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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN BAY	1 Jul	0700	Convoy anchored offshore at BALIKPAPAN, weather fine with some clouds.	
			Town obscured by heavy black smoke pall. Troops were prepared for dis-	
			embarkation as from 0900 hrs. Town under bombardment from three cruisers	
			destroyer screen and rocket firing LCIs and LSMs. Four flights of Liber-	
			ators bombed the beach from KLANDASAN to KLANDASAN BESAR and the ridges	
			in immediate rear of beach.	
		0900	Landing effected by 18 and 21 Brigades.	
		0900-2400	Bn remained afloat as part of 7 Div floating reserve.	
"	2 Jul	0600	Reveille. Weather fine with some clouds.	
		0730	Tropps in readiness for disembarkation.	
		0900	Bn landed on GREEN beach. No enemy interference. C.O. proceeded to 25	
			Bde HQ at houses ref 596595 BALIKPAPAN 1:10000. C,O. met Brigade Comd	
			and received infm and orders. INFM: 18 Bde holding line RATION--PLUG--	
			PARRAMATTA--HUMPHRIES ROAD-- PARKERS CREEK. 21 Bde holding line RECORD--	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			RAVENSHOE--KLANDASAN BESAR, with elements across that river. ORDERS:	
			2/31 Bn to occupy assembly area at RATION.	
BALIKPAPAN	2 JUL	0915	Bn proceeded via HOBSON'S ROAD to track junc ref 594601 EAST of RATION.	
			C.O. with R group contacted 2/12 Bn and arranged to occupy eastern slopes	
			of RATION. Coys areas allotted as per appx 1. RATION aws a scrub covered	
			hill with well developed and recently constructed enemy posns.	
		1045	Coys in posn. Priority of work weapon pits and development of defensive	TRACE 1
			posn.	
		1220	Time bomb exploded 100 yds from 11 pl HQ. No cas.	
		1300	Pte VELLA of C Coy captured first prisoner for this Bn for the campaign.	
		1330	B Coy moved to posn formerly occupied by B Coy 2/12 Bn, which was being	
			deployed to occupy PORTEE. B Coy disposns: CHQ and 12 pl 594598. 10 pl	
			593598. 11 pl 592599.	
		1500	C.O. ordered patrol of one sec from C Coy to contact 2/16 Bn at RAVENSHOE	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	2 Jul	1540	Patrol returned. Contacted 2/16 Bn at 598607 and learned 2/16 Bn in occupation of RAVENSHOE. No enemy sighted, route as per Appx 2. (Patrol comd Cpl BASON)	
		1545	First contact with enemy fire. Jap fired airburst shells over RATION Two pers treated at RAP for shell splinters. Several shells fell before exploding but no cas, Bn discovered large dump of naval shells and SAA at houses 593599. Reported to Bde.	
		1600	Hot drink provided by B Ech. within 7 hours of landing.	
		1630	C.O. received orders from Bde. Bde to be committed 2Jul as centre force. 2/33 Bn right fwd , 2/31 Bn left fwd and 2/25 Bn as Div reserve. 2/31 Bn to occupy RESORT with one coy. Remainder of Bn to move at first light to secure line CHILTON Rd--MURPHY's Junc.	
		1635	Warning order to C Coy to occupy RESORT.	
		1645	C.Os conference. Warning order for tomorrws move: One pl D Coy to occupy	

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BALIKPAPAN	2 Jul	1645	posn about to be vacated by C Coy.	
		1650	C Coy supplied with hot drink by B Ech.	
		1700	One det 2/4 Fd Coy came u/c. This det ordered by Bde to clear mines from BLYTH'S Junc. Det less three moved out.	
		1715	C Coy moved out along HOBSON'S Rd to rd bend 596607 thence to RESORT.	
		1730	D Coy completed occupation of C Coys former posn. Five airburst shells explode d over RATION. No cas.	
		1830	C Coy completed occupation of RESORT. RESORT was partly covered with bamboo and secondary growth and partly open. The enemy had recently constructed a welldeveloped def posn. The enemy fired airburst shells over the feature as C Coy occupied the posn without causing cas. At the same time 2/33 Bn occupied OXLEY and OWEN features without opposition. C Coy discovered their SCR 536 was on the same frequency as B Coy 2/33 Bn and so maintained contact for the night.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	2 Jul	1845	Tank comd completed recce of route for tanks. Decided could not negotiate RESORT and must move by HOBSON'S Rd to BLYTH'S junc to be in posn to sup Bn adv to CHILTON rd. HOBSON'S rd had been prepared by enemy with well constructed tank traps but these proved ineffective in preventing tank movement, as too much space was allowed between road demolitions. The traps did reduce considerably the speed and volume of rd tpt.	
		1900	Cpl FAIRALL and three man patrol from D Coy killed three Japs armed with rifles on feature 300 NORTH of RATION recently vacated by 2/33 Bn HQ.	
		2100	C.O. held conference. Bn R and O gps to move to RESORT at 0715. Bn, less C Coy to move at 0730 to rear of RESORT. Order of march: B Coy + one sec 5 pl, A Coy + one sec 5 pl, BHQ, D Coy, 2,3,4,5 pls; RAP. Engrs report BLYTH'S junc clear of mines.	
		2100-2400	Enemy laid down slight harassing fire with airburst shells, prob.75mm No cas.	
		0001-0500	Enemy continued this harassing fire; No cas, One prisoner taken by HQ Coy.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	3 Jul	0545	Stand to. Weather fine, some clouds. No enemy activity this units front.	
		0645	OXLEY vacated by B Coy 2/33 Bn.	
		0715	C.O. with R and O gps moved fwd to recce adv.	
		0730	C.O. met O.C C Coy on ~~rxxxrt~~ RESORT. Bn less C Coy moved NORTH along HOBSON'S rd to rear of RESORT.	
		0745	C.O. began recce for adv to secure line CHILTON'S rd.	
		0815	CP est on RESORT at 591609. C.Os orddrs conference. Bn will secure the line NEWSREEL--CHILTON rd. Method: Two Coys fwd. A Coy right, B Coy left. Objectives: A Coy CHILTON rd. B Coy NEWSREEL. Axis of adv:VALLEY rd incl to B Coy. S.P. BLYTH'S junc. 2 and 3 pls to sup the adv on call to C.O. Reserve: D Coy to remain rear of RESORT (Arty: line not functioning)	
		0830	Line and R/T links to Bde est.	
		0845	Cp shelled by 75mm airburst shells. One cas. Capt HENDERSON pinpointed the gun on NOBODY. Own MMG engaged. Arty had line in by this and also engaged.	

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BALIKPAPAN	3 Jul	0900	Enemy gun ceased fire. All our shells and MG fire in target area.	
		0905	A Coy cleared BLYTH'S junc. A Coy had to clear stores area and tunnels during their adv. This retarded speed of adv. Slight opposition only (snipers)	
		0910	B Coy investigated stores area 586661. Opposition still slight.	
		0915	B Coy approached pillbox at 585614.	
		0920	Leading pl A Coy occupied OXLEY.	
		0935	B Coy captured 81mm Mor. in pillbox 585614. A Coy in posn on OXLEY. B Coy in posn NEWSREEL. 11 pl WEST of rd 587616. 12 pl on high gd 584616. 10 pl and CHQ moving into posn betwwen 11 and 12 pls.	CITATION 1
		0942	8 pl A Coy cleared rd junc CHILTON RD- VALLEY RD. Sniper opposition. Two Japs killed. 7 and 9 pls securing CHILTON stores 590616.	
		0945	11 pl contacted small enemy post on roadside at 586617. Sjt CAMPBELL and one sec killed three Japs and secured quarry area.	
		0950	A Coy secured CHILTON RD- VALLEY RD. Sniper opposition.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	Jul 3.	1010	C.O. issued warning order to C and D Coys. D Coy to move through B Coy and secure NURSE NAIL and patrol to br 572627. C Coy, if freed from Bde reserve to be prepared to move at 10 minutes notice, probable role to secure NOBODY.	
		1020	A Coy secure high gd immediately NORTH of CHILTON RD at 590616. Killed two Japs and captured two 81mm mortars . Bn holding the line : NEWSREEL-- high gd NORTH of CHILTON RD, thus securing first objective. C.O. ordered A Coy to secure NOBODY and patrol to stores area at 582627. 1? pl B Coy to occupy high gd CHILTON junc.	
		1025	CP departs RESORT to proceed to NEWSREEL.	
		1030	C.O meets Capt O'Donnell at CHILTON RD -VALLEY Rd junc . C.O. orders to use the covered approach: Barracks and stores area 587616-- NORTH through timber to EAST slopes of NOBODY.	
		1100	CP opens at NEWSREEL 583616. By this time D Coy was blocked up in rear of	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	3 Jul	1100	of B Coy. Heavy and accurate fire brought to bear on CP from NURSE. O.C.	
			D Coy begins recce for assault on NURSE. A Coy: 7 pl cleared four houses	
			area588622 and came under heavy fire after proceeding 100 yds NORTH to-	
			wards group of huts on Valley floor. (Valley between OPUS, OPERATOR and	
			NOBODY). Heavy fire coming from OPERATOR and NOBODY. Could not be pinpointed	
			owing to scrub. Pinned at 1120 hrs. Enemy killed in houses: 1 offr and 1 OR.	
		1130	C.O. orders MMG to be sited on NEWSREEL to sup D Coy. A Coy: O.C and 8pl	
			moved towards . Came under same heavy fire.	
		1200	8 pl ordered to attack up spur on 7 pls LEFT flank NW to NOBODY.	
		1205	D Coy move through B Coy in order 16, 17 and 18 pl. The approaches to NURSE	
			were steep and covered with very dense undergrowth.	
		1215	B Coy and CP under very heavy MG fire from NURSE. Three wounded.	
		1230	8 pl A Coy pinned on spur SE of NOBODY.	
		1245	7 pl, A Coy withdrawn up creek 587620 and then secured SOUTH slopes NOBODY.	CITATION 2

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BALIKPAPAN	3 Jul	1245	7 pl reached 100 yds NORTH of house 586662. O.C. then attempted to reorg-	
			anise 8 pl. Due to dense jungle and sniping this took one hour.	
		1250	D Coy reports slow progress through thick undergrowth.	
		1250	D Coy: 16 pl moved out through 11 pl B Coy to attack Eastern slopes NURSE,	
			17 pl giving sup fire from Northern slopes NEWSREEL. 18 pl reserve. 16 pl	
			attacked through huts 585618. Met with heavy on reaching hut area. Pl	
			deployed to LEFT,	
		1300	A Coy: 9 pl ordered to proceed axis of rd to secure Western slopes NOBODY.	
		1325	F.O.O. from 2/4 Fd Regt reports to CP.	
		1330	A Coy: 9 pl halted by fire from NURSE and western slopes of NOBODY. At	
			this stage est two pls at least on NOBODY.	
		1345	D Coy 16 pl attack continued until pinned at 585619 that is SE edge of NURSE.	
			Enemy est to have a least four HMGs and two LMGs on NURSE. Enemy in depth,	CITATION 3
			concealed by scrub and commanding the steep approaches with fie from NOBODY.	

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			Own casualties: 16 pl. Two killed, Two W.I.A.	
BALIKPAPAN	3 Jul	1350	C.O. arranges Arty and Mor 3" shoot on OPUS to relieve pressure on A Coy,	
			but owing to the jungle on OPUS AND THE UNCERTAINTY of A Coys exact posn	
			the shoot was postponed.	
		1355	D Coy: 17 pl committed on left of 16 pl. temporarily defiladed in wadi	
			between NEWSREEL and NURSE. Defiladed until reaching the cleared portion	CITATION 4
			of NURSE to west of enemy. Pinned by heavy fire from high gd intimber	
			583621. Now evident that cleared portion of NURSE covered from this point.	
		1405	Pinned.	
		1410	MMg sup for 18 pl for 8 minutes. 18 pl attacked through the gap between	
			16 and 17 pls and secured a footing in the jungle below the main enemy	
			posn. They then attacked main posn but 7 and 8 secs wre pinned due to hy	
			undergrowth and enemy def in depth. 9 sec secured a footing above the enemy	
			and attacked down. They were heavily engaged, sustaining cas to all but	

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BALIKPAPAN	/ 3 Jul	1410	two of the sec, These two men (Cpl FARMAN and Pte Harrison) killed at least 20 of the enemy, incl the crews of two OERLIKONS and one HMG. when he counter attacked across the open space. Meanwhile 17 pl blocked up in rear of 18 pl to exploit the success of 9 sec but came under hy fire from NOBODY. Capt. HENDERSON wounded but remaining on duty. A Coy 8 pl began an attack from587623 WEST onto NOBODY, The Hy enemy fire encountered in track vic 586624. In the matted undergrowth secs lost contact and the attack was beaten back after 8 pl sustained 1 K.I.A. and 11 W.I.A. (1 D.O.W.) Some elements led by Pte WHEATKAND (DOW) reached within 50 yds of the enemy on the same high gd. 8 pl then reorganised behind Coy HQ at 586622.	CITATION 5
		1430	O.C. pushed fwd a sec of 7 pl to extricate 8 pl. Reached a ridge opposite and slightly lower than the crest of NOBODY and separated from the enenmy by 200 yds.	
		1445	D Coy at this stage had 4 KIA and 15 WIA and 3 missing. As the whole Coy	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	3 Jul	1445	had been committed CO ordered Coy to regroup in rear of hut area 585618.	
			Jap increased his fire from NOBODY killing ? and wounding 5. The Coy	
			brought out their dead and wounded excl the three ~~wounded~~ missing. Total	
			cas for the attack 6 KIA 20 WIA (2 DOW) and three missing.	
		1500	A Coy: 7 pl and portion of 8 pl developed def posn reached by 7 pl.	
		1535	D Coy: Regrouping complete and begin def posn.	
		1537	B Coy take 1 PW on NEWSREEL.	
		1545	CO arrives to recce NOBODY after meeting D Coy and arranging def posn	
			en route. CO brought Arty FOO, 2 and 3 pls comds.	
		1550	Arty began ranging on NOBODY.	
		1600	D Coy : Def posn stabilised. A Coy Arty concentrations on NOBODY accur-	
			ate fall in target area. 1 sec MMG engaged enemy over battle sights	
			knocking out one HMG immediately. Enemy replied but our MMGs neutralised	
			his SA fire and Arty silenced his Mortars. From this duel we suffered	

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BALIKPAPAN	3 Jul	1600	one Offr killed (Lt BRENNAN) one Offr wounded (Lt MILLER) two ORs KIA.	
		1630	CO decides not to attack NOBODY owing to the enemy str being too great for depleted Coy.	
		1800	CO arranges harassing fire from Arty, Mortar and MMG on NOBODY and NURSE.	
		1830	CO arranges for patrols from D Coy to probe NURSE and from A Coy to probe NOBODY. Patrol from A Coy reports contacting 2/33 Bn on OFUS and OPERATOR.	
		1900	Our harassing fire begins and continues through the night. Capt O'DONNELL directed Arty shoot on NOBODY as the FOO was directing the shoot on NURSE.	
		1900-2400	The enemy attempted to infiltrate from NOBODY to A Coy posn but were repulsed leaving three dead. Spasmodic SA fire from NURSE and NOBODY. Own cas for the day: 1 Offr and 12 ORs KIA, 1 and 35 WIA. 2 Missing. (One of D Coy recovered at 1600 hrs) Enemy: 19 counted dead, est 50 wounded. 1 PW.	
	4 Jul	0545	Stand to. Weather fine.	
		0610	Patrol from A Coy probing NOBODY.	

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BALIKPAPAN	4 Jul	0700	Patrol u/c Sjt CONFOY reports enemy withdrawn from NOBODY. Found 10 dead Japs in one group which had been engaged by our ~~xxxx~~ MMG. The posn was prepared in depth and appeared to have been occupied by at least Two pls. Patrol (Cpl MULLINS) from B Coy secure western end of NURSE.	
		0730	Patrol from D Coy report enemy withdrawn from NURSE. Located two missing pers. Cpl KEOGH had been hit with grenade blast and remained to guard one wounded. Patrol found 28 dead in one group. Other dead (uncounted) in tunnels.	
		0835	Brig EATHER visits comd post. Bn had now obtained it's objective., the line NURSE--NOBODY. Brigs orders: Bn to remain in present posn and patrol. At this stage enemy equipment captured incls 2 twin Oerlikons, 2 Juki, 2MMGs and 1 81mm mortar. Enemy cas 63 counted dead, 3 PWs and unknown number of dead in tunnels on NURSE.	
		0900	CO orders patrol of 1 NCO and 4 ORs from B Coy to patrol ORR'S junc.	
		0920	Patrl moves out.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	4 Jul	0945	Maj. Gen. MILFORD visits CP. Meets CO and shown disposns of this Bn and the posns formerly held by enemy on NURSE and NOBODY.	
		1000	C Coy ordered to move from RESORT and occupy NAIL. Recce patrol from A Coy to investigate WEST of NURSE to cult 591626 thence to bend DOHERTY'S RD 585626. Recce patrol from D Coy to investigate buildings in area576619 to tank trap end 577626 thence to house 583623 thence NAIL.	
		1030	CO proceeds to NAIL and contacts B Coy 2/12 Bn. CO allots Coy area to C Coy comd and orders def posn prepared.	
		1100	15 pl C Coy relieve 2/12 Bn on NAIL. A Coy report large tunnel system on NOBODY. Covers exits by fire.	
		1115	D Coy patrols to ORR'S junc, returns, reports reaching a point 100 yds SOUTH of ORR'S junc. NMS. Own arty shelling vic ORR'S junc -- harassing fire.	
		1130	B Coy kill one Jap in Coy area.	
		1150	D Coy report an additional 30 Jap bodies buried on NURSE and signs of many	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Jap wounded evacuated through 584621 on NURSE.	
BALIKPAPAN	4 JUL	1200	Remainder of C Coy begin preparation of def posn on NAIL. A Coy patrol	TRACE 2
			returns, area clear to DOHERTY'S Rd. Discover dead Jap and One Mor blown out.	
		1330	CP est on NAIL at 579662.	
		1415	First enemy fire for the day encountered. Three airburst shells explode over	
			NAIL. No cas. Direction of gun est NE of NAIL.	
		1430	CO orders 14 pl C Coy to est patrol base on LODGE. One sec to patrol to	
			BAROE 575638 then SOUTH along waterfront to brickworks at 578633 thence	
			to LODGE. Patrol equipped with line and 108 set.	
		1450	On road own gunfire observed falling in LODGE area. Two men of patrol	
			wounded.	
		1515	Lt HUMPHRIES OC patrol on LODGE reports enemy movement LINERTY 577648.	
			Sec patrols report no enemy seen in areas investigated.	
		1550	Exits to NOBODY tunnel system demolished by 5 pl. Tunnels were equipped	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			with electric light and well ventilated.	
BALIKPAPAN	4 JUL	1700	D Coy locates 6 more bodies and 4 swords on NURSE. C Coy locate 7 more bodies on NAIL.	
		1730	Patrol to LODGE ordered to remain overnight.	
		1800	Tank pl comd reports to comd post. CO orders him to recce route to LODGE.	
		2045	Jap, apparently trying to escape from NURSE threw a grenade at D Coy sentry. No cas.	
		2200	CO issues warning order to B?C and D Coys to be prepared to continue the adv at 0800. Bde to adv on a two Bn front. 2/33 Bn Right. 2/31 Bn Left. Highway incl to 2/31 Bn. 2/31 Bn to be relieved by 2/25 Bn. A Coy to remain on NOBODY on call. Bn adv to be sup by one tp tanks, one pl 2/1 MG Bn and one 6pr Tk/A gun. CO orders tank pl comd to clear the rd of mines to LODGE before last light and after first light.	
		2200-2400	Quiet night. Progressive Jap cas: Total 79 counted and buried.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	5 Jul	0545	Stand to. Weather fine. No enemy seen from LODGE.	
		0630	CO orders SP on LODGE to est OP to observe LIVERPOOL and LINERTY. Probable	
			location OP LUNCH.	
		0730	Engrs sent out by CO to re-examine rd to LODGE and report it clear of mines.	
		0750	B Coy report passing ORR'S junc.	
		0830	B Coy est def posn on LETTER.	
		0835	OP est on LUNCH. Patrolling fwd to LAVERTON.	
		0840	Lt- Col MARSEN arrives to complete relief of Bn.	
		0840-0847	16 rds of our own gunfire fallin area on LODGE occupied by the SP. No cas.	
		0852	B Coy report 2 Japs captured VALLEY Rd portion of NAIL.	
		0900	D Coy est def posn LEWIS. CO departs for LODGE to recce the adv.	
		0930	CP opens at LODGE.	
		0945	OP on LUNCH shelled by enemy airburst AA shells. Bearing taken by L/Cpl	
			RUDDELL places gun vic JOINT. No cas.	

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Unit 2/31 Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 0950 hrs 5 Jul 45 *To* 1120 hrs 5 Jul 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	5 JUL	0950	Patrol from SP under Cpl WADE reports LAVERTON clear. Liberator shot down in flames apparently EAST of METAL.	
		1000	CO briefs OC C Coy. Orders C Coy to adv NORTH to unnamed feature SE of LIVERPOOL with a view to securing LIVERPOOL. At this stage D Coy on LEWIS became part of Bde res. A Coy ordered to occupy LODGE.	
		1030	C Coy report being fired on from LIVERPOOL . Fwd elements of 15 pl had secured the ridge 200 yds SOUTH EAST of LIVERPOOL 585644.	
		1040	CO arrives at 15 pl to recce LIVERPOOL. IO observes movement est one sec. Enemy begins to mortar COs recce OP.	
		1050	CO arranges arty shoot on LIVERPOOL which was directed by the IO from a fwd posn while under fire. Warning order to C Coy to attack LIVERPOOL.	
		1100	CO orders B Coy to secure LAVERTON . Arranges for sup from 2pl for attack on LIVERPOOL.	
		1120	First arty shoot on LIVERPOOL-- very accurate fall over target area.	

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Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 1158 hrs 5 Jul 45 *To* 1245 hrs 5 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	5 Jul	1158	B Coy occupies LAVERTON and 10 pl patrols fwd along MILFORD HWY to track junc at barracks 589644.	
		1201	Infm from Bde that 2/33 Bn fwd elements approaching METAL. Navy to shell JUSTICE and JUDGE to attempt to neutralise AA fire.	
		1205	B Coy moves from LAVERTON and occupies barracks area 598644 .	
		1220	CO orders pl patrol from B Coy to clear bldgs 589648 and attempt to draw fire from JAM.	
		1228	B Coy patrol fired on from METAL with LMG. CO allots Mor FOO to B Coy to sup. H Hour for attack on LIVERPOOL fixed for 1245 hrs.	
		1230	MMg in posn 585644 to sup C Coy attack. A Coy report airburst shells exploding over LODGE. 1 cas.	
		1235	Arty concentrations on LIVERPOOL to H hour.	
		1245	C Coy attacks under overhead MMG fire with 13 pl fwd. B Coy report movement on METAL.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	5 JUL	1300	C Coy reports LIVERPOOL captured. Own cas: 5 WIA. Enemy: 5 killed.	
			Comd post comes under hy automatic fire from METAL. Cas 1 OR killed.	
			Two offrs, Adjt,(Capt. de DAUNTON) and IO (Lt ROBERTSON) wounded and 1	CITATION 6
			OR wounded. 22 set shot to pieces.	CITATION 7
		1345	Southern approaches to METAL secured by 2/33 Bn. Disposns this Bn: CP	
			reverse slopes 584644. A Coy same reverse slope 584645. B Coy barracks	TRACE 3
			area 588646. C Coy reverse slopes LIVERPOOL 583646. D Coy LODGE 582636.	
		1350	B Coy located enemy mortar in wadi NW of METAL 593648. Enemy AA gun posn	
			located on JAM. 592655 and JUSTICE.	
		1400-1700	Intermittent enemy mor and airburst during the afternoon from guns already	
			located, Cas nil.	
		1730	C Coy 2/25 Bn reinforces C Coy 2/31 Bn on LIVERPOOL. 142 Malayans returned	
			to rear to NICA.	
		1930	CO orders conference: Infm: 2/33 Bn holding the line: MARSHALL-MUTUAL- METAL	

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Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 1930 hrs 5 Jul 45 *To* 0845 hrs 6 Jul 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	5 Jul	1930	2/25 Bn the line LINERTY-KNOT. Bde intention to continue the adv on two Bn front. Axis of adv MILFORD HWY. 2/33 Bn Right. 2/25 Bn Left. 2/31 Bn will be Bde res on 30 minutes notice to move. Harassing arty on WHITINGS Rd , barracks area, on 60 gridline and stores area in sq 6166 during night. Mor 3" harassing fire on Northern slopes of METAL on clock and halfhour from 052200 to 060600. DF tasks as follows: Arty :Southern slopes WHITING'S rd. Mor 3": Buildings area 589645. MMG fwd NE slope LIVERPOOL and JAM. No DF fire to be brought down except on orders of OCs B and C Coys with approval of CO.	
		2335	Small enemy patrol attempted to infiltrate through C Coy lines causing 2 cas. C Coy requests star shells at regular intervals. No further enemy activity on our front during the night.	
	6 JUL	0545	Stand to. Weather clear. No enemy activity on our front since 052335I.	
		0845	One Jap captured by Cpl WADE, C Coy at 581644.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	6 JUL	0900	Tk/A guns 2/25 Bn firing on JAM receive counter fire by enemy mortar. Some mortar rounds falling in our area.	
		0915	Airstrikes by 6 Liberators on JAM and JUSTICE. Bn mortars indicate targets with smoke. 75% bombs fall in target area.	
		0925	B Coy report enemy mortar fire falling in Coy area.No cas.	
		1000	CO recces and orders D Coy to move to LAVERTON.from LODGE.	
		1100-1130	Intermittent mortars and airburst over A Coy and CP area. No cas.	
		1310	CO requests airstrike by LIBERATORS on JOINT, NOT before 071500I and NOT later than 071500I. Bomb line NOT west of MILFORD hwy and NOT south of east-west line through JUDGE	
		1330	Request for airstrike granted.	
		1350	D Coy in posn on LAVERTON and digging in. Sec patrol sent out to contact B Coy and 2/33 Bn. D Coy HQ LAVERTON 588641.	
		1435	Native reports to B Coy that several Japs are hiding in tunnel	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Balikpapan.	6 Jul	1435	between B Coy and JAM. Patrol of LNCO and 3 ORs to investigate	
		1450	TwoTk/A guns in sup D Coy at 588641 and 588640. sniping. Located gun posns. Results unknown.	
		1500	B Coy report enemy MG fire from vic rd bend at 594649. B Coy report enemy gun at 75mm at JUSTICE 594655 and possibly two guns at JUSTICE 593655. Infm passed tomBde as targets are outside Bn area.	
		1;505	B Coy patrol to investigate tunnel returns and reports tunnel location 590650 and also no enemy seen. A large quantity of hy cal, shells were stacked outside the tunnel. Grenades were thrown in. Patrol reports tunnel clear.	
		1630	D Coy captures two 81mm mortars, abandoned near their Coy HQ.	
		1800	One sec MMg in D Coy posn 588640 reports its fixed lines on (a) western slopes METAL 593646 (b) southern slopes METAL 594643 and 595643.	

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Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 1900 hrs 6 Jul 45 *To*

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	6 Jul	1900	Own cas : 1 Offr and 13 ORs KIA. 2 Offrs and 40 ORs WIA.	
			Enemy cas; 85 counted dead and 8 PWs.	
		1900-2400	Quiet night.	
	7 Jul	0001-0700	No enemy activity on our front during the night except in D Coy area where one Jap was killed with bayonet while attempting to infiltrate.	
		1000	2pr T/A guns to fire from LAVERTON in a sniping role on JUSTICE at 595655. Enemy post pinpointed on this feature at 593648.	
		1115	D Coy report extensive dumps of rice and clothing on LAVERTON.	
		1125	D Coy report airburst in Coy area, 5 cas.	
		1200	Jap 75mm gun pinpointed at 600643 MARGIN. Engaged by our mortars.	
		1230	B Coy observing fire from our Tk/A guns on enemy pillboxes. Japs were seen to flee from pillbox at the commencement of the shelling and occupy a tunnel 30 yds to the west. Damage to	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	7 JUL	1300	pillbox not observed.	
		1300	Infm from Bde that airstrike would be delayed two hrs due to inclement weather.	
		1400	C Coy report enemy gunflash on MUFFLE prox 613640.	
		1600	Airstrike abandoned due to low cloud.	
		1700	Bn disposns as follows: CP 585644, A Coy same vic. B Coy barradks 589646. C Coy Rd junc 590637, D Coy LAVERTON 589640. B ech to move to D Coy area from LODGE.	
		1700-2300	During the day to 2300 enemy activity on our front confined to harassing fire from airburst and mortar.	
		2305	Patrol of 6 Japs attempted to infiltrate Coy lines dispersed by automatic fire. No cas. B Coy request star shells to counter enemy patrolling.	
		2300-2400	Quiet.	

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Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 0001 hrs 8 Jul 45 *To* 1130 hrs 8 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	8 JUL	0001-0545.	Two Japs killed attempting infiltration. One in each of areas B Coy (mortars area) and C Coy. In latter case Jap suicided with grenade while covered by our weapons. B Coy reported enemy movement in re-entrant between barracks and LIVERPOOL	
		0545	Till this hour star shells light up the area at the rate of two per 15 mins. Successful in revealing enemy movement.	
		0645	One Jap killed attempting to infiltrate B Coy lines. D Coy killed one Jap.	
		0845-0910	CP and A Coy area shelled and mortared. No cas.	
		0945	B Coy locate a further five JAP bodies killed during the night. All were carrying grenades, a demolition charge and one Molotov cockyail per man. One paybook and a name tab recovered.	
		1020	D Coy shelled with airburst. Type single shot. No cas.	
		1130	7 Bty 2/4 Fd Regt in sup.	

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Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 1245 hrs 8 Jul 45 *To* 1000 hrs 9 Jul 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	8 JUL	1245	Patrol of 1 NCO and 10 ORs departed to recover natives at MODERN.	
		1315	Patro returns with natives. No enemy seen.	
		1400-1900	Boobytraps laid fwd of FDLs.	
		2045	Enemy patrol armed with grenades attempt to infiltrate B Coy area. Driven off leaving one dead. Owm cas; 2 WIA.	
		2100	Heavy explosions heard and flash seen in rear of enemy posms on JAM and JUSTICE. Sound of considerable enemy MT movement in rear of these posns.	
		2300-2400	Enemy spring boobytraps fwd of B Coy.	
	9 JUL	0001-0545	Sounds of enemy movement in rear of JAM and JUSTICE. Enemy continues demolitions.	
		0700	Patrols fwd of B Coy posns reveal 50% boobytraps sprung. No Jap bodies.	
		1000	CO attends Bde comds conference.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	9 JUL	1040	COs conference. Bn will adv along axis of MILFORD HWY. Fwd tps A Coy right, D Coy left. Arty and mortar FOOs and engr det with each of A and D Coys. Objectives; A Coy JUNIOR, D Coy rd bend at 617669.	
		1500	Fwd Coys move through 2/33Bn posn METAL.	
		1535	2/31 Bn recce gp pass through fwd elements 2/33 Bn at 609633.	
		1540	After clearing FDLs 2/33 Bn at 609633 three Japs sighted. COs runner dispersed them killing 2.	
		1645	Adv continues witout further enemy sightings. Bn disposns: CP 614664, A Coy JUNIOR and astride hwy at 623667, B Coy west of hwy at 612664, C Coy vic CP 614664, D Coy adv North along MILFORD HWY. Feature occupied by C Coy had 1 75mm and 2 75mm twin AA guns. Also searchlight i n concrete emplacement. All appear undamaged.	

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Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 1655 hrs 9 Jul 45 *To* 1825 hrs 9 Jul 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	9 JUL	1655	D Coy contact patrol from 2/25 Bn at t sores area 617669.	
		1700	D Coy in posn 615669 reports fire from Jap HMG west of their posn.	
		1705	CO orders patrol from D Coy to move NORTH following axis of rd to CELLO barracks area using left of the rd.	
		1720	A Coy report a patrol of one sec moving from JUNIOR to cut MILFORD HWY. CO orders a patrol of one pl from B Coy to move to 626667 rd bend on hwy, thence to secure the high gd at 627668. Patrol to use right of the rd. Remainder of Coy on half hours notice to move.	
		1737	A runner from BHQ moving fwd along rd contacted three Japs killing one.	
		1800	A party of 10 Japs moving through the jungle between A and C Coys posns fired on with unobserved results.	
		1810	Three hy explosions fwd of CP.	
		1825	As there appeared to be no serious opposition CO decides to	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	9 JUL		move Bn fwd. All Coys warned for continuation of adv.	
		1830	Lt LEWIS OC 11pl patrol moving NORTH along hwy reports to CP.	
			Pl had been ambushed with remote control demolition trap at	
			618667. Trap consisted of three depth charges (500 kilos)	
			electrically fired. Trap area covered by MMG fire. Our cas: 3	
			KIA. 17 members of the pl reported back dazed with bombblast.	CITATION 8
		1840	CO orders Bn less A and D Coys to continue adv and take up def	
			posn at junc PHILLIPSON'S RD and MILFORD HWY. D Coy being 400	
			yds west of junc.	
		1850	CP est at junc 617666. Bn adopted a tight perimeter on junc.	
			A Coy to remain overnight in present posn 622668. 16 pl pat-	
			rolling to CELLO. As Bn was adopting this perimeter a Blck	
			WIdow nightfighter straffed the posn, No cas.	
		1900	Patrol 16 pl from D Coy reports reaching CELLO. Reports enemy	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	9 JUL	1900-2400	in posn fwd of CELLO. Owing to darkness patrol is ordered to rejoin D Coy. Quiet night.	
	10 JUL	0300	D Coy patrol in. Returned on west of rd, having to cut way, owing to Jap HMG posn west of D Coy.	
		0545	Stand to. 2 of two Japs moving South along MILFORD HWY attempt to probe A Coy posn astride track. One JAp killed.	
		0700	Patrol of one sec moves NORTH along Hwy to investigate small Jap patrol reported to be between CP and A Coy.	
		0715	CO orders C Coy to continue the adv with a view to securing ERODE. C Coy adv on one pl front (15pl). CP moves fwd to A Coy posn 622668.	
		0955	C Coy secure ERODE without opposition and patrolling fwd to CELLO with 14 pl.	
		1000	Enemy contacted CELLO. 5 and 6 sects had secured the SOUTH rdge of buildings area and drew fire from approx one sec at 300 yds range.	
		1015	CP moves fwd to ERODE,	
		1045	CO and recce gp moving fwd to 14 pl to make recce of CELLO. One Jap in a	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	10 Jul	1045	bunker in bldng area 629671 using remote control drop system detonated 3 x 500 kilo depth charges on rd.30 yds fwd of bunker. Involved in these explosions were the R Gp. No cas. C Coy HQ (Capt LEWINGTON)and Pte WEST suffered shock) Arty FOO wounded, one arty sig killed. 4 sec 14 pl all members dazed by bomb blast. Cpl WADE remained on duty. (Note: Engrs subsequent investigation determined that five additional charges were wired but had not exploded although the shutter had dropped, leads having been previously cut by adv tps).	
		1130	14 pl secure CELLO against sniper opposition. Five Japs withdrew to posn FALLEN TIMBER engaged by 14 pl with unobserved results.	
		1140	Mor OP est at CELLO,ranged FALLEN TIMBER. Patrol 6 Japs adv on OP engaged by mortars and dispersed. Later 6 bodies located.	
		1145	CP moves to CELLO. Jap located near bunker killed. Believed to be operator of switch to detonate bomb.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	10 Jul	1200	One Jap emerged from hut in middle of 14 pl HQ. Charged pl HQ with dword	
			slashed Sjt WESTAWAY (evacuated) and Pte SPERRING (remaining on duty) Jap	killed.
			COs warning order to D Coy to attack FALLEN TIMBER area.	
		1210	COs orders to OC D Coy. D Coy to attack through C Coy in CELLO and secure	
			FALLEN TIMBER are. In sup: One tp tanks, one Frog, FOO Arty 3" Mor and 4.2	Mor. ST 1430.
		1300	D Coy in assembly rear of CELLO.	
		1345	Arty range FALLEN TIMBER area. Tanks adv to hull down posn and engage enemy	
			strong points Right of rd. Hy mortar and arty concentration.	
		1430	D Coy attack on one pl (16pl) front, Enemy fire hy until reengaged by tanks.	
			16 pl and crocodile deployed to right of rd up timber track and engaged two	
			enemy bunker posns with excellent results. Bunkers flamed and silenced.	
		1445	Frog unable to proceed further up track. WOii WILSON with one sec adv and	
			silenced enemy MG posn. 16 Japs killed. WOii WILSON killed 7 Japs incl 1	
			Jap offr who charged from 10 yds. D Coy report objective captured.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	10 Jul	1445	Enemy equipment captured incl 3 JUKI MGs, One 75mm dual purpose gun, 9 AA gd mounted. two Oerlikons single barrel Tk/A guns, large dump amn. Enemy cas: 25 counted dead in first count. Own cas: 5 WIA. Patrol of one sec D Coy and one tank report LMG posn on COKE.	CITATION 9
		1450	COs warning order to A Coy to move through D Coy (now in posn astride hwy 637675) and secure COKE feature fwd of rd cutting at 637676. Arranges arty preparation NOT before 1500 hrs. COs recce from mortar OP est right side of cutting. No enemy observed.	
		1500	Arty range objective. Mortar range first rounds to fall caused enemy movement. Two Japs fled up slope of feature. Arty programme: H-20 to H. Bty concentration rate 4 from H to lift aheadof adv tps. MOrtar preparations: H-10 six rds per gun per min (10 sec) thence to lift fwd of adv tps. Tp tanks and 6pr Tk/A gun engage enemy posn from cutting.	
		1645	Cos orders to OC A Coy: One pl A Coy (8 pl) to attack feature. Axis	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	10 Jul	1645	Hwy. Sup one tp tanks (one 2 pr + one Besa, one FRog, one 3" How) CO briefs	
			pl comd and sec leaders.	
		1700	H hour. Tanks and 6prs cut out sup fire at H hour. 8 pl adv with tanks	
			one per sec along rd and were preceeded by 2 engrs searching for and	
			delousing mines. 7 and 9 pls in res at cutting on feature. Pl had adv	
			about 100 yds without opposition. Tanks were spaced approx 30 yds apart	
			in line ahead. Without preliminary engagement, the enemy force (dispersed	
			mainly on right of rd with some elements on left) open fire on 8 pl. Enemy	
			was particularly strong in HMG and LMG. Preliminary est enemy str one pl	
			thickened with HMG. Enemy fire also concentrated on CP and vic cutting.	
			Maj HALL (2i/c Bn) wounded. Maj RYRIE (2i/c 2/1 Armd Regt)KIA and one	
			tank sig KIA at CP. Attack by 8 pl was broken up with hy cas. Elements of	
			pl reached to eithin 20 yds of objective. Tanks continued to engage enemy	
			posn. The Frog also engaged enemy posn. Sup from rear tanks continued till	

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Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 1700 hrs 10 Jul 45 *To* 1750 hrs 10 Jul 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	10 Jul	1700	amn exhausted. One tank fired 20000 rnds from BESA. Fwd tanks continued to give covering fire while rear tanks returned for amn replenishment and en route carried out wounded. During this evacuation of wounded Pte DOUGLASS had volunteered to go fwd and render aid to wounded.	See citation 11 ~~att as appx.~~
			Action of 7 and 9 pls: 9 pl were moved on the right against enemy posn engaging 8pl. 9 pl had not moved 20 yds before sustaining cas. Attack continued for approx another 50 yds and pl was halted by hy automatic fire. The sec comd of fwd sec was killed. The 2i/c L3Cpl COOPER, immediately took comd and succeded in gaining a posn above the enemy.	See citation 12 ~~att as appx.~~
			7 pl adv round left flank and secured a posmqsepapated from the enemy by a deep waddy. Unable to continue adv.	
		1715	Comns break down.	
		1750	CO orders A Coy to withdraw and consolidate in cutting feature. To cover the withdrawal two pls ordered into posn on cutting feature.	

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Unit 2/31 Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 1800 hrs 10 Jul 45 *To* 0545 hrs 11 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	10 Jul	1800	Enemy mortar harassing fire on cutting feature and rear. No cas.	
		1900	At this stage all known wounded were recovered but unable to recover some dead due to hy fire.	
		1905	Bn adopts def posn astride MILFORD HWY. CP 635671. Tight perimeter def. A Coy astride HWY. C Coy in rear of A Coy. D Coy right rear. B Coy astride HWY rear of D Coy.	
		1930	CO orders hy harassing arty programme for night. 1200x25 pdr shells and 1000 3" Mortar bombs. Own cas: A Coy attack: 4 KIA, 11 missing believed killed 14 WIA. D Coy attack: 5 WIA. C Coy bomblast: HQ (sigs) 1 KIA 1 WIA. Sup arms: 1 KIA and 1 WIA. 2/1 Armd REgt: 1 KIA 1 WIA. BHQ 1 offr WIA.	
		1900-2300	Enemy mortar harassing fire.	
		2355	Enemy attempted infiltrate left and right flanks, under covering fire LMGs beaten off. One Jap killed.	
	11 Jul	0001-0545	Harassing fire from arty as per programme.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	11 JUL	0910	Two patrols each of 1 NCO and 5 ORs to move fwd on left and right flank and probe enemy posns 635673 and 636678. Comn by line.	
		0930	A Coy and RAP personnel under cover of tank in endeavour to bring back dead. Party came under hy fire and rd was blown in front of tank and was forced to withdraw.	
		1030	Intermittent mortar fire falls in Bn area without causing cas.	
		1045	Patrol on right flank report two enemy mortars at approx 639677.	
		1040	Both patrols ordered to return.	
		1130	Both patrols return. Patrol to left reports hearing enemy on CHAIR.	
		1150	Arty and 4.2 mortars begin ranging on enemy posns 635678.	
		1240	Patrol from 2/16 Bn moves up MACDONALDS track contacts B Coy.	
		1330	Concentrated arty and 4.2 mortar fire brought down on CHAIR 635678,637678. This fire was continued at intervals throughout the day. Enemy activity limited to mortar fire.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	11 JUL	1845	Patrol of 1 offr and 22 ors from 2/6 Cav Sqn contacted Bn. Report CHARM	
			feature unoccupied but prepared as a def posn.	
	12 JUL	0700	During night enemy attempted toinfiltrate, Own cas 1 WIA. Enemy cas 1KIA	
		0730	Sec patrol from C Coy move out to left and righy flank to probe enemy.	
		0800	Bn posn under mortar fire.	
		0845	Enemy patrol of 6 men observed moving round on left flank.	
		0930	Patrol from 2/25 Bn contact Bn.	
		1130	Patrol to left reported enemy still occupying CHAIR.	
		1200	Patrol on left flank out of contact. Presume wire cut.	
		1230	Left patrol returns. Enemy patrol had cut their sig wire and followed them in	
		1235	B Coy report finding 13mm QF Oerlikon in bunker posn in rear of their area.	
			Gun was newly oiled and full magazines and case of amn was near. In bunker	
			was electric plunger connected to three 500 kilo mines placed strategically	
			along track leading to gun posn.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	12 Jul	1240	Patrol on right flank report enemy still in posn at 637677. MG fire from that posn wounded one man in D Coy.	
		1300	COs orders: 2/31 Bn to be relieved by 2/25 Bn not before 130800I and to occupy posns left vacant by 2/25 Bn. Each Coy comd to report when his relief complete and to move his Coy to assembly area in rear of CELLO. A Coy to move to 608669. B Coy with one pl MG Bn and one sec 3 pl to move to601674. C Coy with 2 pl and one sec 3pl tomove to ERODE 626667. D Coy To stores junc 618666. Comd Post and two secs 3 pl (Bn res) to move to 618666. TRACE 4	
		1415	Lt-Col MARSEN of 2/25 Bn and his Coy comds recce Bn posn.	
		1900	Patrol of one Offr and 22 ORs from 2/6 Cav Sqn returned to Bn area and take up posn for night in CELLOarea.	
	13 Jul	0800	Night quiet with occasional enemy mortaring of A and D Coy areas.	
		0805	Two patrols of sec dtr move to left and right flanks and probe enemy posns.	
		0925	Patrol on left flank report enemy voices on CHAIR,	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	13 JUL	1025	A Coy relieved by 2/25 Bn.	
		1030	Patrol to left flank return and report enemy still in posn 636678.	
		1100	C Coy relieved by 2/25 Bn. 1120 hrs B Coy relieved by 2/25 Bn.	
		1125	Lt-Col ROBSON hands over comd to LT-Col Marsen.	
		1135	Right flank patrol returns. REports enemy in posn right of MILFORD HWY.	
		1205	Left flank patrol returns.	
		1300	Bn in new posn as follows: A Coy 608669. B Coy with a pl of MG Bn and one sec mortars at 601674. C Coy with 2 pl and one sec mortars at ERODE 626667. D Coy and CP at PHILLIPSON'S RD junc 618666.	TRACE 5
		1800	COs orders: Warning order to C and D Coys of probable move not before 141230I. One sec of Tk/A pl to move to each of B and C Coys.	
	14 JUL	0730	Warning orderto C Coy to move to 610658 and D Coy to 613662 not before 0930. CP to move to vic 612663.	
		1000	C and D coys and CP in posn in their new area.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	14 JUL	1100	CO instructs all Coys to clean and improve their areas. Change of clothing to be issued to all troops.	TRACE 6
		1800	COs orders: Patrols for 15 Jul= A Coy: One sec to FILE-FLINDERS- FABRIC-FUNERAL via PHILLIPSON'S RD. Time Out: 1300hrs. Time In 1700 hrs, B Coy : One sec via PHILLIPSON'S RD to SOEMBER KIRI in sq 596069, return via landing stage 594687 to STORES 600684,603689. Time Out: 0845 hrs=Time In 1300 hrs; C Coy One sec via MACDONALDS track to ECHO thence to CELLO and contact 2/25 Bn and return along MILFORD HWY. Time Out 0900 hrs. Time In 1300 hrs. D Coy: 4 man SP to JUNIOR 618662. To be relieved at intervals throughout day and to commence at 0800 hrs.	
	15 JUL	0845	B, C and D Coys patrols move out.	
		1230	D Coy SP reports being attacked by one Jap with rifle and bayonet. Jap killed.	
		1600	A Coy patrol in. Reports finding crashed LIberator 618677. For patrol reports see appendices.	APPX A

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	15 JUL	1630	Patrols for 16 Jul= B Coy: NCO and 5 ORs to move via PHILLIPSON'S RD to SOMBER KIRI track junc 603696 to 613697 to CHAIN 615693 thence NW of FILE to return along PHILLIPSON'S RD, Time out 0900 hrs. Time In 1400 hrs.	
			A Coy : NCO and 6 ORs, 2 Engrs and NICA rep to investigate crashed Liberator.	
			C Coy : NCO and 6 ORs to move along MACDONALDS track thence N to NE along jeep track to contact 2/33 Bn at CELLO and to return via MILFORD HWY.	
			D Coy: To continue SP on JUNIOR.	
	16 JUL	0900	Patrols move out. 1500 patrols report in. Bn cas to date as follows: Enemy: 130 killed, est further 50 killed or wounded. 9 PWs. Own cas: 1 Offr and 18 ORs KIA. 9 ORs DOW. 12 ORs missing believed KIA. 5 Offrs and 119 ORs WIA.	
	XXXX	1730	CO issues warning order to B and C Coys to be prepared to move fwd and relieve two Coys 2/33 Bn at CELLO not before 170730I.	
		1930	COs orders: B and C Coy s to relieve two Coys 2/33 Bn 170745I. B and C Coys	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN.	16 JUL	1930	R and O gps to meet CO at PHILLIPSON'S RD junc. Band C Coys role to block	
			up in rear of 2/33 Bn and cover that Bns move out to right flank and 2/25 Bn	
			move round left flank, In event of all 2/33 Bn being committed remainder	
			of Bn to move fwd. Bde intention: to encircle enemy posn. Pl from MG Bn	
			and Bn Mortar ~~XX~~ 3" pl to move to A Coy posn.	
	17 JUL	0730	B and C Coys move fwd to rear of 2/33 Bn . B Coy to take up posn on COKE	
			C Coy to occupy posn 634688.	TRACE 7
		0745	CO moves fwd to recce 2/33 Bn posn.	
		0915	BCoy in posn 638675, C Coy in posn 637675.	
		1030	Infm from Bde that there is a crashed LIberator in vic EPOCH. Patrol of	
			NCO and 6 ORs from D Coy with two engrs and Bde guide to move out and	
			investigate not before 171300I. COs orders: D Coys SP on JUNIOR to continue.	
			A Coy to patrol with one sec to stores area 616670 via PHILLIPSON'S rd	
			thence to track junc 622676 to rd 608682 and return MILFORD HWY.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	17 JUL	1530	Enemy sniper in vic PHILLIPSON'S RDjunc wounds one AASC driver.	
			One sec moves out to investigate.	
		1600	Bn less A Coy on notice to move and relieve 2/33 Bn not before 180700I.	
		1815	COs orders: Infm, Enemy still holdimg COKE and in depth back	
			to POPES track where he is reported to have 6 MMgs and 100 tps.	
			Own disposns; 2/33 Bn 2 companies on CART. 2/25 Bn 2 Companies	
			on CHAIR, one Coy on CHARM and one Coy moving to CHARM. 2/6 Cav	
			on ABATE ABASH and CLONCURRY. Bde intention; To build up Bn on	
			left and right flank with a view to encircling and killing enemy.	
			Method: B ana C Coy 2/31 Bn im posn. A and D Coys will move and	
			take over from D and A Coys 2/33 Bn 18 Jul. Route: MILFORD HWY	
			to 627670, one sec 2 pl to sup A Coy, one sec in res CELLO, two	
			secs 3 pl to sup A Coy, two secs in res CELLO to move on COs	
			orders . 5 pl to remain as protection to B ech.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	17 Jul		One pl 2/1 Mg Bn res at CELLO. Arty FOO to move with CO. Engr clp and ten to move with BHQ.	
	18 Jul	0700	A Coy report attempted infiltration during night. Picric acid grenade thrown. One OR slightly burnt.	
		0730	Bde order A Coy to remain in present posn as protection on PHILLIPSON'S RD owing to NEI report of enemy concentration at WAIN.	
		0930	D Coy takes over posn in CELLO area.	
		1030	Bn CP est at 632671. CO takes over from LT-Col COTTON. One pl 4.2 mortars to remain with Bn.	
		1100	Bn less A Coy in posn as follows: C Coy and CP CELLO area 632671, B Coy on high gd right of rd at 638673. D Coy left of rd 637674.	TRACES 8+9
		1200	Recce patrol of 1 NCO and 5 ORs from A Coy which moved out at 0850 hrs return and report finding 8 unmarked graves at 618671 and a large number of natives in STORES area sq 6167.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	18 JUL	1315	B Coy est SP at 633670.	
		1325	Recce patrol of NCO and 7 ORs from C Coy moveout to traverse and recce track runnimg NORTH and NE from 632671. A further patrol of same str to recce track running SW from same posn.	
		1540	C Coy recce patrol returns.	
		1640	A Coy report finding of 2 Japs killed durimg night.	
		1800	Patrol from C Coy laying booby traps fwd of Coy perimeter fire on 3 Japs with unobserved results. Patrols for 19 Jul.: A Coy sec patrol to WAIN to contact NEI. D Coy sec patrol to contact 2/25 Bn on CHAIR. C Coy sec patrol to recce track running WEST from CELLO barracks and one sec to recce track running EAST from CELLO. Both these patrols warned not to return over same route.	
		2330	B Coy killed one Jap found probing their perimeter.	
		2300-2359	Five hy explosions heard behind enemy posns.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	19 Jul	0850b	Brig EATHER visits Bn posns. Bde intention to heavily shell and mortar enemy posn and endeavour to push tanks fwd along rd and a pl onto 60 contour 637678.	
		0950	C Coy patrol to investigate track running EAST from CELLO returns.	
		1045	Two Matilda tanks move fwd to recce rd between own and enemy posns.	
		1100	C Coy patrol WEST from CELLO returns.	
		1200	C Coy warned to move fwd in readiness to attack.	
		1325	Arty, with 4.2 mor and MMG open fire on enemy posn.	
		1330	C Coy move up preparatory to attack around right flank.	
		1341	Tank with bridging equipment to span crater in rd moves fwd with three tanks, engrs and inf. (one sec 13 pl) C Coy reports progress slow through hy scrub.	
		1350	Leading elements C Coy reach bottom of re-entrant. Going still hy.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	19 Jul	1400	Br over crater in posn. Leading tank moves up to engage enemy on left of rd. 14 pl report moving up onto objective.	
		1415	15 pl moving on left but EAST of rd reach objective. Signs of very recent enemy occupation but no opposition encountered. 13 and 14 pls moving up. C O orders A Coy to move immediately to CELLO barracks area,	
		1425	Leading tank has track blown by mine. No cas.	
		1430	A patrol from C Coy of NCO and 5 to move EAST from 637677 and contact enemy posn vic 641678. A patrol of three Owen gunners to move NORTH along spur to 638683 and contact 2/33 Bn. A sec patrol to move NW cross rd and endeavour to contact 2/25 Bn SP.	
		1445	2i/c, Padre THOMAS and burial party move fwd to cutting to identify and dispose of A Coy pers killed on 10 Jul.	
		1505	C Coy in posn. 4 81mm mortars captured.	

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Comd, 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.

Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 1520 hrs 19 Jul *To* 0700 hrs 20 Jul 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	19 Jul	1520	C Coy patrol returns. Patrol to 2/33 Bn failed to contact owing to heavy jungle. Patrol to 2/25 Bn followed track along track to 633676 thence 200 yds NORTH but failed to contact 2/25 Bn. Patrol fwd report enemy astride rd in vic of 637678. Patrol had followed well used track from C Coy posn to within 100 yds of enemy posn.	
		1545	COs orders: C Coy to send out party of 10 men to ambush track and to trace track to 641678 and to return by 1830 hrs.	
		1915	COs orders for 20 Jul: One pl from D Coy to move round on right flank and occupy 60 contour feature 637678 not before 200800I and a pl to move to high WEST of rd. Arty and mortar FOOs to move with fwd pl. A Coy to move up and occupy D Coy posn.	
	20 Jul	0700	C Coy report one man accidently killed and one man accidently wounded during night.	

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Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 0840 20 Jul 45 *To* 1120 hrs 20 Jul 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	20 JUL	0840	D Coy with 18 pl fwd move fwd to occupy 60 feature.	
		0920	Sec patrol from C Coy to move to 638681 thence EAST to contact 2/33 Bn.	
		0940	Lt MONTGOMERY (16 pl) reports his pl at 638681 on good track running up to 60 feature. (Track as shown on Jap map). He intends to patrol track to NORTH after securing 60 feature.	
		0955	One sec 16 pl in posn 60 feature. Remainder of 16 pl pushing fwd.	
		1000	One sec from 16 pl move to occupy high gd on WEST of rd.	
		1030	CO orders 18 pl to move to 60 feature and to patrol NORTH along Jap track. Patrol reached 637685 and made contact with enemy est one pl str. Patrol withdrew to 637683.	
		1100	D Coy HQ with 16 and 18 pls in posn on 60 feature.	
		1120	Sec moving to occupy high gd on WEST of rd came under hy LMG and rifle fire from enemy posn in vic 634680, Sec returned	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	20 JUL	1120	fire. One man wounded.	
		1140	Patrol from 2/33 Bn contacts Bn. Reports our patrol to 2/33 Bn reached their objective.	
		1200	Sec WEST of rd rejoins Coy.	
		1350	Patrol from 2/25 Bn contacts Bn. Pl moving NORTG along Jap track contacts approx 20 Japs digging in at 637680 and posting flank guards.	
		1400	Arty, 4.2 mortars and Bn 3" mortars begin ranging on enemy posms. D Coy report rd back from their posn to C Coy clear of mines. One engr wounded bt sniper.	
		1405	Warning order to C and D Coys to be ready to move on 15 min notice;	
		1415	Two hy explosions on rd fwd of D Coy posns 637677.	
		1515	B Coy to move and occupy posn on highbgd between D and C Coys.	
		1630	Bn in posn as fallows: CP and one pl A Coy CELLO 633671.	

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Unit 2/31 Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 21 Jul 1945 *To* 1615 hrs 21 Jul 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN			2 pls A Coy 637674. B Coy 637677. C Coy 638677. D Coy 636678.	
	21 JUL	1030	Arty and mortars (4.2 and 3") ranging on enemy posn 635680.	
			CO requests T/R on track running NORTH parallel and EAST of	
			MILFORD HWY and any movement in area 637682.	
		1445	Arty and mortar concentration begins on enemy posn 636681.	
			Shoot to be as follows: H hour 1445 hrs. H to H+ 10 700 rnds	
			arty and 3" mortar, H+5 to H+10 100 rnds 4.2 mortars. H+30 to	
			h+35 60 rnds phosphorus (4.2 mor) H+40 to H+50 800 rnds arty	
			and mortars. T/R to observe shoot.	
		1530	T/R reports all rnds in target area. Phosphorus bombs fell	
			EAST of rd. Arty fire straddled rd.	
		1535	Sec patrols from C Coy push fwd on left and right of rd. D Coy	
			standing by ready to move. B Coy on 20 min notice to move.	
		1615	11 pl relieved D Coy pl fwd at 638679.	

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.....Lt-Col.

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Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 1620 hrs 21 Jul *To* 2015 hrs 21 Jul 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	21 Jul	1620	Patrol to right flank report enemy has pulled back 200 yds to high gd dominating rd.	
		1645	Bn now in posn as follows: CP and C Coy 638676. B Coy 638678 with one pl 638679. D Coy 637678. A Coy astride rd at 637674. 25 enemy dead countedin C Coy area.	
		1915	COs orders for 22 Jul; One sec patrol from D Coy to probe fwd omto high gd WEST of rd. Patrol of one sec B Coy to probe EAST of rd and observe enemy posn vic 637685. Enemy to be harassed by arty and mortar fire during night.	
		1930	CO orders 18 pl to move and take up posm on high gd WEST of rd at 635679.	
		2015	16 pl find enemy still in posn covering high gd they have been ordered to occupy, Lt and two sjts from 2/1 MG Bn moving fwd to recce gun site, fired on. Both sjts killed.	

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Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 2100 hrs 21 Jul *To* 1115 hrs ~~22~~ 23 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	21 Jul	2100	Hy explosion heard and seen NORTH of D Coy and 400 yds along MILFORD HWY.	
	22 Jul	~~22~~ 1000	D Coy patrol investigating enemy posn 636680 report NMS but voices heard vic high gd to NORTH.	
		1030	Patrol from 2/25 Bn reached D Coy posn and report no enemy sighted.	
		1035	Patrol from 2/33 Bn report at D Coy posn. No enemy sighted. Brig EATHER and BRig WELLS arrive Bn posn and move with CO to OP in D Coy posn.	
		1045	16 pl move NORTH to feature 634681 with intention of patrolling fwd	
		1115	There being no sign of enemy movement fwd of our posns the CO decides to move Bn fwd and secure POPE'S track junc. CO orders D Coy to move NORTH along axis of MILFORD HWY. 11 pl B Cot to move NORTH along Jap track to POPE'S track junc. On securing the junc D Coy to patrol to barracks area.	

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Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 1130 hrs 22 Jul *To* 0730 hrs 23 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	22 JUL	1130	Bn moves fwd in the following order: B,C,A Coys and BHQ.	
		1215	D Coy report two pls at641693 and a pl at 635696. C Coy in posn POPE'S track junc.	
		1430	Bn in posn as follows: CP and A Coy at rd an track junc 640693. B Coy at rd and track junc 639689. C Coy barracks area 638697. D Coy astride rd at 635698. During the adv along MILFORD HWY 20 enemy dead were counted. The patrol moving along Jap track on EAST of rd report finding a Jap HQ, from which much valuable infm was obtained.	TRACE 10
		1530	A sec patrol from D Coy moves NORTH along MILFORD HWY to contact 2/25 Bn. A sec patrol to move along same route not more than 1500 yds and contact 2/6 Cav Sqn. A patrol of 4 men from C Coy to move EAST to ACID and contact 2/33 Bn. All patrols to be in by 1730.	
	23 JUL	0730	CO details patrols for day. B Coy: One sec to contact 2/25 Bn	APPX B

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Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 0730 hrs 23 Jul 45 *To* 0800 hrs 24 Jul 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	23 JUL	0730	on ABIDE thence to SOEMBER KIRI to contact NEI. A Coy: One sec to ABODE	
			thence to track junc 637697 thence to D Doy 635697 and return MILFORD HWY.	
			D Coy: One sec to track junc 633694 thence to639689 and return via main rd.	
			One sec to contact C Coy. C Coy: One sec patrol NORTH along MILFORD HWY	
			and contact 2/6 Cav Sqn on ARCH. One sec to house 636703 to 638709 then	
			WEST to Hwy and return.	
		1000	D Coy patrol to C Coy reports in. A Coy patrol to ABODE returns NMS.	
		1130	C Coy sec patrol contact 2/6 Cav on ARCH. Patrol to ABED reports 3x120mm	
			guns on ABED.	
		1145	B Coy report finding two pair 10cm Binoculars. Return to FDS EE.	
	24 JUL	0800	B Coy warned to have one pl ready to mount guard at water point 645688.	
			B Coy to send out patrol of one sec to contact 2/6 Cav Sqn on ARCH 643670.	
			A Coy: One sec to patrol from track junc 638691 to track junc 634693 thence	
			to SOEMBER KIRI. Operation Instruction No 1 from Bde states that no further	APPX C

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Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 2800 hrs 24 Jul 45 *To* 1830 hrs 25 Jul 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN			operations in strength will be undertaken by this Bde.	
	24 Jul	1800	Bn prepares to move into biv area in vic POPE'S track and MILFORD HWY.	
			Pl 2/1 MG Bn, 4.2 Mortar pl and det 2/4 Aust Fd Coy ceases to be att to Bn.	
			COs orders: Warning order to all LOB pers less rear party of 17 ORs under	
			Lt McDOUGALL to be ready to move to Bn area 260800I. All Bn stores to be	
			ferried to Bn area beginning 260830I. B Ech, less loading party of 16	
			from 6 pl to be ready to move 260800I.	
	25 Jul	0620	Four Japs SOUTH down rd fired on by C Coy. Later one Jap armed with grenade	
			found killed.	
		0800	Patrols: C Coy to patrol NORTH along MILFORD HWY then EAST to contact 2/6	
			Cav on ABED.	
		0900	CO recces posn for Bns biv area.	
		1200	A Coy warned for patrol to 669701 to contact patrol from 2/27 Bn not before 260800I.	
		1830	Patrols for 26 Jul: C Coy sec patrol to contact 2/7 Cav Regt.	

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Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 0800 26 Jul 45 *To* 0800 hrs 27 Jul 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			D Coy: One sec to patrol to SOEMBER KIRI and contact 2/25 Bn,	
BALIKPAPAN	26 JUL	0800	Bn begins move into biv area, Situated as follows: BHQ track junc 642694.	TRACE 11
			A Coy 644698. B Coy 644693 C Coy 643696, D Coy 642694. A tp 2/6 Fd Regt	
			639694. HQ Coy 647691.	
		1600	Two pls D Coymove to arty area as protection.	
		1800	Patrols for 27 Jul: A Coy: One sec to patrol from rd and track junc 639688	APPX D
			to 649693 thence to contact 2/27 Bn at 669701 by 261200I. Route to be	
			compass traversed (Note: Owing to 2/6 Cav Sqn contacting enemy 3000 yds	
			NORTH this patrol held over from 26 Jul to 27 Jul) B Coy: One sec via	
			MILFORD HWY to contact 2/7 Cav Regt at 629728. Spacial task for this patrol	
			to destroy Jap amn dump at ABED. Two sappers from 2/4 Fd Coy to accompany.	
			C Coy: One sec via POPE'S track to ABASH AUNT ABATE to track and rd junc 634699	
			thence return via MILFORD HWY.	
	27 JUL	0800	All Coys clearing Coy areas. Tents and stretchers brought from LOB and issued.	

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Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 1830 hrs 27 Jul 45 *To* 1100 hrs 29 Jul 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	27 JUL	1830	Patrols for 28 Jul: COs inst- until further notice the following sec patrols will be made daily. Coys to do each patrol each day on a roster system. Patrol No 1. 639688 to 649693 thence to contact 2/27 Bn. Patrol No 2. To contact 2/7 Cav Regt at629728. Patrol No 3. To ABASH-AUNT-ABATE to track 634699 and return via MILFORD HWY. Patrol No 4. SOUTH along HWY to 60 grid thence to CART-CLOWN-COMET-CORD to track at 649690 to rd and track junc 639688. Patrol No 5. Two pls SP for protection of arty. Patro No 6. One sec guard at waterpoint 645688. Two pls from B Coy relieve two pls D Coy on guard duties in arty area. Picture show in BHQ area in evening.	
	28 JUL	0800	Patrol activities as laid down on roster.	APP X E
		1600	1 pl and 3 pl relieve B Coy as arty guard.	
	29	1000	Church parade.	
		1100	Maj Gen EATHER visits Bn and addresses tps, congratulating them on their work in the campaign.	

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Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN *Date and Time.—From* 0900 30 Jul 45 *To* 1600 hrs 31 JUL 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	30 JUL	0900	COs conference: Owing to the fact that the enemy has shown signs of patroling towards our posns, weapon pits will be tactically sited and dug in all Coy areas. Hygiene inst No 3 issued. CO to inspect Coy lines daily. Patrols as per roster.	
	31 JUL	0815	Daily patrols as per roster move out. Mobile laundry collects one set of clothes per man returning them after laundering.	
		1600	Two pls from B Coy take over duties as SP arty area.	

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CITATION 1/

A. Form W.3121
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Army Number WX 2066

Rank Serjeant

Christian Names (in full) GUS WILLIAM

Surname CAMPBELL

Decorations NIL

Unit 2/31 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
25 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Next of Kin JOHN CAMPBELL

Relationship FATHER

Home Address WANDOO
BORDEN WA

Date of Birth 18 AUGUST, 1916

Date of Enlistment: AIF 24 APRIL, 1940

PMF CMF

Recommended by	Honour or Award
E. M. ROBSON LT-COL COMD -- 2/31 AUST INF BN 27 Jul 45	M.M (Imm)

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CITATION (Date and place of action must be stated):

DATE: 3 July 1945 PLACE: Ref BALIKPAPAN 1/25000 : 583614

" On 3 July, 1945 at BALIKPAPAN the leading sections of Serjeant Gus William CAMPBELL's platoon were halted by intense and accurate fire from two pill-boxes. Serjeant CAMPBELL moved swiftly around the right flank, dashed forward through a hail of bullets and single-handed, with grenades and rifle fire, destroyed the first pill-box killing four enemy, and the second containing three. His heroism combined with his quick initiative enabled his platoon to secure its objective with the loss of only one man".

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1. A separate A.F. W.3121 completed in duplicate (where possible typed) is to be used for each recommendation.

2. Both the substantive and temporary or acting ranks will be shown.

3. By unit is meant a regiment and the corps to which it belongs, e.g., 5 Aust. Armd. Regt., 1 Aust. Garr. Bn., 2/1 Aust. Inf. Bn., 10 Aust. Fd. Regt., 1 Aust. Ord. Stores Coy. (A.A.O.C.), 101 A.G.H. (A.A.M.C. (Med.)). If the individual is extra regimentally employed, this fact should also be stated, e.g., 1 Aust. Armd. Div. Sigs. seconded as B.M. 1 Aust Armd. Bde.

4. Wherever possible the date of birth, the next of kin, the home address, and the date of enlistment will be shown in the spaces provided, in order that time will not be wasted in obtaining these particulars from the Records Offices.

5. The date the recommendation is received by each formation, and forwarded to the higher formation will be shown in the space provided.

6. The recommending officer will sign in the space provided, showing his name, rank and appointment, and leaving the next space for the use of the officer of the higher formation.

7. The honour or award recommended is shown in the space provided. Indicate whether it is "Immediate", "Periodical" or "Special" by showing "Imm.", "Per." or "Spec." under the award.

8. The citation should not normally be greater than can be contained in the space provided, but if it is longer, it may be continued on the back of this form. Do not use another form.

9. Recommendations for the V.C., G.C., and G.M. will be supported by signed statements of at least three witnesses of the act for which the award is recommended. Wherever possible these statements should be on oath.

10. G.R.O. A.549 of 1942 is to be read in conjunction with these instructions.

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CITATION 2

A. Form W.3121
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Army Number NX 93647

Rank PRIVATE

Christian Names (in full) GORDON ALBERT

Surname RABJOHNS

Decorations NIL

Unit 2/31 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
25 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Next of Kin WALTER J. RABJOHNS

Relationship FATHER

Home Address ATHOLVALE
ROSLYN NSW

Date of Birth 13 DECEMBER, 1920

Date of Enlistment: AIF 26 MARCH, 1942

PMF CMF

Recommended by	Honour or Award
E. M. ROBSON LT-COL COMD -- 2/31 AUST INF BN 27 Jul 45	M.M (Imm)

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CITATION (Date and place of action must be stated):

DATE: 3 July, 1945 PLACE: Ref BALIKPAPAN 1/25000 : 587623

" On 3 July at BALIKPAPAN the section in which Private Gordon Albert RABJOHNS was Bren gunner came under heavy ~~fire~~ machine gun fire in its attack on two strongposts on the forward slope of a dominating feature. Private RABJOHNS, firing his Bren gun from the hip as he ran, dashed through intense fire to kill the entire crew of one machine-gun post. Then, from an exposed position, he gave covering fire to enable his platoon serjeant to destroy the second machine-gun. His courage and enterprise enabled his section to capture the feature and continue the advance".

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CITATION 3

A. Form W.3121
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Army Number NX 26701

Rank PRIVATE

Christian Names (in full) LESTER

Surname BUCKLEY

Decorations NIL

Unit 2/31 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
25 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Next of Kin E. F. BUCKLEY

Relationship FATHER

Home Address 14 MANION AVENUE
ROSE BAY NSW

Date of Birth 17 JANUARY, 1920

Date of Enlistment: AIF 26 JUNE, 1940

PMF CMF

Recommended by	Honour or Award
E. M. ROBSON LT-COL COMD -- 2/31 AUST INF BN 27 Jul 45	M.M (Imm)

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CITATION (Date and place of action must be stated):

DATE: 3 July, 1945 PLACE: Ref BALIKPAPAN1/25000 : 581618

" On 3 July ,945 at BALIKPAPAN during an attack the section in which Private Lester BUCKLEY was Bren Gunner was pinned down on a narrow ridge in an exposed position by fierce fire from a heavy machine gun. Without hesitation Private BUCKLEY, in a fifteen yard dash across the intervening ground, silenced the gun killing with his Bren gun the crew of four. His complete disregard for his own life and his unwavering determination thus enabled his section to continue the advance".

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CITATION 4

A. Form W.3121
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	Recommended by	Honour or Award
Army Number NX 85775	E. M. ROBSON LT-COL COMD -- 2/31 AUST INF BN 7 Aug 45	M.M (Imm)
Rank LANCE CORPORAL		
Christian Names (in full) GARNET FRANCIS		
Surname TOBIN		
Decorations NIL		
Unit 2/31 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION 25 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE		
Next of Kin N. W. TOBIN		
Relationship WIFE		
Home Address 3 NAPIER STREET CANTERBURY NSW		
Date of Birth 30 APRIL, 1915		
Date of Enlistment: AIF 26 JANUARY, 1942		
PMF CMF		

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CITATION (Date and place of action must be stated):

DATE: 3 Jul7, 1945 PLACE: BALIKPAPAN

" During the attack of a company of 2/31 Australian Infantry Battalion the commander of one section of aplatoon was killed. Lance Corporal Garnet Francis TOBIN took command of the section and pressed home the attack with determination until pinned down by heavy machine-gun fire. He was ordered to move his section to the right high ground but the Jap had counter attacked and cut him off from his platoon. He then went to the head of his section which fought its way through the Japs across six hundred yards under heavy fire and rejoined his platoon. On the way he found Private WILLIAMS badly wounded. He organised stretcher bearers and personally assisted in getting him out.

His determination and example was the cause of getting his section out of a difficult position without further casualty. During later fighting his leadership was outstanding".

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CITATION 5

A. Form W.3121
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Army Number QX 16145

Rank SERJEANT

Christian Names (in full) WILLIAM THOMAS MICHAEL

Surname CONFOY

Decorations NIL

Unit 2/31 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
25 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Next of Kin MRS. E. CONFOY

Relationship MOTHER

Home Address 61 CLEVELAND STREET
COORPAROO BRISBANE

Date of Birth 17 APRIL, 1918

Date of Enlistment: AIF 18 FEBRUARY, 1941

PMF CMF

Recommended by	Honour or Award
E. M. ROBSON LT-COL COMD -- 2/31 AUST INF BN 27 Jul 45	M.M (Imm)

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CITATION (Date and place of action must be stated) :

DATE: 3 July, 1945 PLACE: Ref BALIKPAPAN 1/25000 : 587623

" On 3 July 1945 at BALIKPAPAN when his platoon came under heavy and accurate machine-gun fire and was suffering casualties, Serjeant William Thomas Michael CONFOY was ordered to take two sections to outflank the enemy's defended positions.

This route traversed fire-swept country and, when one of his Bren-gunners was wounded, he seized the machine gun, dashed forward - firing from the hip - and silenced an enemy strongpost. He extricated his sections from this exposed position and when he had guided them to defiladed ground, he returned under intense fire to recover the wounded Bren gunner and carry him to safety. His leadership was inspiring and his personal courage an example to his men.

His sections inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and gained additional valuable information of their dispositions".

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CITATION 6.

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		Recommended by	Honour or Award
Army Number	NX 15540	E. M. ROBSON LT-COL COMD -- 2/31 AUST INF BN 27 Jul 45	M.C (Imm)
Rank	LIEUTENANT		
Christian Names (in full)	BRUCE EDWARD DANIEL		
Surname	ROBERTSON		
Decorations	NIL		
Unit	2/31 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION 25 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE		
Next of Kin	JOAN ROBERTSON		
Relationship	WIFE		
Home Address	COOLAMON ROAD ARDLETHAN NSW		
Date of Birth	10 OCTOBER, 1916		
Date of Enlistment: AIF	17 MAY, 1940		
PMF	CMF		

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CITATION (Date and place of action must be stated):

DATE: 3 to 6 July 1945 PLACE: Ref BALIKPAPAN 1/25000 : 587623, 583644 and 585644

" From 3 to 6 July 1945 at BALIKPAPAN, Lieutenant Bruce Edward Daniel ROBERTSON's conduct as Intelligence Officer of 2/31 Australian Infantry Battalion exemplified a devotion to duty and a fearlessness beyond the call of duty.

On 3 July 1945, when one of the companies was to make an attack on a wooded feature, he placed himself in an exposed position under intense fire the better to gain information of the enemy's dispositions. From this position he directed artillery and mortar fire on the enemy's positions, which accounted for twenty enemy killed.

On 4 July 1945 he went forward to locate the exact positions of the enemy for an attack by another company and, again from an exposed and fire-swept vantage point, he directed the fire of the leading section with such skill and accuracy as to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy and enable the remainder of the company to capture the objective.

On 6 July ,945 when the battalion command post was shattered by heavy machine-gun fire and he was wounded in the shoulder, he continued to pass, while under fire, important information to Brigade headquarters, until carried to safety.

His actions exemplified a complete disregard of his personal safety, fervent desire to do his duty whatever the cost, and extraordinary fortitude in distressful circumstances.

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CITATION 7

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	Recommended by	Honour or Award
Army Number QX 21122	E. M. ROBSON LT-COL COMD -- 2/31 AUST INF BN 27 Jul 45	M.M (Imm)
Rank CORPORAL		
Christian Names (in full) CHARLES ARTHUR RICHARD		
Surname MOORHOUSE		
Decorations NIL		
Unit 2/31 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION 25 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE		
Next of Kin MRS. E.M. MOORHOUSE		
Relationship WIFE		
Home Address GURRUILMUNDI via MILES QLD		
Date of Birth 6 APRIL, 1920		
Date of Enlistment: AIF 23 APRIL, 1941		
PMF CMF		

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CITATION (Date and place of action must be stated):

DATE: 5 and 6 JULY 1945 PLACE: Ref BALIKPAPAN 1/25000: 579621, 587623 583644.

" When the signal cable from the headquarters of 2/31 Australian Infantry Battalion to "D" Coy was cut on 5 July 1945 at BALIKPAPAN, Corporal Charles Arthur Richard MOORHOUSE, a signals non-commissioned officer, under heavy fire repaired the line. Immediately this task was completed, he learned that "A" Company had made a wide circuit in its attack on a feature on the right flank and line communication between it and the headquarters was essential for adequate control. Without hesitation he set out alone across fire swept ground, laying the cable as he went, until he eventually reached company headquarters.

On6 July 1945, when the Battalion Command Post came under heavy machine gun fire and the wireless set providing an alternate means of communication with Brigade headquarters was completely destroyed, the Intelligence Officer was wounded while using the ten yards distant telephone. Corporal MOORHOUSE made two trips under shell-fire across these ten yards of exposed ground, the first to carry the wounded officer to safety, the second to secure the telephone - the only remaining speedy channel of communication to the senior headquarters.

His complete disregard of his own life and his devotion to duty ensured continuous communications during the battle and were an inspiring example to his platoon".

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CITATION B

A. Form W.3121
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Army Number QX 15555

Rank CORPORAL

Christian Names (in full) JOHN

Surname MULLINS

Decorations NIL

Unit 2/31 Australian Infantry Battalion
25 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Next of Kin D. MULLINS

Relationship FATHER

Home Address BOX 43
TULLY NQ

Date of Birth 5 NOVEMBER, 1917

Date of Enlistment: AIF 7 May, 1941

PMF CMF

Recommended by	Honour or Award
E. M. ROBSON LT-COL COMD -- 2/31 AUST INF BN 27 Jul 45	M.M (Imm)

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CITATION (Date and place of action must be stated):

DATE: 9 July, 1945 PLACE BALIKPAPAN

" On the 9 July, 1945 a forward section of a platoon of 2/31 Australian Infantry Battalion was advancing along the highway leading out from BALIKPAPAN when five five-hundred kilo bombs were exploded by the enemy. Corporal John MULLINS who was commander of the section was thrown fifteen feet of the highway but immediately returned to find that the highway was swept by machine-gun fire and that the bomb blast had killed two of his section, wounded one other, and dazed the remainder. Under heavy fire he carried out the wounded man and without casualties got out the remainder of the section who were too dazed to know what they were doing.

When the officer commanding the platoon ordered them to withdraw it was found that two men were missing. Corporal MULLINS immediately returned to the bullet swept area and finally located one dead and the other wounded whom he carried back to safety. The greater portion of the platoon was evacuated to hospital that night with bomb blast, but he remained on duty notwithstanding severe shock.

His courage and daring were an inspiration to the section and were directly responsible for saving the lives of many of his men".

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CITATION 9

A. Form W.3121
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Army Number SX 1708

Rank WARRANT OFFICER II

Christian Names (in full) RONALD WARWICK

Surname WILLSON

Decorations NIL

Unit 2/31 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
25 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Next of Kin HOLLY PERVIC WILLSON

Relationship WIFE

Home Address HIGH STREET
SEACLIFFE SA

Date of Birth 21 JANUARY 1914

Date of Enlistment: AIF 6 NOVEMBER, 1940

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E. M. ROBSON LT-COL COMD -- 2/31 AUST INF BN 27 Jul 45	D.C.M (Imm)

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CITATION (Date and place of action must be stated):

DATE: 10 July 1945 PLACE: Ref BALIKPAPAN 1/25000 : 635672

" On 10 July 1945 when his company was pursuing the enemy along one of the two main exits from BALIKPAPAN, Warrant Officer Ronald Warwick Willson was moving with the reserve platoon, when it came under intense grenade and heavy machine-gun fire from high ground overlooking the axis of advance. He immediately led four men to outflank the enemy position which had pinned down the platoon. Very rapidly this small group covered the intervening ground and attacked the weapon pits and camouflaged log emplacements with grenades and sub-machine guns. Warrant Officer WILLSON, single-handed, destroyed three weapon pits with their entire occupants before he was wounded in the head by a grenade. Although wounded, he continued the attack until he had accounted for three more enemy and captured the 40-mm machine-gun which was inflicting casualties on his platoon.

His enterprise, his complete disregard for his own life and his gallant fortitude were an inspiration to his men and were instrumental in saving many lives".

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CITATION 10

A. Form W.3121
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	Recommended by	Honour or Award
Army Number NX 90322		
Rank PRIVATE	E.M. ROBSON LT-COL COMD -- 2/31 AUST INF BN 27 Jul 45	D.C.M (Imm)
Christian Names (in full) HUGH FRANCIS		
Surname DOUGLASS		
Decorations NIL		
Unit 2/31 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION 25 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE		
Next of Kin ALBERT DOUGLASS		
Relationship FATHER		
Home Address 90 DUTTON STREET TAREE NSW		
Date of Birth 18 OCTOBER 1905		
Date of Enlistment: AIF 25 FEBRUARY, 1942		
PMF CMF		

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CITATION (Date and place of action must be stated):

DATE: 10 July 1945 PLACE: Ref BALIKPAPAN 1/25000 : 637677

" On 10 July 1945 when a company of his battalion came under intense machine-gun fire in its advance along a highway out of BALIKPAPAN and suffering casualties, Private Hugh Francis DOUGLASS, whose normal duties are those of a storeman at Battalion Headguarters, immediately volunteered to carry out the wounded. He advanced down the road under a hail of bullets and carried out two wounded comrades. In the meantime a tank had moved up and he returned on its back to treat other wounded and assist them on to the tank. When the tank set off with this second batch of wounded he remained tending the others who were still under fire.

At this juncture ten enemy with a machine-gun moved forward to a weapon pit within fifty yards of the fallen men. Private DOUGLASS quickly took up a firing position with his Owen sub-machine-gun and prevented the enemy from bringing aimed fire to bear on his wounded comrades. He held the enemy at bay until the last casualties had been evacuated by the tank. But for his noble and heroic acts evacuation of the wounded would have been delayed until darkness some three hours later.

These acts, characterised by his total disregard of his own life, were directly responsible for saving the lives of at least six of his comrades".

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CITATION. 11

A. Form W.3121
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Army Number TX 420

Rank WARRANT OFFICER II

Christian Names (in full) RICHARD LEONARD

Surname BARNES

Decorations NIL

Unit 2/31 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
25 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Next of Kin RICHARD BARNES

Relationship FATHER

Home Address LOORANA
KINGS ISLAND TASMANIA

Date of Birth 2 Feb 18

Date of Enlistment: AIF 7 November 1939

PMF CMF

Recommended by	Honour or Award
E. M. ROBSON LT-COL COMD -- 2/31 AUST INF BN 7 Aug 45	M.M (Imm)

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CITATION (Date and place of action must be stated):

DATE: 10 July, 1945 PLACE: BALIKPAPAN

" When the leading platoon of a company of 2/31 Australian Infantry Battalion was attacking a feature along the highway from BALIKPAPAN it suffered heavy casualties. Warrant Officer Richard Leonard BARNES who is Company serjeant major volunteered as stretcher bearer and under heavy fire and with total disregard for his own personal safety moved up and down the fire swept road carrying out the wounded.

He was instrumental in getting out at least four wounded from an exposed position within 250 yards of the enemy and in direct view!

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CITATION 12

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Army Number VX 13988

Rank Lance Corporal

Christian Names (in full) ERNEST JAMES

Surname COOPER

Decorations NIL

Unit 2/31 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
25 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Next of Kin JESSIE COOPER

Relationship WIFE

Home Address 22 STANLEY STREET
FRANKSTON VICTORIA

Date of Birth 19 OCTOBER, 1917

Date of Enlistment: AIF 3 MAY, 1940

PMF CMF

Recommended by	Honour or Award
E. M. ROBSON LT-COL COMD -- 2/31 AUST INF BN 27 Jul 45	M.M (Imm)

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CITATION (Date and place of action must be stated):

DATE: 10 July 1945 PLACE: BALIKPAPAN

" On the 10 July, 1945 on the highway leading from BALIKPAPAN the attack of a platoon of 2/31 Australian Infantry Battalion was halted by heavy fire from a strongly held enemy post. The commander of one section of the platoon was killed and the leading man wounded. Although intense machine gun fire opened up from the right flank, pinning the section down, Lance Corporal Ernest James COOPER who was second in command, rushed forward over thirty yards to the wounded man who by this time had died of wounds. He retrieved the Owen Sub Machine Gun and magazines and while still under heavy fire rushed the enemy post and silenced the machine gun by killing three Japs.

His total disregard for his personal safety and his courageous example were an inspiration to his men and enabled the section to gain their objective".

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War Diary. 1

APPX A

PATROL REPORT

PATROL NO 1.

DATE: 15 Jul 45. Jul 45

TYPE: Recce
Time Out 0845 hrs Time In 1155 hrs.
Personnell: 1 NCO and 5 ORs.
Object: Recce store areas to SOEMBER-KIRI.
Route Out: To rd junc 605676 to crossrds 608682. Followed timber edge to SOEMBER-KIRI.
Route In: Via rd to junc 6046 37 to Stores then to600685 to 603678 then to Coy area.

REPORT: Moved to rd junc 607603 then around jungle fringe to huts ref 605694 where encount ered NEI patrol, 1 NCO and 8 Ors. moving along tk NW for purpode of setting ambush. Moved on to SOEMBER -KIRI. NEI biv area here and NEI offr report ed that two enemy killed night 16/17 Jul. One sec of NEI at Landing Stage ref584695. Moved to crossrds 602693. Cav Cdo B Ech in this area. Area booby trapped at night. Moved to stores area at 600685. Area bare, No st ores. Moved to stores area at 603678. Area clear. Returned to Coy area.

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PATROL REPORT

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PATROL NO 2. 15 Jul 45.

Type : Recce
Time Out 1300 hrs Time In 1700 hrs.
Personnel : 1 NCO, L Int Rep and 6 ORs.
Weapons : 3 SMGs and 5 Rifles.
Object : To find if area is clear of enemy.

Route Out and In : From A Coy area along jeep tk to PHILLIPSONS Rd then along rd to ref 604687 then EAST following crest of FILE and FLINDERS then Southward t o FABRIC FUNERAL rejoining PHILLIPSONS Rd at 612670. Then back to A Coy area.

REPORT . At 1330 hrs reached tk junc at 607685. At 1350 hrs reached ref 608681. At this point found wooden trolley tk with indications that oxen had been used to haul loads along tk. Apprx 50 head of FRIESIAN dairy cattle and 20 head Zebu cattle in area. 608681. Reached ref 604687 at 1400 hrs then proceeded Eastward across cultivation to FILE. Struck heavy going on FILE which patrol reached at 1440 hrs. FILE clear. Proceeded to FLINDERS. Continued along spur running SE and SOUTH to ref 6 19677. Reached this point at 1530 hrs Here remains of crashed LIBERATOR was found. Proceeded to crest of FABRIC 615675 then to FUNERAL arriving 1610 hrs. Going very difficult Prior to reaching this posn recent sandshoe tracks seen on a track linking up Jap posns. Patrol moved forward and found 5 sandbagged bunkers at 613670. Cleared bunkers. One Jap killed in most southerly bunger. Cut rd at ref 613670 at 1645 hrs. Then back to Coy area .

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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NO 3/ DATE: 15 Jul 45

Type : Recce.
Personnel 1 NCO and 6 ORs.
Weapons 1 Bren 2 OSMGs 4 Rifles.

Route Out: From C Coy area due SOUTH to JACK feature.
Route In : From JACK feature to C Coy area.

Information. Owing to n umerous tracks in area patrol crossed MACDONALDS Tk. without recognising it and followed a jeepable tk SOUTH to JACK. Patrol reached JACK at 1200 hrs so returned along same route to Coy area arriving back at 1400 hrs. In a number of places along tk mines were noticed. Some had been deloused and patrol cut wires of others. 4 dead Japs seen along tk. Patrol contacted 2/5 Cav Cdos on JACK ref 629628.

PATROL REPORT

PATROL NO 4.

DATE 16 JUL 45.

Type : Recce
Time out: 0915 hrs Time In 1200 hrs.
Personnel: 1 NCO and 6 ORs.
Weapons : 1 Bren 2 OSMGs and 4 Rifles

Route Out : B Coy area 602673 — Rd junc 605676 along rd to SOEMBER— KIRI. then to CHAIN and FILE back to Coy area.

REPORT : Contacted cav Cdos at Rd junc 604687 who warned NEI that our patrol was passing through their area. Passed through SOEMBER-KIRI. They reported the area clear. Moved to CHAIN FILE and back to Coy area. NMS.

PATROL REPORT

PATROL NO 5. DATE 16 Jul 45.

Type : Recce and Protection.
Time Out 0945 hrs Time In 1220 hrs
Personnel; 1 NCO And 6 ORs.
Weapons 2 Brens 1 OSMG and 4 rifles.

Route out: A Coy area to 613670 thence to PHILLIPSONS RD and Trolley tk junc 618672 then alongdtrolley tk to 619677.

Route In Over same tk

Object : To guide and give protection to Engineer and NICA reps and obtain additional infm re crashed Liberator report.

REPORT . Reached PHILLIPSONS Rd and trolley tk junc at 1010 hrs. reached crashed Liberator 619677 at 1030 hrs. One part of fusilage battered and tail piece markings on the plane were American. Nos on tail read as follows:

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POOL

Native writing underneath and on fusilage, (See NICA report and translation) Engr reported free of booby traps. No instruments. All tks in radius of 100 yds searched. Several pamphlets of Dutch propaganda strewn in area.

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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NO 6 DATE 16 Jul 45

Type Recce
Personnel 1 NCO and 6 ORs.
Time out 0914 hrs Time In 1415 hrs

REPORT : McDONALDS Tk jeepable to 614651, where a wooden track was located but appeared to have ~~xxxxxx~~ NOT been used for a very long time as planks were rotten and overgrown. Follow-tk to ECHO. All tks cut out at ECHO. Patrol then moved NORTH to ck 633667 where houses and stores were located. Tk ran due WEST from this point. Patrol followed this tk to within 30 yds of MILFORD Hwy where patrol was ambushed by Jap sniper One ofgour patrol was wounded. Patrol could not locate sniper so returned via Hwy to Coy area. A few mines were noticed on jeepable portion of McDONALDS Tk. Track does not appearv to have been used for years

PATROL REPORT

PATROL NO 7. DATE 17 Jul 45

Type Recce
Personnel 1 NCO and 6 ORS.
Time Out 1300 hrs ~~xxxx~~ Time In 1600 hrs.
Route Out ; From C Coy area to PHILLIPSONS Rd then to stores 616670. then to tk junc622676 and on to Rd and Trolley tk junc at 608682.
Route In : Via PHILLIPSONS Rd to Coy area.

REPORT: Patrol reached 616670 at 1330 hrs. At 1415 hrs at ref 619675 patrol saw parts of engine and wings of crashed plane. Patrol moved on to ref 618678 which they reached at 1445hrs and captured two PWs. One of them being wounded, Patrol moved back around PHILLIPSONs Rd to Coy area with Nothing further to report.

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NO 8 DATE 17 Jul 45

Type Recce
Personnel 1 nco and 6 ORs.
Weapons 1 Bren 2 OSMGs 4 rifles and machettes.
Time Out 0914 hrs Time In 1430 hrs.
Route Out 602662 to 617656 via JUNIOR.
ROUTE In 617656 to 602662 via JUNIOR.
REPORT: Patrol proceeded to feature JUNIOR finding enemy weapon pits with signs of recent occupation. Patrol t hen moved downa gully to some huts at 620659 where they were subjected to a banzai attack by one Jap who was killed. The patrol then moved to 617656 then returned to 602662 without further contact. Enemy cas 1 killed , Own nil.

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SHEET. 1

Patrol Overlay

BalikPapan – Sepinggang 1:25,000

2/31 Aust Inf Bn
From 15 Jul 1945

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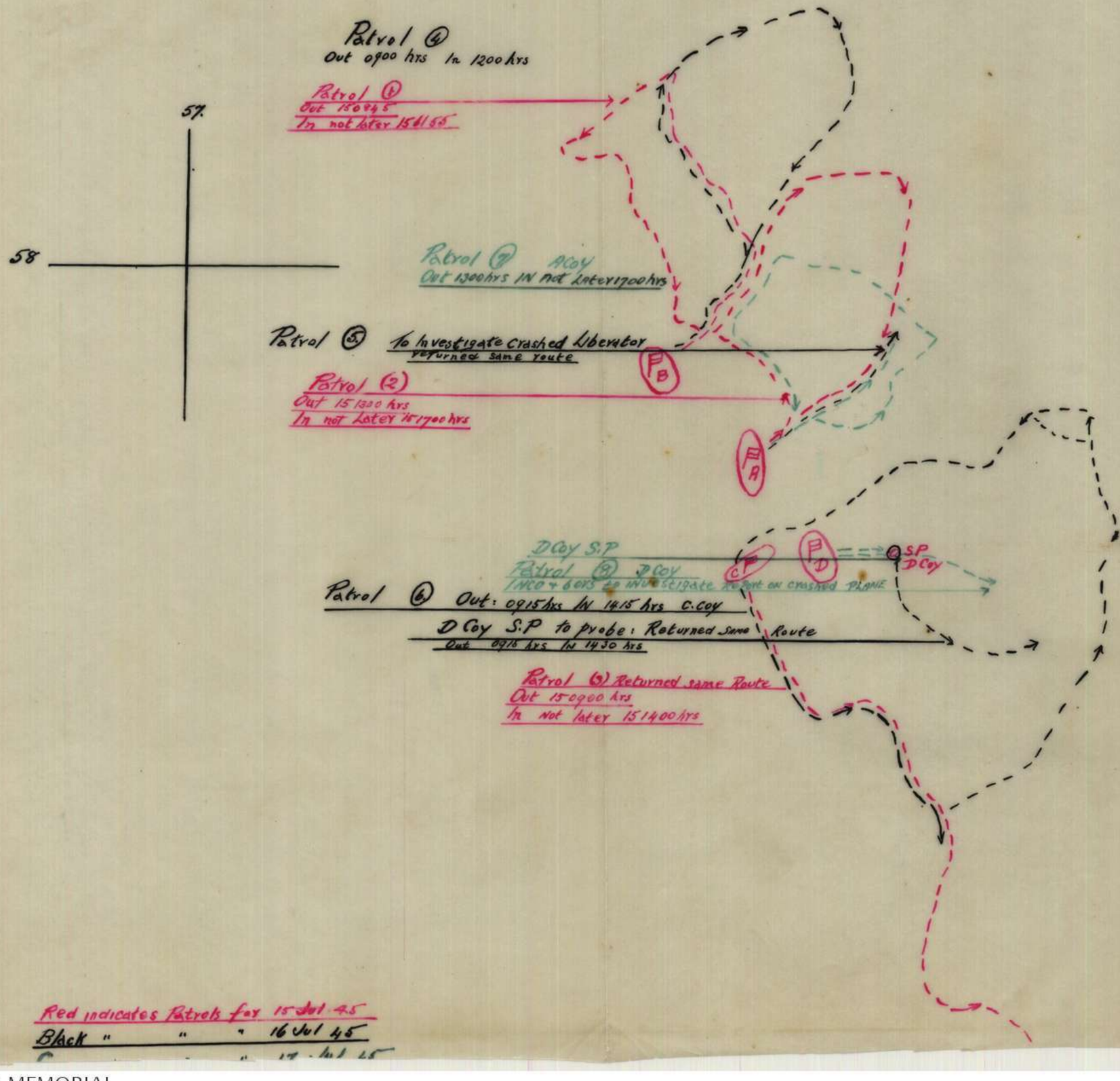

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War Diary
APPX B
Jul 45

PATROL REPORT

PATROL NO 10. DATE: 23 Jul 45.

Number of personnel : One rifle sec.

Weapons Sec weapons.

Time out : 0800 Time In: 1023.

Route out: From coy posn to 6336 94 thence to 639689 then to coy area.

Object: To REcce Track.

REPORT: Patrol moved to 6346 98 then SOUTH along track to 633694 then to 634693 Track disappeared at this point. Patrol returned to co coy 2/25 Bn on ABIDE. 2/25 C Coy were not ~~xxx~~ certain if track continued. Patrol moved to 634693then by light footpads to 639688. Patrol returned via MILFOFD HIGHWAY. NMS.

PATROL REPORT

PATROL NO 11. DATE: 23 Jul 45.

TYPE: Recce.
Time Out 0830 Time In 1330.
Weapons One bren, Two OSMGs ,two rifles.
Personnel; One NCO and four ORs.
Object ; T o recce SOEMBER-KIRI.
Route Out; From 639689 to ABATE to SOEMBER-KIRI.
Route In From SOEMBER KIRI via POPES Track to Barracks then to 639689.

REPORT; Moved from B Coy area contacted D Coy 2/25 Bn at 639700, moved down ABATE feature to POPES Track, follwed tk to SOEMBER-KIRI. Found light railway line , approx gauge 3'6" running from 635693 t o SOEMBER-KIRI. Track is in good condition although rails blown in two placeswithin 30 yds of each other. Returned by POPES Track to junc to634693 then through Barracks to Coy area.. NMS.

PATROL REPORT

Patrol No 9. DATE: 23 July 45.

TYPE: Recce
Personnel: One NCO and five ORs.
Weapons: One Bren, 3 OSMGs, 2 Rifles.
Time Out: 0800. Time In ; 1o00
Route: From CCoy area by track to 644700 then NW to 642704 then to main road at 635697 and returned to Coy area by main rosd.

Report: At 644700 contacted 2/33 Bn patrol moving NE over AGE to 2/16 Bn. At o900 hrs at 642714 contacted 2/33 Bn patrol led by Lt. BROADHURST. who reported patrolto 641709 to rd at 634709 ~~xxxxxxxx~~ then SOUTH to 634704 then EAST to 640700. Then moved to ABODE. At 0945 hrs contacted D Coy at 635697 and returned to Coy area.

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APPX 13
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PATROL REPORT

COY: B Coy.. REPORT No 13.

TYPE: RECCE. 24 th Jul 45

Number of Personnell: 1 NCO & 4 ORs..

WEAPONS: 2 OSMGs 3 Rifles.

OBJECT: To contact 2/6 Cav Regt at ARCH.

ROUTE OUT: From 6 396 89 via MILFORD HWY to ARCH. Returned same route.

Report; NMS. 2/6 Cav reported one tp (approx 45 men) patroling NORTH from ARCH along MILFORD HIGHWAY. Contacted enemy with one MMG approx 3 miles NORTH of ARCH. Biv night 23/24 July at this point and this morning obse rved nine Japs moving NORTH. Patrol is moving on along MILFORD HWY. Also reported a pat rol of 2/27 Bn were reported to be cutting Highway five miles NORTH of ARCH on morning 24 Jul.

PATROL REPORT

Report No 12
24 th July 45

COY. A Coy.

TYPE: RECCE

TIME OUT : 0900 TIME IN : 1230 .

WEAPONS: 4 OSMGs and 3 Rifles.

Personnel: 1 NCO and 6 ORs.

ROUTE OUT : Via SOEMBER-KIRI trolley track to SOEMBER- KIRI. Returned same route.

Object: To contact NEI and become familiar with details of patrols and enemy movement..

REPORT: Reached SOEMBER-KIRI 1030 hrs without incident. NEI had patrolled towards WAIN, and had moved to WAIN leaving their B Ech at SOEMBER-KIRI. Stat ed Japs disguised as natives raiding veg gardens. One Jap shot. NEI Sec patrol at SOENGAI- WAIN attacked by enemy. Own cas One ~~killed~~ WOUNDED Enemy cas one killed

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APPX B

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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NO 14. 25 Jul 45.

Type Recce
Personnel ; 3 ORs.
Weapons : 2 OSMGs and 1 rifle.
Time Out 0730 hrs Time In 1200 hrs.
Object : To recce tk from Coy HQ to ABED and to contact 2/6 Cav
Route Out : Along Tk to ABED then to ARCH.
Route In : Via MILFORD HIGHWAY.

REPORT : Track little used. Fresh footprints noticed around hut at 635708. Hu t appeared to have been slept in no more than two nights previously. Footprints also noticed on ABED of only One person. Contacted Cav on ARCH.

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2/31 BN PATROL OVERLAY Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN SEPINGGANG 1:25000

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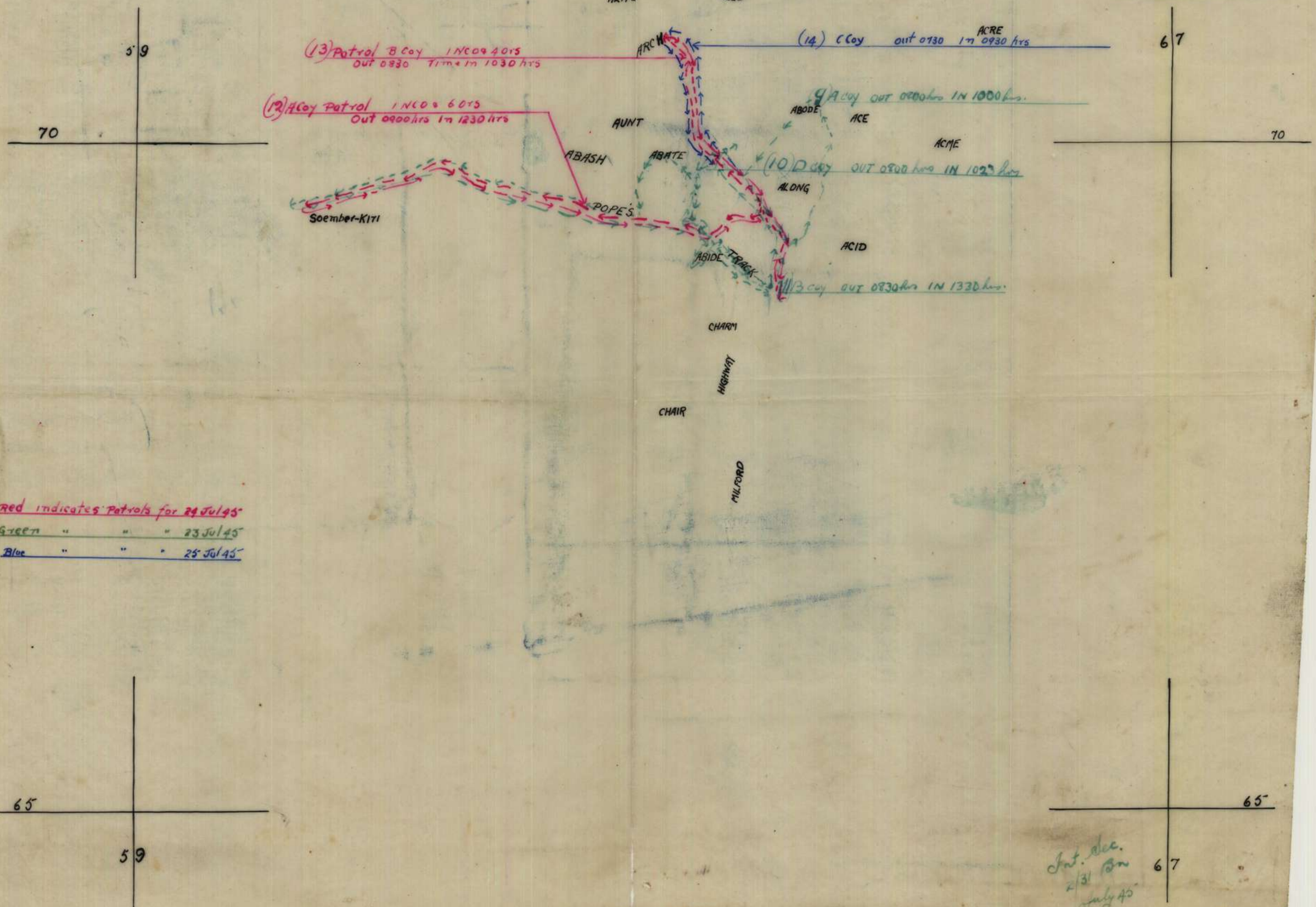

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25 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR NO 1

GENERAL

1. No further Ops in strength will be undertaken by 25 Aust Inf Bde to extend the area already secured.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

2. Trace att as Appx 'A' sets out areas of responsibility for local patrols for 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt and 2/25, 2/31, and 2/33 Aust Inf Bns.

COLLECTION OF INFM

3. Units are responsible for compiling and forwarding twice weekly to 25 Aust Inf Bde topographical infm gained from patrols.

PERMANENT PATROLS

4. (a) 2/31 Aust Inf Bn will patrol to track junc 669701 to contact 21 Aust Inf Bde tps at 1200 hrs daily. First patrol 26 Jul 45.

(b) 2/25 Aust Inf Bn will maintain a standing patrol of pl strength at PUMPING STA NORTH of WAIN.

LONG RANGE PATROL

5. (a) A long range patrol will be undertaken to MT MENTAWIR 607890 at regular intervals.

(b) 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn will patrol to 607890 with a tp strength leaving 26 Jul 45. Should this Recce patrol gain contact it will retain it with a view to building up to a Sqn Gp fighting patrol.

(c) Further long range patrols excl MILFORD HIGHWAY up to GRID 90 will be ordered at a later date.

ACCOMMODATION PLAN

6. Issued separately.

7. All adjustments to give effect to this order will be completed by 0800 hrs 26 Jul 45.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Maj
BM 25 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at 1550 I
Issued by DA

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ZONES of PATROL RESPONSIBILITY

(REF MAPS: B'PAPAN 1:50000 SNTS A & C)

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DAILY PATROLS

GENERAL

The Bn will provide six patrols daily consisting of four Recce Patrols and two Standing Patrols numbered from 1 - 6 (incl) and to retain that designation as follows :-

Recce Patrols	1, 2. 3. 4.
Standing Patrol	
Arty Protection	5
Water Point	6

TASK AND LOCATION

No. 1 Patrol	Recce Patrol to contact 21 Aust Inf Bde at 1200 hrs daily vic BONGIS at 669701.
No. 2 "	Recce Patrol to contact 2/7 Cav at 629728 via MILFORD HIGHWAY.
No. 3 "	Recce Patrol via POPE's TK to features ABASH, AUNT, ABATE to track and rd junc 634699.
No. 4 "	Recce patrol SOUTH via MILFORD HIGHWAY to 68 Grid thence to CART, CLOWN, COMET, CORD then to track at 649690 thence track and rd junc 639688 then return via MAIN RD.
No. 5 "	Standing Patrol to Protect 'A' Tp 11 Bty 2/6 AUSTFDRMT vic Ref Map SEPINGGANG 1.25000 637697.
No. 6 "	Standing Patrol to protect Water Point at Ref Map SEPINGGANG 1.25000 647688.

STRENGTH

Patrol Nos 1 - 4 incl — Sec atrols
1 NCO 6 ORs

Patrol No. 5 — 2 Pls each Pl consisting of OC and 20 ORs or rifle coy present strength.

Patrol No. 6 — See Patrol 1 NCO 6 ORs.

STANDING PATROL SPECIAL INSTRS

Patrol No. 5

(a) Relief will NOT be complete until the Senior Pl Comd of incoming patrol, is satisfied as to dispositions, task etc and has liased with Arty Comd.

(b) From 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs daily, 1 LMG and 1 OSMG with 2 ORs per sec will remain in posn under comd of Arty. The remainder incl Pl Comds and sec comds to return to Coy lines.

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AMENDED COMPANY PATROL ROSTER 1AUG 45

As from 1 Aug 45 the following patrol roster will take effect:

DATE	1AUG	2AUG	3AUG	4AUG	5AUG
PATROL NO1	C	D	HQ	A	B
PATROL NO2	D	HQ	A	B	C
PATROL NO3	HQ	A	B	C	D
PATROL NO4	A	B	C	D	HQ
PATROL NO5	HQ	A	B	C	D
PATROL NO6	C	D	HQ	A	B

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Patrol No. 6 (a) Relief will NOt becomplete until incoming Patrol Comd is satisfied as to dispositions, task etc.

(b) Patrol will remain atfull strength 24 hr tour of duty.

TIMESOFPATROLS

Patrols 1 - 4 incl will be advised the day before as to time out and in.

Patrols 5 - 6 will commence 271600I and be relieved 1600 hrs daily.

WEAPONSAND EQPT

(1) Patrols 1 - 4 incl Battle Order less Bed roll.

(2) Patrols 5 - 6 Battle Order incl Bed roll.

ADM

(a) Rations and Meals. CQMS TO arrange.

(b) Roster of Duties

ACK

	JULY				AUGUST	
	28	29	30	31	1	2
Patrols						
1.	A	HQ	HQ	D	C	B
2.	B	A	HQ	HQ	D	C
3.	C	B	A	HQ	HQ	D
4.	D	C	B	A	HQ	HQ
5.	HQ	D	C	B	A	HQ
6.	HQ	HQ	D	C	B	A

Note :

In the event of a Coy being on Patrol, the next Coy to mount will take over. On the incoming patrol mounting, the OC Pl and sec comds will be on the ground to effect relief.

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A/ADJT ------ 2/31 AUST INF BN

Distribution :

CO
2 i/c
HQ Coy
A Coy
B "
C "
D "
QM
TO
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RSM
'A' Tp 11 Bty 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
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2/31 AUST INF BN OVERLAY DAILY PATROL ROUTES

Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN A & C 1:50,000

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Wain

Milford Highway

Patrol No 2

Patrol No 3

Poke's Track

Soember-Kiri

HQ

2/31 Bn

Patrol route No 1

O.W.P.

Patrol No 4

G Batochampar

LEGEND

Green indicates Patrol Route No 1
Brown indicates Patrol Route No 2
Blue indicates Patrol Route No 3
Red indicates Patrol Route No 4
Tracks and Roads Shown in Black

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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NO 15. C COY 26 JUL 45.

Type; Recce.
Personnel : INCO and 7 ORs.
Weapons : 1 Brem 2 OSMGs and 5 rifles.
Time Out : 0800 hrs Time In 1130 hrs.
Object : To contact Cav.
Route Out: Via MILFORD HIGHWAY.
Route In : Same as above.
REPORT : No good tracks leading off HWY en route, Exceptto ABED. Contacted 2/5 and 2/6 Cav at632725. Cav reporte d enemy (estimated str 2 Coys) sq. 6679. Coy patrol 2/27 Bn in sq 677 9.

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NO 16. D COY 26 JUL 45

TYPE : Recce
Personnel 1 NCO and 4 ORs and 1 Int Rep.
Weapons : 2 OSMGs and 3 Rifles.
Time Out : 1215 hrs Time In 1630 hrs.
Route Out Through Barracks area along tk to junc 634693 then along POPES Tk to SOEMBER- KIRI.
Route In Same route;
Object : To contact 2/25 Bn at SOEMBER KIRI.
REPORT : Track is old ry line andin good condition. Many smaller tks and pads branching off all along route. Also many creeks en route, all bridged. Tk is not jeepable but could easily be made so. Many skeletons and Jap graves noticed along route. Also 3 Cav Cdo graves. Tk generally follows flat gd bordered by thick jungle. Signs of enemy activity in area within last three or four days. NMS.

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PATROL REPORT.

PATROL NO 17. 26 Jul 45.

Type Recce
Personnel 1 NCO and 5 ORs.
Weapons 1 Bren 3 OSMGs and 2 Rifles.
Time Out 1400 hrs Time In 1700 hrs.
Route Out Along MILFORD HWY to Cav. Returned same route

Object : To contact Cav Cdos.

REPORT: Contacted Cav at 632725. Cav reported a patrol, of theirs had contacted enemy (est str 40, 2LMGs) at 615758. Own cas 2 killed 1 wounded. Enemy cas unknown. Cav Regt moving up to support patrol. Yesterday a Cav patrol killed four Japs at ref 6 3177 5 after patrolling along road.

PATROL REPORT

PATROL No 18. 26 Jul 45.

Type Recce.
Personnel 1 NCO and 2 ORs.
Weapons 3 OSMGs.
Time Out 1445 hrs Time In 1640 hrs
Route Out: From 637697 EAST to 64 gridline then NW to track at 637703 Followed narrow track EAST to ABODE then SOUTH to vic 641701. Returned same route.

REPORT: Track of old rotten timber ends at 638702 where it becomes a narrow foot pad. Along the side of the track sig wire has been laid. On reaching t he crest of ABODE, where AUST troops had camped voices were heard 100 yds or so SOUTH. On investigating 3 old huts were found and approx 30 native men women and children ~~XXXX~~. All appeared in fair condition. NMS.

PATROL REPORT

PATROL No 19. B COY. 27 Jul 45.

Type Recce.
Personnel 1 NCO and 8 ORs
Weapons 1 Bren 3 SMGs 5 Rifles.
Time Out 0800 hrs Time In 1130 hrs.
Object To contact Cav RHQ and to destroy enemy amm dump at ref634709.
Route Out Along MILFORD HWY to track junc at 633708 then to amm dump then along Highway to Cav HQ.
Route In Along Milford Hwy to 2/31 BHQ.
REport. Contacted CO of Cav who informed us 5Sqn at615756 contacte d Japs in force, about 40 men with LMGs and 188mm Mor. Cav cas 2 killed 1 wounded. Enemy 6 killed probably 12. Japs in force vic 80 gridline. Last night Japs cut all cav sig wires incl Bde Line.

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Report No 20. A COY 27 Jul 45.
Type Recce and Traverse. Personnel 1 Cpl 6 ORs & Int rep.
Time Out 0800hrs Time In 1420 hrs. Weapons 3 OSMGS and 5 rifles.
Route Out: From A Coy area along POPES track to ref669700. Returned same route.
Object To contact any elements 21 Bde patrolling and to traverse track
Report: Found POPES track to continue as per traverse sketch and topographical notes att. Contacted sec patrol from 2/27 Bn at 6957 00 at 1130 hrs. who reported Jap sig wire that runs along POPES tk t hroughout traverse continues to their area via a sawmill at 7037 07 . B Coy 2/27 Bn is situated at 722700. A Coy at Bangsal. Remainder fwd of MANGGAR air strip. 2/14 and 2/16 bn at airstrip.

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Patrol Report No 20 (cont)

Commenced return t rip at 1210 hrs. At 1350 hrs at ref 649690 attention of patrol was drawn by cries of natives 50 yds WEST of track. Investigation revealed a group of four native men and a child. They appeared in a very agitated and excited state. These were brought into BHQ.

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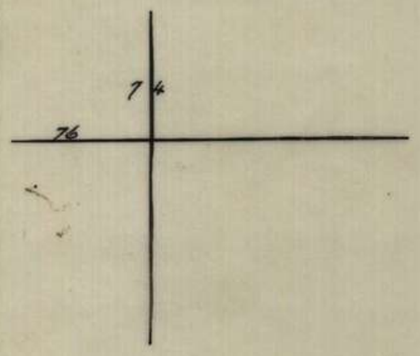

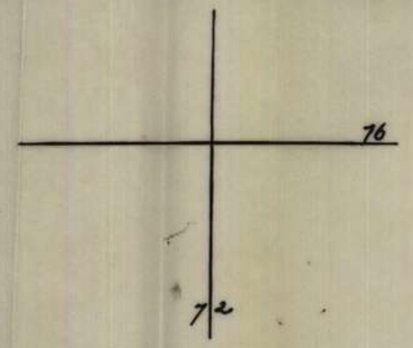

Milford

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C Coy Patrol INCO 7 ors No 15
Time out 0800 hrs IN 1130 hrs

C Coy Patrol INCO 5 ors No 17
Time out 1400 hrs Time in 1700 hrs

B Coy Patrol INCO + 8 ors No. 19
Time out 0800 hrs IN 1130 hrs

D Coy Patrol INCO + 2 ors No 18
Time out 1445 Time in 1620 hrs

A Coy Patrol INCO + 7 ors No. 20
Time out 0900 hrs IN 1420 hrs

Green Indicates Patrols 26 Jul 45

Red Indicates Patrols 27 Jul 45

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2/31 BN AREA

D Coy Patrol INCO + 4 ors No. 16
Time out 1215 hrs Time IN 1630

C Coy Patrol INCO 4 ors No 21
Time out 0800 hrs Time in 1115 hrs

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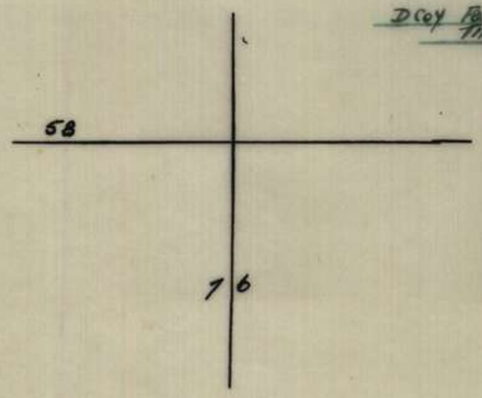

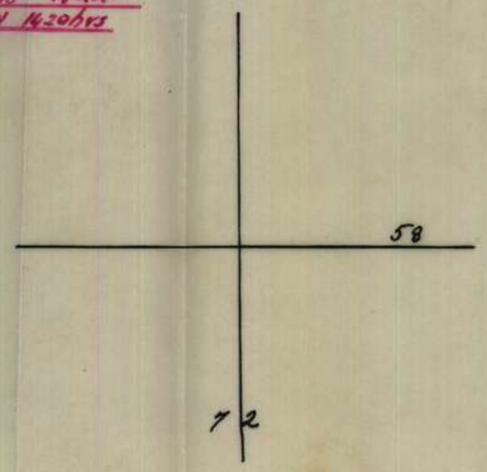

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PATROL REPORT

UNIT: 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
DATE: 27 Jul 45.
Ref Map : BALIKPAPAN- SEPINGGANG
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1. Patrol from C Coy area to ref634399.

2. Patrol Strength : 1 NCO (Cpl Hammond) and 6 ORs.

3. Route Out. Via POPES Track to ABASH AUNT ABATE to track and rd junc 634399.
Route In Same route.

4 Time Out. 0800 hrs Time In 1115 hrs.

5 Information : (a) Tactical. NMS.

(b) Topographical. All tracks running off to the West of MILFORD HWY were only foot pads and cut out within four hundred yards. To have moved further WEST cutting would have been necessary.
Thepatrol moved SOuth along MILFORD Hwy and turned WEST on a track that was jeepable for about 400 yds, along which three red and two black sig wires ran. A well defined footpad continued on through dense jungle in a Southerly direction. The patrol followed this track for about 1000 yds. Track definitely was not POPES Tk.

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PATROL NO 22.

UNIT: 2/31 Aust Inf Bn

DATE : 28 Jul 45

Ref Maps: BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGGANG
Sheets 1 : 25000.

PATROL FROM: C Coy area to ref630627.

Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Mansell) and 6 ORs.

Route Out : C Coy area ~~to~~ 644692 via MILFORD HWY to ref 630627.

Route In : Same route.

INFORMATION : (a) Tatical. NMS.
(b) Topographical. Nil.
(c) Miscellaneous. 2/7 Cav reported to patrol that 10 Japs occupied posn at 614746 on night 27/28 Jul. Cav patrolling along EAST and WEST sides of MILFORD HWY TO enemy posn and one patrol attempting to move round behind enemy. one Jap was seen moving along MILFORD HWY past Cav posn night 27/28 Jul.

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PATROL NO 23.

UNIT: 2/31 Aust Inf Bn

Date 28 Jul 45
Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN, SEPINGGANG
Sheets 1 : 25000.

Patrol from MILFORD HWY to ABATE AUNT ARCH to MILFORD HWY at 634700.

Patrol Str: 1 Cpl (Cpl BASIN) and 5 ORs.
Route Out : As above. Route In South along MILFORD HWY to Coy area.

Time Out 1230 hrs Time In 1515 hrs.

INFORMATION. Tactical. NMS

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PATROL NO 23 (Continued)

Topographical : POPES Track does NOT exist after crossing MILFORD HWY for 600 yds westward.
Vegetation was very dense and creeks crossed were deep owing to recent rains.

Miscellaneous: Patrol travelled 800 yds on 260 deg. from start point then 500 yds on 352 deg. Then on bearing of 45 deg until reached MILFORD HWY at ref 637697.
Followed main road to area.

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PATROL NO 24.

Unit: 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
Date 28 JUL 45.
Ref Maps ; BALIKPAPAN- SEPINGGANG
Sheets 1 ; 25000.

Patrol from Bn area along POPES Track to SOEMBER BOEGIS.

Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Hamilton) and 6 ORs.

Route Out. Via POPES Track and on to SOEMBER BOEGIS.
Route In Over same route.
Time Out 0800 hrs Time In 1420 hrs

INFORMATION : (a) Tactical; NMS.

(b) Topographical; Track, due to heavy rains, from time of reaching flat ground, covered in water varying in depths from a foot to four feet.
(c) One section patrol from 2/27 Bn contacted at ref 674702.

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PATROL NO 25.

Unit: 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
Date 28 Jul 45.
Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN-SEPPINGGANG
Sheets 1: 25000.

Pat rol from D Coy area to 639688 along MILFORD HWY to 68 grid Then to CART CLOWN COMET CORD to 648 689 then to 639688 and along Hwy to area.

Route Out As above Route In As above.
Time Out 1230 hrs Time In 1500 hrs.
Patrol Str 1 NCO (Cpl Fairall) and 6 Ors.
INFORMATION (a) Tactical: NMS.

(b) Topographical: Country very heavily timbered throughout. Many small pads and tracks leading off in different directions along route.

(c) Miscellaneous: Patrol comds report; Patrol moved down Highway to 635690 then moved at 75 deg along Jap track and cable. Pad was very indistinct and often the undergrowth had to cut to allow the patrol to proceed. Jap cable led patrol to four huts at ref637681 Patrol crossed small ck via br 18" wide and about 3' long. Patrol moved along pad(1'wide) around spur 637681 then to 3 huts at 636681. These huts had been used by Japs as sleeping quartersan were no barracks A well formed track was seen to enter clearing 638682. Presumably Jap track shown on captured map. This track could be used by jeeps at this point. Patrol moved along pad following own sig wire to two huts at 639679. Patrol left sig wire and pad which ran SOUTH and followed a pad used by one man previously. Bushes were pushed down and this was the only pad in the area. At 639 680 located a tunnel with trolley line and a disabled 13mm A A gun was found. Patrol then moved along the same pad to 641682. Here the pad disappeared and the patrol moved through the undergrowth to CART feature at 644682. Here our own sig wire was found running along a well formed track (Not jeepable)

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PATROL NO 25 (Continued).

It was presumed that the si g wire was acontinuation of the wire followed at 639679. The patrol moved along CART to 647682 on a well formed track then to CLOWN feature at 648684. Patrol then moved NE to 649684 then across a small ck (2' wide) to 650685, then SOUTH to COMET at 652685. There was no pad but it was easy walking there being no undergrowth a among the tall timber. Patrol then moved along spur to CORD 653686 then NORTH down spur to 653687. Here a well formed track was found (not jeepable) and was followed to a small footbridge 649690. Patrol followed track to 649689 and then moved back to MILFORD Hwy via POPES track. Then along Highway to Coy area.

PATROL REPORT

Patrol No 26.

Unit: 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
Date 29 Jul 45.
Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN - SEPINGGANG sheets 1:25000.

Patrol from A Coy area to contact 2/7 Cav Regt.
Patrol Str: 1 NCO (Cpl Costello) and 6 ORs.
Route Out Via MILFORD HWY to 2/7 Cav Regt. Returned same route.
Time Out 0800 hrs Time In 1130 hrs.

Information

(a) Tactical: N M S.

(b) Topographical. Nil.

(c) Miscellaneous: 2/7 Cav contacted at 0930 hrs. No infm gained from Cav.

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PATROL NO 27.

2/31 Aust Inf Bn
29 Jul 45.
Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGGANG sheets 1:25000.

Patrol from B Coy to recce POPES Track.
Patrol Str: 1 NCO (Cpl Cumes) and 6 ORs.
Route Out : Coy area to rd and track junc 637696 along POPES track to 637691. Route In : Via ABASH AUNT ABATE Rd junc 634698 to Coy area.

INFORMATION:

(a) Tactical: N M S.

(b) Topographical. NIL.

(c) Miscellaneous. Patrol moved to POPES track via rd junc 637696 cutting POPES track at 634693. Moved EAST to find track between 634693 and 639688. Tracks disappears at637691. Patrol then moved through ABASH AUNT ABATE to Rd junc 634698 then SOUTH along MILFORD Hwy to Coy area.

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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NO 28.

2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
29 Jul 45.
Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGGANG
sheets 1:25000.

Patrol from Coy area to recce area rear of Batallion.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Wright) and 6 ORs.
Route Out:

INFORMATION :

(a) Tactical: N M S .

(b) TOpographical: Few creeks and small tracks observed in area. Vegetation: Light jungle.

(c) Miscellaneous: Patrol left MILFORD HWY at636682 followed foottrack to ck junc 639681 and struck jeep track. Contacted here aparty of 4 men from Fd Wk/shop guarding hut containing machinery. Jeep and foot br at this point. Moved EAST along track to CART where track petered out at647683. Six huts along track in this area. Patrol then followed track NORTH till jeep track was struck at 647687. Four huts in this area. Followed foot track to POPES track at 648689. Contacted our S&P. at W.P. Followed track to Coy area.

PATROL REPORT

PATROL NO 29

Unit: 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
Date 30 Jul 45.
Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN- SEPINGGANG.
sheets 1 : 25000.

Patrol from Coy area to 2/6 Cav Regt.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Corbett) and 6 ORs.
Route Out. Via MILFORD HIGHWAY. Route In : Same route.
Time Out 0830 hrs Time In 1200 hrs

Information :

(a) Tactical: Route each way clear.
(b) Topographical: Nil.
(c) Miscellaneous: 2/6 Cav reported they had one jeep ambushed on 30Jul. No cas. Also had contacted three Japs with LMG on 29 Jul. Own cas 1 killed. Cav have patrolled across C Coy 2/31 Bns front.

PATROL REPORT

PATROL NO 30.

2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
30 Jul 45.
Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGGANG
sheets 1: 25000.

Patrol from HQ Coy to contact patrol of 21 Bde.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Richards) and 6 ORs.
Route Out. Direct by track from HQ Coy area.
Route In By track via W.P.
Time Out 0830 hrs Time In 1230 hrs.

INFORMATION:

(a) Tactical: No indication of enemy. Comntacted 21 Bde patrol at 1100 hrs

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PATROL REPORT

PATROL NO 31.

2/31 Aust Inf Bn
30 Jull 45.
Ref Maps: BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGGANG
sheets 1:25000.

Patrol from A Coy to contact 2/25 Bn at SOEMBER KIRI.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Fisher) and 6 ORs.
Route Out Along MILFORD Hwy to Track and Rd junc 6346699 to ABATE ABASH to Popes Track at 630697 then to SOEMBER KIRI.
Route In From SOEMBER KIRI along Popes Track to 634694 then to MILFORD HWY at 638694 along Hwy to Bn area.
Time Out 1230 hrs. Time In 1530 hrs.

INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topographical: Nil.

PATROL REPORT

Patrol No 32.

2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
Date: 30 Jul 45.
Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGGANG
SHEETS 1:25000.

Patrol From B Coy area to recce tracks etc in area rear of Bn.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (L/Cpl Blake) and 7 ORs.
Route Out: Coy area to Rd and Track junc640692 then SOUTH along MILFORD HWY to 636682 via buildings vic 639680 to CART CLOWN COMET CORD to track at 648689 then to Rd and track junc 639688 to Coy area.

INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical. NMS.
(b) Topographical: Tracks in area are fairly well defined ranging from 1' to 4' in width.
(c) Miscellaneous: Patrol moved from area to 636682 then a along good track approx 4' wide to house at 637681 then by a path to a house and a gun posn at639678. Then along track 2' wide SE. This track well defined and has a sig line of our two strand combat wire running along it. Trac swings EAST at approx 640677 andthen follows high gd of CART feature to648682 where another track runs off NORTH. The patrol then mowed EAST along CLOWN to 651683 then followed high gd through COMET to open timbered country to track at 649690 and returned to Coy area.

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PATROL REPORT

PATROL NO 33. Patrol Route No 2. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
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Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGGANG sheets 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area t o contact 2/7 Cav Regt.
Patrol Str. 1NCO (Cpl Holmen) and 6 ORs.
Route Out. See patrol route No 2.
Route In " " " " "
Time Out 0830 hrs Time In 1100 hrs
INFORMATION :
(a) Tactical. I.O. 2/7 Cav reported enemy disposns the same. Air strike by SPITFIRES to take place 1000 and 1200 hrs on enemy posns.
(b) Topographical. Nil.
(c) Miscellaneous: Nil.

Patrol Report

Patrol No. 34. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
31 Jul 45.
Ref Maps: BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGGANG sheets 1:25000.

Patrol from ref 643694 to 639688 along track to 675702.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (illegible) and 6ORs.
Route Out As above.
Route In From 675702 to 639688 and along main hwy to area.
Time Out 0830 hrs Time In 1630 hrs.

INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topographical: As given previously for this route.
(c) Miscellaneous: Patrol contacted 2/27 Bn patrol and fixed time for daily contact for 1200 hrs at675702. Five natives found at 675702 and escorted back to Bn.

PATROL REPORT

Patrol No 35. Patrol Route No 3. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
Date 31 Jul 45.
Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN) SEPINGGANG sheets 1:25000x

Patrol from Bn area to SOMBER KIRI to contact 2/25 Bn.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Babarovich) and 6 ORs.
RANKS
Route Out: As for patrol route No 3.
Time Out: 1230 hrs Time In 1705 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topographical: As previously reported for this route.
(c) Miscellaneous: Nil.

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APPX E
JUL 45

PATROL REPORT

PATROL NO 33. Patrol Route No 2. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
31 Jul 45.
Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGGANG sheets 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area t o contact 2/7 Cav Regt.
Patrol Str. 1NCO (Cpl Hohnen) and 6 ORs.
Route Out. See patrol route No 2.
Route In " " " " "
Time Out 0830 hrs Time In 1100 hrs
INFORMATION :
(a) Tactical. I.O. 2/7 Cav reported enemy disposms the same. Air strike by SPITFIRES to take place 1000 and 1200 hrs on enemy posns.
(b) Topographical. Nil.
(c) Miscellaneous: Nil.

Patrol Report

Patrol No. 34. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
31 Jul 45.
Ref Maps: BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGGANG sheets 1:25000.

Patrol from ref 643694 to 639688 along track to 675702.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl [illegible]) and 60Rs.
Route Out As above.
Route In From 675702 to 639688 and along main hwy to area.
Time Out 0830 hrs Time In 1630 hrs.

INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topographical: As given previously for this route.
(c) Miscellaneous: Patrol contacted 2/27 Bn patrol and fixed time for daily contact for 1200 hrs at675702. Five natives found at 675702 and escorted back to Bn.

PATROL REPORT

Patrol No 35. Patrol Route No 3. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
Date 31 Jul 45.
Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN) SEPINGGANG sheets 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to SOMBER KIRI to contact 2/25 Bn.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Babarovich) and 6 ORs.
Route Out: As for patrol route No 3.
Time Out: 1230 hrs Time In 1705 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topographical: As previously reported for this route.
(c) Miscellaneous: Nil.

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Subject: JAP ATTROCITIES

2/31 Aust Inf Bn.

27 Jul 45.

To 25 Bde.

Herewith attached statements by members of 13 Pl C Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn re Jap atrocities on natives found in area occupied by that platoon 24/26 Jul 45 at ref 634703 SEPINGGANG 1 : 25000.

..... Lt-Col.

Comd 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.

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2/31 Aust Inf Bn
27 Jul 45

REPORT ON JAPANESE ATROCITIES TO NATIVES OF BALIKPAPAN

On 15 Jul 45 a native was brought to the RAP. He had a supperating laceration (oval with diameters 4" + 2½" + 1½") on the back of left neck. He was emaciated and "toxic". He indicated that his hands had been tied behind his back and neck slashed. Natives, three, were seen with similar lesions on 24 Jul 45. All indicated similar treatment.

Areas had been selected as ones being free of vital structures

Reasons for woulds were apparently to incapacitate victim for work and make him an encumbrance.

J Church CAPT
RMO ------ 2/31 AUST INF BN
(CAPT J.C. CHURCH)

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STATEMENT BY QX 57063 Pte RUSSELL K.H.

I, QX 57063 Pte RUSSELL K.H. 'C' Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn declare that in the area occupied by 13 Fd on 24 - 26 Jul 45, I personally saw on Jul 25 four dead natives each of whom had their legs tied at the ankles and their hands tied behind their backs and all four were decapitated.

I reported what I had seen to Lt T.W. SLATER.

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STATEMENT BY NX 174512 Pte KERSCHNER R.A.

I, NX 174512 Pte KERSCHNER R.A. 'C' Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn declare that in and around the area occupied by 23 Fl on the 24 - 26 Jul 45, acting under orders from my Platoon Comd, I personally saw and buried the bodies, one partly burnt of two dead natives and burnt with petrol the bodies of seven other dead natives. All were recognisable by the type of clothing worn. I did this on 25 Jul. I noticed one woman who was cut about the waist and legs, two bodies with sacks over their heads and two others were beheaded. I didn't pay much attention to the others.

I reported this to Lt T.W. SLATER.

R.A. Kerschner

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STATEMENT BY NX 109604 Pte HARDY E.W.

I, NX 109604 Pte HARDY E.W. 'C' Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn, in the area occupied by 13 Fd on 24, 25 and 26 Jul 1945, hearby declare I saw on the 25 Jul, 4 dead natives, all had their hands and feet tied together. 1 was beheaded, the others appeared to have been either shot or bayoneted.

I reported what I had seen to Lt T.W. SLATER.

E.W. Hardy
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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1027403

STATEMENT BY VX 108608 Lt T.W. SLATER

I, VX 108608 Lt T.W. Slater 'C' Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn hearby declare that I personally viewed in the area occupied by 13 Pl on 24 - 26 Jul 45 the bodies of two dead natives on the 24 Jul, another one on the 25 Jul and another one on 26 Jul, four in all. I noticed two bodies were decapitated, one of whom had a cotton sack placed over the head and both had their arms tied behind the back and their legs tied at the ankles; one of these bodies which was in firm condition had the finger nails drawn, another body which was not decapitated had a cotton sack placed over the head and the hands tied behind the back and the legs tied at the ankle.

The fourth body I located on Jul 26 but didn't notice any thing out of the ordinary about it, this body is still intact where I saw it.

I recognised the bodies as belonging to natives by the type of clothing worn.

Pte HARDY E.W. reported seeing four bodies (one beheaded)

Pte RUSSELL reported seeing four bodies (four beheaded)

Pte KERSCHNER reported burning seven bodies and burying two (two beheaded, at least)

I would say Pte KERSCHNER burnt and buried nine bodies, most of whom had been seen by Ptes RUSSELL and HARDY and myself. As one body was nt touched I would say there were at least 10 bodies of dead natives in the area.

Ref Map : SEPINOGANG 1:25000

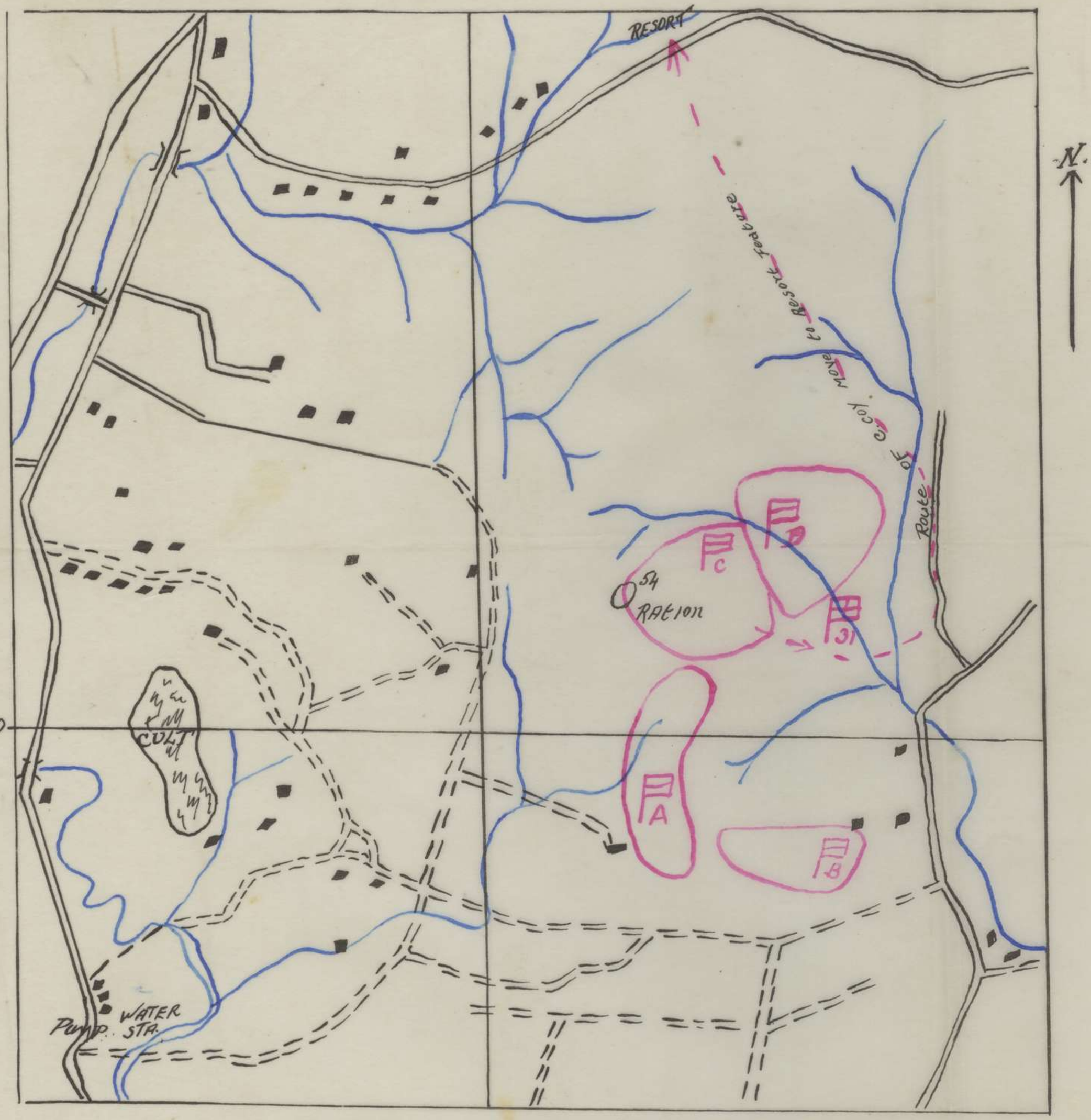
Map Ref : 634703.

T W Slater .....Lt.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1027403

TRACE 1.

2/31 AUST INF BN
DISPOSITIONS 1400 hrs 2 JUL 45. 59

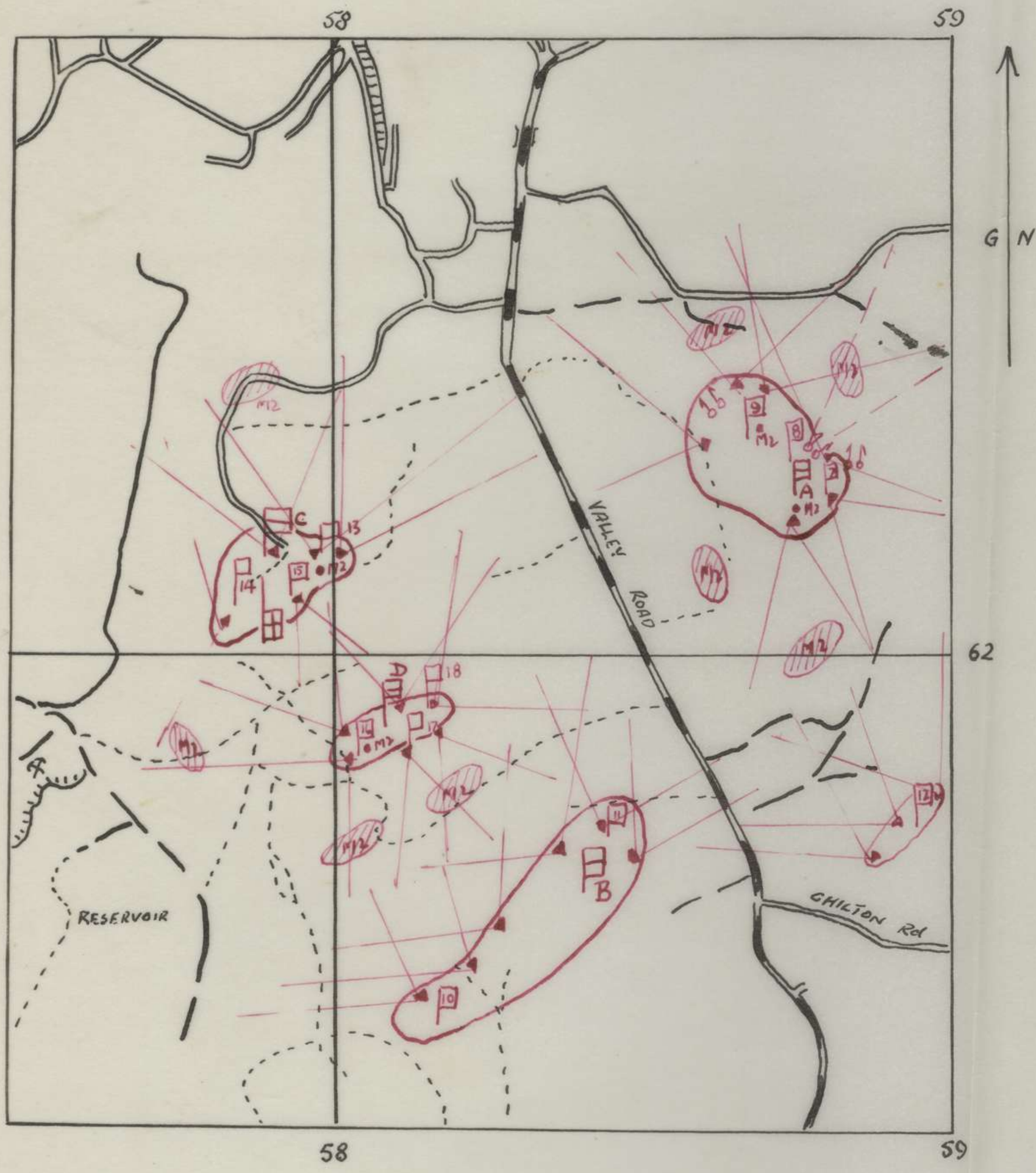


Scale 140" to 1 INCH APPROX

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1027403

TRACE 2.

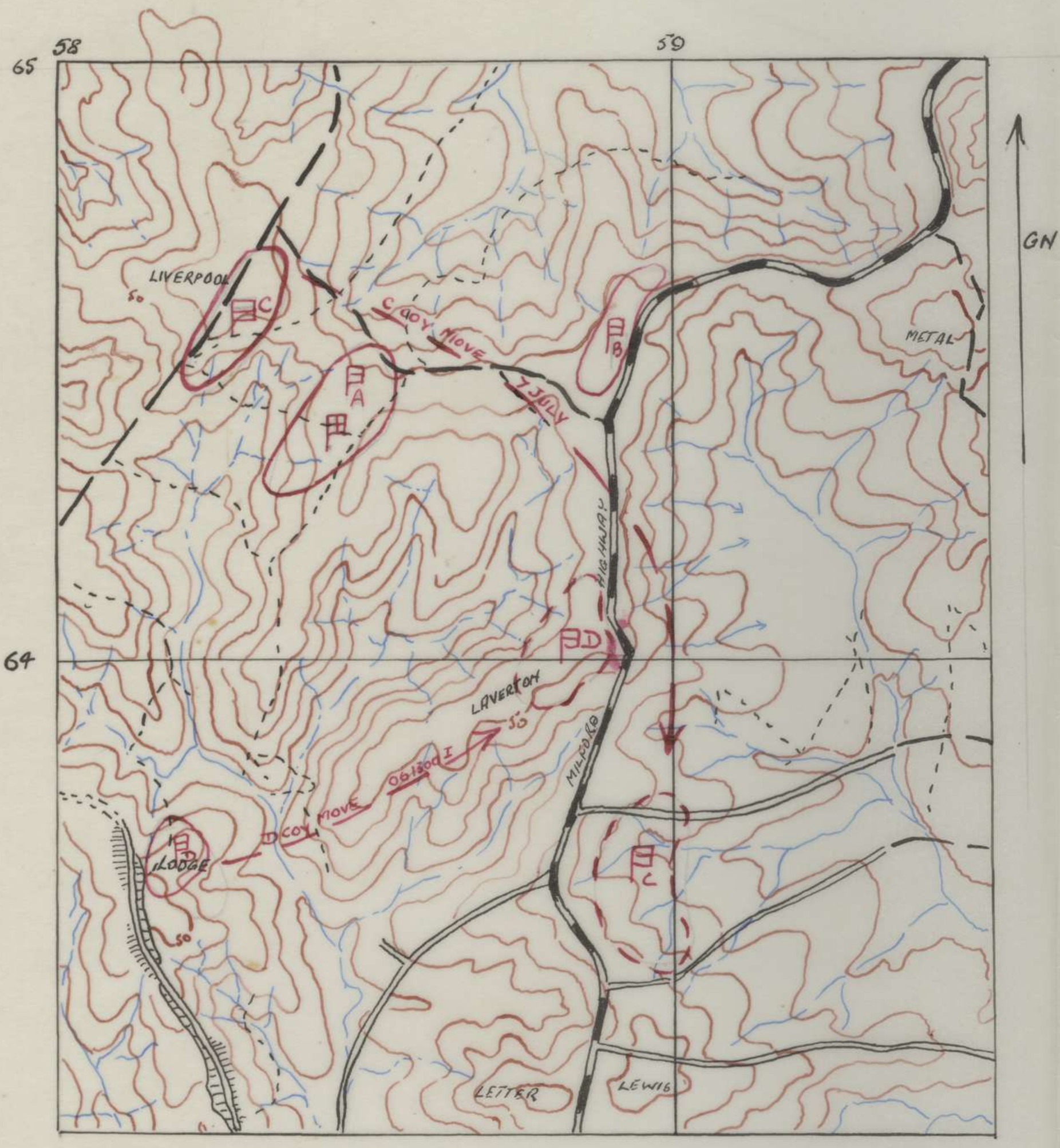
DISPOSITION of 2/31 AUST INF BN at 1630 hrs 4 JUL 45
OVERLAY BALIKPAPAN 1:10000



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1027403

TRACE 3

2/31 AUST INF BN DISPOSITION 5-9 JUL 45
REF MAP BALIKPAPAN 1:10000



INT SEC
2/31 AUST INF BN

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1027403

2/31 AUST INF BN AS AT 12 JUL 45

4.2 MORTAR TASK

ARTY TASK

Abash

Popes

Track

Along

Acid

Abide

Caddy

Cage

Calm

109

107

CHAIR

105

B 12

B 10

B8

B 11

103

COKE

9

7

MORTOR PL

A

13

15

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11

14

Cello

B

D

18

M 4·2

12

S.P.

16

C

2 SECS/VMGS

Edik

ELBOW

ECHO

SCALE 1: 12,500

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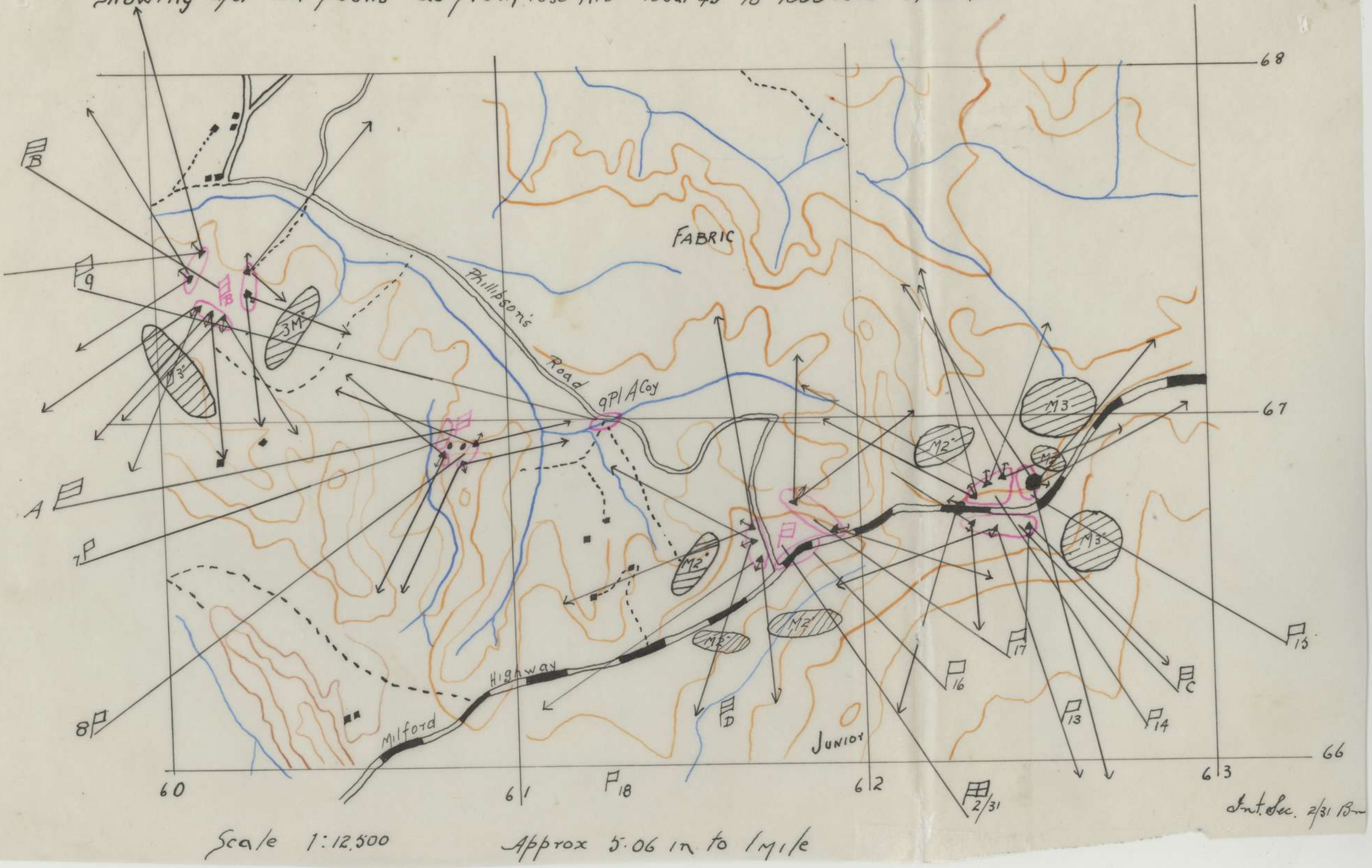
Enlargement Balikpapan Seppinggang Sheet 1/25000
Showing 2/31 Bn posns as from 1330 hrs 13 Jul 45 to 1000 hrs 14 Jul/45

TRACE 5.



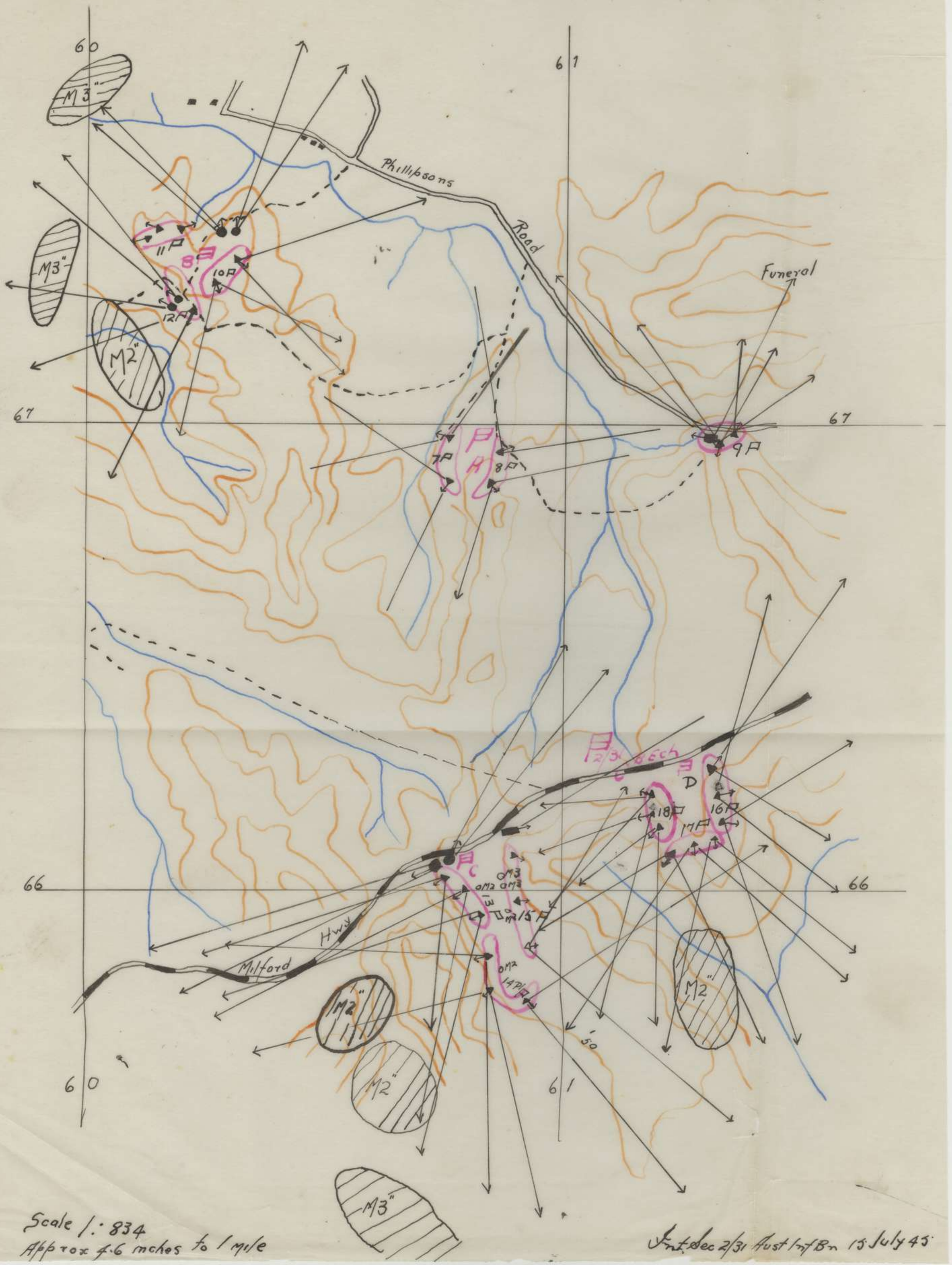
Int. Sec. 2/31 Bn

Scale 1:12,500 Approx 5.06 in to 1 mile

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1027403

3 x 1 ENLARGEMENT BALIKPAPAN 1/25000 TRACE 6

Showing Disposns 2/31 Bn as from 1200 hrs 14 Jul 45.



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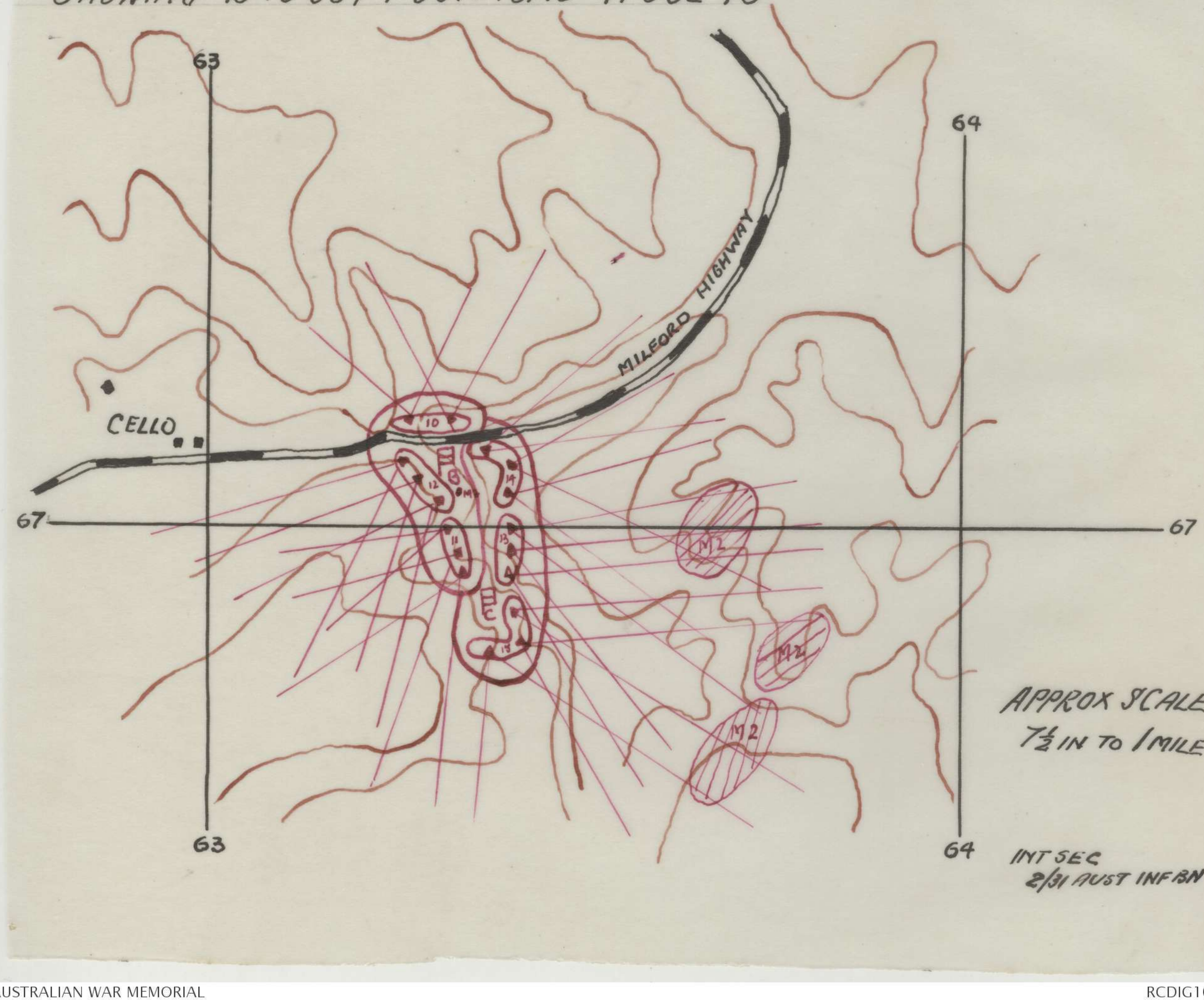
TRACE 7

3x1 ENLARGEMENT of SEPINGGANG 1:25000 SHOWING B&C COY POSITIONS 17 JUL 45



APPROX SCALE
7½ IN TO 1 MILE

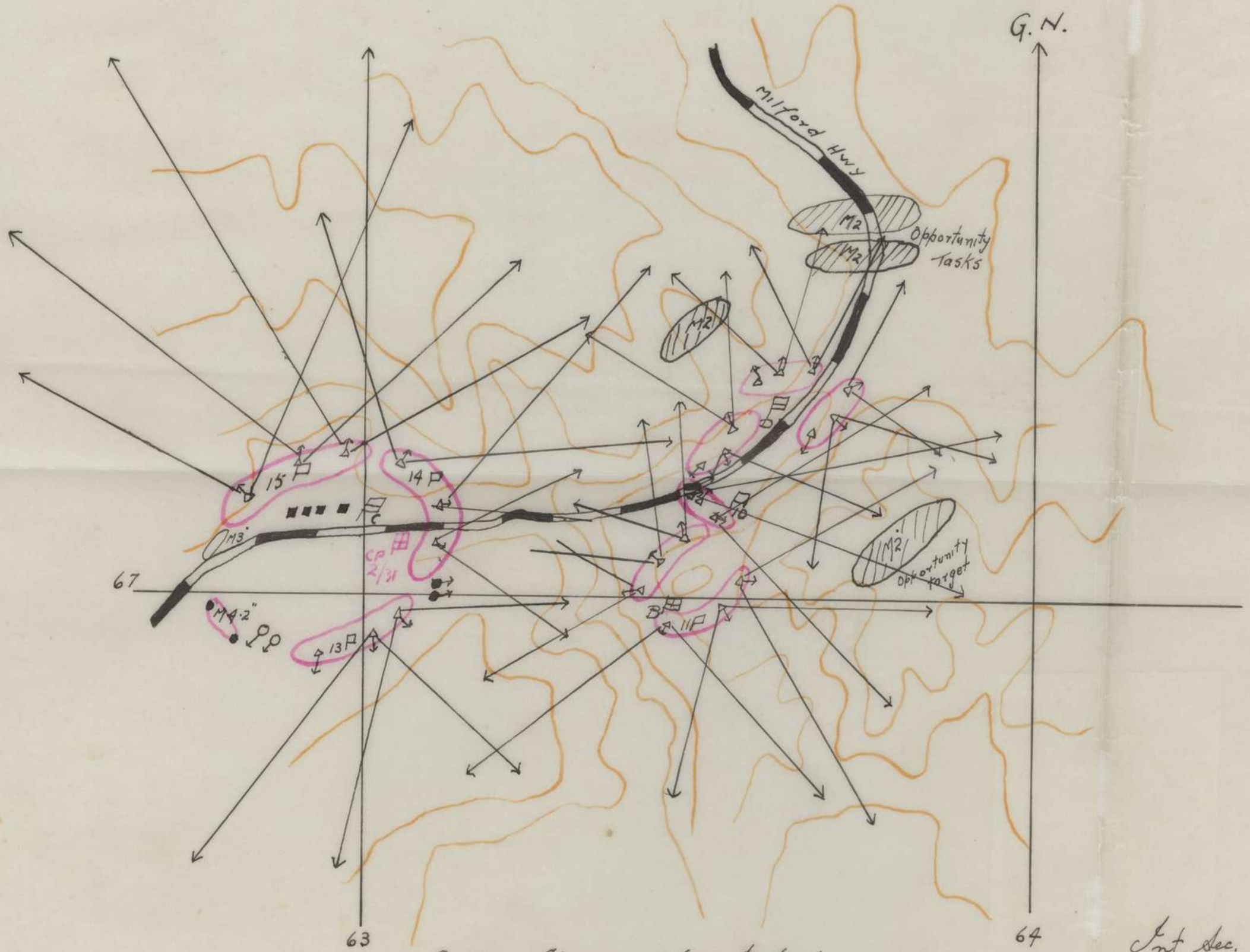
INT SEC
2/31 AUST INF BN

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1027403

TRACE 8

3X1 ENLARGEMENT SEPPINGGANG SHEET 1:25000

Showing disposns 2/31 Bn 18 Jul 1945



Scale Approx 7.6 in to 1 Mile

Int. Sec.
2/31 Bn
19 Jul 45.

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A Coy Dispositions 18 Jul 45

Showing Fire Plan Own & Supt Weapons

Arc of fire MMG

" " " LMG

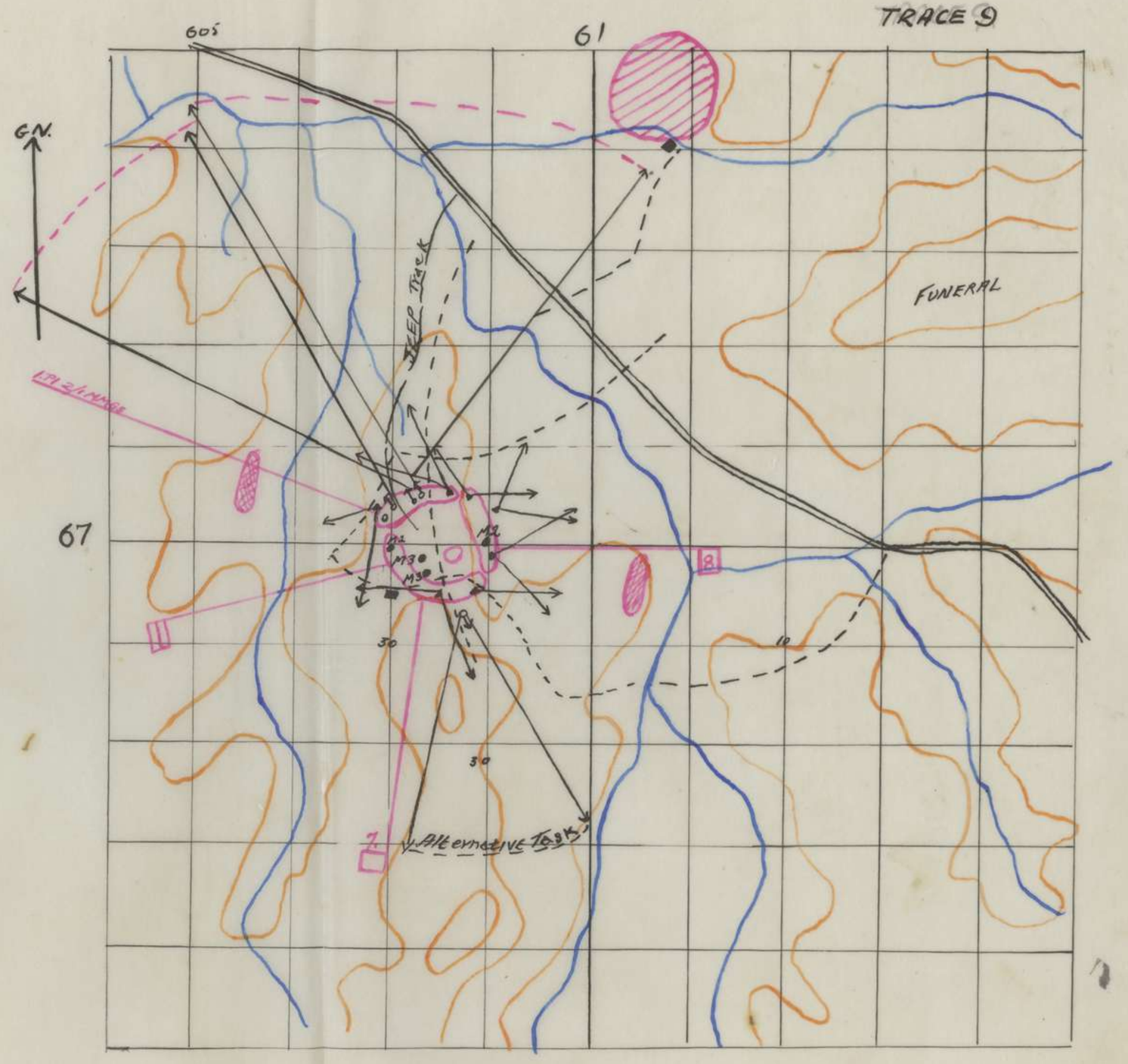
M3" Tasks

M2" Tasks

Seperate Sketch & pl positions on same scale Sent INT Sec 17-Jul 45

Scale 5 to 1 Enlargement of Area Eastings 605 to 615 Northings 665 to 675

1/25000 Balikpapan Sheet

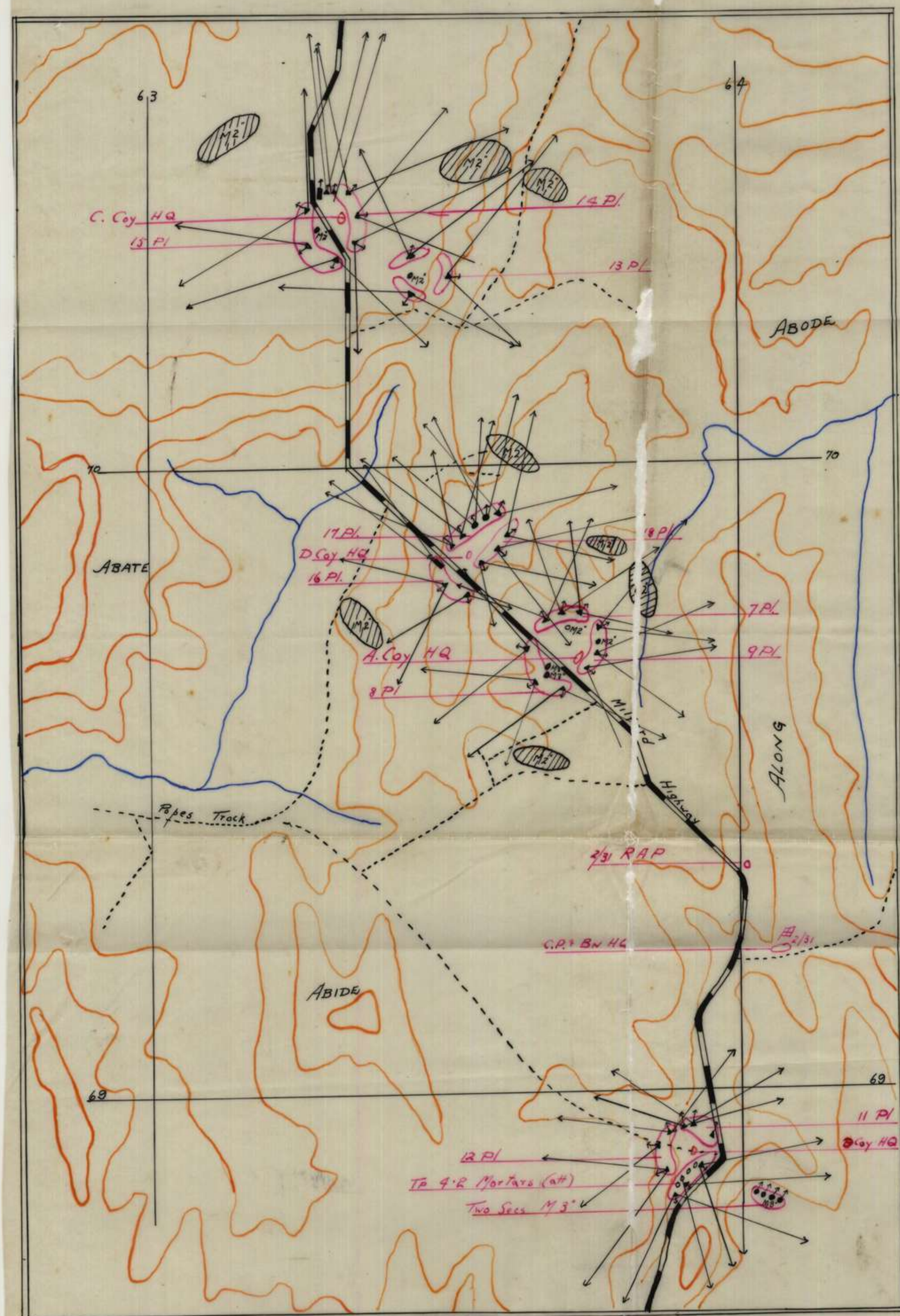


AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1027403

TRACE 10

5 x 1 ENLARGEMENT SEPINGGANG 1:25,000

Showing Posns Occupied by 2/31 Bn from 1400 hrs 22 Jul 45
to 0500 hrs 26 Jul 45



Scale 1:5000

Int Sec
2/31 Aust Inf Bn
26 Jul 45

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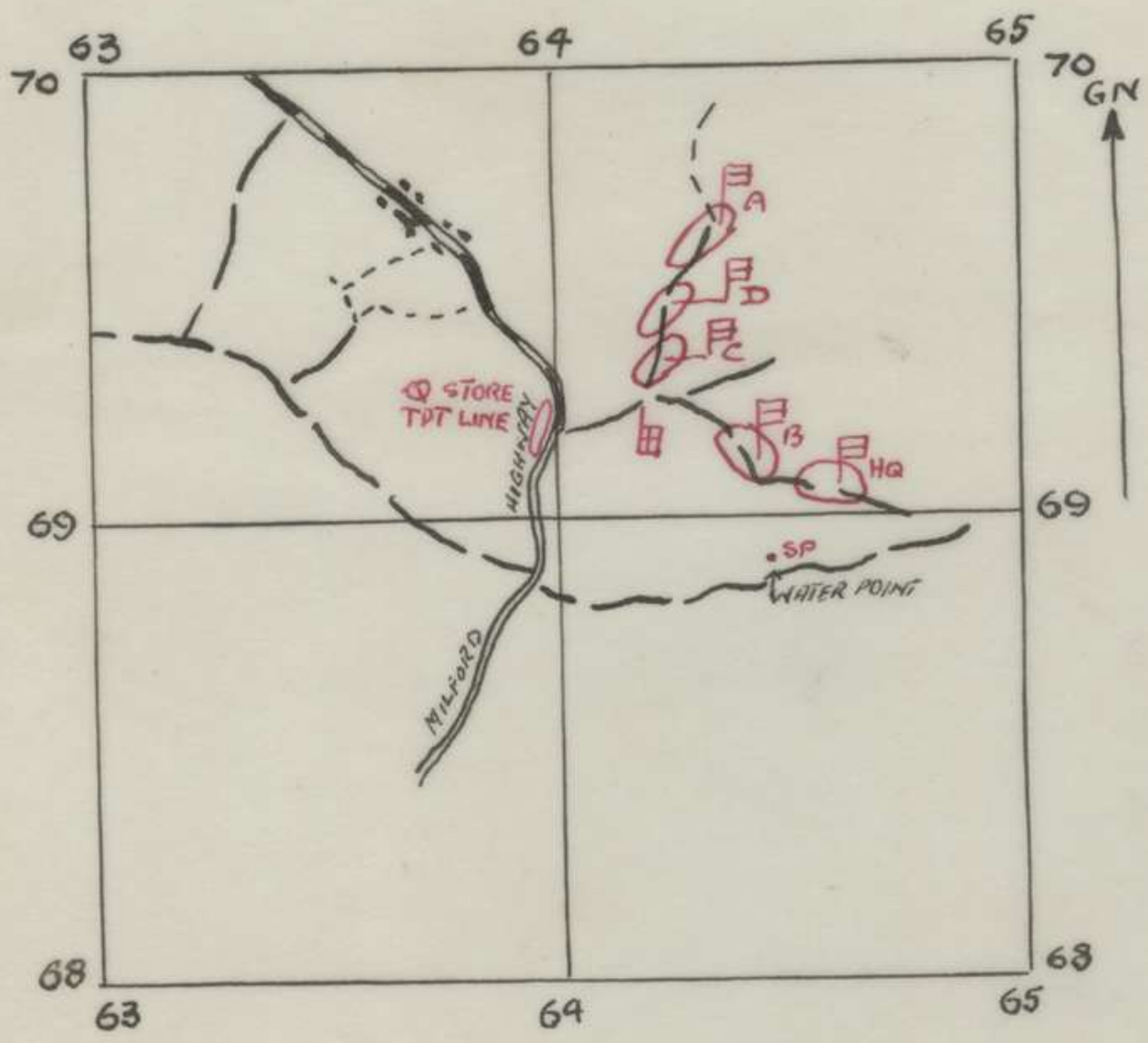
TRACE 11

DISPOSITION 2/31 AUST INF BN
FROM 26 JUL 45 TO 5 AUG 45
REF MAP SEPINGGANG 1:25000



INT SEC
2/31 AUST INF BN.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1027403

ENEMY DEFENCES SECRET

BALIKPAPAN

INFORMATION TO 15 JUNE '45

Information from Air Photo Interpretation By 1 Aust Corps Det 1 Aust A.A.P.I. Gp.

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SHEET 67/XXII-C

116°46'27.79" E — 116°52' E

1°10' N — 1°17'20" S

4652000mE — 4661000mE

77|000mN — 75|8000mN

50'

To Wain — To Samarinda — To Sepinang-Besar — To Manggar

LEGEND

- Road, hard surfaced
- Road, lightly surfaced
- Road, earth
- Jeep Track
- Trail
- Highway Bridge
- Railway, Narrow Guage
- Railway in Street
- Embankment
- Cutting
- Buildings or Huts
- Telephone Line
- Horizontal Control Point
- Spot Elevation
- Dam
- Oil Tanks
- Oil Pipe Line
- Wreck (Partly Submerged)
- Wall, Stone, Masonry
- Quarry
- Wharf, Pier
- Breakwater
- Gardens
- Canal Drain
- Streams
- Mud Flats
- Mangroves
- Nipa Swamp
- Swamp
- Depth line
- Underwater Obstruction
- Rice Fields
- Contours
- Sand
- Earth Revetment
- Forest
- Secondary Growth
- Scattered Trees
- Scrub
- Plantation (Coconut)
- Plantation (Rubber)
- Drying Reef

CONVERSION TABLE

METRES / FEET

2°31' OR 45 MILS

TRUE 'S GRID NORTH — MAGNETIC NORTH

APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION 1944 FOR CENTRE OF SHEET
ANNUAL MAGNETIC CHANGE 3' INCREASE

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RELIABILITY DIAGRAM

A. Reliable: from accurately controlled vertical photographs.

B. Fairly Reliable: from Hydrographic Chart.

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THE LONGITUDES SHOWN IN THE INDEX ARE BASED ON BATAVIA WHICH IS 106°48'27.79"E OF GREENWICH

NOTE: Code names are for Army use only and will NOT be used in Inter Service Communications

LEGEND

- Drain
- A.A Heavy
- A.A Medium
- A.A Lt.
- M.G.A.A.
- Search Light
- Radar
- M.D.
- Coastal Defence Gun
- Former Dutch Gun Posn.
- Former Dutch L.M.G. Pillbox
- Former Dutch H.M.G. Pillbox
- Tower
- Anti-Tank Obstacle U/C
- Anti-Tank Obstacle
- Trench System
- Bunker Shelter
- Bunker
- Off Shore Obstacle
- Wire Obstacles
- Barracks & Stores
- Stores
- Tunnel Entrance
- Field Arty

Depths over 10 metres are not shown. Soundings shown in metres at low water spring tides. Information from Dutch Hydrographic Chart 130

a REPORTED CIRCULAR CEMENT STRUCTURE 5 METRE DIAM. AT GROUND LEVEL WITH STEEL TRAPDOOR ON TOP (NATIVE REPORT)

ICO/1083/3737 S.W.P.A T831
ICO/1083/3760 T832 ICO/MISC/7547

CONTROL: Existing map of 1:25,000 Series BALIKPAPAN

AIR PHOTOGRAPHY: 2 Photo Charting Sqn, 3II Photo Wing, U.S.A.A.F.: Missions 5MB93-5I Apr '45. 4 Photo Charting Sqn, 3II Photo Wing, U.S.A.A.F.: Missions 5MO126-10V, IIV, 12V May '45. 17 P R Sqn. 6 Photo Group, U.S.A.A.F.: Missions 4M47Z (I-V) Oct '44

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GLOSSARY

G	GOENOENG	(MOUNTAIN)
Bt	BOEKIT	(HILL)
P	POELAU	(ISLAND)
Tg	TANJOENG	(CAPE)
S	SOENGAI	(RIVER)
B	BAAI	(BAY)

Scale 1:25,000

1 Mile — 2 Kilometres — 2000 Yards

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 METRES

LAMBERT CONICAL ORTHOMORPHIC PROJECTION

HEIGHTS AND DEPTHS IN METRES

NOTE: Contours are interpolated from 1:25,000 Dutch Maps Nos. 67/XXIII and 67/XXIIn

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES EQUATORIAL ZONE GRID

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POINT RESERVOIR

EAST: TAKE WEST EDGE OF SQUARE IN WHICH POINT LIES, AND READ THE FIGURE PRINTED OPPOSITE THIS LINE ON NORTH OR SOUTH MARGIN — 57

Estimate tenths Eastwards — 6

EAST 576

NORTH: TAKE SOUTH EDGE OF SQUARE IN WHICH POINT LIES, AND READ THE FIGURE PRINTED OPPOSITE THIS LINE ON EAST OR WEST MARGIN — 61

Estimate tenths Northwards — 8

NORTH 618

REFERENCE BALIKPAPAN 576618

Unit: Metres
Square: 1000 Metres
Nearest similar co-ordinate reference distant: 100 Kilometres

BALIKPAPAN
DUTCH BORNEO
NII7-EII646/5 (Greenwich)

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ENEMY DEFENCES

SEPINGGANG

DUTCH BORNEO 1:25,000

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SECRET

Information up to 8 June 45 from photo interpretation by I Aust Corps P.I. Det.

NOTE:
Code names for topographical features are for use of Army units only. They will NOT be used in inter-service communications.

LEGEND

- Road, hard surfaced
- Road, lightly surfaced
- Road, earth
- Jeep Track
- Trail
- Highway Bridge
- Culvert
- Buildings or Huts
- Railway, narrow gauge
- Oil Pipe Line
- Telephone or Telegraph Line
- Spot Elevation +141
- Fish Trap
- Shallow or Drying Reef
- Acqueduct, Drain, Canal
- Streams
- Depth Line
- Nips Swamp
- Contours
- Sand
- Scattered Trees
- Forest
- Secondary Growth
- Scrub
- Plantation (Coconuts) C
- Plantation (Rubber) R

LEGEND

- AA Heavy
- AA Medium
- AA Light
- Searchlight
- Radar, RDF, W/T
- Coastal Defence Gun CD
- Field Arty
- M.G.
- Bunker
- Bunker Shelter
- Tunnel Entrance
- Tower
- Trench System
- Anti-tank Obstacle
- Off-shore Obstacle
- Wire Obstacle XXXXXX
- Barracks B
- Barracks & Stores B&S
- Stores S

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SWPA T632
ICO/1083/3738

CONTROL: Existing 1:25,000 maps of BALIKPAPAN.

AIR PHOTOGRAPHY: 2 Photo Charting Sqn. 3II Photo Wing, 4 Photo Charting Sqn. I7 P.R. Sqn. 6 Photo Group U.S.A.A.F. Missions 5M893-8I Apr 45. 5MCI26-I2V May 45. 5MCI28-IIV May 45. and 5M209-IV Mar 45.

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DRAWING & REPRODUCTION: 2/1 Aust Army Topo Svy Coy Aust Svy Corps June 45.

FIRST EDITION

GLOSSARY

G	GOENOENG	MOUNTAIN
S	SOENGAI	RIVER
Kt	KETJIL	SMALL
Bs	BESAR	LARGE

APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION 1944 FOR CENTER OF SHEET ANNUAL MAGNETIC CHANGE 3' INCREASE

Use diagram only to obtain numerical values. To determine magnetic north line connect the grid point "P" on the south edge of the map with the value of the angle between GRID NORTH and MAGNETIC NORTH, as plotted on the diagram scale at the north edge of the map.

Scale 1:25,000

1 Mile
2 Kilometres
2000 Yards

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 METRES
CONTOURS FROM EXISTING 1:25,000 DUTCH MAPS
LAMBERT CONICAL ORTHOMORPHIC PROJECTION
HEIGHTS & DEPTHS IN METRES

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NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES EQUATORIAL ZONE GRID

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POINT G BATOCHAMPAR

EAST		NORTH	
Take West edge of square in which point lies and read the figure printed opposite this line to North or South margin	62	Take South edge of square in which point lies, and read the figure printed opposite this line on East or West margin	67
Estimate tenths Eastwards	1	Estimate tenths Northwards	3
East	621	North	673

REFERENCE SEPINGGANG 621673

Unit	Metre
Square	1000 Metres
Nearest similar co-ordinate reference distant	100 Kilometres

SEPINGGANG
DUTCH BORNEO

GSI 1 AUST CORPS

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1027403

SECRET

SHEET 67/XXII-C

BORNEO 1:10,000

ENEMY DEFENCES

BALIKPAPAN

INFORMATION TO 15 JUN 45

NOTE :- Code names are for Army use only and will NOT be used in Inter Service Communications

Baroe-Hoeloe

BREAK WATER

WRECKED BARGE

Baroe(W)

Baroe (E)

Pandansari

Kapak

BAAI

VAN

BALIKPAPAN

PANTJOER

G. MALANG

P BABI

STRAAT

MAKASSAR

To Samarinda

To Sepinggang-Besar

Tg Toekoeng

LEGEND

AA Heavy
AA Medium
AA Light
AA MG
Search Light
MG
8 Coastal Defence Gun
8 Field Arty
Former Dutch Gun Posns
Former Dutch H M G Posns
Former Dutch L M G Posns
Bunker
Bunker Shelter
Tunnel Entrance
Slit Trench
Tower
Tower Steel S
Observation Tower
Wire Obstacle
Off Shore Obstacle
Anti-Tank Ditch
Trench System
Stores
Barracks
Barrack & Stores
Tanks Destroyed

8 C D & Arty Posns Set in Hillside or in Bunkers

A T OBSTACLE No. 1
Four Sections totalling 6900'
Section A
DITCH : 6'-12' Wide 5'-0" Deep
PARAPET : 16' Wide
Log Revetted Front Face 4'-6" High
PARADOS : Rift & backed by Hill
Section B
DITCH : Nil
PARAPET : Nil
Obstacle comprises 2 off Timber Posts varying between 14'-10" Wide and 6'-8" High mostly U/C
Section C
DITCH : 12' Wide 4'-6" Deep
PARAPET : Gabionless only Log Wall 5'-6" High
PARADOS : Nil
Section D
DITCH : Shallow 'V' shape 6'-8" Deep 24'-26' Wide
PARAPET : Log Revetted Front Face 5'-6" High
PARADOS : Nil

A T OBSTACLE No. 6 Length 250'
DITCH : 6'-8' Wide about 4' Deep
PARAPET : 12'-16' Wide
Log Revetted Front Face 4'-6" High
PARADOS : Nil

A T OBSTACLE No. 5 Length 400'
DITCH : 8' Wide about 4' Deep
PARAPET : 16'-18' Wide
Log Revetted Front Face 4'-6" High
PARADOS : Nil

A T OBSTACLE No. 4 Length 620'
DITCH : 16' Wide - Waterlogged
PARAPET : Nil
PARADOS : 12'-16' Wide 3' High

A T OBSTACLE No. 3 Length 220'
DITCH : 16' Wide - Water Logged
PARAPET : 8'-12' Wide 1'-2' High
PARADOS : 8'-16' Wide 1'-3' High

A T OBSTACLE No. 2 Length 460'
DITCH : 16' Wide about 4' Deep
PARAPET : 12'-16' Wide 3'-6" High
PARADOS : 12'-16' Wide 2'-6" High

A T OBSTACLE No. 1 Length 6000'
Section A
DITCH : 16' Wide 4'-6" Deep
PARAPET : 4'-5' Wide
Log Revetted Front Wall 4'-6" High
PARADOS : Nil
Section B
Similar to Offshore Obstacle
Section C
Gabionless Low Wall : Log Braced 3'-6" High
Note : Barbed wire along Toe of Obstacle

Depths over 10 metres are not shown. Soundings shown in metres at low water spring tides.
Information from Dutch Hydrographic Chart 130

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Scale 1:10,000

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LEGEND

Road, hard surfaced
Road, lightly surfaced
Road, earth
Jeep Track
Trail
Highway Bridge
Railway, Narrow Guage
Railway in Street
Embankment
Cutting
Buildings or Huts
Telephone Line
Horizontal Control Point
Spot Elevation
Dam
Oil Tanks
Oil Pipe Line
Wreck (Partly Submerged)
Wall, Stone, Masonry
Quarry
Wharf, Pier
Breakwater
Gardens
Canal Drain
Streams
Mud Flats
Mangroves
Nipa Swamp
Swamp
Depth line
Underwater Obstruction
Rice Fields
Contours
Sand
Earth Revetment
Forest
Secondary Growth
Scattered Trees
Scrub
Plantation
Plantation

APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION 1944 FOR CENTRE OF SHEET
ANGLE: MAGNETIC CHANGE 1°INCREASE
Use diagram only to obtain numerical values. To construct magnetic north line around the point point "P" on the south edge of the map with the value of the angle between TRUE NORTH and MAGNETIC NORTH as plotted on the degree scale at the north edge of the map.

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 METRES

LAMBERT CONICAL ORTHOMORPHIC PROJECTION

HEIGHTS AND DEPTHS IN METRES

NOTE : Contours are interpolated from 1 : 25,000 Dutch Maps Nos. 67/XXIII and 67/XXIIn

GLOSSARY

G	GOENOENG	(MOUNTAIN)
P	POELAU	(ISLAND)
Tg	TANJOENG	(CAPE)
S	SOENGAI	(RIVER)
B	BAAI	(BAY)

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RELIABILITY DIAGRAM

A. Reliable : from accurately controlled vertical photographs.
B. Fairly Reliable : from Hydrographic Chart.

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES EQUATORIAL ZONE GRID

TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET ALWAYS QUOTE THE EASTING FIRST PAY ATTENTION TO LARGER MARGINAL FIGURES ONLY

POINT RESERVOIR

East : TAKE WEST EDGE OF SQUARE IN WHICH POINT LIES, AND READ THE FIGURE PRINTED OPPOSITE THIS LINE ON NORTH OR SOUTH MARGIN — 57
Estimate tenths Eastward — 6
East — 576

North : TAKE SOUTH EDGE OF SQUARE IN WHICH ROAD LIES, AND READ THE FIGURE PRINTED OPPOSITE THIS LINE ON EAST OR WEST MARGIN — 61
Estimate tenths Northwards — 8
North — 618

REFERENCE BALIKPAPAN 576618

Unit: Metres
Square: 1000 Metres
To locate similar co-ordinate reference distant 100 Kilometres

BALIKPAPAN
BORNEO

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Embobrown 2Wde
Jct Lunch 2nf Rn

一ケ中隊半 10K
一ケ中隊 10K
一ケ中隊 11K
四ケ小隊 10K

13K
3K(天来路)
ソンビル川
9K

第一派遣隊(48K)一小隊
第二派遣隊(25K)二小隊

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Comd 2/3I Aust Inf Bn.

Unit 2/3 I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 08000 I August *To* I5I5 3 August 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	I	0800	C.O.'s instuttions. Daily pat to contact pat from 2/I4 Bn daily at 668640 to be replaced by a standing pat of one sect with 2 sigs and S.B. The pat to remain out for 24hrs and to be relieved at I200hrs daily. Comn by line and I08 set.	APPX A
		I200	A four man pat from Int Sect report a barracks and Jap stores area at 645695: Equipment found includes electr ic light plant and rice store. Routine pats report NMS	
	2	08I5	C.O!s instruction. No 4 pat to be altered as follows. NORTH along track through A. Coy lines to 644699 thence to ACE, ACTOR, ACRE, and ABED. Return along MILFORD HWY.	
		I330	Standing pat at 668640 report killing one Jap at665697	
			Routine pats NMS	
	3	0900	Daily pats move out.	
		I5I5	Standing pat at 668640 report 2 Japs one with LMG moving W	

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Comd 2/31 Aust Inf Bn

Unit 2/31 Aust Inf BN *Date and Time.—From* 1515 3 August *To* 1900 3 August 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	3	1515	along Popes tk.	
		1530	Report from standing pat that en in unknown strength fired on their posn endeavouring to draw fire. No casualties.	
		1540	Pat report no further fire or movement.	
		1700	Unable to rouse standing pat by line. Presume wire cut . Pat contacted by 108 set.	
		1830	Two man standing pat fwd of HQ. Coy posn at 61769I fires on one Jap mvoing towards Coy posn. Jap returned fire wounding one in the arm. Pat returns to Coy area.	
		1900	Pat of six men under Sjt Harris move out from HQ. Coy to comb the gully between Coy posn and Popes tk where standing pat had encountered en. At the same time, two three man pats from BHQ mvoe out to comb gullies N and S of BHQ posn at 6II692	

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Comd 2/3I Aust Inf Bn

Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 1930 3 August *To* 0830 4 August 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	3	1930	Pat under Sjt Harris moves across gullies to cut Popes tk E of the water point at 6I6689. On reaching tk leading elements of pat came under heavy fire(LMG & RIFLE) from jungle edge 50 yds E along tk. Pat forced to pullback having sustained two wounded one being on the tk and covered by en fire. Pat then withdrew leaving three men to cover casualty.	
		2030	Lt McGregor & IO move out to Popes tk to recouver casualty and engage the en.	
		2II5	Lt McGregor pat returns with the casualty. Report en withdrawn.	
		2I30	Cinema which to have shown in Bn area cancelled & Bn placed on 50 % stand to.	
	4	0800	With the exception of suspected en movement, night was quite peacefull	
		0830	Pat of I sect from B Coy move out to investigate area of shooting NMS	

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Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 0900 4 August 45 *To* I800 4 August 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	4	0900	Routine pats move out.	
		I200	Line to standing pat found cut in three places, 500yds E of water point, was repaired. Relieving pat report NMS, but tk showed foot prints of 6 or 7 Japs moving W.	
		I7I5	Standing pat out of contact, line presumed cut.	
		I730	CO orders 50% stand to, and all Coy fronts to be boobytrapped.	
		I800	CO's orders for 5 Aug. Pat of I Offr & 28 from B Coy to be ready as from 050800I. Normal relief for standing pat to move out and repair wireand if en contacted, pat of I & 28 to move out immediately and engage en. Standing pat at BOEGIS to push 2 man pats along tk E&W of their posn. Standing pat at water point to patrol Popes tk for 200yds W of their posn. All pats return and report NMS. Pat of I&28 not used.	

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Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 2330 4 August 45 *To* 0530 5 August 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALI KPAPAN	4	2330	Tpt pl in position W of MILFORD Hwy at 6I0693 fire at movement seen and heard in gully N of their posn.	
	5	0500	Heavy rain falling continuosly making observation extremely difficult. En movement fired on in vicinity of the junc of Popes tk and MILFORD Hwy, and in rear of their posn.	
		0515	Two heavy explosions heard together with automatic fire from directio n of engr camp on Popes tk between Water point and MILFORD Hwy. It was learned later that aJap TAISHAN TAI had attacked engr camp, and blown up a stores dump and damaged one three ton truck. Engr cas I slightly wounded.	
		0530	Party of I0 Japs moving along MILFORD Hwy fired on by Arty personal at 6I0694 killing 4. These were armed with rifles an LMG a SCHMEISER SMG and carrying demolision charges. Obvious intention to destroy 25 pdr guns.	

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Comd 2/3I Aust Inf Bn

Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 0700 5 August 45 *To* 1630 5 August 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	5	0700	Pats of 3 men from tpt pl and D Coy move out to clear areas between Arty and their posns. Report NMS.	
		1145	Arty report two Japs seen in gully W of MILFORD Hwy, between their posns and our tpt lines. Sjt Seymour and 4 men move out to investigate.	
		1200	One man from Arty protection pl(C Coy) on listening $post$ post at jungle fringe,fired on and killed.	
		1215	Sjt Seymour pat returns and reports wounding one Jap, who returned fire, seriously wounding Sjt Seymour(later died).	
		1330	CO orders pat of I & 8 from C Coy to clear area in rear and LEFT of Arty posn. C Coy to move out take posn at Water point at 609689. 4 pl(TK/A) to move to posn at 645689 on feature which dominates road junc of MILFORD Hwy and POPES TK.	APPX B/

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Comd 2/3I AUst Inf Bn

Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* I630 5 August *To* 0930 6 August 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	5	I630	Pat of I&8 returns and report 3 Japs killed own cas nil	
			Cas for day; Enemy 7 KIA	
			Own I " I WIA(later died)	
	6	0800	CO revises list of daily pats as follows. HQ Coy to provide	
			2 3 & 4 from I 2 & 3 pls pers. 4 pl to remain in present posn.	
			Rifle Coys to provide 2 pls daily for Arty protection, and	
			standing pat at BOEGIS of NCO & IO as shqwn on roster.	APPX C.
		0930	Pat of I NCO & 4 move out to clear area in rear of Arty posn.	
			Report NMS, but traces of three or more Japs having spent	
			night in area. Since occupying present posn, all Coys have	
			been engaged improving their areas. Pnr pl working with Engrs	
			on road maintenance made neccessary by wet weather. All roads	
			roads within Bn area need to be cor durayed.	

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W. S. Dale Lt Col
Comd 2/3I Aust Inf Bn

Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 0730 7 August *To* 0900 10 August 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	7	0730	Enmovement on Arty front fired on during night without results	
		0800	Three man pats from Arty protection pls clear area to rear and flanks. NMS.	
		0900	Daily pats move out, and on return report NMS.	
	8	0900	Daily pats move out.	
		I000	CO's conference to repost offrs & NCO's to positions which will be left vacant inthe near future owing to release of long service personnal.	APPX.D.
		I700	All pats ret urn and report no contact.	
	9	0900	Routine pats move out. From today relief for BOEGIS standing pat to leave Coy area at I030hrs daily.	
		I200	Lt Gen MORSEHEAD and Maj Gen MILFORD visit Bn area and entertained at lunch ### by the CO.	
	I0	0900	Daily pats move out. Route to standing pat traversed and posn	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. Lt Col Dale Cotton Comd 2/3I Aust Inf Bn

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Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 0900 I0 August *To* I030 II August 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	I0	0900	pimpointed at 677700 on BEACON feature.	
		I030	Relief for sta nding pat at BEACON report contact with pat from 2 /I4 Aust Inf Bn, who will in future contact our st anding pa t daily at I330 hrs.	
		I600	Two pls B Coy relieve two pls D Coy as Arty protection.	
		2I00	Unconfirmed report that Japan has ########## uncondit ionly surrendered, causes exitement among Bn pers.	
	II	0900	INSTUCTION from Bde, "Following recieved from 7 Div until further orders present locations of Fwd tps will be maintained but activities will be confined to recce and security pats onlty, and no aggressive pats un dert aken. Full defence measures will be continued	
		I030	Lt Col Cotton recces posn of Arty protection pls to be relieved by one Coy 2/33 Aust Inf Bn on I3 Aug.	

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Unit 2/31 Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 1700 11 August *To* 1500 13 August 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	11	1700	All pats report NMS	
	12	0410	Tpt pl fire on movement on road S oftheir posn.	
		0630	Movement followed by explosion heard from road S of tpt pl. On investigation found Jap, wounded by previous firing had committed Hari Kari on his third attempt. He had tryed twice with our 36 grena des, both of which were not primed, and had finished the job with one of his own. Jap was wear ing Aust webbing, and carried our mosquito repelent, water pur ifying tablets, ACF footpow der tins of M & V and bully.	
		0800	Rest day for Bn less essential duties and nor mal pats	
	13	0600	Tpt pl fires on movement in rear of their posn without result	
		0900	Daily pats move out.	
		1330	D Coy 2/33 Aust Inf Bn relieves two pls B Coy as Arty protection	
		1500	Gen Sir Thomas Blamey pays a brief visit to Bn area.	

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Unit 2/31 Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 1500 13 August *To* 1600 16 Aug 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	13	1800	Report from 2/25 Aust Inf Bn, that en appear to have withdrawn beyond the 25 Kilo post N along MILFORD Hwy	
		1900	Mobile cinema show in Bn area.	
	14	0900	Owing to bad state of rd to present water point, new one established at 645694. Coys improving area and corduroy being laid on tks. All pats NMS. New roster issued	Appx E
	15	1230	Infm from bde that Japan had accepted Allied terms of surrender, but no time for cessation of hostilities had been laid down. This news was recieved by Bn pers in a spirit of quiet thankfullness. Total casualties for campaign as follows:- ENEMY - 175 Counted dead 50 Additional Estimated Dead OWN - 1 Offr 43 ORs KIA 5 Offr 130 ORs WIA	
	16		Night 15/16 three armed Japs seen approaching Tpt lines, fired on without result.	

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Unit. 2/3I. Aust. Inf. Bn Date & Time, from. I6093.0. August.....To. 0900. 28. August. 45....

H. S. Dael Lt Col
Comd 2/3I Bn

Date	Date	Hour	Summary of Events	Appendices
BALIKPAPAN	I6	093 0	Thanksgiving service for peace, conducted by Padre Thomas in Bn area. Brig Woods, recently appointed Comd 25 Aust Inf Bde visits Bn. All Bn pers less security pats and essential duties given 48 hrs off.	
	I7	0800	Bn rest day.	
		I300	Pat at BACON report that I armed Jap attempted to attack t heir posn. Jap was killed.	
	I I8	0900D	Daily pats move out as rostered.	
		I500	Brig Woods visits Bn. All pats NMS.	
	I9	0930	Church par ade and Adm. One NEI PW recouvered and returned to NICA.	
	20	0930	Pats move out. Standing pat at BACON retur ns 6 natives. No 4 pat returns 2 natives. All returned to NICA. 76 reinforcements from MOROTAI TOS, and posted to Coys. Mobile bath in operation in Bn area. All ranks welcomed hot showers.	
	2I	0930	Pats move out according to revised roster. All report NMS. 3 OR's move out to 7 Div reception camp for return to Aust under 5 yr plan. I6 OR's move out by MT to Bde rest camp at STALKOEDO/	Appx F
	22	I000	3 OFFR's & I6 OR's move out for discharge under 5 yr plan.	
		I600	Standing pat at BACON report one armed Jap attempting to move ar ound their posn. pat to investigate report NMS.	
		2030	Mobile Cinema gives performance in Bn area.	
	23	I000	I OFFR & 20 OR's move out for release under 5 yr plan. All routine pats report NMS.	
	24 & 25		All routine pats report NMS.	
	26	08I5	Church par ade.	
		0900	I6 OR's move out to Bde education centre at MANGGAR to attend cour ses in various subjects.	
		0930	7 Inonesians moving N along MILFORD Hwy intercepted and returned to Bde.	
		I630	200 pers from Bn move out by MT for BALIKPAPAN to attend concert given by GRACIE FIELDS.	
	27	I500	CO leaves Bn area as guest of GOC at 7 Div. Daily pats NMS. New roster issued.	Appx G
	28	0900	Explosion in C Coy area believed to be small Jap mine wounds 2	

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WAR DIARY

Unit.2/3I.Aust.Inf.Bn...Date & Time..0900.28.August.....To.I430.3I.august.45.

.....Lt Col
Comd 2/3I Aust Inf Bn

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events	Appendices
BALIKPAPA N	28	0900	25 Bde Op Instr 3 recieved, giving Bde area of responsibility for recieving Jap surrender. This area is the whole of DUTCH BORNEO with the exception of TARAKAN. Routine pats NMS.	
	29	0900	I6 OR's move out to rest camp at STALKOEDO, to replace I6 at present in that camp. Routine pats NMS.	
	30		All routine pats NMS.	
	3I		CO returns from 7 Div.	
		I430	CO's conference; Outline of plan issued for Bn move to BANDJERMASIN to accept surrender of Jap forces in that area. No move before 3 Sept. All pats during day NMS.	

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COMPANY PATROL ROSTER 1 AUG 45

DATE	1 AUG	2 AUG	3 AUG	4 AUG	5 AUG
PATROL NO 1	C	D	HQ	A	B
PATROL NO 2	D	HQ	A	B	C
PATROL NO 3	HQ	A	B	C	D
PATROL NO 4	A	B	C	D	HQ
PATROL NO 5	HQ	A	B	C	D
PATROL NO 6	B	C	D	HQ	A

NOTE: PATROLNO 3 TIME OUT 1000hrs TIME IN 1700 hrs.

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APPX A

PATROLS

STANDING PATROL

1 Aug 45.

1. Patrol No. 1 will be a Standing Patrol.

2. Task & Location — Standing Patrol will be established at ref 668701.

3. Strength — 1 NCO 11 ORs - consisting of:-
   Patrol 1 NCO 8 ORs
   S.B. 1
   Sigs (att) 2

4. Standing Patrol Special Instrs

   (a) OC Patrol will lay out defensive posn (applies to D Coy patrol 1 & 2 Aug)
   (b) OC patrol will send out recce patrols - strength 2 men - to reconnoitre tracks etc in vicinity of defensive posn.
   (c) OC patrol will prepare a complete alternative posn suggested some 300 yds from original posns. (applies to HQ Coy patrol 3 Aug.)
   (d) Incoming patrols will complete and improve defensive posns.

5. Times of Patrols

   (a) Patrols will be relieved at 1200 hrs daily.
   (b) Patrol will remain at full strength 24 hr tour of duty.
   (c) D Coy patrol - will be established by 0117001.

6. Weapons & Kit

   (a) Normal incl - mosquito nets.
   (b) D Coy patrol 1 Aug will carry in additional, tents - shelter half and leave tents erected.

   (c) Sigs personnel — One to carry OSMG, one rifle.
   (d) Shovels, ~~[illegible]~~ & picks, machetes, axes hand will be carried.

7. Adm

   (a) Rations: 3 meals carried on the man.
   (b) Water : 2 x 2 gal tins full to be carried.
   (c) Roster of Duties: D Coy provide patrol 1 & 2 Aug.
   HQ " time out 0300301.
   Thence as per roster for patrols 1 - 6 (incl) amend. 1 Aug.
   (d) D Coy patrol 1 Aug will provide carrying party w/weapons for following:
   1 Box .303 SAA
   1 Box 9 mm SAA
   4 Boxes 4 sec grenades
   2 " 7 " "
   Signal wire (4 men load)
   (e) Patrol to establish ammo dump.

8. Intercomms

   (a) Line one D5 phone direct to Bn switchboard.
   (b) 1 x 108 set - Calls each clock hour 0700 to 2000 hrs. Control Post. to keep permanent watch from 0645 - 2000 hrs daily to receive messages.

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PATROL REPORT

PATROL NO 36. Route 1. C COY

2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
1 Aug 45.
Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGGANG sheets 1;25000.

Patrol from C Coy to contact 2/27 Bn at ref 675702.

Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Aikman) and 7 ORs.
Route Out And In : As for patrol route No 1.

Information:

(a) Tactical: NIL.

(b) Topographical: Track in heavy state due to wet weather.

(c) Contacted 2/27 Bn at 1200 hrs.

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NO 37. Route No 2. D Coy.

2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
1 Aug 45.
Ref Maps: BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGGANG sheets 1:25000.

Patrol from D Coy to contact 2/7 Cav.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Grice) and 6 ORs.
Route Out: From 642694 to 6406 92 then to Cav at 633716.
Route In : From 6337 16 along Hwy to 640692 to Coy area.
Time Out 0830 hrs Time In : 1230 hrs.
INFORMATION:

(a) Tactical: NIL.
(b) Topographical: Road in good condition.
(c) Miscellaneous: Cav reported strong patrol to investigate enemy posn at 617761 and to observe result of airstrike on 31 Jul 45. Otherwise no change.

PATROL REPORT

PATROL NO 38 Route 4. A Coy

2/31 Aust Inf Bn
1 Aug 45.
Ref Maps: BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGGANG sheets 1:25000.

Patrol from A Coy through area to rear of Bn.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl O'Brien) and 5 ORs.
Time Out: 1230 hrs Time In1530 hrs.
Route out and in: As for patrol route No 4.

INFORMATION:

(a) Tactical: NIL.

(b) Topographical: As previously reported for this route.

(c) Miscellaneous: Nil:

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PATROL REPORT

PATROL NO 39. Route NO 3 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
Date 1 Aug 45.
Ref Maps: BALIKPAPAN SEPINGGANG 1:25000.

Patrol from HQ Coy to contact 2/25 Bn at SOEMBER KIRI.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Smith) and 7 ORs.
Route Out and In: As for patrol route No 3.
Time Out: 1000 hrs. Time In 1600 hrs.
INFORMATION:

(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topo: No clear tracks from 632698 up ABATE Along rail track numerous footpads leading into bush on either sides.
(c) On route back patrol investigated old track shown on map as leading NNE from 633695 to MILFORD HWY. This track ends approx 500yds from main rail track. Patrol then moved via overgrown track for about 200 yds up easy climb to MILFORD HWY. This is possible easy track to SOEMBER KIRI.

PATROL REPORT

REPRT NO 40. Route No 1. D Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
Ref Map. SEPINGGANG 1:25000.
Date 2 Aug 45.

Standing Patrol at ref 668701.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Anderson) and 8 ORs.
Relieved daily at 1200hrs.

INFORMATION:

(a) Tactical: Patrol est on h igh ground vic 668701 in pan previously prepared by the enemy. Intercomm: Est by line and 108 set. At 0930I two man patrol at 665699 killed one unarmed Jap who had been previously wounded in the leg and chest. On being searched his personal effects did not produce anything of value to Int.

PATROL REPORT

Report No 41. Patrol Route No 2 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
Ref Map SEPINGGANG 1:25000
Date: 2 Aug 45.

Patrol from HQ Coy to contact Cav.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Daly) and 6 ORs.
Route Out and In. As for patrol route No 2.
Time Out: 0830 hrs Time In: 1150 hrs.
INFORMATION:

(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) TOPO.: As previously reported for this route.
(c) Misc.: Nil.

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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NO 42. Route No 3. A Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
Date: 2 Aug 45.
Ref Maps: BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGGANG sheets 1:25000

Patrol ~~RXXXXX~~ from A COY To contact 2/25 Bn at SOMBER KIRI.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Cooper) and 5 ORs.
Route Out and In : As for patrol route No 3.
Time Out 1000 hrs Time In 1530 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topo.: A well defined track follows along spur from 634701 to AINT feature then SOUTH to POPES Track at 6956 95. (At 629701 a track branches off SOUTH to approx 6296 97.
(c) Misc.: Contacted I.O 2/25 Bn at 1230 hrs.
On return route followed POPES track to approx 636693 and then branched off on track running SOUTH to fwd slopes of CHARM. Then alon track EAST to Hwy.

PATROL REPORT

Report No 43. Route No 4. B Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
Date: 2 Aug 45.
Ref Maps: BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGGANG 1:25000.

Patrol from Bn to recce tracks in area rear of Bn.
Route Out: As for patrol route No 4.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Irwin) and 6 ORs.
Time Out 1230 hrs Time In 1500 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topo.: Nil.
(c) Misc.: Nil.

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NO 44 Route No 1. D Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
Date: 3 Aug 45.
Ref Map. BALIKPAPAN 1:25000

Standing Patrol at ref 668701;
Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Anderson) and 8 ORs.
Relived daily at 1200 hrs.

INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: Patrol spent quiet night. Relieved by patrol from HQ Coy at 031200I.
(b) Topo: Nil.
(c) Misc.: Nil.

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PATROL REPORT.

UNIT: 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
DATE: 3 Aug 45.
Ref Map: BALIKPAPAN--SEPINGANG
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Report NO 45. Route No. 2 A Coy.

Patrol from A Coy to contact Cav.
Patrol Str. 1 NCO (Cpl Foley) and 6 OR's.
Route Out and In. As for patrol route No 2.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topo: As previously reported for this route.
(c) Misc: Nil.

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PATROL REPORT.

Report No 46. C Coy. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
Route No 4 Date: 3 Aug 45.
Ref Maps: BALIKPAPAN--
SEPINGANG. 1:25000

Patrolfrom C Coy to ACE ACTOR ACRE ABED.
Patrolstr: 1 NCO (Cpl Kierle) and 6 OR's
Route Out: From Coy area to ACE ACTOR ACRE ABED MILFORD HIGHWAY.
Route In: SOUTH to area via MILF HWY.
Time Out 0830 hrs Time In 1500 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS and NO unoccupied enemy posns along route.
(b) Topo: Country heavily timbered NO evidence of a track. Creek crossing at 652703 20' wide 1' of water.
(c) Misc: Travelling very slow due to NO track.
Bearings: Coy to ACE 40° Mag.
ACE to ACTOR 65° Mag.
ACTOR to ACRE 360° Mag.
ACRE to ABED 270° Mag.

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PATROL REPORT.

Report No 47 Route No 2. B Coy. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
Date: 4 Aug 45.
Ref Map BALIKPAPAN
SEPINGANG
1:25000.

Patrol from B Coy to contact Cav.
Patrol Str 1 NCO (Cpl Baohm) and 6 OR's
Route Out and Route In as for patrol route No 2.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topo: As previously reported for this route.
(c) Misc: Nil.

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PATROL REPORT

Report No 48. D Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
ROUTE NO 4 Date: 4 Aug 45.
Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGANG
1:25000

Patrol from D Coy across features NORTH of Bn area.
Patrol Str: 1 NCO(Cpl Tobin) and 6 OR's.
Route Out and In As for report previously given.
Time Out 0830 hrs Time In 1330 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: At 651704 two sandshoe footprints seen, imprints possably two days old. NMS.
(b) Topo: At 655706 located a swamp area 30/40 yds wide. At 641710 there is a good track running along ABED to gun positions.
(c) Misc: Patrol blazed track.

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PATROL REPORT

Patrol No 49 Patrol Route 3 D Coy UNIT: 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
DATE: 5 Aug 45
Ref Map: BALIKPAPAN
SEPINGANG
Sheets 1:25000

Patrol from 642694 to contact 2/25 Bn at SOEMBER KIRI
Patrol Str 1 NCO and 6 OR's.
Route Out as for patrol route 3.
Time Out 1000 hrs Time In 1700 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical NMS
(b) Topo: Part of track under water waist deep from 609697 to 603696.
(c) Misc: Nil.

PATROL REPORT

Patrol No50 Patrol Rou te No 2 HQ Coy UNIT: 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
DATE: 6 Aug 45
Ref Map: BALIKPAPAN
SEPINGANG
Sheets 1:25000

Patrol from Coy area to contact 2/7 Cav Regt
Patrol Str 1 NCO and 6 OR's.
Route Out as for patrol route No 2.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time in 1200 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topo: Nil.
(c) Misc: Nil.

PATROL REPORT

Patrol No 51. Patrol Route No 3 HQ Coy UNIT: 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
DATE: 6 Aug 45
Ref Map: BALIKPAPAN
SEPINGANG
Sheets 1:25000

Patrol from Coy area to contact 2/25 Bn at SOEMBER KIRI.
Patrol Str 1 NCO (Cpl McCrystal) and 6 OR's.
Route Out as for patrol route No 3.
Time Out 0900hrs Time In 1330 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topo : Track under water in many places.
(c) Misc : On return there was firing from Arty posn down track so patrol returned via track at 633694.

PATROL REPORT

Patrol No 52 Patrol Route No 1 B Coy UNIT: 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
DATE: 6 Aug 45
Ref Map: SEPINGANG
1:25000

Standing Patrol at BONGIS.
Patrol Str 1 NCO (Cpl Mullins) and 8 OR's 1 SB 2 Sigs
Route Out as for patrol route No 1.
Time Out 050810I Time In 061940 I
INFORMATION:
(Tactical) NMS
(Topo) Track covered with water whilst patrol moving out but on return water had subsided. Track still very muddy.
(Misc) It is considered that the number of personnel is insufficient The sec posn is located on high ground at the junc of 3 tracks. To cover these tracks it is necessary for the men to be up to 30 yds apart. A LMG would be required covering each track to hold the posn. The surrounding country is covered with thick jungle. At dusk a large animal (thought to be a tiger) about 2'6" high came up the track in front of the BREN posn The animal turned into the jungle abouy 50 yards from the posn andcould be heard prowling around during the night.

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SKETCH of Sec POSN.

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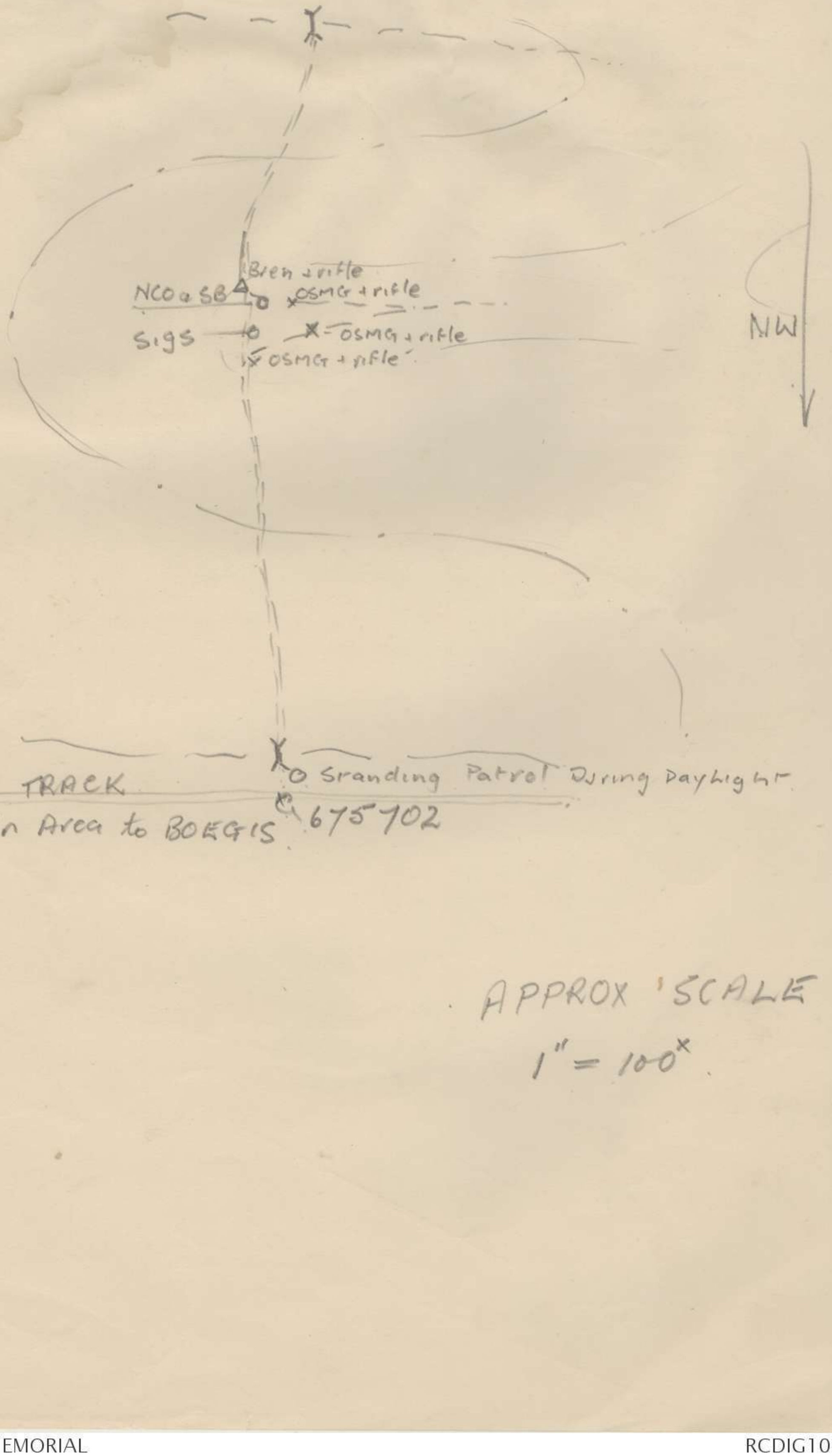
No 52.



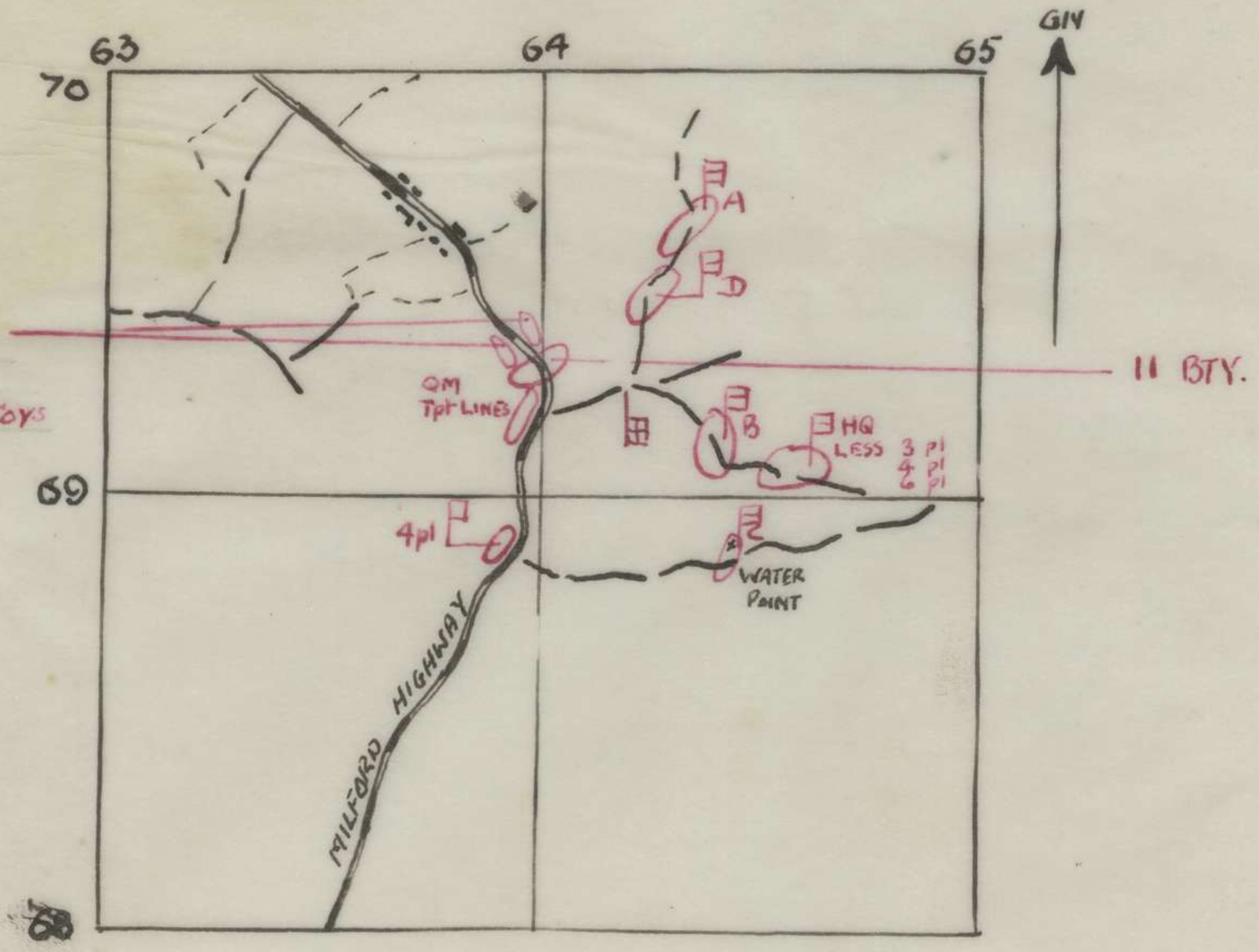
APPROX SCALE
1" = 100'

APPX B

DISPOSITION 2/3 AUST INF BN

FROM 6 AUG 45

REF MAP SEPINGGANG 1:25000



TWO PLATOONS
STANDING PATROL
ARTY PROTECTION.
(PROVIDED BY A B D COYS
IN ROTATION

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APPX C.

2/31 Aust Inf Bn
6 Aug 45.

PATROL ROSTER

1. Roster of Duties as per Daily Patrol Instruction issued on 27 Jul 45 is hereby cancelled.

2. The following amendment will apply as from 6 Aug 45:-

No. 1 Patrol :- Will be maintained by A-B-C-D Coys.
No. 2 Patrol :- " " " HQ Coy
No. 3 Patrol :- " " " HQ "
No. 4 Patrol :- " " " HQ "
No. 5 Patrol :- " " " A-B-C-D Coys.
No. 6 Patrol :- Cancelled.

3. Eng Working Party will conform with Roster as under.

DUTY ROSTER

PATROL	AUG	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1.		A	D	B	A	C	D	B	A	C	D
F.S		B	A	C	D	B	A	C	D	B	A
ENG.		A	D	B	HQ	C	D	B	A	HQ	C

NOTE: Coys will mount duty at the times previously stated and ON the day shown above.

DISTRIBUTION
CO
2 i/c
HQ Coy
A "
B "
C Coy
D "
ADJT
ASST/ADJT
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N.B. Whitworth LT
A/ADJT --- 2/31 AUST INF BN

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PATROL REPORT

Report No 52 — Patrol Route No 4 — HQ Coy — UNIT: 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
DATE: 6 Aug 45
Map ref Sheets BALIKPAPAN SEPINGANG 1:25000

Patrol from Coy area to ACE ACTOR ACRE ABED.
Patrol Str 1 NCO (Cpl Hocking) and 6 OR's
ROUTE OUT As for patrol route No 4.
Time Out 0930 hrs Time In 1500 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS
(b) Topo : As previously reported.
(c) Misc : Patrol lost their way and arrived on ACME so returned to area

PATROL REPORT

Report No 53 — Patrol Route No 1 — A Coy UNIT: 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
DATE: 7 Aug 45
Ref Map: SEPINGANG 1:25000

Patrol from A Coy to standing patrol position 678700
Route Out As previously reported.
Time Out 0609301 Time In 0712451
Patrol Str 1 NCO (Cpl Flint) and 8 OR's 2 sigs 1 SB.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical NMS.
(b) Topo As previously reported.
(c) Misc The area to be defended is considered a task too great for 1 sec. To protect the area the weapon pits have been sighted up to 20/25 yds apart which immediately makes communication at night very difficult. To effectively protect the position a larger patrol would be necessary.

PATROL REPORT

Report No 54 — Patrol Route No 2 — HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
7 Aug 45
Ref map BALIKPAPAN SEPINGANG 1:25000

Patrol from Coy area to contact 2/7 Cav
Patrol Str 1 NCO (Cpl Richards) and 6 OR's.
Route As for patrol route No 2
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1050 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical. NMS
(b) Topo : As previously reported for this patrol.
(c) Misc : Nil

PATROL REPORT

Report No55 — Patrol Route No 3 — HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
7 Aug 45
Ref map BALIKPAPAN 1:25000

Patrol from HQ Coy to contact 2/25 Bn at SOEMBER KIRI.
Patrol Str 1 NCO (Cpl Pitkin) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 3.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1430 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical NMS
(b) TOPO As previously reported.
(c) Misc Nil.

PATROL REPORT

Report No 56 — Patrol Route No4 — HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
7 Aug 45
Ref Map BALIKPAPAN SEPINGANG
Sheets 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area following route as previously reported.
Patrol Str 1 NCO (Sgt Dowling) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 4.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1330 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical; NMS
(b) Topo ; track very indistinct to ACRE thence on no track Heavy going
(c) Misc ; Nil

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PATROL REPORT

Patrol NO 57 Patrol Route No 2 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
DATE: 8 Aug 45
Ref Map SEPINGANG 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/7 Cav Regt.
Patrol Strength 1NCO (Cpl Richards) and 6 OR's.
Route Out and Route In as for patrol route No 2.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1050 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical:NMS. Cav report a patrol out at 0800 hrs contacted enemy at 617765 En cas 3 killed probably another 2. Own cas NIL. Patrol observed 1 enemy bunker and some laundry on line 1 Jap digging in.
(b) Topo : As previously reported.
(c) Misc : Nil

PATROL REPORT

Patrol No 58 Patrol route No 3 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
DATE: 8 Aug 45
Ref Maps SEPINGANG BALIKPAPAN

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/25 Aust Inf Bn at SOEMBER KIKI
Patrol Strength 1 NCO (Cpl McCrystal) and 6 OR's.
ROUTE OUT and ROTE IN as for patrol route No 3
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1400 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical:NMS.
(b) Topo :Tracks mainly firm but in many places muddy and under water
(c) Misc : NIL

PATROL REPORT

Patrol No 59 Patrol route No 4 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
DATE: 8 Aug 45
Ref Map SEPINGANG 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to ACE ACTOR ACRE ABED and then MILF HWY.
Patrol Strength 1 NCO (Cpl Hohnen) and 6OR's.
Route Out and Route In as for patrol route No 4.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1400 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topo : As previously reported for this patrol.
(c) Misc : Fresh footprints were noticed on track leding down from ABED, could have been made by no more than one or two men.

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PATROL REPORT

Patrol No 60 — Patrol route No 2 HQ Coy — 2/31 Aust Inf Bn — 9 Aug 45

Ref Map SEPINGGANG 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/7 Cav Regt.
Patrol Strength 1 NCO (Cpl Babarovitch) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol No 2.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1100 hrs.
INFORMATION:

(a) Tactical: NIL
(b) Topo : Unchanged as from past report.
(c) Misc : Cav reported that they made contact 3000 yards NORTH.

PATROL REPORT

Patrol No 63 — Patrol route No 3 HQ Coy — 2/31 Aust Inf Bn — 9 Aug 45

Ref map: SEPINGGANG BALIKPAPAN 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/25 Bn at SOMBER KIM.
Patrol Strength 1 NCO (Cpl Regan J) and6 OR'S
Route as for patrol route No 3.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1530 hrs.
INFORMATION:

(a) Tactical: NIL.
(b) Topo : Water lying on track between thologs. Several logs on track have rotted and over the cuttings it is dangerous.
(c) Misc : Nil.

PATROL REPORT

Patrol No 62 — Patrol route No 4 HQ Coy — 2/31 Aust Inf Bn — 9 Aug 45

Ref map: SEPINGGANG 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to ACE ACTOR ACRE ABED and then Milf Hwy.
Patrol Strength 1 NCO (Cpl Carroll) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 4.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1500 hrs.
INFORMATION:

(a) Tactical: NIL.
(b) Topo ; Could not follow track as previously taken but made way through heavy timber.
(c) Misc : Nil.

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Patrol No 63 PATROL REPORT 10 Aug45
Patrol route No 4 HQ Coy 2/31Aust Inf Bn
10 Aug 45
Ref Map SEPINGGANG 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area via Milf Hwy to ABED ACRE ACTOR ACE.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Corbett) and 6 OR's.
Route Reverse as for route No 4.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1415 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical:NMS
(b) Topo : Track very indistinct could not follow it and had to make way through heavy jungle.
(c) Misc : Nil.

PATROL REPORT

Patrol No 64
Patrol route No 2 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
11 Aug 45
Ref map SEPINGGANG 1: 25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/7 Cav Regt.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Hocking) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 2.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1115 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(A) Tactical: NMS.
(B) Topographical: Nil same as previously reported.
(C) Miscellaneous:NIL

PATROL REPORT

Patrol No 65
Patrol route No 3 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
11 Aug 45
Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN SEPINGGANG
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Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/25 Bn at SEMBER KIRI
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Kimlin) and 6 OR's.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1530 hrs
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topo ; As previously reported for this route Track still under water in several places.
(c) Misc: Nil.

Patrol No 66 Patrol route No4 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
11 Aug 45
Ref Map SEPINGGANG 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area as for route No 4
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Hocking) and 6 OR's.
Route as previously reported..
Time Out 0900 hrs TimeIN 1330 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topo : As previously reported.Track still under water in places.
(c) Misc : Nil

Patrol no.67 Patrol route No 3 HQ Coy 2/31 AustInf Bn
12 Aug 45
Ref Map SEPINGGANG 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/25 Bn at SOEMBER KIRI.
Patrol Strength 1 NCO (Cpl Smith) and6eR's
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1515 hrs.
INFORMATION
Tactical: NMS. Topo: Track under water in places. Misc: NIL.

Patrol No 68 Patrol route No 4 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
12 Aug 45
Ref Map SEPINGGANG 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area as for patrol route No 4.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Hohnen) and 6 OR's.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1400 hrs.
INFORMATION: Tactical: NMS Topo : As before. Misc : NIL.

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2/31 Aust Inf Bn
8 Aug 45

POSTINGS

In the light of personnel being discharged on Long Service grounds, the following Postings WEF 0908001 will be effected.

Personnel so posted will act as understudy pending discharge etc of personnel at present holding position.

BHQ	Asst/Adjt	-	Lt Beard
	RP Sjt	-	
	Sjt Hyg	-	L/Cpl Kofod
	Sjt AAMC	-	Sjt Pengilly
HQ COY			
Coy HQ	OC	-	Lt McGregor
	CSM	-	Sjt Pitkin
	CQMS	-	Cpl Sinclair
	Cpl Clerk	-	Pte Davidson
6 Pl	RQMS	-	A/Sjt Cumberland
	Tech Sjt	-	Pte Parkes
	Cpl (MT)	-	Pte Hitchen
	WOII Caterer	-	Sjt Croke
A COY			
Coy HQ	2 i/c	-	Lt Whitworth
	CSM	-	
	CQMS	-	
7 Pl	Pl Sjt	-	
8 Pl	Pl Sjt	-	
9 Pl	Pl Sjt	-	
B COY			
Coy HQ	2 i/c	-	Lt Fogo
	CSM	-	Sjt Bonney
	CQMS	L/Cpl	Farrell
	Cpl Clerk	-	
10 Pl	Pl Sjt	-	
11 Pl	Pl Sjt	-	
12 Pl	Pl Comd	-	Lt Ford
	Pl Sjt	-	
C COY			
Coy HQ	CSM	-	
	CQMS	-	Pte Mahon
	Cpl Clerk	-	
13 Pl	Pl Sjt	-	
14 Pl	Pl Sjt	-	
15 Pl	Pl Sjt	-	
D COY			
Coy HQ	2 i/c	-	Lt McDougall
	CSM	-	
	CQMS	-	
16 Pl	Pl Sjt	-	
17 Pl	Pl Sjt	-	

DISTRIBUTION :

CO
2 i/c
HQ Coy
A "
B "
C "
D "
RMO
QM
ADJT
TO
IO
ASST/ADJT
WAR DIARY (2)
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A.B.A. Whitworth LT
A/ADJT --- 2/31 AUST INF BN.

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APPX E

2/31 Aust Inf Bn
14 Aug 45.

PATROL ROSTER

1. Roster as issued on 6 Aug 45 is hereby cancelled.

2. The following will apply as from and incl 15 Aug 45 :-

No. 1 Patrol :- Will be maintained by A B C & D Coys

No. 2 Patrol :- " " " " HQ Coy

No. 3 Patrol :- " " " " HQ "

No. 4 Patrol :- " " " " HQ "

No. 5 Patrol :- 1 Coy of ~~xxxx~~ 2/33 Aust Inf Bn

No. 6 Patrol :- New water point near "B" Coy will be maintained by A B C & D Coy.

No. 7 Eng W/Party: Will be maintained by A B C & D Coy.

3. DUTY ROSTER

AUG	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
No. 1 Patrol	B	D	C	A	B	D	C
No. 6 Patrol	A	B	D	C	A	B	D
No. 7 Eng W/Party	C	A	B	D	C	A	B

NOTE: Times of mounting duty will remain as previously stated except for No. 6 Patrol which will mount at 1600 hrs daily.

4. Bn Working Parties :
All Coys will be advised by Adjt on the evening prior as to other W/parties required for the following day.

DISTRIBUTION

CO
2 i/c
A/ADJT
IO
HQ COY
A "
B "
QM
ADJT
RSM
WAR DIARY (2)
C COY
D "
FILE

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A/ADJT---2/31 AUST INF BN

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PATROL REPORT

Patrol report No 69 Route No 2 Hq Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
13 Aug 45
Ref map SEPINGGANG 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/7 Cav Regt.
Patrol strength 1NCO (Cpl Newman) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No. 2.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1100 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical NMS
(b) Topo As previously reported.
(c) Misc Cav report that the enemy is on the move back.

Patrol report NO 70. Route No 3 Hq Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
13 Aug 45
Ref map BALIKPAPAN SEPINGGANG
1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/25 Bn at SOMBER KIKI.
Patrol strength 1 NCO(Cpl Shepherd) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 3.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1630 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical NMS
(b) Topo As previously reported.
(c) Misc Nil.

Patrol reportNO 71. Route NO 4 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
13 Aug 45
Ref Map BALIKPAPAN 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to ACE ACTOR ACRE ABED.
Patrol strength 1 NCO and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 4.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1330.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topo : Patrol followed well defined track, easy going.
(c) Misc : Several orang utangs sighted, otherwise nothing to report

Patrol report No 72. Route No 2 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
14 Aug 45
Ref map BALIKPAPAN 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/7 Cav Regt.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Pitkin) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 2.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1100 hrs.
INFORMATION : As previously reported.

Patrol report No 73. Route No 3 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
14 Aug 45.
Ref Maps BALIKPAPAN
SEPINGGANG 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/25 Bn at SOMBER KIKI.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Sgt King) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 3.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1445 hrs.
INFORMATION: As previously reported, NO change.

Patrol report No 74 Route No 2 Hq Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
15 Aug 45.
Ref map BALIKPAPAN 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/7 Cav Regt.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Richards) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 2.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1020 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical; Cav reported 1 Jap seen on road forward of 2/3 Cav Sqn.
(b) Topo : As per report given before.
(c) Misc : Nil.

Patrol report No 75 Route No 3 Hq Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
15 Aug 45;
Ref map BALIKPAPAN

- from Bn area to contact

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Patrolreport No 75 cont inued.
Patrol Strength 1 NCO (Cpl Regan) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 3.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1330 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topo : As previously reported.
(c) Misc : Tracks of 2 Japs moving EAST on POPES track 300 yards from sawmill. Turned into scrub before reaching sawmill.

Patrol report No 76. Patrol route No 4. HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
15 Aug 45.
Ref map BALIKPAPAN.
1:25000.

Patrol from Bn area to ACE ACTOR ACRE ABED.
Patrol strength 1NCO (Cpl Kimlin) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 4.
Time Out 0900 hrs TimeIn 1345 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical : NMS
(b) Topo : As previously reported.
(c) Misc : Nothing further to report.

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PATROL REPORT. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn

Report No 77 Route No 2 HQ Coy 16 Aug 45

Ref Map BALIKPAPAN 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/7 Cav Regt.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Day) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 2.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1100 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topo : As reported previously.
(c) Misc : Cav report about jeep being ambushed at 26 Kilo mark.

Report No 78 Route No 3 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
16 Aug 45
Ref Map BALIKPAPAN 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/25 Bn at SOMBER KIRI.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Smith) abd 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 3.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1400 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topo : As previously reported.
(c) Misc : Nothing further to report.

Report No 79 Route No 4 HQCoy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
16 Aug 45
Ref Map BALIKPAPAN.

Patrol from Bn area to ACE ACTOR ACRE ABED.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Dean) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route NO 4.
TIme Out 0900 hrs. Time In 1230 hrs.
INFOMMATION:
(a) Tactical : NMS.
(b) Topo : As reported previously for this route.
(c) Misc : Nothing further to report.

Report No 80
Route No 3 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
17 Aug 45.
Ref Map BALIKRAPAN. 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/25 Bn at SOMBER KIRI.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Shepperd) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 3.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1530 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical: NMS.
(b) Topo : As previously reported for this route.
(c) Misc : Nothing further to report.

Report No 80 Route No 4 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
17 Aug 45.
Ref Map BALIKPAPAN. 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to ACE ACTOR ACRE ABED.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Staff) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 4.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1450 hrs.
INFORMATION:
(a) Tactical : NMS.
(b) Topo : As reported previously for this route.
(c) Misc : Nothing further to report.

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Patrol No 82 Patrol report Route No 2 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
18 Aug 45
Ref Map BALIKPAPAN 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/7 Cav Regt.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Carroll) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 2.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1045 hrs.
INFORMATION:NIL

Patrol No 83 Patrol report route No 3 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
18 Aug 45.
Ref Map Balikpapan 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/25 Bn at SOEMBER KIKI.
Patrol strength 1 NCO(Cpl Kimlin) and 6 OR's.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1500 hrs.
Route as for patrol route No 3.
INFORMATION:NIL.

Patrol 84 Patrol report route No 4 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
18 Aug 45.
Ref Map BALIKPAPAN. 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to ACE ACTOR ACRE ABED.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Corbett) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route NO 4.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1420 hrs.
INFORMATION: NIL.

Patrol Report No 85 Patrol route No 2 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust InfBn
19 Aug 45
Ref Map BALIKPAPAN 1:25000

Patrol fro m Bn area to contact 2/7 Cav Regt.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl McCrystal) and 6 OR's.
Patrol route as for patrol route No2.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1100 hrs.
INFORMATION: NIL.

Patrol report No 86. Patrol route No 3 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
19 Aug 45
Ref Map BALIKPAPAN.1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/25 Bn at SOEMBER KIKI.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Babarovitch) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 3.
Time Out 0900 hrs. Time In 1345 hrs.
INFORMATION: NIL

Patrol report No 87. Patrol route No 4 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.
19 Aug 45
Ref Map BALIKPAPAN 1:25000.

Patrol from Bn area to XXXX ACE ACTOR ACRE ABED.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Smith) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 4.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1445 hrs.
INFORMATION:(a)Tactical:NIL (b)Topo:No change. (c)Misc :Number of fresh tks seen heading N EAST unto ACTOR. Disappeared off track into bush.

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2/31 Aust Inf Bn
20 Aug 45.

PATROL ROSTER

1. The following roster will apply as from and incl 21 ~~Aug~~ Aug 45.

No. 1 Patrol will be maintained by A.B.C. & D Coys.
No. 2 " " " " " HQ Coy
No. 3 " " " " " HQ Coy
No. 4 " " " " " HQ Coy
No. 5 " (Arty) " " " " A. B. C. & D Coys
No. 6 " C Coy
No. 7 Eng W/Party will be maintained by All Coys.

DUTY ROSTER

Aug	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
No. 1 Patrol	C	A	B	D	C	A	B
No. 5 Patrol	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
No. 7 ~~xxxxxx~~ Eng W/Party	HQ	B	A	HQ	D	-	C

Note : Times of mounting of duty as previously stated in patrol Instr of 28 Jul 45.

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Patrol Report No 88, Patrol route No 2 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
20 Aug 45.
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Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/7 Cav Regt.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Pitkin) and 6 OR's.
Time Out 0900 hrs Time In 1100 hrs.
Route as for patrol route No 2.
INFORMATION:NIL

Patrol Report No 89 Patrol Route No 3 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
20 Aug 45
BALIKPAPAN. 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to contact 2/25 Bn at SOEMBER KIRI.
Patrol strebgth 1 NCO (L/Cpl Noonan) and 6 OR's.
ROUTEAS FOR PATROL ROUTE 3.
Time Out 0900 hrs. Time In 1500 hrs.
INFORMATON : NIL

Patrol report No90 Patrol route No 4 HQ Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
20 Aug 45.
BALIKPAPAN. 1:25000

Patrol from Bn area to ACE ACTOR ACRE ABED.
Patrol strength 1 NCO (Cpl Richards) and 6 OR's.
Route as for patrol route No 4.
Time Out 0900 hrs. Time In 1400 hrs.
INFORMATION: (a) Tactical:NMS. (b) Topo:NO CHANGE (c) Misc:Located 2 nativeson EASTERN slope of ABED. On interrogation natives were found to have been living in the jungle for two months.

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APPX G.
War Diary

2/31 Aust Inf Bn
27 Aug 45

PATROL ROSTER

1. The following roster will apply as from and including 28 Aug 45 :

No. 1 Patrol will be maintained by ABCD Coys

No. 2 Patrol " " " " HQ "

No. 3 Patrol " " " " HQ

No. 4 Patrol " " " " HQ

No. 5 Patrol Cancelled Cancelled

No. 6 Patrol will be maintained by C Coy

No. 7 Eng/W/Party " " ABCD Coys

DUTY ROSTER

	Aug				Sept		
No. 1 Patrol	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	C	A	B	D	C	A	B
No. 7 Eng/W/Party	B	D	A	C	B	-	D

NOTE: Times of mounting as previously stated.

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2/31 Aust Inf Bn
28 Aug 45

PATROL DUTY ROSTER

1. The Duty Roster issued 27 Aug has been amended and is as follows :

	AUG				SEP			
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
No. 1 Patrol	D	C	A	B	D	C	A	B
No. 7 ENG/W/Party	B	A	D	C	B	-	D	A

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS — PART 1 — Issue No. 491 (675)

HQ-COY H.Q. COMD ADJT — HQ COMD 2/31 AUST INF BDE

HEADQUARTERS — BALIKPAPAN — 4 AUGUST 45

675 DETAILABLE DRILL

1. Fatal accidents have been caused by petrol and other inflammable fluids being used for lighting or boosting fires.
2. This practice will cease and under no circumstances will inflammable fluids be used for this purpose.
3. Coys will ensure that inflammable fluids are not brought in close proximity of naked flame whereby damage might be caused to equipment or personnel.

676 TROOPS CARRIED IN VEHICLES

Several instances have occurred recently, of troops being carried in the rear of vehicles containing natives proceeding on working parties.

In future, troops will not travel in the rear of vehicles in the company of natives.

677 DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCE CONTINUED IN RESPECT OF CHILDREN OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE RECEIVING FULL-TIME EDUCATION

Approval has been given for continuing the payment of dependants allowance in respect of children dependant upon a member after they have reached the age of 16 until they are 18 years of age if they are receiving full-time education at a school or university.

The approval will take effect on and from 11 July 1945 and will apply to children who have reached the age of 16 years at that date or who subsequently attain that age. Payment will be subject to the conditions of War Financial Regulations.

As regards children who have not yet reached the age of 16 years, the DLO paying the allotment will advise the allottee of the extension now notified some time prior to each child attaining the age of 16 years and the allottee will be invited to make application for payment if applicable.

Any member whose children have already attained the age of 16 years and who are entitled to receive dependants allowance in accordance with this approval should arrange for his allottee to make application to the DLO paying his allotment.

A/ADJT — HQ COMD 2/31 AUST INF BDE

PROMOTIONS — PART 2

[illegible] 31843	Pte	[illegible]	J.J.	(HQ)	To be	A/Cpl	wef	10/7/45
SX 2093	L/Cpl	[illegible]	L.G.	C	"	"	"	12/7/45
QX 33055	"	[illegible]	R.I.	A	"	CPL	"	11/7/45
[illegible] 92395	Pte	COSTELLO	B.	A	"	A/Cpl	"	"
VX 13903	L/Cpl	COOPER	E.J.	A	"	CPL	"	"
[illegible] 135290	"	[illegible]	L.	A	"	"	"	"
[illegible] 90457	Cpl	PEARSON	A.A.	A	"	L/Sjt	"	"
[illegible] 91969	Pte	[illegible]	F.V.	(HQ)	(AASC)	CPL	"	3/7/45
VX 105017	"	[illegible]	T.R.	D	"	"	"	"

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I.F.-OOC. H.Q., ROSSON D50 — OO D 3/31 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD — ERDA — 10 AUGUST 45

678. PERSONNEL MARCHING OUT TO GDPs

Coys will ensure that all personnel on marching out for movement to GDOs will carry cots folding and nets mos uito and as issued on AMF F204.

679. DISCHARGE ON OCCUPATIONAL GROUNDS

1. Eligibility:- Application for discharge for the purpose of resuming civil employment in essential industries (hereinafter called "discharge on occupational grounds") will be accepted from members included in any one of the following categories :-

(i) Those, irrespective of age, medical classification or area in which serving, who have completed 4 years' full time service, some of which has been service overseas.

(ii) Those, irrespective of age, medical classification, length of service or area in which serving, who have attained their 35th birthday.

2. Restrictions on approval:- An application for discharge on occupational grounds will not be approved unless -

(i) It is recommended by the Director-General of Man Power or his deputy in the State in which the member desires to resume civil employment;

(ii) The member does not come within the category of "key personnel", as defined by para 3 of this order.

(iii) The application for discharge having been initiated by a prospective employer or the Director-General of Man Power or one of his deputies, the member himself concurs in writing.

(iv) Inthe case of a member serving outside the mainland of Australia and Tasmania, his discharge is approved by IH.,.

J. LT
A/ADJT--2/31 AUST INF BN

PART II

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

TX 9176	Pte	ANDERSON	A.	(D)	to be	L/Cpl	WEF	10/7/45
VX 199	A/S/Sjt	SPENCE	A.J.	(B)	"	S/Sjt	"	31/7/45
VX 16147	Cpl	COOKE	W.E.	(HQ)	"	Sjt	"	29/7/45
VX 82420	Pte	DAFT	A.C.	(HQ)	"	Cpl	"	31/7/45
QX 27561	L/Cpl	RUDDELL	C.N.	(B)	"	Cpl	"	9/7/45
QX 115113	Cpl	ARMIT	R.W.	(HQ)	"	A/Sjt	"	31/7/45
VX 43769	"	CUMBERLAND	A.H.	(C)	"	A/Sjt	"	6/7/45

TRADE GROUPING

TX 9106	Pte	CHEAVER	D.L.	(HQ)	"	"	T/Gnr (Carpenter) WEF 4/8/45

TRANSFERS

VX 98821	Pte	CAVE	E.D.	(D)	SOS	1/8/45	Evac	2/4	Fd	Amb
VX 93513	"	HESKETT	R.W.	(C)	"	"	"	"	"	"
VX 86351	"	HAMILTON	D.C.	(C)	"	"	"	"	"	"
VX 39323	"	HOWARD	S.S.	(C)	TOS	2/8/45	From	2/4	Fd	Amb
NX172446	"	JONES	J.W.	(D)	"	"	"	2/5	AGH	
VX 12372	Cpl	CHAMPION	W.J.	(B)	"	"	"	"	"	

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 ISSUE NO 493 (680)
by
LT-COL E.M. ROBSON - DSO COMD 2/31 AUST INF BN.

IN THE FIELD FRIDAY 17 AUG 45

AAES----CLASSES----PRE-RELEASE PERIOD

1. As part of the Educational plan for the Pre-release period it is intended to conduct classes in units by qualified instructors as follows:-

(i) Classes in basic subjects such as English and Arithmetic.
(ii) Classes aimed at supplementing Correspondence Courses undertaken by members, but not restricted to personnel enrolled for such Correspondence Courses.
(iii) Classes in workshops in pre-vocational subjects such as basic woodwork, metal work, leather work etc.
(iv) Classes in specialised subjects.

2. The Education Plan does not set out to train men for jobs, nor put men in jobs, but the primary consideration is to ensure that, during this pre-release period, personnel are occupied in a manner which will be benificial both from mental and physical aspects and of assistance in their rehabilitation in civil life.

3. In order that this plan may be put into effect on a date to be notified, Coys will submit by 1800 hrs 18 Aug 45 the following returns.

A. (i) NO RANK NAME of personnel prepared to act as instructors.
(ii) The subject in which they desire to instruct.
(iii) The standard of grade of instruction.

B. (i) NO RANK NAME of personnel desiring instruction.
(ii) The subject in which they desire to be instructed.
(iii) The Standard or grade of instruction they desire to reach.

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War Diary

2/31 Aust Inf Bn
7 Aug 45

MEDICAL AND HYGIENE INSTR No. 5

1. MOSQUITO REPELLENT

From and inclusive 8 AuG 45, muster Parades will be held by sub-units at the undermentioned times and repellent will be applied. Weekly Atebrin certificate will henceforth certify aslo as to compliance with these provisions.

TIMES 0700
1230
1730
1900.

2. POTATOES

Henceforth all potatoes will be cooked in their skins. Pending cooking, potatoes will be placed in cook houses or ration stores in racks, to be fly-proof covered and to permit of free access of the air.

3. EMERGENCY WATER

Sub-units will forthwith install 3 x 44gal drums in their areas. The drum will have bottom cut out and will be sunk in low lying ground with 1' of the drum remaining above the surface. Normal will be attached to each drum.

This water is NOT to be used except on the authority of RMO who will supervise purifying.

H.A. Ellsworth LT
A/ADJT ------ 2/31 AUST INF BN.

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MEDICAL AID HYGIENE INSTR No. 6

1. ANTI-MOSQUITO PRECAUTIONS

(a) As a further measure to destroy the maximum number of adult mosquitoes attracted indoors, all tents and buildings will be sprayed daily at the undermentioned timer with either Dispensers Aerosol or mosquito spray :-

(i) 15 minutes before Reveille
(ii) 1315 hours
(iii) 1900 hours

(b) The spraying will be done by senior member in each tent.

(c) Dengue carrying mosquitoes also rest in grass and low undergrowth. All grass will therefore be kept as short as possible in and within a radius of 100 feet of all camps and scrub cleared for a further 200 feet.

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~~Lt.Col.~~ Comd 2/3I Aust Inf Bn

Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 0630 hrs 1Sep45 *To* 0930 4Sep45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	1Sep	0600	Norman pats NMS/	
	2Sep	0845	Church pde. Normal pats NMS. CO to Bde.	
		1000	News of Japs signing surrender came through wireless. 5 Jap officers met 2/I Pnr Bn and arranged to meet them at the same spot tomarrow with interpreter. Officers were carrying swords. Tac/R reports white flags SAMARINDA area. Natives repor t them destroying arms.	
	3Sep		2/I Pnr Bn met R/A YAMIRA. The G3I came back empty handed and empty headed. Normal pats NMS. 2/3I Aust Inf Bn Adm Inst No I issued.	APPX A.
	4Sep	0930	Brig WOODS visits Bn.	
		1430	Contact established wi th Vice Admiral KAMADA by wireless 040900I. Envoy ordered to report 5Sep45. During preliminary parley strict control will be necessary to prevent interference	

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W S Hall Maj, Lt. Col.
Comd 2/3I Aust Inf Bn

Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 0930 4Sep45 *To* 9Sep45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN			By curiosity of unauthorised persons or Aust and Allies. Normal pats NMS. Persons LOB to remain here move to beach area re adm instr.	
	5Sep		Envoy from Vice Admiral KAMADA reports to 7 Aust Div for instructions. Bn routine pats NMS.	
	6Sep		20 pers under Lt FORD who are to remain LOB move by MT to beach area.	
	7Sep		Maj Hall Bn 2/ic moves out to 7 Aust Div with intention of proceeding by PT boat to a rendezvous ofr BANDJERMASIN where he will pick up envoys from Japs to receive surrender instrs.	
	8Sep45		Two NICA or's report to Bn from vic BACON SP. Report seeing two Japs who appeared to be starving approx. seven kilos E along POPES TK. Patrol to investigate 9 Sep. Routine pats NMS.	
	9 Sep		Church Pde. Patrol of four with 2 NICA Reps move out to bring in 2 Japs reported 8 Sep	

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Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* IO Sep 45 *To* I230 I2 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	IOSep		CO orders sentries to be reduced to one per Pl and Coy HQ. 5 OR's move to 7 Div Reception Camp for onward movement under 5 year release plan.	
		I330	Maj HALL Bn 2i/c returns after meeting Jap envoys at BANDJERMASIN and escorting them to 7 Aust Div.	
	II		Bn ordered to move to 7 Div Reception Camp at BALIKPAPAN as preliminary move before embarking for BANDJERMASIN. Time of move I2I230I. Bn begins packing. All routine pats for I2 Sep cancelled. Standing patrol at BACON to return I20800I with all gear. 2/3I Op Instr NoI for BANDJERMASIN move issued.	
	I2		300 Japs who had been opposing Bn advance prior to surrender being signed move through Bn lines on way to PW compound.	
		I230	Bn begins move to 7 Aust Div Reception Camp in BALIKPAPAN by MT. Move U/C Maj HAYES O.M. A B C D HQ BHQ.	

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Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* I230 I2Sep45 *To* I700 I4 Sep45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	I2 Sep	I230	All units att for move to BANDJERMASIN to concentrate at 7 Div Reception Camp by I2I700I.	
		I700	Bn move to reception camp complete, with exception of CO Adjt, and office pers, who remained in present camp. Working party move out to wharf as loading party.	
	I3	II00	CO, Adjt and 2i/c arrive 7 Div Reception Camp.	
		I400	Det 2/I MG Bn move to wharf and embark on Corvette HMAS INVERELL.	
		I700	HMAS INVERELL receives orders to return to MORATAI. 2/I MG Bn pers return to 7 Div Reception Camp.	
		I800	6 LST's with Bn stores under escort of HMAL I359 sail from BALIKPAPAN for BANDJERMASIN.	
	I4	0900	Adv party of I offr and 6 OR's for each of BURDEKIN AND GASCOYNE proceed on board. Tps spend day on beach swimming and sunbaking.	
		I700	CO's conference - Orders for I5 Sep. Rev 0430. Tps to move in 2 parties.	

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Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* I700 I4 Sep 45 *To* 0800 I6 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BALIKPAPAN	I4 Sep	I700	Times as follows: BURDEKIN pers. breakfast 0500 embark 0545	
			GASCOYNE pers breakfast 0530 embark 06I5.	
	I5	0700	Pers embark on HMAS BURDEKIN.	
		0730	Pers embark on HMAS GASCOYNE.	
		0830	Both ships move out for BANDJERMASIN.	
			All tps about 400 on each ship carried as deck passengers.	
			Quarters crowded but as weather was fine and sea quiet all	
			tps were reasonably comfortable.	
AT SEA	I6	0230	BURDEKIN AND GASCOYNE pass LST convoy. These had been delayed	
			and were making slow time owing to engine trouble on one of the LST.	
			Speed of convoy limited to 5 knots. GASCOYNE to remain with LSTs.	
			BURDEKIN proceeds to BANDJERMASIN.	
		0800	BURDEKIN anchors 4 miles off mouth of BARITO S where Jap envoy	
			was to meet convoy and act as guide to BANDJERMASIN/	

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Comd 2/3I Aust Inf Bn

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Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* I000 I6 Sep 45 *To* I730 I6 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AT SEA	I6	I000	Ship's pinnace to take soundings of the bar across the river mouth. As yet no sign of the Jap envoy.	
		I530	GASCOYNE and LSTs arrive and anchor off the mouth of the BARITO S.	
		I600	Pinnace returns accompanied by Jap landing barge flying a black flag and carrying the envoy. The barge contained the harbor-master of BANDJERMASIN with gifts of bananas and mandarins for Col. ROBSON.	
		I700	Envoy returns to his barge after receiving Lt Col ROBSON's orders to return at I70800I to guide the convoy up the BARITO S to BANDJERMASIN.	
		I730	CO's orders for I7th. Reveille 0430. All tps to be ready to embark on LST and "Ducks" (DUKWS) by 0545.	

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W.S. Dack Lt Col
Comd 2/3I Aust Inf Bn

Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 0730 I7 Sep45 *To* 0945 I7 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BANDJERMASIN	I7 Sep	0730	All pers embarked on the 6 LSTs and HMAL I359, the Jap tug circling until the convoy wad ready.	
		0745	Convoy led by Jap moved off toward mouth of BARITO S HMAL I359 carried CO and comd gp towing 3 DUKWS.	
		0945	Convoy reaches mouth of the BARITO S which is two miles wide at this point. The sand bar approx 5 miles off shore prevented the larger vessels, those with over I2 ft draft, from entering. As the convoy wended its way up the river, small prahoes started poking their noses through the swamp vegetation bordering the river. Throughout the latter part of the I7 mile trip the Bn received a warm welcome from the Indonesion villages lining the banks of the river. As the convoy approached the government wharf the scene with small craft and gay colours everywhere brought to mind regatta day.	

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Comd 2/3I Aust Inf Bn

Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 0945 I7 Sep45 *To* I5I5 I7 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BANDJERMASIN	I7 Sep	0945	Piece de resistandce came when a Union Jack and the Stars and Striped were waved from the cheering crowd.	
		I345	Convoy pulled into KPM wharf BANDJERMASIN where official party was met by Capt GOTO, Chief of Adm, and arrangements were made for the moving of 2000 Japanese tps by I8I300. Maj Gen UNO, although present, was not called until tete et tete was almost completed and even then, Col ROBSON did not directly address him. Before entering the building to give GOTO his instrs Lt Col ROBSON met two offrs from the I5th Punjab Regt and two Dutch internees who expressed their gratitude for their release.	
		I5I5	ORDERS: A.B. Engrs IO Pl MGs, surrender pde arranged for I8I200I All stores to be unloaded as soon as possible. Instrs to GOTO. Maj Gen UNO is to remain with Capt GOTO and Staff offrs in BANDJERMASIN/	

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Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* I5I5 I7 Sep 45 *To* I5I5 I7 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BANDJERMASIN	I7 Sep	I5I5	Gen UNO with SO to be present at formal surrender UNO. UNO will retain sword until tomorrow - only UNO. All Jap prisoners will be treated humanely but sternly. Any disturbance will be severely dealt with. 2000 tps to be in BANDJERMASIN by I400 I offr from Gen staff and guards to remain. Jap guards to be relieved I8th. Med orderlies for 6 ships. Rations for 4 days. Pers gear, no arms. Water to be carried. Capt GOTO to report HQ I80800I. When the orders had been given the CO took his place at head of his tps and the march to the GARAN Hotel began. The skirl of bagpipes mingled with the overwhelming cheers of a welcoming populace as the Bn marched through the thronged streets of BANDJERMASIN. A most moving tribute was given by the Chinese community. Dressed in spotless white ducks with Chinese Republic rosettes on their breasts they stood in cheering	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BANDJERMASIN	I7 Sep	I5I5	ranks behind a banner inscribed WELCOME - CHINESE COMMUNITY under which sat their venerable leaders, two 80 year old men wearing black bowler hats. Through an English speaking Chinese they gave the following personal message. " Our heartiest congratulations to your victory. We greet you you heartily on your safe entry to this city to free us from the tyranny and savagery of the Japanese. They killed many of our best people. We have lived every day afraid of arrest, torture and death. Today we live! We thank you heartily." As the Bn marched through the heart of the city every Chinese waved flags simply inscribed WELCOME/ The free spirit of China that the Japs could never conquer had found joyous expression even in this tropical outpost.	

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Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 0930 I8 Sep 45 *To* 1200 18 Sep. 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BANDJERMASIN	I8	Ø930	Orders to NICA to take over from Jap governor at adm office. Time of surrender to be notified by I000 hrs. Swords of staff offrs and GOTO to the CO by I230. 0700 planks for decking by boat to govt wharf. Town gd taken over by 0930. Rep to see CO I000 hrs for details of surrender. 0900 one sec of D Coy to relieve Jap gd at crashed plane.	
		I000	Alll Jap gds in BANDJERMASIN relieved and marched to compound situated at tennis courts on local sports ground.	
		1200	The pde implementing the surrender was held on the local sports ground and witnessed by 200 Jap PWs. Facing them in pride of place were 65 British Indians of the II5th Punjab Regt. and the field was bordered by cheering locals. The Bn marched on formed a squarein the centre of which were the flag poles on which the Allied flags were raised to the general salute.	

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Unit 2/31 Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 1200 18 Sep 45 *To* 18 Sep 45 1200

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BANDJERMASIN	18	1200	The CO then addressed the Japs.	
			" Are you Maj Gen UNO?"	
			" Yes"	
			" Are you comdr of all Japanese forces in BANDJERMASIN ?"	
			"Yes"	
			" Do you understand that your empire has been totally defeated in the war it provoked against the Allies and are you aware that the Emperor has surrendered unconditionally the Jap Army Navy and Air Forces and the whole of the Jap empire. Do you understand that also on this parade in addition to the Aust forces there are representatives of RAN USN HOLLAND AND the CHINESE and in pride of place are the British Indians who were for many years your PWs."	
			The CO then addressed the whole parade.	

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Comd 2/31 Aust Inf Bn

Unit 2/31 Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 1200 18 Sep 45 *To* 1200 18 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BANDJERMASIN	18	12000	"Maj Gen Uno will place his sword at a distance of three paces from my feet in token of surrender." Maj Gen UNO obeyed. "Do you understand also that as our prisoners you will be treated humanely but any disobedience by yourself or your men will be treated immediately without mercy." As the Bn marched off Chinese and Indionesians swarmed after them across the field cheering wildly. The small statured Japs with bowed heads were a poor contrast to the proudly marching Austtralians.	
		1500	C/O explains method of tpt movement to BALIKPAPAN. No more Japs will be moved to BALIKPAPAN for 10 days . Capt GOTO to supply statement of all tpts and their posns,no of sick and whether recieving care and attention.Capt GOTO tobe in charge of all tpts remaining in area and MARTAPOERA. Naval	

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Comd 2/3I Aust Inf Bn

Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* I500 ~~I2~~ 8 Sept 45 *To* 1330 19 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BANDJERMASIN	~~I2~~ 8	I500	Mil and civilian. He is to retain present HQ and tps. GOTO HQ Intpr and IO. DANASULAK 500 civilians. All Jap civilians in this area to be protected. All Jap tps to report to Grand Hotel. I90900I	
	I9		Message redd from 7 Div Gen MILFORD to visit BANDJERMASIN eta II30.	
		0900	Party to move out to relieve Jap gds at seaplane base and see taxi-way is clear.	
		I030	CO moves out to seaplane base to meet Gen MILFORD/	
		I200	Gen arrives at BHQ, the band and gd turn out for inspection. He lunched with CO and coy comdrs and went for a trip round the town area.	
		I330	Tps to MARTAPOERA and intpr to be met by senior Jap officials and be shown all dumps. The Jap gds will be relieved and then concentrated MARTAPOERA (DANASALAK). Intpr to bring back two other intprs.	

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Unit 2/31 Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 1330 19 Sep 45 *To* 0900 20 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BANDJERMASIN	19	1600	C Coy warned by CO to move to MARTAPOERA.on the 20th. D Coy to relieve C Coy posns in BANDJERMASIN by 2008451	
	20	0900	Orders C Coy. 2 Pls plus normal weapons and amn. 4 and 108 plus 2 sig sets and coy set, 10 mls of wire, 2 phones and coy phone 4 sigs to operate phones and civilian exchange. Engrs - 1 NCO and 4 for water test and r ecce. FSS - Sgt CAIRNS and ATIS Intpr plus 2 Jap Intprs MO and 3. Tpt. 3 DUKWS, 1 3 ton , 1 Jeep, 2 Pl Jeeps. TASKS. Take over HQ and establish own. Check stores for posn and condition and that numbers are correct. Continue conc of civilians and dumps. Installations to be checked. Capt GOTO instr to provide nominal roll of all Japs, Army Navy and civilian in BANDJERMASIN MARTAPOERA areas. Total of 141 Jap nationals in BANDJERMASIN living in vic of old Jap HQ/This area has been placed out-of-bounds to Aust Tps.	

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Comd 2/31 Aust Inf Bn

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Unit 2/31 Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 0930 21 Sep 45 *To* 1000 22 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BANDJERMASIN	21	0930	I Pl 2/I MG Bn to relieve HQ Coy gd posts at radio sta.	
		I345	Municipal bldgs incl Java Bank, coal and oil dumps and power house under Aust Gd.	
		I400	200 Dutch PWs and Internees arrived from POEROUK TJAHOE with I7 Jap gds with their arms.	
	22	0900	CO and party visited released PWs in our own and NICA hospitals The Dutch soldiers were suffering from malnutrition and malaria and some had bad skin diseases.	APPX B.
		I000	CO and party to Jap HQ where he publicly denounced GOTO and staff. He told Japs they would be held responsible for the condition of released PWs. and proper action would be taken to deal with the perpetrators of the atrocities. He then ordered that the Japs remaining in BANDJERMASIN would mar ch to MARTAPOERA the following morning.	

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K. S. Daly Lt Col
Comd 2/3I Aust Inf Bn

Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* I400 22 Sep 45 *To* 0930 24 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BANDJERMASIN	22	I400	I Pl 2/I MG Bn to move to MARTAPOERA and come under comd C Coy	
			Movt Order to Lt Lewis I0 Pl to move out to KOTA WARINGIN.	
	23	Ø630	I00 Japs start from the tennis court for MARTAPOERA.	
		0800	Warning order to Sgt HAWKINS and 25 to move to KANDANGAN and	
			take over the area.	
		I230	I0 Pl under Lt LEWIS and att pers move out escorted by HMAML I359	
			to KOTA WARINGIN	
		I400	O.O to DANAUSALUK where he inspected the Jap civilians repeating	
			that which he told Uno on the surrender parade.	
	24	0930	Sjt Hawkins and 25 move out by MT for KANDANGAN to supervise	
			clearing of remaining internees and Japs . Clearing of dumps	
			proceeding, shortage of deiseline neccesitates curtailment	
			of light service	
			Message recieved that Brig Woods will visit area 26th	

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A. S. Dall Lt. Col.
comd 2/3I Aust Inf Bn

Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 0900 25 Sept 45 *To* 1100 25 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BANDJERMASIN	25	0900	Force at KANDANGAN report situation normal. MARTAPOERA collection of dumps proceeding satisfactorily	APPX C.
			COs orders I pl pat from D coy with 2 Engrs and Div sigs to move by river boat to POEROAK TKOE and clear Japs and dumps.	
			Pat of one Pl A Coy to move to an area between MARTAPOERA and PELAHARI designated by NICA. Pat of one sec under Sgt KING and with a native to investigate reports of armed Japs disguised as natives up MARTAPOERA S .	
		0930	Remainder of internees at KANDANGAN consisting of IO women and 8 children and 53 men leave by MT for BANDJERMASIN.	
		II00	Pat of one sec A Coy move out to investigate dumps of deiselene reported I6 kilos N of KANDANGAN. Tpt one jeep and one DUKW.	
			Brig WOODS arrives accompanied by one sec 7 DIV PROVOST COY	
			Plane landed at TABANIO airstrip which is now serviceable.	

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W.S. Mackerras Lt Col
Comd 2/31 Aust Inf Bn

Unit 2/31 Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 1100 25 Sep 45 *To* 1530 26 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BANDJERMASIN	25	1100	Plane was unable to return owing to engine trouble.	
		1300	Pat of one pl A Coy move out to MARTAPOERA PELAHARI area.	
		1400	Report from KANDANGAN that 16 oil wells located in production	
			10 Japs in charge. Oil on heating contains 15% gasolene. Tanks for	
			storage and 5 30 ton oil barges on river.	
	26	0800	Pat of 10 under Sgt KING with native guide move up river.	
			River steamer to take pat to PEROEK TJAHOE will be ready at 1400	
			8 Japs arrived from KOELA KAPOEAS and are placed in compound.	
		0900	Brig to MARTAPOERA to inspect Japs.	
		1400	Pat to PEROEK TJAHOE moves out by river-boat with HMAML 1359.	
			Intention. To return with all Japs and stores in area.	
		1530	Report from pat at KUMAI that 153 Jap service pers and 18 civilians	
			safely embarked also a native pro-Jap leader for interrogation.	
			Total number Japs in MARTAPOERA comp 801 civilians 176 of which are sick	

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Lt Col Daly
Comd 2/3I Aust Inf Bn

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Unit 2/3I Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* I530 26 Sep 45 *To* 0900 27 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BANDJERMASIN	26	I530	and 38I service pers.	
	27	0900	A Coy reports Jap estimate incorrect at PELAHARI. Japs seen in the forest between PABAHANAN and BADJOEIN. 7pl will investigate.	
			PW and Internees (Released)	
			65 pers II5th Punjab Regt.	
			3 English civilians	
			73 Dutch women 44 children and 57 men	
			Unknown no. in transit to BANDJERMASIN	
	28	II00	Jap PWS started arriving at compound for shipment to BALIKPAPAN	APPX D
			I0 segregated from main body as war criminals and treated accordingly.	APPX E.
		I200	Brig Woods leaves for BALIKPAPAN	
		I700	CO attends party given by Bn for released children.	
	29	0	3 men to KARTOENGAN air strip ref Bandjermasin I:250000 GT4007	
			Jap pers from KANDANGAN commenced moving to MARTAPOERA	

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Unit 2/31 Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 1200 29 ~~Sep~~ 45 *To* 1300 ~~30~~ Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BANDJERMASIN	29	1200	A Coy pat u/c Lt FITZPATRICK returns.	APPX F.
	30	0900	Church services. Sgt KING HQ Coy drowned 1 ml S of MANTAGAI	
			on the PACLOETAC S.	
		1300	Pat under Sgt SHEPHERD left to investigate and bring back remainder	
			of KING pat.	

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IN THE FIELD | SATURDAY | 1 SEP 45

681. TRANSFER AND/OR DISCHARGE ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS SOLE SURVIVING MALE MEMBERS OF FAMILIES

Reference GRO 159/45 para 9

1. An application for transfer on compassionate grounds will be approved without regnd to any other circumstances, where the soldier concerned is the sole surviving male member of the family, the others having been killed or having been taken prisoners of war and not having since been recovered.

2. If all the brothers of a member have been killed or have been taken prisoner of war or officially classified as missing but have not been recovered the member will be deemed to be the sole surviving male member of his family for the purposes of para 1.

3. In cses of application for discharge on compassionate grounds the fact that the soldier concerned is the sole surviving male member of the family,(the others having been killed or taken prisoners of war) will be given special consideration,and, if the circumstances of the case cannot be met by transfer of the member,it will be sufficient to warrant dischmge on compassionate grounds

682 FOURTH VICTORY LOAN

1. The Fourth Victory Loam of £85,000000 cash will open for subscription on 25 September 1945 and close not later than 31 October 1945.

2. Arrangements have been made for paymasters and unit pay representatives to accept applications for Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock or Treasury Bonds from members of the AIF who desire to invest their savings in the loan.

Particulars of loan

3. Loan applications may be made for an amount of £10 or a multiple of £10.

4. Treasury Bonds are payable to bearer and are issued at par for £10, £50, £100,£500, and £1000.

5. Inscribed Stock may be purchased at par for amounts of £100 or multiples of £10 above £100.

6. Interest is payable at 2½% per annum if invested for five years and at 3¼% per annum if invested for sixteen years, and will be credited half-yearly to a members savings bank account or current account, if desired.

7. Interest will be subject to Commonwealth taxation but not to any income tax under the law of a State. During the period pf uniform taxation, a rebate of 2s. in the pound on interest will be allowed to cover freedom from State taxation.

8. Any bank nominated by a member will, if requested, hold the bonds in safe custody .

Procedure for lodging applications

9. Application forms will be available from paymasters and unit pay representatives and are required to be completed in duplicate. An applicant's signature will be witnessed by an officer.

10. Sufficient credit must be availble in the member's paybook to cover the amount he or she desires to invest in the loan. The amount subscribed will be debited in the pay book.

11. Cash may be accepted in payment of a loan subscription,in which case the amount tendered will be entered in the paybook to establish the necessary credit and a paysergeants or cash office receipt issued and pasted in the

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pay book.

12. Deposits on account of loan subscriptions will not be accepted. Where members desire to subscribe by instalments, the procedure set out in GRO F 303/1944 will be observed. Supplies of [illegible] Bank Advice of Service Allotment forms (vide appendix to GRO F 303/1944) will be available from paymasters.

13. The Commonwealth Bank will forward to a member an interim receipt for the amount subscribed.

General

14. Both Treasury Bonds and Inscribed Stock are readily realisable and may be sold at any time. Any Bank will arrange this for a member, if desired.

15. Unit Loan Officer is Lt C. A. FORD - "B" Coy.

683. RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

1. For the year 1946 two scholarships have been allocated to each State in the Commonwealth and are open to competition by Service candidates only.

(a) For the guidance of units :-

(i) A Service candidate is one who has completed at least one year of war service at the time of his application.

(ii) 'War Service' means either service in the Armed Forces or such other form of service in connection with the war effort as approved by the RHODES TRUSTEES on the recommendation of the Selection Committee concerned.

2. Conditions of elibibility are as follows:-

(i) Candidates must be British subjects with at least five years domicile in AUSTRALIA or NEW ZEALAND.

(ii) They must have been within the age limits of nineteen and twenty five at some point of time during the period 1 Sep 39 to 31 Oct 45.

(iii) They must by 31 Oct 45, have completed at least one year at a University in AUSTRALIA or NEW ZEALAND

3. Candidtes must compete either in the State in which they have their ordinary domicile, home or residence, or in that in which they have received any considerable part of their education.

4. Candidates will not be disqualified by marriage, but the Trustees reserve for future descision the question whether married scholars will be permitted to bring dependent to OXFORD.

5. For each stte there is a Selection Committee who will be responsible for selection subject to ratification by the RHODES TRUSTEES.

6. Eligible candidates may make application through their respective COYS.

[signature] LT,
ADJT------2/31 AUST INF BN.

PART II

PROMOTIONS

NX 15396	Sgt	HEHIR	H.J.	(D)	to be A/WO II	wef	25/8/45
NX171737	Sgt	CROKE	J.C.	(HQ)	" A/WO II	"	24/8/45
QX 11667	A/Sgt	CUMBERLAND	A.H.	(HQ)	" A/WO II	"	24/8/45
TX 507	Sgt	BONNEY	D.M.	(B)	" A/WO II	"	24/8/45
NX 152722	Sgt	PITKIN	O.W.	(C)	" A/WO II	"	25/8/45
NX 110159	Pte	CLARKE	W.J.	(D)	" A/S/SGT	"	24/8/45
QX 21007	L/Sgt	JOHNSON	F.H.	(HQ)	" A/SGT	"	24/8/45
QX 12492	Cpl	BROWN	F.A.	(D)	" A/SGT	"	24/8/45

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ROUTINE ORDERS | PART 1 | ISSUE NO 495 (632)

LT-COL L. M. ROBSON - DSO | | COMD 2/31 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD | WEDNESDAY | 5 SEP 45

684. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER - CRUDE AND SYNTHETIC TYRES

1. This order will be read in conjunction with GRO 0.167/1944

2. Tyres in use in the field are now both of crude and synthetic construction and, as tyres of synthetic construction are far more susceptible to failure through abuse than tyres constructed from natural rubber, their introduction into the service has made it more imperative than ever that all instructions for care and maintenance of pneumatic tyres be strictly observed.

3. All concerned will, therefore:-

(i) exercise the utmost care to avoid all forms of tyre abuse, the principal of which are:-

overloading - under inflation - incorrect fitting of tyres - harsh braking - fierce acceleration - speeds exceeding those laid down in GRO 340/1944 - driving over obstructions and other causes of severe impact.

(ii) check wheal alignment frequently and correct irregularities promptly.

(iii) ensure that tyres are changed around periodically in accordance with current instructions.

(iv) remove stones and flint from tyres during unit maintenance.

(v) submit tyres for replacement at the correct stage for recapping: and

(vi) submit damaged tyres for repair without delay.

4. Formations and units will ensure that prompt disciplinary action is taken where breaches of this order occur.

5. Clauses (v) and (vi) of para 3 above may be waived on the special authority of formation commanders in the assault and early developement stages in new operational areas, during the period in which replacement or repair is not practicable nor expedient or in which replacement tyres and repair facilities are not immediately available. In such cases, worn or damaged tyres may, if considered necessary, be run to destruction.

6. GRO 55/1945 is cancelled.

LT
ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN

PART II

PROMOTIONS

QX 12492	Cpl	BROWN	F.A.	(D)	to be A/Sjt	wef	24/8/45
QX 11667	Cpl	CORBETT	A.S	(HQ)	" A/Sjt	"	"
NX 79314	Cpl	HOHNEN	A.K.	(HQ)	" A/Sjt	"	"
QX 28456	Cpl	McCRYSTAL	W.J.	(HQ)	" A/Sjt	"	"
QX 11919	Cpl	HOCKING	F.W	(HQ)	" A/Sjt	"	"
QX 11730	Cpl	SHEPHERD	J.S	(HQ)	" A/Sjt	"	"
NX 92026	L/Cpl	FARRELL	J.M.	(A)	" A/S/Sjt	"	"
NX 92920	Pte	MAHON	P.J.	(C)	" A/S/Sjt	"	"
QX 20172	L/Cpl	GRIFFITHS	L.R.	(D)	" A/Cpl	"	"
SX 27088	L/Cpl	JUDD	M.H.	(HQ)	" A/Cpl	"	"
QX 11794	L/Cpl	NEWTON	H.E.	(HQ)	" A/Cpl	"	"
NX 54758	L/Cpl	LINDLEY	J.	(HQ)	" A/Cpl	"	"
NX 97450	L/Cpl	NOONAN	D.V.	(HQ)	" A/Cpl	"	"
SX 33211	L/Cpl	RYDER	D.	(B)	" A/Cpl	"	"

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A.

2/31 AUST INF BN ADM INSTR No. 1

SECRET

Copy No. 21
3 Sep 45

1. General

This instr deals with movement of 2/31 Aust Inf Bn to BANDJERMASIN for the purpose of accepting the surrender of Japanese armed forces in that area, of releasing and caring for Allied Prisoners of War and Internees and of re-establishing the civil administration.

2. Movement

Movement from BALIKPAPAN will be by sea NOT before 7 Sep 45.

3. Availability of Shipping (to be confirmed)

(i) HMAS "Gascoigne" : Comd Lt PEEL
(ii) HMAS "Inverell" : Comd Lt CHAPMAN
(iii) 4 x LCT
(iv) 2 x LCM
(v) Patrol Boats

4. Allocation of force to convoy.

To be issued

5. Availability of stores tonnage excl bulk rations (to be confirmed)

50 tons DW

6. LOB (i) Will comprise:
OC - B Coy NX 105163 Lt W. H. FORD

HQ Coy				
HQ	NX	127277	Pte Davidson	D. B.
..	QX	13276	S/Sjt Brooks	J. H.
1 Pl	NX	79959	Pte Mews	A. J.
4 Pl	NX	113560	" Carr	F. T.
	VX	123858	" Bassett	K. J.
6 Pl	NX	81502	" Parkes	K. W.
	VX	117764	" Forster	S. C.
A Coy				
	QX	20992	L/Cpl Harley	W. L.
	NX	149044	Pte Strong	J. E.
	WX	3073	" Meredith	J. T.
B Coy				
	WX	39923	Pte Crisp	S. G.
	VX	111495	" Stafford	K. T.
C Coy				
	NX	178624	Pte Grainger	A. E.
	QX	13059	L/Cpl Blake	H. J.
D Coy				
	NX	89905	Pte Carr	G. H.
	QX	19278	" Doherty	P. D.
	TX	14674	" Pursell	R. J.
BHQ				
	NX	102674	Pte Howard	N.

(ii) Will move by MT with all personal eqpt etc 040900 I.

7. Weapons

(i) All weapons will be taken less 4 x 2 Pr Tk/A Guns.

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(ii) All 3" Mor and PITA will be greased, boxed, marked with sub-unit sign and handed to QM by 041200 I.

(iii) 4 x 3" Mor will be carried on Jeep and Trailer No. 5
4 x 3" Mor will be carried on Trailer No. 4
(iv) 2 x .303 Vickers MG will be carried in pl
(v) All other weapons - normal

8. Magazines

(i) 8 per LMG
(ii) 6 per OSMG

9. Amn

(i) On man:
as per Standing Orders less Serials 11 - 14 incl and 22 - 26 incl.

(ii) On MT and in Bn Bulk:
as per Standing Orders
Less Serials 4 - 6 incl, 10 12 - 14 incl 15 (9 boxes only) 18 19 20 (35 boxes only) 22 23

Plus 15 boxes .303 carton
48 belts .303 Vickers MG
20 boxes 9mm
10 boxes 2" Mor Ill

10. Specialist eqpt

1 Pl : normal plus
10 miles D3
18½ miles Wire Electric Assault
20 reels PAVC
6 x L phone

5 pl : normal

BHQ, All Coys, Int Sec : Normal office eqpt

11. Dress

(i) Full marching order less Helmets Steel (which will be boxed labelled with Coy Sign and handed to QM by 041200I) incl nets, tent shelter half.

(ii) To be carried in Bn Bulk:

Cots Folding
Officers personal gear
Clothing Bag Waterproof incl Boots AB, spare shirt and trousers and surplus personal gear.

(iii) Pugarees with colour patch will be worn at all times; QM to issue forthwith

(iv) Anklets web will be worn and Gaiters Aust or US type carried in clothing bag.

12. Medical

(i) RAP and SBs - normal

(ii) QM will indent forthwith for maximum sups of

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(a) Water Sterilizing Tablets
(b) Atebrin
(c) Repellent
(d) Anti Mite
(e) DDT
(f) Malarial
(g) Freon Bombs
(h) Riga and Mosquito Sprays

(iii) Bn Malarial and Hygiene Standing Orders will be observed.

13. Transport

12 x trucks ¼ ton
7 x Trailers
3 x Water Trailers

will be taken and loaded as per Bn Jeep loading tables except 4 x 3" Mor from No. 6 to No. 4 Trailer.

14. Sups

30 days in Bn Bulk
1 Emergency Ration on man

15. Water

(i) 350 x containers 2 gal to be embarked filled and NOT to be touched on voyage
(ii) Water Pumping Plant to be taken

16. Canteen

(i) Will be established at BANDJERMASIN for sale of articles .. (other than beer and tobacco) purchased in bulk at BALIKPAPAN through OC LOB. Canteen Sjt will arrange prices so that no profit nor loss will be made or incurred.
(ii) Beer and tobacco will be supplied to sub-units as usual at price to be determined.

17. YMCA

(i) Normal plus "Girl Guide" if shipping space available.

(ii) Will arrange to cater for at least 1,000 all ranks.

(iii) All sporting gear will be taken: Pte DOUGLASS H. to supervise packing forthwith.

18. Cooking gear

All gear will be taken incl all 44 gal drums at present in area.

19. Accomodation Stores

(i) Tents - Maximum number to be taken

(ii) Scale "A" for other articles - maximum to be taken

(iii) Offrs and Sjts Mess gear to be taken

(iv) All electric light plants and battery chargers will be taken.

(v) Union Jack, two Aust Flags and one Dutch Flag will be taken.

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(vi) Engineer Stores at present at PHILLIPSON's Rd junc will be moved to LOB area by MT 040900 I to be packed for embarkation under supervision OC 5 Pl.

20. Pipe Band

All personnel and instruments will be taken.

21. Civilians and Security

Orders will be issued at BANDJERMASIN.

22. QM and TO will arrange to move to LOB area forthwith all W/E and surplus gear etc NOT being taken.

23. Ack

Signed at 0915.35 I

Issued by Safe Hand

LT
A/Adjt -- 2/31 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution	Copy No
A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
HQ Coy	5 9
CO	10
2 i/c	11
QM	12
TO	13
RSM	14
RMO	15
Mr. ENGLISH	16
PADRE	17
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SECRET

Amendment No. 1 to 2/31 Aust Inf Bn Adm Instr No 1 of 3 Sep 45

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3 Sep 45

3. Availability of Shipping

Delete sub-paras (iii), (iv) and (v) and insert

(iii) 6 LCT

(iv) Patrol Boats

4. Allocation of force to convoy

(i) Annexure "A" hereto

(ii) Sub-units will submit Nominal Rolls to ADJT by 061000 I.

5. Availability of stores tonnage excl bulk rations

Delete "50 tons DW" -
Insert " 60 tons DW" 1st Flight
" 4 tons DW" 2nd Flight

6. LOB

Delete QX 19278 Pte Doherty P. D.

Insert VX133440 Pte Archer L. F.

7. Weapons

(i) 2 x .303 Vickers MG will be carried by 2 pl personnel on LCM 1

(ii) 2 x 3" Mor will be carried by 3 Pl personnel on LCM 1

8. Magazines

Other than carried on the man will be returned in panniers to QM by 061100 I.

9. Amn

(i) 24 x belts .303 Vickers MG will be carried by 2 Pl personnel on LCM 1

(ii) 30 x 3" Mor HE
10 x 3" Mor Smoke
will be carried by 3 Pl personnel on LCM 1

(iii) Loading of remainder of amn - to be issued

(iv) Amend sub-para (ii) add "Less 24, 25, 26 (90 bombs
90 ctges
90 clips only)

13. Transport

(i) Add: 1 x Water Cart

(ii) Jeep loading - to be issued

(iii) 6 x Jeeps 6 x Trailers "Girl Guide" - 2nd Flight

14. Sups

Add 1 x 02 Ration on man: sub-units to draw from QM forthwith.

22 A. New Para

(i) Five Year Personnel less

Maj HAYES
Lt ROBERTSON
Lt LOWE
Sjt Quinan
Other key personnel

will be included in 2nd Flight.

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(ii) Maj JAMES OC 2nd Flight

(iii) Immediately on departure of 1st Flight, 2nd Flight personnel will concentrate in present BHQ area. QM will arrange accomodation stores.

22 B. New para

PW policy:

(i) Allied personnel will adopt a correct and stern attitude but there will be no harsh treatment.

(ii) No Allied personnel will salute or return the salute of Japanese.

(iii) Disobedience or truculence will not be tolerated. Immediate action will be taken in the event of open resistance, attack or attempts to escape.

(iv) There will be no fraternising.

ACK

Signed at [illegible]

[illegible] LT
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Distribution as on 2/31 Aust Inf Bn Adm Instr No. 1 plus OC LOB - Lt FORD

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2/3I Aust Inf Bn
22 Sep 45

B.

WARNING ORDER

OC B COY
QM
LT LEWIS
LT HARD
HMAML Q I359

I. A forcewill move to KOTAWARINGIN 23 Sep 45 to return to BANDERMASIN with I56 Jap soldiers and I8 Jap civilians.

METHOD

2. Troops:
OC Lt Lewis
I Pl B Coy. Strength 4 NCOs & 32 ORs
2 RAP Orderlies
I Int Sec
I Cook
Lt Hard and crew of HMAML Q I359

3. ST NOT before 23II00 I.

4. Final orders OC later.

5. ADM
DRESS:
Battle order incl mosquito nets and tents shelter half.

6. AMN
Normal- plus
2 Boxes / .303 SAA
I Box 9MM

7. RATIONS
QM to arrange I0 days supply for party.
4 Days Rice for I75 Japs.

8. TPT
HMAML Q I359
Ix 250 Ton vessel.

9. GENERAL
Lt Hard to report on;
(i) Water and cooking arrangement for journey
(2) Possibility of towing barge to transport food, weapons and amn on return journey.

..... Lt.
Adjt 2/3I AUST INF BN

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INTERROGATION ... REPORT

C.

NAME NG CHENG SONG
PLACE KUMAI
DATE 25 Sep 45

RELIABILITY

This man is a well educated Chinese speaking English fairly well. In his statements concerning HADJI MOCHAMAD KASIM he may be biased for busines reasons. I consider that this man is fairly reliable in all his statements.

History .

Lived in KUMAI since 1936but in1940 he went to SINGAPORE to be married and returned in early 1941 He was hit twice by the Japs during their occupation once for attempting to buy a wireless and once for fishing on both occasions the punishement consisted of nothing more than a hit with an open hand.

He said that there were not many Japs in the area until about 6months ago when the air strip was completed Untill 15 Aug 45 the natives were treated badly but since the end of the war the have been treated well th
There were in early 1942 about 1000 British (probably Indians) and Dutch but they were sent to BANDJERMASINZ in 1942.
The Japs built a facrory at KUMAI where they made swords and did repairsto their air strip equipment.
(A list of machinery is given in the equipment report)
Attached is a document written by him.

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Kuala Lumpur 15 Aug 45

Sirs,

We, the undersaid inhabitants of Kainai and Panghalan Bm Towns shall be very glad indeed to welcome the your most precious and valuable victorious arrival.

Moreover we shall be very glad indeed to narrate a short story of the incidents or of the treatments of some of the Malays of the above mentioned towns towards the Dutch and the Bibith prisoners of wars during the year 1942 and afterwards in order so that they hope their full helps to the erection of the Japanese governments of the victory of the war might fall to the Japanese victorious a few days Before your arrival on the months of August and September, they, the undumentioned. treated us very badly as they said that they were given by the Japanese goverment a red and white flag to be they were the right rulers of the countries of with the Malay Archipelago that none of the western countries should have to rule over them and have no right to step their feet with them as they are not neutral.

The story tells as follows and in the letter

of your rightful Sovereigns to teach them a special lesson in order that the Malay inhabitants may not dare to make a revolution or to speak ill of Japan.

War was declared by the Japanese on December of 1941; and the fall of the whole Malay Archipelago to the early in 1942
hands of the Japanese. Before the fall of the British soldiers were busy
constructing camps and making aerodrome on one of the small
mountains about seven kilometers from Komai.
While After the completion of all, there arrived a troops
of British Harbour soldiers from Paramak. Between this
occasion a local born Malay by name H.K. Hs was
one of the employees of the aerodrome.

The declaration of the fall of the Dutch East Indies
happened, and a day before the arrival of the Japanese
soldiers the above mentioned H.K. stole from the Aerodrome's
office about twenty five thousand guilders; was witnessed
by one of the Chamorro natives. The next day the
approached the Japanese arrival and H.K. was the
leader and the first fellow to the gate and showed

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(5) all military concerns to the Japanese. H.H. demanded the surrender of the Dutch and British soldiers who were forced to do so. The Dutch and British soldiers were then taken prisoner of war who and were loaded to the battle-ship No 4. Before the ship sailed for Bandjermasin H.H. called to all the inhabitants of Borneo big and small, & shouted and sang songs of "go and die forever all western blood suckers" and never as well as clapping their hands seemed very pleased indeed.

The captain of the Japanese troops then presented H.H. a letter certificate written in Japanese saying letter ~~writing~~ thanks to his helps etc.

From the ~~April~~ 1943. H.H. was employed with a Japanese firm on buying Bakow tin-barks, about 1944 was transferred to as chief clerk to and then employed with a Japanese factory with the Great Brave Japanese of Borneo; as well as one of the Japanese government proposed by either party.

The declaration of the fall of the Japanese government in August 1945 H. Hair was presented by the Japanese government of P.B. a block of cloth and a bundle of money as a present on helping the government so long.

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(4) (The whole factory on which H.K. was employed was trusted to H. Kazim but not sold. (~~As a matter of fact H.K. accepts the factory's Germans claims that all goods portable or not portable were trusted to H. Kazim to hold the whole property~~), Besides H. Kazim was given receipts of buying goods from the factory's master ~~clerk~~ noting that all goods ~~all goods~~ were not sold, but in value to H.K. ~~contrary~~ On the other hand H.K. promises that wherever a foreign consumer happens to confiscate enemy's property H.K. has the right to say that all the property belongs to H.K. himself - but find H.K. can sell all goods at whatever price he likes and when the world turns as usual & as in H.K.'s promise he has to send back the money to Dohis);

On the 12th day of September 1941 H. Kazim was presented by the Chief of the Kogio Bunkapij factory the sum of f 12000 twelve thousand guilders, on his behalf on behalf of the Japanese government and the fact

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(5)

While on the 14th night of September 1945 H.M. Ka~~ptn~~ arranged a ~~f~~ farewell dinner to all the Japanese here. This way of seeing the Japanese by no means that H.M. Ka~~ptn~~ is one of the ~~thirst~~ anti A.B.C.D. and whom should be punished and should never be left with these terms again.

The second fellow who served these Japanese with his utmost is Li Koo Yan a local Chinese, whom before their departure was given a ~~dinner~~ present of approximately two thousand dollars and a lot of edibles ~~and~~ as well as clothings and ~~was~~ then ordered to pay promptly that he found the Japanese should have been and be the ~~conquer~~ rulers ~~the~~ ~~Foreigners~~ by mainly Malayan and Australian

There in Population two policemen who ~~was~~ Mr. ~~to be~~ ~~a~~ ~~cooles~~ ~~that~~ whenever a Chinese or Malay travelling carrying goods from Kuantan to Pekan, on the way all the goods were taken by them without paying a single cent to the owner. These Two fellow ~~were~~ are the disturbers of tranquil circle

Signed

25/9/1945

WAR DIARY from 25.9.45 to 28.9.45 D.

Date & Time	
231320	Sailed from BANDJERMASIN for KOTA WARINGIN on Ex-Jap ship HAPGOAN and R.A.N. PT.Boat No 1359 Party consisted of Lieut LEWIS (OC.) 1 I Rep. 1 Jap Interpreter 1 Malay Interpreter and 4 N COs and 35 ORs.
231539	Cleared mouth of BARITO S. medium trailing sea but barometer fallin g
232000	Sea now very heavy and some rain
240700	Sea subsiding ,weather dull with heavy showers
241000	Coast of Borneo now in sight,appears to be low lying swampy country,sea calmed to medium trailing swell.
241500	tentatively After study of Naval charts ,decided to proceedto KUMAI Instead of KOTA WARINGIN owing to the difficulty of navigating the KOTA WARINGIN S. Went alongside HAPGOAN and informed Pilot toproceed to KUMAI S. mouth
242030	Anchored at KRAMAT BAY for night 24/25 .OC went aboard HAPGOAN and obtained information from MALAY Pilot who had last visited KUMAI on 8 Aug 45 that all JAPANESE had been congregated near KUMAI when he was last there. He also said that there was a Jap air strip in the vicinity. Decided proceed Kumai.
250530	Left KRAMAT BAY for KUMAI. Sea calm ,overcast with heavy rain showers.
251130	Entered mouth of KUMAI S. ,thick jungle edge to river bank,some coconut plantations.Several crocodiles sighte in river.
251400	Arrived KUMAI. The HAPGOAN tied up to the wharf with the PT Boat alongside. Met the Head Native ofKUMAI. He reported that there were about 200Japs less than 1 Kilo North of the wharf.
251420	5 Jap officers (4Naval 1 Army) arrived at the wharf . They were unarmed and appeared rather frightened . 1st.Lieut IIZUKA commander of the Jap forces in the KUMAI-PANGKALAN BON-KOTA WARINGIN. area then gave the following information. He has been in command since 18 Sep 45 on which date the OC.of the area Sub-Lieut TAKABE committed hari-kari. He had concentrated all his forces in the KUMAI area. Their strength was 153 military pers. 18 civilians All his troops were unarmed and their weapons sto bd in a dump at the barracks at KUMAI. He supplied returns of all stores and pers.
251500	Inspected area and held check parade finding number of pers. correct. There are 9 hospital cases. 2 appendicites operated on on20th 6 malarias 1 lunatic (violent)

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251600	All weapons removed to wharf and placed under guard.
251630	1st Lieut IIZUKA received warning order from Lieut LEWIS for his unit's move on 26.9.45.
251645	Returned to wharf and arranged with Native Head Man to keep the natives away from the wharf during the night. The Japs were warned NOT to leave their area during the night. A strong guard was placed around the wharf.
251900	Interrogated an English speaking Chinese living at KUMAI. See interrogation report.
260600	Night of 25/26 no movement.
260900	3 Jap officers (incl 1st Lieut IIZUKA) report at wharf and receive written orders for movement.
~~261015~~ 260915	Inspection of Jap barracks. Appointment mad by phone for meeting with the SULTAN at PANGKALAN BON at 1030
260930	Movement of Jap gear to wharf and loading of weapons onto PT boat commences. Japs are assembled on parade with personal gear ie. eating and washing gear and one change of clothes. A guard placed in barracks area.
261000	Left KUMAI for PANGKALAN BON by car.
261030	Received by SULTAN at civic reception. Discussed civil administration with him between now and arrival of Dutch. See separate report.
261130	Entertained by Sultan at his Palace.
261230	Left for return journey to KUMAI. Took Sultan to show him stores we required him to police and food stores for the use of his people.
261300	Arrived KUMAI conducted Sultan around area.
261330	Sultan returned to PANGKALAN BON.
261400	Commenced loading Japs. Arrange to bring HADJI MOCHAMAD KASIM No1 Pro-Jap Collaborator of the district back to BANDJERMASIM.
261415	Collected HADJI MOCHAMAD KASIM at his home and carried out a brief search. See report.
261500	Completed loading
~~261515~~	Final check of area.
261555	Sailed from KUMAI.
281245	ARRIVE Bandjermasin

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WEAPONS

RIFLES

a) Jap Long ..... 20)
b) Jap Short ..... 17) Dumped at sea
c) Dutch Carbine .... 15) Returned to Dutch

L.M.G.

a) Jap Bren type) Dumped at sea
b) Aust Bren.....2 Returned to Bn Dump.

Equipment & Bayonets .....46 Dumped at sea

Swords ..... 86 Returned to Bn Dump

EQUIPMENT

Deisel Engines

1 Yanmar Type S2 under repair
1 " " S6 working order
1 Sehlulte & Coy Single Cyl working order
1 ..... " " " "
used with 3" pump

Generators

2 A.C.V. Petrol attached to radio trans.
280 Watts working order
3 A.C.V. Approx 150 Watts
(1 Attached to radio Trans working
(2 Under repair

Machinery

1 6" Lathe
1 Power Saw
1 Drilling machine (with tapered shank)
1 Pr. Emery wheel 12" & 6"

All in working order

Pumps

3 Horizontal 3" pumps
All in working order

Petrol Engines

Assorted blocks with crank shafts.etc.
Apparently used for spare parts

Vechiles

1 American Jeep Carb. trouble
1 Modle A Ford Utility working order
1 Mercedes Benze " " "
1 Plymoth " " "
1 Ford 34 Mod V8 Bad condition
1 Jap 3 ton truck working order
1 Chev 3 ton " "
1 Ford 38 Mod " "
1 Studebaker 38 Mod " "

All these require new batteries and general overhaul

All this equipement was left at KUMAI to be policed by arrangement with the Sultan.

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HMAML 1357

E.

28 Sep 41

CO

2/3 Aust Inf Bn

Kolä Warnings Force.

Please accept the act documents relative to the actions taken by this force.

NX 177993

Lt Colonel

J Capes

HMAML 1359

27/030 I

Civil Adm Pangkalan Bun

General

At 26/030 I a civic reception was given my party at Pangkalan Bun. The state of civil affairs was discussed with the Sultain in his office and later at his palace, and a request made to him that he police Japs stores and equipment at Kumai.

1 Present Status of Sultain

(a) During the Jap occupation the Sultain has been divested of a large measure of his powers, the main authority being vested by the Japs in the hands of the District Kupalas. The Sultain states that during the last three years he has functioned as little more than 'a clerk' and has not been allowed to leave the area of Pangkalan Bun.

(b) The Sultain expressed doubts as to his ability to control civil affairs; as a result of the great

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authority resided in District Kuapalas by Japs his power has been weakened. He claimed that half the people would support him, but that the remaining half considered him as 'just a man'.

2 Pro. Jap Faction.

(a) The Sultan revealed that a pro-Jap faction of considerable strength existed among the people and he feared that some of the District Kuapalas may have been influenced by it.

(b) When questioned re H. M. Kasim the Sultan replied that he had received many accounts of this man's pro-Jap activities and that he (the Sultan) did not trust him. (It seemed as though the Sultan feared HM Kasim's power).

(c) The Sultan gave the four names hereunder as those of the principal Jap collaborators.

H. Kasim
M. Isnin
A. Badaudeen
A. Bakeri

3 Jap Treatment of Malays

The people have NOT been maltreated by the Japs. There is little sickness and the people are happy. However the Sultan think

that in their hearts the people are glad that the Japs are leaving and the whites returning. (It should be noted that the Sultan has NOT had close contact with his people during the Jap occupation).

4. Future Status of Sultan

The Sultan was anxious to know his position with the departure of the Japs. I told him that he would continue to administer as he thought fit until the Dutch return. Then, the matter would be thoroughly reviewed.

5. Speech to District Chiefs

At the Sultan's request I spoke to an assembly of District Chiefs informing them that the Sultan would now re-assume control until such time as normal administration is restored.

The Sultan expressed pleasure at the results of the speech and had no doubts as to his ability to continue the admin until the return of the Dutch.

6. Food and Clothing (Japs)

I have given Japs food and clothing to the Sultan for disposal as he thinks fit (four months food supply).

NX 177993
Lt R. Lewis

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Ref Maps BANDJERMASIN 1:250000
MARTOPOERA 1:250000

PATROL REPORT----PELAIHARI------25-29 Sep 45

1. OBJECT OF PATROL
(a) To ascertain whether there were any large numbers of Japanese in the PELAIHARI district.
(b) To locate any Japanese weapons.

There are no large number of Japanese in the district. Natives reported having seen two Japs at SOEKARATA, two at RANGANG and a small party in the forest between PABAHANAN and BADJOEIN. Patrols to these areas did not locate any Japs and local natives report that Japanese have not been seen in the area for several weeks. As all natives appear to have an intense dislike for the Jap reliance can be placed on their information.

All former Jap store-houses etc weresearched for weapons but without result. Natives again reported that Jap weapons were all taken to PABAHANAN. This is the dump at present guarded by a patrol of C Coy.

2. AREA PATROLLED/
PELAIHARI-RANGANG-TALOK-TABANIO.
PELAIHARI-SOEKARATA
" -PABAHANAN-TANDJOENG
" -KATAPANG-BADJOEIN-TANDJOENG
" -DJORING.

3. SPIES AND WAR CRIMINALS
Names and data submitted to Int. Sec.

4. NATIVE POLICE/
Controlled by a district inspector residing in PELAIHARI. A very active and well organised force who patrol the district regularly and are very keen on collecting stray Japs. One Jap captured by them at DJORING 25 Sep handed over to C Coy patrol at PABAHANAN.

5. DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.
Extensive positions dug by Japs in hilly country between PABAHANAN and TANDJOENG.

6. NATIVES
Very friendly to Australian troops and were eager to assist at all times.

7. FOOD AND CLOTHING.
The natives of PELAIHARI haveonly TWO WEEKS supply of rice, suggest NICA interview district Superintendant. Clothing is also short, suggest action by NICA.

8. TOPOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES.
Separate report to Int Sec by A Coy Int Rep.

(Signed)

.....Lt
O.C. PATROL

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MARTAPOERA

C. Coy 7/31 Bn 1/1 Pl 3/1 MG Bn

MATARAMAN

MARTAPOERA

TATAKAN

BINGEANG

SOENGAIPINANG

RANTAUANGKA

RANTAUBAKOELA

SOENGKAI

SOENGBARAJA

TANJOENG

BAOJOEIN

TJEMPAKA

KARANGINTAN

MALIMALI

PASARDJATI

PINGGARAN

ATAJA

TIWINGAN

KALAJAN

RANTAULAJOENG

DJORONG

ASEMASEM

KINTAP

SATOEI

SEBAMBAN

BELIMBING

G. KOEPANG · 256

G. TIWAANG 455

G. SATOEDITABANG 567

G. DAMARGOEBANG 430

G. MANDJAM 525

G. SOEHIAN 656

G. KAHOENG 1187

G. PANGGILANGIN 1101

G. BATOEGESARAN 925

G. TJONDONG 536

G. AOERBOENAK 1150

G. KANDENGAMPARAN 975

G. PANJALOEHAN 813

G. TAMRAN 565

G. SARINGANKOEWATAN 565

G. KAJOEDJOHARA 600

G. RIAMONDONG 600

G. MEDALING 600

G. KLEWIN 600

G. BATOETOENGKOK 602

G. BATOERAJA

G. MARIRINGIN 550

G. GARAKANKOENJIT 500

BT. BESAR 502

BT. BATOETABANG 560

BT. TJONDONG 505

Scale 1: 250,000

10' 20' 30' 40'

7 8 9 450 1 2 3 4

560000 m N

460000 m N

444000 m E

484000 m E

4° 00'

3° 50'

3° 40'

3° 30'

3° 20'

3° 10'

3° 00'

4° 07'

4° 00'

114° 48' 27·79"

115° 48' 27·79"

115° 00'

BRITISH METRIC GRID (Blue)

N.E.I. EQUATORIAL ZONE

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SWPA T531

Glossary

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Ladang: L	cultivated land
Moeara, Koeala:	river mouth
Moengkoer: Mr	hill top
Padang	plain, field
Pematang	ridge, dam
Soengai: S	river

4,400,000 m E. 4,500,000 m E. 4,600,000 m E.

600,000 m N.

500,000 m N.

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JAVA SEA

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LEGEND

Highway hard surfaced

Roads hard surfaced

Earth minor M T

Trail

Railway narrow gauge

Large town

Small town

Village

Streams

Streams unsurveyed

Swamp

Rice fields

Forest

Scattered trees

Plantations

5 2½ 0 5 10 15 Miles

5 2½ 0 5 10 15 20 Kilometers

5000 2500 0 5000 10000 15000 20000 Yards

DATUM SEA LEVEL

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HEIGHTS IN METRES

2° 30' OR 44 MILS

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MAGNETIC NORTH

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RELIABILITY DIAGRAM

B. Fairly Reliable: from existing maps.

MARTAPOERA

BORNEO

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BORNEO 1:250,000

BANDJERMASIN

FIRST EDITION SWPA 1

SHEET 3

No Available Timber Information

JAVA SEA

BANDJERMASIN

2/31 Bn i attached HQ.

1st route. →

1/1 A Coy 2/31 Bn.

(U)Y (U)Z
(Z)D (Z)E

LEGEND

- Highway hard surfaced
- Roads hard surfaced
- Roads lightly surfaced
- Earth minor M T
- Track jeep
- Trail
- Bridge
- Small town
- Village
- Lighthouse
- Rice fields
- Swamp
- Streams unsurveyed
- Streams
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- Plantations
- Sand

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RELIABILITY DIAGRAM

B. Good: from Existing 1/100,000 Maps
C. Fair: from Existing Aeronautical Maps.

Scale 1:250,000

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BANDJERMASIN
BORNEO
S 300 - E 11348/1 (Greenwich)

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BORNEO 1: 250,000

KANDANGAN

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114°48'27·79" E — 444000 m E — 454000 m E — 115°48'27·79" E

2°00' N — 670000 m N — 3°00' N — 570000 m N

Rut to POERUKTJNDE, 250 mi. from BANDJERMASIN.

No timber information available

TAMIANGLAJANG — NJOJOENG — KANDANGAN — NEGARA — BARABAI — AMUNTAI — RANTAU — BARIKIN — MARTAPURA — BANDJERMASIN

BARITO RIVER — NAPOH — PATAI — PAMINGGIR — TABALONG — BATOEMANDI — ST. ALAI — S. BARABAI — S. TABUNGAN — S. NEHRAN — S. TAPIN — S. MANTIMIN

G. BANGKAU — G. KELANTIKAN 785 — BELAWAAN 400

KANDANGAN. 1/pl HQ Coy.

Scale 1: 250,000

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KANDANGAN BORNEO

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BANDJARMASIN - SHI

DISPOSITIONS 2/31 AUST INF BN GROUP
20 SEP 45

MARTAPURA RIVER

LEGEND

HQ's			GUARD POSTS AND PICQUETS		
1.	Bn HQ	HOTEL BANJA	(a)	MUNICIPAL BLDG	- HQ Coy 3 man picquet
2.	A Coy	WHARF AREA	(b)	WHARF	- A Coy 2 off 4 men
3.	B Coy		(c)	"	- A " " "
4.	D Coy		(d)	RADIO STN	- HQ Coy PICQUET
5.	17 Pl		(e)	COAL STORE	" "
6.	HQ Coy		(f)	RKE	" "
7.	2/4 FIAMS		(g)	"	" "
8.	2/5 LAD		(h)		
9.	2/5 Aust Fd Coy		(i)		
			(j)	JAP HQ	- 17 pl posts
			(k)		
			(l)		
			(m)		
			(n)	SEPARATE BLDG	- D Coy PICQUET
			(o)	POWER HOUSE	- HQ " "

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