

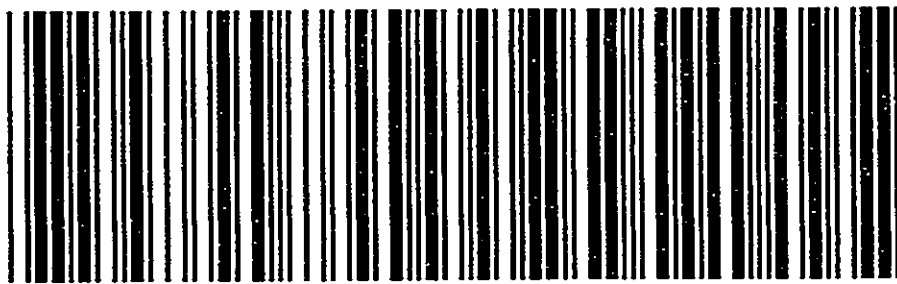
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1/5/51
FORCES

New Guinea Force
Headquarters and General
(Air) (NG Force HQ & G (Air))

December 1943



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W A R D I A R Y

UNIT : HQ NG FORCE

FROM : 1 DEC to 31 DEC 43

Month	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References
DEC	1	Nil.	
	2	<p>Advice was received from 9 Aust Div that a party of naval officers claiming to represent South Pacific Forces and to have the approval of GHQ and NG Force had reconitred an area on HELDSBACH PLANTATION for a site for a naval airstrip.</p> <p>They stated that they were aware of US and Australian boundary at FINSCHHAFEN and that HELDSBACH PLANTATION was in the middle of the area allotted for Australian installations.</p> <p>Particulars were forwarded to Adv LHQ but the signal crossed with one from that HQ which changed the whole area allotted for Australian development. (The area now extends from approx LAUNCH jetty to BUMI RIVER). GHQ proposed to develop a new air strip in HELDSBACH area, working by day and night to complete the job. A copy of the signal is attached as Appendix "E".</p> <p>The matter was then referred to 2 Aust Corps (copy attached as Appendix "F") for the following reasons :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The new area was considered to be quite inadequate for two Div HQ's and fighting troops, Corps Hq and base installations.(b) Operations against the enemy were being conducted by a bde HQ in an area now allotted to US Forces.(c) Some constructional work including the completion of a CCS has already taken place in the Australian area. <p>LANDOPS were advised that it would not be possible under existing operational conditions to construct the airstrip by night.</p>	<p>Appendix "E"</p> <p>Appendix "F"</p>

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DEC	2	<p>On representations from 2 Aust Corps that C Coy PIB (at present at FINSCHHAFEN) had (contd) been subjected to artillery fire and bombardment and were now due for rest or less arduous duties, approval was given for A Coy to move from LAE to FINSCHHAFEN to relieve them. A copy of the signal is attached as Appendix "G"</p>	Appendix "G"
	3	<p>Major B.W.B. CARROLL, GSO II Ops left HQ NG Force for recreational leave prior to attending RMC & Staff School (Aust) Senior Wing.</p> <p>Major G.S. ELLIS left for 9 Aust Div by way of 2 Aust Corps. He will prepare a report on the use of tanks in recent operations.</p> <p>Dependent upon the degree of security by the originator, the use of code words for place names will in future be restricted to references in the following cases :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) MOST SECRET Signal Messages.(b) Documents dealing with future operations.(c) Documents in reply to correspondence from superior HQ or Allied Services in which code words for places have been used. <p>Heavy anti-aircraft defence of BUNA Base Sub Area is now provided by mobile anti-aircraft units staging through the area. Provision will be made for the permanent anti-aircraft defence of the area in accordance with a schedule attached as Appendix "H".</p> <p>2 Aust Corps asked that the half of Shore Bn of 532 Boat and Shore Regt 2nd Engineer Special Bde which was allotted to LAE - USASOS Adv Base Comd by GHQ be placed under command NEW GUINEA Force for future operations. This matter was referred to Adv LHQ for decision. A copy of the memo is attached as Appendix "I"</p>	Appendix "H". Appendix "I"

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DEC	3 (contd)	<p>2 Aust Corps questioned the need for defence of TAMI ISLAND. The RADAR installation at TAMI ISLAND is most important to the defence of the area until such time as it is possible to change its location to the NE coast of HUON Peninsula. As Allied Land Forces have been made responsible for the defence of such installations by GHQ Directive, it is necessary that the RADAR station continue to be defended.</p>	
	5	<p>Lt-Col R.R. VIAL (GSO I Ops) left for WAU where he will carry out recce with regard to the use of the WAU -.BULOLO Valley as a rest area.</p> <p>The CGS advised that it had now been decided that the 101 Bde Support Coy would come to NEW GUINEA as at present organised and equipped with its 4.2" mortars. The Coy would have a primary role of smoke-screening FINSCH HARBOUR and LANGEBAK BAY but in addition it had sufficient personnel to carry out user trials of the 4.2" mortars - a new piece of equipment which has not been tested operationally in the SOUTH WEST PACIFIC.</p> <p>The CGS explained that various items of equipment have been put in production to meet anticipated requirements of the Australian Military Forces, not necessarily under present conditions, but as NEW GUINEA is the only active theatre of operations at present, these would be sent forward to NEW GUINEA Force from time to time for testing.</p>	
	5	<p>As Sigs 11 Aust Div have been in NEW GUINEA for 15 months under active service conditions it was decided that HQ 11 Div Sigs, HQ Coy and No1 Coy should be relieved by corresponding units from 2 Aust Div WEST AUSTRALIA.</p> <p>Representations were made by Comd 11 Div against the splitting up of his divisional troops, pointing out that this is the last of the major units who have seen service with the division since its formation at MILNE BAY.</p> <p>The Comd NGF regretted the necessity but directed that in view of the present physical condition of Sigs 11 Aust Div the relief would take place.</p>	

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Month	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References
DEC	6	<p>As consideration is being given to the possibility of employing 8 Aust Inf Bde in FINSCHHAFEN area immediately on arrival from AUSTRALIA, instead of moving it to LAE and bringing 29 Aust Inf Bde forward, 1 Aust Corps were asked to advise the operational fitness of 8 Aust Inf Bde generally and in particular its actual training under jungle warfare conditions.</p> <p>The CGS prior to his departure to AUSTRALIA directed that information from current operations, fuller than that contained in the sitrep should be forwarded to him direct for the next few days to brief him for a meeting of the WAR CABINET which he was to attend shortly after his return to AUSTRALIA. Copies of these signals are attached as Appendix "J".</p>	Appendix "J"
	7	<p>Capt G.D. SOLOMON, (GIII Ops), departed for AUSTRALIA to take up a posting on MGO' Branch.</p>	
	8	<p>Major G.S. ELLIS returned from FINSCHHAFEN.</p>	
	9	<p>Lt-Col R.R. VIAL (GSO I Ops) returned from WAU. As a result of the reconnaissance he confirmed that the WAU area is suitable for a rest area for a force of two brigades and divisional troops but a brigade group should only be put in BULOLO area for rest as an emergency. This is because BULOLO is malarious, is lower than WAU and hence its climate is not as pleasant, and because the suitable areas of ground are moist and would not make good camp areas. A full report of the reconnaissance and its recommendations is being prepared by "q" Branch in conjunction with the ADMS.</p> <p>Representations were made by USN HQ DREGER (PT Boats) that when the PT boat mother-ship was stationed at MOROBE it was promised that heavy AA units would be maintained in the area.</p>	

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Month	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References
DEC	9 (contd)	<p>Now that these have been moved USN HQ consider it necessary that the mother-ship should be moved further south.</p> <p>As these units were moved to FINSCHHAFEN with the approval of GHQ, the matter was referred to them and USN HQ advised of the position.</p> <p>GHQ have subsequently advised that they are examining the advisability of additional heavy AA artillery to be established at MOROBE.</p> <p>As a result of considerably increased enemy patrol activity and concentration of forces on 7 Aust Div front, Comd 7 Div requested that 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp and remaining units of 7 Aust Div should be flown immediately to the RAMU VALLEY area. Comd NG Force advised that this was not practicable although he would like to meet the request.</p> <p>Approval was given for relief of the following units by corresponding units from AUSTRALIA.</p> <p>2/5 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) 2/5 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec 2/52 Aust LAD.</p> <p>2/6 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) 2/6 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec 2/53 Aust LAD.</p>	
	10	<p>Consequent upon the capture of WAREO an examination was carried out to see how far it was necessary to exploit up the coast of the HUON GULF to complete the mission assigned to the Allied Land Forces in this area.</p> <p>The original instructions from GHQ in May gave the Allied Land Forces the role of exploiting to MADANG and later instructions gave the neutralization of MADANG as a task for ALAMO Force - Allied Land Forces role in the area being confined to operations in the RAMU VALLEY and/or northwards up the coast of the HUON PENINSULA to assist ALAMO Force.</p>	

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Month	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References
DEC	10 (contd)	<p>When Lieut-General KREUGER Comd ALAMO Force visited NGF on 6 Dec he was asked what assistance he required from NG Force in the carrying out of his mission, but replied that due to other operations which he is at present undertaking, his plans for the neutralization of MADANG have not yet been finalised so he could not state what was required.</p> <p>No decision has been taken on the matter pending further investigation.</p>	
	11	<p>C-in-C arrived.</p>	
	12	<p>In view of the long delay which is occurring between the time to which sitreps are made up to by 9 Aust Div and the receipt at this HQ, 2 Aust Corps was instructed to arrange with 9 Aust Div to forward their sitrep to 2 Aust Corps rptd this HQ. In this way it is hoped to save ^{the}deciphering and re-enciphering period at 2 Aust Corps.</p> <p>As all information from the forward area would then be available to NG Force, 2 Aust Corps were instructed that their sitrep should only comment on 9 Aust Div report and forward information received from other sources as necessary.</p> <p>This alteration has not had the desired effect of providing rapid information from the forward area for the Commander, as considerable delays have been experienced both between the time to which information is made up and time handed in at Sigs 9 Aust Div and in the actual period of transmission.</p> <p>Some messages have taken up to 26 hours. The matter is being investigated.</p> <p>Col BARHAM, Col (GS) NG Force has been appointed BGS Ops NORFORCE, Before reporting for duty with this formation he is to spend approximately one month with HQ 9 Aust Div as G I Ops replacing his brother Lt-Col BARHAM who will spend a similar period acting as Col (GS) at this HQ.</p> <p>Col MORGAN has been appointed Col (GS) NG Force to replace Col BARHAM. Col BARHAM's move to the forward area has been delayed temporarily due to the absence of the GOC on leave, G I (SD) - mainland, and various planning matters requiring attention in their absence.</p>	

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Month	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References
DEC	12 (contd)	<p>AS HQ LAE Base Sub Area is now sufficiently built up to take over responsibility for administration of LAE area an instruction was issued designating various units in the LAE area under command 5 Aust Div or LAE Base Sub Area.</p> <p>The defence of LAE Base Sub Area remains the responsibility of 2 Aust Corps through Commander 5 Aust Div and LAE Base Sub Area, but to assist LAE Base Sub Area pending the arrival of the remaining necessary units, 5 Aust Div is to render such assistance as is required.</p> <p>Copy of Instruction attached as Appendix "K"</p> <p>Adv Ech GHQ opened MORESBY 120800L.</p>	Appendix "K"
	13	Major M. AUSTIN left to take up the position of Brigade Major 29 Aust Inf Bde.	
	14	The GOC departed for the mainland for leave.	
	17	<p>Various matters passed to Adv LHQ for reference to GHQ were now referred back so that this HQ could take up matters direct with Adv Ech GHQ.</p> <p>In particular a request of 2 Aust Corps that the remaining half Shore Bn of the 532 Boat and Shore Regt not under their command should be placed under their command for future operations was referred to Adv Ech GHQ.</p> <p>This half Shore Bn was passed to command of NG Force by Operation Instructions received on 18 Dec.</p> <p>LHQ instructed that vehicles in NEW GUINEA area should be painted in disruptive camouflage giving designs to be employed in this area.</p> <p>The matter was investigated and various opinions put forward as to desirability of disruptive painting in jungle, the view being expressed that a flat dull-tone paint gave better results.</p>	

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DEC	17	<p>As the shortage of supplies of paint in NEW GUINEA made it improbable that any disruptive painting could be carried out for some time, the matter of its desirability was referred to forward formations for their comments.</p> <p>In the interim LHQ suggested that flat paint for camouflage was not essential since dust and oil tends to make a flat painted surface glossy after a few months in the field.</p>	
	19	<p>Resultant upon a C-in-C directive, instructions were issued that the TERAPO-BULLDOG-WAU project will NOT be further developed, but that the road WAU-HEATH's will be constructed so that WAU can be developed as a rest area.</p> <p>Those engineer units which have been in NEW GUINEA for 12 months or more are to be returned to the mainland (Copy of GS Minute attached as Appendix "L")</p> <p>Instructions to implement this were issued to CE and various administrative bodies concerned (Copy attached as Appendix "M")</p>	<p>Appendix "L"</p> <p>Appendix "M"</p>
	20	<p>A policy directive was issued by C-in-C, as a result of which a minute was prepared as a basis for planning in NEW GUINEA for the next 6 months.</p> <p>Implications of this were discussed at a series of conferences presided over by EGGS and detail planning commenced to put these into effect.</p> <p>Col L.De L. BARHAM and Lt-Col MURDOCH attended conference at ALAMO Force in connection with coming operations to be carried out by that formation.</p> <p>Capt H.L. WOOTTON departed for mainland on leave.</p>	

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DEC	22	Details of the principles involved in the siting of Radar equipment were promulgated. (Copy attached as Appendix "N") Directions were given "A" Branch concerning the policy of priority of CMF reinforcements for units within NEW GUINEA. Previously priority had been decided between particularly named units from time to time, but an effort was made to define the principles so that this could be applied automatically to all new units coming into NEW GUINEA area. This policy (copy attached as Appendix "O") only deals with reinforcements on arrival in NEW GUINEA and made no attempt to cover the wider aspects of how to ensure sufficient CMF reinforcements were made available on the mainland to meet NEW GUINEA Force requirements.	Appendix "N" Appendix "O"
	24	A forecast was made of the scale of operations during the next 6 months, so that some estimate could be obtained of the number of reinforcements required for both AIF and CMF formations. This was based on rates of intense activity, moderate activity, and quiet activity. Intense being regarded as operations now taking place forward of FINSCHHAFEN. Moderate as RAMU Valley operations, and quiet as Bdes not in contact. (Copy attached as Appendix "F")	Appendix "P"
	25	At C-in-C's direction Xmas Day was observed as a holiday by all ranks with the exception of normal duty personnel. Xmas Greetings were extended to all units and sub units under command NG Force.	
	29	Instructions received from GHQ advise that an American force ^{may} be to carry out landing operations against SAIDOR. This operation is dependent upon the success of the CAPE GLOUCESTER operations as should this attack meet slight opposition reserves will be directed to make the landing at SAIDOR. Advice was received that this operation was to be carried out and an Operation Instruction issued to 2 Aust Corps and 7 Aust Div setting out cooperation required from them to assist US forces.	

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DEC	29 (contd)	<p>It has been decided to install an AA Dome teacher in NEW GUINEA for AA training, and a recommendation for installation in the LAE area was forwarded to LHQ.</p> <p>Major-General VASEY arrived at this HQ from 7 Aust Div today.</p>											
	30	<p>Following conference on the matter of relief of troops in contact with the enemy, 15 and 18 Aust Inf Bdes have come under command 7 Aust Div and are to relieve two of the Bdes in the RAMU Valley.</p> <p>Planning Conference was held under MGGS today and was attended by :-</p> <table><tr><td>MGGS</td><td>Col Q</td></tr><tr><td>DA&QMG</td><td>G I (Ops)</td></tr><tr><td>Col GS (Ops)</td><td>G I (SD)</td></tr><tr><td>Col GS (SD)</td><td>AQMG (Plans)</td></tr><tr><td>Col A</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>Lt-Col J.A.Y. DENNISTON, G I (Air), left for mainland on leave.</p>	MGGS	Col Q	DA&QMG	G I (Ops)	Col GS (Ops)	G I (SD)	Col GS (SD)	AQMG (Plans)	Col A		
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Col A													
	31	<p>Major General VASEY returned to 7 Aust Div.</p> <p>Seasonal Greetings were received from the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for the Army for Lieutenant General MORSHEAD, Staff and men. Attached as Appendix "Q"</p> <p>Seasonal Greetings were passed between Lieutenant General MORSHEAD and General WHITEHEAD. Attached as Appendix "R"</p> <p>Seasonal Greetings were passed between Lieutenant General MORSHEAD and Admiral BARBEY. Attached as Appendix "S"</p> <p>Itinerary of GOC for month of December is attached as Appendix "T"</p>	<p>Appendix "Q"</p> <p>Appendix "R"</p> <p>Appendix "S"</p> <p>Appendix "T"</p>										

10 Jan 44.

.....*[Signature]*.....Col GS (Ops)

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A P P E N D I X A

to

NG FORCE WAR DIARY

DEC 43

NG FORCE SITREPS Nos 42 to 109

MESSAGE FORM

ADDRESSEES : SEE OVER
FROM : NG FORCE 0 9272 1

SITREP 42 to 011000L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 302100L (.)

21 BDE (.) HQ 716866 (.) 2/16 BN 700610 with coys
at 690627 and 690621 (.) 2/14 BN 713615 with coy at
708632 (.) 2/27 BN 752595 with coys at 773578 and
744827 (.) 2/2 PNR BN in res 718571 (.)

25 BDE (.) HQ 611567 (.) 2/31 BN area 5959 (.)
2/33 BN area 6257 (.) 2/35 BN area 6157 with standing
patrol 6363 (.) patrol A coy 2/2 CAV COMMANDO SQN
captured posn track-junc 451864 inflicting casualties (.)
patrol later withdrew in spite enemy opposition (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV observer to 302100L (.) all refs unless otherwise
stated new 1/25000 grid (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/28 BN (.) patrol from 633723 engaged by
HEIGs MMGs and mortars from 625736 (.) patrol withdrew
and arty engaged posn (.) A and C coys 2/43 BN supported
by tks pushed west against opposition and formed
perimeter 602715 (.) enemy eqpt captured (.) D coy
610719 (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/23 BN (.) after crossing SONG RIVER -
B coy moving through difficult country up steep slope
cut the WAREO track unopposed at 555705 (.) supported
by C coy fire from south bank A coy 2/23 BN attacked back
SW along track and captured suspension by posn 551701 (.)
JAPS fled towards A and B coy posns and entire force of
at least 50 killed (.) BN then formed perimeter 556710
in close contact (.)

2/4 CAV COMMANDO SQN (.) ref one in map (.) patrol
from MARARUO to 515705 and thence to unoccupied
village 475718 no contact (.) ref 1/25000 map (.)
70 mm found 524657 (.)

20 BDE (.) 2/15 BN (.) 300715L B coy crossed SONG RIVER
attacked 599688 and drove JAP from posn (.) A and C
coy with hy arty sp fought their way NW and reached
posn vicinity NONGORA 5870 (.) exact location impossible
due hy mist (.) BN less A and C coys 599686 (.)

air recce reports by use of track from WAREO 5571 NE
along ridge to coast 626758 (.)

now JAP posns seen 6075 (.)

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AIROPS 30 nov (.) 15 LIBERATORS bombed CAPE GLOUCESTER starting -
large fire scoring hits on 2 grounded A/C (.) 27 LIBERATORS bombed
ALEXISHAFEN starting small fires and explosions

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To :

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SITREP 45 to 011600L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 010900L Sitnor (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV Observer to 011000L (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/23 BN adv WAREO from which
JAP withdrawn (.)

- 20 BDE (.) 2/15 BN in contact JAPS 588701
near NONGORO

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SITREP 44 to 021030L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 012100L Sitnor (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 012100L (.)

2/23 Bn adv 2600 yds during day up steep track towards WAREO against strong opposition (.) KUANKO occupied 011515L (.) during afternoon strong enemy opposition encountered from dug in posn 300 yds north of KUANKO and fwd tps still in close contact at last light (.) Disposition 2/23 Bn less two coys KUANKO (.) A Coy 557708 C Coy 553712 (.) B Coy 2/43 Bn with one tp tks in support continued adv westwards against opposition (.) drove enemy from commanding ground 599715 (.) mopping up proceeding (.) A Coy 2/15 Bn with arty support drove enemy from posns on ridge 585702 (.) last light still in contact 586704 (.) C Coy now 596701

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AIROPS 1 Dec (.) 44 LIBERATORS escorted by 36 THUNDERBOLTS bombed WENAX dumps and dispersal areas (.) many large fires and explosions started (.) enemy fighters intercepted 9 destroyed 3 LIBERATORS lost

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INSTRUCTIONS

PRIORITY

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SITREP 45 to 022100L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 020900L SITREP (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 012100L (.) further to NGF sitrep 44 (.)

24 BDE (.) patrol 2/43 BN captured posn 602714 (.)
killed 4 JAPS captured 2 LMGs (.) OP 610718 reported 30
men with packs moving north at 610744 at 011800L (.) gun
believed 75 mm fired 28 shells into area 608715 (.) CB
neutralised gun (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/24 BN patrol to 518674 contacted 2/4
CAV SQN patrol (.) no JAPS (.) 2/24 BN with 550 natives
mainly engaged carrying supplies and amm for 2/23 BN (.)
2/24 BN HQ 545684 A coy 555697 B coy 544687 C coy
555695 D coy 531682 (.) 2/4 CAV SQN patrol to MORENG
no JAPS (.)

4 BDE (.) 22 BN moved to 632725 (.)

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SITREP 46 to 031000L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 022100L sitnor (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV observer to 022100L (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/43 bn C coy with two tks fought west and drove JAPS from high ground 597715 and secured track junction 596716 (.) B coy fought to 593717 and came under heavy fire from JAPS on high ground 594718 (.) one tk bogged one received five direct hits from 75 mm at close range track damaged (.) coy still in close contact at dark (.)

20 BDE (.) 2/13 bn patrol found JAPS dug in 570715 (.) posn shelled heavily (.) 2/15 bn drove JAP from 586704 capturing rifles and equipment (.) at dark were in close contact at 583706 with one JAP platoon (.) 2/17 bn relieved 37/52 bn at SCARLET BEACH (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/23 bn advanced north from 553712 met heavy LMG fire from strong positions south slopes PEAK HILL (.) attempt to outflank foiled by steep gorge (.) JAPS heavily shelled and mortared (.) 2/48 bn A coy relieved 2/4 CAV SQN at MARAUO (.)

4 BDE (.) 29/46 bn moved to 633721 (.) 37/52 bn moved to 629721 (.)

1618 rds artillery ammunition expended harassing and in support of ops 2 Dec

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SITREP 47 to 031700L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 030900L SITNOR (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV observer to 030900L (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/23 BN C coy was attacked 021940L from high ground north of KUANKO 556710 and lost some high ground (.) counter attack 022100L unsuccessful (.) entire 2/23 BN now committed just south of village in face of superior JAP force strong in automatic weapons and holding commanding ground (.) our artillery put down heavy defensive fire and harassed WAREO and 597718 and 623738

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SITREP 48 to 032200L (.)

9 DIV observer to 031400L (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/23 BN no change (.) BN on very steep razor back ridge covered by dense bamboo (.) reinforcement proceeding (.)

4 BDE (.) 22 BN (.) establishing br head across KALUENG RIVER to cover construction tk and veh ford (.) construction being delayed by JAP mortar fire (.) D coy with arty in sp in contact JAPS armed with LMGs and mortars 624736 (.) B coy in contact 621736 (.) C coy north bank KALUENG RIVER 617731 moving west mopping up odd JAPS (.) one pl A coy north remainder south of ford (.) 2/15 EN (.) between 030730 and 031230L no fire from JAPS NONGORA area (.) patrol NE to 597713 no contact

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SITREP 49 to 041000L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 032100L (.) 21 BDE (.) Active patrolling (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV no further reports (.)

Rcf SITREP 48 (.) for 22 BN B Coy in contact 621736
read B Coy in contact 612736

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SITREP 50 to 041500L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 040900L sitnor (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV Observer to 040900L (.)

4 BDE (.) Patrol 22 Bn to 618743 no contact (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/43 Bn front some enemy small
arms and mortar fire (.)

20 BDE (.) Hy and lt MG fire from enemy NW
of NONGORA at 032015L neutralised by accurate
mortar fire (.)

26 BDE (.) Strong enemy pressure on 2/23 Bn
continues (.) Our arty harassed WAREO (.)

THREE (.) SHIPPING SIGHTINGS (.) Two barges moving south
past GUSIKA 032030L (.) barges withdrew north

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SITREP 51 (.) infm received subsequent to SITREP 50 (.)

2 AUST CORPS to 040008L (.)

9 DIV to 032100L (.)

4 BDE (.) 22 BN (.) D Coy with arty sp drove JAPS from 623739 (.) C Coy 609737 (.) A Coy protecting engr 624734 (.) JAP posn estimated two pls 619737 heavily shelled (.) 031915L JAP 75 mm fired 30 shells into GUSIKA area (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/43 BN (.) with B Coy in close contact 593716 C Coy attacked south flank and captured 591716 against bitter resistance (.) strong JAP posn 589716 defended by HMGs LMGs and at least one fd gun prevented further progress (.) 031600L gun fired 10 shells straight down track (.) patrols found many abandoned posns 599719 and 596718 (.) BN HQ 596714 A Coy 602717 B Coy 593717 C Coy 591716 D Coy 596716 (.) 2/32 BN less two coys in sp 2/43 BN (.) BN HQ 597715 A Coy 601716 B Coy 600715 C Coy 624712 D Coy 619682 (.)

20 BDE (.) 2/15 BN patrol from NONGOHA 5870 found strong JAP posn 584707 (.) attempt to outflank to west prevented by JAP fire (.) patrol maintained contact supported by our arty and mortars (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/23 BN (.) KUANKO posn held against heavy pressure all day (.) determined JAP attempt to outflank to east driven back by fighting patrols (.) by JAP fire brought on posn from north and east 031300L (.) 032050L JAPS forming up for attack broken up by arty and mortar fire (.) 2/24 BN fully engaged carrying sups to 2/23 BN (.) 2/4 CAV SQN (.) 3 day patrol to KULUNGTUFU 3071 reached 475718 ref one inch map (.)

arty supported all ops expending over 3200 rds (.)

one tp 4 Fy AA Bty arrived KEDAM night 2/3 dec (.) now in pos 642580

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SITREP 52 to 051200L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 042100L (.) active patrolling all areas (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV observer to 042100L (.)

4 BDE (.) 22 BN (.) D Coy found JAP bunkers and foxholes 618739 to 624739 (.) four rows Tk A mines across track 623739 but extent of fd undetermined (.) tk crossing KALUENG RIVER 624734 completed and three tks crossed 041200L (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/43 BN (.) B and D coys outflanked JAP posn 589717 from south and secured posn astride track 585716 at 041330L (.) 041445L ambushed and killed several of JAP party from west (.) JAP gun 579715 fired 48 shells into area 625714 without causing casualties (.)

20 BDE (.) 2/13 BN (.) C coy 560685 2/15 BN (.) B and D coys moved NONGORA during morning (.) 041445L B coy moved north to cut track in rear JAP posn 584707 reaching 582712 by dark (.) D coy 586701 shelled mortared and machine gunned JAPS 584707 all day (.)

26 BDE (.) patrol contacted and inflicted casualties JAP party 517690 (.) patrol PIB report JAPS 515697 (.) patrol 2/4 CAV COMMANDO SQN reached JOANGENG 3575 ref one in map (.) 2/23 BN (.) KUANKO posn held against by continuous JAP pressure all day (.) our arty broke up three attacks from NE and secured direct hits on HMGs and LMGs 554712 (.) arty shelled WAREO area dump areas LAGCON 6147 and KILIGIA 6177 and JAP guns 679715 and 620752 (.) 4082 rds expended

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SITREP 53 to 051500L (.)

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TWO (.) 9 DIV observer to 050900L (.)

4 BDE (.) 29/46 BN with tks in sq and preceded
by arty fire on 622741 attacked north at 050730L (.)
fighting proceeding 622739 with strong JAP resist-
ance west of track (.)

ref SITREP 52 (.) 26 BDE (.) 2/4 CAV COMANDO
SQN reached 395745 ref one in map NOT JOANGENG (.)
our arty shelled LAGOON 6174 NOT 6147 and JAP
guns 579715 NOT 679715 (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 042050L one bomber dropped 4 bombs
LANGEMAK BAY area some casualties and 042105L eight
bombs area east KOLEM POINT NO damage

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SITREP 54 to 061100L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 052100L (.)

21 BDE (.) 2/27 BN moved 753607 with coys at
784577 and 743627 (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV observer to 052000L (.)

4 BDE (.) 29/46 BN (.) the leading coy
reached 618745 with the remainder of the BN in
depth to the south (.) severe fighting against
two lines of prepared posns and a mine fd which
temporarily put one tk and one bulldozer out of
action (.) 37/52 BN (.) one coy on left flank
reached 608730 (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 052100L one A/C dropped 6 bombs
south MALAHANG strip NIL cas reported NO damage

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posns CAPE GLOUCESTER fires started AA posns believed
destroyed (.) 6 BOSTONS successfully bombed enemy posns
KAMLAGIDU POINT (.) ground tps report attack effective (.)
10 MITCHELLS 3 MARAUDERS bombed brs BOGADJIM ROAD

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4 BDE (.) 29/46 BN (.) JAP mine fd and first prepared posn was at 623739 (.) after driving JAPS from second posn 622741 with a fierce inf assault supported by tks and arty D coy reached 618746 and dug in along creek at last light (.) posn 619738 which was bypassed during morning mopped up by B coy (.) A coy track junc 619743 (.) 29 46 BN less two coys 622739 (.) 37/52 BN (.) B coy flank gd to 608738 with patrols north and west (.)

20 BDE (.) JAP posn 584707 harassed by arty mortar and MG fire all day (.) 2/15 Bn (.) B coy moved 585705 (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/23 BN (.) JAP still in possession high ground but did NOT attack (.) JAPS subjected to hy concentrations arty and mortar fire (.) 2/24 BN (.) A coy moving through dense precipitous country reached 553709 (.) 2/4 CAV SQN (.) patrol to KULUNG TUFU moving through steep difficult country toward FASEO 383778 ref one in map (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/32 BN in a fierce brief fight drove JAPS from 589716 into fighting patrols from B and D coys 2/43 BN 585717 who intercepted and killed retreating JAPS (.) 2/32 BN then continued adv to JAP posn 583718 (.) A and B coys 583718 C coy 593716 D coy 603716 (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 052020L one A/C dropped 6 bombs near KAKAKCG slight damage and casualties (.) 052050L one A/C jettisoned bombs at sea on engagement by AA 052155L one A/C over beach south mouth SONG RIVER

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SITREP 56 to 071800L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 062100L (.) enemy arty active 2/14 BN and 2/16 BN areas (.) our arty engaged enemy posns area 6963 (.) patrol 2/2 PNR BN based 862606 patrolling all tracks that area (.) to 070900L sitnor (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV observer to 062100L (.)

4 BDE (.) adv along coast made good progress (.) 29/46 BN (.) D Coy contacted strong JAP posn 618746 (.) B Coy moved 616747 on western track and together with D Coy and strong arty sp drove JAP north (.) D Coy reached 621752 capturing a 70 mm gun which was packed to move at 619749 (.) A Coy passed through B Coy and reached 617754 in face of opposition by snipers and LMG posts (.) mopping up made difficult by dense jungle (.) C Coy drove through JAP posn 615747 to 614747 (.) tks reached 618745 (.) NOT in action being delayed by numerous creek crossings (.) 37/52 BN (.) B Coy reached 600742 (.) 20 JAPS moving north on well used track NE from 5872 ambushed (.) 10 JAPS incl 2 offrs killed without loss (.)

24 BDE (.) sheer escarpment foiled attempt by A and B Coys 2/32 BN to outflank JAP posn 581718 (.) posn heavily shelled mortared and sniped all day (.)

20 BDE (.) 2/15 BN (.) by accurate arty and mortar fire with constant pressure by patrols forced JAP from ridge 584707 (.) B Coy then occupied posn which consisted of 50 deep foxholes (.) patrols to north contacted JAP posns 579715 which were heavily shelled (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/23 BN (.) constant arty mortar and MG fire drove JAP from 556711 where patrol found 50 foxholes (.) JAP posns NW of KUANKO harassed all day (.) 2/24 BN (.) three coys in two day outflanking move through precipitous terrain reached PEAK HILL 5571 where they completely surprised the enemy (.) A Coy then moved SE down hill attacking rear of JAP posns NW of KUANKO and reached a posn astride track in close contact (.) at 062000L JAPS attempted to move NW met A Coy and were dispersed (.) D Coy PEAK HILL 552714 C Coy 549713 (.) observer to 071000L (.)

4 BDE (.) 070640L D Coy 37/52 BN commenced moving to 607750 and C Coy 29/46 BN to 614752 (.)

26 BDE (.) in spite of extreme difficulties of terrain strong opposition and numerous fierce counter-attacks during past 4 days JAPS now cleared from area KUANKO - PEAK HILL (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 061003L one DINAH over MILNE BAY at 25000 ft (.) NO bombs dropped AA unsuccessfully engaged

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area (.) 30 MITCHELLS attacked coastal area BORGES BAY (.)
results unobserved (.) 18 MITCHELLS attacked ARAWA (.)
4 LIGHTNINGS strafed LAKONA track setting fuel dump on
fire (.) 9 BOSTONS attacked enemy occupied areas KAMLA-
GIDU POINT (.) all bombs in target area (.) 12 MITCHELLS
attacked dumps in LAKONA area (.) bombing excellent but
results obscured by smoke

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SITREP 57 to 081200L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 072100L (.)

21 BDE (.) patrol 2/27 BN north along track in hard country to 739651 (.) Patrol 2/6 CAV COMANDO SQN 433860 forced withdraw due enemy ambush (.) Enemy patrol after springing booby trap 455775 fled leaving equipment and arms (.) JAP arty active area 2/14 BN (.) Amn dump destroyed (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV Observer to 072100L (.)

4 BDE (.) gen adv continued (.) tks being delayed by powerful mines reinforced with extra explosives (.) location of mines proving difficult (.) 29/46 BN (.) B Coy adv against snipers and small enemy posts to 618757 where they were held up by JAP posn 617757 (.) A Coy then attacked with arty sp from SW and drove JAPS from posn (.) D Coy passed through and at dark were in close contact 615762 (.) B Coy 617760 A Coy 617758 C Coy 613752 (.) 37/52 BN (.) D Coy reached 607750 (.) lagoon unsuitable landing beach due coral shelf at entrance (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/32 BN (.) with arty and mortars in sp drove JAPS from eastern slopes HILL 1800 581718 and now in close contact 579718 with JAP posns on western slope which were heavily shelled and mortared (.) A Coy 580718 B Coy 581719 C Coy 580717 (.) patrol from C Coy to track junc 578717 engaged JAP posns on high ground to north (.)

20 BDE (.) patrol 2/15 BN to track junc 578717 fired on (.) 2/13 BN moved GUSIKA (.)

26 BDE (.) patrol found JAP posn knoll 512704 which was shelled (.) 2/23 BN (.) during mopping up PEAK HILL killed further 12 JAPS captured LMGs and eqpt (.) 2/24 BN (.) PEAK HILL consolidated (.) fighting patrols intercepting fleeing JAPS killed 24 without loss (.) C and D Coys moved west to track KWATINGKO - WAREO where JAPS found holding southern approaches to WAREO in strength (.) A Coy 552713 C Coy 548715 D Coy 549715 (.) 2/4 CAV COMANDO SQN (.) patrol to west reached JOANGENG 558756 ref one in map (.) no recent sign of JAPS

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SITREP 58 to 081600L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 080900L (.) first light enemy estimated strength 50 attacked fwd elements B Coy PIB area 5569 (.) enemy later reported digging in area 5169 on ridge which dominates RAMU VALLEY in area KESAWA (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV Observer to 080900L sitnor

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SITREP 59 to 091000L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 082100L (.)

-- 25 BDE (.) 2/6 CAV COMANDO SQN now under comd (.) enemy attack early 8 Dec on OP 454775 driven off with casualties (.) during morning enemy out our L of C to ISARIBA 4575 cutting off patrol in that area (.) at 082005L hrs the enemy in strength surrounded SQN HQ which managed to fight through and is now withdrawing to area EVAPIA RIVER (.)

B Coy PIB (.) standing patrol 5567 heavily attacked at first light and forced withdraw towards EVAPIA RIVER after inflicting heavy casualties (.) enemy estimated by tac/r to be NOT less than 200 now establishing strong defns on ridge (.)

21 BDE (.) enemy guns believed to be of heavier calibre than those formerly used shelled fwd areas during the day (.) patrol 2/2 PNR BN based MUNGO 8563 patrolled actively in area no contact (.) Patrols 2/2 CAV COMANDO SQN contacted enemy 402020 and ULILAI 3407 formerly NOT occupied by enemy (.)

TWO (.) 2 AUST CORPS to 082045L (.) 9 DIV to 081500L (.)

4 BDE (.) steady progress made against persistent opposition (.) enemy posns in some strength located at various pts on line of TUNOH RIVER (.)

-- 24 BDE (.) 2/32 BN attacked and captured remaining enemy posns on HILL 1800 579718 and is now patrolling to the west (.)

26 BDE (.) At 081000L WAREO fell to the tps of 2/23 BN (.) 2/24 BN continued adv NE astride track against continuous enemy delaying action and now in contact strong enemy rear gd 562728 (.)

2/4 CAV COMANDO SQN occupied ULUO 5170 and a patrol has contacted enemy at BAZULUO 5371

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SITREP 60 to 091700L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV Observer to 090900L (.)

21 BDE sitnor (.)

25 BDE (.) 2/6 CAV COMANDO SQN out of comm since 082005L (.)
one Coy 2/31 BN in posn 5563 (.) two Coys 2/25 BN moving to
establish on EVAPIA R and patrol fwd (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV Observer to 090900L (.)

fwd tps 29/46 BN 616760 (.) fighting patrols killed 25 (.)
37/52 BN adv to high ground 607748 with one Coy 601751 across
very precipitous valley of TUNOM R (.) 22 BN relieved by
2/13 BN and now in res area 619749 (.) arty engaged 60 JAPS
gathering coconuts 6176 by cas (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/32 BN consolidated on hill 579718 (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/24 BN struck strong opposition 537719 but position
captured by two Coy attack (.) at least 80 dead counted KUANKO area

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SITREP 61 to 101000L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 092100L (.)

25 BDE (.) 2/6 cav sqn less B and C tps success-
fully withdrew to MENE R (.) cas light (.) B and
C tps KOROPA area 4673 in contact with enemy and
withdrawing (.) two coys 2/25 bn area 5562 local
patrolling NO contact (.) B coy PIB less dets
area 6656 (.) two 25 pr 54 bty YOGIA R (.) japs
using natives to guide locate and report our disposi-
tions (.) 2/2 cav sqn (.) patrols attacked enemy
posns ULILAI inflicted cas but forced to withdraw
by hy enemy fire incl mortars (.) NO enemy SUMIAU
3899 TABABU 4296 (.)

Tac R (.) MT track OLD YAULA to 545855 (.)
signs hy use fwd to MATALOI number 1 (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV observer to 092100L (.)

4 BDE (.) A and D coys 29/46 bn overcame small
jap outposts and made br head over TUNOM R at 616764 (.)
9 japs killed (.) B coy killed 12 japs at posn 613758 (.)
then relieved by B coy 22 bn and now 615759 (.) C coy
612755 relieved by A coy 22 bn now 616759 (.) jap
posns creek bed 615757 mortared (.) D coy 37/52 bn
crossed TUNOM R reached 604749 but sharp opposition
and steep cliffs prevented adv north (.) C coy
601746 prevented from crossing by precipitous terrain (.)

20 BDE (.) patrol 2/15 bn contacted 2/32 bn track
junc 578717 (.) 2/15 bn concentrated 604684 (.) 2/17
bn now 6174 (.) 2/13 bn vicinity GUSIKA (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/32 bn patrol made visual contact
2/24 bn across strong jap posn covering tk junc 563727 (.)
outflanking patrol reached 566726 in very difficult
country (.) jap posn and two way movement on track to NE
shelled (.) D coy 2/24 bn and B coy 2/23 drove jap
from high ground 538718 and occupied BAZULUO where
found large hospital recently evacuated (.) 2/23 bn
patrolled tracks 5472 and 5572 little signs recent
use (.) 2/4 cav sqn from ULUO 5170 attacked jap
reargd posn 528716 from rear (.) completely surprised
and dispersed japs (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 091840L 2 enemy A/C divebombed and
strafed PINO HILL area NO damage reported

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coastal area to Cape RAGLET (.) 9 BOSTONS attacked coastal track
MASEWENG River to WANDICAI (.) 10 MITCHELLS attacked dump area
HUBIKA (.) 20 KITTYHAWKS lead in by BOOMERANGS bombed and strafed
KUNAI ridge in two attacks (.) bombing reported excellent (.)
AIRACOBAS attacked NANZANREI and HABLUBU on BOGADJIM Rd causing
fires and land slide.

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SITREP 62 to 102000L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 100900L (.) nothing further (.)

TWO (.) 2 AUST CORPS to 101100L (.) 9 DIV Adv Hq opened
BONGA 653724 (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 100545L one u/i enemy a/c dropped -
4 of 5 bombs KENE RIVER area 6156 (.) Some damage
some cas (.) a/c engaged by AA result not reported

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7 LIBERATORS bombed NANBARIWA destroying barge and starting fire (.)
8 KITTYHAWKS intercepted 15 enemy fighters MADANG area 3 destroyed
own nil

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SITREP 63 to 111000L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 102100L (.)

25 BDE (.) 2/25 BN based on EVAPIA RIVER with two
coys operating in area 5265 and 5267 (.) JAP party
ambushed 505674 suffered 20 casualties (.)
2/6 CAV COMMANDO SQN less elements now in area 6258 (.)
major part of C tp rejoined sqn during day (.) B tp
located area 4766 by contact recce at 101530L and sups
dropped (.)
54 BTY (.) one sec moved 5661 engaged enemy (.)

21 BDE (.) enemy arty active causing no damage (.)

TAC/R (.) 5 bridges completely reconstructed on BOGADJIM
ROAD (.)

TWO (.) ENEMY AIR (.) JAPS bombed our posn KESAWAI area 100630L (.)

THREE (.) 9 DIV no further reports

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ROAD (.) one bridge destroyed (.) 22 MITCHELLS bombed and strafed
villages and supply areas YOKOPI (.) fires and explosions observed

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SITREP 64 to 111600L (.)

ONE (.) SUMMARY (.)

RAMU area (.) patrol clash only (.)

FINSCHHAFEN (.) further advances by 4 BDE along coast (.) fwd tps overcame brief resistance with support tanks reached RIVER SOWI 609773 (.) 20 BDE concentrating north GUSIKA to protect left flank and rear 4 BDE (.)

TWO (.) 7 DIV to 110900L (.)

at 110015L enemy attacked with bayonets 2/16 BN standing patrol at 687606 (.) were driven off with light cas both sides (.)

THREE (.) 9 DIV to 110900L (.)

4 BDE (.) 29/46 BN pushed up coast with tank and arty support in torrential rain and reached SOWI RIVER 609773 (.) cleared enemy positions coconuts 6176 and KILIGIA during advance (.) A coy 37/52 BN crossed TUNOM R 606756 now astride track north bank (.) C and D coys contacted well dug in JAP posns 604750 and 602752 and few JAPS 600746 (.) A and B coys 22 BN eliminated coy JAPS 613757 in deep dugouts in cliff (.) 75 JAP dead some MGs captured (.)

20 BDE (.) HQ at 612740 2/15 BN 6272 (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/32 BN patrol contacted 2/24 BN patrol 568728 though JAPS still astride track to west (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/14 BN attempt to outflank strong JAP posn 564728 failed due difficult terrain (.) JAPS were shelled and mortared during day (.)

2/4 CAV SQN (.) no JAPS FASEO but natives report party passed through 7 dec

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SITREP 65 to 121100L (.)

ONE (.) SUMMARY (.) patrol activity and regrouping of our forces continued in all areas (.)

TWO (.) 7 DIV to 112100L (.)

25 BDE (.) 2/25 BN continued active patrolling with arty sp in RAMU RIVER - KESAHAI area (.) party of JAPS ambushed 508668 suffered 6 cas (.) tracks between YOGIA RIVER and EVAPIA RIVER very bad due by rain (.)

2/2 CAV COMMANDO SQN patrol reports KULAU 3207 occupied by approx 100 JAPS with EMGs in posn as AA def (.) SQN now concentrated PAITA 1681 with standing patrols at likely river crossings and patrols fwd to USINI 3291 and along RAMU (.) one to BENA area (.)

21 BDE (.) intermittent JAP arty fire into area 2/14 BN (.) 2/2 PNR BN moved area lakes 685582 (.)

THREE (.) 9 DIV observer to 112100L (.)

4 BDE (.) 29/46 BN continued mopping up KILIGIA area killing 26 JAPS (.) A Coy 22 BN with three tks holding brhead 608774 B Coy 613758 C Coy 618755 D Coy 612763 (.) patrol from A Coy north to CAPE 609783 thence 300 yds west no contact (.) 37/52 BN moved to high ground north of TUNOM RIVER vicinity 607757 (.) 110812L A Coy ambushed 18 JAPS moving SW at 607757 killing 5 (.) JAPS on high ground 600773 inactive (.)

20 BDE (.) A and B Coy 2/17 BN relieved B and C Coy 37/52 BN at 604745 (.) C Coy 2/17 BN 617744 D Coy 612742 (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/32 BN patrol to 584727 found many abandoned JAP posns (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/23 BN (.) patrol to track juns 540733 met 20 JAPS with 3 LMGs (.) killed 2 wounded 1 JAP and forced JAP party to withdraw north (.) A Coy 2/24 BN penetrated JAP posn 565728 causing some casualties and capturing 1 EMG and 1 LMG (.) In less B Coy vicinity 565728 B Coy FIOR (.)

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SITREP 66 to 122100L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 120900L sitnor (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV observer to 120900L (.)

4 BDE (.) 22 BN continued adv and now in contact
500 yds north SOWI RIVER (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 120520L one JAP A/C dropped 4 bombs
25 BDE area NO damage or casualties

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SITREP 67 to 131000L (.)

ONE (.) SUMMARY (.) patrol activity all areas (.)

TWO (.) 7 DIV to 122100L (.)

21 BDE (.) enemy arty active heavy shelling of
2/14 bn posn (.) NO damage or casualties (.) one coy
2/2 pnr bn now on feature 2600 at 672610 with sec at
648600 (.) patrol moving LUNGO - COEULU - GUSAP (.)

25 BDE (.) patrol 2/25 bn to 505665 killed 4 JAPS
wounded two (.) ambush at 507668 encountered JAPS no
further details (.) patrols along RAEU RIVER to vicinity
KESAWAI no contact (.) tp 2/6 cav sqn now 5500 feature
at 635631 (.)

THREE (.) 2 AUST CORPS to 121500L (.)

fwd tps 22 bn at 605785 (.) tks being hampered by
fallen trees but track cleared by engrs (.) jeephead
at 606753 in fair going (.) favourable report on beach
north of SOWI RIVER

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ONE (.) 9 DIV observer to 122100L (.)

4 BDE (.) 22 BN found strong position estimated coy with hy and LIGs along creek bed at 604784 (.) tanks reached 606783 despite fallen timber (.) 29/46 BN patrol found no JAPS on high ground vicinity 601772 (.) 29/46 BN concentrated around KILIGIA beachhead 608775 and responsible for protection (.) much mortar amm and mines JAP dump KILIGIA (.) A coy 37/52 BN crossed SOWI now astride track 603766 (.) patrols south of SOWI sq 5976 no JAPS (.)

20 BDE (.) protecting left rear of 4 BDE south of TUNUH (.) 2/15 BN 618753 (.) 2/17 BN patrols found sq 5974 clear several dead JAPS 601745 (.)

24 BDE (.) patrols north to 73 grid no JAPS (.) recovered much eqpt amm mines at abandoned posns 581720 (.)

26 BDE (.) A coy 2/24 BN attacked SW to JAP posns track junc 564727 and after 6 hrs hard fighting in difficult country drove JAPS out (.) 25 dead counted and much eqpt (.) C coy passed through adv NW contacted JAPS 565732 (.) 2/23 BN patrols on tracks north of WAREO mopped up three small JAP parties (.) arty expended 1100 rds on LAKONA 589793 JAPS on tracks 577742 and 568735

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SITREP 69 to 131500L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 130900L (.)

25 BDE (.) japs attacked fwd coys 2/25 BN at 130115L forcing our withdrawal to 5366 (.) preliminary reports indicate japs in strength we suffered some cas (.) on 12 dec patrol vigorously attacked dug in enemy posns at 496674 and jap cas believed considerable (.) our patrol at 507668 were mortared and attacked by japs and forced to withdraw (.) our arty active engaging targets of opportunity (.)

21 BDE (.) situation normal

TWO (.) 9 DIV observer to 130900L (.)

22 BN continued adv along coast at first light after quiet night (.) counted jap dead 30 nov to 11 dec 343 (.) total since 22 sep 2356

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SITREP 70 to 141100L (.)

ONE (.) SUMMARY (.) little change in RAMU VALLEY (.) our fighting patrols are maintaining contact in KESAWAI area and keeping posn forward of our main defended area fluid by continual mvt of patrol bases (.) further progress has been made by 4 BDE towards LAKONA (.)

TWO (.) 7 DIV to 132100L (.)

21 BDE (.) contact on 2/14 BN and 2/16 BN front maintained (.) normal patrol ops continue (.)

25 BDE (.) refer SITREP 69 (.) further details JAP attack on fwd coys 2/25 BN (.) between 130100L and 130545L 3 determined attacks by JAPS estimated strength 400 were beaten off (.) JAPS casualties estimated 100 (.) PIB patrols along both banks RAMU river no contact (.)

THREE (.) 9 DIV observer to 130900L (.)

4 BDE (.) 22 BN (.) D overcame opposition 606784 (.) JAP platoon 601785 caused some delay but D killed 10 and by passed and reached creek 598787 (.) now opposed by strong JAP posn on west bank which was heavily shelled (.) A moved west by passed pockets of enemy by 1630L reached 596783 (.) B in sharp fight drove JAPS from posn 598783 (.) then with tk support drove JAPS from 601785 and occupied it (.) C to 596787 supporting D (.) 37/52 BN A and C drove JAPS off and occupied high ground 600772 (.) rest of bn relieved by 2/13 BN moved to B 606782 D 607779 (.) arty expended 1150 rds in support (.)

20 BDE (.) 2/13 BN from GUSIKA relieved 37/52 BN south of SOWI and now located in area 605766 (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/24 BN (.) JAP still holds knoll on razor back 567733 (.) precipitious terrain prevents outflanking (.) posn shelled and mortared (.) 2/23 BN patrols to 534727 and 554728 no contact (.)

FOUR (.) SHIPPING SIGHTINGS (.) 140815L possible sub south ROOKE ISLAND course NOT known

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NO change (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV observer to 140900L (.)

4 BDE (.) enemy activity on bde front during night engaged by arty (.) 22 BF continued advance in coastal sector at first light (.)

THREE (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 140625L one LILLY dropped three bombs off SCARLET BEACH (.) no damage or cas reported

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ONE (.) SUMMARY (.) in RANU VALLEY patrolling has continued without locating main JAP strength (.) progress has been made by 4 BDE towards LOKONA (.)

TWO (.) 7 DIV to 142100L (.)

our arty engaged parties of JAPS moving high ground area feature 5800 at 5567 (.) patrol from 2/2 PNR BN arrived GOINLU from MUNGO report area clear.(.)

THREE (.) 9 DIV observer to 142100L (.)

4 BDE (.) 22 BN (.) D coy with C coy in support drove 50 JAPS from posn 596787 thence along coast to strong JAP posn 595789 (.) A coy with bayonet drove JAP from dug in posn 595786 thence to 590784 (.) B coy mopped up pocket 600785 killing 20 capturing 37 mm and several LMGs (.) A coy 37/52 BN drove 50 JAPS west from 600772 and found JAP posn 597773 (.) patrols located strong JAP posn with hy and LMGs 594772 and 595777 (.) estimate 200 JAPS in area (.) 80 JAPS observed going north 593768 at 1530L (.) 29/46 BN to bde reserve area 607779 (.) JAP mortared 597774 (.) considerable two way traffic fording mouth of LASAWENG shelled (.)

20 BDE (.) relieved 4 BDE defence KILIGIA BEACH (.) 2/13 BN area 605765 (.) 2/17 BN patrol reached 595750 (.)

26 BDE (.) C coy 2/24 BN drove JAP from posn 567733 by direct assault supported by mortars (.) two previous attempts to outflank foiled by precipices 564728 (.) 2/23 BN patrol exchanged fire with JAPS 541733

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ONE (.) SUMMARY (.) no change all areas (.)

TWO (.) 7 DIV to 150900L (.) no change (.)

THREE (.) 9 DIV observer to 150900L (.)

4 BDE (.) drive on LAKONA continues (.) 37/52 Bn
mopping up JAPS still in jungle and creek beds 595773 (.)
enemy 75 mm gun 589795 active till neutralised by our arty (.)

2/4 CAV SQN (.) patrol reached MOLOLO 392793 no JAPS (.)
carrier line attacked by native spearmen village 391788 (.)

TAC R 151140L reports BOGADJIM rd blocked by landslides
15 places BANZANREI 5982 (.) bridges 1 to 13 incl and parts
of rd washed away (.) no trace of route along MINTJIM R

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AIROPS 15 dec (.) 24 LIBERATORS bombed CAPE GLOUCESTER area explosions and
heavy smoke (.) 9 AIROCCERAS left barge burning KELANA harbour

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STINEP 74 to 161330L (.)

ONE (.) SUREGATY (.) active patrolling in RAMU VALLEY (.) further progress made by 4 IDE (.) LAKONA captured (.)

TVC (.) 7 DIV to 160900L (.)

21 IDE (.) one Coy 2/2 pnr bn now 646600 (.) 2/27 bn relieved 2/14 bn with one coy 743627 one coy less one pl KUMBAJUM area (.) one pl 784578 (.)

25 IDE (.) 2/25 bn report 164 weapon pits in area 5265 (.) patrol from 2/31 and 2/33 bns and 2/6 cav sqn made no contact with enemy (.)

THREE (.) 9 DIV to 160900L (.)

4 IDE after hard all day fight took LOKANA (.) C and D coys 22 bn with arty support and after heavy fighting drove 70 JAPS from 595789 back on to SIADA 594791 (.) C coy took LAKONA 1700L (.) D coy at 595790 (.) A coy fought north along creek 590784 to mouth 592791 pocketing JAPS (.) JAPS retreating across SANGA SANGAR suffered by casualties from A coy and arty fire (.) A coy 37/52 bn fighting from dawn to 1000L drove 50 JAPS from dug in posn 595773 with mortar and machine gun fire (.) killed 20 (.) D coy and pl MIGs joined E coy 592777 (.) patrols to west saw small parties going north on track 584787 and 582770 (.) shelled (.) fighting patrol from C coy eliminated pocket 595777 (.) 29/46 bn on relief by 2/15 bn now bde reserve 600784 (.) many JAPS mostly going north seen 586824 shelled (.) much movement south in defile 585819 suffered casualties to our arty fire 1800L (.) very by rain flooded creek and washed out bridge on coastal track (.) tanks held up creek 596787 (.)

20 IDE (.) 2/15 bn relieved 29/46 bn at KILIGIA BEACH (.) D coy protecting COCCNUT BEACH 616763 (.) 2/13 bn patrols south of SOWI west to 59 grid no contacts (.) 2/17 bn C coy to 615753 D coy 610755 (.) 9 Div carrier coy to COCCNUT BEACH for close defence (.) JAP 75 mm 590793 shelled KALIGIA 152000L silenced by counter battery (.)

26 IDE (.) D coy 2/24 bn moved NE along track to 569735 struck JAP posn on narrow saddle 571735 (.) shelled and mortared (.) patrol from 2/23 bn north to 73 grid no contacts (.) our arty was active in support all forward tps

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SITREP 75 to 171000L (.)

ONE (.) SUMMARY (.) in RAMU VALLEY active patrolling (.) regrouping 21 BDE completed (.) by fighting by 4 BDE between LAKONA and SANGA RIVER (.)

TWO (.) 7 DIV to 162100L (.)

21 BDE (.) BDE HQ 696588 (.) 2/14 bn in reserve area 688585 (.) patrol 2/2 pnr bn reached GUSAF report NG enemy seen (.)

25 BDE (.) patrolling continues NO contact made (.) patrol 2/2 Cav Sqn reports UBIGINA No 1 and No 2 clear enemy (.)

THREE (.) 9 DIV observer to 162100L (.)

4 BDE (.)

22 In (.) A coy patrol west found JAPS in posn 591791 and maintained contacts 0750L to 1225L when A coy with mortar and MG support drove JAP back (.) still in close contact at dark (.) D coy maintained pressure on strongly resisting pocket in plantation 594791 (.) tks finally crossed creek 596787 at 1730L supported C coy attack on posns dug in on series of ridges (.) 30 JAP killed remainder driven to jump off cliffs (.) B coy to 592790 in support A coy (.) 31/52 bn west to high ground 5878 overlooking SANGA RIVER (.) 29/46 bn bde reserve 598785 (.) PIB patrols ambushed and killed 12 JAPS moving west 577778 two LMGs and rifles taken (.) 18 JAPS with rifles and full packs seen moving west 581759 (.) arty OP reports shelled several small parties with full packs moving north at mouth MASATENG RIVER (.) casualties being carried to possible medical aid post 581785 (.)

20 BDE (.) 2/15 bn B coy from COCONUT BEACH 616764 rejoined bn area KILIGIA BEACH (.) 2/13 bn patrols west to grid 59 no contact but found 20 mm M gun with amn 605758 (.)

24 BDE (.) patrols to north no contact but recovered weapons and eqpt 578728 (.)

26 BDE (.) C and D coys 24 bn 571735 after mortaring and shelling posn drove JAP back (.) reached village 575740 along razor back (.) 2/23 bn patrols WAREO to 54 grid no contact (.)

arty expended 2500 rds in support 4 BDE (.) shelled JAP guns 584807 and 590793

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MORGEN JAY - CAPE BUSHING 48 LIBERATORS destroyed 10 enemy aircraft 3
probable own losses nil (.) 6 BOSTONS strafed coastal area ARATE (.)
10 MITCHELLS attacked dumps SIC smoke visible for 50 miles (.)
9 MARAUDERS bombed dump areas KELANCA

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SITREP 76 to 171500L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 170900L (.) no change (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV observer to 170900L (.)

4 BDE (.) & Coy 29/46 Bn across SANGA RIVER 589793

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SITREP 77 to 18093CL (.)

7 DIV to 1721COL (.)

21 BDE (.) HQ 2/2 pnr bn now 660612 (.)

25 BDE (.) two days patrol 2/25 bn to SCLU RIVER report NG sign enemy

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AIRCFS 17 DEC (.) CAPE GLOUCESTER 22 LIBERATORS bombed no 2 strip
10 MITCHELLS bombed TARGET HILL (.) 9 MITCHELLS accurately attacked
NAMBARIWA (.) 8 THUNDERBOLTS intercepted 30 enemy aircraft ARATE
area 9 destroyed own nil

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SITREP 78 to 181300L (.)

ONE (.) SUMMARY (.) progress by 4 bde along coast north from SANGA RIVER (.)

TWO (.) 2 AUST CORPS to 181000L (.)

ANGAU reports patrol killed 4 JAPS area LULBAIP 600669 ref BOAMA 1 inch (.)

THREE (.) 7 DIV to 180900L (.) no change (.)

FOUR (.) 9 DIV to 172100L (.)

4 BDE (.) at 170900L A coy 29/46 BN preceded by arty concentration on enemy posns on north bank of SANGA RIVER crossed at 590792 (.) posns on north bank were attacked and after sharp fight JAPS driven out (.) one HMG and four LMGs captured (.) D coy on left crossed at 587792 (.) A and D coys at 588800 were engaged by 75 mm gun from 585804 at 1515L (.) gun silenced by arty fire (.) enemy located vicinity creek 586803 and 585801 (.) dispositions last light A coy 587801 D 586799 C 588799 B coy and HQ 588795 (.) at 170700L B coy 22 BN moved west along south bank SANGA RIVER against opposition to 587788

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SITREP 79 to 181805L (.)

ONE (.) 9 DIV and observer to 172100L (.)

4 BDE (.) 29/46 BN A and D coys penetrated posns 586803 and 585801 (.) C coy 22 BN with IIG support mopped up pocket at 593790 (.) 34 enemy dead counted others seen to fall over cliffs into sea (.) A coy made steady progress up difficult spur to protect left flank and ambushed patrol 7 JAPS 584793 (.) found strong posn with by and IIGs 582792 (.) joined by D coy 37/52 BN engaged JAPS (.) both coys now in perimeter 583794 in contact (.) D coy relieved C coy 29/46 BN 588797 (.) C coy protecting beach LAKONA (.) BN HQ 586792 (.) 37/52 BN (.) B coy now standing patrol 581778 (.) patrol to west found heavily used track 579777 running north to river thence NW (.) small parties JAPS shelled in garden 580779 (.) D coy to high ground 583793 and there contacted A coy 22 BN (.) C coy relieved by 2/17 BN moved to 588784 (.) A coy 587779 (.) A Coy 2/2 IG BN supported 29/46 BN attack (.) then descended cliff and with pistols and owens mopped up party JAPS (.)

20 BDE (.) patrol 2/13 BN 600777 to 593777 to 593767 thence to 600771 NO contact (.) 2/15 BN B coy to 599787 (.) 2/17 BN area 603774 (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/32 BN found what seemed large abandoned HQ area 570728 (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/4 CAV SQN advance party reached HIRIKEO 478730 main body at ULUO (.) OP established 500 yds south ZAGANEHI (.) 2/23 BN 2 day patrol NW from BAZULUO found vacated hospital 530728 (.) difficult going NO contact (.) patrol NW from WAREO found empty JAP coy posn 548729 NO contact (.) B coy 2/24 BN unopposed occupied HILL 2000 at 578744 and found empty HQ 573743 (.)

arty expended 3700 rounds (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 180900L (.)

29/46 BN continued coastal advance against opposition at 180830L

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SITREP 80 to 191000L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 182100L (.)

Extensive patrolling in KESAWAI area and towards
SOLU RIVER has been carried out without contact (.)
2/6 Cav Sqn now established 5500 feature carrying
out local patrolling

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bombed dumps CAPE GLOUCESTER (.) 37 LIBERATORS bombed
CAPE HOSKINS strip and dispersal areas (.) 11 BOSTONS attacked
dumps KANOHI (.) 12 BOSTONS attacked area south of WALINGAI (.)
15 LIGHTNINGS intercepted 15/20 enemy fighters SE CAPE ROULT
3 enemy planes destroyed own losses 2 one pilot safe

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SITREP 81 to 192000L (.)

ONE (.) SUMMARY (.) 29/46 Bn has crossed MASAWENG RIVER and made good progress to north (.)

TWO (.) 7 DIV to 190900L (.) no change (.)

THREE (.) 9 DIV and observer to 190900L (.)

4 BDE (.) after arty preparation 29/46 Bn drove north to MASAWENG R routing minor opposition incl bayonet attack on 40 JAPS (.) Bn crossed river now concentrated vicinity 582814 (.) captured much amm and weapons incl 3 x 75 mm guns flame throwers and mortars (.) A Coy 22 Bn and D Coy 37/52 Bn occupied 580793 JAPS having withdrawn (.) 22 Bn patrols on SANGA R to 580784 NO contact (.) 22 Bn now concentrated vicinity 585800 (.) 37/52 Bn vicinity 585796 (.)

20 BDE (.) HQ 613768 (.) 2/17 Bn vicinity 592783 (.) PIB patrol to 587782 found dead JAPS and 75 mm amm (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/23 Bn patrolled BAZULUO area NO contact (.) 2/24 Bn patrolled north towards SOWI R contacted PIB (.) patrol found small party JAPS defending ZASAHEMI (.) patrol to KOMPUA and track to MASAWENG R NO JAPS (.)

FOUR (.) EARLY AIR (.) JAP planes dropped some bombs 4 Bde and 9 Div HQ areas night 18/19 Dec (.) some cas

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SITREP 82 to 201000L (.)

ONE (.) SUMMARY (.) 7 DIV Area (.) patrol activity (.)
9 DIV (.) 29/46 continues advance after
overcoming strong posn 1100 yds north MASAWENG R (.)

TWO (.) 7 AUST DIV to 192100L (.)

25 BDE (.) 2/33 Bn contacted enemy estimated strength
two pls on feature 5800 in square 5567 (.) enemy withdrew
when engaged by our arty (.) one coy 2/33 BN 562675 two
coys 566684 (.) 2/25 BN (.) five day patrol at 502718 (.)
observed JAPS at 499725 (.) 3 Coy PIB at 480660 patrolling
north to SOLU R (.)

21 BDE (.) Patrol reached approx 673660 no contact (.)

THREE (.) 9 DIV to 192100L (.)

4 BDE (.) 29/46 BN (.) C Coy encountered a strong
enemy posn 584818 (.) the coy attacked at 191500L
supported by arty MG and tks (.) enemy resisted
stubbornly and used 75 mm arty but by 191800L posn was
cleared to 586823 (.) one 75 mm gun six LMG captured and
one 37 mm gun found buried (.) B Coy moved along high
ground to west of track and relieved C Coy at 586823 (.)
C Coy moved to 581809 (.) After crossing MASAWENG R A and
D Coys moved to 585819 (.) 37/52 BN (.) D and C Coys
moved to high ground 573808 and 563809 (.) no opposition (.)
Bn HQ B Coy 571804 A Coy 570800 (.)

FOUR (.) AIROPS 19 Dec (.) 24 MITCHELLS, 9 MARAUDERS attacked runway
and dispersal areas MADANG (.) 7 AIROCCERAS destroyed 3
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SITREP No 84 to 202125L (.)

ONE (.) 9 DIV to 192100L (.) further to NGF SITREP 83 (.)

24 BDE (.) bde HQ/^{now}582718 (.) B coy 2/32 BN moved to 609717 and B coy 2/43 BN to 617677 (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/23 BN left BAZULUO towards LAKONA (.) 2/24 BN patrol to 565740 thence along SOWI RIVER to 567747 no contact (.) patrol from lake 5674 to SOWI RIVER 568755 no contact (.) C coy PIB move to KULUNGTUFU - JUNZAING (.)

arty fired 780 rds in support 4 BDE (.)

TWO (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 190340L one aircraft dropped 5 bombs along coast south of LAKONA causing slight casualties (.) 190430L three enemy aircraft dropped bombs in sea off SCARLET BEACH

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AIROPS 20 dec (.) sixty LIBERATORS thirtyfour MITCHELLS attacked CAPE GLOUCESTER SAG SAG coastal area (.) eighteen BEAUFORTS bombed VUNAKANAU strip and dispersal area fire visible for fifty miles (.) thirtyone BOSTONS destroyed coastal gun east of ARAWE (.) thirtyfour MITCHELLS attacked dromes and dumps ALEXISHAVEN fires started (.) one MITCHELL lost (.) twelve MITCHELLS attacked dumps HUBIKA and WANDOKAI large explosions and fires (.) five MARAUDERS bombed suspected bn area WALINGAI explosions and large column of smoke

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SITREP 85 to 211000L (.)

ONE (.) SUMMARY (.) Patrol activity in B&U Valley (.) High ground SW of FORTIFICATION POINT occupied (.)

TWO (.) 7 DIV OBSERVER to 202100L (.)

Patrol activity in 25 BDE area continued without further contacts (.) following successful air strike 2/16 BN patrol raided JAP posns on SEAGGY RIDGE 6863 and inflicted cas (.) Patrol of 2/2 GAV SQN reports URIGINA clear of enemy (.)

THREE (.) 9 DIV OBSERVER TO 202100L (.)

4 BDE (.) Occupied FORTIFICATION HILL 1330L (.) only stragglers contacted (.) 29/46 BN (.) A Coy 584816 B Coy 582820 C Coy 583809 D Coy 586822 (.) Patrols to swamp 586830 (.) 37/52 BN A Coy 572824 B Coy high ground 583824 C Coy less pl 564809 (.) Pl in timber on left flank 569821 (.) D Coy and Bn HQ 572804 (.) Large numbers JAPS carrying packs and eqpt moving NE on track to HUBIZA from 541810 (.) shelled (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/28 BN to WAREO (.)

Arty expended 1418 rounds in support

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7 and 9 DIVS to 210900L (.) no change

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SITREP 87 to 221000L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 212100L (.)

21 BDE (.) 2/2 pnr bn patrol located enemy posn estimated
pl strength 675660 (.)

25 BDE (.) patrol 2/25 bn located enemy posn 527743 (.)
B coy PIB moving to 532642 (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV observer to 211500L (.)

20 BDE has taken over adv from FORTIFICATION POINT (.)
2/13 bn moving fwd in two columns (.) at 1400L coastal
column across creek 569847 (.) inland column 570834

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GLOUCESTER area bombing accurate (.) 24 MITCHELLS attacked MADANG area
building destroyed fires started (.) one MITCHELL lost (.) 11 BOSTONS
bombed HUBIKA area (.) 6 AIROCOBRAS set one large fishing boat afire
damaged barge betwee. BORNEN BAY CAPE RAOULT (.) 14 LIGHTENINGS intercepted
approx 23 enemy aircraft NE of ARAWE 10 definite 2 probable own nil

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9 DIV observer to 212100L (.)

20 BDE (.) adv other than by coastal track was through difficult country (.) HUBIKA reached 1640L with 10 tks close behind fwd tps (.) only opposition snipers (.) 2/13 bn HQ 563848 (.)

A coy 562848 B coy 560849 C coy 563842 D coy 566847 (.) 2/15 bn area 576843 (.) 2/17 bn on coast between MASAWENG and SANGA RIVERS (.)

4 BDE (.) B coy 37/52 bn to higher ground 575823 (.) both banks MASAWENG RIVER patrolled to 543810 (.)

26 BDE (.) D coy 2/28 bn to BAZULUO (.)

24 BDE (.) A coy 2/32 bn to SATELBERG (.)

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SITREP 89 to 221645L (.)

7 DIV to 220900L (.) NO change (.)

9 DIV and observer to 220900L (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/28 bn under comd 26 bde relieved 2/23 bn
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SITREP 90 to 231000L (.)

7 DIV observer to 222100L (.)

21 BDE (.) arty harassing fire on JAP posns (.)

25 BDE (.) patrol from B Coy PIB reached 482697 (.)
dispositions (.) Bdc HQ 610567 2/33 bn 621573 with two
coys at 630585 and 261586 (.) 2/31 bn 590597 (.) 2/31 bn
590597 with coy at 568624 and pls 592603 and 604594
standing patrols 599603 and 602595 (.) 2/25 bn 598590
with coy 545624 (.) B Coy PIB 532642 (.) 2/6 Cav Sqn 619636 (.)

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AIROPS 22 Dec (.) 36 MITCHELLS attacked strip and dump areas
WEWAK (.) 5 vessels left sinking AA posns silenced explosions
and fires (.) 5 enemy fighters destroyed 2 probable by
bombers (.) fighters destroyed 7 enemy fighters 2 LIGHTNINGS
lost (.)

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20 BDE (.) 2/13 BN continued advance (.) deep gorges make coastal route impassable to vehicles (.) Jeep head now HUBIKA requiring major task to extend further (.) Beach head 557855 suitable for landing craft (.) water sufficient for one bn in area reached (.) inland column over difficult country no contact (.) dispositions Bn HQ 550865 A Coy 551862 B Coy 549866 to 546866 C and D Coys from 543850 to 546856 2/15 BN moving behind 2/13 BN reached area 556854 (.) 2/17 BN no change (.)

4 BDE (.) A Coy 37/52 BN patrolled square 5682 no contact (.) patrol C Coy north bank to 544810 no contact (.) PIB patrol south MASAWENG River from 572804 to AIMOLAO to 515783 to 534807 no JAP (.)

24 BDE (.) at 221200L 24 Bde assumed responsibility defence GUSIKA LANGEMAK BAY WAREO area (.) Locations (.) 2/28 BN HQ 553718 A Coy 548717 B Coy 2200 feature 5672 C Coy 555721 D Coy BAZULO (.) A Coy 2/32 BN SATELBERG and 3200 feature 5366 (.) 2/43 BN in reserve A Coy 618681 B Coy 621675 remainder unchanged (.)

26 BDE (.) Main Bde HQ 2/23 BN less B Coy 2/24 BN less A and B Coys concentrated GUSIKA area (.) B Coy 2/23 BN WAREO area (.) A and C Coys 2/24 BN 2200 feature 564728 (.) 2/48 BN bivouac south of KATIKA Village

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attacked dumps and coastal tracks WANDOKAI

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20 BDE (.) D Coy 2/13 bn moved to coast advanced to 541874 and exploited to line 530873 535877 (.) 1600L 3 JAPS from COCONUTS square 5387 engaged by arty and LMGs and withdrew West leaving 94 mortar bombs (.) 1730L 30 more JAPS 200 yds West of COCONUTS engaged with MMGs and forced withdraw (.) Later enemy from WANDOKAI area mortared COCONUTS no casualties (.) A and B Coys to spur 535861 C Coy 549856 (.) 2/15 and 2/17 bns no change (.)

26 BDE (.) Concentrating MASAWENG RIVER area (.) Bde HQ 578813 (.) 2/23 bn less B Coy and 2/48 bn in square 5978 (.) 2/24 bn less A and B Coys 581808 (.) B Coy 2/23 bn also A and B Coys 2/24 bn GUSIKA area (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/4 Cav Sqn (.) ref map MASAWENG RIVER 1 inch (.) inland patrol which has been recruiting natives is returning from TIKU 428828 to sup dump at HOMPUA 488822 now square 4782 (.) 1 missing 1 wounded (.) enemy strength unknown

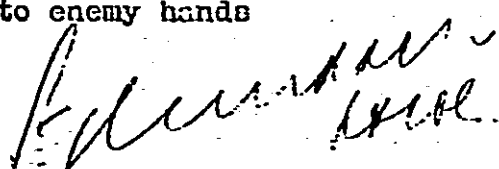
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SITREP 94 to 241730L (.)

7 and 9 DIVS to 240900L (.) no change (.)

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SITREP 95 to 251300L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 242100L (.) No change (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 242100L (.)

20 BDE (.) 2/13 BN patrolled fwd and occupied WANDOKAI
1100L (.) C Coy later moved to dominating feature 5787 (.) Inland
coys then moved fwd (.) One tk landed WANDOKAI beach (.)
Large dumps amm and explosives captured WANDOKAI area also
one SPIKED 75 mm gun one 81 mm mortar two 20 mm guns and four
c unused marine engines (.) 70 rounds in D Coy area at 242000L
from 75 mm gun believed vicinity AGO no casualties (.) JAP
dead found in WANDOKAI no count yet (.) Dispositions 2/13 BN
HQ 520880 A Coy 524863 B Coy 520869 C Coy 502884 with pl
498882 D Coy 509879 (.) 2/15 BN immediately north of HUBIKA (.)
2/17 BN HUBIKA area (.)

4 BDE (.) Now responsible patrolling inland area north
MASAWENG River (.) D Coy 29/46 BN with det PIB A Coy 37/52
and B Coy 22 BN with det PIB moved west individually to form
inland patrol bases (.) B Coy 37/52 En to 536809 (.)

24 BDE now responsible inland patrols south MASAWENG River (.)
ref MASAWENG river 1 inch 2/4 CAV SQN 4 days patrol MARKEO
to MASAWENG River no contact (.) JAP reported patrolling S
from ZAGHEMI (.)

26 BDE (.) B Coy 2/23 BN A and E Coys 2/24 BN moved to
within bn areas from GUSIKA

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attached coastal area SAG SAG to SILIMATI POINT (.) 12 MITCHELLS
attached coastal area CAPE KIRCHOFF to NATAMO POINT several huts
destroyed (.) 6 BOSTONS attacked SAUREN several huts destroyed (.)
20 BOSTONS attacked barge hideouts NAMBARIVA 3 barges destroyed

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SITREP 96 to 252115L(.)

7 DIV to 250900L (.) no change (.)

9 DIV to 250900L (.) no change (.) 9 DIV has taken into use map SAMANTIKI 3544 1/25000 series and will take map MAPE RIVER 3545 1/25000 series into use at 26000L

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SITREP 97 to 261200L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 260900L (.) In general our recee elements forward of 25 Bde dispersed enemy patrols (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 252100L (.)

20 BDE (.) Ref BLUCHER POINT 1/25000 (.) 2/13 BN protective patrol only with slight redistribution of tps (.) Other tps unloaded barges (.) 6 tanks landed WANDOKAI (.) Numerous tank mines found in shallow water along beach but no damage sustained (.) Dispositions Bn HQ 547896 A Coy 539896 B Coy 547897 C Coy 529899 D Coy 537896 (.) No change 2/15 and 2/17 BNS (.)

24 BDE (.) Native reports states approx 200 JAPS at ZAGHEMI on 20 Dec

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8 MARAUDERS attacked CAPE GLOUCESTER arca (.) 19 BOSTONS
attacked area PULIE RIVER to DIDMOP RIVER (.) 9 BEAUFORTS
bombed LAKUNAI

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9 DIV to 260900L (.) No change

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SITREP 99 to 271030L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 262100L (.)

patrol located and brought in crew B25 crashed area 4273 23 dec (.)
25 BDE patrols operating SOLU river area (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 262100L (.)

20 BDE (.) ref BLUCHER POINT 1/25000 (.) patrol 2/13 bn to
520904 fired on by enemy from 519904 (.) engaged by arty and JAPS
withdrew towards AGO (.) patrol then moved to 512909 found track
jeepable (.) B coy moved to 530899 (.) 30 enemy dead WANDOKAI (.)

4 BDE (.) B coy 22 bn D coy 29/46 bn moving west along
MASATENG river through difficult country reached 523813 no contact (.)
A coy 37/52 bn moved to 523840 (.) patrol from C coy through AIMOLAO
to 548786 no contact (.)

24 BDE (.) 4 cav sqn patrol HOMPUA to 480821 no contact

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ONE (.) 7 DIV and 9 DIV observer to 270900L (.)

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SITREP 101 to 281045L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 272100L (.)

21 BDE (.) supported by hy dive bombing and strafing attack and arty concentration one coy 2/16 bn attacked PIMPLE feature 692632 on SHAGGY RIDGE (.) inf scaled precipitous rock face and captured feature at 1039L (.) adv fwd of PIMPLE held up by strong enemy rock pillbox on narrow ridge (.) the space gained has strengthened our defensive posn and denies the enemy observation of the landing strip (.) 2/27 bn created a diversion with raid on JAP posn in FARIA RIVER (.) our casualties for whole operation light (.)

25 BDE (.) active patrolling continues (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV observer to 272100L (.)

AGO and WALINGAI captured (.) 2/13 bn most fwd tps 493942 (.) signs of hurried evacuation but no opposition (.) 37 mm guns and amn found 493939 (.) 12 wrecked JAP barges WALINGAI (.) 5 tks AGO moving to WALINGAI and 8 tks WANDOKAI (.) 2/13 bn (.) A coy 494955 B coy 489938 C coy 493942 D coy 489941 (.) 2/15 bn area NANZO river mouth (.)

26 BDE (.) A coy 2/23 bn 537898 balance 578613 (.)

4 BDE (.) A coy 37/52 bn 517838 (.) patrolled 800 yds on tracks west and north from track junc 519839 no contact

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SITREP 102 to 281445L (.)

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TWO (.) 9 DIV Observer to 280900L (.) 2/13 BN reached
mouth TAWAI river at 271900L (.) river fordable

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SITREP 103 to 291000L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 282100L (.)

21 BDE (.) 2/16 Bn continued advance during the day capturing pill box referred to in SITREP 101 by 1300L and consolidated posn on SHAGGY RIDGE (.) total ground gained during op 27/28 Dec approx 1000 yds (.) enemy counter attack on newly won posn unsuccessful (.) approx 100 enemy on feature 679656 engaged by our arty (.)

25 BDE (.) patrol 2/31 Bn contact with small enemy party at 451745 (.) enemy withdrew (.) 2/2 CAV SQN reports enemy posn URJA area vacated (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV Observer to 281345L (.)

leading elements in light contact with JAPS beyond KANOMI at 473997

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SITREP 104 to 291230L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 290900L (.) NO change (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV to 282100L (.)

20 BDE continued adv in coastal sector with arty sp but encountered strong opposition in BLUCHER POINT area (.) 2/13 Bn encountered approx 20 enemy with hy and IAGs at creek 472987 (.) by arty and mortar fire and outflanking movement by C coy to West forced enemy to withdraw West (.) 2/13 Bn advanced to line running SW from BLUCHER POINT (.) mopping of JAPS estimated at one coy proceeding KANOMI area (.) some JAPS withdrawing North from RUA 4600 engaged by arty (.) enemy guns believed NANDA fired intermittently at our fwd inf (.) dispositions (.) A coy 473997 B coy 473993 C coy 466994 D coy 470998 2/13 Bn area 4796 (.) 2/17 Bn area 4994 (.) HQ 20 BDE 488957 one tp tks at KANOMI two tps at 475962 (.) additional tp arty moved by sea to anchorage 493938 and was in action in sp 20 BDE by 1800L (.) enemy amn dump including 70 mm and 75 mm AP shells WANDOKAI (.) large amn dump 523903 with explosives 75 mm and mortar amn also medical stores (.)

26 BDE HQ 507916 (.) 2/23 Bn WANDOKAI 2/24 Bn less one coy 525997 2/48 Bn 546896 (.)

4 BDE (.) B coy 22 Bn and D coy 29/46 Bn reached HUTS 493817

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ADDRESSEES : SEE OVER

FROM : NG FORCE 0 9401 29

SITREP 105 to 292015L (.)

ONE (.) 9 DIV to 290900L (.) NO change (.)

TWO (.) ENEMY AIR (.) 272026L two aircraft dropped 8 bombs KATIKA
FINSCHHAFEN area (.) no damage reported (.) by AA engaged
and one probably destroyed (.) 280305L LANGEMAR BAY area
bombed (.) no damage reported (.) engaged by AA

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LANDFORCES		IMMEDIATE
CHQ		IMMEDIATE
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REAR HQ 2 AUST CORPS		IMMEDIATE
7 AUST DIV		IMMEDIATE
11 AUST DIV		IMMEDIATE
COMTASKFORCE 76		IMMEDIATE
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FROM : NGF 0 9404 30

SITREP 106 to 301015L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV Observer to 292100L (.)

21 BDE (.) patrols 2/3/ BN fwd to JAP posn in FARIA RIVER reports JAP still in occupation (.) 2/16 BN consolidated on SHAGGY RIDGE (.) Bn HQ now 688614 (.) JAP arty fired on fwd posn causing some casualties (.) Enemy digging in at 693645 accurately mortared (.)

25 BDE (.) active patrolling continues (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV Observer to 292100L (.)

20 BDE (.) Dispositions remain the same to allow time for building up stocks arty amm and supplies on fwd beaches (.) 2/13 BN patrol through RUA to creek 468005 (.) some opposition (.) guns and amm captured (.) large quantities of equipment and supplies KANOMI (.) 2/15 BN patrols to GA 4596 and KARAKO 4497 no contact (.) 2/17 BN patrols to LOOKOUT HILL thence village 473931 no contact (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/23 BN now 4796 (.) 2/48 BN less two coys 500920 with two coys WANDOKAI (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/4 Cav SQN TIKU patrol reached ZAFILIO (.) patrol to HOMPUA no contact

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Airons 29 Dec (.) 59 LIBERATORS 45 MITCHELLS 9 MARAUDERS
attacked CAPE GLOUCESTER (.) 25 MITCHELLS attacked BORGEN
BAY rea (.) 20 MITCHELLS attacked MADANG

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SITREP 107 to 501300L (.)

7 and 9 DIV observer to 300900L (.) no change (.)

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FROM : NG FORCE 0 9414 31

SITREP 108 to 311200L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV to 302100L (.)

21 BDE (.) enemy arty shelled fwd posn on SHAGGY RIDGE and on coy of 2/27 bn at 707633 (.)

25 BDE (.) increased enemy patrolling resulted in clashes with our patrols in areas 6461 6065 and on 5800 feature at 565655 with casualties to both sides (.) contact also made with enemy posn vicinity ORGORUWA (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV observer to 303100L (.)

20 BDE (.) no change dispositions (.) 2/13 bn patrolled coastal track to 468006 (.) fired on from 457008 and 454004 (.) estimated 50 JAPS in each posn (.) posns shelled (.) inland patrolling by 2/15 and 2/17 bns continues no contact (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/24 bn now area TETAE river mouth (.) patrol bases established A coy 2/24 bn 463933 C coy 2/23 bn KARAKO no contact (.)

24 BDE (.) 2/4 cav sqn patrol to HOMPUA thence ref 1 inch map to village 485847 no contact (.)

4 BDE (.) A coy 37/52 bn patrol track 507836 to 487938 no contact (.) arty expended 354 rounds in sup 2/13 bn

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AIROPS 30 dec (.) thirty LIBERATORS attacked BILI BILI PLANTATION (.)
twelve MITCHELLS attacked NAMBARIWA barge hideouts

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SITREP 109 to 312145L (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV observer to 310900L (.) no change (.)

TWO (.) 9 DIV (.) no further reports

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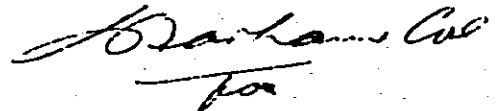
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5	LAE Base Sub Area (incl Mvt Control) (2)	14 - 15	"
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11	NG L of C Area Records Office	22	"
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15	GOC	26	"
16	MGGS	27	"
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<u>Mvt Control Groups</u>			
40	TOWNSVILLE	76	"
41	BRISBANE	77	"
42	SYDNEY	78	"
43	MELBOURNE (2 Aust Mvt Control Gp)	79	"
44	HOBART	80	"
45	ADELAIDE	81	"
46	PERTH	82	"
47	DARWIN	83	"

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APPENDIX "A"

NEW GUINEA FORCE LOCATION STATEMENTBY ARMS AND SERVICES - AS AT2359 HRS - 30 NOV 43

REF MAPS : Except where otherwise shown, reference maps refer to current 1 inch to 1 mile series.

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Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
<u>HQ UNITS</u>					
A 1	HQ NG Force		MORESBY	927364	
A 2	HQ 2 Aust Corps		BUNA	165109	
A 3	HQ 5 Aust Div		LAE	699409	
A 4	HQ 7 Aust Div			RAMU Valley	
A 5	HQ 9 Aust Div			FINSCHHAFEN Area	
A 6	HQ 11 Aust Div		BUNA	232159	
A 7	HQ MORESBY Base Sub Area		MORESBY	926348	
A 8	HQ MILNE BAY Base Sub Area		MILNE BAY	343430	
A 9	HQ BUNA Base Sub Area		BUNA	232159	
A10	HQ 3 Aust Base Sub Area		MOROBE	353289	Being withdrawn
A11	HQ LAE Base Sub Area		LAE	708405	
A12	HQ FINSCHHAFEN Base Sub Area		FINSCHHAFEN	638568	
A13	Area Commandant BULLDOG		BULLDOG	W053215	
A14	Area Commandant NADZAB		NADZAB	423548	
A15	HQ MORESBY Port Sub Area		MORESBY	862352	
A16	HQ ANGAU		MORESBY	873372	
A17	BUNA Transit Area Staff		BUNA	276254	
A18	Adm Staff PORT MORESBY		MORESBY	862352	
A19	8 Aust Movt Control Group (less dets)		MORESBY	861352	
	Det 8 Aust Movt Control Gp		MILNE BAY	407433	
	" " " " " "		BUNA	245266	
	" " " " " "		MOROBE	350295	
	" " " " " "		LAE	695393	
	" " " " " "		FINSCHHAFEN	643587	
A20	Det Directorate of Public Relations		MORESBY	912368	LHQ Tps
	" " " " " "		FINSCHHAFEN		
A21	1 Aust Mob Met Flt (less two secs)		BUNA	165109	Att 1 Aust Corps
	Sec 1 Aust Mob Met Flt			FINSCHHAFEN	Att 9 Aust Div
	" " " " " "		LAE	LAE	Att 5 Aust Div
A22	2 Aust Mob Met Flt (less two secs)		MORESBY	927364	
	Sec 2 Aust Mob Met Flt		MORESBY	874369	
	" " " " " "			RAMU Valley	Att 7 Aust Div
A23	HQ 1 Aust AL Gp		MORESBY	928435	Att Adv Ech 5 AF. LHQ Tps.
A24	1 Aust Comd AL Sec		MORESBY	944448	Att 5 Bomber Comd with 11, 12, 16, 20, 26, 28, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38 Sqn AL Secs under comd
A25	2 Aust Comd AL Sec		GOODENOUGH ISLAND	GOODENOUGH ISLAND	Att 9 Ops Gp RAAF with 17, 22, 27 Sqn AL Secs under comd

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<u>HQ UNITS</u> (contd)					
A26	3 Aust Comd AL Sec		BUNA	119077	Att First Air Task Force with 13,18;19,21,24,25,29,30,40,41,42 Sqn AL Secs under comd
A27	4 Aust Comd AL Sec		MORESBY	935425	Att 5 Fighter Comd with 14,31 Aust Sqn AL Secs under comd
A28	23 Aust Sqn AL Sec		NADZAB	NADZAB	Att Second Air Task Force with 15 Aust Sqn AL Sec under comd
A29	43 Aust Sqn AL Sec			GUSAP	Att Third Air Task Force
A30	45 Aust Sqn AL Sec (AG)		MORESBY	953438	Att to 4 AC Sqn RAAF. Dets 45 Aust Sqn sec at NADZAB and GUSAP
A32	Det Mil Hist Sec LHQ		MORESBY	927364	

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<u>INF</u>					
B 1	NGF Sec Int Corps		MORESBY	927364	
B 2	2 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps		BUNA	16510 9	
B 3	4 Aust Spec Int Pers Sec		MORESBY	930375	GHQ Tps att Aust 55 Spec Wireless Sec
B 4	COIC (Aust Component)		MORESBY	875373	
B 5	Adv Ech ATIS		MORESBY	927364	GHQ Tps
	Det Adv Ech ATIS		BUNA	1651C9	Att HQ 2 Aust Corps
	Det Adv Ech ATIS			FINSCH- HAFEN	With 9 Aust Div
	Det Adv Ech ATIS			RAMU Valley	With 7 Aust Div
	Det Adv Ech ATIS		LAE	699409	With 5 Aust Div
B 6	C Sec AIB		MORESBY	922373	GHQ Tps
B 7	FELO		MORESBY	866353	LHQ Tps
B 8	Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy		MILNE BAY	346435	LHQ Tps
	Det 1 " " "		MORESBY	884355	LHQ Tps
	Det 1 " " "		BUNA	232159	LHQ Tps
B 9	B Aust F S Sec			FINSCH- HAFEN	Att 9 Aust Div
B10	C Aust F S Sec			Arca RAMU Valley	Att 7 Aust Div
B11	H Aust F S Sec		BUNA	232159	
B12	Q Aust F S Sec		MORESBY	927364	
	Det Q Aust F S Sec		MILNE BAY	343430	
B13	R Aust F S Sec		MORESBY	927364	
B14	30 Aust F S Sec		LAE	699409	
B15	32 Aust F S Sec		LAE	699409	Att HQ 5 Aust Div
B16	1 Aust AAPIU		BUNA	165109	LHQ Tps
	Det 1 AAPIU		MORESBY	927364	LHQ Tps
	Det 1 AAPIU			FINSCH- HAFEN	
B17	2 Aust AAPIU		MORESBY	927364	LHQ Tps
B18	Det 2 Aust Spec Unit		MORESBY	922373	GHQ Tps
<u>ARMED UNITS</u>					
C 1	2/8 Aust Armd Regt (less A,B,C Sqns)		MORESBY	989360	
	A Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt		MILNE BAY	367461	To move
	B Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt		MORESBY	991360	
	C Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt		BUNA	241160	
O 2	1 Aust Tk Bn (less C Sqn and det)		BUNA	160207	
	C Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn			FINSCH- HAFEN Arca	
	Det 1 Aust Tk Bn		MILNE BAY	362246	
<u>CAVALRY</u>					
D 1	2/2 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn			RAMU Valley	
D 2	2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn			FINSCH- HAFEN	
D 3	2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn			RAMU Valley	
D 4	Det 2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn			Fwd Area.	Sqn less det returned to AUST.

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<u>ARTY</u>					
E 1	HQ RAA	2 Aust Corps	BUNA	165109	
E 2	HQ RAA	5 Aust Div (less rear details)	LAE	697409	
		Rear details HQ RAA 5 Aust Div	MORESBY	897367	
E 3	HQ RAA	7 Aust Div	MORESBY	958353	
E 4	HQ RAA	9 Aust Div		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
E 5	HQ RAA	11 Aust Div	BUNA	258158	
E 6	HQ RAA	MORESBY Base Sub Area	MORESBY	926348	
E 7	2/4 Aust Fd Regt	(Jungle Div) less 7 Bty		RAMU Valley	
		7 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt	MORESBY	956349	
E 8	2/5 Aust Fd Regt	(Jungle Div)	MORESBY	966417	
E 9	2/6 " " " "	" " " "		FINSCHHAFEN	
E 10	2/12 " " " "	" " " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
E 11	2/14 Aust Fd Regt	(less two btys)	LAE	708462	
		Det 2/14 Aust Fd Regt	BUNA	223160	
E 12	2 Aust Fd Regt	(Jungle Div)	MORESBY	959401	
E 13	14 Aust Fd Regt	(Jungle Div) (less A Tp)	LAE	678436	
		A Tp 14 Aust Fd Regt	BUNA	265198	
E 14	2 Aust Mtn Bty	(less det)		FINSCHHAFEN	
		Det 2 Aust Mtn Bty	MORESBY	974355	
E 15	10 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt		MORESBY	959353) Tk A Regt less
	11 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt			FINSCH-) 10 & 11 Btys
				HAFEN) on mainland
E 16	106 Aust Tk A Regt	(less two btys and two tps)	BUNA	223160	Remainder of Regt not yet arrived
		21 Bty 106 Aust Tk A Regt	LAE	707416	
E 17	2/6 Aust Svy Bty	(less one sec)	LAE	698410	
		One sec 2/6 Aust Svt Bty		RAMU Valley	
E 18	1 Sec 3 Aust Svy Bty			FINSCHHAFEN	
E 19	2 Sec 3 Aust Svy Bty			RAMU Valley	
E 20	5 Aust Svy Bty		BUNA	203124	
<u>ARTY FXD DEFS</u>					
E 21	HQ Coast Arty	MORESBY	MORESBY	860351	
E 22	1 Aust Fire Comd		MILNE BAY	717254	
E 23	B Aust Hy Bty		EAST CAPE	765427	
E 24	C Aust Hy Bty		MORESBY	976301	
E 25	D Aust Hy Bty		BUNA	280252	
E 26	E Aust Hy Bty		SAMARAI	(R)L.8718	
			Strat		
E 27	F Aust Hy Bty		ORO BAY	347006	
E 28	G Aust Hy Bty		MILNE BAY	717254	
E 29	M Aust Hy Bty			FINSCHHAFEN	
E 30	N Aust Hy Bty		LAE	697394	
E 31	O Aust Hy Bty		BUNA	278254	
E 32	R Aust Hy Bty		MORESBY	721448	
E 33	PAGA Bty		MORESBY	862349	
E 34	One sec Bty 6 pr twin guns		MORESBY	857346	
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E 35	156 CASL Sec		MORESBY	862349	Att PAGA Bty
E 36	157 CASL Sec		MORESBY	976301	Att C Hy Bty
E 37	158 CASL Sec		MILNE BAY	765427	
E 38	165 CASL Sec		MILNE BAY	547312	DOWA DOWA

Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
<u>ARTY FXD DEFS (contd)</u>					
E39	168 CASL Sec		MORESBY	721448	Att R Aust Hy Bty
E40	169 CASL Sec		MILNE BAY	717254	KANA KOPA
E41	170 CASL Sec		ORO BAY	347006	
E42	184 CASL Sec		MORESBY	862349	Att PAGA Bty
E43	185 CASL Sec		MORESBY	823316	
E44	1 Aust Spec Radio Det		MORESBY	945312	
E45	6 Aust Spec Radio Det		MILNE BAY	717254	
E46	7 Aust Spec Radio Det		MILNE BAY	356434	
<u>ARTY AA</u>					
E47	AA Gp HQ (LE)	PORT MORESBY	MORESBY	941427	
E48	AA Gp HQ (LE)	MILNE BAY	MILNE BAY	389445	
E49	AA Ops Room (Type A)	PORT MORESBY	MORESBY	945439	
E50	AA Ops Room (Type C)	PORT MORESBY	MORESBY	945439	
E51	AA Ops Room (Type B)	MILNE BAY	MILNE BAY	343430	
E52	HQ 23 Aust Hy AA Bty (HE)		MORESBY	942428	
E53	HQ 24 " " " " "		MORESBY	972438	
E54	HQ 31 " " " " "		ORO BAY	310980	
E55	HQ 32 " " " " "		MORESBY	939427	
E56	HQ 33 " " " " "		MILNE BAY	392453	
E57	432 Aust Hy AA Tp (Static)	HE	MORESBY	871357	
E58	433 " " " " "	"	MORESBY	964478	
E59	435 " " " " "	"	MORESBY	928336	
E60	436 " " " " "	"	MORESBY	964372	
E61	437 " " " " "	"	MORESBY	873459	
E62	438 " " " " "	"	MORESBY	846406	
E63	439 " " " " "	"	MORESBY	965414	
E64	440 " " " " "	"	MILNE BAY	430436	
E65	441 " " " " "	"	MILNE BAY	353451	
E66	470 " " " " "	"	MORESBY	784415	
E67	471 " " " " "	"	MORESBY	904497	
E68	472 " " " " "	"	ORO BAY	342021	
E69	473 " " " " "	"	ORO BAY	342021	
E70	474 " " " " "	"	MILNE BAY	389453	
E71	475 " " " " "	"	MILNE BAY	398427	
E72	Adv HQ 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt			FINSCHHAFEN	
	Det HQ 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt		BUNA	275253	
	2/4 Hy AA Bty		MOROB	359285	To move
	2/2 Aust Lt AA Bty		BUNA	275253	
E73	HQ 2/2 Aust Comp AA Regt		ORO BAY	325004	
	2/5 Aust Hy AA Bty		ORO BAY	323002	
	2/7 Aust Lt AA Bty		ORO BAY	321005	
E74	HQ 2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt		LAE	703397	
	2/6 Aust Hy AA Bty		LAE	703397	
	2/9 Aust Lt AA Bty		LAE	703397	
E75	Hy Tp 2/3 Aust AA Regt		BUNA	276254	
E76	53 Aust AA Regt (Comp)		BUNA	286238	
	132 Aust Hy A Bty		BUNA	279250	
	158 Aust Lt AA Bty		BUNA	286236	
E77	2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt (less 11 Bty)			FINSCHHAFEN	
	11 Bty 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt (less tp)			RAMU Valley	
	Tp 11 Bty 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt		MORESBY	960355	
E78	HQ 114 Aust Lt AA Regt		ORO BAY	326982	
	162 Aust Lt AA Bty (less one tp)		LAE	723437	
	3 Tp 162 Aust Lt AA Bty		MOROB	355265	
	234 Aust Lt AA Bty		MORESBY	947418	Awaiting mvt
	235 Aust Lt AA Bty		MILNE BAY	387448	
E79	2/3 Aust Lt AA Bty (AB)			FINSCHHAFEN	

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<u>ARTY AA (contd)</u>					
E80	2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty (AB)		BUNA	284242	
E81	156 Aust Lt AA Bty (AB)		En route	WAW - MORESBY	
E82	163 Aust Lt AA Bty (AB)		MORESBY	954445	
E83	551 Aust Lt AA Bty		MORESBY	946418	
E84	554 Aust Lt AA Bty		MORESBY	946450	
E85	555 Aust Lt AA Bty		MORESBY	882351	
E86	605 Aust Lt AA Tp		MILNE BAY	390440	
E87	67 AASL Bty Type A (less det)		MORESBY	947418	Det at HOOD PT
E88	73 Aust AASL Bty Type A		LAE	703397	Awaiting mvt
E89	77 Aust AASL Bty Type A		ORO BAY	338048	
E90	78 Aust AASL Bty Type A		MILNE BAY	355430	
E91	82 Aust AASL Bty		MORESBY	875428	
E92	83 Aust AASL Bty		BUNA	152208	
E93	84 Aust AASL Bty		ORO BAY	277077	

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ENGINEER UNITS

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<u>ENGRS</u>					
F 1	HQ RAE	First Aust Army Tps	WAU Strat	(L)W3474	EDIE CREEK
F 2	HQ RAE	1 Aust Corps Tps	IAE	703409	
F 3	HQ RAE	3 Aust Div	IAE	699409	
F 4	HQ RAE	5 Aust Div	MILNE BAY	345438	To move to IAE
F 5	HQ RAE	7 Aust Div		RAMU Valley	
F 6	HQ RAE	9 Aust Div		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
F 7	HQ RAE	11 Aust Div	BUNA	258196	
F 8	2/4 Aust Fd Sqn		WAU Strat	(L)W2341	BULLDOG-WAU RD
F 9	1 Aust Fd Sqn		MILNE BAY	406429	
F10	Tp 5 Aust Fd Sqn		BUNA	160207	Att 1 Aust Tk Bn
F11	2/3 Aust Fd Coy			FINSCHHAFEN Area	
F12	2/4 Aust Fd Coy		MORESBY	036437	
F13	2/5 Aust Fd Coy			RAMU Valley	
F14	2/6 Aust Fd Coy			RAMU Valley	
F15	2/7 Aust Fd Coy			FINSCHHAFEN	
F16	2/9 Aust Fd Coy		ROAMER	261211	WAU-MARKHAM RD
F17	2/11 Aust Fd Coy		IAE	711438	
F18	2/13 Aust Fd Coy			FINSCHHAFEN	
F19	2/14 Aust Fd Coy (less one pl) pl 2/14 Aust Fd Coy		IAE	704478	
F20	2/16 Aust Fd Coy		BULOLO	239041	SUNSHINE
F21	4 Aust Fd Coy		MORESBY	939339	
F22	9 Aust Fd Coy		IAE	675442	
F23	10 Aust Fd Coy		WAU Strat	(L)W3472	EDIE CREEK
F24	11 Aust Fd Coy		BUNA	261165	
F25	12 Aust Fd Coy		IAE	699399	
F26	14 Aust Fd Coy (less one pl) One pl 14 Aust Fd Coy		BUNA	273202	
F27	15 Aust Fd Coy		MORESBY	870377	
F28	18 Aust Fd Coy		WAU Strat	W 3559	BULLDOG-WAU RD
F29	20 Aust Fd Coy (less pl) pl 20 Aust Fd Coy		UBERI	145423	
F30	21 Aust Fd Coy		IAE	703406	
F31	24 Aust Fd Coy		NADZAB	545549	
F32	2/1 Aust Rly Constn Coy (less 1 pl) pl 2/1 Aust Rly Constn Coy		MILNE BAY	392458	
F33	2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy (less two ME pls) ME pl 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy ME pl 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy		UBERI	175393	
F34	2/23 Aust Fd Pk Coy (less det) Det 2/23 Aust Fd Pk Coy		MORESBY	017440	
F35	2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy		BULLDOG-WAU	BULLDOG-MARKHAM RD	
F36	51 Aust Fd Pk Coy		IAE	707468	
F37	53 Aust Fd Pk Coy (less det) Det 53 Aust Fd Pk Coy			SUNSHINE-MARKHAM RD	
F38	55 Aust Fd Pk Coy (less det) Det 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy		IAE	FINSCHHAFEN Area	
F39	59 Aust Corps Fd Pk		BUNA	708441	
F40	9 Aust Wkshop & Pk Coy (less Adv Pk Pls) 3 Adv Pk Pl 9 Aust Wkshop & Pk Coy 4 Adv Pk Pl 9 Aust Wkshop & Pk Coy		BUNA	282352	
F41	2/21 Aust Camflg Unit		MILNE BAY	FINSCHHAFEN	
F42	2/27 Aust Camflg Unit		MILNE BAY	394455	
			MORESBY	952353	
				RAMU Valley	
			BUNA	222154	
			ORO BAY	280060	
			IAE	706451	
			MORESBY	913372	
			MILNE BAY	423444	
			BUNA	250264	
			MORESBY	901355	To move to BUNA
				RAMU Valley	

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<u>EMERS</u>					
F43	2/29 Aust	Camflg Unit		FINSCHHAFFEN	
F44	11 Aust	Camflg Unit	IAE	699408	
F45	23 Aust	Camflg Unit	MORESBY	901355	Awaiting mvt
F46	25 Aust	Camflg Unit	MORESBY	901355	
F47	31 Aust	Camflg Unit	BUNA	222154	
F48	5 Aust	CE Works	MORESBY	928347	
F49	5 Aust	CRE Works	IAE	703408	
F50	12 Aust	CRE Works	MORESBY	923376	
F51	48 Aust	DCRE Works	BULLDOG	W165290	
F52	53 Aust	DCRE Works	MORESBY	923376	
F53	72 Aust	DCRE Works	BUNA	250264	
F54	73 Aust	DCRE Works	MILNE BAY	344438	
F55	3 Aust	Army Tps Coy	MORESBY	933378	
F56	5 Aust	Army Tps Coy	MILNE BAY	289440	
F57	8 Aust	Army Tps Coy	MORESBY	995444	
F58	101 Aust	A Tps Coy	MORESBY	942423	
F59	1 Aust	Oil Tank Constn Pl	MILNE BAY	410430	
F60	2 Aust	Oil Tank Constn Pl	MILNE BAY	410430	
F61	3 Aust	Oil Tank Constn Pl	MILNE BAY	410430	
F62	4 Aust	Oil Tank Constn Pl (Welding Sec only)	MORESBY	870377	
F63	5 Aust	Oil Tank Constn Pl (Welding Sec only)	MILNE BAY	410430	
F64	1 Aust	Bomb Disposal Pl (less det)	MORESBY	917427	
		Det 1 Aust Bomb Disposal Pl	IAE	699408	
F65	2 Aust	Bomb Disposal Pl	MILNE BAY	426438	
F66	2/1 Aust	Docks Op Coy	MORESBY	876358	
F67	2/2 Aust	Docks Op Coy	IAE	707391	
F68	4 Aust	Docks Op Coy	MILNE BAY	396437	
F69	6 Aust	Docks Op Coy Type C (less det)	BUNA	240262	
		Det 6 Aust Docks Op Coy	MOROBE	350293	
F70	7 Aust	Docks Op Coy		FINSCHHAFFEN	
F71	32 Aust	Docks Op Det	BUNA	237259	
F72	HQ 1 Aust	Water Tpt Gp (SC) RAE	MORESBY	863349	
		11 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy (SC) RAE	IAE	714392	
		Det 11 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy (SC) RAE		FINSCHHAFFEN	
		" " " " " "	MOROBE	MOROBE	
		12 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy (SC) RAE	BUNA	244265	
		Det 12 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy (SC) RAE	MILNE BAY	410434	
		" " " " " "	MORESBY	863349	
		31 Aust Water Tpt Maint Coy (SC) RAE (less dets)	MILNE BAY	KWIARA	
		Det 31 Aust Water Maint Coy (SC) RAE	MORESBY	MORESBY	
		" " " " " "	SAMARAI	BALSANA	
		" " " " " "	Strat	RL7515	
		" " " " " "	BUNA	844265	
F73	41 Aust	Water Tpt Op Coy (IC)	BULLDOG	V994135	
		Det 41 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy	PALIPALA	A801782	
F74	HQ 10 Aust	AA & Frt Coy RAE	MORESBY	858352	
		44 Aust Frt Wks Sec	MORESBY	858352	
		82 Aust Water Tpt Sec	MORESBY	858352	
		45 Aust Frt Wks Sec	MORESBY	858352	
		10 Aust AA Wks Sec	MORESBY	858352	
F75	1 Pl 1 Aust	Port Maint Coy (less two secs)	MORESBY	862354	
		Two Secs 1 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy	BUNA	237259	
		2 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy (less three secs)	IAE	696390	

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<u>ENGRS</u>					
	One Sec 2 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy			FINSCHHAFEN	
	3 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy (less two secs)		DUNA	240262	
<u>SVY</u>					
F76	13 Aust Fd Svy Depot		MORESBY	876356	
F77	3 Aust Fd Svy Coy (less 1, 2 & 3 Svy Secs)		MORESBY	041433	
	1 Svy Sec 3 Aust Fd Svy Coy		WAU	W393704	
	2 Svy Sec 3 Aust Fd Svy Coy (less det)		BENA	BENA	
	Det 2 Svy Sec 3 Aust Fd Svy Coy		NADZAB	YALU	
	Det 2 Svy Sec 3 Aust Fd Svy Coy			RAMU Valley	
	3 Svy Sec 3 Aust Fd Svy Coy (less det)		MILNE BAY	347433	
	Det 3 Svy Sec 3 Aust Fd Svy Coy		TUPI Street	BENTIARA IS QK 8882	
	Det 3 Svy Sec 3 Aust Fd Svy Coy		MILNE BAY		Att R.A.N.
F78	2/1 Aust Army Topo Svy Coy (less det)		MORESBY	041433	
	Det 2/1 Aust Army Topo Svy Coy			FINSCHHAFEN	
	Det 2/1 Aust Army Topo Svy Coy		MILNE BAY		Att R.A.N.

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<u>SIGS</u>					
G 1	HQ Aust Corps Sigs		NADZAB	548547	
	Rear HQ B Aust Corps Sigs		BUNA	165109	
G 2	HQ 1 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs		NADZAB	548547	
G 3	HQ 2 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs (less det)		BUNA	165109	
	Det 2 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs		NADZAB	548547	
G 4	HQ 3 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs		NADZAB	548547	
G 5	HQ 18 Aust L of C Sigs		MORESBY	923378	
G 6	HQ 1 Coy 18 Aust L of C Sigs		MORESBY	974443	
G 7	HQ 2 Coy 18 Aust L of C Sigs		MORESBY	923378	
G 8	HQ 3 Coy 18 Aust L of C Sigs Det HQ 3 Coy 18 Aust L of C Sigs		BUNA	248263	
G 9	HQ 19 Aust L of C Sigs (less rear details)		MILNE BAY	348437	
	Rear details 19 Aust L of C Sigs		LAE	713420	
G10	HQ 1 Coy 19 Aust L of C Sigs		MORESBY	931350	
G11	HQ 2 Coy 19 Aust L of C Sigs		LAE	713420	
G12	HQ Sigs 3 Aust Div		LAE	699408	
G13	HQ Sigs 5 Aust Div		MORESBY	892371	
G14	HQ Sigs 7 Aust Div (less det) Det Sigs 7 Aust Div		MORESBY	957340	RAMU Valley
G15	HQ Sigs 9 Aust Div			FINSCHHAFEN	
G16	HQ Sigs 11 Aust Div		BUNA	225155	
G17	4 Aust Line Sec		UBERI	166412	
G18	5 Aust Line Sec		NADZAB	548547	
G19	6 Aust Line Sec		BUNA	160230	
G20	7 Aust Line Sec		WAU	WAU	
G21	12 Aust Line Sec			NASSAU-LAE Line	
G22	18 Aust Line Sec			NASSAU-LAE Line	
G23	19 Aust Line Sec		MORESBY	721448	
G24	20 Aust Line Sec			NASSAU-LAE Line	
G25	23 Aust Line Sec		MORESBY	974443	
G26	24 Aust Line Sec		MORESBY	974443	
G27	25 Aust Line Sec		BUNA	160230	
G28	26 Aust Line Sec		MORESBY	951423	
G29	27 Aust Line Sec		NADZAB	666417	
G30	28 Aust Line Sec		NADZAB	485553	
G31	29 Aust Line Sec		BUNA	248261	
G32	2 Aust Line Maint Sec		NADZAB	548547	Det DOBODURA
G33	6 Aust Line Maint Sec			FINSCHHAFEN	
G34	7 Aust Line Maint Sec (less det) Det 7 Aust Line Maint Sec		NADZAB	409546	RAMU Valley
G35	5 Aust Line Maint Sec		MORESBY	923375	
G36	9 Aust Line Maint Sec		MORESBY	923375	
G37	3 Aust DR Sec		MORESBY	923378	
G38	4 Aust DR Sec		BUNA	165109	
G39	10 Aust DR Sec		NADZAB	412545	
G40	11 Aust DR Sec		LAE	LAE	
G41	18 Aust DR Sec		MORESBY	923378	Det MOROBE
G42	19 Aust DR Sec Det 19 Aust DR Sec		BUNA	248261	
G43	2 Aust Tech Maint Sec		MILNE BAY	348437	
G44	8 Aust Tech Maint Sec		BUNA	DOBODURA	Det YALU
G45	9 Aust Tech Maint Sec			FINSCHHAFEN	
G46	16 Aust Tech Maint Sec		MORESBY	923378	Det DOBODURA
G47	17 Aust Tech Maint Sec		LAE	LAE	
G48	26 Aust Switchboard Op Sec		MORESBY	951350	
G49	33 " " " " "		MORESBY	923378	
G50	35 " " " " "		NADZAB	923378	
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<u>SIGS (contd)</u>					
G51	57 Aust Switchboard Op Sec (less det)	" " " " " "	BUNA	248261	
	Det " " " " " "	" " " " " "	MILNE BAY	348437	
G52	53 Aust Switchboard Op Sec	" " " " " "	LAE	IAE	
G53	4 Aust Op Sec	" " " " " "	MORESBY	923378	
G54	5 Aust Op Sec	" " " " " "	NADZAB	548547	
G55	6 Aust Op Sec	" " " " " "	BUNA	165109	
G56	18 Aust Op Sec (less det)	" " " " " "	NADZAB	409546	
	Det 18 Aust Op Sec	" " " " " "		RAMU Valley	
G57	19 Aust Op Sec	" " " " " "	LAE	IAE	
G58	34 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	MORESBY	923378	Det DOBODURA
G59	38 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	MORESBY	923378	
G60	65 " " " " " "	" " " " " "		FINSCHHAFEN	
G61	1 Aust Carr Maint Sec	" " " " " "	MORESBY	926431	Det INONDA
G62	2 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	MORESBY	926431	Det INONDA
G63	22 Aust Tele Op Sec	" " " " " "	MORESBY	923378	
G64	2 Aust Sig Pk Sec (less det)	" " " " " "	MORESBY	031442	
	Det 2 Aust Sig Pk Sec	" " " " " "	BUNA	251262	
G65	Det 14 Aust Wireless Task Sec	" " " " " "	MORESBY	865354	Unit less det AUST
G66	53 Aust Wireless Task Sec	" " " " " "	BUNA	165109	Det YALU
G67	34 Aust Wireless Task Sec	" " " " " "	BUNA	165109	
G68	35 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	NADZAB	548547	
G69	36 " " " " " " (less det)	" " " " " "	LAE	IAE	
	Det 36 Aust Wireless Task Sec	" " " " " "		FINSCHHAFEN	
G70	37 Aust Wireless Task Sec	" " " " " "		RAMU Valley	Det NADZAB
G71	38 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	MORESBY	874371	
	Det 38 Aust Wireless Task Sec	" " " " " "		LET HAGEN	
G72	44 Aust Wireless Task Sec	" " " " " "	MORESBY	923378	
G73	3 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt) (less dets)	" " " " " "	MORESBY	955410	Dets WAU, TERAPO and BULLDOG
G74	4 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) (less det)	" " " " " "	MORESBY	923378	
	Det 4 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)	" " " " " "	MILNE BAY	338426	
G75	5 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)	" " " " " "	BUNA	165105	Det YALU
G76	17 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)	" " " " " "	MORESBY	923378	
G77	23 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) (less det)	" " " " " "	MORESBY	955410	
	Det 23 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)	" " " " " "	BUNA	225155	
	Det 23 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)	" " " " " "	MOROBE	MOROBE	
G78	39 Aust Wireless Sec (lt)	" " " " " "	BUNA	165105	Det YALU
G79	40 Aust Wireless Sec (lt) (less det)	" " " " " "	BUNA	225155	
	Det 40 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)	" " " " " "	MILNE BAY	348437	Det MOROBE & DOBODURA
G80	55 Aust Wireless Sec (Type B) (less det)	" " " " " "	MORESBY	930375	
	Det 55 Aust Wireless Sec	" " " " " "	NADZAB	486557	
G81	61 Aust Wireless Sec (Type C)	" " " " " "	MORESBY	930375	
G82	NG Air Warning Wireless Coy (Less dets)	" " " " " "	MORESBY	955410	
	Sub Area HQ NG Air Warning Wireless Coy	" " " " " "	BUNA	222153	
	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " "	NADZAB	NADZAB	
	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " "		GUSAP	
	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " "	MILNE BAY	339433	
G83	4 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	" " " " " "		FINSCHHAFEN	
G84	6 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	BUNA	138190	
G85	7 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	MORESBY	904367	
G86	15 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	UBERI	174398	
G87	18 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	MORESBY	954372	
G88	20 " " " " " "	" " " " " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
G89	21 " " " " " "	" " " " " "		RAMU Valley	
G90	24 " " " " " "	" " " " " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
G91	25 " " " " " "	" " " " " "		RAMU Valley	
G92	26 " " " " " "	" " " " " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
G93	29 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	LAE	680433	

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SIGS (contd)					
G 94	1 Aust Tk Bn	Sig Tp	BUNA	160207	
G 95	2/8 Aust Armd Regt	Sig Sec	MORESBY	990360	
G 96	2/4 Aust Fd Regt	Sig Sec		RAMU Valley	
G 97	2/5 " " " " "	" " " " "	BUNA	225155	
G 98	2/6 " " " " "	" " " " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
G 99	2/12 " " " " "	" " " " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
G100	Det 2/14 Aust Fd Regt	Sig Sec	LAE	707464	
G101	2 Aust Fd Regt	Sig Sec	MORESBY	959401	
G102	14 " " " " "	" " " " "	LAE	678456	
G103	Det 106 Aust Tk A Regt	Sig Sec	BUNA	224161	
G104	2 Aust Engr	Sig Sec		RAMU Valley	
G105	5 " " " " "	" " " " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
G106	1 Aust Beach	Sig Sec		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
G107	1 Aust Water Tpt	Sig Sec	MORESBY	863349	Dets FINSCHHAFEN BUNA, MILNE BAY, GRIMA PT, TERAFO, MOTU, BULLDOG, LAE.
G108	Det ATIS	Sigs	BUNA		
G109	1 Aust Frt	Sig Sec	LAE	LAE	
G110	2 " " " " "	" " " " "		FINSCHHAFEN	
G111	HQ Aust AA & Frt	Sigs NG	MORESBY	973434	
G112	1 Coy Aust AA & Frt	Sigs	MORESBY	942427	
G113	2 Coy " " " " "	" " " " "	MILNE BAY=	345435	
	Det 2 Coy Aust AA & Frt	Sigs	ORO BAY	347005	
G114	2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt	Sig Sec		(less det)	
	Det 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt	Sig Sec	MORESBY	974436	
G115	2/2 Aust Comp AA Regt	Sig Sec	MOROB	359282	
G116	2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt	Sig Sec	ORO BAY	325002	
G117	53 Aust AA Regt	Sig Sec	LAE	703397	
G118	2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt	Sig Sec	BUNA	285242	
G119	114 Aust Lt AA Regt	Sig Sec		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
G120	202 Aust AA Regt	Sig Sec	ORO BAY	331042	
G121	2/42 Aust Cipher	Sec	LAE	LAE	
G122	2/43 " " " "	" " " " "		RAMU Valley	
G123	4 " " " "	" " " " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
G124	9 " " " "	" " " " "	MORESBY	927364	
G125	22 " " " "	" " " " "	MORESBY	927364	
G126	38 " " " "	" " " " "	BUNA	165105	Det YALU
G127	40 " " " "	" " " " "	LAE	699408	
G128	44 " " " "	" " " " "	MORESBY	927364	
G129	47 " " " "	" " " " "	BUNA	252159	
G130	65 " " " "	" " " " "	MORESBY	927364	Replacement Sec
G131	110 " " " "	" " " " "	MILNE BAY	343430	
G132	111 " " " "	" " " " "	MORESBY	927364	
G133	112 " " " "	" " " " "	GOODENOUGH IS		Att US Force
G134	113 " " " "	" " " " "	MORESBY	927364	
G135	HQ 1 Aust Pigeon	Sec	MORESBY	955410	
G136	HQ 8 " " " "	" " " " "	MORESBY	927364	
G137	3 Aust Pigeon	Loft	BUNA	248261	
G138	4 " " " "	" " " " "	MORESBY	MORESBY	
G139	5 " " " "	" " " " "			Att US Force
G140	15 " " " "	" " " " "	MORESBY		
G141	14 " " " "	" " " " "	BULLDOG	BULLDOG	
G142	15 " " " "	" " " " "	BULLDOG-WAU	CENTRE CAMP	
G143	16 " " " "	" " " " "	MORESBY	955410	
G144	19 " " " "	" " " " "	BULLDOG-WAU	FOX'S SADDLE	
G145	21 " " " "	" " " " "			Att Task Force 76
G146	22 " " " "	" " " " "	MORESBY		
G147	33 " " " "	" " " " "			Att US Force
G148	34 " " " "	" " " " "		FINSCHHAFEN	
G149	35 " " " "	" " " " "	LAE	LAE	
G150	46 " " " "	" " " " "	MILNE BAY	359429	
G151	47 " " " "	" " " " "	MOROB	MOROB	
G152	48 " " " "	" " " " "	KOMIATUM	TALBU BAY	
			BUNA	BUNA Area.	

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INFANTRY UNITS

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<u>INF</u>					
H 1	HQ 4	Aust Inf Bde		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H 2	HQ 6	" " "	BUNA	138190	
H 3	HQ 7	" " "	MORESBY	904567	
H4	HQ 15	" " "	UBERI	174598	
H 5	HQ 18	" " "	MORESBY	954572	
H 6	HQ 20	" " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H 7	HQ 21	" " "		RAMU Valley	
H 8	HQ 24	" " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H 9	HQ 25	" " "		RAMU Valley	
H10	HQ 26	" " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H11	HQ 29	" " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H12	2/9	Aust Inf Bn	LAE	680433	
H13	2/10	" " "	MORESBY	945568	
H14	2/12	" " "	MORESBY	955563	
H15	2/15	" " "	MORESBY	950566	
H16	2/14	" " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H17	2/15	" " "		RAMU Valley	
H18	2/16	" " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H19	2/17	" " "		RAMU Valley	
H20	2/23	" " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H21	2/24	" " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H22	2/25	" " "		RAMU Valley	
H23	2/27	" " "		RAMU Valley	
H24	2/28	" " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H25	2/31	" " "		RAMU Valley	
H26	2/32	" " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H27	2/35	" " "		RAMU Valley	
H28	2/43	" " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H29	2/48	" " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H30	9	" " "	MORESBY	876402	
H31	14/32	" " " (less A & D Coys)	BUNA	257194	
	A Coy 14/32	Aust Inf Bn	MOROBE	555290	
	D Coy 14/32	" " "	BADEN BAY	NASSAU BAY	Det TALBU
H32	15	Aust Inf Bn	NADZAB	676431	
H33	19	" " "	BUNA	177302	
H34	22	" " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H35	24	" " "	BOANA	456628	
	Rear details	24 Aust Inf Bn	UBERI	173599	
H36	25	Aust Inf Bn	MORESBY	865595	
H37	29/46	" " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H38	36	" " "	BUNA	155214	
H39	37/52	" " "		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H40	42	" " " (less 17, 18 pls)	LAE	699498	(17 Pl - HOPOI (18 Pl - SALAMAUA
H41	47	" " "	LAE	686425	
H42	57/60	" " "	UBERI	174405	
H43	58/59	" " "	UBERI	174400	
H44	61	" " "	MORESBY	865595	
H45	3	Aust Div Carr Coy	MORESBY	981563	
H46	5	" " "	MORESBY	979574	
H47	7	" " "	MORESBY	957562	
H48	9	" " "		FINSCHHAFEN	
H49	11	" " "	BUNA	157204	
H50	2/2	Aust Pnr Bn		RAMU Valley	
H51	2/3	Aust Pnr Bn		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
H52	2/1	Aust MG Bn	MORESBY	966594	
H53	2/2	Aust MG Bn (less det)		FINSCHHAFEN Area	
	Det " " "			TAKI ISLAND	
H 54	6	Aust MG Bn		GUSAP	

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Serial No	Arm or Service Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
H 55	INF (contd) 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt			
	A Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt (less 1,2,4 pls)		FINSCH- HAFEN	HQ 9 Aust Div
	1 Pl		Area	20 Bde
	2 Pl		"	24 Bde
	4 Pl		FINSCH- HAFEN	26 Bde
	B Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt (less 6,7 8 Pls)		RAKU Valley	HQ 7 Aust Div
	6 Pl	MORESBY	954372	18 Bde
	7 Pl		RAKU Valley	21 Bde
	8 Pl		" "	25 Bde
	16 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	LAE	699409	
	19 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	MORESBY	904367	
	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	MORESBY	904367	
	23 Pl F Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	BUNA	165109	
H 56	Papuan Infantry Bn (less A,B and C Coy)	UBERI LAE	BISATABU 738400 RAKU Valley FINSCHHAFEN Area	

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AASO UNITS

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<u>AASO</u>					
I 1	HQ Comd 3	Aust Div AASO	LAE	697408	
I 2	HQ Comd 5	Aust Div AASO	MORESEY	903369	
I 3	HQ Comd 7	Aust Div AASO		FAMU Valley	
I 4	HQ Comd 9	Aust Div AASO		FINSCHAAFEN	
I 5	HQ Comd 11	Aust Div AASO	EUNA	211149	
I 6	1 Aust Tr Bn	Gp AASO	EUNA	160207	Att 1 Aust Tr Bn
I 7	2/33	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	MORESEY	967419	
I 8	2/34	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	BULLDOG	W245470	
	Det 2/34	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	MORESEY	038443	
I 9	2/101	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	MORESEY	959426	
I 10	2/102	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	MORESEY	887354	
I 11	2/104	Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less det)		FINSCHAAFEN	
	Det 2/104	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	MORESEY	947452	
I 12	2/105	Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less det)	MORESEY	955344	
I 13	2/106	Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less one pl)	MORESEY	905555	
	Fl 2/106	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	EUNA	282245	
I 14	2/153	Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less dets)		FAMU Valley	
	Det 2/153	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	MORESEY	954375	
	Det 2/153	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	NADZAB	403547	
I 15	2/156	Aust Gen Tpt Coy		FINSCHAAFEN	
I 16	Det 126	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	MORESEY	MORESEY	
I 17	129	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	MILNE BAY	393443	
I 18	131	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	MORESEY	054430	
I 19	Fl 132	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	MORESEY	054450	Remainder Coy in Aust
I 20	133	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	LAE	715471	
I 21	141	Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less det)	MORESEY	054450	
	Det 141	Aust Gen Tpt Coy		FAMU Valley	
I 22	151	Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less one tpt pl)	LAE	722442	
	Det 151	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	NADZAB	NADZAB	This pl to be deleted from OOB
	Det 151	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	FINSCHAAFEN	637588	
I 23	152	Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less det)	LAE	721414	
	Det 152	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	WAI	374719	
	Det 152	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	MORESEY	922353	
I 24	154	Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less one pl)	MILNE BAY	323429	
	One pl 154	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	LAE	721415	
I 25	158	Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less Adv HQ)	MORESEY	930351	Det to move DOBODURA
	Adv HQ 158	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	EUNA	200133	
I 26	159	Aust Gen Tpt Coy (one pl)	EUNA	200131	
I 27	162	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	EUNA	211149	
I 28	165	Aust Gen Tpt Coy	EUNA	286238	
I 29	1	Aust Air Maint Coy AASO	MORESEY	902364	
I 30	2	Aust Air Maint Coy AASO (less det)	EUNA	215125	
	Det 2	Aust Air Maint Coy AASO	LAE	686393	
I 31	3	Aust Air Maint Coy AASO	NADZAB	422322	
I 32	2/1	Aust MAC	MORESEY	979448	
I 33	Fl 2/4	Aust MAC (less det)	LAE	718427	
	Det Fl 2/4	Aust MAC	EUNA		
I 34	2	Aust MAC	MORESEY	979448	
I 35	66	Aust MAC Fl	EUNA	249163	
I 36	1	Aust Pack Tpt Coy (less det)	MORESEY	048358	
	Det 1	Aust Pack Tpt Coy	EUNA	215125	
I 37	3	Aust Pack Tpt Coy (less det)	MORESEY	995493	
	Det 3	Aust Pack Tpt Coy	EUNA	215125	

Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref. Map	Location	Remarks
<u>AASO (contd)</u>					
I 38	2/2 Aust Fd Bakery (less two Fls)		JUNA	241157	
	Two Fls 2/2 Aust Fd Bakery		MILNE BAY	354432	
I 39	One Fl 1 Aust Fd Bakery		MORESEY	984438	
I 40	One Fl 2 Aust Fd Bakery		MORESEY	038423	
I 41	4 Aust Fd Bakery (less three Fls)		JUNA	276254	
	Two pls 4 Aust Fd Bakery		FINSCHAAFEN	636602	
	One pl 4 Aust Fd Bakery (less det)		NADZAB	425549	
	Det 4 Aust Fd Bakery			RAMU Valley	
	Det 4 Aust Fd Bakery			LAE	
I 42	13 Aust Fd Bakery (less deta)		MORESEY	863353	
	Det 13 Aust Fd Bakery		LAE	703403	
	Det 13 Aust Fd Bakery		WAU Strat	W374716	
I 43	One Fl 2/1 Aust Fd Butchering Coy		MILNE BAY	299427	
I 44	One Fl 9 Aust Fd Butchering Coy		MORESEY	905355	To move to JUNA
I 45	3 Aust Farm Coy AASO (less det)		MORESEY	994447	
	Det 3 Aust Farm Coy AASO		MILNE BAY	252439	
I 46	2 Aust BIFOD (less one pl)		MORESEY	919353	
	One pl 2 Aust BIFOD		PALIPALA	769741	
I 47	3 Aust BIFOD		MILNE BAY	310428	
I 48	52 Aust Fl BIFOD (less det)		MORESEY	919353	
	Det 52 Aust Fl BIFOD		LAE	701389	
I 49	53 Aust Fl BIFOD		JUNA	207217	
I 50	54 Aust Fl BIFOD (less det)		JUNA	265256	
	Det 54 Aust Fl BIFOD		MORCIE	355287	
I 51	55 Aust Fl BIFOD		LAE	713434	
I 52	56 Aust Fl BIFOD			FINSCHAAFEN Area	
I 53	1 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy		MORESEY	878378	
I 54	2 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy		MILNE BAY	408433	
I 55	HQ 2/2 Aust Sup Depot Coy			RAMU Valley	
	5 Aust Sup Depot Fl			RAMU Valley	
	6 Aust Sup Depot Fl			RAMU Valley	
	7 Aust Sup Depot Fl			RAMU Valley	
	8 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MORESEY	950374	
	9 Aust Sup Depot Fl			RAMU Valley	
	10 Aust Sup Depot Fl			RAMU Valley	
I 56	HQ 2/6 Aust Sup Depot Coy			FINSCHAAFEN	
	2/26 Aust Sup Depot Fl			FINSCHAAFEN Area	
	2/27 Aust Sup Depot Fl			FINSCHAAFEN Area	
	2/28 Aust Sup Depot Fl			FINSCHAAFEN Area	
	2/29 Aust Sup Depot Fl			FINSCHAAFEN Area	
	2/30 Aust Sup Depot Fl			FINSCHAAFEN Area	
	2/31 Aust Sup Depot Fl			FINSCHAAFEN Area	
I 57	HQ 2/26 Aust Sup Depot Coy		MILNE BAY	399439	
	187 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MILNE BAY	404447	
	188 Aust Sup Depot Fl		BULLDOG	W098185	
	189 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MILNE BAY	338425	
I 58	HQ 1 Aust Sup Depot Coy		LAE	703403	
	3 Aust Sup Depot Fl		LAE	703403	
	4 Aust Sup Depot Fl		NADZAB	401560	
	18 Aust Sup Depot Fl		LAE	684427	
	19 Aust Sup Depot Fl		LAE	684427	
I 59	HQ 4 Aust Sup Depot Coy		MILNE BAY	336427	
	1 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MILNE BAY	352432	To move
	2 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MILNE BAY	400437	To move
I 60	HQ 23 Aust Sup Depot Coy			FINSCHAAFEN	
	169 Aust Sup Depot Fl (less det)		JUNA	212144	
	Det 169 Aust Sup Depot Fl		ORG BAY	307021	
I 61	HQ 5 Aust Base Sup Depot		MORESEY	922378	
	178 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MORESEY	922378	
	179 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MORESEY	922378	
	180 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MORESEY	922378	
	181 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MORESEY	922378	
	182 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MORESEY	922378	

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<u>AASO (contd)</u>					
I 62	HQ 25 Aust Sup Depot Coy		MORESEY	038443	
	183 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MORESEY	913368	
	184 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MORESEY	038443	
	185 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MORESEY	983437	
	186 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MORESEY	913368	
	226 Aust Sup Depot Fl		UBERE	158417	
I 63	HQ 31 Aust Sup Depot Coy		EUNA	254261	
	89 Aust Sup Depot Fl		EUNA	254261	
	136 Aust Sup Depot Fl		EUNA	254261	
	146 Aust Sup Depot Fl		EUNA	264194	
	160 Aust Sup Depot Fl		FINSCH- HAFEN	637595	
	161 Aust Sup Depot Fl			FINSCHHAFEN	
	162 Aust Sup Depot Fl		LAE	702403	
	163 Aust Sup Depot Fl		LAE	702407	
	177 Aust Sup Depot Fl		EUNA	254261	
	229 Aust Sup Depot Fl		EUNA	254261	
I 64	HQ 34 Aust Sup Depot Coy		EUNA	212144	
	224 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MORESEY	982428	
	225 Aust Sup Depot Fl		FINSCH- HAFEN	637591	
I	227 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MORESEY	955430	
I 65	HQ 37 Aust Sup Depot Coy		MILNE BAY	MILNE BAY	
	231 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MILNE BAY	MILNE BAY	
	232 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MILNE BAY	MILNE BAY	
I 66	HQ 39 Aust Sup Depot Coy		LAE	711417	
	42 Aust Sup Depot Fl		LAE	711417	
	43 Aust Sup Depot Fl		LAE	711417	
	44 Aust Sup Depot Fl		EUNA	264194	
	45 Aust Sup Depot Fl		EUNA	263203	
I 67	2/33 Aust Sup Depot Fl		MORESEY	922378	To move BULLDOG
I 68	2/34 Aust Sup Depot Fl		TAU	W360720	
I 69	2/35 Aust Sup Depot Fl		BULLDOG	BULLDOG	
I 70	14 Aust Sup Depot Fl		EUNA	260195	
I 71	15 Aust Sup Depot Fl		EUNA	211145	
I 72	32 Aust Sup Depot Fl		EUNA	248268	With 2 Aust Air Maint Coy
I 73	237 Aust Sup Depot Fl		BULLDOG	BULLDOG - TAU Rd	
I 74	239 Aust Sup Depot Fl		NARZAE	422522	
I 75	2/1C2 Aust Comp Fl AASO			TAMU Valley	
I 76	1 Aust Marine Food Sup Fl		MORESEY	MORESEY	

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MEDICAL UNITS

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<u>MEDICAL</u>					
J 1	2/1 Aust Gen Hosp		MORESBY	945330	
J 2	2/5 " " "		MORESBY	954318	
J 3	2/7 " " " (less det)		BUNA	250160	Awaiting mvt
	Det 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp		LAE	701406	
J 4	2/8 Aust Gen Hosp		BUNA	250160	
J 5	2/9 " " "		MORESBY	034436	
J 6	2/11 " " "		BUNA	259163	
J 7	128 " " "		UBERI	089418	
J 8	47 Aust Camp Hosp		UBERI	187428	
J 9	2/3 Aust Con Depot		MILNE BAY	273429	
J10	113 Aust " "		UBERI	165420	
J11	2/1 Aust CCS		MILNE BAY	318431	
J12	2/2 " " (less det)			FINSCHHAFEN	
	Det 2/2 Aust CCS		LAE	LAE	
J13	2/3 Aust CCS			FINSCHHAFEN Area	
J14	106 " "		LAE	687423	
J15	110 " "		MILNE BAY	319436	
J16	111 " "		NADZAB	414548	
J17	2/3 Aust Fd Amb			FINSCHHAFEN	
J18	2/4 " " "			RAMU Valley	
J19	2/5 " " " (less lt sec)		MORESBY	955352	
	Lt Sec 2/5 Aust Fd Amb			RAMU Valley	
J20	2/6 Aust Fd Amb			RAMU Valley	
J21	2/8 " " "			FINSCHHAFEN Area	
J22	2/11 " " "			FINSCHHAFEN Area	
J23	1 Aust Lt Fd Amb (less det)		MORESBY	011436	
	Det 1 Aust Lt Fd Amb		MOROB	368270	
J24	4 Aust Fd Amb (less A Coy)			FINSCHHAFEN Area	
	A Coy 4 Aust Fd Amb		MILNE BAY	388446	
J25	Det 6 Aust Lt Fd Amb		BUNA	160207	Att 1 Aust Tank Bn
J26	6 Aust Fd Amb		BUNA	195135	
J27	7 " " " (less det)		LAE	687423	
	Det 7 Aust Fd Amb		KOMIATUM	739919	
J28	8 Aust Fd Amb		MILNE BAY	321433	
J29	9 " " " (less dets)		WAU	WAU	
	Det 9 Aust Fd Amb			RAMU Valley	
	" " " " "		BULLDOG	106191	
	Rear details 9 Aust Fd Amb		UBERI	140415	
J30	10 Aust Fd Amb (less det)			FINSCHHAFEN	
	Det 10 Aust Fd Amb		NADZAB	NADZAB	
J31	11 Aust Fd Amb		MORESBY	895382	
J32	15 Aust Fd Amb (less dets)		UBERI	177369	
	Det 15 Aust Fd Amb		WAU	385702	
J33	18 Aust Fd Amb		ORO BAY	316009	
J34	2/1 Aust Mob Op Unit		MORESBY	954318	
J35	104 Aust Mob Bacteriological Lab		MORESBY	034436	
J36	2/101 Aust Mob Bath Unit		MORESBY	035436	
J37	2/118 " " " " "		MORESBY	955352	
J38	107 " " " " "		MORESBY	966382	
J39	2/2 Aust Anti-Malaria Control Unit		MILNE BAY	321432	
J40	2/3 " " " " "			FINSCHHAFEN Area	
J41	2/4 " " " " "		MORESBY	954432	
J42	2/7 " " " " "		MORESBY	954432	

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Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
<u>MEDICAL (contd)</u>					
J43	8 Aust	Anti-Malaria Control Unit	MILNE BAY	389447	
J44	9 "	" " " "	LAE	706406	
J45	11 "	" " " "			
		(less det)	BUNA	273256	
	Det 11 Aust	Anti-Malaria Control Unit			
J46	14 Aust	Anti-Malaria Control Unit	LAE	FINSCHHAFEN 716425	
J47	15 "	" " " "	MORESBY	954432	
J48	16 "	" " " "	BULLDOG	W096185	
J49	17 "	" " " "	BUNA	218149	
J50	18 "	" " " "		RAMU Valley	
J51	3 Aust	Mob Entomological Sec		RAMU Valley	
J52	4 "	" " " "		RAMU Valley	
J53	NGF Depot	Medical Stores	MORESBY	906357	
J54	104 Adv Depot	Medical Stores	LAE	706408	
J55	105 "	" " " "	BUNA	249163	
J56	107 "	" " " "	FINSCHHAFEN	615558	
J57	108 "	" " " "	MORESBY	038440	
J58	109 "	" " " "	BULLDOG	BULLDOG	
J59	110 "	" " " "	MILNE BAY	319434	
J60	Nurses' Rest Home		UBERI	106417	
J61	HQ NGF Sea Amb Tpt Coy		LAE	687423	Dets at North Coast Medical evacuation points

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DENTAL UNITS

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<u>DENTAL</u>					
K 1	HQ	2/1 Aust Dental Unit	MORESBY	954372	
	A Sec	2/1 Aust Dental Unit	MORESBY	963380	
	B Sec	2/1 Aust Dental Unit	MORESBY	954372	
	C Sec	2/1 Aust Dental Unit	MORESBY	031438	
	D Sec	2/1 Aust Dental Unit	MORESBY	923365	
	E Sec	2/1 Aust Dental Unit	MILNE BAY	345434	
	F Sec	2/1 Aust Dental Unit	MORESBY	950344	
K 2	HQ	2/2 Aust Dental Unit	MORESBY	901359	
	A Sec	2/2 Aust Dental Unit	MORESBY	863352	
	B Sec	2/2 Aust Dental Unit	WAU	WAU	
	C Sec	2/2 Aust Dental Unit	BULLDOG	BULLDOG	
	D Sec	2/2 Aust Dental Unit	UBERI	165420	
	E Sec	2/2 Aust Dental Unit	MORESBY	959404	
	F Sec	2/2 Aust Dental Unit	MORESBY	941427	
K 3		2/5 Aust Dental Unit (less A, C, D, E, F Secs)	LAE	699409	
	A Sec	2/5 Aust Dental Unit	BUNA	257196	
	C Sec	2/5 Aust Dental Unit	BUNA	283254	
	D & E Secs	2/5 Aust Dental Unit		FINSCHHAFEN	
	F Sec	2/5 Aust Dental Unit	BUNA	257197	
K 4	HQ	63 Aust Dental Unit	BUNA	BUNA	
	A Sec	63 Aust Dental Unit	MORESBY	009432	
	B Sec	63 Aust Dental Unit	LAE	686423	
	C Sec	63 Aust Dental Unit	BULLDOG	BULLDOG	
	D Sec	63 Aust Dental Unit	LAE	LAE	
	E Sec	63 Aust Dental Unit	MORESBY	885394	
	F Sec	63 Aust Dental Unit	UBERI	179395	
K 5		77 Aust Dental Unit (less A, B, C, F Secs)		FINSCHHAFEN	
	A & C Secs	77 Aust Dental Unit		RAMU Valley	
	B Sec	77 Aust Dental Unit	MORESBY	955394	
	F Sec	77 Aust Dental Unit	MILNE BAY	394445	
K 6		85 Aust Dental Unit (less A & C Secs)	UBERI	174392	
	A Sec	85 Aust Dental Unit	UBERI	166412	
	C Sec	85 Aust Dental Unit	MORESBY	030443	
K 7	IHQ	Sub Depot Dental Stores (less det)	MORESBY	905357	
	Det IHQ	Sub Depot Dental Stores	LAE	706409	

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ORDNANCE UNITS

Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
<u>ORDNANCE</u>					
L 1	HQ 4 Aust Adv Ord Depot (less det) 43 FOD		JUNA LAE	262251 715425	Det HQ 4 AOD Det 15 Ord Store Coy Det 7 AOD Prov Sec Det 15 Ord Store Coy
L	44 FOD		FINSCHHAFFEN		
L 2	HQ 10 Aust Adv Ord Depot No 1 Sub Depot 10 Aust AOD Fort Det 10 Aust AOD 102 Aust FOD 104 Aust FOD		MORESBY MORESBY MORESBY WAU MILNE BAY	051442 954418 863354 W362726 315430	Det HQ 10 AOD Det 14 Ord Store Coy
L 3	7 Aust Adv Ord Depot Prov Sec		JUNA	262251	
L 4	8 Aust Adv Ord Depot Prov Sec		MORESBY	051442	
L 5	14 Aust Ord Store Coy (less dets) Det 14 Aust Ord Store Coy Det 14 Aust Ord Store Coy		MORESBY JUNA MILNE BAY	051442 262251 315430	Part of 4 Aust AOD Part of 104 FOD
L 6	15 Aust Ord Store Coy (less det) Det 15 Aust Ord Store Coy		JUNA LAE	262251 715425	
L 7	18 Aust Ord Store Coy (less det) Det 18 Aust Ord Store Coy		MORESBY JUNA	051442 262251	
L 8	2/3 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Fk		MORESBY	964415	
L 9	Det 5 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Fk		JUNA	255770	
L 10	1 Aust Tc En Ord Fd Fk		JUNA		Transit Camp
L 11	2/117 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk				RAMU Valley
L 12	2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk (less det) Det 2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk			FINSCHHAFFEN LAE	
L 13	2/121 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk		MORESBY	750470 940367	
L 14	2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk			FINSCHHAFFEN	
L 15	2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk			FINSCHHAFFEN	
L 16	2/124 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk		LAE	704460	
L 17	2/125 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk		LAE	715425	
L 18	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk		LAE	713425	
L 19	113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk		MORESBY	962370	
L 20	127 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk		JUNA	264195	
L 21	128 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk (less det) Det 128 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk		BULLDOG MORESBY	W128259 051442	
L 22	129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk		MORESBY	938344	
L 23	130 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk		MILNE BAY	349434	
L 24	137 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk		JUNA	149205	
L 25	158 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk		MORESBY	826375	
L 26	HQ 8 Aust Adv Arm Depot 82 Aust FAD 84 Aust FAD		MORESBY WAU MILNE BAY	000412 362725 292458	Det of HQ 8 Aust AAD 19 Aust Ord Arm Coy less det Det 18 Aust Ord Arm Coy
L 27	HQ 10 Aust Adv Arm Depot (less det) 102 Aust FAD 103 Aust FAD 104 Aust FAD		JUNA MORORO LAE	265252 349290 677485	Det of HQ 10 AAD Det HQ 10 Aust AAD Det 18 Aust Ord Arm Coy FINSCHHAFFEN Det 17 Ord Arm Coy

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Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
<u>ORDNANCE (contd)</u>					
L 28	2/1 Aust Ord Arm Coy		DUNA	265252	
L 29	4 Aust Ord Arm Coy (less det)		MORSEBY	000442	
	Det 4 Aust Ord Arm Coy		DUNA	265252	
L 30	16 Aust Ord Arm Coy		MORSEBY	000412	
L 31	17 Aust Ord Arm Coy (less det)		DUNA	265252	
L	Det 17 Aust Ord Arm Coy		MORSEBY	003442	
L 32	18 Aust Ord Arm Coy (less det)		DUNA	265252	
L 33	19 Aust Ord Arm Coy (less det)		MILNE BAY	292438	Part of 84 FAD
	Det 19 Aust Ord Arm Coy		DUNA	262251	
L 34	1 Aust Mob Arm Repair Shop		DUNA	262196	
L 35	2 Aust Mob Arm Repair Shop		MILNE BAY	292438	
L 36	4 Aust Mob Arm Repair Shop		MORSEBY	000442	
L 37	6 Aust Mob Arm Repair Shop		MORSEBY	000442	
L 38	7 Aust Mob Arm Repair Shop		MILNE BAY	289439	
L 39	8 Aust Mob Arm Repair Shop		DUNA	265252	
L 40	16 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit		MORSEBY	046438	
L 41	Half 5 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit		MILNE BAY	354422	
	Half 5 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit		DUNA	256157	
L 42	2/7 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit		MORSEBY	046438	
L 43	2/9 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit		MORSEBY	031442	
L 44	11 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit		MORSEBY	046438	To move to DUNA
L 45	25 Aust Lt Laundry		MORSEBY	046438	
L 46	1 Aust Parachute Refolding Pl		MORSEBY	902366	
L 47	1 Aust Ord Leach Det			FINSCHAAFEN	
L 48	6 Sec Aust Offrs Shop AACO		MORSEBY	875352	

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Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
	<u>AEME</u>				
M 1	2/7 Aust Adv Wkshop		BUNA	276254	
M 2	11 Aust Adv Wkshop		MORESBY	056428	
M 3	2/2 Aust L of C Rec Sec (less rear details)		BULLDOG	BULLDOG	
	Rear details 2/2 Aust L of C Rec Sec		MORESBY	966402	
M 4	2/2 Aust Inf Tps Wkshop		MORESBY	966402	
M 5	2/3 " " " "		BUNA	237180	
M 6	2/117 Aust Bde Wkshop		MORESBY	957375	
M 7	Det 2/117 Aust Bde Wkshop			RAMU Valley	
M 7	2/118 Aust Bde Wkshop			FINSCHHAFEN	
M 8	2/121 " " " "		MORESBY	940367	
M 9	2/122 " " " "			FINSCHHAFEN	
M10	2/123 " " " "			FINSCHHAFEN	
M11	2/124 " " " "		IAE	704460	
M12	2/125 " " " (less det)		IAE	707441	
	Det 2/125 Aust Bde Wkshop		BUNA	BUNA Area	
M13	2/137 Aust Bde Wkshop		BUNA	149205	
M14	104 " " " "		IAE	713424	
M15	113 " " " "		MORESBY	961378	
M16	127 " " " "		BUNA	264194	
M17	129 " " " "		MORESBY	938344	
M18	130 " " " "		MILNE BAY	351434	To move to IAE
M19	1 Aust Indep Armd Regt Wkshop Sec (less det)		MORESBY	985365	
	Det 1 Aust Indep Armd Regt Wkshop		MILNE BAY	371455	Att A Sqn 2/8
M20	1 Aust Tk Bn Wkshop		BUNA	160207	Aust Armd Regt
M21	1 Aust Radic Maint Sec		MORESBY	875431	Att 1 Aust Tk Bn
M22	14 " " " "		MILNE BAY	350434	
M23	1 Aust water Craft Wkshop		MORESBY	816373	To move to BULLDOG
M24	2 Aust water Craft Wkshop		MORESBY	826374	
M25	8 Aust MP Wkshop (less det)		BULLDOG-WAU	W153288	
	Det 8 Aust MP Wkshop		MORESBY	966402	
M26	10 Aust MP Wkshops		MILNE BAY	351434	
M27	2 Aust Mech Egmt Wkshop		IAE	710460	
M28	2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt Wkshop (less det)		MOROBE	358285	
	Det 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt Wkshop		BUNA	Transit Camp	
M29	2/2 Aust Comp AA Regt Wkshop		ORO BAY	339044	
M30	2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt Wkshop		IAE	703396	
M31	3/4 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop			FINSCHHAFEN Area	
M32	53 Aust Comp AA Regt Wkshop		BUNA	287232	
M33	HQ 114 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec		ORO BAY	ORO P.L.	
	152 Bty Sub Sec		IAE	697593	
	234 Bty Sub Sec		MORESBY	746418	
	235 Bty Sub Sec		MILNE BAY	399438	
M34	MORESBY Frt Wkshops		MORESBY	878428	
M35	IAE Frt Wkshop		IAE	751420	
M36	MILNE BAY Frt Wkshops		MILNE BAY	358431	
M37	77 Aust AASL Bty Wkshop		ORO BAY	337047	
M38	82 Aust AASL Bty Wkshop		IAE	710420	
M39	83 Aust AASL Bty Wkshop		BUNA	149207	
M40	Det 84 Aust AASL Bty Wkshop		BUNA	276078	

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Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
M41	AEME (Contd) 2/47 Aust LAD (Type J)		MORESBY	953371	Att 18 Aust Inf Bde
M42	2/48 Aust LAD (Type A)		MORESBY	965396	Att 2/1 Aust MG Bn awaiting mvt
M43	2/51 Aust LAD (Type A)		MORESBY	958348	Att 2/4 Aust Fd Regt
M44	2/52 Aust LAD (Type A)		MORESBY	968413	Att 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
M45	2/53 Aust LAD (Type A)		FINSCHHAFEN	636607	Att 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
M46	2/56 Aust LAD (Type)		LAE	703406	Att HQ 7 Aust Div
M47	2/58 Aust LAD (Type J)		FINSCHHAFEN		Att 20 Aust Inf Bde
M48	2/59 Aust LAD (Type J)			RAMU VALLEY	Att 21 Aust Inf Bde
M49	2/61 Aust LAD (Type A)		FINSCHHAFEN Arca		Att 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
M50	2/65 Aust LAD		LAE	709441	
M51	2/67 Aust LAD (Type A)		FINSCHHAFEN		Att HQ 9 Aust Div
M52	2/72 Aust LAD (Type A)		FINSCHHAFEN		Att 2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy
M53	Det 2/72 Aust LAD (Type A) 2/76 Aust LAD (Type J)		LAE FINSCHHAFEN	LAE	Att 24 Aust Inf Bde
M54	2/77 Aust LAD (Type A)		FINSCHHAFEN		Att 2/2 Aust MG Bn
M55	2/78 Aust LAD (Type J)		FINSCHHAFEN		Att 26 Aust Inf Bde
M56	2/83 Aust LAD (less det)		LAE	LAE	Att 2/14 Aust Fd Regt
M57	Det 2/83 Aust LAD 2/90 Aust LAD (Type A)		BUNA MORESBY	BUNA 918374	Att HQ NG Force
M58	2/94 Aust LAD (Type B)		BUNA	241160	Att 2/8 Aust Armd Regt
M59	209 Aust LAD (Type B)		BUNA	160207	Att 1 Aust Tk Bn
M60	212 Aust LAD (Type A)		MORESBY	923378	Att 18 Aust L of C Sigs
M61	213 Aust LAD (Type A)		MORESBY	959402	Att 2 Aust Fd Regt
M62	216 Aust LAD (Type A)		MILNE BAY	394455	Att 51 Aust Fd Pk Coy
M63	217 Aust LAD (Type A)		MILNE BAY	388447	Att 14 Aust Fd Regt
M64	230 Aust LAD (Type A)		MORESBY	952353	Att 53 Aust Fd P k Coy
M65	231 Aust LAD (Type A)		LAE	707441	Att HQ 3 Aust Div
M66	237 Aust LAD (Type B)		BUNA	245189	Att 4 AOD
M67	239 Aust LAD (Type A)		LAE	705448	Att 59 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy
M68	241 Aust LAD (Type J)		MORESBY	906371	Att 7 Aust Inf Bde
M69	244 Aust LAD (Type A) (less det)		BUNA	165109	Att B Aust Corps Sigs
M70	Det 244 Aust LAD 247 Aust LAD		NADZAB BUNA	548547 273202	

Serial No	Arm or Service	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
M71	<u>AEME</u> (Contd)			
	255 Aust LAD (Type A)		FINSCHAFEN	
M72	263 Aust LAD	BUNA	223162	
M73	264 Aust LAD (Type J)	IAE	710420	Att 4 Aust Inf Bde
M74	266 Aust LAD (Type J)	UBERI	177398	Att 15 Aust Inf Bde
M75	269 Aust LAD (Type A)	BUNA	139191	Att 6 Aust Inf Bde
M76	284 Aust LAD	BUNA	222154	Att 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy
M77	292 Aust LAD (Type A)	MORESBY	895370	Att HQ 11 Aust Div
M78	295 Aust LAD (Type A)	MORESBY	979376	
M79	298 Aust LAD (Type A)	IAE	685434	Att 19 Aust I of C Sigs
M80	299 Aust LAD	MORESBY	925346	
M81	300 Aust LAD (Type A)	MILNE BAY	338428	
M82	306 Aust LAD (Type A)	MORESBY	970412	
M83	307 Aust LAD (Type A) (less det)		GUSAP	Att 6 Aust MG Bn
	Det 307 Aust LAD	BUNA	BUNA	
M84	312 Aust LAD (Type A)	IAE	696391	Att 29 Aust Inf Bde
M85	315 Aust LAD (Type J)		RAMU Valley	Att 25 Aust Inf Bde
M86	330 Aust LAD (Type A)	MORESBY	968414	Att 10 AOD
M87	341 Aust LAD	MORESBY	017440	Att 2/1 Aust Ry Constn Coy

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PAY, PROVOST, POSTAL

Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
<u>PAY</u>					
N 1	District Accounts Office NG (less dets)		MORESBY	862352	
N 2	Det " " " "		WAU	WAU	
N 2	2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office (less det)		BUNA	165109	Det not yet arrived from AUST
N 3	3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office		LAE	699409	
N 4	5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (less dets)		LAE	699409	
	Det 5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office		NADZAB	NADZAB	
	Det " " " " " "		KOMIATUM	MILNE BAY	
N 5	7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (less det)		MORESBY	957336	Dets under cond each Bde
N 6	9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office			FINSCHAAFEN Area	
N 7	11 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (less det)		BUNA	232160	
	Det 11 Aust Div Fd Cash Office		MOROE	360280	
N 8	57 Aust Depot Cash Office		MORESBY	034440	
N 9	72 " " " "		BUNA	255261	
N 10	73 " " " "		MORESBY	853352	
N 11	76 " " " "		MORESBY	954318	
N 12	77 " " " "		MORESBY	034436	
N 13	78 " " " "		BULLDOG	BULLDOG	
N 14	79 " " " "		MILNE BAY	343430	
N 15	81 " " " "		MORESBY	922366	
N 16	82 " " " "		UIERI	SCGERI	
<u>PROVOST</u>					
C 1	NGF Pro Coy (less det)		UIERI	155415	
	Det NGF Pro Coy			RARU VALLEY	Att Sta Comd 7 Aust Div
C 2	Det 1 Aust Corps Pro Coy		MORESBY	896365	HQ & three secs returned to AUST
C 3	3 Aust Div Pro Coy (less two secs)		LAE	698407	Two secs 3 Aust Div Pro Coy in AUST
C 4	5 Aust Div Pro Coy (less two secs)		MORESBY	863351	One Sec not under cond NGF
	Det 5 Aust Div Pro Coy		LAE	698407	
C 5	7 Aust Div Pro Coy (less dets)			RARU Valley	Dets with each Bde
	Det 7 Aust Div Pro Coy		MORESBY	954372	
C 6	9 Aust Div Pro Coy			FINSCHAAFEN Area	
C 7	11 Aust Div Pro Coy (less det)		BUNA	232162	
	Det 11 Aust Div Pro Coy		CRO BAY	315010	
C 8	12 Aust Indep Bde Pro Pl		NADZAB	400568	
C 9	2/2 Aust L of C Pro Coy (less six secs)		MORESBY	900365	Awaiting move to BUNA
	Three secs 2/2 Aust L of C Pro Coy		MILNE BAY	347438	
	One " " " " " "		BUNA	246267	
	Det " " " " " "		MOROE	350294	
	Det " " " " " "		KOMIATUM	746934	
C 10	10 Aust L of C Pro Coy (less three secs)		MORESBY	863351	Balance of Coy not yet arrived
C 11	NGF Fd Punishment Centre		MORESBY	030444	
C 12	16 Aust Detention Barracks		MORESBY	030444	

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<u>PCSTAL</u>					
P 1	2 Aust Corps Postal Unit	(less det)		FINSCHHAFEN	Dets at NAJZAB
P 2	3 Aust Div Postal Unit	(less det)	LAE	599409	Dets NAJZAB & NASSAU BAY
		Det 3 Aust Div Postal Unit	MORESBY	888378	
P 3	5 Aust Div Postal Unit		MCRESEY	905367	
P 4	7 Aust Div Postal Unit	(less det)		RAMU Valley	
		Det 7 Aust Div Postal Unit	MORESBY	954372	
P 5	9 Aust Div Postal Unit			FINSCHHAFEN	
P 6	11 Aust Div Postal Unit		JUNA	232151	
P 7	2/1 Aust L of C Postal Unit	(less dets)	MORESBY	889355	Det at TERAPC BULLEDCG & WAU
P 8	4 Aust L of C Postal Unit	(less det)	JUNA	256261	
		Det 4 Aust L of C Postal Unit	MOROLE	350294	
P 9	5 Aust L of C Postal Unit		MORESBY	889355	
		Det 5 Aust L of C Postal Unit	JUNA	256261	
P 10	7 Aust Base Postal Unit	(less dets)	MCRESEY	889355	
		Det 7 Aust Base Postal Unit	MILNE BAY	345435	
		Det " " " "	LAE	705408	
		Det " " " "	JUNA	256261	

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Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
<u>GRAVES</u>					
Q 1	I Aust Graves Registration & Enquiries Unit		MORESBY	974445	
Q 2	9 " " " " "			FINSCHHAFEN	
Q 3	10 " " " " "		IAE	682407	
Q 4	15 " " " " "		BUNA	147203	
Q 5	17 " " " " "		SALAMAUA	750016	
Q 6	Graves Maintenance Details NG		BUNA	147203	
<u>RECORDS</u>					
R 1	NG L of C Area Records Office		MORESBY	862352	
	Det NG L of C Area Records Office		MILNE BAY	407433	
<u>LABOUR</u>					
S 1	5 Aust Emp Coy (less det)		MORESBY	031442	
	Det 5 Aust Emp Coy		BULLDOG-WAU	CENTRE CAMP	
S 2	20 Aust Emp Coy (less two pls)		MILNE BAY	424436	
	Det 20 Aust Emp Coy		BUNA	241263	
S 3	22 Aust Emp Coy (less det)		MORESBY	870352	
	Det 22 Aust Emp Coy		BULLDOG	W075195	
S 4	4 Pl 30 Aust Emp Coy		MILNE BAY	408444	
S 5	32 Aust Emp Coy (less Det)		MILNE BAY	405440	
	Det 32 Aust Emp Coy		BUNA	264194	
S 6	33 Aust Emp Coy		MORESBY	869351	
S 7	34 Aust Emp Coy		MILNE BAY	406446	
S 8	35 Aust Emp Coy		MORESBY	961427	
S 9	37 Aust Emp Coy		BUNA	239264	
S 10	38 Aust Emp Coy		IAE	708412	
<u>STATIONERY</u>					
T 1	NG L of C Area Stationery Depot		MORESBY	862352	
	Det NG L of C Area Stationery Depot		BUNA	256261	
T 2	NG Printing & Press Unit		MORESBY	862352	
	Det NG Printing & Press Unit		BUNA	232159	
<u>TRAINING</u>					
U 1	NG Force Training Centre		UBERI	162415	
U 2	NG Force School of Sigs		UBERI	166412	

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MISCELLANEOUS UNITS

Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
<u>SALVAGE</u>					
V 1	1 Aust Div	Salvage Unit	MORESBY	024446	To move to LAE
V 2	3 Aust Div	Salvage Unit	LAE	702403	
V 3	5 Aust Div	Salvage Unit	MORESBY	026446	
V 4	7 Aust Div	Salvage Unit	MORESBY	960348	
V 5	9 Aust Div	Salvage Unit		FINSCHHAFEN	
V 6	11 Aust Div	Salvage Unit		270210	
V 7	26 Aust L of C	Salvage Sec	BUNA		
	(less dets)				
	Det 26 Aust L of C	Salvage Sec	BUNA	270210	
	Det " " " " " "		WAU	WAU	
	Det " " " " " "		MOROB	350295	
	Det " " " " " "		SALAMAUA	SALAMAUA	
V 8	32 Aust L of C	Salvage Unit	MILNE BAY	418444	
V 9	37 Aust L of C	Salvage Unit	MORESBY	026446	
	Det 37 Aust L of C	Salvage Sec	MORESBY	TOWN Area	
V10	HQ 8 Aust	Salvage Depot	MORESBY	026446	
V11	Det 1 Aust Corps	Def & Emp Pl	MORESBY	923366	
V12	Royal Papuan	Constabulary			
	(European Sec)		UBERI	BISIALTABU	
V13	1 Aust	ARD	UBERI	168402	
<u>AMENITIES</u>					
V14	Det Aust	Amenities Services	MORESBY	901357	
V15	NG Force	Concert Party	MORESBY	12 mile	
V16	5 Aust Div	Concert Party	MILNE BAY	347437	
V17	7 Aust Div	Concert Party	MORESBY	957335	
V18	11 Aust Div	Concert Party	MORESBY	908360	
V19	76 Mobile	Cinema	MORESBY	901357	
V20	78 Mobile	Cinema	MORESBY	901357	
V21	79 Mobile	Cinema	UBERI	SOGERI	
V22	80 Mobile	Cinema	MILNE BAY	343430	
V23	81 Mobile	Cinema	BUNA	232159	
V24	82 Mobile	Cinema	LAE	699409	
V25	83 Mobile	Cinema	MILNE BAY	343430	
V26	84 Mobile	Cinema		FINSCHHAFEN	
V27	85 Mobile	Cinema		RAU Valley	
V28	NG Details	Depot	MORESBY	901361	
	Det NG Details	Depot	MILNE BAY	395447	
V29	1 Aust Corps	Reception Camp	BUNA	207129	
V30	3 Aust Div	Sec Reception Camp	MORESBY	888376	
V31	5 " " " " " "		LAE	703406	
V32	7 " " " " " "		NADZAB	409574	
V33	9 " " " " " "			FINSCHHAFEN	
V34	11 " " " " " "		BUNA	207129	
V35	NG	Leave Camp	UBERI	DONADABU	
V36	Aust Def	Canteens Services	MORESBY	862352	
V37	Det Aust Def	Canteens	MILNE BAY	409443	
	Det " " " " " "		BUNA	218149	
	Det " " " " " "		MOROB	355287	
	Det " " " " " "		LAE	LAE	
	Det " " " " " "			RAU Valley	
	Det " " " " " "			FINSCHHAFEN	
V37	5 Aust Def	Canteen Services			
	Offrs Club	Type D	MORESBY	860346	
V38	13 Aust Def	Canteens Services			
	Club	Type L	MORESBY	862352	
V39	14 Aust Def	Canteens Services			
	Club	Type L	MILNE BAY	392447	
V40	Allied Services	Senior NCO's Club	MORESBY	862352	
V41	Det 4 Sec Aust	Kit Stores	MORESBY	904360	

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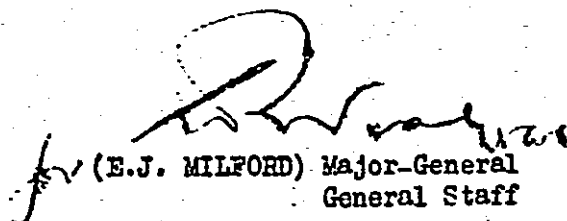
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STATEMENT as at 30 Nov 43

Compiled as at 2359 hrs 15 Dec 43

Serial No	Arm or Service	Unit	Ref Map	Amended Location	Remarks
<u>HQ Unit</u>					
A10	Delete	HQ 3 Aust Base Sub Area			
	Insert	HQ Area Commandant LOROBE	LOROBE	553289	
A19	Delete	Det 8 Aust Mvt Control Gp	LOROBE	550295	Returned to BUNA 14 Dec
<u>Intelligence</u>					
B15	Amend to read	32 Aust FS Sec		FINSCHHAFEN	
<u>Armed Units</u>					
C 2	Amend to read	1 Aust Tk Bn (less B Sqn & Det) B Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn Det 1 Aust Tk Bn	BUNA MILNE BAY	FINSCHHAFEN 160207 362446	
<u>Artillery</u>					
E16	Amend to read	106 Aust Tk A Regt (less 21 Bty and Det) 21 Bty 106 Tk A Regt	BUNA LAE	223160 707416	Det not yet arrived from Mainland
E20	Amend to read	5 Aust Svy Bty		FINSCHHAFEN	
E43a	Add the following Serial	189 Aust CASL Sec	MORESBY	857346	
E72	Amend to read	HQ 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt 2/4 Aust Hy AA Bty 2/2 Aust Lt AA Bty		FINSCHHAFEN FINSCHHAFEN FINSCHHAFEN	
E73	Amend to read	HQ 2/2 Aust Comp AA Regt 2/5 Aust Hy AA Bty 2/7 Aust Lt AA Bty	BUNA BUNA ORO BAY	291227 291228 321005	
Add the following serial					
E79a		2/8 Aust Lt AA Bty (AB)	BUNA	285243	Arrived ex AUST
E80	Amend following serials to read	2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty (AB)	BUNA	276254	Relieved by 2/8 Aust Lt AA Bty (AB). To return to AUST.
E81		156 Aust Lt AA Bty (AB)	MORESBY	MORESBY	
E87		51 Aust Mob SL Bty	MORESBY	948416	Previously known as 67 Aust Mob SL Bty
E93		84 Aust AASL Bty (less Med Tp) Med Tp 84 Aust AASL Bty	ORO BAY	FINSCHHAFEN 277077	

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<u>Engineers</u>					
Amend the following Serials to read.-					
F10	Tp 5 Aust Fd Sqn			FINSCHHAFEN	Attached 1 Aust Tk Bn
F53	2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy (less three ME Pls)		LAE	707468	
	One ME pl 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy		WAU Strat	LR2919	
	Two ME pls 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy			FINSCHHAFEN	
F54	2/23 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy (less det)		LAE	708441	To move FINSCHHAFEN
	Det 2/23 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy			FINSCHHAFEN	
F69	6 Aust Docks Op Coy (Type C)		BUNA	240262	Delete all reference to det at MOROBE
Add the following Serial					
F73a	Det 42 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy (LC)		RAE	MORESBY 863349	Arrived ex AUST 10 Dec
<u>Signals</u>					
Amend the following Serials to read.-					
G1	HQ B Aust Corps Sigs (less det)		BUNA	165109	
	Det HQ B Aust Corps Sigs			FINSCHHAFEN	
G 2	HQ 1 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs			FINSCHHAFEN	
G 3	HQ 2 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs (less det)		BUNA	165109	
	Det HQ 2 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs			FINSCHHAFEN	
G 4	HQ 3 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs			FINSCHHAFEN	
G18	5 Aust Line Sec			FINSCHHAFEN	
G32	2 Aust Line Maint Sec (less det)			FINSCHHAFEN	
	Det 2 Aust Line Maint Sec		BUNA	165109	
G59	10 Aust DR Sec			FINSCHHAFEN	
Insert the following serial					
G45a	6 Aust Tech Maint Sec			MORESBY 923378	Arrived ex AUST 10 Dec
G54	Amend to read				
	5 Aust Op Sec			FINSCHHAFEN	
Insert the following Serial					
G62a	Det 3 Aust Carr Maint Sec			YULE Strat QB2203	DELENA
G75	Amend to read				
	5 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)			FINSCHHAFEN	
G77	Delete				
	Det 23 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)		MOROBE	MOROBE	
G78	Amend to read				
	39 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)			FINSCHHAFEN	
Insert the following Serial					
G79a	53 Aust Wireless Sec (Type B)			FINSCHHAFEN	

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Signals (Contd)					
Amend the following Serials to read.-					
G97	2/5 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec		MORESBY	966417	
G114	2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec (less det) Det 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec		MORSEBY	974426	To move FINSCHHAFEN FINSCHHAFEN
G115	2/2 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec		BUNA	291227	
<u>Infantry</u>					
Amend the following Serials to read.-					
H 3	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (less det)		MORSEBY	904367	Det returned to AUST
H55	HQ 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt		MORSEBY	897372	
	A Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt (less 1, 2, 4 pls)			FINSCHHAFEN	Area Att HQ 9 Aust Div
	1 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt		"	"	Att 20 Aust Inf Bde
	2 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt		"	"	Att 24 Aust Inf Bde
	4 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt		"	"	Att 26 Aust Inf Bde
	B Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt (less 6,7, 8 pls)			RAMU	
	6 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt			Valley	Att HQ 7 Aust Div
	7 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	MORSEBY	954572		Att 18 Aust Inf Bde
	8 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt			RAMU	Att 21 Aust Inf Bde
	8 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt			Valley	Att 25 Aust Inf Bde
	15 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	BUNA	276254		To move to LAE for 29 Aust Inf Bde
	16 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	LAE	699409		To return to AUST for HQ 3 Aust Div
	E Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt (less 18,19, 20 pls)		BUNA	232159	Att HQ 11 Aust Div
	18 pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	BUNA	138190		Att 6 Aust Inf Bde
	19 pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	MORSEBY	054456		To move to LAE for HQ 5 Aust Div
	20 pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	MORSEBY	904367		Att 7 Aust Inf Bde
	F Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt (less 22,23, 24 Pls)		MORSEBY	923563	Att HQ NG Force
	Det 22 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	MORSEBY	923566		To rejoin 22 Pl on Mainland
	23 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	BUNA	165109		Att HQ 2 Aust Corps
	24 (Depot) Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt			MORSEBY 897372	Att Regt HQ
	26 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	MILNE BAY	395447		Att HQ MILNE BAY Base Sub Area
H56	Papuan Inf Bn (less A, B C Coys) A & C Coys PIB B Coy PIB	UBERI	BISIATABU FINSCHHAFEN Area RALU Valley		

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<u>AASC Units</u>					
Amend the following Serial to read.-					
I 6	Det 4 Aust Armd Bde AASC (less det)		BUNA	160207	Det FINSCHHAFEN
I 7	2/33 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less det) Det 2/33 Aust Gen Tpt Coy		MORESBY BULLDOG	967419 BULLDOG	
I12	2/105 Aust Gen Tpt Coy		MORESBY	935344	Delete reference to det.
I16	126 Aust Gen Tpt Coy		MORESBY	947452	
I25	158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less pl)		BUNA	200133	One pl returned to AUST
I34	2 Aust MAC (less det) Det 2 Aust MAC		MORESBY MILNE BAY	979448 MILNE BAY	
I39	One pl 1 Aust Fd Bakery		BULLDOG	BULLDOG	
I40	One pl 2 Aust Fd Bakery (less det) Det 2 Aust Fd Bakery		MORESBY LAE	038443 LAE	
I41	Hq and 2 pls 4 Aust Fd Bakery Det 4 Aust Fd Bakery Det " " " Det " " " Det " " "		BUNA LAE NADZAB	FINSCHHAFEN BUNA LAE NADZAB RAMU Valley	To move to LAE
I42	13 Aust Fd Bakery (less det) Det 13 Aust Fd Bakery		MORESBY WAU Strat	865353 374716	
I48	52 Aust Pl BIPOD		LAE	701389	
I62	Hq 25 Aust Sup Depot Coy 183 Aust Sup Depot Pl 184 " " " " 185 " " " " 186 " " " " 226 " " " "		MORESBY MORISBY MORESBY UBERI MORESBY MORISBY	038443 913368 038443 158417 913368 983437	
I64	Delete 224 Aust Sup Depot Pl 227 " " " "				Returned to AUST " " "
I67	Amend to read 2/33 Aust Sup Depot Pl		BULLDOG	BULLDOG	
<u>Medical</u>					
Amend the following Serials to read.-					
J12	2/2 Aust CCS			FINSCHHAFEN	Delete Reference to det
J30	10 Aust Fd Amb (less dets) Det 10 Aust Fd Amb Det 10 Aust Fd Amb		NADZAB LAE	FINSCHHAFEN NADZAB 687425	
J31	11 Aust Fd Amb (less B Coy)		MORESBY	895382	B Coy returned to AUST
J32	15 Aust Fd Amb		UBERI	177369	Det from WAU rejoined unit

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<u>Medical (Contd)</u>					
Amend the following Serials to read.-					
J33	18 Aust Fd Amb (less det) Det 18 Aust Fd Amb		ORO BAY BUNA	316009 277253	
Insert the following Serial.-					
J37a	105 Aust Mob Bath Unit		BUNA	276254	Arrived ex AUST 7 Dec
J47	Amend to read 15 Aust Anti Malaria Control Unit			FINSCHHAFEN	
<u>Ordnance</u>					
L10	Amend to read 1 Aust Tk Bn Ord Fd Pk (less det) Det 1 Aust Tk Bn Ord Fd Pk		BUNA	FINSCHHAFEN 160207	
Insert the following Serial.-					
L19a	126 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk		MORESBY	962370	Arrived ex AUST 11 Dec
L44	Amend to read 11 Aust Mob Laundry and Mob Fwd Decn Unit (less det) Det 11 Aust Mob Laundry and Mob Fwd Decn Unit		MORESBY BUNA	046438 256155	
Insert the following Serials.-					
L49	1 Aust Tent Colouration Unit		BUNA	262251	Arrived ex AUST 7 Dec
L50	26 Aust Lt Laundry		LAE	687423	Arrived ex AUST 12 Dec
<u>AEME</u>					
Insert following Serial.-					
M15a	126 Aust Bde Wkshop		MORESBY	961378	Arrived ex AUST 10 Dec
M20	Amend to read 1 Aust Tk Bn Wkshop (less det) Det 1 Aust Tk Bn Wkshop		BUNA	163200 FINSCHHAFEN	
Insert the following serial.					
M26a	1 Aust Mech Eqpt Wkshop		MORESBY	017440	Arrived ex AUST 10 Dec
Amend the following serials to read.-					
M28	2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt Wkshop			FINSCH- HAFEN	Delete reference to Det at BUNA
M40	84 Aust AASL Bty			FINSCHHAFEN	
M46	2/56 Aust LAD			RAMU Valley	
M50	2/65 Aust LAD			FINSCHHAFEN	
Insert following Serial.-					
M51a	Det 2/71 Aust LAD		BUNA		Transit Camp
M59	Amend to read 209 Aust LAD (Type B)			FINSCHHAFEN	
M77	Amend to read 292 Aust LAD		BUNA	232159	

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<u>Pay</u>					
N 7	Amend to read	11 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	BUNA	232160	Det from MOROBE rejoined Unit
<u>Provost</u>					
0 2	Amend to read	Det 1 Aust Corps Pro Coy	MORESBY	896365	Coy(less det 5 ORs) returned to AUST
10 9	Amend to read	2/2 Aust L of C Pro Coy (less four secs) Three secs 2/2 Aust LofC Pro Coy	BUNA	246267	
		Det 2/2 Aust LofC Pro Coy	MILNE BAY KOMIATUM	347438 746934	
010		10 Aust L of C Pro Coy	MORESBY	030444	Remainder Coy arrived ex AUST.
<u>Graves</u>					
Insert following Serial.-					
Q 7		19 Aust Graves Registration Unit	LAE	LAE	arrived ex AUST
<u>Training</u>					
Insert following Serial.-					
U 5		Det No 1 Mobile Wing LHQ School of Mech	UBERI	162415	arrived ex AUST
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
		In Serial V 7 delete. Det 26 Aust LofC Salvage Sec	MOROBE	350295	Det returned to BUNA 14 Dec
V 9a		Insert following Serial 39 Aust LofC Salvage Sec	MORESBY	026446	Arr ex AUST 7 Dec
V11	Delete	Det 1 Aust Corps Def & Emp Pl	MORESBY	923366	Incl in Serial H55 as det 22 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt
V13	Amend to read	1 Aust ARD	LAE	LAE	
V35	Delete following Serial.-	NG Leave Camp			Deleted from OOB
		In Serial V37 delete Det Aust Def Canteens	MOROBE	355287	Returned BUNA 14 Dec
Insert the following Serials					
V 42		Q 1d L of C Concert Party	MORESBY	901357	Arr ex AUST 7 Dec
V 43		3 Aust Armd Div Concert Party	MORESBY	901357	Arr ex AUST 7 Dec To move to LAE

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1	155 Aust Lt AA Bty (AB)	HAW	MORESEY	7 Dec 43	MORESEY Base Sub Area
2	224 Aust Sup Depot Pl	MORESEY	AUSTRALIA	7 Dec 43	1 Aust Corps
3	227 Aust Sup Depot Pl	MORESEY	AUSTRALIA	7 Dec 43	1 Aust Corps
4	Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	MORESEY	AUSTRALIA	7 Dec 43	1 Aust Corps
5	E Coy 11 Aust Fd Amb	MORESEY	AUSTRALIA	7 Dec 43	1 Aust Corps
6	Det 106 Aust Tr A Bgt	AUSTRALIA	FUNA	8 Dec 43	11 Aust Div
7	2/8 Aust Lt AA Bty	AUSTRALIA	FUNA	8 Dec 43	11 Aust Div
8	1 Aust Tent Colouration Unit	AUSTRALIA	FUNA	8 Dec 43	FUNA Base Sub Area
9	HQ E Coy, 17 & 18 Pl - 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	AUSTRALIA	FUNA	8 Dec 43	11 Aust Div
10	15 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	AUSTRALIA	FUNA	8 Dec 43	For on mvmt to 29 Aust Inf Bde
11	126 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	AUSTRALIA	MORESEY	10 Dec 43	MORESEY Base Sub Area
12	6 Aust Tech Maint Sec	AUSTRALIA	MORESEY	10 Dec 43	18 Aust L of C Sigs
13	Det 10 Aust L of C Pro Coy	AUSTRALIA	MORESEY	10 Dec 43	MORESEY Base Sub Area
14	1 Aust Mech Eqpt Workshop	AUSTRALIA	MORESEY	10 Dec 43	MORESEY Base Sub Area
15	Det 189 CASL Sec	AUSTRALIA	MORESEY	10 Dec 43	MORESEY Base Sub Area
16	125 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	AUSTRALIA	MORESEY	10 Dec 43	MORESEY Base Sub Area
17	126 Aust Bde Wkshop	AUSTRALIA	MORESEY	10 Dec 43	MORESEY Base Sub Area
18	Q'Land L of C Concert Party	AUSTRALIA	MORESEY	10 Dec 43	HQ NG Force
19	Det No 1 Mob Wing LHQ School of Mech	AUSTRALIA	MORESEY	10 Dec 43	HQ NG Force
20	3 Aust Armd Div Concert Party	AUSTRALIA	MORESEY	10 Dec 43	MORESEY Base Sub Area pending movement to LAE
21	39 Aust Salv Sec	AUSTRALIA	MORESEY	10 Dec 43	HQ NG Force
22	HQ) 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt HQ F Coy) 21 Pl F Coy) 24 (Depot) Pl F Coy)	AUSTRALIA	MORESEY	10 Dec 43	HQ NG Force
23	25 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	AUSTRALIA	MILNE BAY	11 Dec 43	MILNE BAY Base Sub Area
24	105 Aust Mob Bath Unit	AUSTRALIA	FUNA	8 Dec 43	FUNA Base Sub Area

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1.	Det 19 Aust L of C Sigs, incl (Det HQ, det HQ 2 Coy, HQ 3 Coy (3 & 4 Aust Frt Sig Secs, 64 & (65 Aust Op Secs, 12 Aust Tele (Op Sec, 24 Aust DR Sec	AUST	LAE	18 Dec	HQ NG L of C Sigs
2.	1 Aust ARD	MORESBY	LAE	20 Dec	HQ NG Force
3.	Det 51 Aust Mob SL Bty and 151 Aust Hy SL Tp	AUST	MORESBY	21 Dec	MORESBY Base Sub Area
4.	25 Aust FS Sec	AUST	MORESBY	21 Dec	HQ NG Force
5.	Z Aust FS Sec	AUST	MORESBY	21 Dec	HQ NG Force
6.	Det 11 Aust Fd Amb	MORESBY	AUST	22 Dec	1 Aust Corps
7.	Det 25 Aust Inf Bn	"	"	"	" "
8.	Det 113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk	"	"	"	" "
9.	241 Aust LAD	"	"	"	" "
10.	20 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	"	"	"	" "
11.	113 Aust Bde Wkshops	"	"	"	" "
12.	Det 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	"	"	"	" "
13.	Det Q Aust FS Sec	"	"	"	Q/Ind L of C Area
14.	R Aust FS Sec	"	"	23 Dec	Second Aust Army
15.	1 Aust Frt Sig Sec	LAE	BUNA	23 Dec	HQ AA & Frt Sigs NG
16.	1 Sec 3 Aust Svy Bty	FINSCH- HAFEN	LAE	23 Dec	2 Aust Corps
17.	2/1 Aust CCS	MILNE BAY	AUST	24 Dec	1 Aust Corps
18.	73 Aust DCRE	MILNE BAY	FINSCH- HAFEN	24 Dec	FINSCHHAFEN Base Sub Area
19.	264 Aust LAD	LAE	"	26 Dec	9 Aust Div
20.	HQ 3 Aust Svy Bty	AUST	LAE	26 Dec	2 Aust Corps

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NEW GUINEA FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 107

ROLE OF 2 AUST CORPS

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

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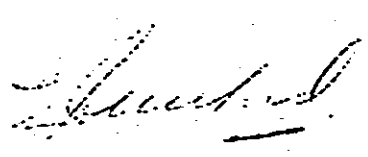
2. Comd 2 Aust Corps will be responsible for -
 - (a) Active patrolling and vigorous infiltration in defence of the Corps area.
 - (b) Exploitation along the coast; major forces will not be committed.
3. Operations will be conducted so as not to require amphibious forces beyond those of 532 Boat and Shore Regiment 2 ESB already allotted 2 Aust Corps.
4. Every opportunity will be taken to locate units as far as practicable in healthy areas with a view to preserving their strength for future operations.

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5. Adm responsibilities will be as specified in NCF Adm Instn No. 131.
6. NCF Op Instn No 96a is cancelled

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Signed at. 12.00.....hrs


(R.J. MILFORD) Major-General
General Staff

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Headquarters
NEW GUINEA FORCE

27 Dec 43

Copy No 21

NEW GUINEA FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 108

OPERATION - MICHAELMAS

INFORMATION

1. Dependant on the speed of success of the BACKHANDER operation, ALAKO Force may exploit west and carry out an amphibious operation against MICHAELMAS with an initial force of one Regt Combat Team.

ROLE AUST FORCES

2. 2 Aust Corps and 7 Aust Div will be prepared to carry out the following roles either concurrently with, or immediately prior to the operation against MICHAELMAS.-

- (a) 2 Aust Corps - continue present role namely exploitation along the coast; major forces will not be committed.
- (b) 7 Aust Div - contain hostile forces in the BOGADJIM - RAMU area by vigorous action of fighting patrols against enemy posts; major forces will not be committed.

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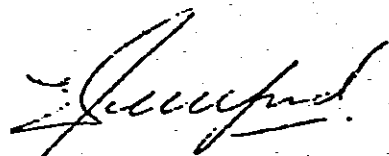
3. Target date for the operation by ALAKO force is 2 Jan 44. The exact date of D Day will be notified by most secret signal to 7 Aust Div and 2 Aust Corps stating MICHAELMAS and a date. This signal will be taken as confirmation that the operation is to be carried out, and may be expected approx 3 days before D Day.

COMMS

4. Under arrangements CSO NGF a Wireless Gp is being established 7 Aust Div - 9 Aust Div - MICHAELMAS to open up on D Day vide CSO NGF Signal Instn No. 6.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 12.00.....hrs.



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NEW GUINEA FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 109

27 Dec 43

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ANGAU PATROLS

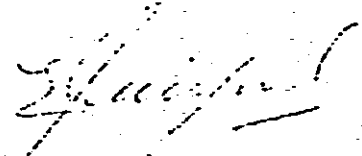
1. ANGAU as a formation within NEW GUINEA Force, is charged with the control, co-ordination, direction, maintenance and movement of its patrols.

PAFUAN Inf Bn will not be under operational control unless specifically so placed.

2. Policy and special tasks will be allotted ANGAU by HQ NEW GUINEA Force.

3. NEW GUINEA O.I. 84 is cancelled.

ACKNOWLEDGE.


(E. J. MILFORD) Major General
General Staff.

Signed at 22.15 hrs

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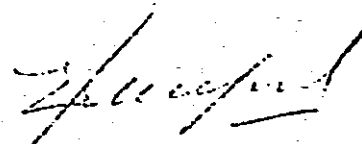
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Headquarters
NEW GUINEA Force
8 Dec 43
G/1403/Ops

Subject:- AMENDMENT NO 3 to NGF OI NO 103

1. Attached hereto is Copy No(s).....of an amended Appx "A" to the above operation instruction. It will be noted that 5 Aust Div is placed under comd 2 Aust Corps for all purposes. This amendment is effective from incl 12 Dec 43.
2. The Appx issued on 22 Nov 43 will be destroyed.


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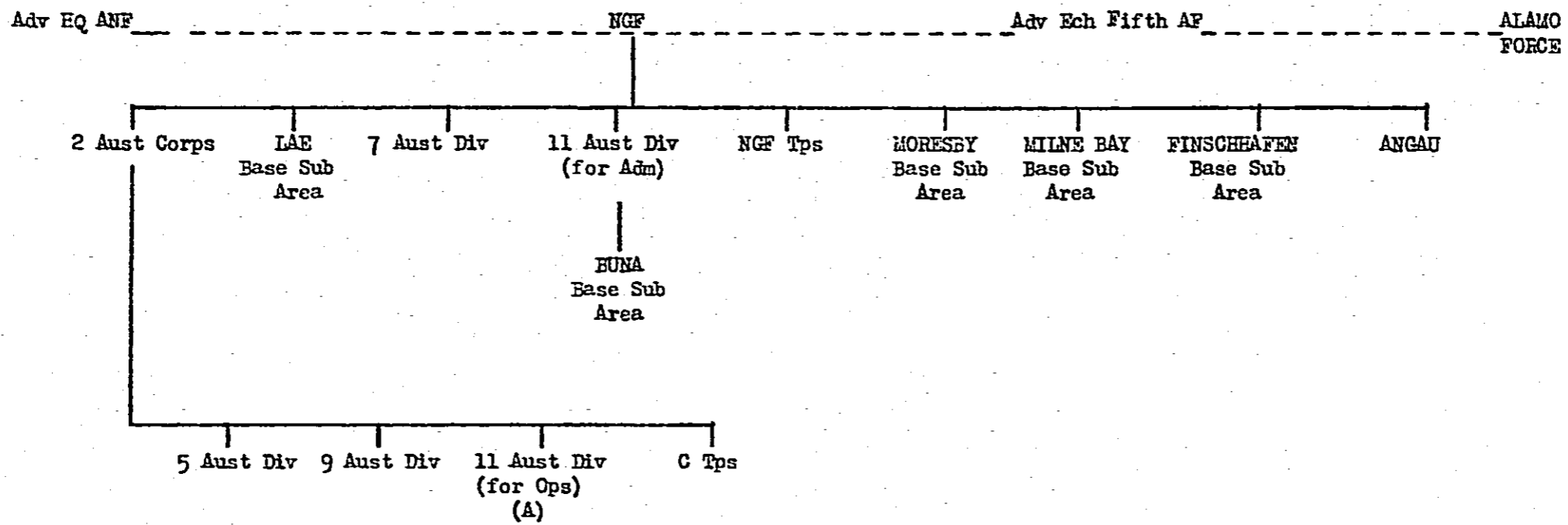
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BUNA Base Sub Area	13	Air Safe Hand
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AMENDED APPX "A" TO OI No 103

COPY NO.....

OUTLINE ORGANISATION - AUST LAND FORCES IN NEW GUINEA



NOTE: (A): Passes to direct comd NGF when HQ 2 Aust Corps leaves BUNA area.

APPX Eto NGF War Diary
Dec 13

INWARDS MESSAGE

To NEW GUINEA FORCE
From LANDOPS

AQ 302

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MOST SECRET.

Ref GHQ A G3 23.31 of 5 Nov and attached map showing layout of areas at FINSCHHAFEN.

GHQ now advise area previously allotted NEW GUINEA FORCE from river South of KATIKA to the stream running from small inlet towards TAREKO probably now required for additional airstrip area.

AUSTRALIAN area now from stream referred to above down as far as BUMI River.

First is this area sufficient.

Second do you require additional area North of KATIKA.

GHQ propose develop new strip working day and night.

Third is this feasible under existing operational conditions.

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APP F to NCF War Diary
Dec 43

MESSAGE FORM

To 2 AUST CORPS
From NGF 0 2

GHQ considering development new strip
area between SIKI and BUSOM RIVERS
working day and night (.) advise if
practicable under existing operational
conditions

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Dec 43
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MESSAGE FORM

To : 2 AUST CORPS : 5 AUST DIV : PIB rptd ANGAU
From : NGF 0 9284 2

SECRET (.) ONE (.) approval given for A coy
PIB move to FINSCHHAFEN to relieve 0
coy PIB (.) under comd 2 aust
corps on arrival (.) move under arrangements
5 aust div (.) no move before
9 Dec (.) TWO (.) basis of approval of
relief is rest for 0 coy (.)
presume 2 aust corps satisfied HIBA KULUNGTUFU
area suitable for this purpose (.) THREE (.)
PIB select up to 14 EOOs from PIB
Depot coy move by air to LAE under
arrangements NGF for disposal as follows (.)
A (.) 7 reinforce A coy (.) B (.)
2 replace officers in 0 coy (.) 0
(.) up to 5 take over 67 recruits
from A coy at LAE (.) FOUR (.)
PIB arrange transfer two offrs 0 coy
to A coy on arrival FINSCHHAFEN (.)
on discharge from hospital two offrs of
A coy will take over trg recruits
at LAE ack

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Dec 43

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NEW GUINEA FORCE
3 Dec 43
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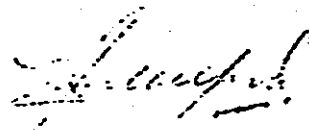
Subject :- ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE BUNA BASE SUB AREA

MORESBY Base Sub Area
MILNE BAY Base Sub Area
BUNA Base Sub Area

For information to:

2 Aust Corps
Adv Ech 5 AF

1. Heavy anti-aircraft defence of BUNA Base Sub Area is now provided by mobile anti-aircraft units staging through the area.
2. Four heavy anti-aircraft troops (static) and one light anti-aircraft troop are allotted for the permanent anti-aircraft defence of the area, and the necessary headquarters and units will be provided as follows:-
 - (a) From MORESBY Base Sub Area
 - AA Ops Room Type C)
 - HQ 32 Aust Hy AA Bty) including personnel and equipment
 - 435 Aust Hy AA Tp)
 - 470 Aust Hy AA Tp)
 - (b) From MILNE BAY Base Sub Area
 - AA Gp headquarters) personnel and equipment
 - 440 Aust Hy AA Tp) Units less guns and associated
 - 474 Aust Hy AA Tp) stores
 - 605 Aust Lt AA Tp) Personnel and equipment.
3. The third anti-aircraft station at MILNE BAY, which will not be manned, will be retained in a care and maintenance condition so that it can be brought into action by provision of personnel only.


(E.J. MILFORD) Major General
General Staff

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MOST SECRET

3 Dec 43

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subject :- 552 BOAT AND SHORE REGT 2 A.S.B.

Adv III)

1. GHO signals 9258 dated 27 Sep 43 and 9591 of 1 Oct 43 placed 552 Boat and Shore Regt 2nd Engineer Special Brigade and attached units (less one half shore battalion) under the command of HQ GUINIA Force. One half shore battalion was placed under command of LAG-USASOS Advanced Base Command.

2. It is now requested that the half shore battalion, at present under command Advanced Section USASOS be placed under command HQ GUINIA Force for employment in the FINSCHAFEN-SIO area in relation to future operations.

3. It is considered that the full battalion will be required to :-

- (a) Assist in the handling of stores and equipment on the beaches.
- (b) Build up beach organisation in forward areas.
- (c) Provide beach parties for operations as found necessary.

sgd) H.F. HINDS

for Lieutenant-General
Commander HQ GUINIA Force

For information to:

G(5)

APPX J to AGC War Diary
Dec 5/7

TO: LANDFORCES

FROM: NCF

O 9312

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from GEN MORSEHEAD for GGS (.) part one of two parts (.)
 OPS from 060900L to 071000L (.)

ONE (.) 9 DIV (.)

A BDE (.) adv along coast made good progress (.) 29/45 BN (.)
 D Coy contacted strong JAP posn 615746 (.) B Coy moved 616747 on
 western track and together with D Coy and strong arty support drove
 JAP north (.) D Coy reached 621752 capturing a 70 mm gun which was
 packed to move at 619749 (.) A Coy passed through B Coy and reached
 617754 in face of opposition by snipers and LMG posts (.) mopping
 up made difficult by dense jungle (.) C Coy drove through JAP posn
 615747 to 614747 (.) this reached 615745 (.) NOT in action being
 delayed by numerous creek crossings (.) 31/52 BN (.) B Coy reached
 600742 (.) 20 JAPS moving north on well used track NE from 5872
 ambushed (.) 10 JAPS incl 2 offrs killed without loss (.) at 070600L
 D Coy 31/52 BN commenced moving to 607750 and C Coy 29/45 BN to
 614752 (.)

24 BDE (.) sheer ascertainment failed attempt by A and B Coys
 2/32 BN to outflank JAP posn 531713 (.) position heavily shelled
 mortared and sniped all day (.)

20 BDE (.) 2/15 BN (.) by accurate arty and mortar fire with
 constant pressure by patrols forced JAP from ridge 584707 (.) B
 Coy then occupied posn which consisted of 50 deep foxholes (.)
 patrols to north contacted JAP posns 579715 which were heavily
 shelled (.)

26 BDE (.) 2/23 BN (.) constant arty mortar and MG fire drove
 JAP from 536711 where patrol found 50 foxholes (.) JAP posns NW of
 KUANKO harassed all day (.) 2/24 BN (.) 3 Coys in two day outflanking
 move through arduous terrain reached PEAK HILL 5571 where they
 completely surprised the enemy (.) A Coy then moved SE down hill
 attacking rear of JAP posns NW of KUANKO and reached a posn astride
 track in close contact (.) at 062000L JAPS attempted to move NW
 met A Coy and were dispersed (.) D Coy PEAK HILL 550714 C Coy
 519713 (.) in spite of extreme difficulties of terrain strong
 opposition and numerous fierce counter attacks during past four days
 JAPS now cleared from area KUANKO - PEAK HILL (.) one Coy 2/23 BN
 and one Coy 2/24 BN moving WAREC (.) enemy seen moving north from
 WAREC with full packs which may indicate enemy preparing to withdraw.

TWO (.) AIROPS (.) 060830L one sqn BOSTONS two sqns MITCHELLS bombed dump
 areas KILIGIA 5177 and LAGONA 5978 and bivouac area SANGA VALLEY (.)
 big explosion and coln black smoke KILIGIA (.) recce plane reports
 much track activity LAGONA and signs heavy use track WAREC KILIGIA (.)

THREE (.) general (.) documents captured shows 2 BN 79 REGT in fighting area
 KATIKA SCARLET BEACH from 13 Oct to 31 Oct lost 7 offrs 123 ORskilled
 5 offrs 230 ORs wounded (.) strength 15 nov 17 offrs 474 ORs (.) PWs
 state strength 1 dec 140 (.) this statement possible correct (.)

PART TWO FOLLOWS

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08 0100L

(Sgd.) J.E. MURDOCH Lt-Col.

MESSAGE FORM

TO: LANDFORCES

FROM: NGE

0 9312

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from general WORSHEAD for CCS (.) part two and final part of our 0 9312 (.)

CPS from 071000L to 072100L (.)

4 BDE (.) gen adv continued despite attempts by enemy to delay with snipers and small posts (.) fwd tps 29/46 EN reached at dark a posn 300 yds SW of mouth of TUNOM RIVER where in close contact with enemy (.) adv of tks has been delayed due to very powerful mines which have been reinforced by extra explosives (.) mines hard to locate (.) LAGOON unsuitable for landing beach due to coral shelf at entrance (.)

24 BDE (.) supported by arty and mortars 2/32 EN have now driven JAPS off eastern slopes of HILL 1800 581718 (.) now in close contact with JAPS who are still holding western slopes of hill (.) patrol to track junc 200 yds SW of hill engaged by JAPS to north (.)

20 BDE (.) patrol from 2/15 EN NW to track junc SW of HILL 1800 engaged by JAPS (.) 2/13 EN moved GUSIZA (.)

26 BDE (.) patrol found JAP posn on knoll 200 yds SW of ULUO 5170 which was then shelled (.) 2/23 EN continued mopping up bringing total JAPS killed to 24 (.) 2/24 EN consolidated PEAK HILL (.) fighting patrols intercepting JAPS fleeing towards WAREO killed 24 without loss (.) outflanking move by two Coys to west to track KWATINGIO - WAREO found JAPS holding southern approaches to WAREO in strength (.)

2/4 CAV COMANDO SQN (.) patrol to west reached JOANGENG 3575 ref one in map where no recent signs of JAPS (.) our arty expended 2863 rds during 6 Dec and 2334 rds during 7 Dec in sq of all fwd tps (.)

PTT boats sank two heavily laden cargo barges in DORFER BAY (.) further two driven ashore and destroyed by fire from PT boats (.)

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(Sgt.) J.T. MURDOCH

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App: K to NGF W. D. 11
Dec 11

MCST SECRET

Headquarters,
NEW GUINEA Force.
12 Dec 43
G/1410/Ops

Subject: RESPONSIBILITIES 2 AUST CORPS
IN THE LAE AREA

2 Aust Corps

Copy to:-
LAE Base Sub Area.

1. Reference Amdt 3 to NGF Operation Instruction 103 dated 8 Dec 43.

2. ORDER OF BATTLE

The proposed Order of Battle 5 Aust Div is shown as Appendix 'A'. All other units now under command 5 Aust Div will pass to command LAE Base Sub Area at 1200 hrs 12 Dec 43.

3. DEFENCE OF LAE

Defence of LAE area remains a responsibility of 2 Aust Corps who will issue such orders for the co-ordination of defence as are considered necessary, to Commander 5 Aust Div and Commander LAE Base Sub Area.

4. DEVELOPMENT LAE BASE SUB AREA

Until the arrival of the remaining units designated for the development of LAE Base Sub Area, Commander 2 Aust Corps will provide such assistance as is necessary to enable the Commander LAE Base Sub Area to carry out his duties of administration.

5. WORKING PARTIES

2 Aust Corps will continue to provide such working parties as are required by Commander LAE Base Sub Area. Demands for working parties from fighting troops will be reduced to the barest minimum consistent with a reasonable rate of development of the area.

E. J. Milford
for

(E.J. MILFORD) Major-General
General Staff

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ORDER OF BATTLE 5 AUSTRALIAN DIV

HQ 5 Aust Div
32 Aust FS Sec
HQ RAA 5 Aust Div less rear details
4 Aust Fd Coy
11 Aust Fd Coy
29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde
15 Aust Inf Bn
42 Aust Inf Bn
47 Aust Inf Bn
One pl 154 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
18 Aust Sup Depot Fl
19 Aust Sup Depot Fl
7 Aust Fd Amb
3 Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit
104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Flk
104 Aust Bde Wkshop
231 Aust LAD
312 Aust LAD
5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office
12 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Fl
One Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy
5 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp

FD TFS UNDER COMMAND 5 AUSTRALIAN DIV

16 Fl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
14 Aust Fd Regt
HQ RAE 3 Aust Div
Sigs 3 Aust Div
38 Aust Cipher Sec
14 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec
24 Aust Inf Bn less rear details
A Coy PIB
HQ Comd 3 Aust Div AASC
HQ 1 Aust Sup Depot Coy
One Fl 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
3 Aust Sup Depot Fl
4 Aust Sup Depot Fl
3 Aust Div Postal Unit
3 Aust Div Salvage Unit

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GENERAL STAFF MINUTE

G/1426/Ops

Subject:- EMPLOYMENT ENGINEER UNITS IN NEW GUINEA

DA&QMG
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For information to:-

G(Ops)
G(Int)
G(SD)
G(Air)
BEA
CSG NGF
AD Svy
A
Q (3)
AMS

1. The C-in-C has directed that those engineer units which have been in NEW GUINEA for twelve months and over be returned to the mainland for rehabilitation and training. Additional engineer units already requested will not be available from AUSTRALIA.
2. A review of the works programme and the re-allocation of engineer resources will be made as early as possible. Arrangements will be initiated forthwith for the return to the mainland of engineer units, vide para 1.
3. The TERRAPO - BULLDOG - WAU project will NOT be further developed. WAU will be developed as a rest area, initially, for one bde gp. The road WAU - WAMPIT - GABENSIS - MARKHAM PT - HEATHS will be constructed with expedition, so that a bde gp may be maintained through LAE not later than mid March. Engineer resources should commence to be transferred from the BULLDOG - WAU road and work started immediately.
4. The TERRAPO - BULLDOG - WAU route will continue to be maintained only to the minimum extent necessary for maintenance until WAU - HEATHS road is open.

19 Dec 43.

(E.J. MILFORD) Major General
General Staff

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Subject: ROAD LAE - WAU

Headquarters
NEW GUINEA FORCE
19 Dec 43
G/1424/Ops

CE

Copies to:

Adv LHQ
5 Asst CE (Wks)
MORESEY Base Sub Area
LAE Base Sub Area
ANGAU

1. Further to GS minute of 19 Dec; NG Force letter G(O) 1030 of 25 Aug, (both not to all addressees) is cancelled.
2. A rd will be constructed from WAU to LAE via WAMPIT - GABENSIS - MARKEAM PT - HEATHS to take MT 3-ton vehs to capacity not less than 60 tons per day. The connection across the MARKEAM RIVER will be by ferry. The BULLDOG - WAU rd will not be further developed but will be maintained only to the minimum extent necessary for maintenance until WAU - LAE rd is open.
3. Target date for maintenance of a bde go by this rd is 15 Mar and full capacity with 3-ton vehs by not later than 15 Apr. Every effort will be made to improve on these target dates.
4. 2000 natives will be provided by Q Br for rd work as follows -

BULLDOG - WAU	750
WAU - MARKEAM R	
excl	1120
MARKEAM R - HEATHS	130

On the closing of BULLDOG - WAU rd the 750 natives on this section will not be required, but a total of 1750 natives will be then required for the WAU - LAE rd.

5. A small quantity of mech eqpt will be provided by LAE Base Sub Area from time to time for use on the road section north of the MARKEAM R.

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION

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maintenance & natives)

Sgt. L.de.L. BARRHAM Col. for
(E.J. MILFORD) Major-General
General Staff

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Headquarters
 NINE GUINIA Force
 22 Dec 45.
 G/1453/0's

Subject: SITING OF RADAR EQUIPMENT

2 1st Corps
 7 1st Div
 11 1st Div
 1st Base Wd Area
 2nd Base Wd Area
 3rd Base Wd Area
 4th Base Wd Area
 5th Base Wd Area
 6th Base Wd Area

For information to:

Adv Gen 5 AF
 H. 1. 1st AF Group

Hereunder is copy of LHM, SN 27912 of 18 Dec 45.

1. The proper functioning of radar equipment is dependent on the selection of the most suitable site in the area designated for location of the equipment.
2. Topography and elevation of immediate surroundings over a considerable distance from selected station site, plus density of foliage or other obstructing matter including buildings, must be considered in order to obtain maximum efficiency from the proposed tactical employment of the station and selected sites.
3. Numerous instances have occurred where poor siting of radar stations has resulted in dense foliage or other matter obstructing the radiation paths of the stations to such an extent that the efficiency of the installation has been considerably impaired.
4. Other instances have occurred where buildings or other installations have been erected around the locations of radar stations, and where radar stations have been moved from proper sites to inferior sites to make room for construction of various sorts. Buildings with metal roofs, concrete buildings and such are particularly objectionable and will not be constructed within the limits of existing radar sites.
5. It is desired that Commanders responsible for installation and siting of radar equipment be instructed that all radar stations are to be sited so that interference from local obstructions of any form of attenuating matter such as dense forest jungle etc., is at a minimum.
6. It is desired that all subordinate commanders extend full co-operation to all services in the siting of radar stations and that, as far as possible, the allotment of sites for radar equipment be given priority over sites required for other purposes."

(Sgd L & L BARRIAM Col

(E. J. MILFORD) Major-General
 General Staff

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Subject : REINFORCEMENT POLICY - G. F. REINFORCEMENTSA 2.Copies to -

D.F.S.
 D.A.G.
 G.O.
 G(SD)
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 CE
 CSO HQF

1. It is decided that priority of CMF reinforcements to inf arty engr and sig units in NEW GUINEA should be based on the following principles:-

a) Geographical location - in the following order of priority:

- (i) NEW GUINEA
- (ii) PNG and IN
- (iii) LAO
- (iv) BIRMA
- (v) SOUTH SEA
- (vi) MALAYA

Units on US priority list to move to new areas will take the priority of that area. Units scheduled for return to BIRMA will not be reinforced for three months prior to departure.

b) Role - within areas in the following order of priority:

- (i) In operations or likely to be in an operational role.
- (ii) Base development.
- (iii) Fixed defences.
- (iv) Mobile defences.

Within these categories units with lowest percentage strengths will be reinforced first.

(Sgd L.D.L. SWIN Col)

S.E. (HQF 29) Major-General
General Staff

22 Dec 45

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GENERAL STAFF MESSAGE

G/1136/ops

subject : REINFORCEMENTS

Col A

1. Reference your 20786 of 9 Dec and my G/1111/ops of 13 Dec in reply.
2. The review of reinforcement requests should now be based on the following scale of ops. -

IF - intense activity - three bde/months
 moderate activity (with high malaria rate) - four bde/months

IF - intense activity - four bde/months
 moderate activity (with high malaria rate) - ten bde/months
 quiet activity - ninety bn bde/months

G/1111/ops
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21 Dec 43.

Appendix "R" to NGF War Diary Dec 43

To : ADV ECH 5 AIR FORCE

FROM : NGF M62 31

For Gen WHITEHEAD from Gen MORSHEAD. All ranks of NEW GUINEA FORCE join me in extending to you and the whole of your command every good wish for 1944. At the same time we offer our heartiest congratulations on your notable achievements throughout 1943 and our grateful thanks for all the support and help which you have continuously given us and of which we shall always be mindful. With the utmost interest and satisfaction we shall follow the still greater successes awaiting you.

Appendix "R" to NGF War Diary Dec 4.

TO ; GENERAL MORSEHEAD NEW GUINEA FORCE

FROM : COLMADYON FIVE 311827L

All members of my command join me in extending sincere good wishes to you and personnel of NEW GUINEA FORCE for the new year.

Congratulations on your splendid accomplishments to date and you can count on our cooperation to insure success in 1944.

(Sgd) WHITEHEAD

Appendix "S" to NGF War Diary Dec 43

TO : TASK FORCE 76

FROM : NGF

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For Admiral BARBEY from Gen MORSHEAD. we all offer you and your command cordial congratulations on your distinguished record of service and achievement throughout 1943 and warmest wishes for 1944. It is a great privilege to be associated with you and we shall always remember with gratitude the wholehearted co-operation and support which you have given us throughout the past year and particularly the vital and successful accomplishments of SEVENTH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE in the operations at LAE and FINSCHHAFEN and the invaluable and sustained efforts of 2 ESB and TASK GROUP 70.1. Good luck and continued success

Appendix "S" to NGE War Diary Dec 43

FROM : CTF 76

TO : NGE

FOR GENERAL WORSHEAD FROM D. IRVING BARBER. Many thanks for your generous message. We reciprocate your New Year greetings very heartily and are looking forward to further successes in conjunction with your splendid troops during 1944.

UNIT - HQ NEW GUINEA FORCE

WAR DIARY

FROM 1 Dec to 31 Dec 43.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
MORESBY	2 Dec	0830	GOC and CGS departed on B25 on visit to FINSCHHAFEN area.
		1000	Arrived at LAE and left for FINSCHHAFEN by launch.
		1715	GOC and CGS arrived at FINSCHHAFEN and were met by Major General WOOTTEN.
	4 Dec		GOC and CGS continued with their visit to forward areas in FINSCHHAFEN.
	5 Dec	0745	GOC and CGS left FINSCHHAFEN by PT boat and arrived LAE at 1030 hrs and at 1100 hrs left for MORESBY in B25. Landed at Durand Drome at 1210 hrs.
		1230	Returned to NGF.
		1400	GOC saw Brigadier BURTON.
		2100	GOC saw Major General BEAVIS.
	6 Dec	0830	Lieutenant General NORTHCOTT left NGF by B24 for MAREEBA (1 AUST CORPS). GOC saw CGS off at Wards Drome.
		1700	GOC saw Colonel GOWARD (Chief Commissioner Aust Comforts Fund) and Major HILL.
7 Dec	0845	Major General BERRYMAN and Brigadier BROADBENT arrived from 2 AUST CORPS. General BERRYMAN conferred with GOC during morning.	
	1415	General BERRYMAN returned to 2 AUST CORPS.	
	1030	GOC saw Lt.-Col May DOUGLAS.	
	1100	GOC saw Brigadier CLEELAND.	
	1500	GOC saw Mr. KIMPTON (Canteens).	
	1530	GOC saw Major COWPER, DAPH.	
8 Dec	0930	1100	GOC saw Captain HUDSON, US Navy.
		1200	GOC left on visit to NEW GUINEA Schools.
		1210	GOC arrived NGF Jungle Training School.
		1230	GOC left NGF Jungle Training School.
		1230	GOC arrived at NGF School of Signals.
		1230	GOC lunched with Lt.-Col JUNOR, at School of Signals.
		1430	GOC departed NGF School of Signals and arrived HQ NGF 1530 hrs.
9 Dec	1500	General KREUGER called on GOC and remained one hour.	
	1930	GOC attended Welcome Party to Miss Gladys MONCRIEFF at 2/5 AGH Theatre.	
	2000	GOC saw Lt.-Col COSGROVE, Canadian Military Attache.	

MORESBY	10 Dec	1030	GOC saw General AIKEN from USA GHQ.
		1300	GOC saw Brigadier WINDEYER.
		2000	GOC with Major Generals MILFORD and BRIDGEFORD attended opening concert by Miss Gladys MONCRIEFF at 2/5 AGH.
	11 Dec	1200	GOC met C-in-C at Wards Drome.
		1230	C-in-C arrived at HQ NGB.
	12 Dec	1030	GOC saw General LUMSDEN.
		1500	GOC saw Colonel BELISARIO, Commanding Officer 2/5 AGH.
		2130	GOC saw Air Commodores LUKIS and HEWITT and Croup Captain CANDY.
	14 Dec	0800	GOC departed Swimmers Drome in B25 en route to SYDNEY.
		1030	GOC arrived MAREEBA and was met by General HERRING and Brigadier GARRETT.
		1100	GOC departed MAREEBA.
		1410	GOC arrived ARCHERFIELD, was met by Brigadier ANDERSON and lunched at Advanced LHQ.
1515		GOC departed ARCHERFIELD.	
1715		GOC arrived SYDNEY.	
28 Dec	0500	GOC departed SYDNEY on B17 en route to NGF.	
	0730	GOC arrived ARCHERFIELD and was met by Brigadier ANDERSON.	
	0815	GOC departed ARCHERFIELD, arrived TOWNSVILLE 1145 and departed 1215 hrs.	
	1645	GOC arrived NEW GUINEA.	
29 Dec	0900	GOC saw C-in-C off at Wards Drome.	
	2030	GOC attended party at Sisters Mess, 2/1 AGH.	
30 Dec	1600	GOC called on Major General WHITEHEAD at 5th Air Force HQ.	
31 Dec	1830	GOC attended party at "B" Mess, HQ NGF.	
	2015	GOC called on General MACARTHUR AT GHQ.	