beside the tank.

D Coy

During the afternoon a patrol moved out from D company on a bearing of 220 degrees magnetic to cut the road at the rear of B company 31/51 Bn and then moved back to company headquarters by the road. The patrol reported no signs of enemy activity.

Security patrols operating on both flanks of track from company headquarters to Tactical headquarters and A company reports no enemy activity.

5 Pl

Security patrols made no contact throughout the day.

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I O. Lt.

A Coy

During the morning a combined patrol from A company and PIB contacted the enemy approximately 75 yards NORTH of the old A company position at 316721, the enemy was estimated to be about 25 strong, well dug in and armed with 2 HMFs. Booby traps constructed from Jap grenades were observed around this defended position. The patrol engaged the enemy resulting in casualties own nil enemy probably 5 killed. On the return of the patrol our 3 inch mortars engaged this target. Later, during the afternoon, our arty also engaged this target.

Security patrols throughout the day report no contact.

B Coy

A Security patrol to D Coy through the old Jap hospital at 316700 returned at 1445L and reported no signs of recent enemy activity. Patrols were also maintained between B Coy and D Coy to secure the L of C, no enemy were contacted.

G Coy

During the morning a patrol from 14 Pl moved NORTH to 316718 then SOUTH to the track at 327714 - the patrol reported no contact. Another patrol followed enemy signal wire from 328714 to 332719 but failed to contact any enemy.

D Coy

During the morning a combined patrol from D company and PIB contacted an enemy patrol of estimated strength 10, with rifles, about 40 yards SOUTH of the old D company position at 305723. The enemy patrol was moving SOUTH at the time. During the exchange of fire one shot was heard from the direction of the old 18 Pl position at 304718 - at the time it was taken to be probably an enemy signal. As the result of this clash our casualties were nil enemy 1 probably killed.

Security patrols during the day reported no contact.

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A Coy

During the morning a combined patrol from A and D companies and the PJB encountered enemy of estimated strength 20 occupying an ambush position at 304716. On the return of the patrol our Arty shelled this area and, during the afternoon, our 81 mm Mortars and Arty again engaged this target.

Standing and security patrols throughout the day made no contact.

B Coy

During the morning a patrol moved along the main track to D Coy and returned to company area by direct route through the jungle. The patrol reported no signs of recent enemy activity.

The usual security patrols were maintained during the day between B and C companies.

C Coy

At 1130L a patrol to the kunai at 323720 returned. During the afternoon there was also a patrol to the kunai at 327721. Both patrols reported no contact or signs of recent enemy activity.

D Coy

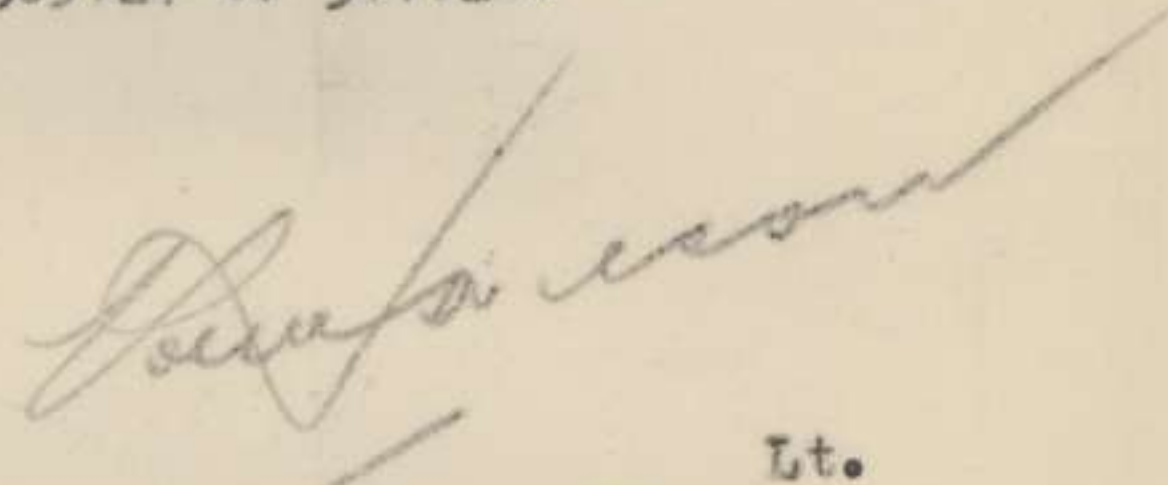
Security patrols throughout the day reported no contact.

5 Pl

Patrol 300 yards NORTH from the Pl perimeter reports no enemy seen.

Air Activity

At 1135L our Aircraft bombed and strafed the enemy defensive positions NORTH of the old D company area at reference 305724 to 301722.



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A Coy

At 0730L 8 Pl moved out from company headquarters and occupied the track junction at 308717 with a view to ambushing enemy attempting to move down the track towards A Company and Tac headquarters.

Standing patrols forward of A company failed to make contact during the day.

B Coy

Security patrols operating along the L of C to C company report no enemy seen during the day.

C Coy.

During the morning a combined patrol from C Company and PIB moved out in a NW direction. While moving out the patrol noticed at the NW side of the garden at 327716 a position where about three Japs had been a few hours previously, these Japs had apparently been watching our camp. The patrol proceeded to approximately 325718 where the natives reported one Jap sentry who saw them and fled. Noises in the vicinity indicated the presence of at least 1 LMG and rifles in the vicinity. The FOO with the patrol brought down arty fire on this position. The patrol returned to the company perimeter at 1200L. During the afternoon a further patrol moved out to the same area and found that the enemy had evacuated this position. The patrol moved 100 yards further NORTH but failed to make any contact.

D Coy

During the morning a patrol from D Company moved out on a bearing of 220 degrees magnetic and cut the road to the rear of B company 31/51 Bn and then moved back to coy headquarters by the main track. The patrol saw no signs of recent activity.

Security patrols operating along the main track from Tac headquarters to the junction at 314699 made no contact.

5 Pl

At 1330L a patrol to the kunai at 326720 thence EAST to the track at 332723 returned and reported no enemy seen.

*R. J. Wilson*

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A Coy

During the morning a combined patrol from A Company and PIB operating on the left of the track struck an enemy defensive position at approximately 307716 with estimated strength of at least 5 Japs. Our patrol engaged the enemy position with unobserved results. The patrol reports the enemy is sitting astride a track running SE which it is considered leads to our L of C between D Company and Tac Headquarters. Also during the morning 9 PI relieved 8 PI at 308717. As the result of one of our Jeeps being damaged by an enemy mine while travelling between D Company and Tac Headquarters a strong patrol was sent out from A Company to patrol the WEST of the track. At about 1200L this patrol returned without having contacted any enemy. This patrol was inland about 400 yards from the track. At 1400L a patrol operating on both sides of the track to D Company reported that the track was now clear of enemy and that 3 other improvised mines had been removed by the Engineers. This patrol had scoured the jungle for a distance of 50 yards on both sides of the track.

B Coy

At 0910L a Security patrol found 12 enemy graves near the company perimeter at 318699. The graves were estimated to be about 4 to 5 weeks old. Other security patrols during the day made no contact.

C Coy

At 1145L a patrol from 14 PI returned after having covered the area from company perimeter to the kunai at 324720 thence easterly along the southern edge of the kunai to 328724, then back to 327720 thence SE to the track at approximately 331718. No contact was made or signs of recent enemy activity observed.

At 1400L a patrol from C Company which had moved out in a northerly direction to reconnoitre the enemy position forward of where our A Company position at 316720 returned via Tac Headquarters. The patrol reported having moved out from the company perimeter on a magnetic bearing of 291 degrees and struck the old A Company track at approximately 316721 and then moved NORTH through the old A Company position. On reaching a position at approximately 316723 enemy movement was heard and engaged with unobserved results. The patrol leader reported that the area had been well covered by our Arty and Mortar fire and the feature was becoming bare. During the afternoon our Arty and 3 inch Mortars again engaged this target.

D Coy

At 0825L two Jeeps operating between D company and Tac Headquarters were engaged by Jap LM and small arms fire. The forward Jeep was damaged by a probable Jap mine set under the corduroy track. This engagement took place at approximately 314708. The escort party fired on the enemy resulting in one Jap being wounded and was last seen being dragged away by one of his comrades. At 0955L a patrol from D company moving along the WEST side of the track in search of the enemy was attacked by 1 LM type 96 and about 6 rifles at approximately 314709. As the result of this encounter our Casualties were one killed and one wounded but remaining on duty, the enemy suffered three killed. One type 99 rifles and two magazines for type 96 LM were captured and Owen SMG No. 26377 and Australian Liquid Compass No. 7904 were recovered.

Own Air

At 1125L our aircraft bombed and strafed known enemy defensive positions at 317739

Enemy equipment

An examination of the improvised enemy mines showed that they were constructed from 75 mm shells which were detonated electrically. It is thought that this type of mine was used previously near B Coy but this is the first occasion that one of these "mines" has been captured.

A full report is being prepared by the Engineers.

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Own Sea

At 1305L 5 Pl reported sighting 3 craft probably Corvettes on a bearing 25 degrees magnetic and heading SOUTH. At 1425L 5 Pl reported 3 Corvettes to be bombarding the NORTHERN part of BOVE. At 1545L 5 Pl observed a Corvette moving SE around the NORTH point of KURI BAY.

General

At 1015L sounds of gun fire were heard on magnetic bearing of 330 degrees from 5 Pl, 338 degrees from C Company and 347 degrees from P/B. At 1545L machine cannon and hy MG fire could be heard on a magnetic bearing of 7 degrees from Tac HQ, 347 degrees from C Company and 340 degrees from 5 Pl.

*W. J. ...*  
I.O. Lt.

A Coy

At 1140L 9 Pl returned to the company perimeter from 308717 to enable our aircraft to bomb and straf the known enemy defensive position at 316723. After the bombing at 1215L 7 Pl moved out and occupied the track junction at 308717. Another patrol which had moved 600 yards due WEST from Tac headquarters and then due SOUTH to the track at 307697 returned at 1230L and reported no enemy contacted. The patrol did strike one little used track running approximately SE at 311712. According to the native scouts this track had been recently used by about 10 enemy, and was obviously the route used by the enemy party responsible for damaging our two Jeeps on 18 Jun while operating between D Company and Tac Headquarters.

During the afternoon our 3 inch Mortars engaged the known enemy defended position at 316723 and area 320724 which was reported by Tac R as showing signs of recent activity. Our Arty also engaged this area.

Security and Standing Patrols during the day made no contact.

B Coy

Security patrols operating along the main L of C from company headquarters to G Company made no contact.

C Coy

A patrol which had moved NORTH to the SE edge of the kunai at 327720 thence WEST to 323720 then SOUTH to track at 326712 returned at 1140L and reported no recent signs of enemy activity.

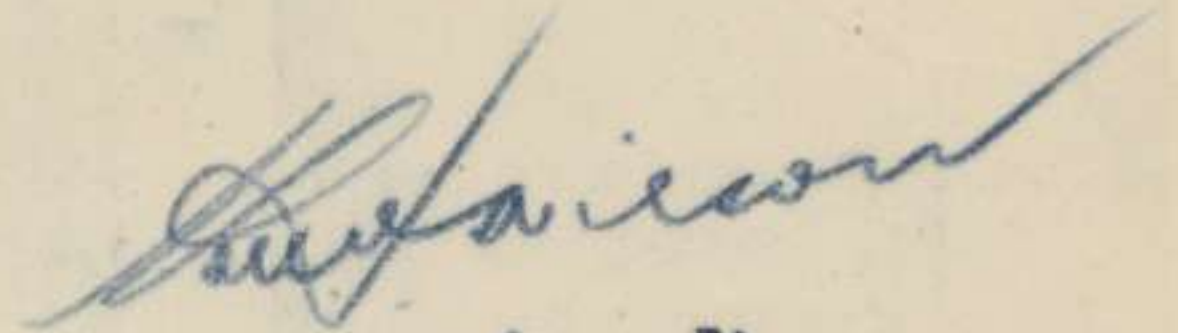
Security and Standing Patrols throughout the day made no contact.

D Coy

Security patrols operating between D Company and Tac Headquarters during the day made no contact.

Own Air

At 1145L our aircraft bombed and strafed the area forward of our old A Company position. The area is a known enemy defensive position with at least 2 HMGs and 3 IMGs and located at 316723.



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A Coy

During the morning a combined patrol from 7 Pl and PIB reported sighting one Jap at approximately 307717. The Jap fled in a westerly direction before he could be engaged by the patrol towards known enemy defended positions about 100 yards to the WEST. These known defended positions were those contacted by 9 Pl on 18 Jun and referred to in our I 816 and Intelligence Summary of that date. The patrol moved around to the southern flank of the enemy position and engaged it with fire, enemy casualties unknown.

At 1045L our listening post at 313716 reported hearing sounds of a motor on bearing of 360 deg magnetic and appeared to be moving WEST. The sounds stopped on the approach of our Tac R plane.

At 1315L a combined patrol from A, B companies and PIB moved out to investigate the area NORTH of old A company perimeter at 316720. At 1615L the patrol returned and reported two bombs from aircraft bombing on 19 Jun had landed approximately 50 yards NORTH of A Company position. Native scouts moved forward to about 316722 and reported no signs of the enemy. The area is now fairly clear as the result of our Arty shelling, Mortar and aircraft bombing.

Standing posts and listening posts report no contact.

B Coy

At 0900L a patrol from the company perimeter through PIB HQ to Tac Headquarters via the track running NW from the junction at 323708 reported the track clear and no signs of enemy activity were observed.

Security Patrols and Listening posts during the day report no contact.

C Coy

At 0830L a combined patrol from C Company and PIB moved out to investigate the area in the vicinity of 320724 reported by Tac R as showing sign of recent activity. The patrol returned at 1230L, having reached its objective by moving direct to the kunai at 323720 from Company headquarters and thence WEST along the SOUTH edge of the kunai. The area showed evidence of having been strafed but there was nothing to indicate that the area had been occupied by the enemy. The surface of the ground under numerous trees showed signs of having been ~~disturbed~~ disturbed by possibly wild pigs. No enemy were contacted. At 323720 the patrol reported hearing sounds of a motor resembling that of a tractor on a magnetic bearing of 335 degrees.

At 0945L an ANGAU working party approximately 200 yards NE from company headquarters along the road reported hearing movement and sounds of rifle bolts being worked. A patrol moved out to investigate and at 1045L returned and reported having failed to contact any enemy.

D Coy

At 1000L a patrol to Tac Headquarters reported that the track between company headquarters and Tac Headquarters clear of enemy.

At 1115L our 3 inch Mortars bombed known enemy positions forward of old 18 Pl area at 307717.

Two patrols moved out at 1315L, each to patrol an area 300 yards by 600 yards on either side of the L of C between 314702 to 314705. The patrols returned at 1420L and reported no signs of enemy activity.

5 Pl

At 0915L one Jap approaching the Pl perimeter from the NORTH was fired on with unknown results. A strong patrol moved out to investigate and returned at 1045. The patrol reported evidence of about 4/5 Japs having scaled the cliffs about 50 yards NORTH of the Pl perimeter. One enemy steel helmet and 10 rounds of 7.7 mm ammunition were found.

At 1220L a patrol returned from patrolling the area to the SOUTH end of the plantation at 332725 thence WEST to the kunai at 328721 thence EAST to the road at 331719. No contact was made.

Own Air

At 0800L 12 Corsairs bombed and strafed an area bearing 270 degree magnetic from Bn Headquarters. At 1445L 8 Corsairs bombed area vicinity 301748 where an enemy tank had been reported by Tac R.

A Coy.

During the morning 9 Pl replaced 7 Pl at the track junction 30877.  
At 1340L 9 Pl patrol moved around the area and probed the enemy position at 316725. No enemy were seen and it is considered by the patrol leader that there is no enemy in occupation of the area at present.  
Security and Standing Patrols during the day made no contact.

B Coy

Security and Standing patrols made no contact during the day.

C Coy.

At 1125L a patrol the the kunai at 323720 returned and reported no signs of enemy activity in that area.

D Coy

During the afternoon a patrol moved out in a SW direction on a bearing of 220 degrees magnetic to the rear of B Company 31/51/ Bn and returned at 15550L. No contact was made with the enemy.

5 Pl.

During the morning a Standing patrol at 334724 reported sighting 5 figures on the beach approximately 1200 yards SOUTH. The patrol was unable to distinguish whether figures were those of Japs or natives.

PB

There was movement around the company perimeter during the night which was engaged by our Troops. Several booby traps were exploded. Early morning security patrols found one Jap water bottle, 1 shoe, biscuits and 1 improvised mine constructed from a 75 mm shell. Bloods stains in the area indicate that at least some of the enemy were wounded.

*W. J. L. L. L.*  
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SITREPS - June, 1945

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 798 SIGREP (.) SIGREP 427 to 1300L (.)

A Coy (.) 1130L (.) patrol from 7 Pl moving NE along track contacted enemy posn with a least 1 DMG at 290705 (.) another Jap body found near coy perimeter (.) 1200L (.) 8 Pl moved up and joined 7 Pl (.)

B Coy (.) 0930L (.) patrol from 1 Pl moved around the right flank to get behind the Jap posn (.) 1230L (.) 1 Pl now astride track at approx 297703 with enemy posn between them and Coy HQ (.) enemy posn is being investigated (.)

C Coy (.) 1030L (.) patrol from 15 Pl and PIB contacted enemy about 250 yds NORTH of coy at approx ~~315715~~ 315720 resulting in cas enemy 6 killed own nil (.) 1145L (.) our arty engaged the enemy posn which is estimated to contain 30 Japs (.) 1300L (.) 15 Pl digging in astride the track at approx 315720 (.) natives state Japs have a mortar in this posn but this is so far unconfirmed (.)

D Coy (.) 0830L (.) Coy departed from RURI BAY to move through C Coy (.) 1100L (.) fwd pl contacted enemy at 308<sup>7</sup>16 killed 2 Japs (.) Japs were carrying potatoes and appeared to be smaller in build than those previously contacted and no insignia was worn (.) 1215L (.) full company now at 308<sup>7</sup>16 (.)

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1145L (.) carrier train mov between 4 pl and C Coy sighted three japs  
 314705 (.) fire exchanged and enemy moved towards the WEST (.) Gas enemy one  
 probably killed (.) patrol 4 pl investigating

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I 799 SECRET @ SITREP 428 to 011700L

@ A coy @ 1430L coy HQ moved and joined  
7 and 8 pls at 289705 @ 1400L PIB patrol + investigated  
enemy posn 290706 located enemy posn with one  
HMG one LMG and approx 12 infes @ approx sec  
huts located @ two japs in hut gunned and probably  
killed @ B coy @ 1515L enemy with two LMG  
and approx sec infes attached 10 pl from flanks  
@ bar enemy unknown even NIT @ @ 1700L acty  
agitated DF @ B coy @ 1530L @ the coy HQ 13 and  
14 pl moved around enemy left flank and dug in  
at 311721 @ 15 pl located at 316720 @ 1400L two  
~~two~~ japs dead at least one month period vicinity 15 pl @  
D coy @ 1330L 18 pl moved WEST from way perimeter  
at 308716 to approx 304719 @ track found  
this point goes to dig in @ pl dug in 304719 @ 1200L  
patrol from way moved NORTH from 308716 and found  
track moving EAST along SOUTH edge KUNAI @  
1400L Patrol 4 pl investigated area of enemy ambush 314705  
blood from at least one wounded seen @

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one filled magazine LEWIS LMG. type recovered  
covered in blood @ 5pl @ during the day  
3 no mortar engaged enemy posn 832725

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 730 SECRET (.) SITREP 429 to 0600L (.)

A Coy (.) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 011815L (.) 1 ~~DM~~ and 3 rifles opened fire on fwd pl but shots were wide apparently to draw fire (.) nothing to report during night (.)

B Coy (.) 0300L (.) 2 Japs approached perimeter from SOUTH and were fired on results not yet known (.) 011830L (.) fwd pl opened fire on 3 Japs approaching from SOUTH/cas unknown (.)

C Coy (.) sitnor (.)

D Coy (.) awaiting report (.)

5 Pl (.) sitnor (.)

General (.) yesterday 3 PIB were slightly wounded one with C Coy action and two with D Coy

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 781 SECRET (.) SITREP 430 to ~~26 BN~~ 1200L (.)

A Coy (.) 1115L (.) native scouts operating in NE direction

from coy perimeter at 289705 located an enemy posn at approx 293706

containing at least 1 LMG (.) 7 PI moved EAST and now digging in at

292705 (.) enemy posn immediately in front of coy perimeter being

investigated (.)

B Coy (.) 0840L (.) ref our I 780 (.) two enemy bodies found

near 10 PI perimeter at 295704 (.) one body identified by badge of rank

as Petty Officer second class (.) some documents ~~recovered~~ recovered (.)

C Coy (.) 1145L (.) patrol from <sup>3</sup>16 PI at 311722 moved SW along

edge of Kunai to pt 308719 and then cut through timber to track at 307717

(.) no enemy were contacted (.)

D Coy (.) 1145L (.) PIB patrol fwd of 18 PI located a track

running SW-NE at approx 303722 (.) patrol moved NE along track for about

300 yds contacted 6 Japs killing one and ~~one~~ one probably killed (.) own

cas nil (.) 011840L (.) one Jap approaching 18 PI perimeter was wounded

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and carried a pistol (.) 1500L (.) same ambush posn engaged  
*2 killed 2 wounded*  
 party of Japs str unknown our cas nil enemy unknown (.) 4 Pl joined D Coy  
 HQ at 308716 at 1030L (.) locations now 4 Pl 17 Pl and Coy HQ 308716 (.)  
 16 and 18 Pls at 304718 (.)  
 5 Pl (.) patrol on west side of Plantation to 330729 failed to  
 contact any enemy (.) enemy posn at ~~332722~~ 332723 harass periodically during day  
*engaged*  
 by our 3 inch mortars

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I 732 SECRET (.) SITREP 431 to 1700L (.)

A Coy (.) 1240L (.) our arty shelled area of enemy posn at 293706 (.) 8 Pl moved from Coy HQ at 289705 to join 7 Pl at 292705 (.) 9 pl moved from to Coy HQ at 289705 (.) 1615L (.) a patrol investigating enemy posn immediately NORTH of coy perimeter found enemy still in occupation (.) 1630L (.) enemy posn engaged by our 3" inch mortars MMGs and grenade dischargers (.)

B Coy (.) 1500L (.) one Jap approaching 10 Pl perimeter was killed no documents or badges of rank found (.) 1700L (.) patrols established enemy posn between Coy HQ and 10 Pl now clear of enemy (.) examination of area disclosed our arty very effective (.) blood stains were found indicating some enemy had been wounded (.)

C B Coy (.) 1330L (.) native scouts investigating enemy posn NORTH of 15 Pl sighted 3 Japs killing one (.) enemy still in occupation (.) the body of one Jap was found near 15 Pl perimeter dead about 4 days (rx) and appeared to have been killed by arty fire (.) no change today in coy locations (.)

D Coy (.) 1300L (.) our ambush in vicinity of 18 Pl at 304718 engaged 5 Japs moving SOUTH killing 2 (.) captured documents being sent back (.) one of Japs killed was wearing Sam Browne and

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I 783 Secret @ SITREP 432 to  
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*BCo  
316720 = 101 Coy HQ*

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 784 SECRET (.) STREP 433 to 1700L (.)

A Coy (.) 1200L (.) patrol to enemy posn immediately NORTH of  
 coy perimeter at 289705 found enemy still in occupation (.) fire was exchanged  
 and flame thrower used with unobserved results (.) 1500L (.) a patrol returned  
 reporting enemy still in occupation (.) enemy is occupying well dug in posns  
 with overhead cover (.) <sup>D</sup> A Coy 31/51 Bn arrived in coy area at 1200L (.)  
 B Coy (.) 0940L (.) a patrol operating 75 yds NW of 10 Pl  
 located pad leading SW (.) Jap listening post observed 30 yds down track (.)  
 B Coy 31/51 Bn ~~arrived~~ arrived in area 1400L (.)  
 C Coy (.) 1145L (.) enemy contacted by patrol 150 yds WEST of  
 15 Pl at 316720 (.) patrol engaged enemy sentry results ~~un~~ unobserved (.)  
 enemy replied with 1 IBC (.) 13 Pl now located with 4 Pl at 308716 otherwise  
 locations unchanged (.)  
 D Coy (.) awaiting particulars of activities for day (.)  
 5 Pl (.) security patrol for 700 yds SOUTH to 334715 made no  
 contact (.) patrol NORTH to SOUTH edge of plantation failed to draw enemy fire  
 (.)

General (.) B Coy reports ~~finding~~ enemy using booby traps  
 in that area consisting of improvised grenades *details unknown*

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D Coy (.) 1000L (.) ~~ambush~~ an ambush party from 16 and 18 Pls 40 yds SOUTH to perimeter at 304718 engaged 2 Japs moving through jungle at rear of ambush (.) both Japs probably wounded but escaped (.) 1030L (.) enemy str 1 LMG and 6 rifles attacked perimeter of 16 and 18 Pls from SOUTH (.) fire exchanged ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ own cas nil enemy unknown (.) 1045L listening post fwd 16 and 18 Pls engaged enemy str 1 LMG and 6 rifles probably killing 2 (.) ~~listening post returned to perimeter~~ (.) Japs continued to attack perimeter for about 15 mins (.) cas own nil enemy unknown (.) during attack another ambush party from 16 and 18 Pls ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ at 120 yds NORTH of perimeter engaged 9 Japs resulting in own cas nil enemy 1 killed 3 probably killed and ~~ambush party withdrew to perimeter~~ 1130L (.) enemy estimated str 4 riflemen attacked perimeter from WEST cas own nil enemy 1 probably killed (.) 1230L patrol investigating struck track 150 yds NORTH of perimeter 16 and 18 Pls and were engaged by 3 Japs own cas nil enemy unknown (.)

0700L (.) estimated 12 Japs moving from SOUTH attacked coy perimeter at 308716 (.) fire was exchanged our cas nil enemy unknown (.) 1115L (.) patrol investigating after attack found 1 Lewis Type LMG 1 rifle and 5 enemy packs and evidence enemy engaged by arty fire (.) indicating 1 Jap wounded.

1530L (.) combined D Coy and PIB ambush party ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ set 100 yds SW of 16 and 18 Pl perimeter (.) while moving NORTH in the timber at right of track to locate enemy posn PIB patrol was engaged by enemy HMG ~~and rifles~~ (.) fire exchanged (.) cas own 1 ~~biffr~~ killed 1 native ~~wounded~~ slightly wounded enemy 1 killed 2 wounded but escaped

*Locs: Coy HQ 16, 17, 18 Pls 304718  
4 Pl + 13 Pl 307718*

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<i>26 Bw Clear</i>			

ORIGINATOR'S No. *I 785 SECRET O Subreg 434 to*  
*0600L O*  
*A B Camp O Subreg*  
*C D Camp and 5 RE O awaiting report*

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 785 SECRET O Subrep 435 to 1400L O  
 A Coy O bay relieved by D bay 31/51  
 Bn at 0700 L O Coy now situated at  
 315711 O  
 B Coy O bay relieved by B bay 31/51  
 Bn at 0630L O moving to C Coy area O  
 C Coy O 0645L O now heard around  
 perimeter during night O grenades  
 were thrown and shots exchanged O  
 own cas rel enemy unknown O at  
 1100H at 317724 a PIB patrol sp by  
 patrol from 15 Pl contacted enemy posn  
 killing 2 enemy in LMG outpost O  
 enemy attempted to enter posn from  
 NORTH along track through Kurrai O  
 enemy defense on feature approx  
 316723 was disorganised and panic  
 occurred O own cas rel enemy  
 conservative estimate 34 killed incl  
 2 mentioned above O

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D Coy 1000L 0 from 032359L to 040630L  
 enemy harassed coy perimeter from  
 NORTH SOUTH and WEST 0 one Jap after  
 striking a booby trap dived for cover  
 on to one of our pitoblooms were  
 exchanged but Jap escaped 0 a  
 number of shots were exchanged  
 and grenades thrown by both sides  
 0 our cas 1 slightly wounded enemy  
 unknown 0 patrol this morning  
 investigated area around perimeter  
 and reported no enemy seen at  
 0930H 0 one body of Jap marine  
 killed yesterday was found and three rifles 0  
 during evening <sup>3 Jun</sup> our arty FOD engaged  
 enemy posn about 60 yds SOUTH of  
 coy perimeter and again at 040615h  
 0 sounds of squealing was heard 0  
 5PL 0 no activity during night 0

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*Tac HQ 0 at 0900H HQ closed at  
ref 302684 and opened at 314714*

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

786 SECRET 05hrp 436 to 1700L 0

1 Coy 0 Pitmor 0

1 Coy 0 locations Coy HQ and 10 Pl

316716 0 11 Pl 211721

6 Coy 0 1410L 0 P 1 B patrol reports enemy dug in at 316721 estimated

Apr 20 0 Listening post reported

seeing natives around coy perimeter

but patrol investigating failed to make

any contact 0 no change in locations 0

1 Coy 0 1410L 0 Listening post

killed 1 Jap 50 yds NW of perimeter 0

about 70 yds out another Jap was

-fired at 0 Jap was wounded but

escaped 0 1330L 0 17 Pl moved

out 4 and now occupies a posn

at 306722 0 Coy dispositions

otherwise unchanged

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*L 787 SECRET @ SITREP 437 to*  
*0600L @*

*AB Bde @ Situat*  
*Clay @ not heard around*  
*perimeter during night*

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 788 SECRET (.) 31721 438 to 1700L (.)

A Coy (.) sitnor (.)

B Coy (.) 0800L (.) Coy HQ and 10 Pl moved from 316716 to relieve 15 Pl at 316721 (.) 1000L (.) a patrol reported enemy still in occupation of posn 316723 (.) 1000L (.) line between B Coy rear at 316716 and C Coy at 311721 was cut by the enemy (.) 1330L (.) line party cleared track between B rear and C Coy HQ and repaired line (.) From 1500L to 1515L our Arty FOO and 3 inch Mortars engaged enemy posn at 316723 (.)

C Coy (.) 1045L (.) line party and PIB escort moving between Coy HQ and B Coy rear were fired on by 1 HMG and rifles at 312719 (.) one PIB wounded ~~cas~~ enemy cas unknown (.) 15 Pl moved to coy HQ at 311721 (.) 1500L (.) coy moved WEST along track and now coy HQ less 13 Pl dug in at 307719 (.)

D Coy (.) 0800L (.) 2 Japs approached perimeter from SOUTH and were engaged by our listening post wounding one (.) 0830L (.) a patrol investigating enemy posn at 150 yds SW from perimeter was engaged by enemy HMG 2 LMGs and rifles when 70 yds from perimeter (.) cas own 1 killed enemy unknown (.) one Owen gun was lost (.) 0930L (.) enemy attacked coy perimeter from NORTH EAST AND SOUTH with 3 LMGs 1 HMG and rifles and grenades (.) own cas 1 slightly wounded but remaining on

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duty enemy ca. unknown (.) 1500L (.) 4 Pl joined 18 Pl

at 304719 and 13 Pl 16 Pl and Coy HQ moved to join 17 Pl at 306722 (.)

General (.) 1200L (.) Jeep track opened from Tac HQ to

308717

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<b>TO</b>	(w) For Information (INFO.) <i>26 Bw near 31/51 Bw</i>	Message Instructions	GR
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ORIGINATOR'S No.

*I 789 SECRET TO SITHORREP 439 to  
060645L*

*AAC A and C Coy @ Petrona*

*B Coy @ most around perimeter  
during night grenades thrown result  
unknown*

*D Coy @ awaiting report*

*5 Pl @ 051800L @ patrol to enemy  
posn at 332727 fired on by enemy  
LMG and rifles @ own car one  
killed @ our mortars bombed enemy  
posn @ 0645L @ no activity during  
night*

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 789 SEC RETO SITATREF 439 to  
060000  
At 1100 C Coy @ 1100  
By Coy @ most around perimeter  
during night grenades thrown result to  
unknown  
D Coy @ awaiting report @  
5 PL @ 051800 @ patrol to enemy  
posn at 332727 fired on by enemy  
LMG @ and rifles @ own cas one  
killed @ our mortars bombed enemy  
posn @ 0645L @ no activity during  
night

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 790 SECRET (.) SITREP 440 to 1700L (.)

B Coy (.) 1100L (.) two patrols one moving 100 yds NORTH and the other 150 yards NORTH of coy failed to contact any enemy (.)

No change in locations (.)

C Coy (.) 1250L (.) coy moved WEST and at 1400L had linked with D Coy at 306722 (.)

D Coy (.) 1200L (.) our 3<sup>rd</sup> mortars engaged enemy posn 150 yards WEST of 18 Pl perimeter (.) 1700L (.) patrol investigating (.) no change in locations (.)

5 Pl (.) 0900L (.) line to Tac HQ out at about 331717 (.) patrol repairing line failed to contact enemy (.) Patrol to plantation reports enemy still in occupation of posn at 332727 (.)

General (.) ref our I 788 (.) Owen gun in possession of PIB wounded with C Coy was lost

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

*I 791 SECRET OSITREP 441 to  
0600 L D  
HCD Coy & Bde  
B Coy & now around  
perimeter during night & grenades  
thrown periscope unobserved*

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lost (.) 2 Jap bodies were found (.) one killed by mortar fire and the other during the action on 051800L (.) ref our I 739 (.)

PIB (.) at 1430L (.) patrol to garden at 327717 reports no signs of recent enemy activity in that area

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	26 BN Rear/		GR
	31/51 BN		

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 792 SECRET (.) STREPP 442 to 1700L (.)

A Coy (.) sitner (.)

B Coy (.) 1245L (.) patrol from 11 Pl and arty FOO moved out to pin point and engage enemy posn at 316723 (.) 1430L (.) patrol moved fwd 130 yds and was fired on by 1 LMG (.) FOO engaged enemy posn (.) Coy HQ 10 and 11 Pls now at 316724 (.)

C Coy (.) 0845L (.) coy moved fwd from 306722 and at 1100L joined D Coy at 305723 (.) 1105L (.) recon patrol fwd of perimeter to track junc engaged by enemy ambush (.) our cas 1 offr killed enemy cas unknown (.) 1550L (.) coy perimeter formed for night at 307722 (.) rear C Coy at 307719 (.)

D Coy (.) 0845L (.) coy moved fwd from posn at 306722 and at 1015L reached track junc at 305723 (.) 1600L (.) patrols report enemy m ambush fwd of coy clear of enemy (.) coy perimeter for night astride track junc at 305723 (.) D Coy rear located at 307719 (.)

5 Pl (.) mov heard around perimeter during night 6/7 Jun (.) 0730L (.) our aircraft accurately bombed and strafed enemy posn at 332726 (.) 1210L (.) patrol investigating effect of bombing was engaged by enemy LMG and rifles at 333726 (.) enemy attacked from NORTH WEST and EAST (.) our cas 3 wounded enemy 2 probably killed (.) patrol reports enemy withdrew 100 yds to prepared posns prior to bombing (.) one Owen gun and 4 magazines

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26 Bn

080045

For Action

**TO**

11 Bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

26 Bn rear  
31/57 Bn

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 793 SECRET @ SITREP #43 to 0600L @  
ACD @ SITNORI @

8 troops were around perimeter  
during night and booby traps replaced

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*26 Bde*

*090745L*

For Action

*11 Bde*

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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GR

*26 Bde rear*

*31/51 Bde*

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*I 795 SECRET OSITREP 445 to*

*060000*

*A Coy 0 now around perimeter*

*Some grenades thrown results unknown*

*B & D Coy 0 Situation 0*

*D Coy 0 now around perimeter*

*5 Pl 0 Situation*

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 796 SECRET (.) SITREP 446 to 1700L (.)

A Coy (.) 1200L (.) patrol to track at 312722 reports track not used for some time (.) patrol EAST to track at 322723 reports track NOT recently used (.) both patrols made no contact (.)

B Coy (.) sitnor (.)

C Coy (.) 1000L (.) patrol WEST for 100 yds found well worn pad running NORTH apparently from old 18 Pl posn at 303718 to new D Coy posn at 305723 (.) found one dead Jap killed by our ambush on 4 Jun (.) ref our I 786 (.) 1200L (.) 4 Pl joined C Coy rear and formed a perimeter (.)

D Coy (.) 1200L (.) PIB patrol reports enemy def posns 150 yds from coy perimeter at 305723 on bearing 220 deg and extended in a horseshoe shape easterly to the Kunai (.) 1400L (.) coy moved to area 307717 and formed a perimeter (.)

5 Pl (.) 1250L (.) patrol SOUTH along coastal track to 339717 reports no enemy seen (.) 1500L (.) mov heard around the perimeter (.) patrols investigating (.)

PIB (.) 1200L (.) Patrol to area 303717 reports enemy still in occupation in strength and evidence indicates enemy probing our L of C to D and C Coys

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26 Bw rear

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I 797 SECRET OSITRE P 447 to

0660 L.O.

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~~311715~~

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

**I 793 SECRET (.) SITREP 448 to 1700L (.)**

~~A Coy (.) 0930L (.) patrol NW was fired on by enemy 150 yds from  
coy perimeter by 4 IMG and rifles estimated str 7 (.) own cas 1 wounded enemy  
unknown (.) Our 3 inch Mortars engaged the enemy posn (.) 1030L (.) Patrol  
moved 250 yds EAST then 50 yds NE and struck a well worn track running NW (.)  
patrol moved NW along the track for 20 yds and located old enemy posns (.) 2  
Japs approached from NW dressed in green and wearing helmets carrying rifles (.)  
patrol engaged enemy results unknown own cas nil (.)~~

~~B Coy (.) Security patrols made no contact (.)~~

~~C Coy (.) 1400L (.) patrol returned from occupying ambush posn  
on track leading NORTH from old 48 Fl posn at 304718 (.) no enemy contacted (.)  
1505L (.) patrol to former D Coy posn at 305723 returned (.) no contact (.)~~

~~D Coy (.) 1315L (.) patrol 500 yds WEST and then 200 yds NW failed to  
locate any enemy or strike any tracks (.) Patrol towards old 48 Fl perimeter  
at 304718 sighted one Jap who escaped (.) 1400L (.) patrol 900 yds on bearing  
234 deg from coy perimeter made no contact (.)~~

~~PIB (.) Security patrols during day made no contact (.) new  
location ref 311715 (.)~~

~~101 Hy Mortars (.) 1130L (.) Hy Mortars engaged enemy ~~posn~~ def  
posns fwd old D Coy area at 305723~~

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For Action

*11 Pde*

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

*26 BW  
37/51 BW*

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

*I 799 SECRET O SITREP 449 to 0600L0*

*ABCD Corp O Situation O*

*5 Pde now around perimeter*

*during night some grenades thrown  
by both sides*

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

**I 800 SECRET (.) SITREP 450 to 1700L (.)**

**A Coy (.) 0930L (.) patrol 250 yds EAST then 50 yds NE struck well worn track running NE (.) patrol saw one Jap hut and heard mov (.)**

**hut engaged with unknown results (.) 1300L (.) our 3 inch Mortars engaged enemy posn 316723 (.)**

**B Coy (.) Security patrols made no contact (.)**

**C Coy (.) 0900L (.) patrol moved out from coy perimeter on left flank and contacted 4 Japs 75 yds out (.) enemy was engaged with unobserved results (.) 1245L (.) Patrol to old D Coy area at 305723**

**failed to make contact (.) Our Hy Mortars bombed area of enemy def posns NORTH of old D Coy area at 305723 (.)**

**D Coy (.) 1300L (.) Patrol to the vicinity of old 18 Pl posn at 304718 and then SOUTH and EAST to the rd at 310716 made no contact (.)**

**5 Pl (.) 1200L (.) patrol from perimeter to edge of plantation at 327716 then NORTH to edge of Kunai at 327721 then EAST to perimeter located several old Jap huts and def posns not used for some time at 327720 (.) no enemy sighted (.) 1355L (.) Jeep carrying water and rations to 5 Pl was wrecked by probably enemy mine at ref 327712 (.) enemy estimated str 2 engaged escort party (.) Gas own 4 wounded 2 missing enemy 1 killed (.)**

**P1B (.) Security patrols made no contact**

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

**I 802 SECRET (.) STREP 45% to 1600L (.)**

**A Coy (.) 1245L (.) patrol 250 yds EAST then 50 yds NE struck track running NE (.) patrol moved 100 yds NE along the track and made no contact (.) 1300L (.) our 3 inch Mortars engaged enemy posn fwd of coy at 316723 (.)**

**B Coy (.) Security patrols made no contact (.)**

**C Coy (.) By 1400L C Coy had reached new location at 328715 and digging in (.)**

**D Coy (.) 1200L (.) Patrol to old C Coy area at 306722 made no contact (.)**

**General (.) ref our I 800 (.) 2 reported missing as result of the action at 327712 now reported back to camp (.)**

**Tac HQ (.) 1410L (.) party moving between Tac HQ and A Coy ambushed 300 yds NORTH of Tac HQ by enemy estimated str 2/3 armed with one automatic and rifles (.) our own 1 wounded enemy 1 wounded (.) patrols investigating the area failed to locate any enemy**

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

**1803 SECRET (.) SITREP 453 to 1800L (.)**


**A Coy (.) 1700L (.) our 3 inch Mortars engaged enemy def posns**

**NORTH of coy at 316723**

**D Coy (.) 1645L (.) Our 81 Mortars engaged enemy defensive posns**

**forward of old D Coy area at 305723 (.)**

**Locations (.) & PI now located with Tac HQ at ~~315723~~ 313714**

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

**I 805 SECRET (.) SITREP 455 to 1600L (.)**

**A Coy (.) 1300L (.) coy digging in at new posn ref 313714 (.)**

**B Coy (.) 1200L (.) coy arrived at new area at 323707 and  
digging in (.)**

**G Coy (.) 1045L (.) patrol to the SOUTH edge of the kunai at  
326719 then SE to the rd crossed several old tracks but made no contact (.)  
patrol moving 100 yds SOUTH from perimeter found one grave (.) ~~313714 (.)~~**

**D Coy (.) 1400L (.) coy digging in at new posn ref 313704 (.)  
101 Hq Mortars (.) 1200L (.) 2 Pl digging in at track junc  
314699 (.)**

**PIB (.) 1200L (.) reported digging in at new posn 319711**

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(A)

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*13/5/44*

For Action

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**TO**

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

**GR**

*21 Bu War*

*31/51 Bu*

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*ISOL SECRET 0 SITREP H56 to 150010*

*Blay 0 amended location 3186990*

*Clay 0 W 1701 0 Patrol south from*

*failed to locate*

*any enemy tanks reported to be in that area*

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	(w) For Information (INFO.) <i>26 BN KANAK 3/57 BN</i>
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ORIGINATOR'S No. *1607*

*SECRET SITREP #57 to 2000L0*

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 808 SECRET (.) S TREP 458 to 1600L (.)

A Coy (.) 1100L (.) patrol to old firm base at 316716 saw no signs of enemy activity in that area (.) Security patrols report no contact (.) 1300L (.) our 3 inch Mortars engaged enemy def posn at 316723 (.) B Coy (.) 1100L (.) patrol to D Coy returned no contact (.) 1210L (.) local security patrols report no signs of enemy (.) C Coy (.) 1100L (.) patrol moved out from coy NORTH to kunai at 327720 then EAST to 323720 then SOUTH to rd at 327713 then back to coy HQ (.) no enemy contacted (.) 1230L (.) patrol located enemy tank at 326708 (.) tank dug in and in good condition (.) generator missing (.) one 57 mm gun and amm on ground beside tank (.) tank similar type to that found at RURI BAY (.) D Coy (.) 1600L (.) patrol from coy perimeter to on mag bearing 220 deg out rd to rear of B Coy 31/51 Bn and moved back to coy HQ by rd (.) reports no signs of enemy activity (.) Security patrols operating on flanks of track from coy HQ to Tac HQ and A Coy reports no enemy activity (.) 5 P1 (.) Security patrols made no contact (.)

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ORIGINATOR'S No. *I 809 SECRET @ SITREP 459 60600 10*  
*Situation @*  
*General @ at approx 141930L*  
*Sounds of motor were heard on*  
*bearing 355 deg from Tac HQ @ 320 deg*  
*from C Coy and 340 deg from D Coy*

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

**I 810 SECRET (.) STEEP 460 to 1600L (.)**

**A Coy (.) 0900L (.) combined A Coy and PIB patrol contacted enemy approximately 75 yards NORTH of old A Coy posn at 316721 (.) enemy estimated str 25 well dug in with 2 HMFs behind booby traps (.) Jap grenades used for booby traps (.) fire was exchanged resulting in own cas nil enemy cas 5 killed (.) 1000L (.) our 3 inch Mortars engaged this enemy def posn (.) 1400L (.) our arty engaged same target (.) Security patrols made no contact (.)**

**B Coy (.) 1445L (.) Security patrol to D Coy through old Jap hospital at 316700 reports no signs of recent activity (.)**

**G Coy (.) 1000L (.) patrol from 14 FI NORTH to 316718 then SOUTH to track at 327704x14 reported no contact (.) patrol from 13 FI followed enemy sig wire from 328714 to 332719 (.) no contact (.)**

**D Coy (.) 1000L (.) combined patrol from D Coy and PIB contacted enemy patrol estimated str 10 with rifles about 40 yds SOUTH of old D Coy posn at 305723 (.) enemy patrol was moving SOUTH (.) during exchange of fire one shot was heard from direction of old 18 FI area at 304718 (.) cas own nil enemy 1 killed (.) Security patrols report no contact (.)**

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*I 811 SECRET OSIT REP 461 to 800600LO*

*Silver*

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

**I 312 SECRET (.) STREP 452 to 1600L (.)**

**A Coy (.) 0915L (.) combined recon patrol from AD coys and  
PIB reported enemy estimated str 20 occupying an ambush posn 304716 (.)  
our arty shelled this area (.) at 1400L our by Mortars and arty again engaged  
this target (.) standing and security patrols during day made no contact (.)**

**B Coy (.) 1300L (.) patrol to D Coy along the main track  
and then to coy area by direct route reported no signs of recent activity (.)  
Security patrols made no contact (.)**

**G Coy (.) 1130L (.) patrol to kumai at 323720 returned (.)  
1330L (.) patrol to kumai at 327721 returned (.) both patrols report no  
contact or signs of recent activity (.)**

**D Coy (.) Security patrols operating between Bx Coy Tac HQ  
and track junc at 314699 report no contact (.)**

**5 Pl (.) patrol 300 yds NORTH from coy perimeter reports no  
enemy seen (.)**

**Air activity (.) 1135L (.) our aircraft bombed and strafed  
enemy def posn NORTH of old D Coy area at ref 305724 to 301722**

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I 813 SECRET @ SITREP 463 to 0600LO

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ORIGINATOR'S No. I 814 SECRET (.) 8 TREP 464 to 1600L (.)

A Coy (.) 0730L (.) 8 Pl moved out and now occupies track junc at 308717 (.) standing patrols during day made no contact (.)

B Coy (.) Security patrols operating along the L of C to C Coy report no enemy seen (.)

✓ C Coy (.) 0820L (.) combined patrol from C Coy and PIB moved out in a NW direction (.) at the NW side of the garden at 327716 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the natives reported that within the last few hrs 3 Japs had been occupying ~~an~~ a posn behind a log obviously watching the camp (.) patrol proceeded to approx 325718 where the natives reported one Jap sentry had seen them and fled (.) noises indicated there was 1 MG and rifles in the vicinity (.) POC engaged the enemy posn with arty (.) patrol returned to perimeter at 1200L (.) 1300L (.) a patrol again moved out to 325718 and found enemy had vacated their posn (.) patrol proceeded a further 100 yds and then returned (.)

✓ D Coy (.) 1230L (.) patrol from coy perimeter on mag bearing 220 deg cut rd at rear of B Coy 31/51 Bn and moved back along track to coy HQ (.) No contact (.) Security patrols operating along the L of C from Tac HQ to track junc 314699 made no contact (.)

5 Pl (.) 1330L (.) patrol to kumai at 326720 thence EAST to track at 332723 reported no enemy seen

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*I 815 SECRETOSITREP 465 160600L0*

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

**1816 SECRET (.) SITREP 466 to 1200L (.)**

**A Coy (.) 1000L (.) combined A Coy and PIB patrol operating on the left of the track struck an enemy def posn at approx 307716 estimated str at least 5 (.) enemy posn engaged with unobserved results (.) enemy astride track running SE which probably leads to our L of C between D Coy and Tac HQ (.) 9 Pl relieved 8 Pl at 308717 (.)**

**0910L (.) B Coy (.) /Security patrol found 12 Jap graves near coy perimeter at 318699 (.) graves were 4 or 5 weeks old (.)**

**C Coy (.) 1145L (.) patrol from 14 Pl returned (.) area patrolled from coy to kunai at 324720 thence easterly along the southern edge of kunai to 328724 then back to 327720 thence SE to track at approx 331718 (.) no contact or signs of recent enemy activity (.)**

**D Coy (.) 0825L (.) Jeep operating between D Coy and Tac HQ was damaged by a probable Jap mine and Jap small arms fire at approx 314708 (.) second Jeep in convoy undamaged (.) escort engaged two Japs seen wounding 1 (.) 0955L (.) patrol moving along the WEST side of track contacted enemy MG and six rifles at approx 314709 (.) cas own 1 killed 1 slightly wounded enemy three killed (.) further strong patrol searching area long WEST of track (.) probable second enemy mine on track being investigated (.)**

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Own a/c (.) 1125L (.) own aircraft bombed and strafed known enemy  
posn at 317739

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 817 SECRET (.) SIPREP 46/ to 1700L (.)

A Coy (.) patrol from 7 M returned from investigating area to west of track from D Coy to Tac HQ (.) no enemy seen (.) 1400L (.)

patrol ~~spawing~~ operating on both sides of track from Tac HQ to D Coy returned and reported track now clear of enemy (.) area 50 yds either side of track patrolled (.) 3 improvised mines were found and removed

by engrs (.) mines were constructed from 75 mm shells and detonated

electrically (.) the 3 enemy killed ref my I 816 were identified as

✓ marines (.) 2 magazines for type 96 LMG and one type 99 rifle

captured also Owen gun number 26377 recovered (.) ~~Security patrols~~

B Coy (.) Security patrols made no contact (.)

C Coy (.) 1400L (.) patrol from C Coy reported to Tac HQ (.)

area patrolled from coy perimeter on mag bearing 291 degrees and struck

✓ track at old A coy posn 316721 and then moved north (.) enemy mov heard

at approx 316723 (.) our patrol engaged enemy posn with unobserved

results and patrol returned (.) 1600L (.) our Arty and 3 inch mortars

engaged this target (.)

D Coy (.) nothing further to report (.)

General (.) ref our I 816 (.) now established both Jeeps were damaged necessitating evacuation

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*I 818 SECRET © SITREP 468 to 0600L ©*

*Situation*

*General's report I 817 © Aust  
liquid compass number 7904  
also recovered from killed Jap*

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I 819 SECRET (.) S IREP 469 to 1600L (.)

A Coy (.) 1140L (.) 9 Pl returned to coy perimeter from 308717 (.)

1215L (.) 7 Pl moved out to occupy the track junc 308717/1230L (.)

patrol returned from having reced 600 yds due WEST of Tac HQ then due

SOUTH to the track at 307697 (.) the patrol struck one little used track

running SE at approx 311712 (.) no enemy were contacted (.) 1430L (.) our

3 inch mortars engaged the known enemy posn at 316723 and area at 320724

reported by Tac/R as showing signs of activity (.) our Arty also engaged

this area (.) Security and standing patrols made no contact (.)

B Coy (.) Security patrols operating along the main L of G from  
coy HQ to C coy made no contact (.)

C Coy (.) 1140L (.) patrol NORTH to the SE edge of the kunai at  
327720 thence WEST to 323720 then SOUTH to track at 326712 made no contact

and saw no recent signs of enemy activity (.) security and standing patrols  
during day made no contact (.)

D Coy (.) Security patrols between D Coy and Tac HQ during day  
made no contact (.)

Own Air (.) 1145L (.) our aircraft bombed and strafed area of  
known enemy defensive posn at 316723

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I 820 SECRET @ SITREP 470 to 0600L @  
Situation 0

Generato 0220100 numerous white  
vessels observed on mag bearing  
310 deg from Tac HQ.

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

**I 821 SECRET (.) SITREP 471 to 1600L (.)**

✓ **A Coy (.) 1000L (.) Combined patrol from 7 Pl and PIB reported sighting one Jap at approx 307717 (.) Jap fled in westerly direction towards known def posns about 100 yds WEST where 9 Pl contacted enemy on 18 Jun (.) reported 30716 (op) 30716 (.) listening post at 313716 reported hearing sounds of a motor on bearing 360 deg mag and moving WEST (.) sounds stopped when Tac R plane approached (.) 1315L (.) combined patrol from AB coys and PIB moved out to investigate area NORTH of old A Coy perimeter at 316720 (.) 1615L (.) patrol returned and reported two bombs from aircraft bombing on 19 Jun had landed approx 50 yds NORTH of A Coy posn (.) native scouts moved forward to about 316722 and reported no signs of enemy (.) area now fairly clear as result of arty shelling Mortar and aircraft bombing (.) 1600L (.) standing patrols and listening posts report no contact (.)**

✓ **B Coy (.) 0900L (.) Patrol from coy perimeter through PIB Hq to Tac Hq via track running NW from June 323708 reports track clear and no signs of enemy activity (.) Security patrols made no contact during day (.)**

✓ **C Coy (.) 0830L (.) combined patrol from C Coy and PIB moved out to investigate area vicinity 320724 reported by Tac R as showing signs of activity (.) 0945L (.) ANGAU working party approx 200 yds NE from coy along**

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rd reported hearing mvv and sounds of rifle bolts (.) patrol moved out to investigate and at 1045L returned and reported no enemy seen (.) 1230L (.) patrol to 320724 returned having reached objective by moving direct to kunai at 323720 from coy HQ and thence by track WEST along SOUTH edge of kunai (.) area showed evidence of having been strafed by there was nothing to indicate occupation of area by enemy (.) the surface of ground under numerous trees showed signs of having been disturbed by possibly wild pigs (.) no enemy were contacted (.) patrol reports when at 323720 sounds of a motor resembling that of a tractor were heard at on mag bearing 335 deg (.)

✓ D Coy (.) 1000L (.) patrol to Tac HQ reported track between coy HQ and Tac HQ clear of enemy (.) 1115L (.) our 3 inch mortars bombed known enemy def posns fwd of old 18 Pl area at 307717 (.) 1315L (.) two patrols moved out each to patrol an area 300 yds by 600 yds on either side of L of G between 314702 to 314705 and at 1420L returned and reported no signs of enemy activity (.)

✓ 5 Pl (.) 0915L (.) one Jap approaching Pl perimeter from NORTH was fired on results unknown (.) patrol moved out to investigate (.) 1045L (.) patrol returned and reported evidence of about 4/5 Japs had scaled the cliffs about 50 yds NORTH of pl perimeter (.) one enemy steel helmet and 10 rds 7.7 mm amm found (.) 1220L (.) patrol returned from patrolling area to SOUTH end of

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plantation at 332725 thence WEST to kumai at 328721 thence EAST to rd 331719  
 (.) no contact made (.)  
 ✓ Own air (.) 0800L (.) 12 Corsairs bombed and strafed an area bearing 28 270 deg mag from Tac HQ (.) 1445L (.) 8 Corsairs bombed area vicinity 301748 where enemy tank reported by Tac R (.)  
 ✓ Own Sea (.) 1305L (.) 5 Fl reported 3 craft probably Corvettes observed on bearing 25 deg mag heading SOUTH (.) 1425L (.) 5 Fl reported 3 Corvettes observed to be bombarding NORTHERN part of BONIE (.) 1545L (.)  
 ✓ Corvette observed moving SE around NORTH pt of RURI BAY by 5 Fl (.)  
 ✓ General (.) 1015L (.) sounds of gun fire heard on mag bearings 330 deg from 5 Fl (.) 338 deg from G Coy and 347 deg from PIB (.)  
 1545L (.) machine cannon and hy M fire heard on mag bearings 7 deg 347 deg and 340 deg from Tac HQ G Coy and 5 Fl respectively

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210630L

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26 Bu near  
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I 822 SECRETOSITREP 100600L 0

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PIB otherwise sitnor

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 824 SECRET (.) SITREP 473 to 1600L (.)

A Coy (.) 1340L (.) 9 Pl patrol returned from patrolling NORTH area and probed to within 50 yards of enemy position at 316723 (.) *moved around* *no enemy* ~~posn was engaged by fire in occupation~~ enemy did not ~~reply~~ (.) patrol ldr considers posn unoccupied (.)

Security and standing patrols made no contact (.) 9 Pl replaced 7 Pl at track junc 308717 (.) B Coy (.) Security patrols made no contact (.)

✓ C Coy (.) 1125L (.) patrol to kumai at 323720 returned and reported no sign of enemy activity (.)

✓ D Coy (.) 1330L (.) patrol moved out SW on bearing 220 deg mag to rear B Coy 31/51 Bn and returned at 1550L (.) no contact (.)

✓ 5 Pl (.) 1125L (.) Standing patrol at 334724 reported sighting 5 figures on beach approx 1200 yds SOUTH (.) unable to distinguish whether figures were Japs or natives (.)

✓ P13 (.) 0700L (.) mov heard around perimeter during night 20/21 Jun fire was exchanged and some booby traps exploded (.) security patrol found 1 Jap water bottle 1 shoe biscuits and 1 improvised mine constructed from 75 mm shell (.) blood stains in area indicate some enemy wounded (.)

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*22 06 30L*

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*I 825 SECRET @ SITREP 1474 to 0600L @  
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For Action 11 BDE	
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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 765 SECRET O SITREP 397 to 191700L O

A coy @ 0850L patrol 8 pl contacted enemy approx 289694  
 O cas enemy 1 K, probable O patrol 7 pl moved NORTH  
 and contacted enemy posn approx 290684 O cas enemy  
 5 K own 3 wounded O B. coy @ 1100L patrol 12 pl  
 contacted enemy posn approx 302695 O cas enemy 4 K  
 own 1 missing (with beam gun) O 1500L second patrol  
 to 302695 failed to locate missing men japs still  
 in occupation O 1630L further patrol to 302695 engaged  
 enemy posn with arty O patrol from B coy moved  
 SE along track and contacted A coy O no signs of enemy  
 seen O B coy O patrols from 310695 moved SW towards  
 B coy O no signs of enemy seen O 1100L patrol from  
 312686 contacted B coy REAR 301686 O no signs of  
 enemy O D coy O recon patrol to enemy posn 333721  
 found posn clear O vacated 48 hrs O 3 dead mares  
 found O also body of Australian believed to be pte  
 ROMER not yet identified O 1600L patrol moved  
 NORTH to 332730 located track zone to EAST O  
 track investigated 120X O no contact made.

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

5 pl ⊙ patrol to 274694 then 283691 then  
 EAST to A Coy report no signs of enemy ⊙ A Coy 55/53  
 ⊙ patrol moved NW along track to approx 302719 report  
 no signs of enemy and no signs of tracks to SW

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200650L

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A FD REGT

26 BN REAR

55/53 BN

2 MTN BTY

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 766

SECRET

SITREP

398

to 200600L

⊙

A CD

5 pl

⊙

SITNOR

⊙

B Coy

⊙

by arty registration

by para

⊙

approx 308696

enemy

posn

contacted

19 May

308700

⊙

by

⊙

several booby traps

exploded

during night

probably by dogs

⊙

A Coy

55/53

⊙

awaiting report

all informed

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ORIGINATOR'S No. I 767 SECRET © SITREP 399 to 201700L ©

A coy © patrol from 8 pl contacted enemy posn estimated 2 LMG and rifles approx 292691 © cas own 3 wounded enemy unknown © patrol dug in 292691 © 1000L posn engaged by mortar © patrol 9 pl around left flank reached track approx 291694 © dug in for night on feature approx 290693 © B coy © 1000L patrol moved NW through scrub to approx 302704 © no enemy seen and no tracks found © patrol from 10 pl probed enemy posn 308699 from left flank © enemy dug in on small feature © posn of 1 LMG and 5 rifles pinpointed © 1400L actly engaged posn © one further kill yesterday now confirmed making total 5 per patrol © B coy © security patrols report no sign of enemy © 1100L patrol located body of pte BARRETT at 309684 © advance dump found vicinity 309692 © D coy © 1135L coy 48 plus 16 pl 18 pl dug in at 334722 17 pl 333723 © 1200L patrol moved EAST over cliff and patrolled NORTH along beach to 333724 © caves and old huts not occupied for many months © patrol to 331729 then approx ..

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TO	201750L (w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	GR
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ORIGINATOR'S No.

325735 report no recent signs of enemy @ track leading WEST from vicinity 331729 with sig wire found @ 1600L one enemy rifle shot heard vicinity 332726 @ A can 55/53 @ 0630L two jap rifle shots NORTH of perimeter answered by 2 shots from SOUTH @ 0640L one jap approaching perimeter from NORTH shot @ followed by wild firing by LMG from the NORTH which was answered from SOUTH by 2 rifle shots @ 1100L patrol NW along track to approx 303729 report no signs of enemy @ security patrols report no sign of enemy @ 5 pl @ patrol NORTH to 274696 then SE to track at 282691 report no signs of enemy @ 4 pl @ now dug in at 323708. all informed

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26 BN

210650 L

For Action

**TO**

11 BDE

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

4 FD REGT

55/53 BN

2 MTN BTY

26 BN REAR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

T 768

SECRET O SITREP 400 to 210600 L

A B C A 55/53 SPI O SITROR O I 107 O awaiting report

all information

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SECRET 0 Transmitted by mortar completed 20 1000h  
 @ location 2 pl 101 AUST HY MORTARS 293682

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26 BN REAR 55/53 BIN  
2 MTN BTY 4 FD REGT.

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 769 SECRET @ SITREP HDI to 211700L

@ A coy @ 8 and 9 pl patrols moved around left flank enemy posn and dug in at 291695 on track @ 1100L 7 pl killed 1 jap 150x NORTH of coy perimeter @ 1600L patrol from 7 pl found enemy posn 292692 vacated @ B coy @ 1100L patrol from 11 pl cut track to enemy posn at 309699 @ 1 jap killed @ 1200L 12 pl joined 11 pl @ japs attacked several times @ cas own 1 killed 1 wounded @ patrols dug in and actly engaged enemy posn @ C coy @ security patrols report no signs of enemy @ D coy @ 1000L patrol NORTH to 333724 killed one jap @ patrol to 330729 report no contact @ 1400L patrol SE to 340718 report no recent signs of enemy @ 1500L body of dead jap found near perimeter @ patrol to garden at 328716 found unoccupied huts and 3 fresh graves @ by night @ engaged enemy posn 308699 during the day @ Advance party A boy PIB arrived 1100L @ 5 pl 274703 report no sign of enemy @ 211000L patrol

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

reports sound of motor on bearing 70° M from  
 273698 ⊙ A coy 55/53 ⊙ coy departed RATSUA 1230L ⊙  
 1000L party of 25 natives passed through B coy ⊙  
 did not report to ANBAU ⊙ turned off to PORA  
 PORA. all informed.

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ORIGINATOR'S No. **I 770    SECRET    SITREP 402 to 220600L**


A coy @ 211930L unestimated number of japs walked into booby traps on track SOUTH side of 8 pl perimeter. @ unfinal count this morning 3 japs killed @ B B coys @ SITNOR @ D coy @ during the hours 212000L to 212330L the sound of a plane heard between BURKA PASSAGE and SE of coy @ 0640L ship thought to be corvette or torpedo boat sighted on bearing 43° M distance 3 to 4 mls from coy perimeter all informed

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 771 SECRET TO SITREP 403 6 22 1700L

A Coy 0 ref our I 770 0 final report enemy  
cas 3 killed 0 0935L 0 7pl moved NORTH  
along track past old enemy posn and  
dug in at 292692 0 1015L 0 8 and 9 pls  
at 291695 attacked from NORTH by  
strong party japs using 4 LMG 00 cas  
even hit enemy 4 killed 0 incl one  
possible off 0 one type 99 LMG  
captured 0 1030L 0 Our party engaged  
enemy posn 291694 0 1115L 0 party 5 japs  
fought moving EAST across 7pl front 0  
engaged by our mortars 0 1545L 0 mortars  
registered DF track fwd of 8 and 9 pls 0 1600L 0  
by HQ moved to join 8 and 9 pls 0 B Coy 0 1430L 0  
by mortars engaged enemy posn at 308699 0  
1555L 0 12pl investigating enemy posn 0  
C Coy 0 Coy less 13pl moved to 31215 0 located  
one jap body outside old perimeter A Coy 55/53 0  
dead at least 7 days 0 1625L 0

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One jap approached by perimeter O fired on  
 but escaped O patrols failed to locate enemy  
 D Coy O patrol moved to 328122 O found tracks  
 out within last 24 hrs along EAST side human  
 patches O investigation SOUTH showed no sign  
 of enemy O patrol moved NORTH along tracks  
 which joins main NORTH SOUTH tracks at approx  
 331729 O no contact O 5 pl O patrol to estuary  
 219685 thence NORTH and WEST to perimeter  
 report no contact O enemy arty O 0915 LO  
 5 pl report one round small calibre fell  
 mainly BUOI jolly O pt of engine 290 degrees  
 grid O general O 3 pl 16 fd very near at  
 311690 O all info

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 773

SECRET @ SITREP

405 to 230700L @ further

to our I 772 @ 12 pt @ ~~one~~ one jap approached perimeter from

NORTH during night sprung booby traps + was killed @ 0530L indiscriminate

fire by <sup>ENEMY</sup> LMG and rifle from NORTH

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 772 SECRET O SITREP 4014 to 230600L O R 6

D SPI O SITNOR O B Coy O 0530L firing round around 12 pl  
parameter awaiting report

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**ORIGINATOR'S No.** I 7TH SECRETO SITREP 406 to

231700L OA Coy @ 0635L one jap approaching perimeter from SOUTH was killed @ 100L 7pl moved NORTH along track and reported enemy posn vacated @ patrol contacted 8 and 9pl at 2916950 by HQ with 8 and 9pl @ security patrols from coy report no contact @ Beach @ 0900L further body of dead jap located outside 11pl perimeter @ apparently killed during enemy attack on 21 May @ 1035L 11pl moved and joined 12pl at 308100 @ 1100 @ enemy posn engaged by mortar @ 1300L @ patrol 10pl moved to NORTH of enemy posn @ failed to locate tracks and made no contact @ 10pl dug in with 11 and 12pl at 308100 @ Coy @ 0830L @ patrol moving NORTH along track 150 yds out contacted and killed two enemy naval personnel @ 1420L @ patrol to 317114 contacted party japs @ cas even with enemy killed 1 probable @

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1515L0 patrol moving NORTH from bay perimeter contacted small party japs 75 yds out @ cas even nit enemy 1 killed 1 probable @ patrol located tracks cut approx 3 days leading in NORTH direction @ 0 bay @ 0915L0 four jap naval personnel approached bay perimeter from NORTH @ cas enemy 3 killed @ 0900L0 two day patrol to vicinity 331728 departed @ PIBO main body A bay arrived and ferried perimeter at 316712 @ 5pl @ patrol to 272702 report no sign of enemy @ six aft us barges and hit found

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ORIGINATOR'S No. I 776 SECRET @ SITREP 408 to 241700L

@ A coy @ 1015L patrol 8 pl moved NORTH from perimeter 291695 found two recently killed japs dragged from perimeter during enemy attack 22 abay @ patrol moved 300 yds NORTH and contacted enemy party @ has enemy 1 killed @ enemy engaged by arty @ 1200L 7 pl moved NORTH and joined bay 4B 8 + 9 pls at 291695 @ B coy @ patrol from 12 pl use area in vicinity. 308699 found freshly vacated enemy forms for 30 men @ coy now dug in at 304702 @ 6 coy @ 0900L patrol moved NORTH from coy perimeter 100X + contacted enemy @ cas enemy 2 probably killed @ patrol continued EAST to track at 318723 then SOUTH to coy perimeter @ 1400L patrol moved NORTH from perimeter + found one wounded jap @ taken as PW @ 1200L patrol 13 pl linked with B coy rear at 308295 report no sign of enemy @ 1430L patrol to garden area 320713 report no contact @ 1600L body of jap found on 22 may located 40 yds from perimeter @

D coy @ 1015L patrol moving NORTH

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along cliff contacted and killed 2 japs 100 yds  
 out @ 1030L further japs killed by same patrol @  
 A two day patrol 18 pl to 332737 contacted small  
 party of japs @ cas over 1 wounded enemy 1 killed @  
 5 pl @ patrol to 281693 then 290702 then around  
 plantation to west upart no contact @ PIB @  
 security patrol in sq 3271 upart one jap sighted  
 vic 321713

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I 777 SECRET @ Sitrep 409 to  
0600L @ Sitmor

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I 778 SECRET (.) SITREP 410 to 1700L (.)

A Coy (.) 1200L (.) 7 and 9 Pls moved NORTH and dug in at <sup>2</sup>689698 (.) patrols investigating tracks in this area found recently vacated enemy posn at approx <sup>9</sup>292688 (.) heavily used track led NORTH and SOUTH (.)

B Coy (.) 0900L (.) patrol EAST along the track from coy perimeter to 316701 report no sign of enemy (.) one dead Jap found (.) 1015L (.) patrol moving ~~through~~ through scrub to NW contacted small enemy party (.) cas own 2 wounded enemy unknown (.) arty engaged posn (.) further patrol found posn vacated (.)

C Coy (.) 1400L (.) 13 Pl patrolled from 312694 to approx 307718 and reported several enemy posns vacated within last 24 hours (.) enemy moved WEST (.)

D Coy (.) 1600L (.) patrol 500 yds SOUTH along coast from 333722 reported no enemy seen (.) patrol NORTH along the coast for 500 yds from same pt found dead Jap in cave (.) Jap dead for some weeks (.)

5 Pl (.) 1400L (.) patrol to 290693 reported no sign of enemy (.)

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PIB (.) 0900L(.) patrol moving NORTH from 333722 along track contacted enemy posn at 332726 (.) posn consisted 1 HMG 2 LMGs and rifles (.) enemy cas 5 killed 1 probable (.) 1230L (.) enemy posn engaged by our 3 inch mortars (.) enemy withdrew some 81 mm mortar bombs found (.) our patrol advanced NORTH killing 2 more Japs (.) patrol contacted enemy in str at 332728 with HMG LMG and rifles (.) enemy engaged patrol with one round mortar probably 81 mm

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*I 779 SECRET @ SITREP 411 to 060040*

*Sitrep 250040*

*General @ Two explosions heard @*

*sound bearings indicate were possible*

*in PORTON area @ 2125L @ another*

*explosion heard same area @ 252005L*

*@ OP at 5 Pl reported two light flashes*

*from PORTON area at 5 mins interval @*

*252215L @ D Coy and 5 Pl report hearing*

*motor going approx 14W @ both*

*OPs consider motor as that of aircraft*

*@ 0215L motor again heard appeared*

*to be going SE @ 0300L @ 6 Pl OP*

*reported hearing enemy arty*

*shell land in sea north of their*

*posn exact locality @ pt of*

*from which shot was fired*

*unknown @ 251600L @ B Coy found*

*naked body in shallow grave identified*

*as Pl GRAHAM reported missing 19 May*

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**ORIGINATOR'S No.**

**I 780 SECRET (.) SITREP 412 to 1700L (/)**

A Coy (/) 1200L (.) patrol from 7 Pl fired on by 2 LMGs at ref 291701 (.) Gas own 1 killed enemy unknown (.) 1600L (.) patrol from 7 and 9 Pls moved 150 yds WEST into the plantation and then NORTH to the top of plantation (.) no enemy contacted or recent signs of activity (.)

B Coy (.) 1120L (.) 12 Pl moved NW to ref 295705 and dug in (.) during afternoon patrols 400 yds NE and SW of this posn reported no enemy seen (.) at 1610L a patrol 150 yds NW of 12 Pl found one Jap grave about three days old and native scouts observed tracks of 3 Japs in the vicinity (.) Local security patrols made no contact (.) Locations Coy HQ 10 and 11 Pls 298702 (.) 12 Pl 295705 (.)

C Coy (.) 1520L (.) patrol from 13 Pl moved SE to pt 314713 then 30 yds SW to old enemy shelter where 2 dead japs were found (.) Japs been dead ~~max~~ some weeks (.) another patrol moved NORTH 150 yds from coy perimeter at 313715 and then EAST to track at approx 307717 (.) no enemy contacted (.) Locations Coy HQ 13 and 15 Pls 313715 14 Pl 308717 (.)

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0830L (.) patrol moved out NORMI to 317719 and struck track leading WEST which was followed to 311719 where 2 Japs were contacted killing 1 (.) 1530L (.) another patrol moved out and struck track running parallel to KUMAI patch at 323720 (.) patrol followed this track WEST and at 316723 contacted 6 Japs killing 1 (.) probable LMG in hut at 314724 (.)

Enemy arty activity (.) From 1423L to 1457L one enemy gun probably 150 mm fired 5 rounds in vicinity of river mouth leading to BATSUA Jetty (.) enemy gun located SOHANA ISLAND

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

*I 782 SECRET @ SITREP H14 to 1200H @*

*A Coy @ 1100H @ Coy HQ moved to  
7 and 9 Pls at 290695 @ 5 Pl now  
under command A Coy and located with  
8 Pl at 291695*

*C Coy @ 1025H @ ambush party from  
14 Pl astride track at 310719 contacted  
enemy estimated str to with  
possibly 2 HMGs @ cas own the enemy  
1 probably killed*

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1783 SECRET (.) SITREP 415 to 1700L (.)

A Coy (.) 1240L (.) 8 and 9 Pls moved up to 289703  
and dug in (.) enemy attacked with rifles while Pls digging  
in (.) cas own one wounded enemy + killed (.) our Arty FOO  
engaged the enemy posn. (.) 1530L (.) Coy HQ joined 8 and 9 Pls  
at 289703 (.)

B Coy (.) security patrols made no contact during day  
(.)

C Coy (.) 1330L (.) combined patrol from 15 Pl and  
PIB contacted 6 Japs at 312719 killing 4 own cas nil (.)

D Coy 1445L (.) our arty and 3 inch mortars engaged  
enemy posn forward of coy

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*I 484 SECRET @ SITREP 416 to 2000L0*

*A Coy @ 1935L @ enemy attacked  
our fwd posn at 289403 using  
2 LMGs and rifles @ own cas  
1 wounded enemy cas unknown  
~~but~~ moaning could be heard @  
enemy used smoke to cover  
his posns @ 1915L @ our 3 mortars  
engaged this enemy posn*

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I 785 SECRET (.) SITREP 417 to 0600L (.)  
 A Coy (.) awaiting report (.)  
 BCD coys and PIB signor

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I 786 SECRET (.) SITREP 418 to 1400Z (.)

B Coy (.) 1115Z (.) small recce patrol from 12 Pl reported enemy estimated strength 5 astride the track about 200 yds NW of 12 Pl at 295705 (.)

C Coy (.) 1030Z (.) 13 Pl moved to join 14 Pl at 306717 (.)

D Coy (.) 1145Z (.) one Jap grave found near 18 Pl perimeter (.) 1335Z (.) a patrol from Coy Hq 750 yds NORTH and 500 yds SOUTH along the beach reported no contact (.) patrol NORTH from 18 Pl to pt 333727 along the EAST side of plantation report no enemy seen (.) a recce patrol from coy ~~xxx~~ perimeter moving along the left flank report/the enemy still in occupation of posn at 332726

1000Z (.) our recce party searching for barge ldg pt in vicinity of BUOI Plantation was fired on by 1 IMC ~~xxxx~~ located on pt 273702 (.) fire was exchanged nil cas enemy cas unknown (.) our party made recce by FBE

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I 787 SECRET (.) SITREP 419 to 1700L (.)

A Coy (.) nothing to report (.)

B Coy (.) 1500L (.) arty and Hy mortars engaged enemy posn fwd  
of B coy (.)

C Coy (.) 1620L (.) recce patrol to 317724 reports enemy estimated  
str 6 still in occupation of posn (.)

D Coy (.) 1550L (.) patrol returned from occupying an ambush posn  
at 328726 (.) no enemy seen (.)

PIB (.) 1700L (.) recce patrol reported seeing 3 Japs near  
garden at 326716

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I 789 SECRET @ SITREP H20 100600L0

Situation 0

General @ 280845L0 green

very light observed on bearing approx 320 deg Mag from Tac HQ

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I 790 SECRET (.) SITREP 421 to 1500L.(.)

A Coy (.) 0905L (.) security patrol moving out from coy perimeter at 288703 found 2 dead Japs and damaged ~~own~~ Owen gun 10 yds from perimeter (.) Japs killed during attack on 271735L ~~(xx)~~ ref our I 784 (.) patrol was then fired on by 1 LMG and rifles (.) own cas 1 killed enemy unknown (.) our arty and 3 inch mortars engaged enemy posn (.) 1100L (.) enemy again opened fire at party recovering body of our cas (.) 1300L (.) Patrol from 7 Pl at 290297 to Coy HQ at 288703 reported track clear of enemy (.)

B Coy (.) 1000L (.) 11 Pl moved NW through 12 Pl at 295705 (.) Coy HQ and 10 Pl joined 12 Pl at 295705 (.) 1045L (.) 11 Pl contacted enemy estimated str 1 LMG and 5 rifles approx 75 yds NW of 12 Pl (.) our patrol approached enemy posn from flanks and enemy withdrew (.) 1320L (.) enemy again contacted about 100 yds NW of 12 Pl (.) arty engaged posn and our Pl digging in (.)

C Coy (.) 1245L (.) patrol fired on by estimated 2 LMGs and 10 rifles at 316723 (.) own cas 1 wounded enemy unknown (.)

D Coy (.) 1410L (.) PIB patrol moved out from coy HQ and found enemy still in occupation of posn at 332726 with estimated str 30 (.) patrol engaged enemy killing 9 own cas nil (.) arty and

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our 3 inch mortars engaged the enemy posn (.)

PTB (.) 1430L (.) patrol to garden at 327717 reported seeing

3 Jap sentries who fled (.) natives estimate 20 Japs slept in garden area

last night (.) 0840L (.) escort party observed 1 unarmed Jap on track

at 312693 (.) Jap fled and patrol failed to locate him

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I 791 SECRET (.) STREP 422 to 1700L (.)

0855L (.) ANGAU natives working in vicinity; exploded one

booby trap cas <sup>9</sup> injured (.)

B Coy (.) 1540L (.) one enemy LMG opened fire on 11 Pl (.)

cas nil (.) arty engaged target (.)

C Coy (.) dispositions of coy (.) Coy HQ 13 and 14 Pls ref

316718 (.) 15 Pl 316716

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*I 792 SECRET @ SITREP to 0600LO*  
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ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 793 SECRET ○ SITREP 423 to 301700L ○

A coy ○ native scouts to left flank enemy position reported no enemy seen ○ 1400L native patrol on right flank of enemy report sighting enemy force vacated ○ B coy ○ 0740L enemy fired on 11 pl perimeter with LMB ○ cas own one wounded ○ 1000L patrols to left and right flank of enemy ~~pos~~ report now vicinity enemy position ○ 1400L patrol to right flank enemy position report no more heard ○ C coy ○ patrol to 308719 report no more signs of enemy ○ patrol to approx 312721 sighted 3 japs ○ cas enemy unknown seen NIL ○ D coy ○ patrol around WEST side of plantation to 330729 report track EAST WEST not recently used ○ PIB ○ patrol to 304715 sighted two japs on track bearing 37 deg M ○ cas enemy one killed ○ 1100L two secs joined A coy at 289702 ○ 5 pl ○ now established at 333722

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I 704 SECRET @ SITREP 424 to 0600L @  
 Pitman  
 PIB @ awaiting report @  
 General @ 30 2200 @ <sup>Green</sup> ~~Star~~ Verney  
 light observed bearing 285 deg  
 mag from Tac HQ

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I 795 SECRET (.) SITREP 425 to 1700L (.)

A Coy (.) 1000L (.) patrols probing fwd of coy found enemy had withdrawn from posn 288703 (.) enemy posn was 20 yds fwd of coy with accmn for approx 15 (.) amm recovered indicates enemy were using a HMG (.) enemy posns were logged with overhead cover and had been built for some time (.) one more Jap body was found near the perimeter (.) 1515L (.) PIB patrol to 288706 found track junc with two well worn tracks one ldg NORTH and the other NE (.) two Japs were seen who escaped ~~(1)~~ one was wearing an Aust hat (.) 1700L (.) 7 Pl moved through 8 and 9 Pls and is now dug in at 288706 (.)

B Coy (.) 1000L (.) a patrol probing the enemy posn at 292707 from left flank was fired on by 1 LMG and 5 rifles (.) enemy posns are scattered on either side of track and difficult to pinpoint (.) 1210L (.) our arty engaged enemy posn (.) 1700L (.) patrol probing enemy posn was fired on (.)

C Coy (.) 0900L (.) patrol moved WEST to approximately 305716 and located a NORTH - SOUTH track not recently used (.) patrol then moved to 302715 without locating further tracks (.)

D Coy (.) 1100L (.) patrol moved NW to Kunai at 328723 then NORTH along track to junc 329726 (.) track EAST into plantation showed signs of recent use (.) patrol on eastern side of plantation

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to 332726 fired two grenades into Jap posn and two rifles shots were heard (.)  
patrol returned to perimeter and enemy posn was engaged by our 3 inch  
mortars

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