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Item number: 8/5/2

2/2 Machine Gun Battalion
June 1945, Appendices

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM 26 INF BDE

152310I

TO LIST D

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GO 11 (.) SECRET (.) orders for 16 Jun 45 (.) ONE (.) 2/23 bn will
(a) adv with one coy NE from UNCLE to creek junc 443704 along creek to
spur at 445706 and NORTH on to ESSIE RIDGE (b) patrol all tracks and
mop up in the areas SOUTH of line POKER ONE to CHARITY and EAST to 44
grid line (.) TWO (.) 2/24 bn will clear enemy from CHARITY - ESSIE
RIDGE in conjunction with ops of 2/23 and 2/48 bns on the right flank
(.) THREE (.) 2/48 bn will clear enemy from spur running NORTH from
FAITH and adv to ESSIE RIDGE at 450710 (.) FOUR (.) 2/4 cdo sgn will
clear enemy from TRIG 90 (.) FIVE (.) 2/3 pnr bn will patrol ridge
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If liable to etc

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M. H. Hatcher
Maj

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 26 INF BDE

142250I

TO : List D

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GO6 (.) SECRET (.) orders for 15 jun (.) ONE (.) 2/23 bn will (a) continue mopping up in FUKUKAKU area (b) attack and capture HILDA (c) exploit to AUNTY and UNCLE (.) TWO (.) 2/24 bn will continue attack against enemy posns on AUNTY - ESSIE ridge with a view to capturing . ESSIE (.) THREE (.) 2/48 bn will (a) patrol to WALLY - NELLY - FAITH (b) patrol along ridge NORTH of FAITH with a view to finding a route to ESSIE ridge (.) FOUR (.) 2/4 cdo sqn will clear enemy from SHORT ridge (.) FIVE (.) 2/3 pnr bn will place coy at DJOEATA OILFIELDS in sp 2/24 bn for ops if required (.) SIX (.) no air sp available

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If liable to etc

H D Wright
for Maj *Cap*

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM 26 INF BDE

132345I

TO LIST D

GO 4 (.) SECRET (.) orders for 14 JUN (.) ONE (.) 2/23 bn will
attack and capture JOYCE (.) TWO (.) 2/24 bn will (a) establish
one coy on CHARITY - ESSIE ridge between 44 and 45 grid line (b)
attack and capture BEECH 2 (.) THREE (.) 2/48 bn will patrol from
MICHAEL - LANKY ridge with a view to finding suitable approach to
ESSIE ridge (.) FOUR (.) 2/3 pnr bn will relieve 2/48 bn on FREDA
(.) FIVE (.) 2/4 cdp sqn will clear enemy from SHORT RIDGE (.) SIX
(.) no air sp available

If liable to etc

M. H. [Signature]
Maj

PRO FORM MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 26 INF BDE

122245I

TO : List D

G0397 (.) SECRET (.) orders for 13 jun (.) ONE (.) 2/23 bn will attack and capture JOYCE (.) TWO (.) 2/24 bn will (a) attack and capture BEECH TWO and SANDY (b) patrol to CHARITY - ESSIE ridge with a view to cutting the track and establishing a block (.) THREE (.) 2/48 bn will attack and capture LINDA (.) FOUR (.) 2/4 cdo sqn will clear enemy from SHORT ridge (.) FIVE (.) 2/3 pnr bn will move one coy to DJOEATA OILFDS in sp 2/24 bn for improving TONY'S TRACK

If liable to etc

H. L. Wright
Maj Capt.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

112210I

FROM 26 INF BDE

TO LIST C

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G0395 (.) SECRET (.) orders for 12 Jun (.) ONE (.) 2/23 bn will continue attack on JOYCE (.) TWO (.) 2/24 bn will attack SANDY and BEECH 2 after an air strike (.) THREE (.) 2/48 bn will attack LINDA (.) FOUR (.) 2/4 cdo sqn will establish 2 tps on ridge at 435705 (.) FIVE (.) 2/3 pnr bn will continue patrolling in SOUTHERN SECTOR (.) SIX (.) NEI coy will patrol to ESSIE from 464714 (.) SEVEN (.) following air strike has been requested (a) 18 B24s on BEECH TWO and SANDY at a time to be notified (b) run will be on bearing of 45 degrees (c) mortar smoke will be used for indication

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If liable to etc

W. G. Wright
Maj
for Capt

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 26 INF BDE

102130I

TO : List D

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GO392 (.) SECRET (.) orders for 11 jun (.) ONE (.) 2/23 bn will attack JOYCE after the air strike (.) TWO (.) 2/24 bn will attack MELON and exploit to LASSY after the air strike (.) THREE (.) 2/48 bn will patrol to LIZZY after the air strike (.) FOUR (.) 2/4 cdo sqn will patrol from TRIG 76 to ESSIE and carry out routine recce patrolling in area NORTH of DJOEATA OILFIELDS (.) FIVE (.) 2/3 pnr bn will patrol within the SOUTHERN SECTOR (.) SIX (.) the following air strikes have been arranged NOT before 0800I NOT after 1030I in the following order of attack (a) 2 sqns B24s on JAP HQ (b) 2 sqns B24s on JOYCE (c) 2 sqns B24s on LIZZY (d) 2 sqns B24s on CLARICE (e) 2 sqns B24s on MELON (f) if only 8 sqns are available the strike on CLARICE will be postponed (g) 2/23 bn will provide mortar smoke for all targets except MELON which will be smoked by 2/24 bn

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If liable to etc

A. J. C. Atcher
Maj

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 26 INF BDE

062145I

TO : List D

GO378 (.) SECRET (.) orders for 7 jun (.) ONE (.) 2/23 bn will patrol in the MARGY - JOYCE area (.) TWO (.) 2/24 bn will (a) attack PETER after the airstrike (b) continue mopping up on SANDY and PADDY features (.) THREE (.) 2/48 bn will continue patrol and ambush ops on LINDA - WALLY area (.) FOUR (.) 2/3 pnr bn will establish one coy in FRANK - STURT - WILLS area (.) FIVE (.) 2/4 cdo sqn will locate and destroy isolated enemy parties in the BRIDE - SHORT area (.) SIX (.) NEI coy will establish one pl at 404714 and carry out patrolling in ESSIE area (.) SEVEN (.) following air strike has been requested (a) 18 B24s on PETER NOT before 0900 NOT after 1030 (b) run will be on bearing 40 degrees (c) mortar smoke will be used for indication

If liable to etc

J. Crossin Capt
for Maj

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

052000I

FROM : 26 INF BDE

TO : List D

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GO374 (.) SECRET (.) orders for 6 jun (.) ONE (.) 2/23 bn will be prepared
to relieve C Coy 2/24 bn on BEECH NOT before 061300I (.) TWO (.) 2/24 bn
will attack SANDY (424696) after air strike (.) THREE (.) 2/48 bn will
continue patrolling in WALLY - LINDA - NELLY area (.) FOUR (.) 2/3 pnr bn
will commence track constr from DROOP to ROVER (.) FIVE (.) 2/4 cdo sqn
will patrol from BRIDE to ESSIE (.) SIX (.) NEI coy will continue patrol
from RIVER BINALATOENG to TRIG 102 (.) SEVEN (.) the following air strike
has been arranged (a) 2 sqns B24s on SANDY NOT before 1030 NOT after 1200
(b) run will be on a bearing of 40 degrees
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If liable to etc

J. Marshall Capt
Maj

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 26 INF BDM

042300I

TO : List D

G0373 (.) SECRET (.) orders for 5 jun (.) ONE (.) 2/23 bn will continue pressure against enemy on MARGY TWO and JOYCE (.) TWO (.) 2/24 bn will attack western end of PADDY feature after the air strike (.) THREE (.) 2/48 bn will continue patrolling in WALLY area (.) FOUR (.) 2/4 cdo sqn will continue patrolling with a view to finding a route to ESSIE (.) FIVE (.) the following air strike has been arranged (a) 2 sqns B24s on western end PADDY feature NOT before 1030I NOT after 1200I (b) run will be on bearing of 40 degrees (c) mortar smoke will be used for indication

If liable to etc

M. J. O'Connell
Maj

PRO FORMA MESSAGE RUM

FROM : 26 INF BDE

032220I

TO : List D

GO368 (.) SECRET (.) orders for 4 jun 45 (.) ONE (.) 2/23 bn will continue attack against MARGY TWO (.) TWO (.) 2/24 bn will continue patrolling in GEORGE SECTOR with a view to establishing the extent of enemy defs (.) THREE (.) 2/48 bn will attack and capture WALLY after the air strike (.) FOUR (.) 2/4 cdo sqn will (a) continue patrolling and in particular patrol the BRUTE area in search of reported tunnel (b) patrol to ESSIE (.) FIVE (.) the following air strike has been arranged (a) 2 sqns B24s on WALLY NOT before 1000 NOT after 1130 (b) run will be approx 30 degrees (c) mortar smoke will be used for indication and no smoke will be used in other areas during period of strike

If liable to etc

M. H. H. H. H.

Maj

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 26 INF BDE

022235I

TO : LIST D

GO365 (.) SECRET (.) orders for 3 Jun (.) ONE (.) 2/23 bn will (a)
continue attack on SE spur of MARGY (b) patrol SW spur of CLARICE (c)
patrol along ridge EAST from TRIG 90 (d) continue patrolling in FOX
sector (e) commence daily contact patrols with 2/24 bn from TRIG 105
to BEECH (.) TWO (.) 2/24 bn will (a) continue attack on POKER 2 (b)
patrol SE along ridge from POKER 3 (.) THREE (.) 2/48 bn will attack
along ridge WEST of TRIG 102 after air strike (.) FOUR (.) 2/4 cdo sqn
will (a) continue to patrol to ESSIE (b) establish one tp on BRIDE (.)
FIVE (.) 2/3 pnr bn will continue patrolling in BAKER SECTOR (.) SIX (.)
the following air strikes have been arranged (a) heavy strike by B25s
and P 38s with NAPALM on ridge SOUTH of NELLY NOT before 0830 and NOT
after 1000 (b) run will be on bearing 35 degrees (c) mortar smoke will
be used for indication

If liable to etc

W. J. Miller
Maj

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 26 INF BDE

012145I

TO : List D

GO362 (.) SECRET (.) orders for 2 jun (.) ONE (.) 2/23 bn will continue mopping up and patrolling in MARGY area (.) TWO (.) 2/24 bn will attack and capture POKER ONE and POKER TWO after the air strike (.) THREE (.) 2/48 bn will (a) exploit WEST along ridge from TRIG 102 and NORTH to NELLY and FAITH (b) relieve 2/4 cdo sqn on SUSIE by 021000I (.) FOUR (.) 2/3 pnr bn will continue patrolling in BAKER SECTOR (.) FIVE (.) 2/4 cdo sqn will (a) patrol EAST from DJOEATA OILFIELDS to ESSIE with a view to establishing a block on that feature should it show signs of enemy use (b) report any other tracks leading to the NORTH (.) SIX (.) NEI coy will patrol to CAPE BINALATOENG thence WEST along RIVER BINALATOENG to LANKY thence to TRIG 102 and return (.) SEVEN (.) the following air strike has been arranged (a) 3 sqns B24s and 18 P38s on POKER ONE and POKER TWO NOT before 0945 NOT after 1100 (b) run to be decided according to cloud (c) mortar smoke will be used for indication

If liable to etc
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Maj

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 26 INF BDE

312245I

TO : LIST D

GO359 (.) SECRET (.) orders for 1 JUN 45 (.) ONE (.) 2/23 bn will
continue mopping up on MARGY feature (.) TWO (.) 2/24 bn will patrol
northern approaches to FUKUKAKI (.) THREE (.) 2/48 bn will attack and
capture trig 102 after air strike (.) FOUR (.) 2/4 cdo sqn will continue
mopping up on LOYAL feature (.) FIVE (.) 2/3 pnr bn will continue patroll
ing in BAKER sector (.) SIX (.) the following air strike has been
requested (a) 18 B24s and 30 P38s on trig 102 NOT before 1530I NOT after
1630I (.) (b) run will be EAST to WEST (c) mortar smoke will be used for
indication

If liable to etc

M. J. [Signature]
Maj

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 26 INF BDE

302150I

: List C

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G0569 (.) SECRET (.) rewsit to 301900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs (.) local showers during the early morning and showers to the SOUTH and on the mainland during the afternoon (.) otherwise fine (.) visibility 20 - 25 miles less during showers (.) further outlook slightly improved conditions (.) engr report (.) extensions to PONTTOON jetty (.) 2/48 bn (.) C coy patrol engaged one jap between OSSIE and TUBBY (.) jap was wounded but escaped (.) LCM patrol last night picked up PW captured by natives on BOENJOE ISLAND (.) at 0100 hrs assisted by the PT boat patrol captured 4 japs on a raft at 533760 (.) one jap who refused to surrender passed on (.) at 1900 hrs D coy patrol killed one jap at 498679 and a further 3 NORTH of BIMALITOENG RIVER (.) 2/23 bn (.) B coy patrol reached the mouth of MIAI RIVER and contacted LCM patrol at 1000I going very heavy and swampy (.) one jap surrendered today to a patrol on AUNTY (.) A coy patrol killed one jap EAST of SELAJANG RIVER (.) escort to sup train killed one jap 435764 (.) line maint party killed one jap 412739 (.) B coy took one PW at 432793 (.) 2/24 bn (.) patrol probably killed one enemy 425735 (.) further 3 japs engaged on SPOTS but escaped (.) sig wire found cut in many places between MAPLE and 412724 (.) a further 2 japs seen on MAPLE fled into scrub when engaged (.) one jap seen at 357716 probably killed (.) 14 bty maint party engaged 4 enemy on track at 412740 killing one (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) C coy patrol killed one jap PO at 491613 (.) 2 further japs were killed by a C coy patrol on THORN the LCM patrol destroyed one raft at 405795 and a further raft on which were some clothing at 410797 (.) at 443798 one jap was killed (.) 2 japs who were seen waving a white flag on beach at 507742 were taken PW (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 26 est additional dead 5 PWs 11 progressive totals 1272 224 and 112 (.) ref est additional dead of 272 shown in our G0566 should read 219 (.) locations (.) following changes (.) 2/48 bn A coy 443658 D coy AMAL

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Capt

H. L. Wright

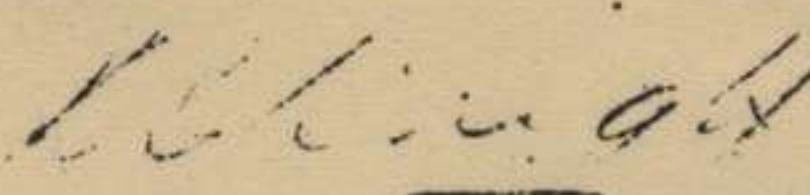
292030I

FRG : 26 INF BDE

FO : LIST C

GO 566 (.) SECRET (.) TARAUMAN (.) revsit to 291900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs (.) unsettled during night and early morning with moderate to heavy showers with thunderstorms but clearing after dawn (.) visibility 30 miles at first reduced to zero in storms (.) further outlook finer conditions with only light isolated showers (.) 2/23 bn (.) a patrol from A coy this morning killed 3 japs in the SELAJANG RIVER area (.) B coy patrol killed 2 enemy at 430779 (.) 3 DUTCH rifles some blankets and packs were captured (.) 2 japs were killed by 10 pl patrol at the mouth of MAIA RIVER (.) 2 enemy were found in a foxhole on JOICE today and were killed by C coy (.) 2/24 bn (.) 5 japs who were seen by a patrol at 430725 were engaged (.) cas NOT known (.) 2 japs were killed by a patrol at 430748 a jap camp site recently used was found at 374723 (.) 2 japs at 448748 were engaged and probably killed (.) 2/48 bn (.) A coy probably killed 1 jap at 511760 where a dump of food and clothing was captured and destroyed (.) 15 pl on OTIAY killed 1 jap who carried 30 grenades in a haversack (.) Jap threw 2 grenades before being killed (.) 500 rds of 9 mm and three bags of rice were found in the area (.) LCM patrol manned by D coy captured 2 japs at 400798 and 515790 (.) patrol destroyed two rafts today (.) floating mine was seen but could NOT be destroyed (.) two sets of footprints were followed by a patrol today to the swamp area 504734 (.) 4 ALBOINESE came out of the bush carrying white flag (.) they led the patrol to 2 japs who surrendered (.) 2/3 Pnr Bn (.) chinese in village at 463635 reported that a party of 12 japs 1 offr and 11 ORs armed with 2 LMGs 4 rifles and pistol forced chinese to give food tobacco and DUTCH money to them (.) japs then split into two parties and moved WEST into swamp (.) patrol investigating (.) 1 jap was killed and 1 wounded by a patrol at 488654 and 2 japs killed at 490617 (.) 1 jap in a hut at 463592 was killed by a further patrol (.) locations (.) only changes (.) 2/23 bn 12 pl 442790 (.) 2/24 bn D coy TANGIOL (.) 2/3 pnr bn LCM patrol today killed three japs probably killed three more and took three PWs (.) total enemy cas for day (.) counted dead 22 estimated additional dead 2 PW 5 (.) progressive totals 1146 272 and 101 PW

If liable to etc


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FROM: 26 INF BDE

282100I

TO : List C

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G0563 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 281900I (.) weather report (.) for next 24 hrs showers over western half of area during the evening (.) showers over island during morning (.) visibility poor during rain 30 miles during day (.) further outlook more early morning showers (.) engr activity for day (.) causeway moved into posn on p ontoon jetty extension (.) maint on all main rds (.) 270 ft of causeway now completed on SNAGS TRACK (.) at approx 0700I PT boat intercepted a jap raft (.) japs engaged our patrol who returned fire killing 4 and taking 4 PWs (.) a further raft was located containing eqpt only japs presumably had escaped to shore (.) at 0905I LCM patrol saw 3 rafts on the shore near CAPE DJORATA (.) at 1009I a raft with 10 japs aboard was intercepted (.) enemy opened fire on our boat (.) returned fire killed 8 2 PWs taken (.) one jap on a log was later picked up (.) at 1140I 7 japs on 2 rafts were contacted (.) all surrendered without opposition (.) at 1530I one jap on shore at 420798 signalled LCM and was taken prisoner willingly (.) enemy cas during these patrols 13 killed and 15 PWs (.) D coy 2/2 MG bn patrol at 423671 found japs had returned overnight and buried jap killed yesterday also removed signs of recent habitation (.) 2/48 bn C coy patrol saw one jap bootless with no arms carrying small kettle on LAURA (.) jap fled into bush (.) patrol engaged 4 japs at 506740 killing one and wounding one (.) party only had one rifle (.) japs left food and eqpt behind (.) a further 4 japs were engaged at 505737 where one was killed and one wounded (.) enemy's packs including some med sups were found neatly laid out on ground (.) 2/23 bn (.) patrol killed one enemy and wounded one at 458718 (.) 10 japs seen at 443707 were engaged by patrol result NOT known (.) 20 old huts were found at 432770 and one jap killed (.) patrol along SBIJANG river killed 12 japs (.) 2 day patrol contacted 4 japs at 432793 probably killing one (.) remainder jumped into river (.) logs cut down for rafts were found on the river bank (.) 30 - 40 japs were engaged on the MAIA river (.) results NOT known (.) a patrol from 2/24 bn sighted 15 japs 400772 (.) fire was exchanged and one jap was killed and several wounded (.) at 390725 5 japs were seen digging in a garden but they fled on the approach of the patrol (.) enemy cas for day (.) counted dead 29 est additional dead 2 PWs 15 progressive totals 1224 270 and 96 PWs (.) locations (.) only changes 2/24 bn A coy 7 pl 390721 (.) D coy 398766 pls 403771 MT TANGKOL 403771

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W. H. Smith
Capt

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 26 INF BDE

TO : List C

272030I

GO 561 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 271900I (.) weather forecast for next 24 hrs (.) Fine before midnight. Light showers in early morning. Fine during day (.) Visibility good 20/30 miles (.) further outlook NO change (.) Engr activity for today (.) pontoon causeway repaired and ready to move to pontoon jetty (.) maint and repairs carried out and ARC mesh laid on SNAGS TRACK (.) 2/23 bn (.) D coy patrol fired on by three rfn at 444708 where one jap killed wearing badges of rank of ENSIGN (.) shelters recently used were found by a patrol at 447774 (.) one enemy was killed by a patrol at 426770 (.) 12 pl killed one jap at 433782 (.) 2/24 bn 7 pl contacted enemy in village 426742 killed three (.) pl later captured SNAKE 10 enemy were seen to withdraw from posn (.) exploitation by pl NE from feature found bloodstained bandages at 445760 (.) 2/48 bn (.) D coy patrol killed one jap and captured two near Bn HQ (.) some mov was seen at 502702 by a patrol which killed one jap (.) at 505706 three sets of jap tracks were seen and followed and two japs engaged and wounded (.) protective patrol at BINALATOENG ROVER killed one lone jap 502702 (.) one jap walked into A coy area today (.) 2/2 MG Bn (.) D coy patrol at 420665 saw footprints of four japs and followed tracks to 421667 where signs of habitation was seen (.) further patrol killed one jap at 423671 where four DUTCH rifles three pistols were captured (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) C coy patrol killed five japs at 477622 (.) two japs had been recently wounded (.) three rifles captured (.) D coy killed one jap on THORN armed with bayonet (.) LCM patrol 8 picked up three japs in approx square 6383 (.) raft on which PWs had attempted to get away had disintegrated and japs were clinging to log (.) LCM patrol A today captured one LIEUTENANT (sg) who walked on to beach NORTH of island and voluntary surrendered (.) PW stated that he had left security box and sword in scrub some distance from beach (.) map ref NOT known (.) keys for box held this HQ (.) total enemy dead for day 21 counted dead 2 estimated additional dead 7 PW (.) progressive totals 1195 215 and 81 PW (.) locations (.) 2/23 bn A coy and 7 pl 435760 8 and 9 pls 435765 435770 (.) 2/24 bn 7 pl SNAKE (.) six dead killed by pnrs NOT included in 26 bde INTREP No 41 (.) infm received after INTREP compiled (

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A. D. Wright
Capt

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

26 INF DEB

262100I

Part C

20559 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 261900I (.) weather forecast for 24 hrs ending 271800I (.) fima with possible light showers between 270400I and 270600I (.) engr activity (.) 10000 barrel tank decking commenced (.) COLLINS HIGHWAY oiled and general maintenance (.) ANEAC HIGHWAY graded and general maintenance (.) TONY'S TRACK completely corduroyed (.) SNAGS TRACK general maintenance (.) hrs at 404690 now class 12 (.) unit scale A accn approx 15% complete (.) 53 comp AA regt fired 40 rds 3.7 between 0700 and 0800 hrs general area mouth of SELAJANG RIVER (.) C sqn 2/9 armd regt patrol of 1 offr 12 ORs to C coy 2/3 pnr bn NMS and then accompanied a patrol from that coy (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) 2 japs seen by C coy patrol at 471653 one killed one escaped (.) 6 to 7 japs seen 481612 by patrol who killed 2 wounded 2 (.) patrol fired on by one jap from under hut at 463627 (.) jap killed (.) 2/48 bn (.) tracks of 3 japs seen at 510747 moving SOUTH lost on beach (.) 2 wooden paddles found in area (.) 3 japs engaged by patrol at 477654 (.) one wounded all fled SOUTH along track (.) japs followed one possibly wounded 477652 (.) 2/23 bn (.) A coy advanced NE along ridge from LEMON towards SELAJANG river (.) at 435763 saw jap footprints on track believed to be main track leading EAST (.) fwd pl now at 435770 report NMS (.) B coy patrolled in gen area OWNER (.) one patrol to 420769 saw 3 japs who fled when fired upon (.) further patrol saw fresh jap footprints in creek at 423776 (.) 12 pl moving EAST from OWNER killed one jap at 426769 advanced NORTH engaged by enemy LMG and rifles at 434783 (.) cas enemy one killed own nil (.) 2/24 bn (.) A coy patrols to SNAKE contacted enemy astride track at 430748 (.) rifle fire est strength of 15 enemy appear to be dug in (.) cas enemy one killed own nil (.) patrol in same area reported fresh enemy footprints at 432723 moving from NORTH to SOUTH (.) pl now in posn at 428748 and SPOTS and SNAKE (.) patrol sighted unarmed japs at 443732 who fled (.) one PW captured at 434733 (.) LCM patrols rescued 2 NEI PW off CAPE DJOEATA (.) at 252330I two rafts sighted at 458796 3 japs attempted to escape by jumping off raft but were captured (.) remaining raft reached shore and occupants escaped (.) at 261858I one jap on raft captured at 359792 (.) enemy cas for day (.) counted dead 7 PW 5 progressive totals 1174 and 213 est additional dead 74 PW (.) locations (.) following changes 2/23 bn A coy 435769 pls 435770 424759 B coy 425770 pls 424772 429773

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[Signature] Capt


252015I

FROM: 26 Inf BCo

To: List C

GO 556 SECRET (.) re-visit to 251900I (.) engr activity for day (.) oil jetty pile driving completed today decking commenced (.) GLEBELG HIGHWAY oiled (.) corduroy and arc mesh laid on SMAGS TRACK (.) weather forecast for next 24 hrs (.) fine except for light morning showers about 260400I and 0630I (.) visibility 20 miles hazy (.) further outlook NO change (.) 2/7 rd regt fired 490 rds in sp of our tps today (.) during night 24/25 jun PT boat captured 7 japs on raft (.) enemy had some grenades but offered NO resistance (.) 2/23 bn (.) 1 enemy killed on CHEAT today (.) A coy in contact with enemy on LEMON estimated strength 20/30 with LMG 1 enemy killed here (.) 2 INDONESIANS reported D coy area today (.) patrol were fired on by 5 rfn at 415769 but enemy NOT located (.) 40 huts recently used were found at 435760 and 1 HMG (.) 100 sleeping shelters each for 3 personnel seen in same area (.) 2/24 bn (.) patrol today contacted 2 enemy who fled into bush at 435752 (.) 15 rfn contacted 443757 (.) 5 killed or wounded (.) D coy patrol from PLRCH sighted tracks of 12 japs at 413773 (.) at 418778 40 japs were sighted in the creek bed carrying packs (.) patrol heard noise behind them and were engaged by further party of enemy with LMG and rifle fire (.) 1 jap killed (.) at 412711 2 more japs were killed and a third in same area (.) 2/48 bn (.) patrol contacted 4 japs 508793 (.) 3 japs wounded all fled into swamp leaving one suitcase 6 packs papers and some rice (.) 1 Pw captured at MAL (.) LCM patrol B investigated white sign 2 ft by 6 ins hanging from tree and facing seawards at 462791 (.) it is considered sign may be guide for craft (.) 2/3 par bn (.) one jap wounded by 17 pl carrying party at 478588 (.) jap wore no boots nor hat (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 12 estimated additional dead 1 progressive totals 1167 and 213 (.) Pw total now 69 (.) locations (.) 2/23 bn (.) A coy 424754 pls 424760 419765 (.) B coy 414768 pls 417770 419765 (.) otherwise NO change

If liable to etc


 Capt

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

232030I

FROM : 26 INF BDE

TO : LIST C

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GO 545 (.) SECRET (.) revasit to 231900I (.) weather forecast period 231800I to 241900I (.) mainly fine except for isolated morning showers (.) 77 points of rain fell during preceding 24 hrs (.) AUSTER aircraft made three sorties today (.) one sortie to AMAL beach to recce crash strip (.) remaining sorties recce over 2/23 and 2/24 bn areas = (.)

Engr activity (.) 500 feet ARC mesh track laid at airstrip (.) extension to pontoon jetty commenced (.) construction timber causeway on SNAGS TRACK at 434674 (.) dozer working on TONY'S TRACK to connect up with DUTCH track (.) repairs to SPARKS TRACK at 446659 completed (.) TWO LCM armed patrols manned by 2/3 pnr bn and 2/48 bn are now operating off the island to apprehend escaping japs (.) LCM patrol "A" observed smoke at 405785 unable to land but engaged with BREN result NOT known (.) 2/48 bn (.) three INDONESIANS former PW reported to A coy at AMAL at 1115I (.) patrol to 465657 found one enemy helmet and set of webbing eqpt left approx two days ago (.) 2/24 bn (.) patrol saw four enemy at 419756 japs fled when fired upon results =NOT known (.) patrol to 80 feature saw 5 enemy killed one others fled (.) at 423755 forward scout saw four enemy and killed all four (.) several japs appeared and patrol killed further two (.) patrol estimates 30/40 japs in general area (.) two day patrol encountered enemy at 443755 own cas 1 KIA enemy NOT known (.) D coy patrol killed one jap on knoll at 424749 (.) mortared enemy mov at 426749 results NOT known (.) same patrol later heard many jap voices vicinity 422752 engaged with mortar results NOT known (.) NO prepared enemy def posns sighted in these areas (.) patrols to CAPE DJOEATA report MMS (.) four NEI PW reported into D coy lines (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) one jap captured at 456526 (.) patrol to JETTY 463588 surprised six japs constructing boat (.) jap had sentry and party fled NORTH when warned clad only in underclothes (.) one pistol 15 sets of eqpt clothing and some food found (.) eqpt and clothing destroyed and boat burned (.) C coy killed one jap vicinity 473622 (.) one jap wounded by escort party at 472623 escaped in gully to SOUTH (.) one jap who went bush seen at 471623 (.) other patrols saw NO mov in SPEAR and SPIKE areas (.) enemy cas for day (.) counted dead 7 estimated additional dead NIL PW 1 (.) progressive totals 1131 209 and 55 (.) locations unchanged

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A. J. Brouse Capt

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

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From 26 Inf Bde

To LIST C

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G0530 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 211900I (.) weather forecast for next 24 hrs (.) from 211800I (.) very light morning shower between approx 0400I and 0630I (.) fine otherwise except for isolated afternoon showers on mainland (.) visibility 15/20 miles slight haze (.) cloud scattered high and middle cloud (.) further outlook (.) same conditions as above but morning shower slightly more intense on 23 jun (.) AUSTER aircraft today made two sorties (.) one recce for 2/24 Bn area (.) second leaflet dropping sortie over BORNEO to persuade natives to reintroduce former habit of scalping country's enemies (.) engr activity (.) 2/48 bn area swept for mines (.) extensive work carried out on numerous main rds in area (.) 2/7 fd regt fire 888 rds on SNAKE today in sp of 2/24 bn (.) 2/23 bn (.) 12 pl killed 1 jap at 475624 (.) one jap killed and two wounded at 473643 by 10 pl and 2 killed by 11 pl at 465627 (.) A coy now in posn on SNOOK and POKER (.) two bodies in one gp and four in another with hands tied behind back were found today at 451714 (.) some medical stores were found in hut at 450760 (.) 2/24 bn (.) MMG patrol to REBEL killed 1 jap at 391774 (.) 6 foxholes and two bags of rice and 9 fused 75 mm shells were found in area (.) some enemy footprints leading up stream were seen at 403764 (.) ALL ORGANISED RESISTANCE CEASED AT 211210I FOLLOWING THE CAPTURE OF SNAKE BY 2/24 bn (.) 2/48 bn (.) B coy patrol from 67 feature 416675 found that within last 48 hrs enemy had cut sig cable between DORRY and BUCKS (.) fresh footprints were seen at 456666 (.) B coy patrol found 1 shelter on spur NE of BUCKS (.) NEI pl attached 2/48 bn killed one jap in LANKY area patrols along JOHNS TRACK made NO contact (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) 13 pl saw five japs at 467625 wounded one (.) 2/4 cdo sqn (.) A tp found bivouac for approx 40 men used two to three nights ago at 428740 (.) one dead jap found 430743 (.) A tp found one enemy dead at village 425741 (.) 4 enemy contacted by recce patrol at 440755 one killed (.) six cooking pots many shelters and some clothing found in the area (.) track to NE well used (.) enemy cas for day 11 kounted dead estimated additional dead NIL totals 1113 and 207 (.) 2 jap prisoners were brought to TARAKAN this morning from TIBI ISLAND (.) further prisoner captured today (.) total PWs now 52 (.) following changes in location (.) 2/23 bn A coy 408698 pls 408698 420703 422703 (.) B coy 422664 pls 420625 422665 and 423666 (.) A coy 2/24 bn 394720 (.) 2/48 bn B coy 67 feature (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) C coy 465630 474623 475633 one 465635

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 26 INF BDE

192010I

TO : ~~LIST~~ C

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 G0582 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 191900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs (.) moderate thunder storms during night 19/20 jun then light rain to sunrise fine remainder of period (.) broken cloud until daybreak 20 jun high clouds scattered during day (.) visibility 20/30 miles (.) slight haze (.) further outlook NO change from present conditions (.) Engr activity for today (.) corduroying and drainage on TONY'S TRACK SNAGS TRACK and rd DJOEATA - Mt TANGKOL (.) 2/23 bn (.) 8 pl killed 2 japs 462722 (.) patrol returned to 458718 then moved to 461717 where 6 small huts were found and 2 japs killed (.) patrol then fired on from 457717 (.) parachute bomb fell from tree and exploded at 427692 causing NO damage (.) 2 INDONESIAN ex PWS reported to D coy area today (.) patrol killed 1 jap 458718 (.) 3 enemy dead were found at 432692 2 half buried bodies found today had hands tied behind back and one was blindfolded (.) it was impossible to identify bodies as japanese or INDONESIAN (.) 1 .5 HMG AMERICAN and 8 clips of ammunition captured today (.) 2/24 bn (.) 1 enemy killed at 436722 carried SMLE rifle and 20 rds (.) A coy ambush party killed 2 enemy 428750 (.) D coy patrol found 3 sets jap footprints at 403764 leading NORTH and at 399750 a shelter occupied apparently past night (.) patrol to PERCH killed 1 jap (.) An old jap camp site was found at 399770 (.) 2/48 bn (.) C coy patrol along VIOLA CREEK to 498713 thence to coast saw NO enemy (.) No signs of enemy were seen in PLANE FANCY NORAH MICHAEL PATRICK LAURA ESMIE or DORRY areas today (.) some old enemy defences were found near ring contour at 481647 (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) at 447657 a patrol found fresh enemy footprints (.) patrols to LANKY PATRICK MICHAEL swamp area 454702 and EAST to main track 461711 saw NO signs of enemy (.) 2/4 cdo sqn (.) 1 enemy straggler seen at 328736 (.) 3 enemy were killed at 428736 (.) C tp were relieved by C coy 2/24 bn and are now at 408724 (.) A tp holding posn along track MAPLE SNAKE with ambush set in vicinity track junc to 90 feature (.) D coy 2/2/ MG Bn (.) escort for native train to JOYCE from MARGY 2 were shot at by 1 lone jap who dived into bush and committed hari kari (.) AUSTER aircraft today made successful command flight for 2/24 bn (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 17 estimated additional dead NIL progressive totals 1087 and 203 (.) locations (.) following changes (.) 2/23 bn B coy 467628 pls 474634 475624 (.) 2/24 bn A coy 427747 pls 425745 481647 (.) MMG pl 394764 (.) C 431723 pl 430728 (.) D 394750 pls 396749 398764 418748 (.) 2/48 bn B coy 451690 pls 449690 448690 (.) D 443658 (.) 2/4 cdo sqn Tac 408724 (.) A tp 429737 B tp with C coy 2/24 bn (.) C tp 408724
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TO : List C

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GO515 (.) SECRET (.) revisit to 181900I (.) weather report (.) next 24 hrs fine locally till about 182300I when moderate rain showers followed by very light intermittent rain to 20 points (.) rain ceasing by daylight (.) storms over BORNEO mainland this evening but ceasing by 182359I (.) visibility 30 - 40 miles less during rain (.) further outlook as far above except that quantity and intensity of nightly rain expected to decrease (.) engr report (.) rd DJOEATA - MT TANGKOL (.) dozer working clearing slides trafficable to 394790 (.) SNAGS TRACK now jeepable to MARGY again (.) corduroy being laid (.) rd AIRSTRIP - DJOEATA gravel filling and drainage (.) today AUSTER made one successful sortie dropping special surrender leaflets (.) 2/23 bn (.) A coy captured ESSIE today (.) track from ESSIE runs NE from feature to swamp 464724 track through swamp muddy but used by japs today (.) 2 iron shelters were found at 445716 capable of holding approx 20 men (.) some clothing and valve receiver wireless also found (.) 10 enemy dead counted on feature (.) during night booby trap exploded W coy area (.) one jap helmet found in morning on track (.) LCM patrol in CAPE DJOEATA area found on beach 6 sets of clothing 3 packs and 3 haversacks containing food and some amm (.) no weapons (.) on long raft (.) 3 casks (.) 2 casks were broken open and found to contain fish third cask broken and found too late to contain wine (.) 2/24 bn (.) A coy patrol at 426744 saw 8 japs approaching posn killed 2 remainder fled (.) enemy engaged C coy with MMG and LMG fire from 434723 (.) 2 enemy killed by 15 pl at 432723 (.) A coy pl to western pimple of SNAKE 443748 saw 3 huts with blankets and stretchers (.) 6 japs killed in huts (.) pl was engaged by further party of enemy from knoll and killed 8 wounded 5 (.) one INDONESIAN ex PW captured today (.) 2/48 bn (.) D coy contact patrol to 2/3 pnr bn contacted 3 japs at 461707 killing 2 wounding one (.) japs carried packs and grenades but no rifles (.) patrol today found old bivouac site 448699 (.) B coy patrol heard chopping 481691 (.) following arty shoot on 481691 B coy patrol engaged 6 japs result not known (.) C coy standing patrol killed 2 japs on beach NORTH of BINALATONG RIVER (.) patrols to PATRICK FAITH and NELLY made no contact (.) A coy patrol WEST along JOHNS TRACK to junc 475683 then SOUTH heard enemy mov at 477649 but saw no japs (.) patrol estimated 40 japs had used track today (.) NEI patrol saw 2 enemy at 461717 killed one and captured a rifle (.) 2/3 pnr bn patrol found scattered rice on track between HELEN and JOHNS TRACK (.) 2/4 cdo sgn (.) A tp recon patrol found track junc at 428736 (.) tracks diverged NORTH to SNAKE and to village at 425742 (.) both tracks showed signs of recent mov (.) enemy were contacted by C tp at 429723 (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 34 est additional dead 1 progressive totals 1070 and 203 (.) locations (.) following changes have taken place (.) 2/48 bn tac 444658 (.) 2/23 bn A coy 452712 pls 450710 454714 (.) 2/24 bn B coy HQ TRIG 76 pls 433712 439718 431711 (.) C 437720 434724 434723 (.) D 394750 pls 395749 399743 (.) 2/4 cdo sgn tac HQ 408724 A tp 426735 B tp 6 sec 419725 C tp 429723 (.) LCM patrol at CAPE DJOEATA saw one jap in nude on beach his clothes together with those of 5 companions are now in TARAKAN

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FROM : 26 INF BDE

162100I

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G0505 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 161900I (.) weather forecast scattered light showers in coastal areas in early morning otherwise fine (.) scattered clouds only during evening broken low cloud and overcast in early morning clearing after sunrise (.) good visibility to 30 miles (.) further outlook fine NO change from present condition (.) 2/7 fd regt during last 24 hrs fired 598 rds on 444698 and 444706 in sp of our tps (.) during same period 53 comp AA regt fired 200 rds of harassing fire on ESSIE (.) engr report (.) 290 75mm shells fuzed as grenades 12 DUTCH mines and 25 pottery mines were neutralised in 2/24 bn area today (.) HQ tunnel FUKUKAKU was opened up and subsequently blown (.) 3 depth charges were found in the HQ area (.) ANBTER aircraft today carried out successful command flt for 2/24 bn (.) following new place names are in use LENNY CREEK from 443704 NE to INDOELANG SWAMP (.) SWANY CREEK from 430705 NE to same posn (.) 2/23 bn (.) patrol contacted 5 enemy at 443704 killing one now advancing towards ESSIE at present at 449769 (.) C coy killed 2 enemy in tunnel 427691 (.) 46 enemy dead were found in the FUKUKAKU area during the last 24 hrs (.) 3 enemy booby traps consisting of depth charge and 2 yard stick mines were located at 431683 (.) 2/24 bn (.) B coy area 250 fuzed 75mm shells located 437704 (.) C coy firmly established astride JAP track ESSIE - TRIG 90 at 440717 (.) one 75mm gun and 4 knee mortars and 8 cases of 20mm amm were captured today (.) patrol saw one jap at 454724 footprints led to swamp (.) A coy captured feature 441706 killing 2 japs 5 dead japs all bandaged found in area (.) one LEWIS gun 8 mags several telephones sig wire and 2 generators also captured today (.) 2/48 bn (.) D coy patrol captured DUTCH today 10 pl moving from feature to 461712 (.) extensive patrolling in FAITH TRIG 102 PATRICK and MICHAEL area saw NO signs of enemy activity (.) 2/48 bn patrol followed track to 456706 where it was lost in swamp (.) footprints of 2 - 4 japs found (.) it is considered they did not cross swamp (.) B coy patrol NORTH and SOUTH of 458713 searched for signs of track across creek to ESSIE and also for signs of enemy mov (.) result not known (.) 2/4 cdo sgn (.) at 0145I jap infiltration party of unknown strength threw grenades in A tp area 419725 slightly wounding 3 (.) further jap party estimated 3 threw grenades in C tp area 428924 at 0400I inflicting no cas (.) further patrolling of 90 feature carried out (.) C tp encountered enemy posn at 429735 (.) tp came under LMG and rifle fire (.) own cas 1 wounded enemy not known (.) A tp now dug in 424734 (.) patrol heard voices and sounds of chopping 400 yds NE of this posn (.) voices and sounds of mov were heard on knoll at 429737 this afternoon (.) a B tp patrol to investigate firing heard at 437722 made no contact with enemy (.) the enemy is still in posn at 429724 (.) NEI inf patrol contacted approx 20 enemy at 459713 killing 3 and suffering no cas (.) a patrol to HOPEFUL found no signs of enemy (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) patrolled from 458658 to JANIE DORRY BUCKS ESME SARAH and FLUTE but saw no signs of enemy mov (.) total enemy cas for day counted dead 72 est additional dead 4 progressive totals 1028 and 201 (.) locations (.) following changes from last night 2/23 bn A coy on move C coy 427689 pls 425679 431680 D coy 433699 pls 434699 437699 (.) 2/24 bn A coy DJOEATA village B coy TRIG 76 pl BANJO C coy HQ 439716 pls 436722 440718 D coy DJOEATA village pl 414743 (.) 2/48 bn B coy 461711 (.) 2/3 pnr bn A coy MICHAEL pl PATRICK (.) 2/4 cdo sgn A tp 424734 B tp secs 437722 419725 (.) NEI HQ 469721 (.) in FUKUKAKU area today main enemy HQ tunnel was opened up (.) both ends of tunnel had been blown (.) enemy had removed all eqpt of any value (.) only contents of tunnel were numerous empty boxes bags of rice several tables and chairs mattress scraps of paper old case containing NAVAL hats suit of white drill and coat of Naval Ensign (.) tunnel was wet hot and stank

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152150I

FROM 26 INF BDE

TO LIST C

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GO 502 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 151900I (.) engr report for today (.) FUKUKAKU area (.) extensive search carried out by sprs throughout day found NO mines 1 booby trap (.) 2/24 bn area (.) 1 75mm shell with leads to wet cell 265mm shells with pull igniter 2 DUTCH mines found on BEECH 2 (.) 2/23 bn (.) HILDA captured this morning (.) 8 pl now on UNCLE C coy clearing FUKUKAKU (.) 6 PWs captured 427692 (.) many dead in area NOT yet counted (.) D coy now on AUNTIE (.) small party of enemy engaged 435697 (.) result NOT known (.) gun emplacements and 70 75mm shells found on UNCLE (.) 7 enemy killed today (.) 1 x 81mm mortar 12 bombs 70mm gun at 430692 and grenade discharger at 427692 captured (.) 2/24 bn (.) 2 enemy killed by B coy at 439707 this morning (.) enemy posn at 436706 captured and 3 enemy killed (.) map found showing track from ESSIE to TRIG 90 (.) A coy advancing down ESSIE spur came under by fire from 1 JUKI 2 LMGs at 440706 (.) coy withdrew to allow shelling of area (.) before withdrawing killed 3 enemy and captured 1 OWEN SMG 1 mag 1 36 Grenade (.) own cas 2 killed 1 wounded (.) B coy attacked enemy strong post 437706 overcame tough resistance and captured posn incl 1 OWEN SMG documents and OWEN mags (.) 11 enemy killed 4 estimated dead (.) cas for day (.) 18 enemy killed 4 probables (.) own cas 2 killed 3 wounded (.) 2/48 bn (.) WALLY NELLIE AND FAITH captured this morning 4 enemy killed (.) B coy attacked strong party of japs on ridge at 444700 killing 2 japs (.) B coy patrol through FAITH to NORTH spur of this feature found enemy holding spur on 300 yds front (.) 2 enemy killed on CLARICE (.) enemy posns 444700 now being shelled (.) total enemy killed today 8 (.) 2/3 pnr bn patrol to HELEN SADIE DORRIE ESMIE FLUTE saw NO signs of enemy (.) 2/4 cdo sgn (.) A tp occupied feature 419725 (.) B tp contacted enemy at 438716 enemy withdrew NORTH (.) tp HQ and 5 sec digging in 439716 (.) C tp occupied knoll 429723 at 1610I (.) enemy withdrew from this posn when mortared (.) 2/7 fd regt fired 502 rds on ESSIE and area EAST of PETER in support of our operations today (.) weather forecast next 24 hrs (.) fine generally for whole period except for isolated local morning showers after 0400 hrs with probably less than 10 points (.) visibility 30/40 miles (.) further outlook scattered cloud only with NO major disturbance and only local morning showers (.) total enemy cas counted dead 33 estimated additional dead 4 progressive totals 956 and 197 (.) new place names DUTCH 444700 JONAH 438720 BANJO 435712 (.) PWs today's total 8 progressive total 45 (.) locations (.) 2/23 bn Tac 406683 A 431689 pls 435693 438689 B 424685 pls 427685 431685 423688 C 426689 pl 424679 D 436699 pls 433700 437689 (.) 2/24 bn Tac 400717 A 438706 B 438706 pl 437705 C 439716 D 395720 (.) 2/48 442659 A 443658 B MICHAEL pl PATRICK C OSSIE D NELLIE pl FAITH (.) 2/3 pnr bn Tac 441648 A TRIG 102 B 423637 C 408723 D 442649 (.) 2/4 cdo sgn 408724 A tp 419725 B 439716 C 428723 (.) NEI 470654 pl HOPEFUL (.) Jap PW captured today stated that when enemy left FUKUKAU area seriously wounded were given an injection which brought about death (.) PW stated that potential d ad did NOT universally approve of this procedure

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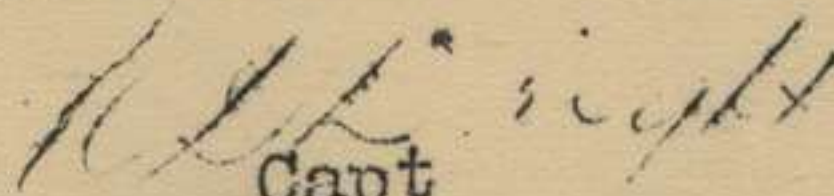
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142130I

TO : List C

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 G0496 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 141900I (.) today saw a general with-
 drawal by the enemy from posns which he has been stubbornly holding for
 some time (.) extensive patrolling and local attacks had made many of
 these posns untenable for the enemy (.) 2/23 bn (.) 18 pl D coy this
 morning attacked and captured JOYCE (.) at 0830I party of released PWS
 led by CHINESE doctor reported to 2/23 bn (.) party consisted of CHINESE
 MO 85 NEI Army personnel and 20 natives (.) 7 pl A coy captured CLARICE
 today and advanced towards HILDA (.) D coy cleared bunkers in area
 428689 patrolled to LIZZY and found it clear (.) 18 pl advanced to
 430694 (.) total enemy killed for day 23 estimated dead 4 (.) many huts
 seen in HQ area some native type some with galvanised roofs (.) full
 details not yet to hand (.) 2 PWS captured (.) 2/24 bn (.) C coy
 attacked and captured BEECH 2 (.) A coy patrol found much amm at 426691
 (.) MELON track junc was found devastated by bombing (.) 20 foxholes
 were found by A coy patrol to FADDY at 429699 a former amm and food
 dump apparently evacuated this morning was seen at 430700 (.) B coy
 pushed ahead to cut the track to ESSIE at 442707 (.) the enemy attacked
 in strength and coy pulled back down northern slopes (.) 8 enemy killed
 today and 4 probables (.) 2 coy 1 bn NEI inf (.) patrol pushed through
 swamp to ESSIE feature (.) 7 Japs were killed in enemy's new posn and
 approx 12 fled through the bush (.) 2/48 bn (.) at 0645I 6 enemy
 mortars fell on FREDa fired from fwd slopes of LIZZY no cas (.) A coy
 today killed 2 japs who were moving from FAITH down creek at 448701 (.)
 patrol unable to find route from MICHAEL to ESSIE (.) patrol to 434685
 heard much enemy mov on CLARICE (.) spare JUKI belts and shovels found
 by a patrol at 441687 (.) patrol from 102 at 442693 could progress no
 further owing to fallen timber 10 to 15 feet high (.) approach round
 flanks impossible (.) best approach to WALLY appears to be up spur from
 441691 (.) 2/4 edo sgn (.) 1 sec B tp moved from TRIG 76 and occupied
 posn 437706 (.) A tp occupied 434707 the remainder of tp on move (.) 6
 sec with B coy 2/24 bn (.) C tp patrol saw 4 enemy 429722 (.) mov
 through swamp 428720 extremely difficult (.) one jap carrying surrender
 leaflets was killed this morning 429705 (.) engr activity (.) SNAGS
 TRACK (.) extensive repairs are necessary following rain (.) jeep head
 now 423681 (.) TONY'S TRACK jeep head 419716 (.) clearing of booby traps
 and mines from newly won enemy posns carried out (.) total enemy cas
 for day 44 counted dead 8 additional dead progressive totals 923 and
 193 (.) weather report for 15 jun (.) unsettled conditions prevailing
 for first 12 hrs thunder storms about coastal areas with showers over
 island during night and early morning (.) CLOUD broken overcast low
 cloud until midday (.) 2/7 fd regt fired 72 rds in sp of our tps today
 (.) AUSTER aircraft made one sortie (.) locations (.) 2/23 bn (.) tac
 no change A coy CLARICE pls still advancing B 421683 pls 423684 422687
 427683 C 424679 pls 423680 427679 D 426689 pls 427692 427689 430694 (.)
 2/24 bn (.) tac 400717 A coy 422704 pls 423700 421701 422704 (.) B C D
 coys NOT finalised (.) 2/48 bn (.) tac 442659 A coy 443658 B 461711 pls
 MICHAEL 458713 C 442665 pls 441666 442663 D 102 pl 441690 (.) 2/3 pnr
 bn (.) tac 441648 A coy SUSIE pls AGNES FREDa B 423637 C 408723 D
 442649 pl AMAL 2/4 edo sgn 408724 A tp 434706 B 437706 C 425724 (.) 2
 coy 1 bn NEI inf 464714 (.) captured/PW from FUKUKAKU area stated that
 jap soldiers now considered harikari old fashioned
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

132100I

FROM : 26 INF BDE

TO : LIST C

GO 490 (.) SECRET (.) revisit to 131900I (.) weather forecast (.) next 24 hrs (.) unsettled during night and early morning with light to moderate rain clearing during late morning (.) further outlook finer conditions with isolated light morning showers 2/23 bn (.) 15 pl patrol towards LIZZIE reached 432682 (.) jap sentry was observed 431684 (.) approaches to feature were extremely steep and covered with undergrowth and fallen timber (.) further patrol observed enemy listening post 427687 (.) 13 pl NE to LIZZIE at 430685 found enemy post covering only approach of track covering steep approach (.) 18 pl patrol reached 425690 (.) remainder of pl moving to this position to consolidate (.) 1 jap flower pot mine found today at 421687 (.) 2/24 bn (.) at 1315I A coy pl adv and at 1343I seized SANDY (.) one pl A coy established 425697 (.) 2 enemy MGs firing from Western end of feature (.) C coy patrol contacted MMG 422694 (.) 15 pl adv to BEECH 2 came under by fire from enemy bunkers at 422695 and 423696 (.) 14 pl contacted enemy at 422695 (.) enemy is holding BEECH 2 in strength estimated 60 (.) 2/48 bn (.) 16 pl heard 12 explosions from 422315I to 122359I from direction of NELLIE (.) 15 pl pushed forward SE up LINDA and were engaged from well sighted enemy posns 70 yds from crest (.) from 70 yds NORTH of LINDA 17 pl gave sp fire killing 1 jap (.) estimated strength on LINDA 15 (.) mortars and MMGs harassed area during afternoon (.) B coy protective patrol to lift booby traps NORTH of FREDA found several unoccupied posns 435683 (.) 2/4 cdo sn (.) patrol to BRIDE and BLUSH saw NO sign of enemy (.) enemy still holding feature at 429724 1 enemy seen at 430724 (.) patrol to 434708 contacted enemy own cas 1 wounded (.) one sec B tp holding on spur at 434708 (.) patrol EAST along spur from TRIG 76 found 1 enemy dead at 437713 (.) dead jap carried .303 rifle 85 rds and was wearing Australian trousers (.) two sets of enemy foot prints moving EAST found 437712 (.) recce patrol to enemy posn at 429724 found approaches from both flanks swampy and covered with thick undergrowth (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) patrols to FLUTE JANIE FORRIE DAISY ESMIE SARAH ROACH PAGES PARKS and FINCH saw NO signs of enemy activity (.) 2 coy 1 bn NEI Inf (.) patrol from HOPEFUL contacted D coy 2/48 bn at LAURA (.) on return patrol contacted 6 INDONESIAN escaped PWS who were later forwarded to Force HQ (.) engr report (.) by rains during night suspended dozer work on all tracks until late today (.) repairs were carried out on constructed portions of SNAGS and TOMIS TRACKS (.) 2/7 rd regt fired 533 rds on BEECH 2 and JOYCE today 53 Comp AA Regt fired 148 rds on JOYCE (.) captured 75 mm gun fired 22 rds on CLARICE (.) total enemy cas for day 3 counted dead progressive totals 879 and 185 (.) locations (.) only changes from last night 2/23 bn D coy 42683 pls 413684 421688 425690 (.) 2/24 bn B coy 437706 (.) C coy pl 419694 (.) A coy pl 424697 (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) C coy 408723 (.) 2/4 cdo Sqn A tp ROVER B tp TRIG 76 C tp 425724 (.) today japanese pamphlet personally addressed to C in C Allied Forces TARAKAN was found (.) pamphlet expressed profound sympathy on death of Lt Gen "TERRICK" (.) pamphlet insinuated that possibly Australians were bearing more than their fair share of the United Nations war effort (.)

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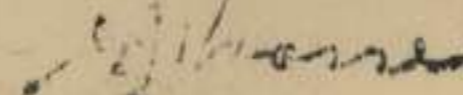
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122130I

TO : List C

G0482 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 121900I (.) between 1120I and 1150I
 air strike on SANDY and BEECH 2 (.) 12 B24s with 72 1000 prs and 22
 P38s with NAPALM firebombs (.) 50% bombs in target area but majority
 NAPALM were overs (.) features were only partially covered and did
 not strike enemy posns dominating the main approaches to those
 features (.) on completion air strike arty and mortar cons and MMG
 supporting fire on features (.) two pls C coy 2/24 bn moved up spur
 from BEECH 1 (.) one patrol approached BEECH 2 from the NORTH found
 enemy still in occupation on spur NW on feature (.) 4 enemy counted
 dead on this spur (.) patrol withdrew to allow mortar bombing (.)
 further patrol from C Coy moved up spur from EAST to BEECH 2 and
 reached 423695 but enemy still in occupation (.) during night 11/12
 jun a bright light was seen on CHARITY (.) B coy patrol reached TRIG
 76 this morning NMS (.) 2/23 bn (.) at 111940I 12 enemy HE mortars
 fell on area 105 the sound bearing from 422687 35/400 (.) no cas (.)
 one green flare seen from TRIG 105 at 120200I on bearing 220 magnetic
 (.) two D coy patrols to JOYCE reached 426689 came under hy HMG and
 LMG fire from 425689 (.) pls engaged enemy but failed to neutralise
 and withdrew to former posns to enable arty cons to be brought down
 (.) own cas 1 wounded enemy 1 probably killed (.) 3.7" AA gun from
 MARGY engaged enemy observation platform on large tree at 427689 (.)
 2/48 bn (.) following on supporting fire from arty LMG and mortars
 patrols from C coy 443684 moved up LINDA spur and reached point approx
 441687 much chopping and digging heard on spur to WEST (.) A coy
 patrol to 443695 on spur between NELLY and FAITH reports NELLY comprises
 5 knolls (.) from posn near crest on third knoll patrol observed 5
 japs on crest (.) patrol not observed and withdrew (.) all of this
 spur very narrow and precipitous (.) at 1425I enemy on track junc
 NORTH of 102 fired on our posns on LINDA and 102 with 2 LMGs and rifles
 no cas suffered (.) 16 pl relieved 18 pl on LINDA (.) 2/4 cdo sqn (.)
 A tp contacted enemy at 437707 one enemy killed (.) later A tp made
 two attempts to establish posn on ridge at 435705 but repulsed by
 enemy on ridge est at 10 in pillbox and foxholes (.) at 1500I tp
 withdrew to 437713 (.) enemy cas 2 killed 1 wounded own nil (.) B tp
 advanced up spur towards CHARITY repulsed by enemy LMG and rifle fire
 from 434703 (.) tp withdrew to 437714 (.) enemy cas 3 killed 1 wounded
 own 1 killed (.) at 1800I C tp occupied feature at 419725 to secure
 track junc (.) 2/3 pnr bn patrols to following areas saw no signs
 enemy activity (.) FLUTE SARAH ESME LAURA MARIE (.) FRANK ESSEX SYLVIA
 (.) JONES PETER BUTCH SYKES EVANS (.) MYRNA JANIE (.) 2 coy 1 bn NEI
 inf (.) patrol along JOHNS TRACK killed one lone jap at 478653 (.)
 patrol from HOPEFUL to ESSIE unsuccessfully attempted to cross swamp
 at 461717 and 459715 (.) enemy cas for day 12 counted dead 2 estimated
 additional progressive totals 876 and 185 (.) locations (.) 2/23 bn
 no change (.) 2/24 bn (.) A coy tac 422702 pls 425700 425699 426699 (.)
 B coy tac 426707 pls 76 feature 428706 422706 (.) C coy tac 421697 pls
 420696 421699 422697 (.) D coy 395720 (.) 2/48 bn no change (.) 2/4 cdo
 sqn (.) A tp 437713 B 437714 C 419725 (.) NEI coy no change (.) 2/3 pnr
 bn (.) A coy tac and one pl FLUTE pls AGNES SUSIE (.) B coy plus 2 and
 4 pls 423637 (.) C coy tac and one pl WILLS pls STURT FRANK (.) D coy
 442649 (.) 3 pl 443666 (.) weather forecast for period 121800I to
 131800I (.) overcast high and middle clouds throughout (.) low cloud
 increasing after midnight with light to moderate rain until after
 sunrise (.) minimum low cloud in morning between 1000I and 1200I (.)
 patches of low stratus below 1000 ft until 0900I (.) poor visibility
 in early morning otherwise good with slight haze (.) engr report (.)
 southern end SNAGS TRACK through to top of ridge on WEST side on wash
 away on 434674 (.) northern end jeepable to 422681

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FROM 26 INF BDE

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GO 476 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 111900I (.) 2/23 bn (.) following this mornings air strike on JOYCE and LIZZIE which was successful 12 pl pushed forward and reached 424689 killing 5 enemy (.) from this posn enemy engaged pl with JUKI pl withdrew to allow arty neutralize target but on moving forward following shelling enemy were found to be still in posn (.) the ridge from 429687 to 430686 had been cleared by bombing but NO approach to LIZZIE was found in this area (.) from 110910I to 111020I 48 B24s attacked 4 pin pointed targets in FUKUKAKU area (.) all bombs fell on targets indicated by mortar smoke (.) 2/24 bn (.) this morning after air strike 16 pl advanced toward SANDY and engaged the enemy at 426697 (.) the enemy were found to still be holding the posn in strength (.) C coy patrol towards SANDY killed 1 Jap (.) considerable mov was heard by a patrol at 427698 (.) C coy patrol from 421697 to 426698 on a general bearing 93 magnetic covered 500 yds on a well used track (.) sig wire ran alongside (.) 5 enemy upn pits were found and 1 enemy on track killed (.) enemy opened fire from NE and SOUTH of pits (.) patrol to JOYCE found enemy still in occupation (.) at 1835I enemy 75 mm fired 8 rds from 2 guns on D coy posns (.) NO cas (.) 2/48 bn (.) 3 booby traps were sprung in C coy area last night (.) in the morning one ground sheet and 1 fused 75 mm shell was found but NO sign of enemy (.) B coy standing patrol at 434681 returned 101915I (.) 1 jap killed by patrol (.) B coy patrol to 432683 saw 1 jap (.) standing patrol left this posn later killed 2 japs and probably killed 1 (.) patrol to LINDA was fired on by rfm from both sides of spur and from top of feature (.) estimated enemy strength 6 (.) B coy patrol found 2 drums of 29 and 34 drums of petrol at 442666 all drums except one punctured (.) at 1835I 75 mm gun fired 15 - 17 rds on 2/23 bn (.) 2 wounded in 17 pl (.) 2/4 cad sqn (.) C tp patrol engaged 5 enemy on knoll at 429724 killing 1 wounded 1 (.) during night 4 enemy infiltrated to 407726 carrying 75 mm shell and 2 shell cases filled with picric acid (.) enemy withdrew when shells failed to ignite (.) apparently intended to destroy oil tank and machinery in shed (.) line of infiltration from high ground NORTH of oilfd 410729 (.) B tp to ESSIE fired on from enemy when attempting to cross creek at 440710 and 441702 (.) patrol moved to 444716 but swamp prevented crossing (.) recce patrol to SNAKE saw fresh foot prints at 413731 and 426740 (.) track from this reference to village 426740 well used (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 9 estimated addit- ional dead 2 progressive totals 864 and 183 (.) 1 PW captured today (.) our GO471 of 101930I (.) 2/23 bn patrol reported as hearing activity and seeing jap with binoculars at 430650 (.) ref should read 430680 (.) from 091800I to 101800I 2/7 fd regt fired 345 rds in support of our tps and captured 75 mm 6 rds (.) 53 comp AA regt during same period fired 150 rds clearing fire lanes and trees on CLARICE (.) locations (.) 2/48 bn C coy pls interchanged (.) 2/23 bn A coy 405684 pls 403686 406687 412688 (.) D coy 420690 pls 414683 420690 422688 (.) otherwise NO change (.) during this morning s air strike 400 500 lb bombs were dropped and 30 x 1000 lb bombs (.) AUSTER aircraft observed successfully for air strike and carried out command flight for 2/24 bn

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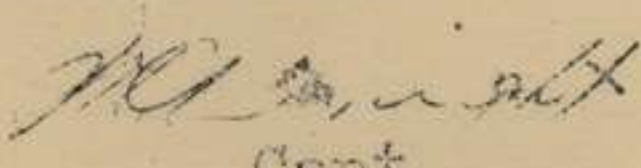
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102030I

TO : List C

GO472 (.) SECRET (.) re-visit to 101900I (.) 2/23 bn (.) at 100300I
 firing began from the direction of JOYCE and LIZZIE from 1 JUKI 2 - 3
 LMGs and rifles on MARGY 2 (.) firing was NOT accurate lasting approx
 30 mins (.) mov heard in re-entrant between MARGY and JOYCE and some
 enemy approached spur NORTH of MARGY but came no closer when grenaded
 (.) at 0325I 75mm from direction AUNTY fired 6 rds on northern slopes
 of 105 2 rds at 415685 SNAGS TRACK 1 rd on TIGER and 2 rds on AIRFIELD
 (.) B coy patrol killed 1 enemy at 423688 (.) enemy still in strength
 on JOYCE (.) C coy patrol to investigate reported 3 japs at 427681
 seen moving SOUTH located the party at 426680 killed 2 and wounded 1
 who escaped NORTH across creek (.) patrol was engaged by LMG fire from
 enemy posns (.) much activity was heard by a patrol at 430650 and 1
 jap was seen observing with binoculars (.) 2/24 bn (.) 6 - 8 enemy
 heard in front of fwd pl during night (.) at 100305I D coy observed
 5 or 6 range flares fired from 427698 (.) enemy also fired JUKI fwd
 of 17 pl during this period (.) patrol to 404690 to contact 13 pl at
 419694 made no contact with enemy (.) C coy to BEECH 2 found the posn
 still occupied (.) enemy is also still holding PETER (.) considerable
 mov by enemy was heard by patrol at 432708 (.) mortar fire was brought
 down on enemy posns (.) patrol ROGER to MELON found enemy holding
 posn in strength (.) 2/48 bn (.) at approx 100300I enemy fired 3 flares
 from track junc NORTH of TRIG 102 just before approach of EA which
 dropped flares and a bomb which fell NE of our posns on TRIG 102 (.)
 at the same time considerable enemy mov was heard to the NORTH and
 flanks of 18 pl and to the SOUTH of 9 pl on LINDA spur (.) the enemy
 fired rifles automatic rifles and LMGs (.) some tracer used (.) enemy
 appeared to move in groups of 4 on 18 pl front (.) 5 booby traps set
 off in 18 pl area and 1 in 9 pl (.) no dead enemy found in morning (.)
 patrol from MONTY to within 30 yds of top of LINDA saw one jap and
 while engaging was fired on by suspected BREN on LINDA itself (.) 17
 pl patrol 60 yds from top of LINDA on northern slope observed pillbox
 which over ed razorback approach (.) A coy patrol found footprints
 approx 5 japs in area creek junc 448700 (.) patrol set ambush in area
 but made no contact (.) voices of est 6 japs at top of small cliff
 445659 heard (.) standing patrol heard chopping 400 yds EAST of
 434684 (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) bed of fresh palm leaves was found by
 patrol at 427669 2 rice bags recently used also seen at 424674 (.)
 fresh track of one jap was found at 452668 but faded out at 453666 (.)
 D coy standing patrol moved out at 1800I to 460665 (.) 2/4 edo sgn (.)
 B tp recon patrol contacted 3 enemy 433707 wounding one (.) track from
 TRIG 76 to 433712 to 433709 good (.) patrol to northern spur of
 CHARITY were fired on from feature (.) patrol to creek junc 440713
 found suitable crossing place for mov to ESSIE (.) hostile shelling at
 1855I 15 75mm shells fell on A coy 2/48 bn (.) no cas (.) locations
 (.) no change (.) engr activity (.) SNAGS TRACK (.) jeep head northern
 end 350 yds SOUTH to MARGY (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 4 est
 additional dead nil progressive totals 855 and 181 (.) one jap was
 killed on booby trap in 2/24 bn area (.) trap set by 2/13 fd coy (.)
 AUSTER aircraft damaged while attempting to take off from BORNEO
 mainland 7 jun returned safely to base today carrying AMERICAN cor-
 viceman (.) 2/7 fd regt to 091800I fired 159 rds during the 24 hrs on
 known enemy posns in sp of our tps (.) during same period 53 comp AA
 regt fired 127 rds

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GO 476 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 1900I (.) 2/7 Fd Regt to 081800I fired
15 rds in sp of our tps (.) 3.7 AA during the same period fired 20 rds (.)
AUSTER aircraft today carried out succesful arty R in sp 2/7 Fd Regt
registration shoot (.) engr activity (.) SNAGS TRACK cleared to razor
back on SOUTH side of SUSIE (.) jeep head unaltered (.) 25 prs passed over rd
to MARGY (.) repairs made to br at 405694 on rd AIRSTRIP - DJOEATA (.) Bn
areas all booby traps checked (.) 2/23 bn (.) patrol to PADDY heard voices
and mov in that area (.) recce patrols to the southern slopes of MARGY
killed 2 enemy (.) papers taken from bodies (.) MMG at 426685 covering LIZZIE
killed 2 japs and probably killed another 2 (.) 12 pl reached 424688 killing
3 japs (.) patrol to 424688 probably killed 3 (.) two 25 prs today gave direct
fire on to JOYCE (.) 2/24 bn (.) at 1500I a jap approached B coy waving a
surrender leaflet and was taken PW (.) PW who had been wounded 3 days
previously was a civilian formerly employed in TARAKAN (.) one jap killed
on booby trap 431708 today (.) C coy patrol to area 421696 found suspected
water pt (.) on approach of patrol 3 drum beats were heard (.) patrol with
drew and later returned when 3 beats were repeated (.) apparently warning to
enemy on BEECH 2 (.) 2/48 bn (.) standing patrols at 441591 433682 and
NORTH and SOUTH of MONTY made NO contact with enemy (.) D. coy patrol along
KINGS TRACK WEST to 449685 NE up spur to LAURA NOT yet returned (.)
patrol 2 coy 1 bn NEI Inf from HOPEFUL LANKY MICHAEL and PATRICK
reported D coy 2/48 bn on LAURA this morning (.) patrol found 1 dead jap
500 yds NE of LAURA (.) 2/4 cdo sqn (.) B tp this afternoon occupied TRIG 76
(.) japs fled from posn on approach of our tps (.) found on the feature
were 65 bags of rice 28 cases of amm 19 cases tinned food 2 DUTCH mines 12
75 mm shells and 1 x 44 gal drum (.) patrol NORTH from TRIG 76 found well
defined track to ck 431713 NOT used during past 24 hrs (.) patrol SOUTH
from feature to 434709 made NO contact (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) patrol found 2 sets
jap foot prints recently made at 465671 (.) patrols to FINCH SYKES and BUTCH
areas made NO contact (.) LCM patrol craft picked up INDONESIAN ex PW at
342720 today (.) during night 8/9 jun 9 grenades and some fire heard by 2/24
bn heard in FUKUKAKU area (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 10 estimated
additional dead 6 progressive totals 851 and 181 (.) locations (.) only
changes 2/48 bn A coy pl 440691 (.) 2/4 Cdo Sqn B tp now at TRIG 76

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082030I

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GO464 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 081900I (.) 2/7 fd regt to 071800I
 fired 362 rounds during the 24 hrs on NELLY Jap HQ area FAITH CHARITY
 PETER AUNTY UNCLE BEECH 2 enemy snipers and suspected 75mm (.) 40 rds
 were fired by captured 75mm during same period (.) engr activity (.)
 SNAGS TRACK following by rain last night is now open to ELBOW to jeeps
 (.) considerable booby trapping has been carried out by 2/13 fd coy in
 bn areas (.) 1 AUSTER aircraft today made successful return flight from
 BORNEO mainland to TARAKAN (.) a daily 24 hr LCM armed patrol commenced
 ops in the BATAGAN STRAIT at 1800I 7 jun 45 (.) the patrol will investi-
 gate all types of craft moving from the direction of CAPE DJOBATA in
 order to prevent enemy escaping to the adjacent islands and the BORNEO
 mainland (.) 2/23 bn (.) A coy patrol to MAJOR and PATTY report no enemy
 mov (.) further a coy patrol from API to 401683 NW to 497687 made no
 contact with enemy (.) B coy attacked and captured MARGY 2 (.) enemy
 withdrew from feature leaving 4 dead possible killed by captured 75mm
 (.) own cas nil (.) extensive patrolling to following areas but no mov
 seen (.) ZEBRA and TIGER (.) 429681 SOUTH down creek to 430680 (.)
 decoy patrols to BEECH (.) to CRAZY RIDGE (.) 2/24 bn (.) C coy standing
 patrol at 419694 engaged 5 enemy at 421694 results not known (.) D coy
 patrol from 427699 reported enemy in strength in strong def posns at
 425699 (.) 2/48 bn (.) tps on FREDA reported sounds of chopping on
 MARGY 2 this morning before successful 2/23 bn attack (.) patrol to
 foot of LINDA spur 438684 heard much noise and chopping (.) sec A coy
 returning from 16 pl sighted 3 Japs setting ambush in creek 441691 (.)
 sec engaged killing 1 remaining 2 withdrew rapidly (.) 16 pl following
 in rear killed remaining 2 attempting to move NORTH to WALLY (.) 18 pl
 relieved 16 pl on LINDA spur (.) 2/4 cdo sqn (.) a tp patrol found
 enemy footprints leading SOUTH on track at 433713 (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.)
 A coy patrol to FLUTE thence 449677 to 445677 to FLUTE no mov seen (.)
 hostile shelling report (.) 18 75mm shells incl 2 duds fell on 102
 feature at approx 1845I (.) own cas 2/48 bn a coy 1 wounded (.) sound
 bearing not known (.) total enemy cas for day counted dead 12 estimated
 additional dead nil progressive total 841 and 175 (.) second AUSTER
 slightly damaged remaining on BORNEO mainland until material for
 repairs can be taken in 9 jun 45 (.) locations (.) unchanged except for
 following (.) 2/24 bn (.) A coy 394720 pls 405692 408717 C 421696 pls
 419694 421699 D 421703 pls 425699 425698 (.) 2/48 bn (.) B coy 432674
 pls 431674 429674 C 441665 (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) 3 pl TARAKAN HILL (.) 2
 coy 1 bn NEI inf (.) HQ 488654 2 pls 463714

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GO460 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 071900I (.) 2/23 bn (.) one flare on bearing 280 degrees magnetic seen at 062030I from 424684 (.) 2 dead Japs found 15 pl area 427679 (.) patrol to ESSEX made no contact with enemy nor were signs of enemy activity visible on PATTY or MAJOR (.) patrol however observed much enemy activity on ridge 429686 and chopping was heard at 429683 (.) 12 platoon patrol found approaches to enemy positions 424689 steep and heavily timbered (.) 6 explosions heard FUKUKAKU area approx 1620I (.) B coy mortared 426682 where considerable enemy activity had been observed by a patrol (.) 10 to 12 Japs seen on track 428688 at 1800I one killed 2 probables (.) 2/24 bn (.) D coy patrol found the enemy occupying same positions on PADDY feature (.) patrol to MELON heard chopping talking and digging in reentrant leading to feature (.) 1 Jap probably killed on PADDY (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) NO enemy mov seen today in FLUTE or MYRNA areas (.) at 1215I 1 officer 15 ORs left in LCM to intercept party of presumed Japs on raft NORTH of SADAU island (.) party proved to be 12 INDONESIAN PWs who had escaped from Jap HQ (.) 2/4 cdo sqn (.) patrol to TRIG 76 were fired on by three rifm at 429711 from considered outpost positions (.) fire also encountered from spur on right flank (.) patrol engaged enemy own cas 1 wounded enemy NOT known (.) recce to NORTH and NE of BRUTE found no signs of enemy (.) ambush set at 433713 but NO contact made (.) 2/48 bn (.) A coy patrol at 441692 found sheer cliff face with enemy in posn on top (.) enemy attempted outflanking move but patrol returned to avoid confusion with 16 pl listening post 440690 (.) enemy in occupation of LINDA called out to rear post on approach of our patrol (.) fwd slopes of NELLY engaged with MMG fire two in mortar and arty (.) at 1610I sup train to 102 engaged 2 japs at 446688 enemy withdrew (.) one engr wounded C coy area laying booby traps (.) 2/13 fd coy recce party to PENINGKI reported recent signs of six to eight enemy footprints approx 24 hrs old near gun posns 452602 (.) jeep head northern end SNAGS TRACK now 350 yds past turn off to MARGY (.) jeep head southern end now at 434674 (.) jeep head TONYs TRACK now 1000 yds from 409718 on 90 feature (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 2 estimated additional dead 5 (.) progressive totals 829 and 175 (.) totals for dead and estimated dead in last nights revsit GO457 should read 827 and 170 (.) AUSTER aircraft made two sorties to BORNEO mainland on rescue operations aircraft arrived landing ground 1030I today (.) attempted to take off 1139I but failed (.) remaining there tonight and expect to return tomorrow (.) 2/7 fd regt to 061800I fired 465 rds during the 24 hrs on NELLY CLARICE ROGER SANDY CHARITY and enemy 75 mm gun (.) 53 comp AA Regt during same period fired 516 rds on Jap HQ area NELLY and WALLY (.) captured 75 mm gun 150 rds in sp 2/23 bn (.) locations (.) 2/23 bn Tac 406682 (.) A coy 405684 pls 403686 405687 404688 (.) B 422683 pls 426685 426684 423683 (.) C 425679 pls 423680 427680 425679 (.) D 414684 pls 412688 408688 414635 (.) 2/24 bn (.) no change (.) 2/48 bn Tac 442659 (.) A coy TRIG 102 (.) B GALAH pls OSTRICH 430674 (.) C 442664 pls 446684 441679 442664 (.) D 447691 two pls 440690 (.) 2/3 pnr bn Tac 443648 (.) A coy FLUTE pls SUSIE AGNES (.) B 424637 (.) C WILLS pls FRANK and STURT (.) D 443649 pl 470654 (.) 2/4 cdo sqn B and C tps 408724 (.) A tp BLUSH

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062100I

TO : List C

GO457 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 061900I (.) 2/23 bn (.) patrol 12 pl heard enemy mov and rattling of dixies at 426686 (.) hy undergrowth prevented observation (.) Jap foxholes and 1 shovel found at 405684 (.) did not appear to have been occupied for 2 days (.) B coy 2/23 bn harassed enemy today at 427683 with mortar MMG 2 pr tka and 75mm fire (.) 1 dead Jap 6 LMG barrels 3 JUKI springs and 4 barrels found on 105 feature in tunnel (.) no mov seen in RIPPON or MAJOR areas today (.) D coy 2/2 MG bn killed 1 Jap in 2/23 bn area today (.) 2/48 bn (.) D coy patrol reached foot of LINDA feature on northern side and found posn still occupied (.) 16 pl now dug in at 441690 (.) 3 Japs approached the posn this afternoon and were killed (.) papers including marked map were taken from body of 1 dead Jap rank 2/Lt (.) all Japs carried explosives dried fish and salt (.) a further Jap from the direction of WALLY was probably killed (.) party of 6 later moved down track and moved smartly into bush when fired on (.) cas unknown (.) patrol approached to within 20 yds of top of LINDA and were fired on by LMG (.) enemy cas for day 7 counted dead 2 probables (.) 2/24 bn (.) following air strike this morning by 12 B24s carrying 122 250 GP bombs on SANDY pl of D coy attacked and cleared ROGER feature 425698 (.) 1 pl exploiting along DUTCH track to SW reached 424697 coming under LMG and rifle fire from 423696 (.) another pl patrolling NE contacted enemy on PADDY feature 427698 (.) enemy cas 8 killed 1 probable (.) other patrols established enemy still in posn on BEECH 2 PETER and CHARITY (.) enemy 75mm fired on D coy today (.) devastating effect of hy bombing was obvious in area struck by B24s today 80% of bombs all fell in target area (.) 2/4 cdo sqn (.) A tp ambushed enemy party at 432714 killing 1 and suffering 1 killed themselves (.) patrol from cdo heard considerable mov near creek 432713 (.) 38 bags of rice and haversacks containing 75mm shells were found in area (.) B tp were fired on by 2 enemy from 437717 (.) B tp patrol brought in 1 NEI PW who escaped from Jap HQ night 3/4 jun (.) AUSTER aircraft today attacked Jap HQ with screaming bombs made from beer bottles previously emptied by pilot (.) enemy reaction not known (.) AUSTERS also observed for air strike (.) to 051800I 2/7 fd regt had fired 394 rounds (.) targets during 24 hrs were CHARITY NELLY and other registered enemy posns (.) during same period 75mm fired 25 rounds in sp of 2/23 bn (.) engr activity SNAGS TRACK (.) jeep head now 200 yds past turnoff to MARGY (.) rd DJOEATA - AIRFD (.) filling of craters and drainage (.) enemy cas for day 18 counted dead 4 estimated additional dead progressive totals 817 and 110 (.) locations (.) only changes 2/24 bn D coy 423703 pls 423697 425698 425698 (.) 2/48 bn D coy 447691 2 pls 440690

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FROM 26 INF BDN

052100I

TO LIST 0

GO 448 (.) SECRET (.) revisit to 051900I (.) B/4 cdo sgn (.) A tp IN attempt patrol to ESSIE held up at swamp 444715 (.) patrol returned to BRIDE (.) B tp patrol have reached approx 449743 NO mov seen (.) C tp patrol to HOOKY NO mov seen (.) 2/23 bn (.) enemy fired 2 shells 75 mm at 1200I on 105 feature NO cas (.) contact patrol from 105 to BEECH SAW NO enemy mov (.) C coy patrol found one set of Jap tracks at 423681 (.) patrol followed tracks along side creek to 426684 where they turned NORTH in direction of enemy positions 427683 (.) D coy patrol from 402686 to MAJOR thence SE to RIPPON NO mov seen (.) further D coy patrol from 404691 to barracks at 398693 thence SOUTH to track at 395687 thence EAST to ANZAC HIGHWAY NO mov seen (.) B coy patrol from 426685 to 428686 to observe Jap L of C area thence NW along creek to 422687 thence along ridge SOUTH to 423685 thence EAST to platoon position (.) results of patrol not yet known (.) 2/24 bn (.) D coy platoon moved forward on completion of air strike to probe enemy positions (.) enemy still in occupation in strength (.) 6 enemy mortar bombs fired from direction ROVER fell in area D coy 422703 cas NIL (.) B coy patrol from 428703 to 426704 to 428703 followed old track along razor back ridge NO mov seen (.) 2/48 bn (.) D coy patrol set ambush 50 yds from track junction 440691 (.) 4 japs sighted on spur vicinity 441690 but did NOT enter ambush (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) D coy patrol from 470654 to 472656 to 470660 to HELLEN to 470654 made NO contact (.) A coy patrol to FLUTE DORRY then NE to BUCKS thence NORTH to 473683 thence EAST to 476682 NO mov seen (.) track to 476682 well defined but has not been used recently (.) enemy cas 24 hrs to 051900I NIL (.) progressive totals 809 and 166 (.) air strike (.) at 1110I 12 B24s with bomb load of 192 x 250 lbs on western end PADDY feature 424697 (.) result all bombs overshoot target pin pointed by smoke by 50 to 300 yds line was excellent (.) AUSTERS made three sorties (.) one (.) observation for air strike (.) two (.) comd flt recce B/24 bn area pamphlets dropped FUKUKAKU area (.) third (.) contact recce with B tp 2/4 cdo sgn NOT successful as fluorescent panel could not be located on second run (.) 2/7 fd regt fired 364 shells on 6 targets (.) captured 75 mm gun fired 61 shells in sp B coy 2/23 bn (.) TARAKAN rainfall period 13/31 May 280 points (.) engr report (.) SNAGE TRACK (.) dozer still in by cutting at 436673 at northern end tks passed through to MARGY (.) target date for completion airfield now 10 days (.) total NEI army personnel ex PW reported in to this HQ now 350 (.) our offer to Jap HQ for the handing over of their wounded apparently rejected as their med offr envoy and escort did NOT keep appointment (.) locations (.) 2/23 bn Tac 406682 (.) A coy 404674 pls 404679 405671 (.) B coy 422683 pls 426685 426684 424685 (.) C coy 425679 pls 423680 427680 (.) D coy 414684 pls 415685 408684 414685 (.) Tk A pl 423688 (.) 2/24 bn Tac 400717 (.) A coy 395720 (.) MB coy 427706 pls 425707 428706 423707 (.) C coy 421697 pls 422697 421696 420703 (.) D coy 423703 pls 424703 421703 422703 (.) 2/48 bn Tac 442659 (.) A coy 102 (.) B coy 443658 (.) C coy OSSIE pl 445684 (.) D coy 447691 pl 450690 (.) Tk A pl SUSIE (.) MMG and pnr pls FREDA (.) Mortar pl AGNES (.) 2/4 cdo sgn Tac and B tp 408724 (.) A tp BRIDE (.) C tp LOYAL (.) 2/3 pnr bn Tac 443646 (.) A coy FLUTE pl AGNES (.) B coy 424637 (.) C coy 408723 (.) D coy 443649 pl 470654 (.) 2/2 MG bn D coy Tac 428653 pls 102 POKER 2 423687 (.) 2 coy 1 bn NEI Inf barracks at AMAL

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FROM : 26 INF BDE

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TO : List C

GO442 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 041900I (.) 2/23 bn (.) at 040100I enemy threw grenades on 10 pl B coy killing 1 OR (.) captured 75mm gun engaged enemy posns at 427684 (.) contact patrol from 105 feature to BEECH report that old unused 2/24 bn sig cable had had 150 yds cut out recently (.) sec 10 pl patrolling enemy defs were fired on from bunker 427684 (.) own cas 1 killed 1 wounded (.) 15 pl patrol to swamp area NORTH of RIPPON found 1 set of Jap footprints at 397679 and again at 394679 leading SOUTH into swamp (.) patrol was not able to follow track owing to terrain (.) 11 pl patrol moved to investigate chopping heard during night 3/4 jun at 426683 made no contact (.) Jap 75mm fired 5 shells in direction of TRIG 105 (.) shells fell 200 yds short of feature (.) sound bearing from 105 60° magnetic (.) 2/24 bn (.) today a total of 37 INDONESIAN PsW held by Jap in Hq area escaped to 2/24 bn lines (.) PsW had planned escape and left Jap area during night (.) 2/48 bn (.) following the air strike on WALLY this morning by 12 B24s each carrying 12 250 prs pl of A coy pushed fwd to determine whether enemy still held posn (.) approach to feature was difficult owing to fallen timber in area as result of bombing arty and mortar fire (.) mov to flanks was impossible (.) pl approached track junc to NELLY and LINDA at 443693 where fwd tps were engaged by LMG and rifle fire from posns in this area (.) one enemy killed (.) patrol returned and enemy posns were mortared (.) patrol then worked round flanks and cut track at approx 441690 (.) no enemy were seen but fresh footprints were obvious (.) tonight at last light 2 enemy were seen on NELLY and engaged by VICKERS (.) one killed (.) D coy patrol contacted enemy standing patrol or ambush at 427683 (.) no cas patrol or enemy (.) 2/4 cdo sqn (.) A tp patrol from BRIDE contacted small enemy parties at 437709 438710 434711 438713 and 435716 (.) one enemy killed 437709 (.) dead Jap searched and one BRITISH liquid compass one SAVAGE .32 revolver one rifle and pr small fieldglasses found on body (.) in area 7 haversacks containing 5 75mm shells were found (.) one Jap fired on by patrol jumped into bushes and threw 2 grenades but could not be found (.) chopping and voices were heard in area 437706 to TRIG 76 (.) footprints 3 enemy seen leading NORTH on track from 435 716 (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) patrol to FLUTE DORRY and FLORRIE saw no signs of enemy activity (.) today AUSTER aircraft observed for strike on WALLY and later dropped pamphlets on Jap Hq area (.) enemy cas for day 3 counted dead one estimated additional dead progressive totals 809 and 166 (.) locations (.) only changes 2/23 bn B coy 423688 pls 426685 426684 424685 (.) D 414684 pls 415685 408684 414685 (.) 2/4 cdo sqn B tp 408724 one sec 430727 (.) during the entire operation extremely valuable sp has been given by D-coy 2/2 MG bn (.) the coy has assisted attacks on TARAKAN HILL OTWAY FLUTE the ELBOW feature MARGY POKER 2 and 3 and 102 (.) valuable harassing fire has been given on SNAGS TRACK and onto the Hq area of enemy forces (.) one B24 today dropped its bombs on CHARITY

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FROM : 26 INF BDE

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TO : List C

G0438 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 031900I (.) ANSTER aircraft observed this morning for air strike on NELLY feature (.) SNAGS TRACK from ELBOW to 421684 has been made jeepable and tankable by 2/13 Aust Fd Coy (.) 2/23 bn (.) 75mm gun used by unit fired several misfires today (.) gun overhauled and again in use (.) small enemy patrols were active in front of bn posn during night (.) mov engaged by fire (.) A coy pl observed 3 Japs at 429687 moving into possible tunnel (.) considerable noise and moaning was heard and patrol considered posn possible med centre (.) enemy str in this area est one pl (.) C coy patrol from 403686 WNW to PATTY then to MAJOR found all tracks in area unused (.) a patrol NORTH from RIPPON searched general area and found 9 roughly made beds at 401682 3 to 4 days old (.) 3 fresh sets of Jap footprints two going NW and one SOUTH seen at 402686 (.) 2/24 bn (.) B coy patrol 425706 in SE direction then from same posn 425706 SW along track saw no enemy (.) mortar pl today saw one Jap on track at 422711 Jap escaped towards 76 feature 429717 along track (.) tracks of second Jap seen in same area (.) B coy patrol to CHARITY could not cross creek at 429704 (.) Japs attacked stretcher bearers at rear of patrol but inflicted no cas (.) A coy killed one Jap at 0730 in coy area carrying mortar bombs fuzes rifles and rations (.) enemy who at last light on 2 jum were still resisting on POKER 2 were subsequently driven from the feature and 16 pl occupied the posn this morning (.) 2/48 bn (.) following air strike this morning by 18 B25s on target SOUTH of NELLY 442692 A coy advanced from TRIG 102 down western slopes then to NELLY track junc 442691 (.) bombing and NAPALM dropped by P38s had not effectively neutralised enemy who still held posn in strength (.) 15 pl moving along AGNES to LAURA ran into Jap ambush this morning (.) own cas nil enemy one killed (.) mortar wire party from mortar pl to AGNES ambushed 200 yds from feature cas enemy one believed killed own 2 wounded (.) D coy patrol from FREDA to AGNES through 15 pl new posn on LINDA contacted enemy approx 443685 enemy has strong posts in this posn (.) patrol attacked outpost and killed one probably another own cas nil (.) this posn mortared from AGNES with 27 HL bombs (.) 2/4 cdo sqn (.) A tp at 0815I ambushed party of enemy at 436715 killing 3 Japs own cas nil (.) A tp recce patrol from BRIDE to 436715 saw no enemy mov (.) C tp patrol from 381791 to 391779 to 383781 made no contact with enemy (.) subsequent search during afternoon of Japs who were killed in ambush found boots and eqpt had been stripped from enemy dead (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) A coy patrol from FLUTE to MARIE 457679 saw no signs of enemy mov (.) patrol from ESME along KINGS TRACK to 4 57680 made no contact with enemy (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 10 estimated additional dead 2 totals 806 and 165 (.) enemy 75mm gun engaged POKER 3 and BEECH between 1855I and 1920I tonight (.) to date no cas reported (.) gun appears to be firing from AUNTY (.) locations (.) 2/23 bn tac HQ 406682 (.) A coy 423679 pls 424680 427680 B 422683 pls 426685 428684 424685 C 404671 pls 404679 405671 D 414684 pls 415685 408684 414 685 (.) 2/24 bn tac HQ 400717 (.) A coy 395720 B 427706 pls 425707 428706 423707 C 421697 pls 422697 421696 421699 D 422704 pls 426698 426699 422703 (.) 2/48 bn tac HQ 443659 (.) A coy TRIG 102 B 443658 C OSSIE pl 445684 D FREDA pl 440656 (.) tka SUSIE (.) 2/3 pnr bn tac HQ 443648 (.) A coy FLUTE pl AGNES B 424637 C 443649 pl 436662 D TARRAN HILL pl 470654 (.) 2/4 cdo sqn HQ and B tp 408724 A BRIDE C LOYAL (.) 2 coy 1 bn NMI inf 488654

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FROM : 26 INF BDE

TO : LIST C

G0434 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 021900I (.) 2/24 bn (.) following air strike by 17 B24s dropping 102 1000 pound bombs on POKER 2 and 3 A coy attacked the feature and captured enemy positions after hard fighting 11 enemy dead were counted and more probably remain in the numerous tunnels in the area (.) own cas 1 killed and 17 wounded (.) 1 JUKI was captured on feature (.) by last light D coy had surrounded POKER 2 and were attacking the feature where the enemy were resisting with two LMGs rifles and grenades including fused 75 mm shells (.) 2/48 bn (.) A coy relieved B coy on TRIG 102 today (.) B coy this morning exploited along ridge to WEST of 102 and came under LMG fire from 441692 own cas 1 killed (.) enemy cas not known (.) patrol this afternoon cut track behind this enemy position and observed ten armed Japs moving towards LINDA (.) C coy patrol moved NW along spur leading to LINDA and at 443686 came under fire from enemy outpost (.) own cas one wounded (.) native carrying party for A coy via AGNES was ambushed after crossing first creek at 445684 (.) enemy fired from front of native train and later from NORTH flank (.) own cas 1 killed 1 wounded (.) Native cas 1 wounded enemy NOT known (.) stores later taken up by C coy pl (.) 2/23 bn (.) B coy advanced EAST this morning from MARGY and captured the knoll at 426685 (.) enemy opposition is now coming from spur 427684 to knoll 427683 (.) enemy in this position are in strength with three LMGs one JUKI and one OSMG (.) B coy at present in contact with enemy in this area (.) 7 pl patrol NE along spur from 425689 thence along creek to 429681 to 427680 along SNAGS TRACK to pl area made no contact with enemy (.) 9 pl patrolled down to SYLVIA reported four sets of Jap foot prints seen (.) area searched from SYLVIA to village 420665 but no enemy were seen (.) cas for day 3 enemy counted dead own 2 wounded (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) A coy patrol from FLUTE found dugout for approx eight men at 451672 (.) one set of foot prints recently made led from dug out in NW direction (.) D coy patrol from 470654 EAST along JOHNS TRACK to mouth of AMAL NORTH to 496675 saw no enemy (.) 2/4 cdo sqn (.) C tp patrol last reported at 382794 moving SOUTH and WEST to spur 382789 (.) recce patrol from BRIDE moved to 439717 up spur 438719 (.) a well defined track on bearing of 325 degrees led from this point (.) track apparently had been used by eight to ten enemy moving NORTH (.) at 438719 a recently beheaded native was found still bleeding (.) native appeared to have been killed within one hour of patrols arrival (.) patrol returned to BRIDE (.) 2 Coy 1 Bn NEI Inf found dead jap at DINGO (.) two former DUTCH NEI Psw and two natives were captured yesterday (.) total enemy cas for day 15 counted dead 1 estimated additional dead (.) progressive total 796 and 163 (.) engrs destroyed numerous tunnels in 2/23 and 2/24 bn areas today (.) AUSTER aircraft assisted in this mornings air strike (.) locations (.) 2/23 bn Tac HQ 406682 (.) A coy 425679 pls 424680 427680 (.) B 422683 pls 426685 426687 424685 (.) C 404671 pls 403678 405671 (.) D 414684 pls 415685 404684 414685 (.) 2/24 bn Tac HQ 400717 (.) A coy POKER 3 (.) B 427706 pls 425707 428706 423707 (.) C 421697 pls 422697 421696 421699 (.) D 418702 pls 424702 420706 418702 (.) 2/48 Bn Tac HQ 443659 (.) A coy FRIG 102 (.) B 443658 (.) C OSSIE (.) D FREDA pl 440656 (.) 2/4 cdo sqn HQ A and B tps 408724 (.) C tp LOYAL (.) 2/3 pnr bn unchanged

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G0429 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 011900I (.) 2/23 bn (.) B coy relieved D
coy on MARGY this afternoon (.) patrol to ESSEX to investigate report of
infiltrating enemy in that area report no signs of enemy on feature (.)
MARGY TWO still held by enemy from 426685 SE to 427683 (.) LMGs and rifles
covering approaches from NORTH and SOUTH (.) A coy pl pushing up spur
came under hy fire from 426684 and were forced to withdraw (.) 7 pl patrol
from 422683 SE along spur to 425681 across creek and up spur to pl posn
425680 saw no enemy (.) 15 to 20 fighting pits found not occupied but
signs of occupation during night 31 may/1 Jun (.) 13 pl patrol via track
RIPPON - MT API killed 1 Jap and wounded another who committed suicide (.)
many enemy killed this morning in tunnels on MARGY (.) enemy cas for day
counted dead 45 estimated additional dead 2 own 2 killed (.) eqpt captured
on MARGY 2 LEWIS type LMG six MELJI rifles four DUTCH rifles (.) on TIGER
1 81mm mortar and 1 LEWIS type LMG (.) 2/48 bn (.) following air strike
by 20 B24s each carrying 9 500 lb bombs and 24 P38s dropping NAPAIM and
strafing B coy attacked 102 feature and by 1848I had occupied posn and
exploited 300 yds WEST (.) coy digging in (.) enemy killed today 10 (.)
count not final (.) own cas nil (.) D coy patrol from coy area to 436683
contacted Jap standing patrol str 6 astride track (.) withdrew WEST at
434683 saw 1 Jap who moved into pillbox 70 yds NORTH of this posn (.) this
pillbox not constructed 2 days ago (.) chopping heard in area (.) patrol
did not hear activity on CLARICE heard by previous patrols (.) C coy
patrol to OTWAY to investigate footprints found no enemy (.) track recce
by 1 Offr 12 ORs contacted Jap patrol str 12 at 444684 cas own nil enemy
2 killed 1 wounded (.) 1 US OSMG No 42443 recaptured (.) mags filled with
blunt nosed DUTCH amm made in 1930 (.) 2/4 cdo sqn (.) C tp patrol to
DJOBATA village reported no enemy seen (.) 2 na tives ex FSW captured
vicinity 379797 proved to be members of parties fired on this morning by
sec on LOYAL (.) patrol to OSTRICH reported fresh footprints of 1 enemy
from 429678 to 432672 where footprints were lost (.) during last night
31 may/1 jun 1 Jap was killed on booby traps in LOYAL area (.) 2/3 pnr
bn (.) patrol from A coy posns on FLUTE followed blood stains of previously
reported wounded enemy (.) patrol found recently used bivouac area for
approx 10 men at 450674 (.) bloodstained shirt belt and signet ring found
but no trace of enemy (.) 5 Psw who escaped from TARAkan on 27 may were
picked up by natives at BEBATOE on BORNEO mainland 31 may (.) PVT boats
collected prisoners from BEBATOE today (.) total enemy cas for day
counted dead 69 estimated additional dead 1 totals 781 and 162 (.) Psw
for today 7 total 32 (.) locations (.) 2/23 bn tac HQ 406682 (.) A coy
425679 pls 424680 427680 B 421683 pls 422686 423684 422685 C 404671 pls
403678 405671 D 414684 pls 415685 405684 414685 (.) 2/24 bn tac HQ 400717
(.) A coy 422697 pls 421696 421697 422697 B 422708 pls 425707 422714
422701 C 395720 D 418702 pls 427704 420706 419702 (.) 2/48 bn tac HQ
443659 (.) A coy 441669 B 102 feature C 443657 D FREDA (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.)
unchanged (.) 2/4 cdo sqn HQ 408724 (.) A tp with HQ B SUSIE C 377793 (.)
during last night party of 12 Japs infiltrated into airfield area (.)
enemy threw 2 grenades in ACS wksp near RIPPON (.) 6 Japs were killed in
the area and today 4 further Japs have been killed and 1 taken PW (.) 3
Japs infiltrated down southern slopes of STURT towards RAAF camp at approx
312330I (.) 1 was revealed in light of SL and killed

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30 Jun 45

26 AUST INF BDE INTERREP 43

(From Infa to 301800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

See (a) SITREPS
(b) Operational Reports

2. PW CAPTURED

- 5 Ja
- (a) At 290600I our LCM patrol encountered a raft at 362815 with 3 Japs on board, 3 were killed and 2 taken PW.
 - (b) An LCM patrol picked up 1 Jap at 515790.
 - (c) At 291200I natives brought in 1 Jap captured on FANNY ISLAND, and reported the presence of 5 others on the island.
 - (d) 291045I LCM captured 1 Jap who surrendered at Cape DJORATA.
 - (e) One of our patrols at 505706 found 2 sets of Jap footprints leading NORTH. Patrol followed these tracks to 504734 where they saw 2 Japs. While they were searching for the Japs, 4 Ambonese approached with white flags, and led the patrol to where the 2 Japs were hiding. One Jap was wounded and both were captured.
 - (f) Just after midnight night 29/30 Jun a PT boat 1 1/2 miles NE of TARAKAN ISLAND picked up a raft by radar. The raft was illuminated by searchlights and Japs abandoned the raft. 3 Japs were killed and 4 taken PW.
 - (g) ~~One Jap captured by natives on BOENJAE ISLAND, was picked up by PT boat.~~
 - (h) 2/23 Bn found one Jap in very weak condition at approx 434701. Another patrol to MALA River found a Jap lying in water, also very weak. No details are available.
 - (i) This afternoon our patrol craft picked up 2 Japs who were waving white flags at 507742.

This makes a total of 16 PW in 2 days, and with an aggregate of 112. Preliminary Interrogation Reports Nos 70 to 75 incl are att to this Report.

3. ENEMY METHODS

The orders for the final assault on the brach maintenance area at LABUAN ISLAND on night 20/21 Jun have been captured, and the following translation appears in 9 Aust Div Int Summary No 1 :-

" PENETRATION ORDER

1. The force will execute its last assault from the direction of weapon unit barracks and force guard post.
2. Allocation of units :-
First Assault Unit : Capt OKUYAMA,
HQ, YANAGI Unit, 3 Coy, 4 Coy, MP Unit,
Working Unit, Intendance Det, Ord Det, SAKAI Unit, First Coy, Weapons Unit.
3. The First Assault Unit will break through the enemy lines from the Guard Force Post, and will carry out the final attack with the harbour area as the objective.
4. The Second Assault Unit will break through the enemy lines from vic of Guard Unit barracks, passing in vic Navy OKAI Unit barracks and from the area EAST of the airfield will adv to the harbour area.
5. Those who are seriously wounded will dedicate themselves, and those who are slightly wounded will complete their spiritual training and remain in the posn inflicting as many cas as possible.

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ENEMY METHODS (Cont)

6. Time of assembly and sortie -

Tomorrow 20 Jun
Various assault units
Complete assembly - 2200 hrs.
Leave the raid area - 2210 hrs.

OKUYAMA

"

4. ENEMY CAS (For 48 hrs ending 301900I)

Counted Dead

Estimated Additional Killed

RW

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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS - TRANSLATION REPORT No. 32

BATCH No. 332

Documents captured TARAKAN area 29 Jun '45.

Item 1

Loose handwritten sheet headed 'From Comdr' and dated 19 Jun '45.

Full translation:

Lt (jg) MIYACHI will combine and command the NISHIMURA MURANAKA and TAKAHASHI Pls.

Crest line NE of YOSHINAGA Unit will be the strong point, and guerilla warfare will be conducted from this posn.

Item 2

Loose undated handwritten sheet addressed from Lt(jg) MIYACHI to Lt(jg) NISHIMURA.

Full translation:

1. Commencing 19 Jun, the NISHIMURA, MURANAKA, and TAKAHASHI Units will come under my command.

2. Guerilla warfare will be conducted. The vicinity of our present posn will be the strong commando posn. Depending upon the situation, we will proceed South in the future.

3. Each unit will conduct movement as an independent pl. Under all possible conditions, mutual liaison and support will be carried out.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 71

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T.98.
Name	IGUCHI, Takeshi.
Rank	Civ.
Unit	NIPPON Oil Industry Co.
Where captured	Off Cape DJOEATA.
When	" 29 Jun '45
By whom	" LCM Patrol.
Civil occupation	Machinist.

2. HISTORY

PW arrived in TARAKAN in Oct '44. He worked in the 101 Fuel Depot workshops at LINGKAS until the landing, and then was sent to FUKUKAKU. He was later sent to the MATSUMOTO Unit near 102 and was with them on the 14th of Jun when they evacuated towards AMAL. When they neared the BINALATOENG River, the unit separated into three parties, PW going the a party of 10 incl 1/Lt. MATSUMOTO. Further along the river, the party separated again and PW this time reached the coast near the river mouth with five others, on 23 Jun. They were on the beach for five days during which time one of them decided to return to the hills. The remaining five left the coast on a big tree trunk, but four of them returned to the beach. PW drifted on this log around the coast and was picked up this morning off Cape DJOEATA.

3. 101 Fuel Depot.

PW arrived in TARAKAN with oil machinery for the 101 Fuel Depot. His job here was to look after the machinery and maintain it.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 70

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 97.
Name	TENNO, Kozo.
Rank	Civ. (Tech Lt (sg))
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Where captured	Near TIBI Is.
When	29 Jun '45.
By whom	LCM Patrol.
Civil occupation	Oil engineer.

PW No.	JA-T 99.
Name	MIYATA, Genji.
Rank	Civ.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Civil occupation	Labourer.

2. HISTORY

Both PsW arrived in TARAKAN late '44. Upon arrival PW No. 99 was immediately sent to BOENJOE Is to work on the oil field. He was later followed by PW No. 97 in Feb '45. They returned to TARAKAN on the 26th of April, and after the landing, were sent to FUKUKAKU. They evacuated with three others on 14 Jun making their way to 90 feature, skirted round 88 and finally reached 77 feature. From here they made their way to the coast following the Maia River portway, and then went through the swamps. They reached the coast on the 27th and built a raft. They left the coast at 0100 hrs this morning, and drifted East, and then NW towards TIBI Is. They were sighted at 0500 hrs and fired upon by the MLC. Two men were killed by MG fire, and another by the MLC screws.

3. BOENJOE OIL FIELD

In mid '44, the 101 Fuel Depot sent some of its personnel to BOENJOE to construct an oil well. Up to April '45 the well was not completed although they had managed to produce gas. When the 101 personnel left to return to TARAKAN, some machinery were destroyed with hammers and crow-bars, but the rest left intact as they had no time to destroy all of it.

Prisoners stated that they planned on producing 10 tons of oil per day from the well, also they had planned to build a gasoline refinery after the completion of the well.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 72

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 80
Name	TANAKA, Kenji.
Rank	Lt (sg).
Unit	Paymaster Sec, 2 Guard Unit.
Where captured	Near SELAJANG River.
When	" 27 Jun '45.
By whom	" LCM Patrol.
Civil occupation	Student.

2. BIOGRAPHY

PW arrived at TARAKAN on 29 Mar '43 from SHANGHAI where he was working in the Naval Intendence Branch. He took charge of the Paymaster Sec here upon arrival and stayed in the Hq all the time. After the landing, he took his sec up to FUKUKAKU and was there until the Hq evacuated. On the 14th of Jun, he and five others in his sec were attached to the DAIDO Unit and evacuated with them. They moved North until they came to SNAKE, reaching here on the 19th and staying in the area until the 24th. PW and 26 from the unit went on towards the coast, following the SELAJANG River and coming out near the mouth on the 26th. On the afternoon of the 27th, he heard an LCM approaching the coast and ran out on the beach with his hands up. The LCM crew landed and took him prisoner.

3. TACTICAL INFORMATION

There were 60 to 70 in the DAIDO Unit and PW thought that most of them had reached the coast and were building rafts near the SELAJANG River. On the day of his capture, the 26 men that he was with were building about six rafts a little way up the river. He had not seen KAHARU or TOKOI since leaving FUKUKAKU, but he had heard that KAHARU had been down on the beach on the 25th.

PW stated that the original strength on TARAKAN was between 2100 and 2200.

4. SUPPLIES

PW's Sec was responsible for the distribution of supplies for the Guard Unit, and after the landing was also responsible for the Army supplies. He gave the following info concerning rations:

a. The last ship carrying supplies arrived from BALIKPAPAN at the end of MARCH '45.

b. Dumps were dispersed at various points on the island with the main dump near the Force Hq in TARAKAN town.

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c. The main food consisted of rice and dried fish from BALIKPAPAN and locally grown vegetables.

d. Vegetables were sent from the mainland up to the end of last year, but with the deterioration of the shipping posn, they were told by HQ that they would have to raise their own. Attempts to get supplies from the natives on the mainland were unsuccessful, and they were forced to cultivate gardens on TARAKAN. This was fairly successful, but supplies of cucumber, egg-plants, sweet-potatoes, tapioca and paw-paws were only sufficient to live on and there was no abundance.

e. Due to the food shortage, it was decided to evacuate local inhabitants to the mainland, but only a few were sent away before our landing.

f. Approx two or three weeks prior to our landing, the Japs began transporting rations to the FUKUKAKU area. At the time of our attack, they had food for about one months supply at the Hq. The rps were issued with what they could carry, and the remainders were given to the War prisoners.

g. PW thought there was about six months supply of rice on the island prior to our landing.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW REPORT No. 73

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

IP No.	JA-P 100
Name	OGURA, Tadashi
Rank	Civilian
Unit	NOLUNA EAST INDIES EXPLOITATION Co. LTD
Where captured	FANNY Island
When	28 Jun 45
By whom	Natives
Civil occupation	Store keeper

2. HISTORY

PW arrived on TARAKANI August 44 and operated a store for NOLUNA EAST INDIES EXPLOITATION CO., Ltd. On 1 May 45 sent to FUKUKAKU position to cook for the HQ. On 13 June left FUKUKAKU position, proceeded east, and emerging out on coast near AMAL. He followed the coast to the northern shore near DJOBATA from where he made a raft and sailed to sea on 27 June. On 28 June PW gave himself up to natives on FANNY Island and on 29 June was brought to TARAKANI and taken over by the Australians.

Tadashi Ogura Lt.
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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 74

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 101.
Name	UCHIDA, Chikao.
Rank	Civilian. (Asst Resident)
Unit	Civil Adm.
Where captured	Off Cape DJOEATA.
When	29 Jun '45.
By whom	LCM Patrol.

2. HISTORY

Before the landing, PW was the Assistant Resident at TARAKAN. On 27 Apr, he went to FUKUKAKU with 7 Civil adm men and while there, carried rations for the Hq. On 13 Jun, he was ordered to evacuate from FUKUKAKU and so joined up with the DAIDA Unit. They fled North and reached the 80 feature around the 20th. On the 25th, the unit which was composed of Army, Navy and civilian personnel separated into small parties and went on towards the coast. PW in a party of 16 followed the MALA River to the mouth where they broke up into four or five small groups, with the intention of building their own rafts. PW was not in a group and consequently built a small raft only for himself. He left the coast on the night of the 27th and got caught in the current. He was dubious as to where he drifted to, but on the morning of the 29th, found himself off the DJOEATA CD posn. He was sighted near here by our LCM later and surrendered without resistance.

He stated that there were about 15 rafts being built by Jap tps in the MALA River area on the 27th.

3. UNIT TARAKAN CIVIL ADMINISTRATION

PW stated that he was the head official for the civil adm of TARAKAN Is. His duty was to supervise the ~~aff~~ of natives with regard to the distribution of food, labour and policing of the general area.

TARAKAN was the Hq for the Naval Civ Adm of TARAKAN and the adjoining islands and also included BURAO and MALINAU on the mainland. The chief official was a man called KOMATSU who fled to BULUNGAN with about 30 other officials just before the landing.

This island also had a Special Police Force commanded by a Jap Police official called FUJINO. The force consisted of about 30 former Dutch police boys. All civil offences were dealt with by this branch.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 75

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 103.
Name	YASUNOBU, Sashiro.
Rank	Ens.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Where captured	Between TARAKAN and BOENICE.
When	" 29 Jun '45.
By whom	" PT and LCM Patrol.
Civil occupation	Farmer.
PW No.	JA-T 104.
Name	TOMIOKA, Yoshito.
Rank	WO.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Civil occupation	Truck driver.
PW No.	JA-T 105.
Name	HIROSE, Choji.
Rank	1cl Engr PO.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Civil occupation.	Truck driver.
PW No.	JA-T 107.
Name	TANAKA, Santsuchi.
Rank	Civilian.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Civil occupation	Malay Interpreter.

2. HISTORY

At time of landing, all four prisoners were at the 101 Fuel Depot Hq at FUKUKAKU. On 14 Jun, they evacuated with the unit and went to ESSIE. On 17 Jun, a party of eight incl prisoners fled toward the coast going through the swamps above BINALATONG River. After slow progress, they emerged on the beach on the 27th. Here they were joined by four others from the unit and started to make boat by carving the centre out of a big tree trunk. They finished the boat on the 29th and left that night with intentions of going to BOENJOE Is. Two hours after leaving, they were sighted by a PT Boat. Seven of them jumped overboard and tried to swim away and so were shot at by the PT. The other four surrendered without a struggle.

3. UNIT

101 Naval Fuel Depot.

Strength on TARAKAN at the time of Allied landing was 201 incl 24 officers and 28 Naval NCOs and men. The rest were Jap civilian labourers.

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Officer Personalities

TAMAI	Lt-comdr.	C.O.	
KATAGI	" "	M.O.	
HOTTA	" "	Paymaster.	
MURATA	Lt (sg)		
KURACHI	" "	Technician (oil expert)	
KATAGI	" "	Medical.	
YANO	" "	Technical.	
SONEJARA	" "	"	(missing)
OBUCHI	" "	"	
SAKAMOTO	" "	"	
SATO	" "	"	(PW No. 86)
TANNO	" "	"	(PW No. 97)
MIZUTANI	" (jg)	"	(KIA)
HIRAI	" "	"	"
HAYASE	" "	"	"
TOYAMA	" "	"	"
NODA	" "	"	"
NONAKA	" "	Naval	(killed on PsW boat)
AOI	" "	Paymaster	(KIA)
YASUNOBU	Ensign	Naval	(PW No. 103)
NUKUI	"	"	(KIA)
TOMICHA	WO		(PW No. 104)
TAKECHI	"		(KIA)
MORIWAKI	"		"

On 26 Apr '45, Lt (jg) HIRAI and approx 40 men were attached to the TOKOI Force. At the same time, Lt (jg) NODA and approx 40 men were attached to the 1 Coy SNIP. The rest of the Fuel Depot went with Hq 2 Guard Unit to FUKOKAKU.

None of the PsW dealt on the technical side and could not give any info on the oil production during the Jap occupation.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 76

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Pw No.	JA-T 106.
Name	TSUKADA, ISAMU.
Rank	Civilian.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Where captured	AMAL Coast.
When	" 30 Jun '45
By whom	" 2/48 Bn.
Civil occupation	Seed store owner.

Pw No.	JA-T 108.
Name	WARANABE, Takeohiro.
Rank	Civilian.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Where captured	AMAL Coast.
When	" 30 Jun '45.
By whom	" 2/48 Bn.
Civ occupation	

2. HISTORY

Prisoners went to FUKUFUKU on 27 Apr and were there all the time carrying rations and ammo for the Hq. On 14 Jun, they evacuated from the post with 20 others and went to MSSIE. They left here on the 19th with another civ and headed for the west coast, going through swamps. The going was very slow, and they emerged on the coast on the 28th. Two days later, they were sighted by an Aust patrol and fled. Both were captured, but they think that the third was killed.

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26 AUST INF BDE INTREP No 41
(From Infm to 2818001)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

See (a) SITREPS
(b) Operational Report

2. ENEMY ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE

This morning our coastal patrols, operating between TARAKAN and TIBI Is, made contact with several parties of enemy attempting to escape on rafts from the island.

At 0730 hrs this morning a party of 8 Japanese on a camouflaged raft were contacted by a PT boat in vic sq 4781, with the aid of our LCM patrol 4 PW were captured. As described by PW the mov of the party were as follows--

Approx one week ago 6 NAI and 2 Coolies escaped from a party of Japs NORTH of the SNAKE feature. They described the party of Japs as being approx 20 in strength, with a Naval Lieut as Comd. Their weapons included 2

OWEN guns and the remainder were armed with rifles. Last night this party attempted to escape by raft from TARAKAN. The group was split into two sections of eight and ten, the former group commanded by Lt (sg) NISHIMURA and the latter gp by a chief PO.

Soon after dark last night the two rafts set off. Each party was well armed and the rafts were camouflaged to resemble floating NIPA palms. By first light this morning they had made little progress in the attempt to reach TIBI and at approx 0700I the raft was contacted by the PT patrol. On the approach of the craft the Japs opened fire. Return fire from 37 mm and 50 cal silenced the raft.

The two wounded PW were taken from the raft and another two were fished out of the water while attempting to escape.

At approx 1100I the party of ten mentioned above were contacted by LCM. These also showed fight, eight were killed and two captured.

Another party of 6 which left TARAKAN last night were separated when their raft broke up in the tide. One of these was rescued from a log by LCM at 0700I. When PW last saw his companions they were clinging to floating debris.

At approx 1300I two rafts were sighted NW of CAPE DJORATA. As our LCM approached the rafts the occupants, totalling 7, threw up their hands and surrendered. They had been part of FUDAKI TAI which, after the evacuation of FUKUKAKU, were to move to AMAL in search of food. When in the vic of LANKY feature, a SPT and 6 OR from TOKOI FORCE were sent out on a short recon patrol. According to the SPT his patrol became lost and reached the North coast at approx 470787 after contacting two parties of Naval tps en route. They built two rafts and attempted to reach TIBI but the current carried them to the WEST where they were finally captured.

3. ENEMY STRENGTHS

From sightings today it is estimated that there are approx 100 enemy remaining on the Island.

4. ENEMY CASUALTIES

(for 24 hrs ending 2818001)

Counted dead	Estimated additional	PW
29	2	15

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT - No. 65

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Pw No.	JA-T 76.
Name	YONEDA, Tomotaro.
Rank	1 cl PO.
Unit	Sea Guard Unit.
Where captured.	At sea.
When	27 Jun '45.
By whom	LCM Patrol.
Civil occupation	

Pw No.	JA-T 77.
Name	KIYA, Tomesaku.
Rank	Civ.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Where captured	At sea.
When	27 Jun '45.
By whom	LCM Patrol.

Pw No.	JA-T 78.
Name	KATSUOKA, Futahachi.
Rank	Sup PO.
Unit	Sea Guard Unit.
Where captured	At sea.
When	27 Jun '45.
By whom	LCM Patrol.

2. HISOTRY

All three prisoners retreated from the FUKUKAKU area around 15 Jun. They made their way up North, often passing other tps going in the same direction. They reached the coast on the 24th after coming through 80 feature and following the SELAJANG River to the coast. The next day they built rafts as the number in the party had risen to seven. They left that night, the three prisoners boarding one raft. They paddled towards TIBI Is expecting to get there within five to six hours. Early the next morning, the sea came rough, and their raft broke loose. The prisoners clung to a log and got taken out to sea. On the 27th, they were picked up drifting out towards BOENLOE Is.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 66

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 78.
Name	OKAMOTO, Yasujiro.
Rank	Leading Seaman.
Unit	Special Service Boat Unit.
Where captured	Off Cape DJOEATA.
When	26 Jun '45.
By whom	LCM Patrol.
Civil occupation.	

2. HISTORY

After retreating from FUKUKAKU, PW made his way to ESSIE, and then to 90 feature. From there he came down a river (possibly SELAJANG) and emerged on the coast on the 25th. He built a raft and left that night. He drifted towards CAPE DJOEATA and was captured the next day by our LCM patrol.

3. UNIT

The Special Boat Unit was responsible for the maintenance of a large MLC. PW stated that on 27 Apr, an order was issued for this MLC to go to KAROENGAN and load on torpedoes to be launched against enemy shipping. PW did not accompany the MLC, but while at FUKUKAKU, he heard that it had been sunk on 29 Apr. He did not know how the torpedoes were to be launched from the MLC.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 67

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 86.
Name	SATO, Masatomi.
Rank	Civilian.
Unit	101 Fuel Depot.
Where captured	Off N TARAKAN.
When	" 28 Jun '45.
By whom	" LCM Patrol.
Civil occupation	Oil technician.

2. HISTORY

PW left FUKUKAKU with six other civs from the Fuel Depot on or around the 15th of June. They headed North and after going through swamps and difficult country, emerged on the NE coast on the 24th. They stopped in the swamps for three days building a raft in the meanwhile. They departed from the coast on the night of the 27th, but later that night, their raft came loose, and all five became separated while clinging to the logs. PW was picked up this morning near TIBI Is.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 68

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 82.
Name	TANAKA, Tokuichi.
Rank	1 cl PO
Unit	NISHIMURA Unit.
Where captured	Between TARAKAN & TIBI Is.
When	28 Jun '45.
By whom captured	PT and LCM Patrols.
Civil occupation	Farmer.

Other PsW captured in same party:

PW No.	JA-T 83.
Name	TAKAHARA, Shuji.
Rank	2 cl PO.
Civil occupation	Student.

(wounded)

PW No.	JA-T 84.
Name	FUKUI, Ichiro.
Rank	Sup PO.

(wounded)

PW No.	JA-T 85.
Name	OHATA, Toshio.
Rank	Sup PO.

2. HISTORY

All prisoners evacuated with their unit at the same time as the 2 Guard Unit Hq from their posn north of FUKUKAKU on 13 June. They followed the Hq to 90 feature, and then separated from them and went on to SNAKE. They reached here around the 20th in a party of 26 incl 6 Indonesian PsW, and five wounded. The Indonesians later escaped and the rest of the party went on leaving one wounded who was too ill to go on. They reached the coast on the 25th, and built two rafts, camouflaging them to look like floating nipa palms. On the night of the 27th, the first raft departed with ten men, and the second raft later followed with eight men incl Lt (jg) NISHIMURA, and the above PsW. This raft drifted East all night, and early the next morning changed direction NW. They were sighted by our PT boat early this morning and fired upon it. The PT boat returned the fire and killed NISHIMURA and three others, and took the above four prisoners.

3. TACTICAL INFORMATION

Prisoners stated that there were approx 30 tps on the coast near the SELAJANG River up to the night of the 27th, and estimated about five rafts being built by them. They had not seen the Naval and Army comdrs since passing through 90 Feature.

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The following prisoners were picked up by our LCM Petrol and were from the first raft originally containing ten men. This raft was sighted near TIBI Is, and when approached by the LCM, commenced firing upon it. The fire was returned and eight men were killed.

PW No.	JA-T 87.
Name	OTA, Toshikazu.
Rank	2 cl PO.
Unit	NISHIMURA Unit.
When captured	28 Jun '45.
Civil occupation	Ship builder.

PW No.	JA-T 88.
Name	KURITA, Shigeo.
Rank	Sup Seaman.
Unit	NISHIMURA Unit.
Civil occupation.	Cloth merchant.

2. HISTORY

All movements since the time they left their posn near FUKUKAKU were the same as P/W Nos. 82, 83, 84, and 85.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT - No. 69

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 89.
Name	SAKURAI, Goro.
Rank	Sup Pte.
Unit	1 Coy, TOKOI Force.
Where captured	Off Cape DJOEATA.
When	28 Jun '45.
By whom	LCH Patrol.
Civil occupation	Leather worker.

PW No.	JA-T 90.
Name	ISHIKURO, Torataro.
Rank	1 cl Pte.
Unit	1 Coy, TOKOI Force.
Civil occupation	Cabinet maker.

PW No.	JA-T 91.
Name	OKUMI, Kiyoshi.
Rank	Cpl.
Unit	1 Coy, TOKOI Force.
Civil occupation.	Farmer.

PW No.	JA-T 92.
Name	KAWAI, Kihachiro.
Rank	1 cl Pte.
Unit	1 Coy, TOKOI Force.
Civil occupation	Clerk.

PW No.	JA-T 93.
Name	MATSUI, Yoshio.
Rank	1 cl Pte.
Unit	1 Coy, TOKOI Force.
Civil occupation.	Farmer.

PW No.	JA-T 94.
Name	HOIZUMI, Hajime.
Rank	1cl Pte.
Unit	1 Coy TOKOI Force.
Civil occupation	Farmer.

PW No.	JA-T 95.
Name	YAMADA, Fumio.
Rank	Sgt Maj.
Unit	1 Coy, TOKOI Force.
Civil occupation	Re 1 estate.

2. HISTORY

All seven prisoners were originally with 1 Coy at AMAL and retreated with them to 102 feature. They stayed between this post and FUKUKAKU until 14 Jun when they were ordered to retreat towards AMAL. The coy with a strength of about 40 and the MORITA P1 (Naval) in which, were about 20 men, moved towards the AMAL coast slowly and finally reached the foot-hill above the BINALTOENG River on the 24th. Above prisoners were sent out on an enemy recon patrol by the comdr, and after proceeding North for a while, became lost in the swamps. They headed for the

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coast and reached it on the NE tip of the island on the 27th. They commenced building a raft that day, and departed that night with intentions of going to BOENJOE Is. The current swept them in the opposite direction and the next day, they found themselves near Cape DJOETA. Later in the morning, they were sighted by our LCM and were captured without resistance.

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26 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION INTERPRET NO 41.

(From Inform to 271800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

- See (a) SITREPS
(b) Operational Report

2. PW CAPTURED.

During the last 48 hrs, 11 enemy, incl 1 KOREAN, were captured. Preliminary Interrogation Reports of 3 civilians picked up at 456796 by our LCM patrol are att to this report.

Details of capture of other PW are as follows :-

- (a) 2 Army PW, one wounded, were captured in DISTRICT I.
- (b) 1 Superior P/O, 1 First Class P/O and 1 Leading Seaman captured by LCM patrol 1000 yds SOUTH of BOENJOE ISLAND.
- (c) LCM patrol picked up one PW on raft at ref 359792 at 261800I.
- (d) FORMOSAN captured by 2/24 Aust Inf Bn at 434738.
- (e) At 271200I, Lt (sg) TANAKA, Paymaster of 2 Guard Force, surrendered to our LCM patrol craft at the mouth of the SELAJANG RIVER. Interrogation of these PW is proceeding.

3. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

From Interrogation of W.O. TAKEMURA of 1 Coy 2 Guard Force, it appears that the enemy knew the date of our landing, and the size of the convoy, but were in doubt as to its composition.

The first reports received by this PW were that AMERICAN tps had landed on TARAKAN. Later this was changed, and the presence of DUTCH tps was reported.

By the middle of May the enemy knew that they were opposed by AUSTRALIANS. Various estimates placed our strength at 4000, 10,000 and finally 6/8000.

PW considers it possible that the composition of our force was known to KOHARU and TOKOI, who did not release it for fear of lowering morale.

An estimate of our cas to the end of May was 1700 killed and wounded.

This PW stated that he had never thought that we would be defeated, but had believed that their forces would be able to hold out until September.

4. ENEMY INTENTIONS.

PWs state that a large number of rafts are being built near the mouths of the MAIA and SELAJANG Rivers. Owing to the close proximity of our patrol craft, very few have attempted to escape.

Generally, the intention seems to be to escape to TIBI ISLAND. PWs state that it would take approx 5 hours to reach TIBI from the NORTH coast of TARAKAN.

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5. ENEMY EQPT CAPTURED (for 48 hrs to 271800I)

- 1 - Type 92 HMG.
- 150 - Dutch Mushroom Mines
- 12 - Depth Charges.

6. ENEMY CAS (for 48 hrs to 271800I)

Counted Dead

15

Estimated Additional Killed

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 64.

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 71.
Name	TOMIYOKA, Miyozo.
Rank	Civilian.
Unit	BORNEO Development Co.
Where captured	At sea off N TARAKAN.
When	25 Jun '45.
By whom	LCM Patrol.
Civil occupation	Ship builder.
PW No.	72.
Name	KURAO, Teruyoshi.
Rank	Civilian.
Unit	BORNEO Development Co Ltd.
Where captured	At sea off N TARAKAN.
When	25 Jun '45.
By whom	LCM Patrol.
Civil occupation	Lathe worker.
PW No.	
Name	HORIUCHI, Kikuji.
Rank	Civ.
Unit	BORNEO Development Co Ltd.
Where captured	At sea off N TARAKAN.
When	25 Jun '45.
By whom	LCM Patrol.
Civil occupation	Ship carpenter.

2. HISTORY

All three PsW were originally at KAROENGAN, but after the landing were evacuated to FUKUKAKU. They were used here as carriers and cooks etc. About 10 Jun, they were supplied with a month's rations and told to evacuate from the area. Prisoners and 8 other civs from the BORNEO Development Co fled in a North-easterly direction and after marching through jungle and swamps for several days, emerged near the BENALATOENG River mouth. There were only 9 of them when they reached the coast as two were lost on the way. They walked North along the coast for three days without meeting any tps but occasionally seeing foot marks on the beach. They reached the North coast of TARAKAN on the 21st and built three rafts. They left the coast on the night of the 25th, three in each raft, and PsW's raft going first. They were separated shortly after, and the above prisoners were captured by the LCM patrol about an hour and a half after leaving the coast.

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26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO 40

(From Infa to 251800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

See (a) SITREPS
(b) Operational Reports

2. ENEMY DISPOSALS.

Approx 30 enemy were encountered in sqs 4275 and 4375 by our tps today. This confirms PW statements that the remnants of the garrison are NORTH of this area waiting to escape.

3. PW CAPTURED.

(a) At 1100 hrs a PT boat on patrol picked up an object by radar 1 1/2 miles NE TANJOENG SIMAJA, which proved to be a raft carrying 8 Japanese. One escaped by jumping overboard, but seven were taken prisoner; among these were:

- 1 Ensign
- 1 W.O
- 1 Superior Petty Offr
- 1 1st Class Petty Offr
- 2 2nd class Petty Offrs.

They stated that they left TARAKAN at 2000I 24 Jun and drifted EAST towards BOENJOE, but were picked up by PT patrol. One of the party escaped by jumping overboard.

KOCHARU was on the beach near SELAJANG RIVER mouth when they left, but PW believe he returned to the bivouac area on the high ground.

(b) One Superior Pte of TOKOI unit gave himself up to 2/48 Bn tps at AMAL. He was one of the party who went SOUTH from ESSIE area after the capture of FUKUKAKU posn.

PW Interrogation Reports 56 to 63 inclusive are att to this report.

4. ENEMY SIG SYSTEM ON TARAKAN.

W.O. KAWAMI Toshika tsu stated that he was originally in charge of Japanese radar eqpt at TG BATOE. When this was destroyed by bombing, he was withdrawn, and became an "odd jobs" man looking after telephones in the town area.

Prior to the landing, comms on the island were confined to line only; The old Dutch system was used throughout, and lines terminated at a signal office to be indicated. This was in a tunnel. It is intended to use the PW as a guide to find this tunnel.

He states that as far as he knows, when the landing was made the tunnel was blown in and most eqpt was left there. This can be verified later.

When they moved to the final Jap HQ area, they only took a few phones and lines were laid to the Jap posns. These were phone to phone lines and there was no switchboard installed.

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ENEMY SIG SYSTEM (contd)

He states that he does not think there was any tapping of our lines. This is substantiated by the fact that there were few phones available for this purpose.

Patrols always attempted to cut our lines, and would bring back pieces of the cable to prove they had done so. Our cable is "very strong" and they had difficulty in cutting it with their sword. Those equipped with pliers had no difficulty.

He was unable to give any info on the enemy wireless comms with BALIKPAPEN. There were no wireless sets used for local comm. In his opinion "They were very poorly equipped".

The only wireless capt he saw with fighting ops was a captured SCR 536.

5. ENEMY METHODS.

(a) The following is a translation of a Japanese operation order found in 2/24 Bn area 24 Jun 45 :-

"PLAN TO CONFUSE ENTIRE ENEMY LINE"

PURPOSE :

1. The enemy fighting spirit is diminishing quickly, and it is estimated he is in a distressed condition. Therefore we expect to put confusion among the enemy.

2. Date and time 10 Jun 45 - 0300 hrs.

3. Main points (outline) :

- i. Each unit will vigorously attack the enemy in front of them with infiltrating suicide units
- ii. Therefore at 0300 hrs every line will open fire at once. Mtn arty 20 rounds. Bn gun 10 rds. Rifle 30 rds. MG 30 rds.
- iii. Each unit will take decisive action at one point in the enemy lines."

(b) This document refers to an attack which was to have taken place during the night 9/10 Jun 45.

(c) The text of the order is further illuminated by a statement made by one of the PW, WO TAKEMURA of 2 Gd Force, taken by the PT patrol during night 24/25 June.

(d) The gist of his statement is as follows :

"I knew the CO had issued an order for a general attack on the night 9/10 Jun. Each man was to fire 30 rds in the direction of the enemy posns. Seven AC were to support the attack. This order was carried out by the firing of 5 rds only, due to the shortage of amm and by the appearance of one AC only.

The second order was for an attack on 12 Jun; this was issued through YOSHINAGA, the coy comd 2 Guard Force. The intention was to display a show of force to cover up a withdrawal.

ENEMY METHODS (contd)

Lt MATSUNAGA and the PW opposed this order because they maintained that rifle fire would cause their posns to be shelled. After considerable argument YOSHINAGA gave in to them."

What in fact happened on the night 9/10 Jun relevant to the Japanese orders has been recorded in 26 Aust Inf Bde Daily Letter Operati on Report No 40 as follows :-

(a) During the night, what may have been a half-hearted counterattack was launched by the enemy in three separate areas, namely BEECH, MARGY and TRIG 102. However, no serious attempt was made to capture any of the posns at present held by our tps.

(b) At 100300I MMG and LMG fire from the direction of JOYCE and LIZZIE was directed on the general area of MARGY 2. The firing, which lasted approx 30 mins, was inaccurate.

(c) Movt was heard in the reentrant between MARGY and JOYCE, and some enemy approached the spur NORTH of MARGY, but made no attempt to adv further when grenaded by our tps.

(d) At 0325I an enemy 75 mm from the direction of AUNTY fired 6 rds on 105, 2 rds on SNAG'S TRACK at 415685, 1 rd on TIGER and 2 rds on the airfd.

(e) Five or six flares fired from 427698 at 0305I were observed by the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn. At the same time the enemy fired a Juki fwd of 17 pl.

(f) At 100300I three flares were fired from the track junc NORTH of TRIG 102, just before the approach of an EA which dropped 3 flares and one bomb, the latter falling NE of the posns occupied by D Coy 2/48 Aust Inf Bn on TRIG 102.

(g) At the same time, considerable enemy movt was heard NORTH of 18 pl to the flanks, and to the SOUTH of 9 pl on LINDA. The enemy fired LMGs and rifles, using some tracer, and moved about in small groups in front of our posns.

(h) Five booby traps were set off in 18 pl area, and one in 9 pl, but no enemy were found in the area in the morning.

6. ENEMY CAS (for 24 hrs to 251800I)

<u>Counted Dead</u>	<u>Estimated Additional Killed</u>	<u>PW</u>
12	1	8
PROGRESSIVE TOTALS :		
1167	213	69

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 56

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 57
Name	ISOMURA, Sadao.
Rank	Sup PO.
Unit	TAKEMURA Unit.
Where captured	Off BOENJOE Is.
When	23 Jnu '45.
By whom	PT Patrol.
Civil occupation	Engineer.

2. HISTORY

PW arrived in TARAKAN in Jan '42. He was assigned to the MT Arty unit and was with them at SESANIP when the Allies landed. He was later transferred to the Hq Pl which was then commanded by Ens YAMAMOTO. This officer was later listed as missing and WO TAKEMURA took his place. The posn of the Pl at the time was at the entrance of FUKUKAKU. On 12 Jun, the Pl was ordered to withdraw to Hill 90 with the Hq, and from then on movements of PW corresponded with those of PW No. 59 (WO TAKEMURA).

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Infm obtained from this PW was similar to given by
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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 57

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 60
Name	MATSUDA, Toshimitsu.
Rank	Civ.
Unit	102 Stores Dept.
Where captured	Near DJOBATA Oilfields.
When	24 Jun '45
By whom	2/24 Bn.
Civil occupation.	Janitor.

2. HISTORY

PW arrived in TARAKAN in Aug '42, and was assigned to the 102 Stores Dept. At time of landing, he was sent to FUKUKAKU to help carry rations for the Hq. Later he carried rations to the front line but was wounded by a mortar shell on 5 Jun. He was evacuated to the hosp at FUKUKAKU until approx 11 Jun when he was given some rations and told to evacuate from the area. He and another civilian headed North towards DJOBATA, and after about a week of wandering, his companion was killed by one of our patrols. PW fled from the area, but on the 24th he decided to surrender and came down to the oilfields with a white flag.

No infm of value could be obtained from this PW.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 60

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-2155.
Name	KATO, Yoshio.
Rank	2 cl PO.
Unit	YAMAMOTO Unit.
Where captured	Tg BAFU PUSU, (mainland)
When	20 Jun '45.
By whom	Natives.
Civil occupation	

2. HISTORY

PW left Japan in Aug '44 arriving at TAWAO the same month. He joined the YAMAMOTO Unit there and a week later moved down to MALINAU with them. In mid Feb '45, 14 men from the unit incl ENS YAMAMOTO left for the SESAYAP-BULUNGAN area for native pacification purposes. They travelled down the SESAYAP River on a large pirogue stopping occasionally at native villages. On 25 Jun, while they were at a village on a river between the SESAYAP and BULUNGAN Rivers, they were attacked by a group of Dayaks who managed to kill 13 of the party with swords and blow-pipes. PW was wounded by a blow-pipe but managed to get away. A few days later he found himself near Tg BAFU PUSU where he met a native who agreed to take him up the river. Instead he was captured with the help of other natives and taken to SADAU Ho. On the way, PW tried to get away, but the natives caught him and hit him on the head with a machette.

3. UNIT

YAMAMOTO Unit consisted of a pl of approx 35 men. They were sent to MALINAU for garrison purposes and stayed there until Feb '45. The only other Jap force at MALINAU was a pl of SNIP from TARAKAN commanded by Lt (jg) MIYASO.

PW stated that his unit was a composite of 22 Base Force at BALIKPAPAN, and had originally come from there. He himself had joined the unit at TAWAO and had never been to BALIKPAPAN. At the time of their trip down the SESAYAP River, they only had rifles with them.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT - No. 61

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JALT 69.
Name	HANEMATSU, Eihiro.
Rank	Sup Pte.
Unit	FUDAKI Unit.
Where captured	AMAL.
When	" 25 Jun '45
By whom	" 2/48 Bn.
Civil occupation	

2. HISTORY

At time of landing PW was at AMAL with 1 Coy of TOKOI Force. On the 15th of May, they retreated towards 80 feature and then back to 102. On the way, they were engaged by Aust tps and received a few casualties. They reached 102 around the 20th, and stayed there until early Jun when they were sent to a posn near 105. They were gradually pushed back towards FUKUKA-KU, finally establishing themselves near MELON. They retreated from here around the 15th, pushing back towards 102. They intended to reach AMAL where some rice was stored. On reaching the vicinity of AMAL, they found that the rice dump was empty, and were ordered by the unit comdr to separate. Pw and 4 others went towards AMAL occasionally meeting Aust tps from whom they managed to hide. Four days ago they reached the vicinity of the former Dutch barracks where the party separated. PW went on towards the coast and stayed in a MG posn for two days. He was discovered by Aust tps today and surrendered to them with a surrender leaflet.

3. UNIT

PW had been with FUDAKI Unit ever since the landing and was a machine-gunner in the LMG Sec. His unit originally started out with about 150 men, but at time of retreat to AMAL, there were only approx 70 men left.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 62

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 64.
Name	HARUNA, Tadashi.
Rank	Ensign.
Unit	2 Guard Force.
Where captured	At sea off TARAKAN.
When	24 Jun '45.
By whom	PT Patrol.
Civil occupation	

2. HISTORY

PW arrived in TARAKAN with the original Jap landing in Jan '42. He was originally a pl comdr, and by Mar '44 was sent to the garrison units at BURAO and BSLUNAN several times. He was later transferred to the Hq and was with them at the time of the Allied landing at FUKUKAKU. Chronology of his movements from then on are as follows:

- 19 May - Took command of Lt(jg) SAKAMOTO's Pl at LINDA for one day and returned to Hq. (above Lt(jg) KIA) WO TAKAHASHI later took command of this Pl.
- 21 " - To 105 to relieve Lt(jg) OGAWA (KIA), wounded on 23 May and evacuated to Hq hosp.
- 2 Jun - Released from hosp and returned to Hq tunnel.
- 11 " - Hq bombed by Allied bombers.
- 12 " - Hq evacuated.
- 13 " - PW and WO TAKAHASHI followed Hq.
- 15 " - Arrived 90 feet via ESSIE and JOHN. PW told that Hq staff were in the area.
- 16 " - PW went on alone and slept near SNAKE that night.
- 17 " - Went on to a bivouac posn (446760), and met KAHARU and TOKOI's party. Went on with them to 445768 and stayed there that night. Next day KAHARU and party left leaving PW behind to take charge of 21 soldiers due to arrive that day.
- 19 Jun - PW left with his party and followed SELAJONG River down to the coast. Halfway, party separated into two and went through nipa swamp as river was too deep.
- 22 " - Arrived on coast near river mouth where PW and another PO separated from rest of party.
- 23 " - WO KAWAMI and party of 5 joined PW.
- 24 " - Rafts constructed with poles and 55 gal drums found on beach. Party left at 2000 hrs that night, and were sighted by the PT boats at 2300 hrs. The whole party surrendered except one PO who jumped overboard.

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3. ENEMY STRENGTHS AND INTENTIONS

Pw stated that on his journey to the coast from FUKUKAKU, he had met approx 200 tps. This included KAHARU and the Hq staff. He believed that most of these will eventually reach the coast near the SELAJONG River and try to make their way across to the mainland on rafts.

NOTE

The following are the rest of the prisoners captured with this PW:

	WO KAWAMI; Toshikatsu.	PW No.	62:
Sup	PO KIHARA, Chiyohai.	" "	65:
1cl	PO ASADA, Kumataro.	" "	63:
2cl	PO TANAKA, Yoshinori.	" "	68:
"	PO NAKANO, Takeo.	" "	67:
"	PO TAKAI, Tomonori.	" "	66.

The above prisoners were all from 2 Guard Force Hq, and their movements to the coast did not vary much from one another.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 63

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 62.
Name	KAWAMI, Toshikatsu.
Rank	WO.
Unit	2 Guard Unit.
Where captured	At sea off TARAKAN.
When	24 Jun '45.
By whom	PT Patrol.
Civil occupation	

2. HISTORY

PW arrived at TARAKAN on 22 Jul '44 was ~~was~~ stationed at Cape PASIR as OC of the Special Observation Post which was a ~~patrol~~ unit composed of 18 men. About mid Apr '45 the Radar equipment was destroyed by Allied air attacks and PW moved to 2 Guard Unit Hq at TARAKAN with his men. Shortly after, he evacuated with the Hq to FUKUKAKU. He was put in charge of the telephone Sec and was kept busy as lines were often cut and had to be repaired. Around 12 Jun he evacuated from FUKUKAKU with his men and travelled North, often meeting officers and men from KAHARU's staff. He travelled down the SELAJONG River arriving at the mouth on 22nd Jun. Here PW came upon Comdr KAHARU and two of his men who were talking to WO TAKEMURA. After asking PW where he was going and wishing him luck, KAHARU proceeded up stream with his men. PW thinks that the Comdr was on his way to join his men who were in the hills further up stream. In the conversation, KAHARU had also told PW that he had walked along the coast towards AMAL and found that it was difficult going. On 23 Jun, PW in whose party now were five POs met HARUNA and another PO and decided to join them. The next day they made a raft and sailed from the island at 2000 hrs that night. They intended to drift to TIBI Is. but the current was too strong and took them out to sea NE of TARAKAN Is where they were picked up by a PT boat. When sighted by the PT boat, one PO jumped overboard and consequently only seven of the party were captured.

3. RADAR

PW stated that the central control station was at the Ser Guard Unit Hq located in TARAKAN town. This station maintained telephone comm with AMAL OP, DJOETA OP, No. 2 OP on TANK Hill, and with the Special OP at the Southern tip of Cape PASIR (RADAR).

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The Radar equipment at the Special OP consisted of two transmitters, two receivers, and two generators, and were of the oldest type used by the Japs. The range of detection was poor towards the East and NE, but was good for 100 kilometers towards the South and SE under excellent meteorological conditions.

5. PROPOGANDA LEAFLETS

PW had heard of our propoganda leaflet concerning the evacuation of Jap casualties from the Hq posn. This was the first leaflet that was dropped advising the tps of the letter that was to be dropped for the Jap comdr on the following day. PW did not think that the letter was dropped. (PW HARUNA had stated that he overheard a conversation in the Hq tunnel between KAHARU and another officer to the effect that although we had promised to drop a letter for him on the following day, we had not done so).

6. CASUALTIES

On 14 Jun, PW heard that when the patients in the Hq hosp were told to return to their units, those that could not walk were killed by a drug that was injected into them. About 20 men suffered this fate.

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26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO 39

(From Infm to 241800I)

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

See (a) SITREPS
(b) Operational Reports

2. ENEMY DISPOSNS AND STRENGTHS.

From infm derived from PW Interrogations and patrol sightings, it would appear that, after the collapse of the FUKUKAKU defs and the subsequent withdrawal to the ESSIE area, the enemy forces were ordered to break up into groups and defend for themselves.

One group of 50 moved SOUTH in an attempt to obtain rice from a dump which had been left in the AMAL area. On arrival, they found the dump empty and AUSTRALIAN tps in the area. The offr in charge 1/Lt FUDAKI, told them to operate independently. Some headed NORTH but the majority moved SOUTH to search for rice in the vic of 90 feature (sq 4762). Of this group, 23 were killed and 3 taken PW.

The main group, comd by KOHARU and TOKOI, probably 150/200 strong, and consisting of several independent groups, moved NW through 90 feature (sq 4274), to SNAKE and NORTH to a point near the coast sq 4277. Small groups were left at 90 feature and SNAKE to fight a delaying action, while the main body withdrew. According to a PW captured today, both KOHARU and TOKOI are in this area, awaiting an opportunity to escape to TIRT TOLAM. It is understood that the comds will not attempt to escape until our coast patrols become less active.

3. ENEMY SUPPLY SITUATION.

PWs state that food supplies are very short, although the main body near the NORTH coast have rations for several days. A number of tps are armed with spears only, and although the enemy still has a few automatic weapons, the amount of amm carried would be necessarily small. Most PW captured have been without boots and in some cases entirely naked, but these PW were picked up at sea and their clothes and boots were probably lost during their escape.

4. ENEMY MORALE.

According to a Naval W.G. captured at sea SOUTH of BOENJOE IS., the morale of the remnants of the TARAKAN garrison has reached the lowest possible level. Comd KOHARU was described as being wet, dirty and despondent. He has, however, still in his possession his Naval Academy sword.

It is not considered likely that there will be any mass surrenders while there is the slightest chance of escape. The majority prefer to drift out to sea rather than to fall into our hands.

5. NEI PW

It is now almost certain that all NEI PW and coolies have come into our lines, although a few stragglers may be still wandering in the bush. In the past two days, 6 NEI PW and 2 coolies have escaped from the enemy. Their statements regarding strengths, supplies and intentions confirm those of PW captured today.

6. ENEMY PW.

- 23 Jun - 1 PW captured near DISTRICT IV.
- Night 23/24 Jun - 3 PW and 1 HEIHO captured by PT boats SOUTH of BOENJOE ISLAND.
- " " " - 1 PW captured by LCM patrol between TIBI IS and NORTH coast TARAKAN.
- 24 Jun - 1 PW surrendered to 2/24 Bn at 421737.

Total PW to 241800I - 61.

7. HEIHO.

With the 3 enemy captured by PT boats was a HEIHO. The Notts W.D. stated that this HEIHO had borne arms against our forces. Interrogation of HEIHO not yet completed.

8. ENEMY CAS.

Total enemy cas to 241800I -

<u>Counted Dead.</u>	<u>Estimated Additional Killed</u>	<u>PW</u>
1144	212	61

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORTS - No. 52 & 53

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	Ja-T 53.
Name	TANIGUCHI, Shoichi.
Rank	L/Pte.
Unit	TAGUCHI Force.
Where captured	At sea near TARAKAN.
When "	22 Jun '45.
By whom "	2/3 Pnr LCM Patrol.
Civil occupation	Tinsmith.
PW No.	JA-T 54.
Name	SAKAI, Kenzo.
Rank	1 cl Pte.
Unit	TAGUCHI Force.
Where captured	At sea near TARAKAN.
When "	22 Jun '45.
By whom "	2/3 Pnr LCM Patrol.
Civil occupation	Fisherman.

2. HISTORY.

Both Psw left JAPAN on 31 Dec '43 and after staying at MANILA till Aug '44, came to TARAKAN via JOLO Is arriving in Dec '44. Until the landing both were employed in building barracks and other constructional work. After the landing, their unit was sent up to FUKUKAKU to carry rations for the tps. Both prisoners decided to run away after a while, and after collecting food and other necessities deserted around the end of May. They headed for the coast but became lost and wandered around the jungle eating the core of sago palms and bamboo shoots. They eventually came out on the coast on the 20th and after buildi

building a raft, left the coast on the 22nd. They were picked up by our LCM patrol shortly after.

3. UNIT

TAGUCHI Force (KEMA (PTD) 15559 Force) was originally stationed in MANILA. In Mar '44, the Hq and two pls were despatched to BIAK Is. Both prisoners came to TARAKAN with the other pl which was attached to TOKOI Force. The pl consisted of 34 men commanded by an NCO. TAGUCHI Force was a construction unit.

Both prisoners could not offer any tactical infm.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT - No. 54

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 56.
Name	IKEDA, Yutaka.
Rank	Civ.
Unit	102 Naval Stores Depot.
Where captured.	District IV.
When	23 Jun '45.
By whom	2/3 Par Bn.
Civil occupation	

2. HISTORY

Before the landing, PW was doing general work in his unit. After the landing the whole unit were sent to FUKUKAKU to carry rations, but shortly after the whole unit except PW and three others were sent out as fighting tps. PW stayed at the Hq until early June when he contacted diarrhea and was put by himself in a fox-hole near the Hq. He emerged from this hole about a week later and found that the whole area was deserted. He gathered what little food he could find and started out to look for the Jap troops. After wandering around for about 10 days without meeting any Japs, he found himself near District IV. He was too weak from lack of food to go on and was captured there by our patrol.

3. UNIT

Original strength of 102 Naval Stores Depot was 40 men. They were commanded by Ens YAMASHITA and were later sent out from the Hq as a fighting unit. He (PW) believes that they were all killed by enemy action and aerial bombing.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION .. REPORT No.55

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 59
Name	TAKEMURA, Masaji.
Rank	WO
Unit	2 Guard Force.
Where captured	Off BOENJOE Is.
When	23 Jun '45.
By whom	PT Patrol.
Civil occupation	Factory employee.

2. HISTORY

Prior to invasion of TARAKAN, PW was in charge of the Construction Unit of the 2 Guard Force. Their job was to fix weapons and other equipment. After the landing he took his unit to FUKUKAKU to carry rations and help with general duties. On 21 May, he was ordered to 105 to take charge of a fighting Pl, but that feature was taken before he could get there. He returned to FUKUKAKU and resumed command of his former unit. On 12 Jun, the Jap Force Hq retreated taking PW's unit with them. They arrived at ESSIE that afternoon but KAHARU and TOKOI decided to go on further as an Aust patrol was sighted near there. The two comdrs went on to SHORT feature followed later by PW and his unit. When he reached there, he found that KAHARU had gone on to 90 feature. PW's party slept on SHORT that night and reached 90 feature the following day whereupon they waited for TOKOI and his party to arrive. On the following day (14th) they went on to SNAKE feature and the next day on to a further posn approx 437765. The next day, PW and a party of five others incl WO SHIRAKI, two CPOs and a HEIHO deserted from the Jap forces with intentions of reaching the coast and getting across to BURAO on the mainland. The HEIHO was a native of BURAO and offered to lead them there. They followed the River SELAJANG downstream and on the 17th came upon TOKOI. PW felt guilty and confessed that he was deserting, but much to his surprise, Maj TOKOI told them that it did not matter as the situation had become desperate and it was every man for himself. He left them after inquiring as to the posn of the other Jap Forces and they followed the river on reaching the coast on the 20th. They stayed here for two days gathering wood to build a raft, and on the 22nd met PW No.58 and another PO. They decided to include these two men in their party whereupon they built another raft. That same day, Comdr KAHARU came upon them and after inquiring as to their intentions, wished them luck and departed with Ens FURUNO and six seaman towards AMAL. PW asked the Comdr of his intentions but was not given an answer.

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They left the coast on the night of the 22nd in two rafts, one in which were PW, PW No.57, PW No.58 and the HEIHO. They drifted East all night and the next day drifted NW towards TIBI Is. The two rafts became separated that night prior to a rain storm which changed their direction East again towards BOENJOE Is. They were picked up later by a PT Patrol.

3. DISPOSITION AND STRENGTHS

The following is the composition of Jap forces which retreated to the River SELAJANG area:

FUKUTOMI Unit		40 men	approx
TAKEMURA	" (PW)	33	" "
TAKEDA	"	50	" "
NODA	"	40	" "
AKIYAMA	"	20	" "

Besides these were officers and men from the Hq which included:

Comdr	KAHARU
Maj	TOKOI
Lt-Com	YAMAGATA
Lt (SG)	MATSUSHIGE
Lt (Jg)	NISHIMURA
Ens	HARUNA,

The remaining Jap forces had retreated towards AMAL on the 12th and included:

MATSUNAGA Unit	30 men	approx
FUDAKI	60	" "

PW estimated approx 300 Japs left on the island on 12 Jun '45.

4. ALLIED PRISONERS

PW stated that early in May, one American PW was brought to the Hq from Cape DJOEATA where he had swum to after his mine-sweeper was sunk by Jap coastal guns. PW did not see the prisoner but stated that Comdr KAHARU had issued an order that the prisoner be killed. This job was given to WO TAKAHASHI who was the Judicial Police Officer at Hq, and who for that purpose borrowed three HEIHOs from PW's unit. The prisoner was beheaded (probably by TAKAHASHI) and then run through with spears by the HEIHOs.

5. HEIHO

PW said that there were approx 60 HEIHOs originally in the 2 Guard Unit. These tps were separated and attached to different Pls. While most of them were used to carry rations, there were also a few who were issued with rifles and who had actually taken part in action against the Aust tps. PW had three HEIHOs attached to his unit and these

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had rifles. They helped with the execution of the American prisoner and had also taken part in the fighting. Their names were AMAT, OMAR, and PAIJO. AMAT and PAIJO were later killed in action and OMAR was the HEIHO who was caught with PW'S party.

PW did not think that the HEIHOs fought against the Allies willingly. They were commanded to do so and if they did not obey the orders, their penalty would be death. PW believes that that was the reason why his HEIHOs did not hesitate to help kill the American PW.

6. ENEMY INTENTIONS

PW believes that the Jap forces near River SELAJANG will try to escape from the island on rafts and pirogues if they could find some. They have some rations with them and would try to survive on that until our LCM patrol activity ceased.

7. PROPOGANDA LEAFLETS

He had seen a number of these but at first was not inclined to believe them. He stated that Jap tps strongly believed that we killed all PsW, and for that reason did not think that any sort of propoganda would induce them to give themselves up.

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26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO 38

(From Infm 48 hrs to 221800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

See (a) Sitreps
(b) Operational Reports

2. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

With the capture of SNAKE feature, all organised resistance has ended on TARAKAN ISLAND.

Enemy have been sighted in small parties at widely dispersed points on the Island, but in most cases have been poorly armed, and have shown little inclination to fight. (See Sitreps).

3. ENEMY INTENTIONS.

The enemy do not appear to have any definite plan of escape from the island, but are avoiding our patrols. One PW captured stated that it was his intention to evade capture until the campaign on TARAKAN was over, and then to escape to the mainland when our vigilance had relaxed.

4. INTERROGATION OF PW.

Attached to this report are:-

- (a) Interrogation Reports of two Jap civilians captured near TIBI ISLAND by natives on 20 Jun.
- (b) Interrogation Report of Jap civilians captured in DISTRICT VI TARAKAN 20 Jun.
- (c) Interrogation Report of Superior P/O captured vic DISTRICT I TARAKAN 21 Jun.

5. ENEMY EQPT CAPTURED

Delete all ref to 75 mm gun reported in Intrep No 37, as the weapon is a 70 mm gun already reported.

6. ENEMY CASUALTIES (for 48 hrs ending 221800I)

<u>Counted dead</u>	<u>Estimated additional killed</u>	<u>PW</u>
22	2	6

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT - No. 48

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 49
Name	KOYAMA, Koichi
Rank	Civ
Unit	102 Naval Stores Dept
Where captured	District VI
When	20 Jun '45
By whom	NICA
Civil occupation	Farmer

2. HISTORY

PW arrived in TARAKAN in Nov '43. He was assigned to the 102 Stores Dept and worked together with PW No. 47. From then on his movements corresponded those of PW 47 until they became separated at AMAL. He stayed in the hills near AMAL till the 20th and decided to go down to District VI for some food. He was taken prisoner by the natives that night.

3. ASSESSMENT

PW was very dumb and could not offer any info of value. He has had only two years of schooling.

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21 Jun '45

PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT - No. 49 & 50

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 50
Name	UCHEDA, Ryohei.
Rank	civ.
Unit	101 Naval Fuel Depot.
Where captured	near TIBI Is.
When	20 Jun '45.
By whom	Natives.
Civil occupation	

PW No.	JA-T 51
Name	MORI, Takeo.
Rank	civ.
Unit	101 Naval Fuel Depot.
where captured	near TIBI Is.
When	20 Jun '45.
By whom	Natives.
Civil occupation.	

2. HISTORY

Both PsW arrived in TARAKAN in Dec '44 from Japan via SURABAYA. They worked as general hands in the 101 Fuel Depot until 27 Apr '45 when they were sent to FUKUKAKU to carry rations for the Hq. They were occupied thus until about 5 Jun when they met PW No. 48 and decided to desert with him. Another soldier joined them and they set out for the North. They emerged on the coast near Cape DJOEATA and after wandering about for three days, left the island. These two PsW left on a raft and the other two on a belly tank. They were separated and never saw each other again. They reached TIBI Is on the raft and drifted around the coast till they reached another island about 8 days later. Here they were met by natives and taken prisoners on the 20th. The natives brought them down on a piroche to TARAKAN.

3. GENERAL

Due to the fact that both prisoners were out of contact with the Jap forces since about the 5th of June, they could not give any valuable info.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT - No. 51

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	Ja-T 52
Name	KANBUKI, Saiji.
Rank	Sup PO.
Unit	101 Naval Fuel Depot.
Where captured	POMPU AIRU. (TARAKAN)
When	21 Jun '45.
By whom	2/48 Inf Bn.
Civil occupation	Farmer.

2. HISTORY

PW arrived at TARAKAN in Feb '43 and was to the Police Duty Sqd of 101 Fuel Depot. At the time of our landing, he was given 8 men with which to haul rations to FUKUKAKU. After this he stayed in that area and did miscellaneous duties. 10 days ago, he realized the drastic position that they were in and decided to save himself and his 8 men. He took them in a NE direction till he came to ESSIE, and then he changed direction SE and after wandering in the swamps for several days became lost. His men were not satisfied with his leadership and separated from him. He did not know where they went. He kept walking South occasionally finding Aust rations to eat. Finding himself near POMPU AIRU on the 21st, he decided to go down the track to look for food but was taken prisoner by our patrol.

3. UNIT

PW estimated the original strength of 101 Fuel Depot to be around 300/400. The Depot was organized into 3 or 4 Coys each having 3 pls. After the landing, the personnel were mostly used to carry rations.

<u>Personalities:</u>	Lt (sg)	MORI.	2 Coy comdr.
	"	HIRAI.	1 Pl comdr.
	"	MIZUTANI.	2 " "
	"	TAMAI.	
	"	NAKAMURA.	
	"	KIMURA.	
	"	HARA.	
	"	YAMAO.	
	"	TOYAMA.	
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	WO	YAMAMOTO.	
	"	KOBAYASHI.	
	"	SAKAI.	
	"	TAKEUCHI.	

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Weapons: There were only 10 rifles in the Fuel Depot at the time of the landing. The whole unit was issued with spears and former Dutch swords. PW stated that most of the spears were discarded as they were too bulky.

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26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO 37

(From Infm to 2018001)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

See (a) SITREPS
(b) Operational Reports

2. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

Our tps continued mopping up over a wide area today. A party of enemy who were holding 90 feature (43I729) with two LMGs, withdrew North after being heavily shelled. Two were killed by our ambush and it is thought that the remainder were heading for SNAKE, the last known enemy pocket of resistance.

Seven Japs were sighted by our LCM patrol. The patrol killed one and wounded another. It is believed that this party is trying to reach TIBI Is as three Japs were captured on that Is by natives today. Two were killed and one handed over to our tps on SADAU Is. (see PW Interrogation Report No.47)

A party of enemy fired on District VI from the vicinity of ALICE. One Jap was later killed in this area.

Two enemy were killed vicinity 90 feature (square 4762) and possible sleeping quarters for 25/30 men were found.

3. ENEMY MORALE

Japanese morale has generally high throughout the fighting in TARAKAN. Due probably to exaggerated reports of losses inflicted on our tps here and elsewhere and promises of reinforcements. With the break of co-ordinated resistance, enemy morale has slipped considerably. Many Japs are now wandering in the hills without food or weapons. It can be anticipated therefore that numbers of enemy surrenders will increase. On the body of one enemy killed west of DINGO was a note written in english with the following words, "If I am taken prisoner, I can give infm". Another PW (see Interrogation Report No.47) a Cpl from TOKOI Force who, with three others, deserted from POKER area on 10 June stated that up to that time quite a number of Japs had deserted and attempted to escape from TARAKAN because they felt that there was no chance of victory.

Note - The 7 Japs sighted by LCM patrol were at 375796.

4. ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

Surveyors' equipment consisting of

- 2 Theodolites and 3 tripod mountings
- 2 Plane tables complete.
- 2 Periscopes single lense.
- 1 Wind vane
- 1 Combination Protractor Range Arm.
- 3 Surveyors Thermometer
- 1 Clinometer
- Set drawing instruments
- 2 Plumb bob compass Combination.
- 1 Portable ladder.
- Sundry accessories.

- 2 Complete sets 75mm Regtl Gun sights, mountings, etc
- 2 Sets 75 mm Regtl Gun tools and spare parts.
- 1 75mm Type 41 Regtl Gun complete.
- 1 Trench Mortar.
- Mines and Amn consisting of
- 6 Dutch mines
- 6 Yardstick mines and case of fuses.
- 20 Dutch 105mm shells
- 3 Jap 75mm Shells
- 2 cases Dutch .22 S&W

5. ENEMY CASUALTIES.

Casualties for 2400hrs to 201800L.

<u>Counted dead.</u>	<u>Est additional killed</u>	<u>PI</u>
15	4	2

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION - REPORT No. 46

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 47
Name	OMICHI, Masaichi.
Rank	Naval civ.
Unit	102 Naval Stores Dept.
Where captured	District VI.
When	19 Jun '45.
By whom	NICA.
Civil occupation	

2. HISTORY

PW arrived in TARAKAN in Nov '43. He was given a job in the 102 Stores Dept as a clerk, and was occupied thus until 27 Apr '45. On this day, his unit moved to FUKUKAKU and were used as ration carriers. About a week ago PW started carrying rations to the FUDAKI Unit, about 500 metres North of FUKUKAKU. On the night of the 16th while at this position, he was told to evacuate as the FUDAKI Unit were going to move to another position and did not require his services any longer. The next morning, he left with three other civs and headed towards AMAL. They found themselves near AMAL village on the 18th and PW suggested to the others that they should go into District VI to look for some food. They disagreed, where upon he separated from them and set out on his own the following day. He was captured that night.

3. UNIT

102 Naval Stores Dept.
This unit was composed of 34 civs commanded by a LT (sg) YAMASHITA. Their functions were to supply all Naval unit in the area with food, clothing, fuel and other provisions. All the civs were sent to FUKUKAKU on 27 Apr, but the majority of them were assigned to fighting units on the 10th of May.

4. ASSESSMENT

PW was questioned on strengths and enemy intentions but had no idea of both. His intelligence was considered poor.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT - NO. 47

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 48.
Name	AOYAMA, Yoji.
Rank	Cpl.
UNIT	TOKOI Force, 1 Coy.
Where captured	SADAU Is.
When	20 Jun '45.
By whom	Natives.
Civil occupation	Student.

2. HISTORY

PW landed in TARAKAN with TOKOI Force in Dec '44. When the Allies landed, he was with the Rifle and Gun Coy (JUHD) at AMAL, but on the 18th of May they retreated to Hill 102. PW and 7 others were immediately sent to be attached to the FUTOMI Unit (Naval) near Hill 105. On 1 Jun, they retreated to the DJOEATA track above FUKUKAKU and were there until 3 Jun, when PW and 8 others were sent as reinforcements for FUDAKI Unit, 400 metres further up the track. He was here till 10 Jun, and realizing the hopelessness of the situation, decided to desert with 3 others. They wandered in a North-easterly direction until they came out on the coast. (13 Jun) They followed the coastline for three days towards DJOEATA and decided to cross to TIBI Is. The party separated into two, PW and another getting on a belly tank found on the beach, and the other two on a raft. The belly tank collapsed before reaching the shore but both managed to get ashore without their equipment. They met the other party who decided to go on in their raft, while PW and his companion followed on by foot. They later found another raft but could not locate their other friends. Following the coast line of TIBI Is, they met another Jap and the three of them set out for a small island towards the mainland. Here they met a native and were given food and shelter for the night. On the 19th, more natives came on prahoes and induced the three Japs to go with them. While in the prahoes, their hands were tied and they were told that they were going to be taken to the Allies. That night, all three tried to escape by jumping overboard, but two were killed and PW held as prisoner. He was handed over to the Australians at SADAU Is.

3. UNIT

PW was originally in the Rifle and Gun Coy commanded by 1Lt MATSOMOTO. Strength of Coy at AMAL was about 130. Later he was attached to the FUTOMI Pl, and Naval unit.

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He was lastly sent as reinforcements with 8 others to the FUDAKI Unit (1 Coy TOKOI Force). This unit at the time had been badly beaten and were composed mostly of Naval tps and civs.

PW did not know the strengths of units up to the 10th, but had heard that all the Coys in TOKOI Force had suffered terrific casualties and each was down to about 30 of their original strengths. They were being reinforced with a few Naval tps and civilians.

4. GENERAL

PW was last in contact with the Jap tps on 10 Jun, and due to this fact, further interrogation re dispositions and strengths was useless. He is a graduate from the Imperial University in TOKIO and had taken a course in law.

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19 Jun 45

26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO 36

(From Infm to 191800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

See (a) SITREPS
(b) Operational Report

2. ENEMY DISPOSNS.

The enemy still clings tenaciously to SNAKE and Trig 90 features. Elsewhere our forces are contacting and finding tracks of isolated groups of Japs.

3. ENEMY METHODS.

In vic of ESSIE feature, 3 large huts and 5 smaller ones were located, which have evidence of having been occupied by wounded and sick personnel. A total of about 60 could have been housed in these huts.

Nearby there were a number of graves in which bodies had been hastily buried. In one composite grave (estimated to contain 5/6 bodies) the top two were partly uncovered. The hands of one were tied at the back, and the rope led to a piece of cloth around the neck. The cloth had probably been used as a gag. Only the hands of the other body were tied.

They were clad only with long green trousers. Due to decomposition, it was impossible to identify whether the bodies were those of Japs or Indonesians.

4. CAPTURED ENEMY EQPT.

1 - .50 calibre BROWNING MG.
2 - Bags rice
Radio Eqpt.
1 x 44 gal drum filled with 75 mm shells prepared as grenades.

5. LOCATION OF ENEMY HQ.

In an attempt to locate the present enemy HQ, NEI tps were used as guides. These men were two of a party of 15 who escaped from the Japanese about 10 days ago, and who were used by the enemy to carry rations and dig tunnels in the new HQ area.

The patrol left the CIRCUIT TRACK at 431694 and moved NORTH on to MELON feature, then WEST to 427696, where a faint track led NORTH to spur at 428702. Owing to debris caused by bombing in the POKER area, the guides were unable to locate the track at this point, and the patrol returned.

The guides were certain that the track did not go in the direction of ESSIE, but it is believed that the track leads in the direction of ROVER.

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LOCATION OF ENEMY HQ (Contd.)

From the FUKUKAKU area, the guides stated that the posn was at least 5 kilometres to the NORTH; this bears out their original statement in which they said that the posn was a day's march from FUKUKAKU area.

It is considered that the area in which the tunnels have been constructed is probably on SNAKE feature, or between Trig 90 at 430730 and SNAKE.

As all enemy radio eqpt was found on ESSIE ridge, it would appear that the wireless link to outside stations was to be set up quite a part from the enemy comd post.

6. ENEMY CASUALTIES - ESTIMATED STRENGTH.

<u>Counted Dead</u>	<u>Estimated additional killed</u>	<u>PW</u>
17	Nil	Nil

It is estimated that about 250 effectives still remain on the island. A considerable number of these, however, are known to possess no weapons. Some enemy are carrying grenades only.

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26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO 35

(From Infm to 181800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

See (r) SITREPS
(b) Operational Reports

2. ENEMY DISPOSNS.

Apart from 90 feature area (Trig 90), no organised defensive localities remain with the enemy. The fighting appears to be developing into a "Free-for-all" with contacts and sightings from CAPE DJOEATA to JOHN'S TRACK at 480653.

3. ENEMY INTENTIONS.

The enemy is now in isolated groups, which bears out statements of PWs. that with the evacuation of FUKUKAKU there would be no centralised control of forces, but from various posns sub unit comds would fight to the last.

It would appear at least that the strength of purpose of some of these comds has weakened, and that they are attempting to escape. Moreover, the continued pressing of our tps is giving little opportunity for consolidation on suitable ground, and groups moving about the island are being harassed by our patrols.

Indication of small groups intending to escape, were found today at CAPE DJOEATA. Our LCM patrol at refs 381797 and 385795 found a raft, eight sets of clothing, medical supplies, blankets, haversacks, grenades and miscellaneous articles left out to dry. It is believed there were six to eight Japs drying their clothing. Later one naked Jap was seen running away into the bush at 381797..

4. CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

(a) Att is ATIS TRANSLATION REPORT NO 29 of personnel record cards of Naval Units, strengths and offrs on TARAKAN prior to the Allied landing. Although undated, the records are recent, as KOHARU is shown in comd. The total pers is 37 offrs and 837 men, all of whom probably participated in the def of TARAKAN.

(b) PW captured 17 Jun throws some light on the Torpedo which was found in a concealed shelter at KAROENGAN. (See Interrogation Report No 45 att).

The Interrogation Report referred to above shows a TORPEDO firing unit consisting of 6 NCOs and 4 men. PW stated that no submarines entered KAROENGAN RIVER while he was there. Although no launching device has been found in the KAROENGAN area, it is believed that at least three torpedoes were fired from that vic on 1 May 45.

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5. ENEMY CAS (for 24 hrs ending 181800I)

Counted Dead

Estimated Additional Killed

PW

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Nil

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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS -- TRANSLATION REPORT No. 29

Batch No. 326

Documents captured TARAKAN Area 17 June 45.

Item No. 1

Bound cards of personnel record -- undated.

Personnel attached to Hq.	NCO	20
	Enlisted men	26
Hq. 2 Plt	NCO	5
	Enlisted men	13
Hq. Plt 1 Co	NCO	11
	EM	15
1 Plt 1 Co	NCO	20
	EM	20
	Aux	3
2 Pl 1 Co	NCO	21
	EM	21
	Aux	2
3 Pl 1 Co.	NCO	19
	EM	21
	Aux	2
Machine gun Pl 1 Co	NCO	6
	EM	34
	Aux	2
Mountain Arty Pl 1 Co	NCO	22
	EM	21
	Aux	2
2 Machine gun battery	NCO	7
	EM	13
5 Machine gun battery	NCO	5
	EM	11
6 Machine gun battery	NCO	8
	EM	11
7 Machine gun battery	NCO	6
	EM	4
7.5 Horizontal gun battery	NCO	8
	EM	19
Prymster section	NCO	17
	EM	20
Signal Section	NCO	11
	EM	9
Transport administrative duty unit	NCO	32
	EM	5
Construction unit	NCO	7
	EM	9
SEA GUARD SECTION		
Armored Large MLC Unit	NCO	10
	EM	11
Torpedo (TN: presumably) firing unit	NCO	6
	EM	4

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Defense Guard Post	NCO	1
	EM	2
Special Service post unit	NCO	5
	EM	3
	Aux	7
Motor Repair Unit	NCO	19
	EM	9
	Aux	6
Special Guard Unit	NCO	8
	EM	2
BURONGAN Expeditionary unit	NCO	3
	EM	5
BURAO Expeditionary Unit	NCO	19
	EM	11
Anti Aircraft Unit 2 Arty position	NCO	13
	EM	24
102 Naval Construction Unit		
Tarakan Construction Unit		
Officer-Lt (jg) (Tech) TAKEDA, Kenichi		1
Workers		89
East Indies Air Unit		
Tarakan Expeditionary Unit		
WO (Mech) OKADA, Torahiko		1
	NCO	6
	EM	40
3 Meteorological Unit		
Tarakan Expeditionary Unit	NCO	2
	EM	8
102 Construction Department		
Electric circuit maintenance workers		2
Special Service organization		7
27 Military Post Office		
2 Branch Office		3
Medical Service	NCO	3
	EM	5
Interpreters		4
TOTAL NCOs ENLISTED MEN, AUXILIARY TROOPS and OTHERS		835
TOTAL OFFICERS		2
TOTAL		837

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NAMES OF OFFICERS AT HEADQUARTERS

Comdr Lt. (jg)	KAHARU, Haroshi MATSUOCHI, Junichi	Commander, Division CO, Executive Officer Commander Guard Unit and various Division CO Comdr Sea Guard Unit
Lt (jg) Ensign Ensign	SANTO, Yukio NISHILURA, Koji HARUNA, Tadashi TAKASAGO, Koichi	Hq. Plat Ldr Deck-mate Hq. Plat Ldr.

LAND GUARD BRANCH

Lt (jg)	YOSHINAGA, Shigeo	1 Coy CO
Lt (jg)	FUKUTOMI, Zenjiro	1 Plat Ldr
Lt (jg)	MIYASO, Shizuo	2 Plat Ldr
Lt (jg)	NAKAMURA, Tadashi	CO of 7.5 cm Horizontal Gun position
Lt (jg)	OZAWA, Ichiro	CO of Air Defense Unit CO of 2 Machine gun position
Lt (jg)	SAKAMOTO, Yoshio	CO 2 Arty battery
Lt (jg)	MATSUBARA, Yuziuro	CO 6.5 Machine gun battery
Ensign (Pres. Ensign)	MYOGA, Naomi	MG Pl Ldr of 1 Coy
Ensign	KANZAKI, Genji	3 Plat Ldr of 1 Coy
WO	MOTOJIMA, Genei	Mt. Arty Plat Ldr
WO	YAMAMOTO, Tsukaji	CO Hq Plat
WO	KAWAMI, Toshiakitsu	Hq. 2 Plat Ldr
WO	TAKAHASHI, Miichi	Judicial Police carrier
(Pres. WO)	YAMAUCHI, Hajime	Att. to 1 Coy CO

SEA GUARD SECTION

Ensign WO	TSUJIMURA, Hitoumi MATSUMOTO, Sueo	CO Sea Guard Unit CO Harbor Repair Unit and 4 Plat Ldr
WO WO (mch) WO	MISONOU, Seiji SHIRAKI, Shinichi OKADA, Kiyoshi	CO Large MLC CO Special Ser. Boat Unit CO Machine gun battery and CO 1 OP

SIGNAL SECTION

Ensign WO	MURANAKA, Kazumasa ITO, Kyugoro	CO Signal Unit Att to CO Signal Unit
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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

WO (mch) WO WO	MORITA, Shinichi TAKEMURA, Masaji KAWATA, Kenichi	CO Transport Adm. Unit CO Construction Unit Att to CO Transport Adm Duty Unit
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MEDICAL SECTION

Lt Comdr	YAMAGATA, Eizo	Chief Surgeon and Division CO
Lt (sg) WO (med)	ISLKI, Keoru FUJIMOTO, Toshio	att to 2 Guard Unit Warrant wardmaster

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PAYMASTER SECTION

Lt (sg)	TANAKA, Kenji	Chief Paymaster and Division CO
Lt (sg)	MATSUO, Seishi	Oi/c of General Affairs
Ensign	OKUSHIMA, Hisato	Chief of intendance Ration and Clothing Officer

BURAO EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

Ensign	KOMICHI, Motoyoshi	CO Burao Expeditionary Unit
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TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS 37

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 45

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No: JA - T 46
Name: KAI, Morizo
Rank: Civilian
Unit: 1 Coy, TOKOI Force
Where captured: above FUKUKAKU (452696)
When captured: 17 June 45
By whom: 2/23 Bn
Civil occupation: Ship builder

2. HISTORY

PW arrived in TARAKAN in May 43 and was employed in the ship building yard at KAROENGAN. He was here until a week before the landing when he was attached to 1 Coy, TOKOI Force at AMAL. About 20 May, the Coy retreated north but on the way, they were bombed by our airplanes and PW with another civ and 4 soldiers became separated from their unit. They wandered up the AMAL coast until they came to BANALATOENG River and then walked inland. After 15 days, they joined their unit near Hill 105. PW was wounded by a mortar shell on 9 June and evacuated to the hosp at FUKUKAKU. The next day, the patients were told to retreat as the position had become dangerous. PW was carried by natives to a hut above FUKUKAKU where 4 other beri beri patients were. On the 15th they were discovered by one of our patrols, and the other four patients decided to retreat. The next day, PW was taken prisoner alone.

3. UNIT: 1 COY TOKOI FORCE

This coy was commanded by 1/Lt FUDAKI and had an original strength of approx 150 including 30 civilians. PW and other civs were employed as supply carriers.

The coy originally had 2 infantry guns and 2/3 LMGs, but PW believes that the infantry guns were destroyed by aerial bombing early in the campaign.

Up to 9 June, PW estimated about 50/60 left in the coy. The only officers left were the coy comdr and WO AKIYAMA.

While in the hosp, PW was told that his unit was retreating towards AMAL and to try to get back to them if possible.

4. KAROENGAN SHIP BUILDING YARD

In the two years that PW was here, they built 6 150 ton wooden vessels. Building was conducted by 37 Japs and 400 Javanese and Dayaks. There were 3 ships engines for the vessels were brought out from SOERABAYA.

Of the 37 Japs employed, 7 got away to BURAO before the landing and the others were inducted in FUDAKI Unit.

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5. TORPEDOES

Two weeks before the landing, a barge from the 2 Guard Unit brought 4 or 5 53 cm torpedoes to KAROENGAN and stored them in a concrete shelter near the jetty. They laid a rail track running to the shelter from the jetty. 6 Naval troops were left with the torpedoes. PW believes that that they were brought there to launch against enemy ships approaching TARAKAN.

6. LEAFLETS

PW saw a surrender leaflet at MAL showing Aust nurses attending to Jap PWs in a hosp. He did not believe this as he thought that all Jap PWs were killed by the Allies.

PW6 PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 44

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No:	TA - T 44
Name:	KATAOKA, Asaichi
Rank:	Third Cl PO
Unit:	2 Naval Guard Force
Where captured:	near FUKUKAKU
When captured:	16 June 45
By whom:	4/23 Bn
Civil occupation:	armament factory worker

(Three attempts were made to interrogate PW but in each instance his statements were very inaccurate and he did not remember details of his military history or unit. It is thought that the effect of bombardment has affected his mental capabilities.

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26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO 34

(From Infm to 171800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

See (a) SITREP
(b) Operational Report

2. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

Contact has been made over a wide area during the day. The main centre of resistance is the ESSIE feature, but there is evidence that a large proportion of the enemy force has broken up into small groups, and are scattered throughout the area between 90 feature at 431729, and HOPEFUL feature, sq 4772.

Apart from the enemy in occupation Trig 90 and ESSIE feature parties of enemy contacted were on the move, probably in an attempt to reach the EAST coast. In most cases, this movt was in an EASTERLY direction, except for one party of 14 which was sighted moving WEST along JOHN'S TRACK at 475655. When fired on, they fled NORTH into the jungle.

Att as Appx A to this report is a trace from a captured Japanese map showing enemy disposns around FUKUKAKU area prior to our capture of Trig 105 and 102.

With the loss of these two key points in his def system, and the subsequent pressure on all sides, it became apparent that the posn could not be held. The enemy comd decided to retire to ESSIE feature, where defs were being prepared.

However, our contact was too close, and he was unable to consolidate as he had done on the other posns. A contributing factor was the shortage of labor caused by the desertion of most of the coolies to our lines.

3. CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

Att to this report is nominal roll showing strength of TOKOI FORCE as at 1 Mar 45, and strength of 3 coy (NAGASAKA Unit), at the same time.

4. CAPTURED EQPT.

1 - Rangefinder (Dutch)
1 - 50 mm Mortar
1 - Type 92 HMG (JUKI)
20 - JUKI Firing Pins
1 - Lewis Gun barrel
6 - " " Mags

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(From Infm to 171800I Jun 45)

5. ENEMY CASUALTIES (for 24 hrs ending 171800I)

<u>Counted Dead</u>	<u>Estimated additional killed</u>	<u>PW</u>
8	1	1

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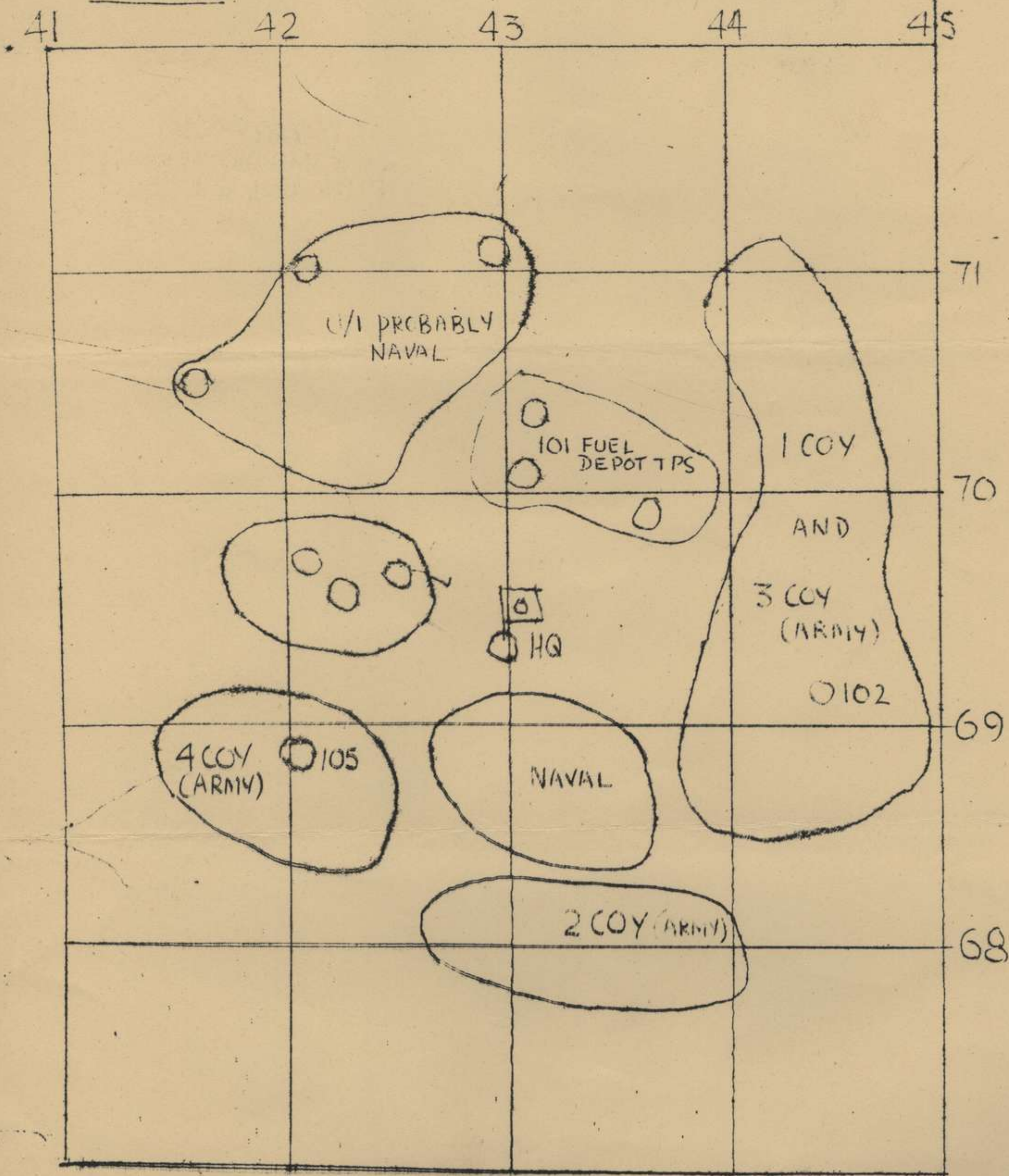
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APPX "A" TO INTREP 34

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IDENTIFICATIONS
FROM CAPTURED
DOCUMENTS

ENEMY DISPOSALS - FUKUKAKU AREA



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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS - TRANSLATION REPORT No. 28

BATCH No. 325

Documents Captured TARAKAN area 17 Jun '45

Item 1

Bound mm handwritten and carbon copied file entitled 'War time ABC NCO's and mens' nominal roll', kept by NADA 11013 Force (TN 555 IIB, TOKOI Force), compiled 1 Mar '45.

Extracts:

Hq: 71 NCOs and Men
3 died
total 74 NCOs and men.

1 Coy 128 NCOs and men
10 died
total 138

2 Coy 129 NCOs and men
5 died
total 134

3 Coy 132 NCOs and men
5 died
total 137

4 Coy 130 NCOs and men
6 died
total 136

Rifle gun unit: 125 NCOs and men
6 died
total 131

Item 2

Loose handwritten sheet giving organization chart of NAGASAKI Unit. Undated.

Extracts:

Comd Squad:
Coy comdr Sgt. Maj TOYOTA and 11 men.
cooks 2 "
runners 2 "
total 16 men.

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KOKURA Pl:

Pl ldr 1/Lt KOKURA and	3	men
1 Sec	8	"
2 "	7	"
3 "	8	"
4 "	10	"
Att MG Sec	6	"
" Med "	1	"
total	43	men

TAKAHASHI Pl:

Pl ldr 2/Lt TAKAHASHI and	2	men
1 Sec	5	"
2 "	7	"
Att MG Sec	7	"
" Med "	1	"
total	23	men.

KARIYA Pl:

Pl ldr WO KARIYA	1	man.
1 Sec	10	men
2 "	10	"
3 "	10	"
total	31	men.

TAKAHASHI Sec:

Sec Ldr Sgt TAKAHASHI and	16	men
Att	3	men
total	20	men.

Total strength of NAGASAKA Unit: 133 men.

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26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO 33

(From Infm to 161800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

See (a) SITREP
(b) Operational Report

2. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

Although a number of contacts were made throughout the day, the main enemy dispositions appear to be along ESSIE ridge NE from 443707 to 457718, on the 90 feature and at approx 422734. A report just received states that approx 100 Japs have moved towards the east coast from ESSIE, probably heading towards the mouth of the BINALATONG river.

3. ENEMY INTENTIONS

PWs state that following the withdrawal of the enemy from FUKUKAKU he will break up into independent groups and under separate comds, fight to the last. It is considered, however, that without central control the enemy will not hold with his former determination. It is likely that groups at least will break away in an attempt to escape from the island.

4. ENEMY SECURITY

The evacuation of FUKUKAKU demonstrated the security-mindedness of the enemy. In his orders for withdrawal, the importance of destruction of documents was emphasised. Examination of FUKUKAKU proved the effectiveness of his disposal of documents. Very few papers were found, and these were of no value. There was much evidence of destruction of papers, and all articles which could have been of use to us were removed or destroyed.

5. CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIPMENT (48 hrs ending 161800I)

1 x 70mm Bn Gun (breech block missing)
1 x 70mm Bn Gun (barrel missing)
1 x 75mm Mtn Gun (breech block missing)
2 generators (1 damaged)
6 Jap field telephones
1 W/T transmitter (damaged)
Signal accessories and batteries
120 x 75mm shells (30 fuze)
20 x 70mm shells
6 boxes .256 rifle amm
8 Dutch (mushroom) mines
6 Jap ceramic mines
30 Dutch 75mm shells (fuze as grenades)
4 x 44-gallon drums petrol
2 x 50mm grenade dischargers Type 89.
1 x 81mm mortar and 12 bombs.
1 Lewis Gun LMG and 8 mags.
1 x 50 calibre Browning MG.

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1 Portable Spotlight
20 bags Rice
Medical stores and eqpt.

6. ENEMY CASUALTIES

Killed and found dead	-	72
Probably killed	-	5
PW	-	Nil

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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS - TRANSLATION REPORT No. 27

BATCH No. 323

Documents captured TARAKAN Area 15 Jun '45.

Item 1

Bound mm, handwritten and carbon-copied file entitled 'Nominal roll of Army personnel' belonging to 555 IIB (TN TOKOI Force), dated 1 Mar '45.

Extracts:

Officers:	Maj	TOKOI, Tadao.
	Capt	TAKEUCHI, Suteo.
	1/Lt	IZUTSU, Tamotsu.
	"	IWASAKI, Isuneyuki.
	"	KOKURA, Bungo.
	"	OHIRO, Iwao.
	"	NAGASAKA, Norio.
	"	MATSUMOTO, Saichiro.
	"	SATSUKI, Hiroichi.
	"	KAIKOHARA, Minoru.
	"	MIYAJI, Takashi.
	2/Lt	TOYOSHIMA, Shigetomi.
	"	OGAWA, Noboru.
	"	WATANABE, Masaaki.
	"	TAKAHASHI, Yasushi.
	"	KURONUMA, Teruo.
	"	MATSUNAGA, Hirokichi.
	"	GOTO, Kazuo.
	"	SASAKURA, Yoshihisa.
	"	SHIMADA, Kinoriyuki.
	"	MORITA, Tokio.
	"	SUDA, Muneji.
	Prob Offr	FUJITA, Naome.
	" "	ITSUI, Noburo.

Strength of TOKOI Force as of 1 Mar '45:
24 officers, 740 men (11 died of illness).
Total 775 officers and men.

Attached troops:
25 NCOs and men of YAMADA Force.
25 " " " " KUCHIYAMA Force.
35 " " " " TAGUCHI Force.

Grand total: 860 officers and men.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 36

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA - T 36
Name:	HASEGAWA, Kunimitsu
Rank:	Civilian
Unit:	101 Fuel Depot
Where captured:	near CLARICE
When captured:	14 June 45
By whom:	2/23
Civil occupation:	Bank clerk

2. HISTORY

PW arrived in TARIKAN on 20 May 44, and was given a job as clerk in the 101 Fuel Depot Hq. He was occupied there until 20 Apr 45, when his unit was reorganized. He was assigned to the SONOHARA Pl and after landing of Allied troops, was stationed at No. 3 posn (near CLARICE). On 9 June he was ordered to carry rice to No. 5 posn (probably ESSIE), where the pl was evacuating to. On his return, he hurt his leg and didn't get back to the former posn till 13 June. He was captured on the following day.

3. UNIT

101 Fuel Depot was reorganized on 20 Apr 45 and changed into an emergency fighting unit.

The personnel were divided into 4 pls and one Comd pl, forming the 2 coy of 2 Guard Unit. PW was in 1 pl commanded by Lt (sg) SONOHARA, with a strength of approx 35 men. He did not know strength of other pls. All officers were formerly technicians from the Fuel depot.

4. CASUALTIES

PW could not give any figures of casualties except in his own platoon which lost 15 men up to 13 June 45. The majority were killed by mortar fire and the rest by air attacks. There were approx 200 wounded casualties in the Hq. hosp but they were evacuated on 10 June, the day before the big air attack on the Hq.

5. DISPOSITION AND STRENGTHS

PW stated that the Hq. of Jap Forces had shifted on 13 June but he did not know new location. He estimated present strength of Japanese troops to be approx 700.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT 38 & 39

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

I. PW No: JA - T 38
Name: HITOMI, Shoichi
Rank: 1/cl Pte
Unit: TOKOI Force, IWASAKI Unit,
MINAGAMI pl
Where captured: near FUKUKAKU
When captured: 15 June 45
By whom: 2/23 Bn
Civil occupation: Carpenter

II. PW No. JA - T 39
Name: INAMURA, Hyozo
Rank: 1/cl Pte
Unit: TOKOI Force, IWASAKI Unit,
MINAGAMI pl
Where captured: near FUKUKAKU
When captured: 15 June 45
By whom: 2/23 Bn

(For details of history and unit refer to report on PW No. JA-T 43
(SUZUKI, Shigeyoshi), a member of the same unit.)

PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 40

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No. JA - T 40
Name: NAKAYAMA, Akihiro
Rank: 1/cl Pte
Unit: TOKOI Force, IWASAKI Unit,
MATSUNAGA pl
Where captured: near FUKUKAKU
When captured: 15 June 45
By whom: 2/23 Bn
Civil occupation: Farmer

(PW was injured by mortar fire on 27 May. His history and unit details
are the same as those given by PW 42 (SHINOHARA, Sozaburo)).

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 41

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No: JA - T 41
Name: IKEDA, Saburo
Rank: 1/c1 Pte
Unit: TOKOI Force, IWASAKI Unit (TN 4 coy)
Sgt. Baba Sq.
Where captured: FUKUKAKU Position
When captured: 15 June 45
By whom: 2/23 Bn
Civil occupation: Artisan

2. HISTORY

PW stated that he arrived on TARAKAN on 17 Dec 44 from JOLO Island with TOKOI Force. After a week on TARAKAN, PW and 22 others with a Prob. Officer were ordered to do farming at MANDOLL Is. and returned to TARAKAN 28 Feb 45 in time for the reorganization of TOKOI Force on 1 March 45.

PW stated that on April 29 his coy (IWASAKI Unit) with a strength of about 80 men were ordered to take up No. 1 disposition and moved from the LLNKAS Area. This movement was carried out because he heard the enemy had landed somewhere near TARAKAN. As the fighting got tough his coy retreated towards the NISSAN farming area and arrived at FUKUKAKU on 9 May 45 where he was wounded and evacuated to the hosp barracks. On 10 June 45, all patients received rations and were told that men who are able to walk were to return to their unit near the Hq. He stayed with his coy till the morning of 14 June 45 when they woke up and found that his coy had retreated leaving them in the hut. So immediately they moved from this hut into a fox hole with another man and was captured on 15 June 45.

3. MORALE

Pw stated that the mens' morale ^{was} low and they had no hope of winning the battle.

Note: PW could not add any more to information given by PW JA T 43.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 43

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No: JA-T 43
Name: SUZUKI, Shigayoshi
Rank: Pfc
Unit: TOKOI Force, IWASAKI Unit,
MINAGAMI Pl.
Where captured: near FUKUKAKU
When captured: 15 June 45
By whom: 2/23 Bn
Civil occupation: Clerk

2. HISTORY

PW arrived at TARAKAN in Dec 44 with the TOKOI Force. After the reorganization of his unit in March, he was assigned to 4 coy and took up garrison duties in LINCKAS Area. The coy evacuated after our landing and gradually dropped back towards the airfield and then back to FUKUKAKU. PW was wounded here by mortar on 16 May and was evacuated to the hosp at Hq. On 10 June, Maj. TOKOI issued an order that all walking patients were to be issued half months rations and sent back to their various units. PW started out but couldn't go on after getting half way and was put in a hut by other patients. The next day, the Hq was bombed by our planes and after this, PW set out for his unit near the Hq. again. He arrived there on the same day and was put in a hut with five other wounded personnel (PSW 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42). On 17 June, the Coy commander told the patients that he was taking his men on an infiltration attack but would come back later on. They never returned and on 15 June, our troops captured all six patients in a trench near the hut.

3. UNIT TOKOI FORCE IWASAKI UNIT

At time of landing, strength of TOKOI Force was about 700. PW was in 4 Coy which was divided into two rifle platoons and one HMG pl. (1 JUKI)
Strength of coy was approx 90 (40 each in 1 & 2 pl, and 12 in MG pl)
The MG pl was entirely wiped out on RIPON early in May. The other two platoons were badly knocked about at 105 and FUKUKAKU.
Present strength of 4 Coy, approx 40 including one officer (1 Lt IWASAKI). The other officers were killed in action.
PW estimated present strength of TOKOI Force to be about 150. Approx 50 each in 1, 3 and 4 coys. (2 Coy entirely wiped out in early part of campaign)
His estimate of Naval strength at present is 200 of which 150 are SNIP. (These strengths did not include the patients that returned to their units on 10 June)

4. ENEMY INTENTIONS

PW stated that on 13 June, all unit comdrs were told by Maj TOKOI that they were to scatter in various directions and make the best of the situation. They were told that they were entirely on their own and not to

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liaise ith Hq. PW thought thrt Maj. TOKOI and Comdr. KAHARU with a small force were estblishing their posn somewhere north of FUKUKAKU. Their intention was to fight to the end.

5. REINFORCEMENTS

PW heard a rumour in April 45 that 3000 newly recruited soldiers were supposed to arrive in TARAKAN in May 45 to take over the garrison of TARAKA. These reinforcements were supposed to come from Singapore on the first available ship.

On 30 April, TOKOI Force received an order that they would be sent to N. China on the first available ship.

6. CASUALTIES

Hospital. There were 160 patients in the Hq. hosp till 10 June 45. Of these, the walking wounded were told to return to their units and those tht could not evacuate were given an injection and killed. PW stated tht six men suffered this fate.

7. SURRENDER LEAFLETS

PW had seen one of these in April 44 showing nurses treating Jap prisoners. He discussed it with his friend, and both being Roman Catholics thought tht this humane treatment was natural amongst Christians. The other soldiers made fun of the leaflet and said that the allies killed all of their prisoners.

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26 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE INTERREP NO 32

(From Inf to 151800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

- See (a) SITREP
(b) Operational Report

2. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

See trace att as Appx A.

3. ENEMY PROPAGANDA.

A propaganda leaflet picked up at KAROENGAN on 12 Jun caters for American and Australian readers, giving an account of disasters in both countries. Copy of leaflet is att as Appx B.

4. CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

- Documents captured by NEI Inf Bn patrol on ESSIE included :-
(a) Passwords and signals to be used by enemy, commencing 20 Jun.
(b) Sub unit movt order for enemy withdrawal to ESSIE feature.
(c) Undated copy of unit strengths.

A translation of these documents is att as ATIS Translation Report No 26.

From the table of unit strengths, it appears that some reorganisation has taken place in the enemy forces. -

KAMOHARU UNIT - 150. Probably a mixed force composed of units formerly att to HQ 2 Guard Force.

SAKAMOTO UNIT - 40. Sakamoto was formerly OC MG Bty in the Airfield def unit. The 40 men under his comd are possibly remnants of AA def unit.

NAGASAKA UNIT - 110. Nagasaka was formerly comd 3 coy 374 IIB. It appears that 374 IIB has been reorganised into two coys.

INABAKI UNIT - 80. Second reorganised coy of 374 IIB.

YOSHINAGA UNIT - 220. Comd of 1st Naval Guard Coy.

HIRI - 30. Unidentified unit.

IBEKI - 5. MO and staff Naval Coy

SATSUKI - 156. Unidentified - possibly unit composed of civilians and miscellaneous tps.

YOSHIDA - 10. Medical unit - possibly manning hospital.

5. PW INTERROGATION.

Interrogation of SATO, Kyoto, captured 14 Jun 45 by 2/23 Bn, is att as ATIS Interrogation Report No 37.

6. ENEMY MOVEMENT FROM TARAKAN

14 Japanese who were mentioned in Intrep No 24 as having escaped from TARAKAN on 5 Jun were located at BELAKAN village (3 deg 15' N 117 deg 12'E) approx 7 1/2 miles up SEKATA RIVER. Patrol boats with one AIF Offr and 1 OR were guided to the village by a native. Two Japanese were seen, and huts and surroundings were strafed by BOFORS, 37 mm and 20 mm guns. No tives state that the Japanese are armed with 3 LMGs, 5 rifles, and grenades.

It is considered that escape inland is impossible, because all tracks leading inland are guarded by DYAKS.

An LCM patrol to Cape DJOEATA on 15 Jun found food cooking at 374796 - no Japanese were sighted, but footprints were found. Some documents were picked up near the fire. It is estimated that only one Jap was in the area.

Six NEI PW who escaped from the enemy approximately 1 month ago were found near Cape DJOEATA by the LCM patrol. They had been wandering in the jungle for about 3 weeks when they reached the coast NORTH of BINALATOENG RIVER. They decided to head SOUTH to AMAL. On 10 Jun in the afternoon they saw approx 7 Japs near a nipa hut near the mouth of BINALATOENG RIVER; they were sitting down and talking loudly. They were armed with rifles and carried grenades on their belts. On seeing the natives, the Japs tried to follow them, but the natives escaped NORTH. They built a raft and drifted towards Cape DJOEATA, where they met the LCM patrol.

7. ENEMY CASUALTIES (for 24 hrs to 151800I)

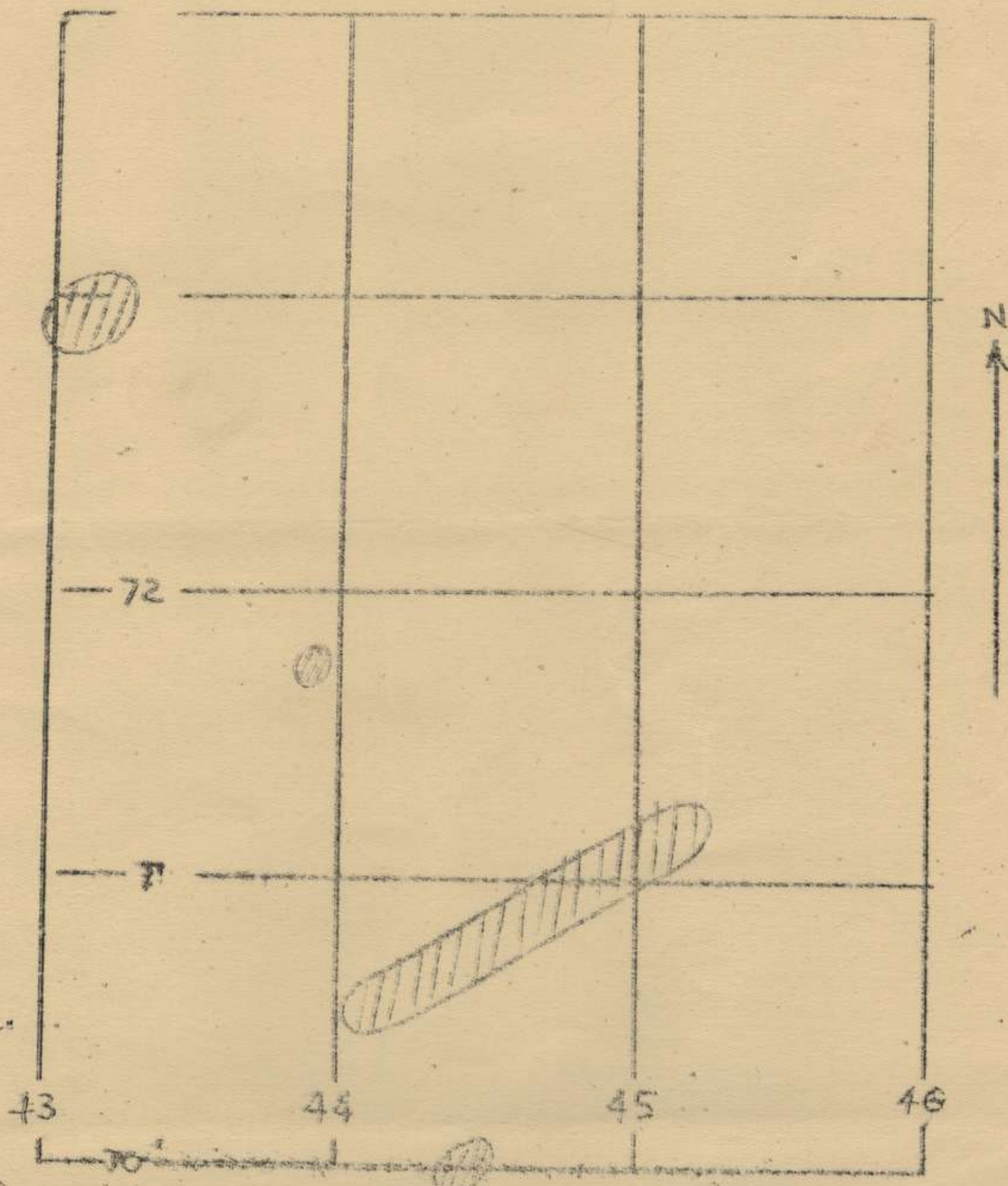
<u>Counted Dead</u>	<u>Estimated additional killed</u>	<u>PW</u>
33	4	10

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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS - TRANSLATION REPORT No. 26

Batch No. 321

Documents captured TARAKAN Area 14 June 45.

Item 1

Loose sheet, carbon copy. Full translation:

The following countersign and signal will become effective from the 20 June (TN: year not stated, presumably 45)

Question and answer: SHIKISHIMA --- ASAMI
YAMATO --- SAKURA

Binary with both hands --- ternary with both hands
(clap, clap) (clap, clap, clap)

Binary with a stick --- ternary with a stick
(tap, tap) (tap, tap, tap)

Item 2

Loose carbon copy, and hand written sheet. Full translation:

TAMAI 13 June COMMANDER
TO ALL UNIT COMMANDERS

ORDERS

1. Start of movement (time of leaving the front lines) will be 14 June at 0400.
2. The disposition of the wounded who are unable to move will be left to each unit commander. They will be dealt with so as they will demonstrate the honour of a true soldier, if possible. (harakiri, suicide, etc)
4. When the movement is completed (the main force) will immediately take measures to establish liaison.
5. To you officers and men, I pray for your success in battle and also for your brave struggle through eternity to drive this battle to an end.

At time of withdrawal, together with (TN: illegible) in the vicinity of the position, take various measures for the disposal of important documents.

Item 3

Loose handwritten sheet found on ESSIE. Full translation:

June 13 TOKOI UNIT COMMANDER
TO TAMAI UNIT COMMANDER

1. When moving, the unit will be disposed of in the following manner.
At 102 and No. 5 position (TN: Prob ESSIE R) (TN: PW stated No. 5 posn. was about 40 mins walk from ground 102) In between one part will be left. (one or two days)
The unit will be left at No. 5 (about one week)
Your unit will protect the entire transfer movement.
Positions (6) and (7), for the present, will be occupied and made secure by the AKIYAMA UNIT
2. I pray for your success, with no expectation of meeting again.
(TN: AKIYAMA, presumably WO Akiyama mentioned in Trans. Rep. No. 20)

Item 4
Loose sheet, undated. Extract:

KAIKOHARA Unit	about	150
SAKAMOTO "	presumably	40
NAGASAKA "		110
IWASAKI "		80
YOSHINAGA "		220
ENRI "		30
ISEKI "		5
SATSUKI "		156
YOSHIDA "		10

Item 5
Note-book on clothing diary dated from 1 April 45. Extract.

Today (26 April 45) starting at 0800 hrs there were 4 air raids.
According to telegraph received a task force composed of 3 destroyers
and 50 sea trucks is proceeding north from MOROTAI.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 37

PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 37
Name	SATO, Kyoto.
Rank	Pfc.
Unit	YAMADA Force. (att TOKOI Force)
Where captured	FUKUKAKU posn.
When	14 June '45
By whom	2/23 Bn.
Civil occupation	

2. HISTORY

Pw arrived in TARAKAN on 17 Dec '44 together with the YAMADA and TOKOI Forces. On 4 Mar '45, YAMADA Force left TARAKAN for BALIKPAPAN leaving PW and 19 others who were patients at the time. When they got well, they were attached to the TOKOI Force. Five days ago, PW was sent out as a look-out from FUKUKAKU to the defence area outside the Hq. Two days later, he was wounded by our bombing attack on the Hq and evacuated to a hut near the Hq where he was captured.

3. Unit.

PW was previously in the YAMADA Force, but was later attached to the 4 Coy, 1 Pl of TOKOI Force.

<u>Personalities</u>	Capt IWASAKI	4 Coy comdr.
	Capt SATO	Adjt YAMADA Force.

PW stated that YAMADA and TOKOI Forces landed in TARAKAN with 600 men each. When they separated they divided all their equipment equally. After YAMADA Force departed, TOKOI Force was reorganized.

Strengths: PW estimated that at present, there were approx 700 fighting troops left including the Navy. He stated that on 7 June, Maj TOKOI with the remaining 400 Army personnel, retreated towards DJOEATA leaving 103 wounded personnel at FUKUKAKU. He gave them each about one month's rations and told them to stick to their positions and die.

Reinforcements PW heard that a Bn of reinforcements were supposed to arrive from TAWAO on the first available ship. These reinforcements were supposed to arrive on 15 June.

4. MINES

PW stated that the Hq position was mined with trip wire mines about one week ago.

5. GENERAL

PW was in a very painful condition when interrogated and could not answer questions easily. Because of this, interrogation had to be short.

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COPY OF JAP PROPAGANDA LEAFLET.

" NIPPON-BALLOON-BOMB-ATTACK CAUSED GREAT PANIC AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

May 31st, Washington (Reuter Telegraph).

The Nippon balloon bomb attacking the American Mainland was officially reported by Mr Whatnow, Director of Forestry, for the second time. He said :

'Nippon balloon bomb exploded locality. The damage is so great, such as never been expected by our people. Therefore the people in some section have to be removed into another locality.'

It is officially supposed, that the balloon bomb's speed is about 120 miles per hour. It will cross the PACIFIC in 80 hours. And the balloon drops bombs automatically. Then exploded it-self.

AUSTRALIAN FARMERS EXPECTING TRAGEDY

Australia is now suffering great drought. On June 3rd a Radio Broadcast report from Melbourne :

'The drought has caused failure of crops. The whole of Australia is now heading calamity. Our land is heading famine disaster. Our life is at stake.' This is people's voice all over Australia. This must be deeply considered by the Government and preparations must be taken.

We supplied England, America and Holland with our food and living stock. Now our stock is exhausted.

People of Australia and our soldiers have been fighting for England, America and Holland, sacrificing human blood. Now we are heading famine agony! Whatfor? Have England and America ever helped us? No, never, so we must prepare our selves !! "

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26 AUST INF BDE SITREP NO 31

(From Infm to 141800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

See (r) SITREP
(b) Operational Report

2. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

See trace att as Appz A

3. ENEMY COURTESY

Either as a security measure, or as a mark of respect, it has always been the practice of the Japanese to force all civilians to turn their backs when high ranking officers pass through any area.

This practice has been carried out in the enemy areas, and, on the approach of officers, all PW and coolies were sent away to hide. As released prisoners have seen any high ranking officers, they have never spoken to them. Even the Commandant of the PW camp, who has never spoken to the comd, and was not allowed near his quarters.

This security does not appear to extend to military installations, as several PW have seen artillery and know the exact location and movement of enemy radio sets.

4. ENEMY MORALE

Until recently, the morale of enemy troops was reasonably good, as most of them believed that they would either be reinforced by men and planes, or be evacuated.

The appearance of Jap aircraft over the area raised morale for a short time, but during the last week spirits have reached a low ebb.

One informant states that the Japanese do not favour hari-kari, but consider it "old fashioned". In his opinion, if they have no hope of escape, they will surrender. This however is considered unlikely. The enemy believe there is still a possibility of help in the form of reinforcements or craft to evacuate them. Japanese soldiers have told informants that help should come by the 15th or 18th June, when they should be able to escape to BORNEO.

5. ESCAPED NEI PW CIVILIANS.

A further large party of NEI soldiers and civilians reported in to 2/03 Bn area this morning. They comprised 90 NEI PW and 27 coolies. Led by Dr TAHN, a Chinese doctor, they were the remaining Indonesians from the FUKUKAKU area, mostly sick personnel who were unfit for further service.

Prior to the Jap withdrawal from FUKUKAKU yesterday, Dr TAHN was handed a note written in Japanese. He was told to remain with the Indonesians in the HQ area, await the arrival of our forces, and hand to them the message. The following is a translation of the message :-

Date 13 Jun 45

CERTIFICATE

90 Soldiers (NEI PW)
27 Natives (Coolies)

The abovementioned will be released by the Japanese Army, and it is hoped that they will be taken care of by you.

JAPANESE ARMY COMD.
(Signature illegible)

At 1600 hrs the Japanese Comd, staff offrs and HQ pers evacuated the area and proceeded NORTH towards new HQ (previously reported).

6. ENEMY EQPT.

JAPANESE 'FLOWERPOT' or 'POTTERY' MINE.

This mine was first recovered in LEYTA, and more recently by Marines in IWO JIMA.

The mine has now been recovered on TARAKAN.

It was recovered in a hut near the track leading to 105 feature (ref 421687). The mine was NOT fused, but empty packing cases indicated that there were other mines in the dump, and it is possible that they have been set in the vic.

The case of the mine, which is approx 8 1/2 ins in diameter, and 4 ins high, is made of heavy glazed earthen coloured pottery. The explosive filling, sufficient to blow the tracks off a tank, is contained in a light rubber bag inside the mine.

The fuse is constructed of non-ferrous material, resembling bakelite, and is threaded into a rubber stopper sealing the opening at the top of the mine. The fuse may be fired by means of a 25 lb pull on a trip wire, or without any adjustment by a 10 lb pressure directly on the fuse. Examples of this fuse, manufactured in TOKYO in July 1944, have been recovered.

The mines are usually laid in rows buried under 2 ins of earth, and connected by trip wires.

As no metal is used in the mine except in the safety and release wires of the fuse and in the gains, the mine can be detected only by the most delicate magnetic detection gear.

7. WRECKED ALLIED AIRCRAFT.

LCM coastal patrol to TIBI ISLAND 13 Jun found a crashed Allied aircraft at ref 450833 (ref map DJOEATA 1:50000).

A document found at CAPE DJOEATA on 26 May referred to this plane. It was an order to W.O. MATSUMOTO of DJOEATA garrison to take a patrol of 12 men by boat to TIBI ISLAND to search for the survivors of the plane.

At CAPE DJOEATA, 4 Browning .5 calibre MGs were found, also several minor articles taken from a B-25. Set out below is a report on the aircraft:

(Report on crashed B-25 bomber TIBI IS)

Wrecked MITCHELL bomber, (2 engines, monoplane, two tail fins, gun turrets rear, nose and top of fuselage above wings) sighted resting on the beach about 100 yards from low water mark. Only markings was a yellow figure (9) about one foot high on right tail fin. No number could be found. Wreckage can only be seen at low tide. Natives fishing near the wreck said plane had crashed two months ago, and that two men were killed. They said there were only two men. (Natives came from BWYU). Wreckage has been stripped of all but guns.

Condition of Plane

Wing - One small hole each side of fuselage, otherwise no damage.

Props - Only one blade of each engine could be seen. Engines still in plane.

Fuselage - Front turret missing. All interior fittings missing.

Centre top turret wrecked and two guns barrels taken.

Rear turret wrecked and gun missing, otherwise fuselage in good condition.

Trail piece - Only flaps on right side damaged.

Undercarriage could not be seen.

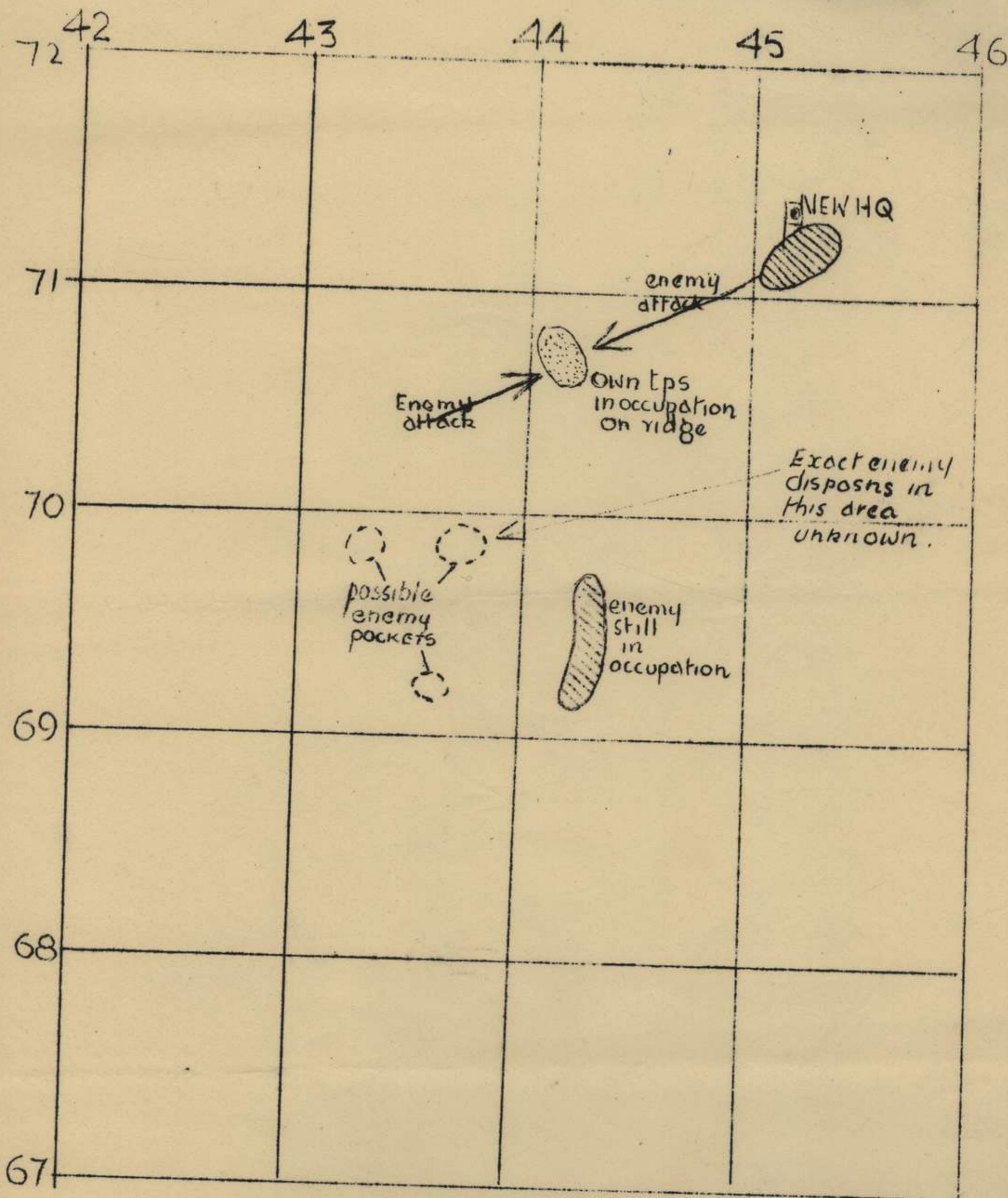
8. ENEMY CASUALTIES (for 24 hrs to I4I800I)

<u>Counted Dead</u>	<u>Estimated additional killed</u>	<u>PW</u>
44	8	2

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APPX. "A"

TO 26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO. 31:
Ref map - TARAKAN 1/25000.



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14 June 45

PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 35

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA - T 35
Name:	OMORI, Takeo
Rank:	Civilian
Unit:	102 Construction Unit
Where captured:	Fanny Island
When captured:	10 June 45
By whom:	Natives
Civil occupation:	Farmer

2. HISTORY

Previous to Allied invasion, PW was working as a labourer on the airfield. Just before the landing, his unit was evacuated to FUKUKAKU where he was assigned to job of carrying rations for the cook house. On 10 May, he and three others were ordered to infiltrate to the Anzac highway near Djoeste oilfield and destroy vehicles with yardstick mines. They lost their way and after wandering in the jungle, came out on the west coast 16 days later. The four of them made a raft and tried to drift to an island opposite Terskan. The current was against them and they were on the sea for 3 days before finally landing on Fanny island. On 6 June, due to the lack of food, the other three boarded the raft again with intentions of going to another island. PW stayed behind and was captured on the 10th while stealing fish from a native fish trap.

3. UNIT 102 Construction Unit

This unit was responsible for all types of constructional and labour work on the island. It was commanded by Lt (sg) TAKEDA and had a strength of 78 Naval and civilian personnel. Besides this they used 950 coolies of which 30/40 were under charge of PW.

4. SPECIAL REMARKS

When captured, PW was immediately recognized by NICA natives as one who had ill-treated coolies. He was accused of having had a hand in beating natives who were tied upside down, and causing the death of three. PW denied all these charges through out a severe interrogation stating that he had slapped a few coolies at times but had never beat or killed any of them.

He could not offer any tactical information.

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26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO 30

(From Infm to 131800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

See (a) INTREP
(b) Operational Report

2. ENEMY PROPAGANDA

A document addressed in ENGLISH to C in C Allied Forces on TARAKAN, found on the track between WALLY and LINDA. A translation of the document is att as Appx P.

3. REPORTS FROM ESCAPED NEI PW

Two parties of NEI soldiers who were held prisoner by the Japanese, found their way to our tps today. 9 left Japanese posns in vic of ESSIE on 11 Jun, and walked EAST to the coast, then followed the coast to AMAL, where they met NEI tps. The other 6 were found by an NEI patrol near 460710.

From interrogation of these PW, it is believed that the enemy is preparing two tunnels on ESSIE feature, one of which is completed, and the other still under construction.

The FUKUKAKU area has been virtually evacuated, and informants stated that the Comd left the HQ before the bombing to go to a tunnel which had been prepared about 400 yds NORTH of the HQ.

It is thought that this a temporary HQ until the posns on ESSIE are finished. The natives stated that the patients from the hospital have been issued with rations, and have been ordered to leave the area. Those who cannot walk are left to die. The informants think that the wounded have been instructed to try and reach our lines. This may be a result of leaflets dropped over the HQ, in which we offered to take care of their wounded.

The route from FUKUKAKU to ESSIE runs NORTH from HILDA to CHARITY, and then EAST along the ridge to ESSIE. It is considered that the difficulty of transporting the wounded over this track has caused the comd to abandon the wounded.

Two radio sets have been removed from FUKUKAKU, and taken to temporary HQ posn.

4. ENEMY CASUALTIES (for 24 hrs to 131800I)

<u>Counted Dead</u>	<u>Estimated additional killed</u>	<u>PW</u>
3	Nil	Nil

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BRING THIS LEAFLET TO C in C OF ALLIED FORCE.

BE LAURENT OVER THE DEATH OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL DERRICK C in C
OF ALLIED FORCES IN TARAKAN.

NOTE TO AUSTRALIAN FORCES.

1. What do you think of the death of Lt Gen DERRICK ?
Further intense fighting will only bring you to the same fate.
2. Remember how you Australian officers and men have been misled by the Yankees, and we know that you have already suffered more than 2000 casualties.

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DONT BE MISLEAD BY THE YANKEES !!!

Take notice in the change in the world situation.

1. Think of the ruthless bombing of the Yankee.
Look at the fact that while you sacrifice yourselves, Americans are proudly taking a holiday.
2. Dont be misled by the false announcement of the American successes in OKINAWA. Up to May the Americans have lost more than 500 ships, and now, since the invention of the OYAKO (Rocket Bomb) and the formation of the Special Attack Unit, the ships around OKINAWA are on the verge of annihilation. To prove this, in spite of the demands of your officers and men, they (the Americans) have NOT sent a single supply ship to this island of TARAKAN.

JAPANESE ARMY ON TARAKAN ISLAND."

NOTE:

The directions for disposal of this document and the referenc
to " Lieutenant General DERRICK" were in English in block capitals.

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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
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12 Jun 45

26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO 29

(From Infm to 121800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

See (a) SITREP
(b) Operational Report

2. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

No change

3. ENEMY METHODS.

An NEI PW who escaped from the enemy, stated that he had seen tracks leading to FUKUKAKU area booby trapped, even while the enemy themselves were still using the tracks.

This was done by laying mines or bombs along the edges of tracks, and attaching wires which could be pulled to detonate the mines from some distance off in the jungle. All personnel were warned to walk in the middle of tracks.

Informant believes that HQ area is booby trapped in this manner.

4. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

There has been no enemy shelling since our counter battery fire last night, when our party fired 40 rounds on the enemy gun posns.

5. ENEMY INTENTIONS

While the Japanese still hold tenaciously to their posns fwd of FUKUKAKU, there are indications of a steady retirement NORTH towards the CHARITY-ESSIE feature.

This feature consists of a ridge approx 3000 yds long, running NE and, except for the narrow approach through CHARITY-AUNTY-UNCLE features, bounded by swampy creeks, which are almost impassable NE of the creek junc at 441713.

A force which crossed the creek at 435710 came under fire from the ridge NE of CHARITY at refs 434708 and 437707. A patrol moving EAST from DJOEATA to investigate movement in vic of SHORT encountered approx 10/15 Japs at 432722, who displayed unusual aggressiveness, and after inflicting one cas on our force during the interchange, pursued the patrol for 200 yds, firing rifles and screaming.

It is believed that this is a standing patrol designed to curtail our patrol activity NORTH of ESSIE feature. It is also an indication of the value placed on this ground by the enemy.

A retreat to the CHARITY-ESSIE feature would be compatible with the original intention of the enemy comd to fight to the last and to inflict as many cas as possible on our forces.

6. ENEMY CASUALTIES (for 24 hrs to 121800I)

Counted Dead

12

Estimated additional killed

2

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4. FUKUKAKU POSN

PW stated that the main Hq was located in two tunnels, one in which the Force comdr Comdr KAHARU and MAJ TOKOI worked with about 40 NCOs and officers. The other tunnel was the Sig office where PW and about 30 signalmen worked. He thought that there were about 100 living in huts outside the Hq. There was a CCS near the Hq where patients were kept in six huts, each holding about 40 men. On the 20th of May, this CCS was full of patients.

5. STRENGTH

PW stated that there were originally approx 2000 tps on the island of which 700 were SNLP, 600 Army, and 700 Fuel Depot personnel including civilians. These civilians were later turned into fighting tps and attached to Naval and Army units.

6. CASUALTIES

In the early part of May, the Hq stated that the official number of cas were 300. PW did not believe this as there were over 200 wounded in the CCS alone.

7. FORCE COMDR

The Jap force comdr was Comdr KAHARU, but PW stated that Maj TOKOI was in charge of all operations. These two sat opposite each other in the Hq tunnel.

8. MORALE

The troops realized their hopeless situation but were determined to fight to the end as was the intention of the Force comdr.

9. PROPOGANDA LEAFLETS

PW had never seen any of our leaflets, but he stated that he wouldnt have believed them. The reason for this was that all tps were made to believe that the Allies shot all their prisoners.

10. COMMUNICATION

There was no sig comn within the island. Sig comn was maintained with BALIKPAPAN only. There were five sets in the sig office in the Hq and all of them were in comn with BALIKPAPAN.

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11. GENERAL

PW was a graduate of the WASEDA University in TOKYO and majored in journalism and political science. He seemed to possess a good knowledge of the political situation in JAPAN. He was sure that JAPAN would be defeated in one years time and end the war by surrendering. He thought that this would probably come about when the ALLIES land on JAPAN proper and when a change of cabinet occurs.

PW No. 29

Name	TACHIKAWA, Mitsuo.
Rank	civ.
Unit	DOMEI News.
Where captured	BABETOE.
When	31 May '45
By whom	natives.

NOTE

This prisoner's movements and statements checked with PW No. 26, and could not offer any other infn.

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26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO 28

(From Infm to 111800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

See (a) SITREP
(b) Operational Report

2. ENEMY DISPOSNS

No change

3. HEIHO ORGANISATION ON TARAKAN

Further infm on HEIHO was gleaned from interrogation of PW.
(see att report).

It has been established from interrogation of released NEI PW that about 20 members of HEIHO are still with the Japanese on TARAKAN, and five of these are stated to be bearing arms in the fwd posns.

4. ENEMY SHELLING

Two guns estimated 75 mm, fired 15 to 17 rounds between 1835I and 1855I. From bearings, the guns have been placed at 43507008 and 43907017. Details of shelling are as follows:

TIGER	-	3/4 rounds
ELBOW	:	3 sig wires cut
NW 105	-	8-10 rounds

An unstated number of rounds were also reported to have fallen on BEECH 2 and SANDY. 12 mortar bombs also fell on 105 feature.

Shelling caused two cas to our tps. NO damage or cas were caused by the enemy mortars.

5. ENEMY CAS.

<u>Counted Dead</u>	<u>Estimated additional killed</u>	<u>PW</u>
9	2	1

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13 June 45

PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 34

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No:	34
Name:	NISHIYO, Fujimi
Rank:	Civilian
Unit:	Nissan Seisantai (Production Unit)
Where captured:	Tarakan Island
When captured:	9 June 45
By whom:	Aust troops
Civil occupation:	Farmer

2. HISTORY

PW was called out of Agricultural School to the Naval Base at Kure from where he left in June 44, arriving at TARAKAN in July via BALIKPAPAN. Here he farmed, using native labour, near the airport until the time of our landing.

3. DETAILS OF CAPTURE

PW was separated from his unit about the time of landing and sent to the vicinity of AMAL where he was used to transport rice and other foodstuffs to storehouses in the hills. He was in the hills at this task till about the end of the month at which time he deserted and proceeded Northwest coming out near Anzac highway below Djoeata. He had a surrender leaflet and intended to use it but was fired upon by a machine gun and wounded. He lay semi-conscious for two days after which he used the leaflet and surrendered to our forces.

4. UNITS

The Nissan Seisantai was a branch office of the headquarters at BALIKPAPAN. The staff here was composed of 17 men. Natives were used in the labor units. When transporting food in the hills he was with the SASAKURA Pl composed of 30 men. CO was 2nd Lt SASAKURA. It was a Bn Gun Pl and it had one gun, probably a 75 mm. Since the PW had not been with the units positions he did not know the definite casualties but knew four of them that had been killed from mortar and small arms fire.

4. ASSESSMENT

Although PW was willing to talk he could give no information of military value as his work had been distant from the actual front.

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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS - TRANSLATION REPORT No.24

BATCH No. 319

Documents captured TARAKAN area 11 Jun '45.

Item 1

Letter addressed to Pfc. YAMAMOTO from
Cpl. SHIMIZU, NADA 11013 Force (TN 555 IIB) containing a
'certificate of acknowledgments' dated 17 Mar '45. Seal
reads 'IZUTSU'.

Summary:

At 1130 hrs on 17 Mar '45, Pfc YAMAMOTO of Hq 555
IIB, while on guard duty, received a bullet wound from enemy
air attack on the joint of his left leg.
Acknowledged by Adjt 1/Lt IZUTSU, Tamotsu 555 IIB.

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SPECIAL INTERROGATION REPORT ON HEIHO

Information on HEIHO given by P~~AW~~ HORIUCHI, YAMASHITA and TAKAHASHI

These prisoners stated that HEIHO was a name given to native volunteer auxiliary troops. This organization was started in MACASSAR in early 42 and met with great success. It spread through the islands of JAVA, TIMOR, and BORNEO and was started in TARAKAN in Jan 44.

Method of volunteering was as follows:

- a. Volunteers were called for and registered at a recruiting centre.
- b. From these volunteers a certain number would be called up every six months to begin their training.
- c. Natives volunteered to serve a term of two years after which they could get a discharge or re volunteer for further service.
- d. Men picked for service were usually the more educated natives who could read and write.

HEIHO in TARAKAN

To call for volunteers, posters were pinned up in all areas near TARAKAN including the mainland and islands adjoining. Posters showed pictures of HEIHO troops in other areas and also gave details of pay, clothing, and privileges given to troops. Besides this, lectures were given in all areas. In the first callup in July 44, about 50 natives were called up. (HORIUCHI thought that more had volunteered but only 50 picked. This assumption was due to the fact that 7 of his natives volunteered and only 4 called up). These volunteers were assigned to the 2 Guard Unit and were trained by them. In the second callup in Dec 44, only about 11 were inducted.

TRAINING

Troops were given three months basic infantry training by a Naval NCO who could speak Malay. They were issued with rifles and wooden staffs and were first taught drilling and field discipline. They were also given range practice and each fired 10 rounds at the termination of the initial training.

Classes in Japanese were also conducted. Daily training began at 0730 and ended at 1830 with two rest periods of one hour and half in between.

At the end of the 3 month training, troops were separated and assigned to different SNLP platoons, some also entering into the construction unit.

They lived in the same barracks with their platoon and also ate together.

CLOTHES

HEIHO troops used the same uniforms as the SNLP but had a mark worn higher on the right sleeve. This mark was an anchor with a cherry blossom over it. All HEIHO troops had their heads shaven after induction.

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PAY

The informants were not certain about the pay but thought that it was about 26 guilders a month for a private.

RANK

Some rank badges were used as the SNLP but prisoners had never seen a HEIHO above the rank of L/Cpl.

MOVEMENTS

After the landing by allied troops, all HEIHO personnel were sent to FUKUKAKU to form the second line of defence. Prisoners heard that about 4 or 5 had deserted during the invasion.

Prisoners thought that some of these troops were being used as carriers but there were also some who were fighting on the front line with Jap troops.

PRISONERS OPINION OF HEIHO

From what they had seen of HEIHOs, prisoners thought that they made good soldiers but not up to the standard of a regular Jap soldier. Natives volunteered mostly because of the privileges, good food and clothing promised them.

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10 Jun 45

26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO 27

(From Infm to 101800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

See (a) SITREP
(b) Operational Report

2. ENEMY DISPOSALS

See trace att as Appx "A"

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

At 100300I one EA flying at 24000 ft approached area. Enemy ground forces fired 3 flares on to 102 feature. These were followed by three parachute flares from the AC. One bomb was dropped which fell approx 600 yds NE of feature, causing NO cas or damage.

The flares dropped by the plane burned for about 3 minutes, and gave good illumination.

4. ENEMY METHODS

Among documents taken from the body of a dead Petty Officer near JANET feature at 101200I was a letter of commendation to the Japanese forces on TARAKAN from Lt Gen BABA, Supreme Comd BORNEO area. A translation is att as Appx B.

A page in a notebook contained a list of names which, in view of the sentence at the end of the page, - "to cause confusion in the rear, the method to be notified in each instance" - may be presumed to be a nominal roll of an infiltration party.

Further evidence is provided by the fact that the Petty Officer was armed with a SCHMEISSER sub-machine gun - a weapon which is NOT on general issue, and which is probably used only on special tasks.

There have been numerous attempts to infiltrate through our lines during the past three days, and it is believed that these parties were intended to disrupt our comms and sups preparatory to a large scale counter-attack by the enemy.

5. ENEMY SHELLING

The two remaining 75 mm guns were again active during night 9/10 Jun, and again this evening. At approx 100035I, the following areas were shelled, without cas :

100 yds NORTH of 105 feature	w	6 rounds
SNAG'S TRACK	-	2 "
TIGER	-	1 "
Air Strip	-	2 rounds

At 101855, 15 rounds fell on 102 feature, NO cas resulting. It is considered that both guns are located in the AUNTY area.

6. ENEMY CASUALTIES (for period ending 24 hrs to 101800I)

<u>Counted Dead</u>	<u>Estimated additional killed</u>	<u>PW</u>
4	Nil	Nil

7. ENEMY INTENTIONS

Throughout the day, our patrol activity covered the whole front, probing all known enemy posns.

The enemy was found to be occupying all of these posns, except the SE spur of LINDA. Sounds of chopping and digging were heard in most posns, indicating the improvement of his defs.

It is deduced that the enemy has no present intention of giving up any of this ground. The enemy is holding a ring of defs, 16 posns being contacted during the day.

The increased activity during night 9/10 Jun may have been staged for three reasons:

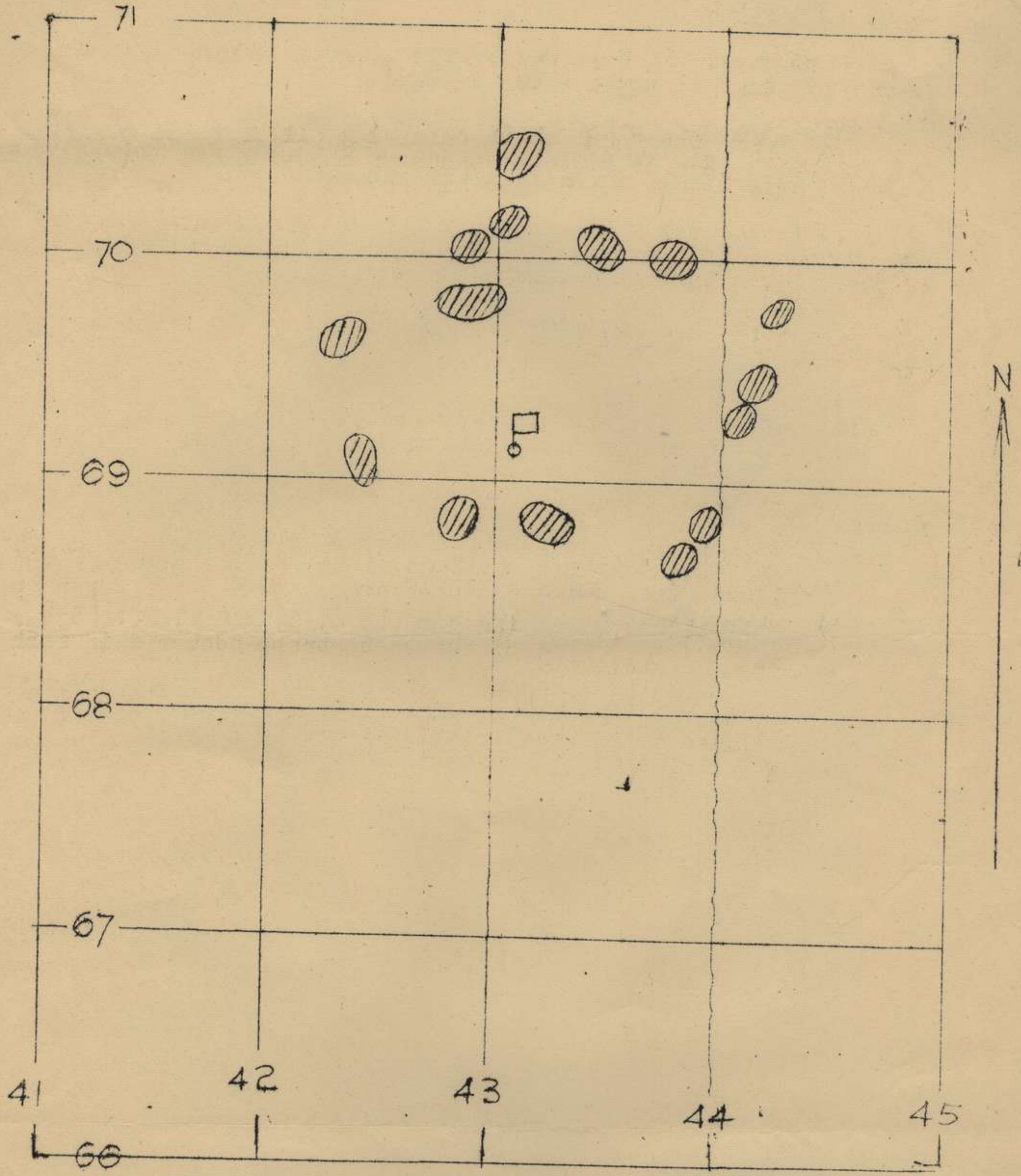
- i. A show of strength
- ii. That he is becoming "jittery".
- iii. An attempt to carry out an ordered attack.

The third is thought to be most probable., for the following reasons -

- (a) Intense but inaccurate firing of all weapons broke out at 0300I on three sections of the front, namely WALLY - LINDA area, JOYCE - LIZZIE area, and SANDY - BEECH area.
- (b) Soon after the firing commenced, sounds of movt and explosion of some of our booby traps occurred in each of these sectors.
- (c) At 0320I one enemy AC flew over the area, and a number of signal flares were fired from enemy HQ. The AC replied with three illuminating flares, and one bomb was dropped in the vic of 102 feature.

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ENEMY DISPOSALS



The following document was received from Comd JAPANESE FORCES in BORNEO by KAHARA, Comd of Forces on TARAKAN, and copies were forwarded to sub-units under comd. This copy was addressed to TAKAHASHI Unit, a Special Guard Unit att to HQ 2 GUARD UNIT; -

" To TARAKAN (illegible, presumably TARAKAN ISLAND) GUARD unit the following letter of appreciation is awarded -

NOTE OF APPRECIATION.

To TARAKAN 2 NAVAL GD UNIT and its att forces :

The above units, under comd of Comd KAHARU, noth Navy and a rmy became united as one body on 30 Apr 45, when about one division of AUSTRALIAN-DUTCH allied forces landed.

Several times, under violent artillery and aerial bombardment, you have destroyed the enemy; recaptured the beaches, sunk enemy ships, and by day and by night conducted raids and surprise attacks on the enemy beachheads. These attacks have destroyed great quantities of war material, and have caused numerous casualties among the aggressive enemy forces.

On 9 May 45, words of undeserved praise were received from the EMPEROR, for which we are overwhelmed with gratitude, and all personnel have resolved to fight to the end.

Since then we have all become infiltration troops against the enemy, who has advanced into our positions, and has fought bravely and desperately to secure them.

The loyal and brave commander of the NAVAL GUARD FORCE and the personnel of the Army and Navy who are firmly united and fight bravely for the continuance of our Empire - You are the shining example to all.

This word of appreciation is awarded, and is to be promulgated to all troops.

20 May 45.

NADA Group Comd

BABA, Shoro " "

NOTE :

NADA Army Group, with HQ at JESSELTON, controls all forces in the BORNEO area. Since this letter was written, the forces on TARAKAN have come under the operational comd of TOKOI TADAO - Comd 374 I I B.

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HQ, 26 Aust Inf Bde
I/8A/81
9 Jun 45

26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO 26

(From Infm to 091800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

See (a) SITREP
(b) Operational Report

2. ENEMY DISPOSALS

As per trace att as Appx "A".

3. ENEMY ARTY AND MORTAR FIRE

Enemy Arty was more active during past 24 hrs.

Between 081835I and 081850I - 18 75mm rds fell on 102 feature. At 2248I two more rounds fell on 102.

Between 082100I and 082200I 5 harassing rounds were fired on 42569I (ROGER) One smoke shell also landed in this area.

C Coy 2/24 Bn was mortared during our shelling. The rounds fell 200 yds short of the Coy posn.

4. PW

At 1500I a Jap approached B Coy 2/24 Bn waving a surrender leaflet and after hiding in the bush decided to use his surrender leaflet and approach our lines. PW was a civilian and employed by NISSAN at TARAKAN

5. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT

A patrol to 76 feature ref 429771 found a large stores dump which included the following items:-

28 cases Amn (all types)
19 cases tinned food
65 bags rice
12 75mm shells
2 Dutch mines
1 44 gal drum

On the approach of our tps two enemy who were taken by surprise fled into the bush.

It is considered that these stores were being brought SOUTH from CAPE DJOEATA area to supplement the deminishing supplies in FUKUKAKU area.

6. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

At 090420I an enemy unidentified plane approached the area from the SOUTH at 8000 ft flying at approx 180mph. Three bombs were dropped in the PAMOESAIN SWAMP causing NO damage or cas. The AC was pursued by our night fighter but escaped in heavy cloud.

6 ENEMY CAS FOR 24 hrs to 0930G.

Killed 9 Believed killed 6 PW 1.

8 ESCAPED NEI PW.

3 NEI PW stragglers from the party of 27 who escaped from FULUKAKU night 3/4 June reached our lines. 4 of this party are still missing.

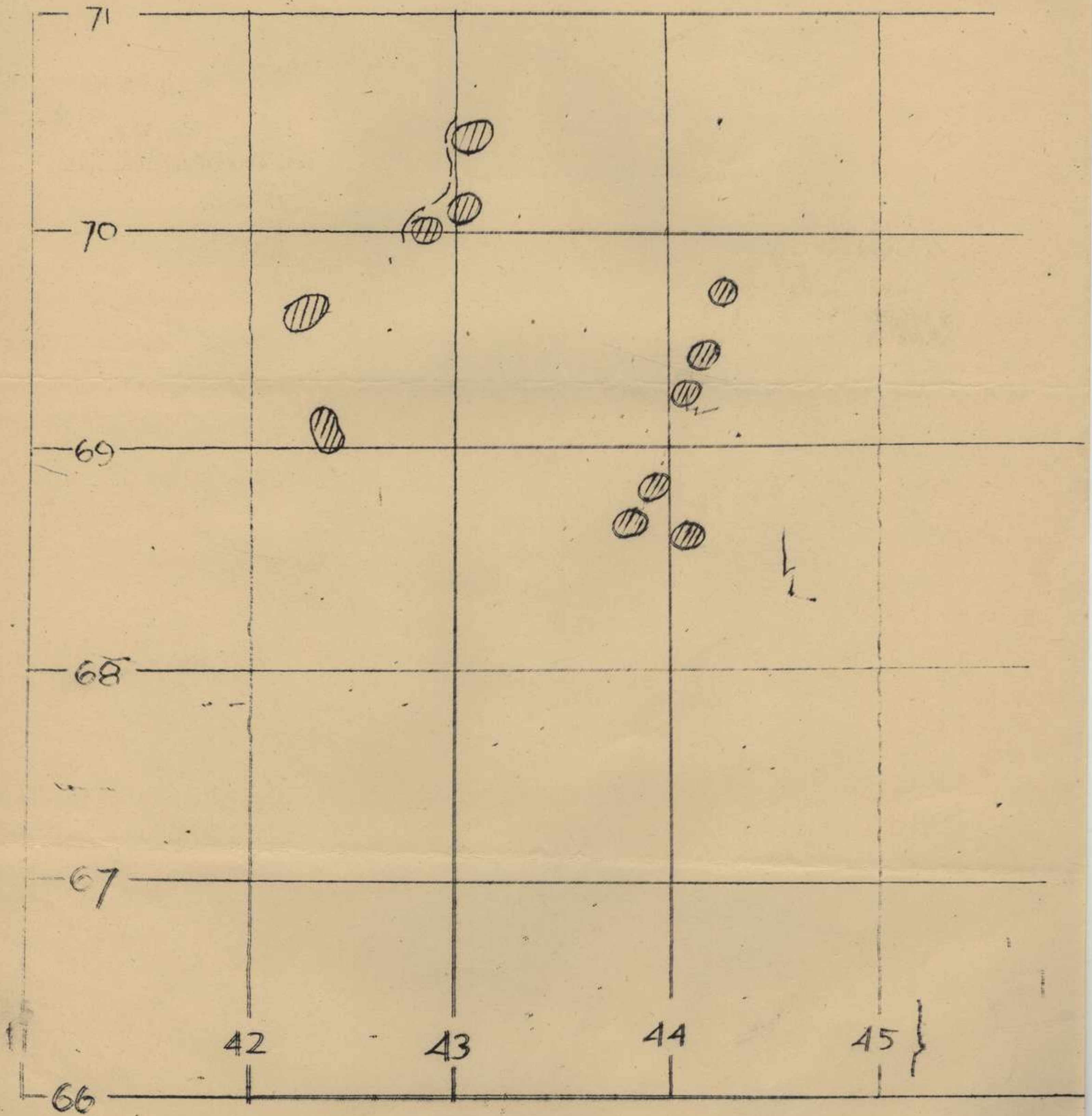
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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS - TRANSLATION REPORT No. 22

BATCH No. 317

Documents captured TARAKAN Area 6 June 45

Item 1

Loose mimeographed sketch of TARAKAN Island. Belonged to an unidentified ensign killed at 440690 on the night of 6 June 45

Extract

Notes written on the back of this map.

1 Platoon	2 men
4 platoon	2 men
Comd platoon	2 men
Coy Hq	1 man

On the afternoon of 5th will temporary assemble. On the evening of 6th will depart from B position (TN Comd platoon)

1 rifle
12 mm shell
Dynamite

By way of MORITA Unit to POMPU AIRU with eight men, arriving at TANK Hill on the night of the 6th.

Item 2

Bound handwritten notebook, belonged to an unidentified Ensign killed on the night of 6 June 45 at 440690

Extract

1 platoon	2 men	Ito, Taneo (TN only one name)
4 platoon	2 men	YAMAMOTO AND MATSUBARA
Comd platoon	2 men	HATANO and MINAMI
Runner	1 man	Leading seaman ITO

Equipment:

1 Rifle
12 sticks Dynamite 4 men
2 Shells 2 men
5 sticks Molotov cocktails

Ration: 3 days

1. dried Bonito (fish)
2. Salt
3. Canned goods

Accessories:

1 Parang
2 Candles
1 Gasoline
1 Gloves
1 Towel
1 Sock
1 Underwear
1 Raincoat
1 Bandage

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NOTE:

Items 1 & 2 are assumed to be notes of an infiltration force led by an ensign who was killed with another two of his party on 6 June 45 at 440690.

Item 3

Loose mimeographed sketch entitled "center of hill vicinity" written in red and blue pencils. Belonged to an unidentified Ensign killed on the night of 6 June 45.

Key to Sketch

- B Command platoon
- ③ 1 platoon
- ④ 2 platoon
- ⑤ 3 platoon
- ⑥ 4 platoon
- a 102 Hill
- b marshy area
- c command Ho
- d POMPU AIRU (TN Sic)
- e NISSAN Farming Area
- f HAKRO Hill
- g YOSHINAGA Hill
- H Airfield
- I DJOSATA
- J 76 Hill

(TN. On the back of this sketch is a brief sketch of the route of attack for the infiltration force.

Identification:

- MORIYA unit
 - OKADA Unit
 - KAIKOHARA Unit
 - TAKASUNA Unit
- } 2 Guard Force

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26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO 25

(From Infm to 071800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

See (a) SITREP
(b) Operational Report

2. ENEMY DISPOSNS.

No change.

3. CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

Loose mimeographed sketch of TARAKAN ISLAND (see translated trace Appx "A"), taken from body of unidentified ENSIGN night 6 Jun on WALLY feature. See also captured document translation report No 22 att as Appx "B".

These documents are presumed to be the composition, armament and route out of an infiltration patrol from 2 GUARD FORCE, under comd of a NAVAL Ensign.

They were to start from the comd pl posns at 440693, and move SOUTH through MORITA UNIT (unidentified, but possibly a pl of 2 GUARD FORCE holding posns on LINDA), then SOUTH to WATER PUMP at 443666, and finally to TANK HILL (possibly TARAKAN HILL).

This party was sighted moving SOUTH from WALLY by tps of 2/48 Bn who fired on them and killed 3 of the party, incl the Ensign.

Other infm contained on sketch :

(Refs are approx as sketch does not appear accurate)

Comd Pl	440692	
1 pl	443681)
2 pl	445693)
3 pl	447703)
4 pl	WEST of 102)

Thought to be composite group from 2 NAVAL GUARD FORCE, and 3 coy TOKOI FORCE.

Square 4572 is shown as marshy area.
FRANK feature is known as HAKKO HILL
ESSEX " " " " YOSHINAGA HILL.

4. ESCAPED NEI PW.

12 natives were picked up from a raft NORTH of SADAU ISLAND this morning. They were the main body of a party of 27 which left FUKUKAKU on 2 Jun. On afternoon 3 Jun an escaped NEI PW came in to 2/24 Bn area, and reported that he was a member of a party of 27 escapees. While proceeding NORTH along a track in the vic of BRIDE they were held up by a Japanese soldier. The leading member of the party grappled with the Jap, seized his rifle and shot him. The native party fled and were split up. On the 4, 5 and 6 Jun, seven of the PW straggled in to our lines and told the same story.

ESCAPED NEI PW (Contd)

The 12 natives, led by a Corporal, picked up this morning, moved NORTH after the incident, and travelled through the swamps to the coast just EAST of DJOMATA. Here they constructed a rough raft, and drifted SOUTH to the point where they were picked up. There are still 8 of this party missing.

5. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Document captured 5 Jun on MARGY (translation - see Intrep No 24) showing enemy casualties on HILL 105 from 12 May to 28 May, shows two pers from YAMADA FORCE.

YAMADA FORCE arrived TARAKAN in Dec 1944, and left TARAKAN early in Apr 45 for BALIKPAPAN. These pers probably were left behind when their unit moved, and have become att to TOKOI FORCE. It is not considered likely that any sub-units of YAMADA FORCE have remained on TARAKAN.

6. USE OF HELHO.

According to released NEI PW, the enemy are using HELHO on TARAKAN. HELHO are auxiliary tps; Indonesian volunteers for the Jap Navy.

Informants state that approx 40 HELHO were enlisted in TARAKAN, and at present 22 are at FUKUKAKU. Of these, 17 had not completed mil trg, and are not used as fighting tps. The remaining five are said to be fighting with the Jap forces.

7. ENEMY METHODS.

(a) FLARES.

- i. Between 062400I and 070400I the enemy in LINDA, in addition to firing all his weapons, incl the throwing of grenades, at varying intervals put up a number of flares.
- ii. It was thought that this may have been a display of force preceding a withdrawal from the feature, now that our tps have established themselves astride his main L of O to FUKUKAKU.
- iii. However, our patrols early today proved that the enemy were still in occupation, although he appeared to be very "jittery".

(b) SMOKE.

At 071825I five smoke shells landed 200 yds NORTH of Trig 105. This is the first use of smoke shells on our posns. Smoke has been used during our air strikes as previously mentioned.

APPX 'a'

NAME	RANK	KILLED OR WOUNDED	DATE	PLACE	UNIT
INOUE, YASUSHI	Pfc.	Killed	12 May	105 Hill	MATSUNAGA P1, IWASAKI Unit, TOKOI Force
ICHIKAWA, Yujiro	"	Killed	18 "	" "	ditto
TOMITA, Sotaro	"	"	20 "	" "	ditto
YUTANI, Hichiemon	Sup Pte	wounded	19 "	" "	ditto
YAGI, Kenjiro	" "	"	19 "	" "	ditto
MAYUZUMI, Shigeo	" "	"	22 "	" "	ditto
TANIGUCHI, Makoto	Pfc	killed	22 "	" "	JUN 6153 Force
SUGIYAMA, Masashi	"	wounded	22 "	" "	ditto
SASAHARA, Sosaburo	"	"	22 "	" "	MATSUNAGA P1, IWASAKI Unit, TOKOI Force
AYASHI, Hideo	"	"	23 "	" "	ditto
TAKAKI, Takeo	"	killed	23 "	" "	ditto
WATANABE, Kanetaro	Cpl	"	24 "	" "	ditto
SASAHARA,	Pfc	"	23 "	" "	KANEKO Unit, YAMADA Force
HONDA, Yoshinobu	"	wounded	24 "	" "	MATSUNAGA P1, IWASAKI Unit, TOKOI Force.
NAKADA,	"	killed	24 "	" "	FURUNU P1, " " " "
ARAI, Rimpei	Sup Pte	"	26 "	" "	MATSUNAGA P1, " " " "
NONO, Kiyoshi.	" "	"	26 "	" "	ditto
KAWAUCHI, Takashi	Pfc	wounded	26 "	" "	HAMAOKA Unit, YAMADA Force.
HIGASHI, Yoshio	Ld Sman	killed	26 "	" "	MATSUNAGA Unit, Naval YOSHINAGA Unit.
KOJIMA, Kyotaro	" "	"	26 "	" "	ditto
SAITO, Jiro	Pfc	wounded	26 "	" "	MATSUNAGA P1, IWASAKI Unit, TOKOI Force.
YOSHIOKA, Toyoji	Cpl	"	27 "	" "	ditto
KAWAMURA, Nobuo	Sgt	"	24 "	" "	ditto
NOGUCHI, Chukichi	Pfc	killed	28 "	" "	ditto
YOKOMOTO, Goro	Ld Sman	wounded	28 "	" "	Naval YOSHINAGA Unit.
AOKI, Takao	Pfc	killed	28 "	" "	MATSUNAGA P1, IWASAKI Unit, TOKOI Force.

ENEMY METHODS (Cont)

(c) EXPLOSIONS.

At 071620I, six loud explosions from enemy HQ were heard. From escaped NEI PW statements, there are indications that the enemy is moving his HQ.

These explosions may be demolitions, as the enemy has usually destroyed tunnels and billets before evacuating any area.

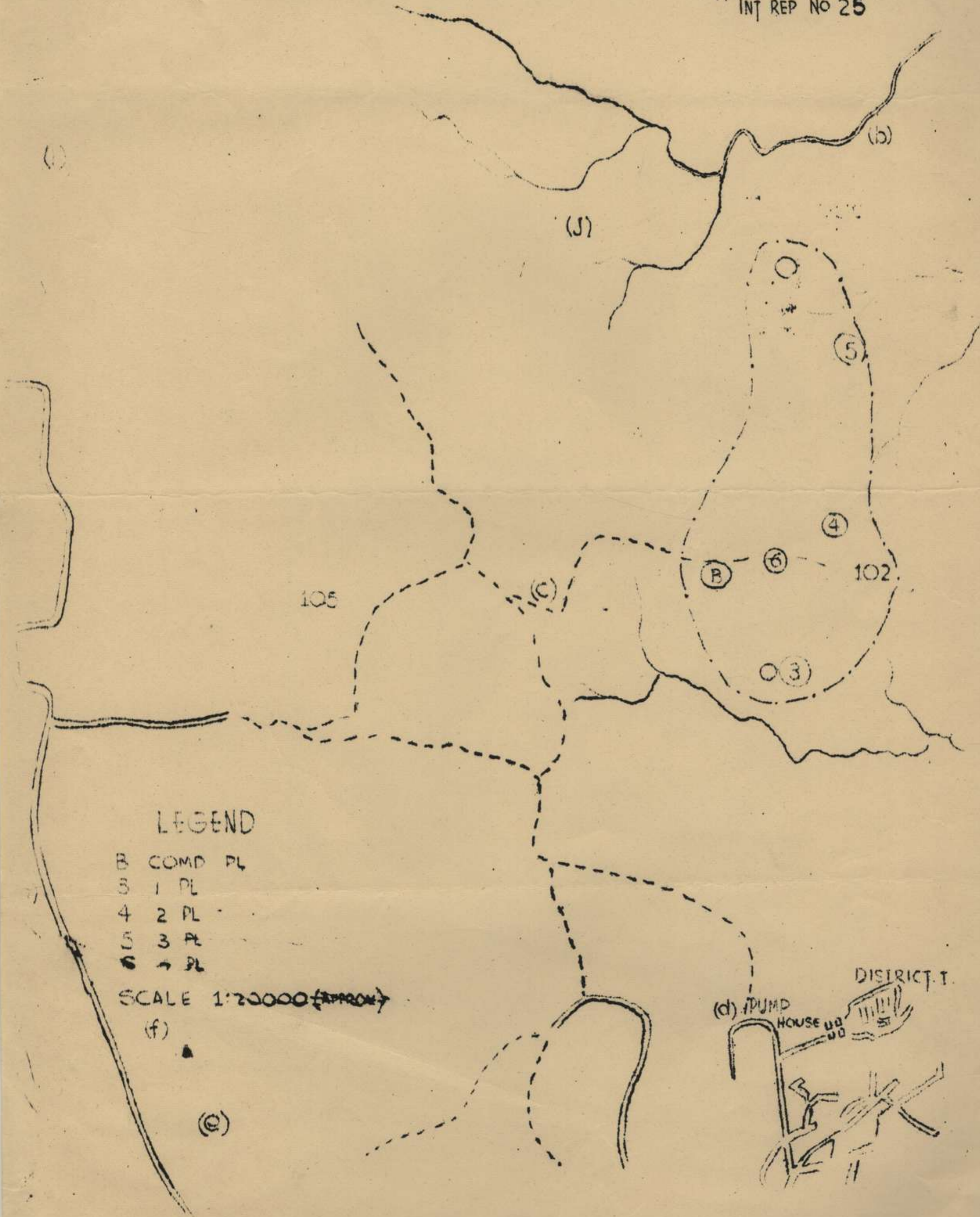
8. ENEMY CASUALTIES (for 24 hrs ending 071800I)

<u>Counted Dead</u>	<u>Estimated Additional Killed</u>	<u>PW</u>
2	5	-

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TRACE ENEMY MAP
 (CAPTURED VIC 102 @ JUNE 45)

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LEGEND

- B COMD PL
- 3 1 PL
- 4 2 PL
- 5 3 PL
- 6 4 PL

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26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO 24

(From Infm to 061800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

Sec (a) SITREP
(b) Operational Report

2. ENEMY DISPOSNS.

See trace att as Appx "A"

3. ENEMY CASUALTIES

A document found on MARGY on 5 Jun (see ATIS Translation att) shows nominal roll of cas inflicted, with units on 105 feature from 12 May to 28 May.

The enemy includes MARGY and 90 feature in HILL 105, and up to 28 May only Trig 105 was in our hands. With the capture of MARGY on 1 Jun 45, 46 bodies were counted on this feature alone.

Of the 26 cas listed in the document, 17 were from MATSUNAGA Pl which is first pl 4 coy TOKOI Force. A PW captured 30 May stated that MATSUNAGA Pl originally 35 strong, had suffered 15 cas to 25 May. Another PW captured 30 May on MARGY was a member of this Pl. He stated that his pl had been annihilated.

4 Coy TOKOI Force was first identified in BUTCH. Later it withdrew to 105 and finally to MARGY.

Enemy cas for 24 hrs ending 061800I :-

<u>Counted Dead</u>	<u>Estimated Additional Killed</u>	<u>PW</u>
18	4	-

4. ENEMY MOVIE FROM TARAKAN

Partes of Japanese are still managing to escape from TARAKAN. Two reports just received are as follows :-

A native of BERBATOE reported that there are 11 Japs on FANNY ISLAND (location 3 deg 27' N - 117 deg 26' E). During the day the Japs hide in the swamp, but at night come out and raid native fish traps. These Japs have shot at fishermen in the vicinity.

Another report from SEKATA BOEDJI (3 deg 14' N - 117 deg 14' E) stated that on 5 Jun 45, 14 Japs arrived from TARAKAN. They travelled by a large proce (27' long 5' wide), and found two fishermen from DJOLATA to act as guides. Japs were armed with 3 LMGs and rifles. Two of the party were well dressed, wearing long swords, and issued the orders to the rest of the men. The informant stated that the Japs were still in the village, and about half the village population had evacuated.

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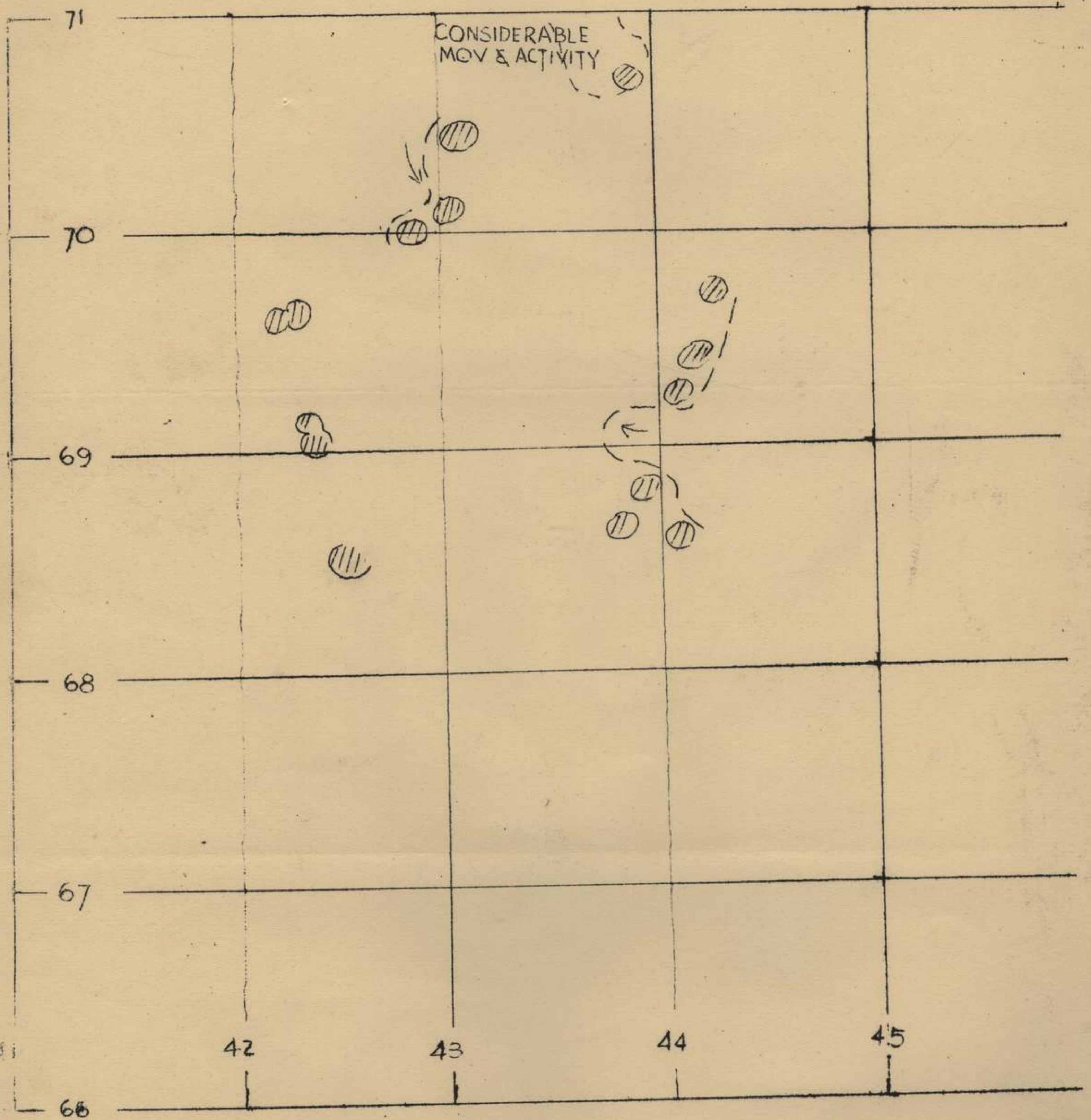
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ENEMY DISPOSNS

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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS - TRANSLATION REPORT No. 20

BATCH No. 316

Documents captured TARAKAN Area 5 Jan '45

Item 1

Bound printed and handwritten book entitled
'Killed and Wounded'. Dated 12 May to 28 May '45.

For translation see Appx 'A'.

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26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO 23

(From Infm to 051800I)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

See (a) SITREP
(b) Operational Report

2. ENEMY DISPOSNS.

No change

3. ENEMY INTENTIONS.

Reports from NEI PW escaped from the enemy HQ area indicate a change from the original intention of the Comd to fight to the end in his present posns.

The informants report that a party of native labourers were taken NORTH to construct new posns. They were not allowed to return to the HQ, nor to communicate with other PW.

Food was carried from HQ area by other PW, and they were met by the labourers with Jap guards about 2 kilometres from the area in which the work was in progress.

According to one informant, he found out from one of the labourers, during a moment when the guards were not watching, that they were constructing a tunnel which was to house the Comd and his staff.

It is believed that this tunnel may have been constructed in the CHARITY area, or between CHARITY and ESSIE.

The natives also stated that they had heard that if the present posns became untenable, the enemy intended to withdraw NORTH. The informant was intelligent, and the infm is considered reliable.

4. AMERICAN PWs.

Two NEI PW who escaped from the enemy on 4 Jun 45, state that a white man was brought to FUKUKAKU posn by the Japs. He was interrogated, and the interrogator told the natives that he came from SAN FRANCISCO.

The informants were informed by two HEIHO, Johnu Gumomogau and Paidi, that they had been instructed by the Japanese to take the AMERICAN into the bush and kill him.

The HEIHOS were laughing when they told the story, and stated that they had taken the AMERICAN to a spot near the HQ (approx 426691) and had killed him with the DYAK jungle knives. The body of the white man was not buried, but was left where he was killed.

The two HEIHOS are both BANDJARESE, and during the Japanese occupation of HARAKAT were arch collaborators.

4. ENEMY PROPAGANDA

Notives stated that they were told by the Japanese interrogator that the AMERICAN PW admitted that Japanese wounded were bound together and run over by tanks.

ENEMY CASUALTIES (for 24 hrs ending 051800I)

<u>Counted Dead</u>	<u>Estimated Additional killed</u>	<u>PW</u>
Nil	Nil	Nil

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5 June 45

PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 331. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No: JA-T 33
 Name: TAKAHASHI, Kiyoshi
 Rank: 1/c1 PO (machinist)
 Unit: TOKOI Force; TAMAI Unit, SATO Pl
 Where captured: near CAPE DJOEATA
 When captured: 4 June 45
 By whom: Aust forces
 Civil occupation: Medicine laboratory employee

2. HISTORY

PW was inducted into Kure Naval Base on 16 Oct 41 and came to make the landing at BALIKPAPAN on 24 Jan 42. After a year of doing various duties he came to TARAKAN in Feb 43. He went to MANILA on a short business trip but has been on this island all the time. PW had been on 102 feature at the time of landing and he remained there until the 20th at which time he was evacuated to Fukukaku position for dysentery. After 5 days he was well enough and so received orders to take one soldier and proceed to Anzac highway to destroy any vehicles seen on the road. Carrying shell casings filled with explosives and some hand grenades they reached the road in two days but his companion was killed and his attacks were unsuccessful so he tried to reach the ocean and started to walk along the highway, crossing it at several points. Near the positions at CAPE DJOEATA he hit a booby trap and was wounded by shrapnel and also received a wound from small arms fire. He retreated to the hills and there tried to cut his throat but failed, so decided to give himself up.

3. TAMAI UNIT

The Unit was the size of a company and the CO was TAMAI, Ichido. He was a captain but had recently been promoted to a major. His platoon was commanded by Capt. Yano. The only other officer he know of in his unit was Capt. SATO, Yoshimasa. Both Capt. YANO and SATO were with the Naval Fuel Depot and were inducted as Lts. and given the rank of Capt after a period of service. TAMAI Unit was made up of 3 platoons. They had originally come to the island attached to the 101 Naval Fuel Depot but after hostilities began they were attached to the TOKOI Force.

4. CASUALTIES

The PW had been on 102 and had heard that there were many casualties from mortar fire and bombing but did not know about how many as he had been in this position all the time. While in the hospital he had noticed many casualties being brought in. Ones that were sick were treated after combat casualties, and medical supplies seemed to be sufficient. He stated that there was more than one hospital in the Fukukaku position.

TN: Due to PW's condition further interrogation could not be made.

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26 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BDE INTERREP No 22.

(from infm to 0413001)

1. ARMY GROUND ACTIVITIES.

See (a) SITREP
(b) Operational Report

2. ARMY DISPOSITIONS.

No change.

3. THE EFFECT OF PAMPHLETS ON INDONESIANS.

The effect of propaganda leaflets dropped to Indonesians is truly evident by the numbers who have come into camp during the past 2 days. Today 37 Indonesians, all escaped NEI PW came in. They considered that the text of the pamphlets dropped was an order to come to the Allies and no matter what the cost they must make an attempt.

4. ENEMY MEDICAL DISPOSITION.

Statements both NEI and JAPANESE throw some light on the enemy medical situation.

The hospital consists of 6 large huts each capable of housing between 40 and 50 wounded. At present there are some 300 wounded, many of whom are serious cases.

According to one NEI PW who worked as an orderly in the hospital, about 75% of the patients will not be fit for action again. Medical supplies both drugs and bandages are very short.

There are 4 medical officers - SMO is Lt Comd who supervises the hospital with the aid of one WO and 8 medical orderlies. The other 3 MO's spend most of their time tending wounded in the front lines.

The bodies of soldiers killed in action are not brought back, but walking wounded and stretcher cases are usually taken back for treatment. For this purpose an SB team of 25 Indonesians have been used.

5. SUPPLIES.

Enemy food supplies appear to be getting scarce. The daily ration of rice has now been reduced to three handfuls per day. It is stated, that with the reduce ration scale, it is doubtful if supplies will last more than one month. Due to our shelling, the rice dump and kitchens have been moved about 1km to the N. Ann dumps have also been moved to this area. The move of food and ann has taken place within the past 5 days.

6. ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Enemy arty was active during night 3/4 June and again today.

Between 031855I and 031920I our posns on POKER 111 were shelled on three occasions. Twice from a sound bearing of approx 90° mag and the third from a bearing of 139° mag. At 041540I 105 feature was shelled from a bearing of 60° mag. In all approx 30 shells were fired but no damage or casualties resulted.

WPI P's state that a 75mm gun was taken to area approx CHARITY OR AUNNY about three days ago. In addition to this gun there was at least one 75mm gun at short distance SOUTHWEST from FUKUKAU. From bearings taken it is probable that both guns fired on our posns.

7. ENEMY CASUALTIES.

Casualties as at 041800I

<u>Counted dead</u>	<u>Estimated additional killed</u>	<u>P.</u>
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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 30

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 31
Name:	SHIMADA, Masao
Rank:	Superior private
Unit:	TOKOI Force, 1 Coy, Matsunaga Pl
Where captured:	Margy feature
When captured:	30 May 45
By whom:	Aust forces
Civil occupation:	Farmer

2. DETAILS OF CAPTURE

PW was in the hospital at the time of our landing and was taken by members of his company in a truck to Hill 105. He had beriberi and was unable to move, and was placed in the company dispensary on this feature. PW claimed he was given no arms and had not fired any shots in defense of this feature. When his company evacuated they put him into an intrenchment and he did not know that we had taken the feature until someone tossed a hand grenade into the intrenchment.

3. ASSESSMENT

The PW had been ill during our landing and was unable to move so had not observed or been told anything of his unit or situation. At time of interrogation, he was very weak from wounds and could not be questioned further.

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26 AUST INF BDE INT REPORT No 21
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ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

See (a) SITREP
(b) Operational Report

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

See trace attached as APPX "A"

PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS

During the last two days 26 natives have found their way into our hands after escaping from the enemy. Most of these natives carried leaflets which had been dropped over the enemy HQ area.

These leaflets warned the natives that the area would be bombed and shelled, and urged them to escape from the Japanese and to make their way to our lines.

It is becoming evident that these pamphlets are having some effect in spite of the severe punishment which is meted out to any native found in possession of these notes. One informant states that many natives have hidden them and have passed the contents to others by word of mouth.

Natives who have escaped before the leaflets were dropped have stated that they were afraid to escape, but this direct communication to them in language that they understand has, in the words of one PW, "given courage to the heart".

It is believed that there are 100/150 natives, both NEI army PW and coolies, remaining in enemy hands, and although about 80 of these are ill and unable to walk, many more escapees are expected as a result of our propaganda.

ENEMY DEFS - MARGYS

Observation. An observation and sniper's post consisting of a wooden platform approx 6 ft x 4 ft in the fork of a large tree approx 50 ft from the ground. Iron spikes driven into the trunk formed a ladder.

Haulage. A block and tackle together with some pulleys found near a hy wire cable strung to two heavy trees, was possibly used for hauling stores and equipment up to a point on the main feature at 42216861.

Earthworks. Tunnels were strongly constructed of sawn and rough timber throughout the top of the ridge, with firing positions from well concealed openings to the WEST, and were invulnerable to SA fire. Captured 75 mm gun was used to good effect on them from ELBOW ridge. From these positions all approaches from the WEST and NORTHWEST from the direction of 105 feature were well covered. Foxholes in this area consisted of the normal type used by the Jap; many had head coverings constructed of sawn timber and earth.

Effects of Airstrike. The effects of the airstrike were great. The objectives were cleared of most of the standing timber, making observation good. Falls of earth caused by the bombing exposed many positions which would have previously been hard to locate.

The accuracy of the strike was extremely good, ASP report 90% of the bombs fell on the target. Strike took one hour to complete. Failure of one Liberator to bomb and its subsequent runs caused a lag of 15 mins between the Liberator and Mitchell strikes.

ENEMY DEFS - MARGY (Contd)

It appears that some of the enemy did not attempt to resist, apparently demoralised by the severity of the strike. This is borne out by the fact that many live enemy remained in tunnels all night, and took no offensive action either during the night or in mopping up operations next morning.

Counted enemy dead in MARGY area amounted to 45.

5. ENEMY CASUALTIES (for 24 hrs ending 031800I)

Counted dead

Estimated additional killed

PW

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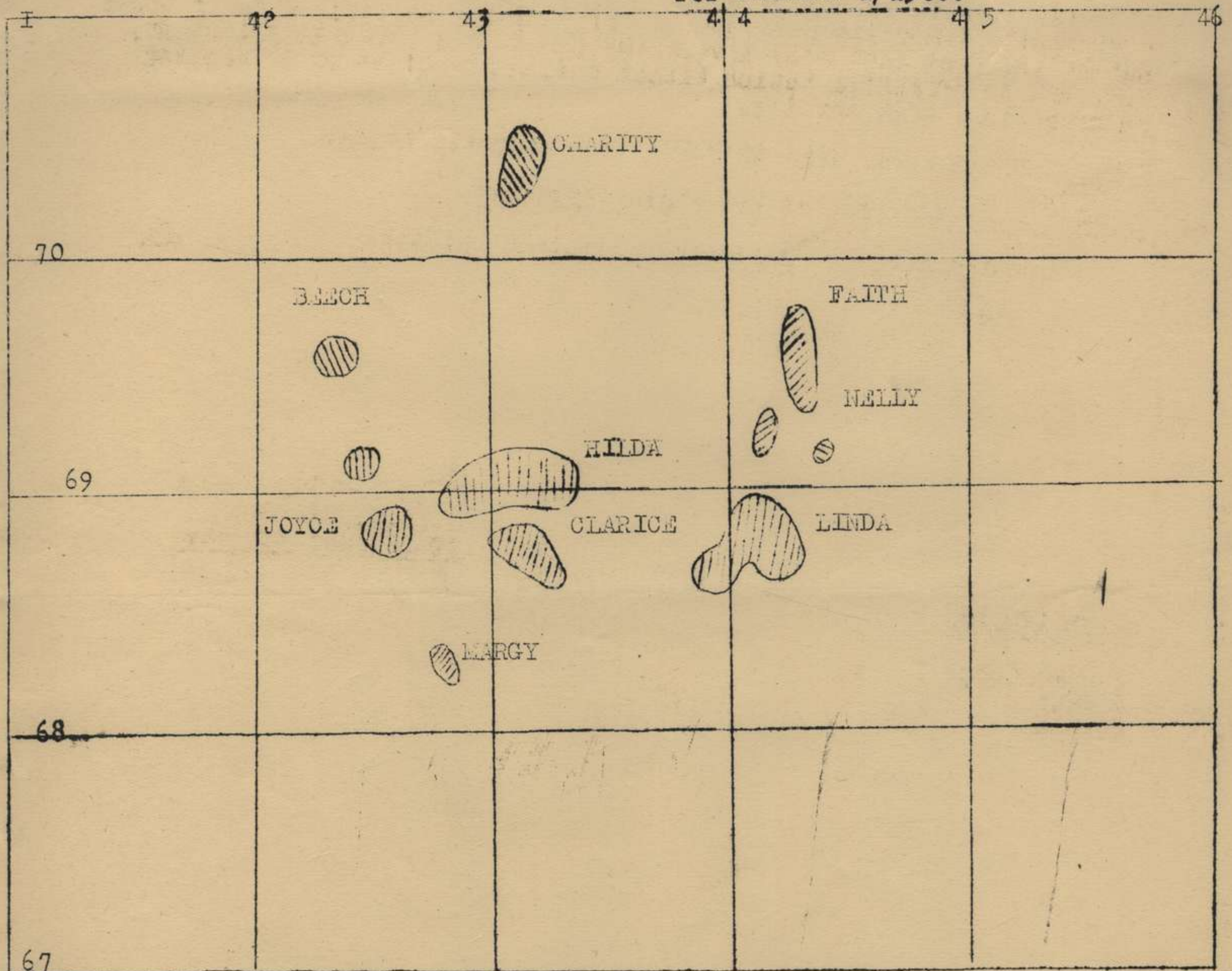
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ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

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APPX "B" to 26 Aust Inf Bde Interp 24

The following Japanese phrases may be useful to tps.

		PHONETIC
Heh!!(calling out)	MUSHI MUSHI	Mooshy mooshy
surrender!	KOSUN SEO	KO-sun SAY- o
yes	HI SHIMASU	HIGH-shee-MA-su
no	SHINAI	shee-NA-ee
I don't want	IYA DESU	ee-YA- DAY-su
put up your hands and surrender	TEO AGATE KOSUN SEO.	TAY-o ah-GAY-tay KO-sun SAY-o
halt!	TOMARE	toh-MAH-ray
advance!	SUSUME	su-SU-may
come	KOI	coy or ko-wee
come out without arms.	BUKI WO MOTAZUNI DATE KOI	BOO-kee wo MO-tah-zoo-nee DAY-tay ko-wee
come out you will be well treated	KIMI WO IJIMI NAI KARA DATE KOI	KEE-mee wo ee-JEE-may NA-ee DAY-tay koi
yes I will come out	HI DATE KIMASU	HIGH DAY-tay kee-MAH-su

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3 June 45

PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 31

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA - T 27
Name:	GOTO, Koraku
Rank:	Civilian
Unit:	SANKO Joint Stock Coy
Where captured:	BABATOE (Borneo)
When captured:	31 May 45
By whom:	Natives
Civil occupation:	Grammar School Teacher

2. HISTORY

PW arrived at TARAKAN in 5 Apr 45 as a civilian for the SANKO Joint Stock Coy. He later organized a market association under the SANKO Joint Stock Coy at LINKAS, buying vegetables from BORNEO and distributing it to the troops, natives and ships arriving at TARAKAN.

On 27 Apr 45, PW received a message that enemy ships had been sighted and was ordered to evacuate, ~~so~~ with 20-30 men of NISSAN, SANKO and South Sea Forestry Coy to the vicinity of 105 Hill. While at this place they were ordered to look for green vegetables for the troops and civilians within this area to prevent beri-beri.

On 20 May 45, after conferring with four other civilians they planned to escape to MALINAU and departed in a northerly direction with two of the civilians. The other two (Donsi correspondents) left in another direction and they met in the vicinity of DJOETA. Having had no food for four days, they planned to go to DJOETA Btry to obtain some food but heard it was captured and so they made a raft and departed on 27 May and landed on BABATOE 31 May. Upon arriving at BABATOE they were greeted by natives, and while drying their clothes were captured.

3. UNIT

At the time of landing the strength on this island between 105 and 102 hills were 2000 men. These defense positions were kept very secret, so PW had no information regarding them.

4. CASUALTIES

PW stated that about 3/400 men were casualties from mortar fire.

5. PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS

PW picked up an Indonesian leaflet and thought of surrendering but was afraid of Japanese troops.

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26 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE INTERREP NO. 20

(From Infm to 0218001)

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

See (a) SECRET
(b) Operational Report

2. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

(a) As per trace attached as Appx "A".

(b) From captured documents and PW statements, 374 IIB (TOKOI Force) appears to have been disposed in the following manner -

1 May.

1 Coy - AMAL,
2 Coy - FINCH area,
3 Coy - SYKES-OPWAY.
4 Coy - BUTCH area,

10-18 May

1 Coy - moved to 102 area 13 May
2 Coy - wiped out except for 10 men in first week of fighting.
3 Coy - moved to 102 on 7 May (No 1 pl wiped out)
4 Coy - moved to 105/MARCY area.

After the first week's fighting, Naval pers were mixed with Army in some areas, but generally the Naval forces were disposed in the AIRFIELD - MT. API - CRAZY RIDGE area.

3. PROPAGANDA.

Leaflets have been dropped over enemy occupied areas. The general trend of these pamphlets has been to exhort the enemy to cease useless resistance, and to save himself for the rebuilding of JAPAN.

In the opinion of an intelligent PW (a DOMEI newspaper correspondent), the pamphlets are well written, and are suited to the purpose for which they are intended; but he does not think they will have any effect, owing to the deep-rooted idea that AUSTRALIANS shoot all prisoners. PW himself believed this.

An enemy propaganda pamphlet found at CAPE DJOMATA follows the same trend as pamphlets which emanated from the GERMANS and ITALIANS in the MIDDLE EAST :-

"This is a fool campaign! What do you think of it? YANKS are now living in your sweet home (this is a secret), even flirting with your wife. American official infm Bureau announced -

It is not possible to carry newly married Australian girls to America.

You AUSSIES abandon your homes, wives, sweethearts and even food; but now what are you getting? Bullets, malaria and even death! Oh God! have mercy with the AUSSIE."

ENEMY CASUALTIES. (Totals to 021800I)

Counted Dead

796

Estimated additional killed

163

PW

32

CAPTURED ENEMY EQPT.

- 1 - JUKI
- 3 - boxes amn.

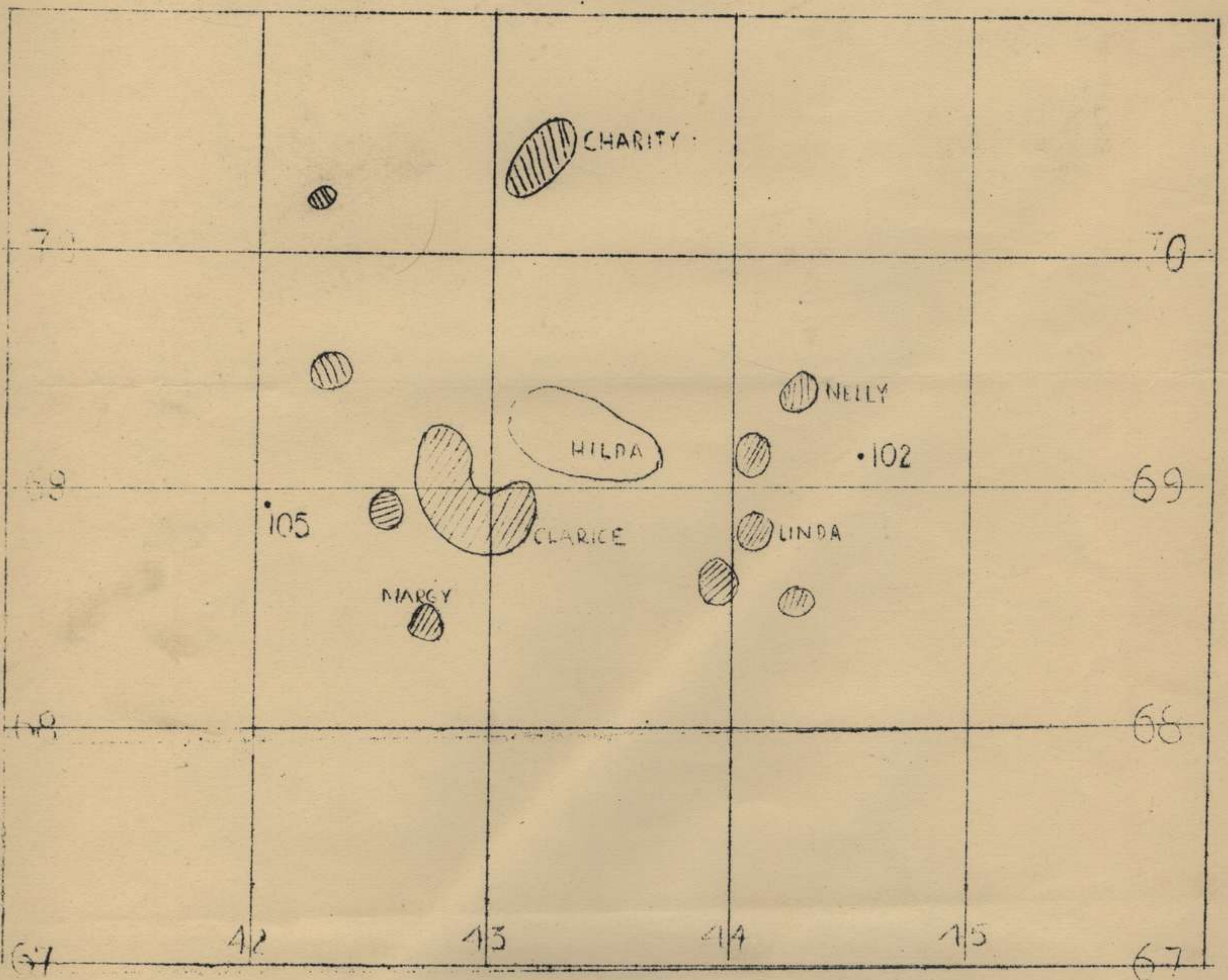
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APPX "A" TO 26 AUST INF BDE INTREP
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ENEMY DISPOSN'S TO 021800Z
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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 26.

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No:	JA - T 30
Name:	HORIUCHI, Kanzo
Rank:	Civilian
Unit:	Nissan Forestry Co., Ltd.
Where captured:	BEBATOE, Borneo
When captured:	31 May 45
By whom:	Natives
Civil occupation:	Manager

2. HISTORY

PW had been in BORNEO from 1930-1941 and had returned in 1943. He was in charge of this company's branch office in TARAKAN. On 28 Apr, he and his employer evacuated to an area South of DJOEATA oilfield and remained here until he decided to escape. On 20 May, he left with 7 others and proceeded north towards Cape DJOEATA, where they met another civilian just east of the Cape. They left TARAKAN on 27 May on a raft with intentions of going to MALINAU. Having no food, they decided to stop at BEBATOE where PW knew a native previously in his employ. They reached there on the 31st and were taken prisoners by the natives.

3. NISSAN Forestry (NISSAN MORIN)

There were 8 men in PW's employ at the TARAKAN office. The company had branches at MALINAU, BOELOENGAN and TAWAO. PW had been on frequent visits to all these places.

4. NATIVES

When captured prisoners were not mistreated except PW who was badly beaten and thrown in the fire receiving a burn on his hip. He admitted that the reason for this was revenge because he had himself mistreated natives in his employ.

5. GENERAL

Although PW was willing to talk, he could not offer any information of military value.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 27

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No.	JA-T 28
Name	KITAO, Kazuki.
Rank	civ.
Unit	-
Where captured	BABETOE, BORNEO.
When	31 May '45
By whom captured	natives.
Civil occupation	farmer.

2. HISTORY

PW left JAPAN in Dec '44 and arrived in TARAKAN in mid Feb '45, having come by flying boat to SURABAYA and then by transport plane to DJOEATA Airfd.

Upon arrival, he worked with the NISSAN Forestry and SANKO Company advising them on the improvement of their farming methods. On the 28th of Apr, he was ordered to go to FUKUKAKU posn where he remained until 20 May, when he joined two other civilians who had decided to leave the island. They moved North until they came out near Cape DJEOATA where they were joined by two newspapermen. They left the island on a raft on the 27th, and headed for MALINAU. They decided to stop at BABETOE for some food and were captured there by the natives.

3. PW's DUTIES

PW was specially sent to TARAKAN by the Ministry of Agriculture to teach the farmers how to improve their farms to get the maximum results. When he moved to FUKUKAKU, he was ordered by the Naval comdr to go out and look for edible herbs and plants. His work was done in the jungle around FUKUKAKU where he found some plants and palms from which food could be extracted.

4. PROPOGANDA LEAFLETS

He had seen leaflets in camp and had read them. He thought that they were very well written but was not impressed by them.

5. GENERAL

PW had no knowledge of military matters although he was willing enough to talk.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 28 & 29

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No	JA-T 26
Name	ISHIDA, Niichi.
Rank	civilian.
Unit	Domei Newspaper.
Where captured	BABETOE.
When	" 31 May '45
By whom	" natives.

2. HISTORY

PW arrived at TARAKAN in March '45 from SURABAYA where he was working in the DOMEI News office. He left JAPAN in Feb '44 and had been in SINGAPORE before going to SURABAYA. In TARAKAN he did the same sort of work until his W/T set was destroyed by aerial bombing on 12 April. On the 27th of Apr he was ordered to FUKUKAKU where he produced news-sheets for the HQ. On 20th May, after having decided to escape, he left FUKUKAKU with PW No. 29 and proceeded northward. Having no maps with them, they did not know where they were until they came to a river. They followed this river until they met three civs near the mouth. They got together and made a raft with which they intended to cross to the mainland. Two attempts failed as the current was not suitable. On the third attempt, they made BABETOE where they intended to get some food from the natives, but were captured instead.

3. PW's DUTIES

PW's duty was to intercept DOMEI news reports and produce newspapers from them. When he arrived in TARAKAN, there were five newspaper-men, but three of them left soon after taking two W/T sets with them. These men went to MACASSAR in a subchaser. PW intended going soon after but the Guard Unit comdr would not allow him to. He had five INDONESIAN W/T operators with him but they left TARAKAN on the 27th of Apr for BOELOENGAN and intended to go to BALIKPAPAN by an inland route. In FUKUKAKU Army signalmen intercepted the news reports and he and PW No. 29 produced the news-sheets for the Hq.

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 32

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Name:	MEFA, Motoichi
PW NO:	JA T 32
Rank:	Pte 1/cl
Age:	23
Where captured:	RIPPON
When captured:	1 June 45
By whom:	By Australians
Civil occupation:	Welder

2. HISTORY

PW was inducted at E 38 Force in April 44. June 44 he departed from MOJI and arrived TARAKAN in Dec 44 by way of MANILA and JOLO Island.

3. PATROL ORDERS

PW was sent from 2 Plat by Sgt Maj UNAGAMI with another army personnel to take part in night infiltration. He then reported to Lt (jg) ODA at a place 300 m east of hill 105. Night infiltration unit was then called together and given a brief that they were to go to the airfield for night infiltration. The infiltration unit leader was Lt (jg) ODA and composed of 14 others of which 4 were army personnel and the remainder navy civilians. They were not told the route of advance to the airfield, but carried with them 4 days ration. They were not issued any medical supplies. PW thinks he should have been informed in more detail of his mission. The infiltration unit proceeded to DJOEATA at 1800 hrs moving in groups of 2 at a time. By walking in the bushes and using the moonlight they only traveled at night. During the day they slept without posting a guard but there was someone up all the time. Along the route to DJOEATA PW was told that the Anzac Highway was picketed. They made no contact with any troops, friend or foe, during the march. They crossed the highway one by one and spent the night below DJOEATA. It was four days since he left his Hqs. The following night they proceeded to the north of the airfield along side of Anzac highway. He spent the night at this point. Here they had instructions how to use the explosives. They were then ordered to go to destroy ammo dumps as well as blags in the vicinity of the airfield. They proceeded in groups of two and three with charges wrapped in paper and grenades toward the airfield. PW and his companion came to an impassable obstacle and so wandered around all the night. The following morning while wandering around he unexpectedly came across some Australian troops and so gave himself up. PW stated that some in his group had bomb fuses made of mosquito coils and they were lit before going into the attack.

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3. CASUALTIES

PW estimates 90% of the casualties were from mortar fire. One half of his original unit, the 2nd pl composed of 32-33 men were casualties. Sgt. Maj. FURUNO, his pl ldr was killed soon after the invasion. 1 pl of 3 Coy was wiped out. 2 Coy was annihilated soon after our landing. etc

4. SUPPLIES

3 months supply of rations. Plenty of small fire ammo. Medical supplies are running short.

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26 AUST INF BDE INTREP NO. 19

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

See (a) SITREP
(b) Operational Report

2. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

No change. (Since 1800H, 2/48 Bn report 102 feature occupied by our troops)

3. ENEMY INFILTRATION TACTICS

The enemy continues his night infiltration into our rear areas. On night 31 May/1 Jun 3 enemy attempted to attack RAAF camp on STURT feature. Searchlight revealed one Jap who was killed; others escaped to NORTH.

At 2330 hrs, enemy threw grenades into a tent on RIPON. A search revealed that 10 Japs had moved into the area along a drain. Six Japs were killed in this area during the night. They were armed with three swords and 75mm fused shells.

The enemy had no firearms, and no documents were found on the bodies.

4. NATIVE REPORTS

Four escaped NEI soldiers who were held at enemy HQ area, escaped on 29 May at approx 0300 hrs. They travelled NORTH, then EAST, and then SOUTH, arriving at AMAL where they met a patrol from the NEI Inf Bn.

The escapees stated that they had been camped approx 200 yds NORTH of Japanese HQ, together with about 150 other NEI soldiers and about 40/50 Indonesian coolies.

They said there were two tunnels in the area, one of which contained a radio with a generating engine outside.

They estimated that there were 20/30 officers and men in HQ area, and three huts used as a hospital, with beds in two tiers, containing approx 100/150 men. Gas came in from fwd areas at the rate of 15/20 a day, and there were 10/15 buried each day in the cemetery. The graves were dug by PW.

Gas were returned to front line after treatment, even with leg wounds, and placed in fire posns.

Informants estimated that there were 500/600 enemy left on 28 May. They did not know of any enemy movt NORTH, except patrolling.

5. PW.

Five Japanese who escaped from TARAKAN were captured by natives at BERBATOE on 31 May. These PW have not yet been interrogated.

One wounded PW was captured by 2/23 Bn in vic of MARGY. He is awaiting interrogation at 110 CGS.

Another PW captured by 2/23 Bn on RIPON is being interrogated.

6. ENEMY CAS. (for 24 hrs ending 011800I)

<u>Counted Dead</u>	<u>Estimated additional killed</u>	<u>PW</u>
68	1	7

7. ENEMY EQPT.

The following eqpt was captured today -

- 1 - 40 mm BOFORS GUN (Dutch defs), approx 90 rounds.
- 1 - 81 mm Mortar (Damaged)
- 3 - Lewis Type LMGs (2 damaged)

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PW PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT No. 25

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

PW No. JA-T 25
Name: HARA, Toyoji
Rank: 1 Cl Pte
Unit: TOKOI Force, MATSUMOTO Co.,
MATSUNAGA Pl.
Where captured: near TIBI Island
When captured: 30 May 45
By whom: Natives
Civil occupation: Farmer

2. HISTORY

PW was inducted into N 63 Force in April 43 and after receiving his basic training came to TARAKAN in Dec 44 via way of MANILA and JOLO Is. His platoon was dispatched to AMAL and stayed there until the 30th when they came to prepared positions on 105. PW had not left the position from that time on, serving as a machine gunner on one of the two heavy machine guns on the hill. The guns were subsequently destroyed.

3. DETAILS OF CAPTURE

PW had become very discouraged and had tried to desert on the 25th of May. A member of his own unit shot at him, when he attempted this and the bullet struck his arm. He made his way to the Western coast of TARAKAN and sighting SADAU, tried to swim there but the current took him to an island near TIBI. He was befriended by natives who after giving him water and food, put him on a prow and brought him to TARAKAN on the 31st. PW offered no resistance.

4. UNEP TOKOI FORCE Hvy Arty & MG Coy

PW at time of landing belonged to SHIMADA Pl but CO SHIMADA was relieved of this duty and the Pl was taken over by Prob Off. MATSUNAGA. He later heard that 2/Lt SHIMADA had been killed while in action. Since he had been at AMAL and came to 105 after the combat had started he did not know of any positions or number of troops left to offer resistance at the present time. Personalities he named were:

Maj. TOKOI, Tadao CO
Capt. MATSUNAGA MO

5. CASUALTIES

PW stated that in the MATSUNAGA Unit alone, ^(approx 35) only 20 men were left on the 25th. There were most casualties from mortar fire and some sustained in aerial bombardment. He had heard and seen instances of suicide by bare kiri, grenades and rifle fire on Hill 105. These were inflicted by persons who had been wounded by shrapnel or small arms fire.

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6. SUPPLIES

PW heard that there was ample food supplies to last for three months at least. The food was brought up to them by native carriers under the direction of a soldier. He believed the food dump was near the FUKURAKU position.

7. MEDICAL

Casualties were kept in a dispensary on 105 but because of shortage of medical supplies, treatment was not very adequate.

8. TREATMENT OF NATIVES

The natives in their positions worked very hard and he claimed that they seemed to be getting very good treatment. Before the invasion of our forces the Japanese soldiers and sailors treated the natives as best they knew how as an order had been issued from headquarters that anyone mistreating a native would be severely punished.

9. FUKURAKU POSITION

PW stated that the time he left he heard that soldiers were not allowed to enter the position unless on official business and that the tunnel there was used exclusively by high ranking officers and civilian officials. Orders were issued by telephone from this position.

10. TYPES OF ARMS

PW reported over and over again the fear that the troops had of our mortar fire. He had not had any experience with napalm bombs but said that aerial bombs were also feared.

11. PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS

Although PW had not read the leaflets he had seen friends pick them up. He did not think that the soldiers would use them.

12. NEWS

Although there was no radio or newsletter communications PW had heard from members of his unit of the landing at Okinawa and the bombing of Japan's mainland. He had also heard from the same source the fall of Germany.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

PW thought that he would be killed upon capture, but was more than surprised by the treatment. He stated that he had not killed any of the Australians, but thought that the Allied forces would take revenge by killing him.

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Subject : JAP WOUNDED

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
GO/106A/120
4 Jun 45

1. Int reports and interrogations of PW confirm that there is a Jap hospital in the FUKUKAKU area.
2. In this hospital there are approx 300 wounded.
3. It is considered possible that the enemy may agree to a proposal to hand over to us their wounded for treatment and retention as PW.
4. With this in view steps have already been taken to implement a scheme for the taking over of the wounded.
5. Leaflets have been dropped in the FUKUKAKU area both yesterday and today calling upon the enemy comd to send across to our lines the senior Jap Medical Offr plus one escort to discuss arrangements for the evacuation of th wounded.
6. The following detailed arrangements have been proposed :-
 - (a) The Senior Jap Medical Offr with one escort will approach our lines NOT before 051200I NOT after 051330I.
 - (b) They will be unarmed.
 - (c) They will carry prominently displayed a large white flag and wear white brassards on one arm.
 - (d) The line of approach will be along the track FUKUKAKU - JOYCE - 90 feature - TRIG 105.
 - (e) A patrol of 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will be in position astride the track approx 250 yds EAST of 90 feature.
 - (f) The patrol will cover the approach of the party and allow them to pass through continuing to cover the track to their front in case of deception.
 - (g) In rear of the patrol the Jap party will be met by the Bde Int Offr and an ATIS offr.
 - (h) They will be searched for hidden arms and blindfolded, then lead along the track through 90 feature to THE WASH for escort to 110 ECS.
7. Between 051200I and 051330I all troops in the TRIG 105 - MARGY area will hold their fire unless attacked by the enemy.
8. If the Jap party has failed to appear by 051330I our proposal will be treated as ignored and no further steps will be taken to repeat it.
9. It has been stressed in the leaflets which have been dropped that this proposal has been prompted by the knowledge that the Jap hospital is in close proximity to Jap HQ and will necessarily be the subject of increased bombing and shelling.
10. Furthermore many of the Jap wounded are capable of further resistance thus making our task of destroying them all the more difficult.

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(H J KATEKAR) Maj
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Officers and men of the Japanese forces!

A brave man does not think of himself, but devotes everything to the service of his country. But the proper course for a man whose death can bring no advantage is to live on for his country. Make the brave but hard decision, and come over to us. You need have no fear. Come over!

The English words on the reverse mean that the bearer has ceased resistance, and must be treated with respect. He must be sent to the nearest commanding officer, and given food and medical attention in accordance with the Geneva Convention.

Inside pages.

The following extracts are taken from the Geneva Convention, signed by 29 nations in 1929. Among the signatories are all of the Allied nations.

"ARTICLE 2: Prisoners of war are under the control of the Government, but not of the individuals or formation which captured them. They shall at all times be humanely treated and protected, particularly against acts of violence, from insults, and from public curiosity. Measures of reprisal against them are forbidden.

ARTICLE 3: Prisoners of war are entitled to respect for their honour and persons...

ARTICLE 10: Prisoners of war shall be lodged in buildings or huts which afford all possible safeguards as regards hygiene and salubrity.

ARTICLE 11: The food ration of prisoners of war shall be equivalent in quantity and quality to that of the depot troops. The use of tobacco shall be authorised.

ARTICLE 12: Clothing, underwear and footwear shall be supplied to prisoners of war by the detaining Power

ARTICLE 13: Belligerents shall be required to take all necessary hygiene measures to ensure the cleanliness and salubrity of camps and to prevent epidemics They (Psw) shall have facilities for engaging in physical exercises and obtaining the benefit of being out of doors.

ARTICLE 14: Each camp shall possess an infirmary, where prisoners of war shall receive attention of any kind of which they may be in need

ARTICLE 16: Prisoners of war shall be permitted complete freedom in the performance of their religious duties

ARTICLE 17: Belligerents shall encourage as much as possible the organization of intellectual and sporting pursuits by the prisoners of war."

This Convention was signed by these 29 governments to ensure that no prisoner-of-war should be exposed to insult or personal blame, and that after the war was over, they could again work for their own country.

After more than three years of the Pacific war, over 7,000 of your officers and men are living with us. They had, of course, done their utmost, until even their death became of no use.

The Japanese government recently sent a certain sum of money through the International Red Cross to these men, for the purchase of extra comforts. This fact shows that the Japanese government itself has realised that circumstances made the surrender of these men inevitable.

Photograph caption.

Scene at a staging camp, en route to Australia.

TARGET : Japanese troops in combat areas.

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一人づいでも、二三人でも、又は隊
をくんで來うるもよし、決して
ていやな思おもひをさせらるゝ事な
し。其うちに通譯つうやくも來ます。左
の英文には

「此の人々は敵對を止めたる
人達につき國際法規こくさいほうきにし
たがひ親切にとり扱ひ最
寄上官よりじょうの所につれゆくべし。
聯合軍最高指揮官
とあるのです。

THE BEARER HAS CEASED
RESISTANCE. TREAT HIM
WELL IN ACCORDANCE WITH
INTERNATIONAL LAW. TAKE
HIM TO THE NEAREST COM-
MANDING OFFICER.

C-IN-C ALLIED FORCES

皇軍將兵へ

情況の絶體絶命は之は天運だ。

天道は人を殺さない。

ながの他日の御奉公。

今日一ときの耐え忍び

で得られる。

誤解、まちがひをさけるため、一切武器を
持たず、手をあげて來うる事。





PERHATIKANLAH NASIHAT PEMERINTAH INI!

KAPAL2 PERANG DAN PESAWAT2 TERBANG KITA TELAH MENOETOEP PERDJALANAN DJEPANG. ALAT2 PERANG, BEGITOE DJOEGA MAKANAN2 TIDA BISA DIKIRIMKAN LAGI PADA SERDADOE2 DJEPANG JANG ADA DIPESISIR2. DJADI TERPAKSA MEREKA HIDOEP DARI MAKANAN SAUDARA.

TAMBAH TJELAKA LAGI KALAU SI DJEPANG TINGGAL DIKAMPOENG2 SAUDARA! LAIN DARI PADA SAUDARA KEKOERANGAN MAKANAN, AKAN TIMBOEL ROEPA2 PENJAKIT JANG MENOELAR DISITOE.

OLEH SEBAB ITOE, BERIKANLAH SOERAT INI PADA ORANG DJEPANG. KALAU IA SOEKA PERGI BERSAMA2 SAUDARA, BAWA DIA KETEMPAT TENTARA KITA. IA AKAN DIOEROES BAIK2 OLEH KITA, SEDANG SAUDARA AKAN DIBERI OEPAH.—

諸君

こゝに此ビラが来て居るの
で日本軍は撤退した事がお
解りであらう。道はすべて
ふさがった。此村民が案内申
すにより、武器をそこに置き
當方に来られよ。糧食医薬
を給するは勿論絶対に屈辱
を與へる様をことにはない。
直ちに濠洲へ後送、既に数百
を算する先着の友人の所へ
收容される。

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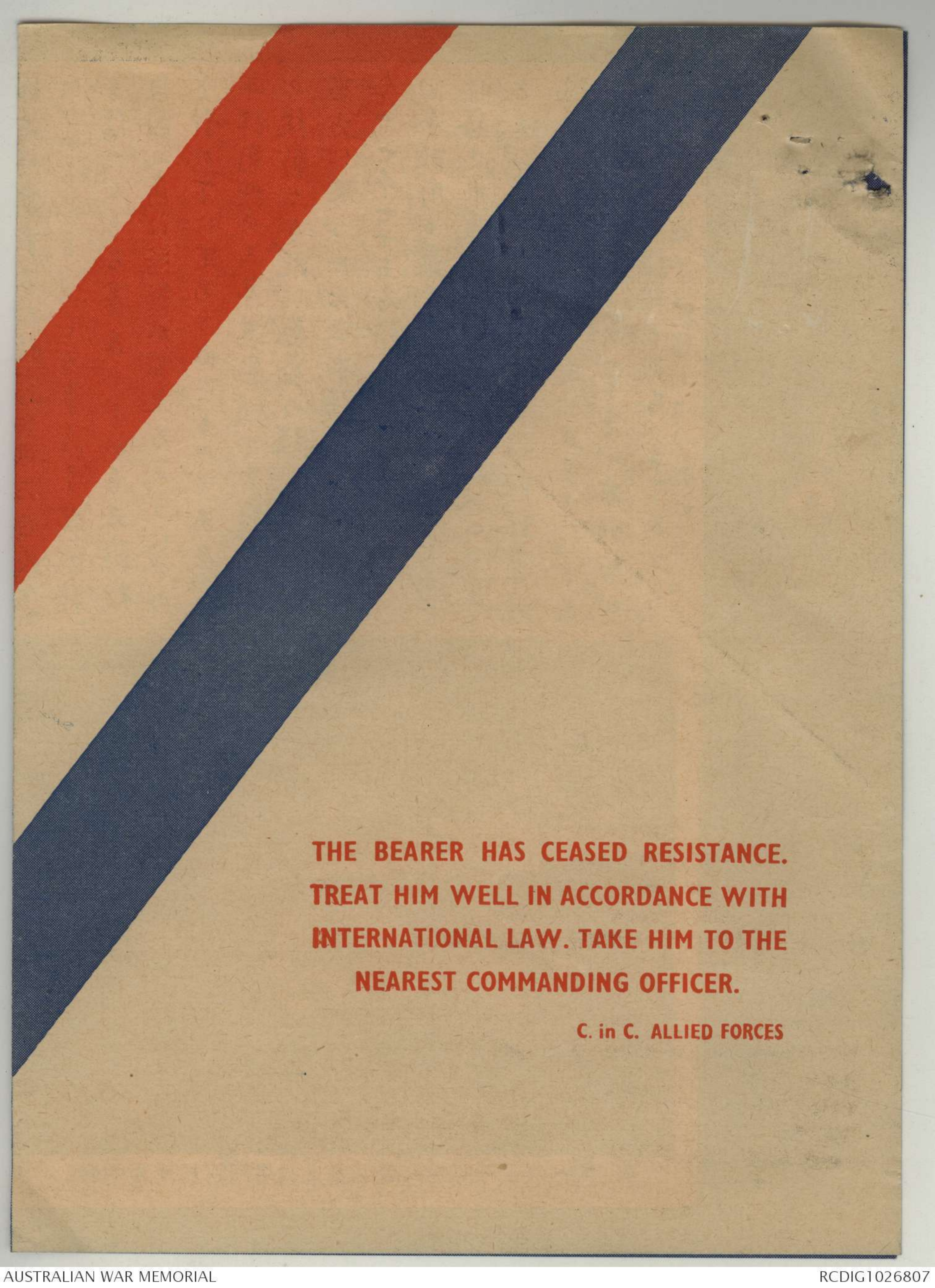
「本票持参日本兵は既に敵
に非ず。國際法に従ひ懇
切に待遇すべき者、最寄指
揮官の許に連行すべし。
尚本票持参の村民はそれ
を公認されたる者なり。」

「聯合軍最高指揮官」

THE JAPANESE WITH THIS MESSAGE HAS CEASED RESISTANCE. HE SHOULD BE TREATED WELL IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW. TAKE HIM TO THE NEAREST COMMANDING OFFICER.

NATIVES CARRYING THESE LEAFLETS ARE AUTHORISED TO DO SO.

C-IN-C ALLIED FORCES.



**THE BEARER HAS CEASED RESISTANCE.
TREAT HIM WELL IN ACCORDANCE WITH
INTERNATIONAL LAW. TAKE HIM TO THE
NEAREST COMMANDING OFFICER.**

C. in C. ALLIED FORCES

昭和四年二十九日、國により調印を見た

シネバ協約の要領は左の如きもので現聯合國全部は皆その調印國である。
第二條 俘虜ハ政府所屬ニシテ個人又ハ部隊の所屬ニ非ズ、報復侮辱見セ物扱
等嚴禁タリ。

第三條 俘虜ハ其尊嚴人格ヲ害ハル、事ナシ。

第十條 俘虜ハ保健衛生ニカナフ宿所ニ收容サル。

第十一條 食物ハ收容國留守師團將兵ノ物ニ等シカルベシ。

第十二條 衣服履物、下着等ハ凡テ收容國之ヲ支給スベキモノナリ。

第十三條 收容國ハリノ收容セラレアル者ニ對シ宿所ノ清潔保健、戶外運動等

ニツキ萬全ヲ期スベキモノナリ。

第十四條 各宿所ニハ病室ヲ設ケ必要ニ應ジ医療手當等ヲナシ得ル如ク設備ヲ

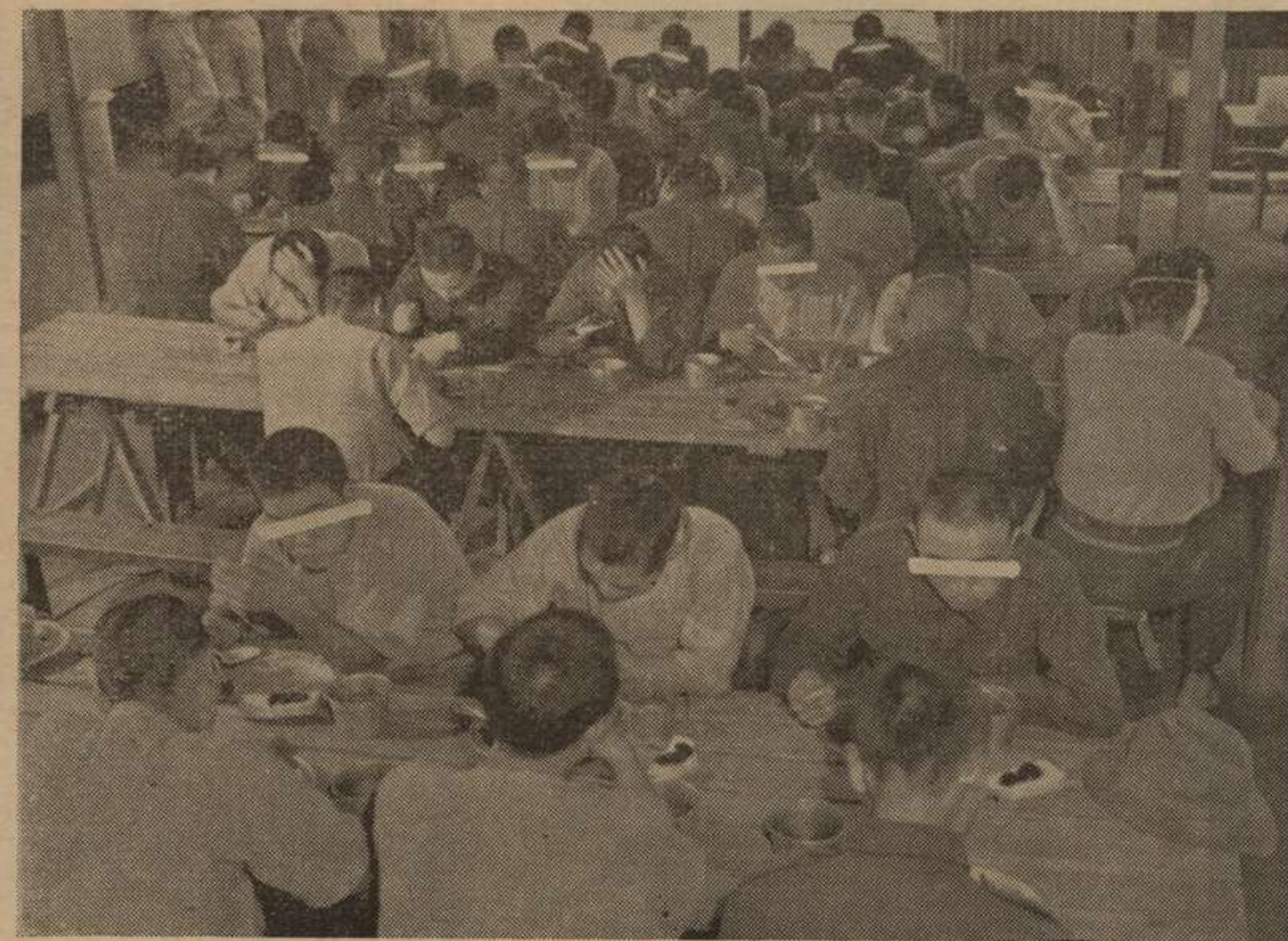
ナスベキモノナリ。

第十六條 收容サレアル者ハ其信仰礼拝ノ自由ヲ妨ケラル、事ナシ。

第十七條 收容國ハ其收容セラレアル人々ノ勉學、運動等ニツキテハ大ニ之ヲ奨励

スベキモノトス。

以上は要するに收容されたる人々が
はづかしめを受くる事なく其人格
を傷つくらる事なくしかも又戦後
自國の爲に活動が出来ようにとの
方針の下に定められたものであるが太
平洋戦既に三年其戦域で力戦奮闘
の後戦ふも既に無益の段階に到達
当方に來られた日本陸海空將兵の数は
今や七千七十五名に達して居る。
日本政府も最近萬國赤十字社を通じ
收容され居る將兵嗜好品購入のため金
を送つて來て居るこの事は前記七千餘
名の將兵の行動が真に止むを得ざる
に出でたるものなる事を日本政府が
認めて居る証拠と見るべきである。



オーストラリアへ向ふ途次收容所ニ於ける中食



士に私心は無い。其進退
其一擧手一投足みな國
家のためである。死すで
に無益なりとの段階に
達したならば戦後の日本

日本軍將兵諸君

の爲に生永うへる之が
道である。いやでもあろ
う。つらくもあろう。しかし
ならぬ勤忍をして当方へ
來給へ何等のおそれ心配

氣兼ねはいらない。心やすく
てここを出てこちうへ來
給へ。
うらの英文には「此人は善戰
奮闘既にその責を果したる

者。敬意を以て扱ひ最寄上官
の下におくりジュネバ協約
に基き必要なる医薬手当
糧食を給すべし。聯合軍最高指
官とあるのであります。

Yesterday, troops of a famous Australian division carried out a full scale assault landing operation on the small island of TARAKAN, off the coast of Borneo, in the Netherlands East Indies.

The landing was supported by bombarding cruisers and destroyers and concentrated bombing attacks by flights of RAAF liberators.

Australian ships which participated in the attack were "HOBART" "MANOORA" "WARRAMUNGA" "WESTRALIA" "HAWKESBURY" "BARCOO" "BURDEKIN" "LACHLAN"

"only slight resistance was met on the beaches, all defences having been smashed by the terrific bombardment which commenced three days before the landing, reaching a crescendo of intensity as a cover for the attack forces only minor damage occurred to one US destroyer which struck a mine.

"THE TARAKAN LANDING"

As part of a force of about 150 Allied warships, MANOORA sailed from one of our advanced bases, this time with an operation ahead which would signal our entry into a new area of assault operations. Our five previous invasion operations had taken place at Tanahmerah Bay and Wakde Is, in Dutch New Guinea Morotai Is in the Halmaheras Group and at Panaen Is and Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines. Since the Lingayen Gulf operation, MANOORA had been engaged on normal routine work in the Philippines area, continuously running supplies and reinforcement troops to forward areas on Luzon.

Now the Senior Naval Officer, Aust Landing Ships, Capt AP COUSIN RANR under the directions of a US Rear Admiral attached to a now famous American Amphibious Force, was leading his small but battle experienced force into an assault landing which promised to satisfy all expressed desires. As a surprise and a welcome change, we found, on arrival at the staging area, that the assault troops for the forthcoming operation were to be Aust battle hardened veterans of the fighting in the Middle East and the jungles of New Guinea.

Long before we sailed, it seemed common knowledge that our objective was the island of Tarakan, off the coast of Borneo. Embarked Aust troops were very pleased with the prospects which this landing offered, for it would be the first definite step towards the recapture of Malaya and Singapore, and the liberation of the gallant members of the 8th Aust Div who had been in the hands of the Jap for over three years. Soldiers and sailors alike were eager to start, and an air of expectancy and confidence hovered about the ship as we weighed anchor and proceeded.

The first two days of our journey into the Celebes Sea was marked by an entire absence of anything that looked Jap, alive that is. During the afternoon of Sunday whilst passing through the narrow straits of the Sangi Is a single Jap aircraft was seen passing by dead in the water. It did not appear to be damaged, but there was no indication of the pilot anywhere in the vicinity. It was slowly sinking of its own accord, so was allowed to float past, a forlorn and lonely symbol of the rapid decline of the once powerful Nip Air Force. Some AA fire was observed over one of the Sangi Is but its origination was a mystery and merely caused some minor speculation as to whether there were any Jap forces occupying these Is. If there were they did nothing to prevent our passage unhindered.

Whilst these quiet and uninteresting days were passing for us dead in the vicinity of Tarakan Admiral Borkeys bombardment and mine sweeping groups were already carrying out scheduled operations. Us and Aust cruisers and destroyers supported the mine sweeping flotillas as they made a clean sweep of the channel through which we would proceed. HMAS Lachlan carried out hydrographic survey work and laid channel buoys 13 Air Force liberators struck at oil wells and installations on Tarakan resulting in fierce fires and black, billowing columns of smoke. Sunday of our journey was also marked by the conspicuous absence of Jap forces. Throughout the day, news from Tarakan was heartening. Bombarding and mine sweeping operations were proceeding. Large quantities of oil was observed on the water at ebb tide. Large fires inland indicated that the Japs were burning their stores and installations preparatory to a hasty departure. The Motor Torpedo Boats operating in Darvel Bay and off Tawao sunk four small enemy vessels. The mine sweeping flotilla, working close in-shore, proceeded with their work unchallenged from ashore. One sweeper was slightly damaged when a mine exploded close by her stern. With our advancing attack force the day passed quietly. At night one of the escorting destroyers reported a submarine contact and carried out a depth charge attack. Results could not be observed in the darkness. Still no signs of Jap was or naval force were met as the day preceding the attack dawned. From Tarakan came news of still further successes by the advanced forces. Pill boxes on the beaches

were unmanned, and two machine guns on the beach were destroyed. Some mortar fire and isolated shots from snipers were met, but no casualties resulted to our forces. Mine sweepers penetrated into Tarakan Harbour sweeping right up to the piers where they were greeted by small arms fire. Late on Monday came a flash message Aust Artillery units had landed unopposed on Sadau Is near Tarakan and were preparing to support the landing on the morrow with their artillery. Another submarine was reported late in the night once again escorting destroyers attacked with depth charges results being unobserved. These activities did not bother members of the crew and embarked troops in any way for they were too busily engaged in farewelling friends they had met enroute to be worried about such minor Jap activity. Many friendships had developed during the journey many an Aussie soldier being virtually victualled in in numerous messes.

"AT TARAKAN"

Through the rain squalls which greeted us as we entered Tarakan Bay before dawn through a narrow and dangerous channel abert eyes could edtect the first glimpse of the raging inferno which was all that remained of the numerous oil tanks scattered throughout Tarakan Island. As dawn broke, our forces were safely in Tarakan Bay taking up allocated positions and still unhindered by any Jap opposition. A large column of black smoke rose thousands of feet into the air, and other small fires were scattered all over the island. The shadowy forms of cruisers directed us into the bay and then satisfied with their work in Tarakan proceeded out on patrol ensuring our immunity from suprise attacks from seawards. All eyes were now on the small township on the beach, as the hour for the covering bombardment drew near. Over a dozen destroyers were ranged at strategic intervals around the foreshores in readiness. With sharp, crackling bursts and stabs of fire and cordite smoke, they commenced the operations. Hundreds of shells began to pour ashore, guns firing as quickly as they could be loaded. Remarkable accuracy of fire was noted as numerous fires commence to blaze in hundreds of different localities. Proceeding slowly along the foreshores, the destroyers systematically devastated the complete water front area paying special attention to suspected shore batteries and soon a gathering pall of smoke hovered over the ruined township. With a thunder of powerful engines flight after flight of RAAF liberators now put in an appearance, and all eyes waited expectantly for results. They were not long in forthcoming. Hundreds of heavy bombs released in patterns, splattered along the beach head detonating with thunderous roars erupting into raging craters and blasting debris over a wide area. As more and more flights came over the whole waterfront for several miles seemed to vanish in cloud of concentrated smoke and flame. In the midst of this devastation one salvo of bombs appeared to hit an ammunition dump for a terrific explosion was observed throwing debris and flame hundreds of feet into the air and erupting with a shattering roar that shook the ship. Four separate oil tanks or wells now threw tall columns of black smoke high into the skies, as the bombers continued their destructive work. Stick followed stick of bombs falling always exactly on the beach head. The destroyers had not relented in their attack and 5 inch shells still poured ashore assisted now by hundreds of rockets fired from incoming support craft. Slowly the whole waterfront area disappeared from view hidden by unbelievable clouds of smoke and flame.

The concentrated barrage began to lift and creep inland as the first assault waves of troops poured ashore from the transports. Landing Ships Tank moved into position and forming a scene similar to a teeming ants nest hundreds of small landing craft streamed across the smoke covered harbour and onto the beaches of Tarakan. Aust troops poured ashore encountering only slight opposition on the beaches. Matilda tanks followed by infantry began to move inland to chase the retreating Jap. Isolated fire from snipers and mortar positions was encountered. The waterfront was nothing but a flaming mass of ruined buildings wrecked wharves and gaping shell holes and bomb craters. The devastated beach head presented difficulties to the unloading operations but throughout the day and late into the night hundreds of tons of supplies and equipment were disembarked from MANOORA holds the Landing Ships Detachment striving their utmost without letup to complete unloading first and live up to the high standards of efficiency previously recorded. Thier efforts were successful as MANOORA was the first ship to be unloaded and ready to proceed. Isolated fire from Jap mortar guns resulted in a few casualties. The first major Aust Army assault operation was successful and another landing added to MANOORA growing list we being honoured to have carried such famous Aussie troops.

CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

DRS "A" Coy, 2/12 Aust Fd Amb

DATE..... 29 JUN 45

No. QX 2985 Rank & Name Lcpl WILLIAMS TGT

Unit 2/2 AUST MG BN Has been a patient of DRS

since 24 JUN 45 and this day been discharged.

DIAGNOSIS (B) Perf SW (75mm) R elbow

FURTHER TREATMENT RECOMMENDED

RECOMMENDED No days Light duty.

*2 bottles of beer issued
this week.*

[Signature]
"A" Coy 2/12 Aust Fd Amb
Div Rest Station

CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

110 AUST C C S (AIF)

(Date) 25.6.45

To R.I.C.

WARD No. 4 A.D. No. 973

(No) QX 11694 (Rank & Name) Pk MURISON R

(Unit) 7/2 Aust M.G. Bn has been a patient of 110 AUST C C S (AIF) since 19.6.45 and has this day been discharged.

DIAGNOSIS ... Bacillary Dysentery

FURTHER TREATMENT RECOMMENDED

Stool: liquidropy: non clear

Spec 10.8 GRAMS delphaguanidine

RECOMMENDED No days Light duty

W. V. RUSSELL, Lt-Col. Commanding Officer, 110 AUST C C S (AIF)

D.R.S. "A" Coy, 2/12 Aust. Fd. Amb.

24 Jun 45

Date.....

NX176805

Pte. BARRETT CD

No..... Rank & Name.....

Unit..... 2/2 AUST MG BN has been a patient of D.R.S.

since..... 17 Jun 45 and has this day been discharged.

DIAGNOSIS..... ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ SW R SIDE ABDOMEN.

FURTHER TREATMENT RECOMMENDED.....

RECOMMENDED..... No days Light duty

Handwritten signature

C.O. "A" Coy, 2/12 Aust Fd. Amb.,
D. R. S.

CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

110 AUST C C S (AIF),

(Date) 22.6.45.....

To R.M.C.

WARD No 3..... A.&D. No. 785...

(No) PX 1664.. (Rank & Name) Cpl NEAL G.H...

(Unit) 2/2 Aust M.G. Bn..... has been a patient of
110 AUST C C S (AIF) since 10 June 45 and has this day been
discharged.

DIAGNOSIS..... B.T. Malaria (Relapse).....

FURTHER TREATMENT RECOMMENDED

RECOMMENDED 3..... days ~~No~~ Light duty

W. V. Russell

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W. V. RUSSELL, Lt-Col.
Commanding Officer,
110 AUST C C S (AIF).

CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

110 AUST C C S (AIF)

(Date) 18.6.45

To R.M.C.

WARD No. 4 A.S.D. No. 908

(No) AX14613 (Rank & Name) Pte ROBINSON D.D.

(Unit) 7th Aust. M.G. Bn. has been a patient of

110 AUST C C S (AIF) since 16/6/45 and has this day been discharged.

DIAGNOSIS Neuritis

FURTHER TREATMENT RECOMMENDED Stool: Formed stool. No mucus

no blood no exudate. Urine: no abnormality. etc.

To continue sulphaguanidine 8 tabs 4 hly for 2 days

RECOMMENDED No days Light duty

W. V. RUSSELL, Lt-Col. Commanding Officer, 110 AUST C C S (AIF)

CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

110 AUST C C S (AIF)

(Date) 18.6.45

To R.M.C.

WARD No. 4 A.S.D. No. 909

(No) BX10885 (Rank & Name) MING

(Unit) 2/2 M.G. BN has been a patient of

110 AUST C C S (AIF) since 16/6/45 and has this day been discharged.

DIAGNOSIS Brain haem

FURTHER TREATMENT RECOMMENDED

RECOMMENDED 1 day Light duty

W. V. RUSSELL, Lt-Col. Commanding Officer, 110 AUST C C S (AIF)

CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

110 AUST C C S (AIF),

(Date) 15.6.45

To R.M.C.

WARD No 4 A.&D. No. 822

(No) Px 13758 (Rank & Name) Pte (GRR) E.J.

(Unit) 3/2 R.S. Bn. has been a patient of

110 AUST C C S (AIF) since 12/6/45 and has this day been

discharged.

DIAGNOSIS..... neuritis

FURTHER TREATMENT RECOMMENDED

RECOMMENDED ^{No} days Light duty

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W. V. RUSSELL
Lt-Col.
Commanding Officer,
110 AUST C C S (AIF).

CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

110 AUST C C S (AIF)

(Date) 12/6/45

To R.I.C.

WARD No. 4 A. & D. No. 735

(No) NX 151291 (Rank & Name) Pk RULE, R.J.

(Unit) 7th Aust N.S. B. has been a patient of

110 AUST C C S (AIF) since 8/6/45 and has this day been discharged.

DIAGNOSIS ... Pain loea

FURTHER TREATMENT RECOMMENDED ... Stool: solid firm stool with adherent mucus. Micro: definite exudate. No aneobic culture: B coli of group

RECOMMENDED ... No days Light duty

W. V. RUSSELL, Lt-Col. Commanding Officer, 110 AUST C C S (AIF)