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TO: GENERAL CUNNINGHAM, COMDR DIRECTOR TASK FORCE,

FM: GENERAL MARSHALL, CHIEF OF STAFF

"CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR MEN ON A FINE OPERATION. I
HAVE BEEN WITH GENERAL MAC ARTHUR AND GENERAL KRUEGER FOLLOWING
YOUR PROGRESS. I AM SORRY I CANNOT SEE YOU PERSONALLY."

GENERAL KRUEGER

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112TH CAVALRY REGIMENTAL DIARY

1 July 1942 5 January 1946

Wed. July 1, 1942- - Advance detachment, 112th Cavalry to Port of embarkation, San Francisco, California departed from Fort Clark. Detachment composed of Col. J.W. Cunningham, 1st Lt. Charles R. Bartlett, 1st. Lt. Landon H. Hill, 1st Lt. Sidney J. Guard. Enlisted personnel composed of one non-commissioned officer from each troop under supervision of M/Sgt. W.D. Sperry.

Thursday, 2 July, 1942 to Tuesday, 7 July, 1942- - Normal garrison duties in preparation for movement. Turnover of animals accomplished on Sunday, July 5, 1942. Installations checked to 9th Cavalry on Tuesday, July 7. Impedimenta and vehicle train departed from Fort Clark Tuesday, July 7, 1942 under command of 1st Lt. B.W. Albright!

Wednesday, July 8, 1942 - Unit departed Fort Clark in two trains. 1st train in 2 serials composed of numbered squadrons departed at 5 P.M.. 2nd train in serial composed of Regtl. Hq. & Service Troop-Special Weapons Troop-Machine Gun Troop-Medical Detachment-Band departed 5:50 P.M.

Thursday, July 9, 1942- - On train enroute.

Friday, July 10, 1942- - On train enroute.

Saturday, July 11, 1942- - Last train arrived at Camp Stoneman, California at 2:00 P.M. Unit moved into camp. 1st Train 1690 miles. 2nd Train- 1720 miles.

Sunday, July 12, 1942 to Sunday, July 19, 1942- - Usual garrison training with emphasis on physical conditioning through marches. Instructions in 1st aid and chemical defense. Formal retreat parade on Thursday July 16, 1942 and Review on Saturday, July 18, 1942. Reviewing officer was Brigadier General Frank Gilbreath, C.G. S.F.P.E Firing of familiarization course with automatic pistol by band accomplished.

Saturday, 18 July, 1942 to Monday, July 20, 1942- - Unit moved to board ship in three serials. Movement by rail. Distance traveled -49 miles.

Tuesday, July 21, 1942 to Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1942- - Embarkation completed at 2:00 A. this date. Transport moved into San Francisco Bay at 11:30 A (PWT). 0430Z. Moved under Golden Gate Bridge at 0830Z. Voyage uneventful until Sunday, 9 August, 1942 when at 1:30 P (0130Z) the British Cruiser accompanying the convoy reported to the ship's captain as sighting an unidentified submarine. General quarters was sounded and all guns were manned. There was no further report on the submarine, but gun crews were continued on the alert throughout the night. During the alert all water tight doors in the lower levels were closed.

Debarked at Noumea, New Caledonia at 1:30 P. Tuesday, 11 August 1942. Movement was made by QM transportation to bivouac area 6 miles NE of Noumea. Distance: 6,200 miles.

Wednesday, 12 August, 1942- - This day consumed in pitching camp. Orders were received from Force Hq. that we would furnish 1 Sq. to move dismounted to the St. Louis sector to relieve the 282nd Bn. of Inf. located on outpost in that sector. Movement orders to be received later.

Rgt. was assigned as new bivouac area in the Dumbaa Valley. Movement to be made in QM transportation. Unloading of organic transportation well under way at this time.

Thursday, 13 August, 1942- - Organization commanders reconnoitered new bivouac area in the Dumbaa Valley. Orders received that movement to be made at 1:00 P.M. this date. Arrangements were also made for impedimenta to be shipped by rail to Dumbaa. Rgt. less 2nd Sq. (assigned to St. Louis area) moved into new area. Movement of 5 miles completed at 9:00 P.M.

Friday, 14 August, 1942 - Day spent in pitching camp and receiving organizational impedimenta. Rgtl. Executive received orders at Force Hq. that 2nd Sq. would not move to St. Louis area. Therefore 2nd Sq. was ordered to move to Dumbear Valley at 7:30 A. Saturday, 15 August, 1942.

Saturday, 15 August, 1942 - Movement of 2nd Sq. completed at 9:30 A.M. Rgt. continued pitching camp. All organization paid this date for July.

First casualty of trip was revealed this date. Pvt. Fisher, Sp. W. Tr. was found dead in Noumea Bay. Cause of death not determined at this time. Rgtl. Commander and S-3 made reconnaissance of road net Noumea-Tomo and vicinity of Tomo.

Sunday, 16 August, 1942 - Day consumed by church services and personal housekeeping by personnel. Inventory of Post Exchange stock well under way.

Monday 17 August, 1942 - Investigation of death of Pvt. Fisher revealed death not caused by drowning but rather by heavy blow on the head. No water in lungs indicated death prior to entrance into water. Cause believed to be blow from swinging boom on ship on which he was working at unloading impedimenta.

Training schedule embodied physical training-dismounted drill-roadmarch-check on gas masks-specialized instruction to 1 Off. & 4 NCO's per troop on bayonet drill and property check for shortages. Patrols #1 and #2, Cpl. Smith of C Trp. & Cpl. Brown of B Trp. reconnoitered route over mountains from Dumbear Valley to Rt.#1 with their squads. Cpl. Smith discovered trail over mountain to Rt.#1 taking 45 minutes walking. Cpl. Smith directed to take his squad over same route at night on Tuesday, 18 Aug. 1942. 200 animals received this date. To receive schooling.

Tuesday, 18 August, 1942 - Routine training in A.M. to include physical training-dismounted drill & roadmarch. P.M. schedule included bayonet instruction for selected personnel-M.G. instruction for M.G. personnel-field sanitation & individual protection. The reconnaissance patrol of Cpl. Smith of C. Trp. successfully completed its mission and returned in 1 1/2 hours after leaving camp. Reconnaissance of area continued by C.O. & S-3.

Wednesday, 19 August, 1942 - Routine training continued including road march-schooling of animals, progressing under supervision of Lt. Col. Miller. Afternoon given as holiday for men but 9 off. & 2 NCO's per Sq. accompanied Col. Miller on reconnaissance of Dumbear Conception - St. Louis-Plum and return via Dumbear Bay.

Thursday 20, August 1942-Routine training for all personnel. Road marches continue. Known trails and roads utilized to familiarize all men with road net of the area. Overlay received from 132nd Inf. showing possible water holes on northern part of the island. Reconnaissance of area continued by C.O. & S-3. Construction of dummies for bayonet practice started this date.

Friday, 21 August 1942-Routine training for all personnel continued. C.O.-S-2-S-3, visited C.P. of 182nd Inf. and arranged to send 5 officers of this unit into northern area sectors to enable us to have officer personnel familiarized with other parts of the island. The plan is to send 5 officers for a period of 4 days during week of August 23-30.

Saturday, 22 August 1942-Schedule for day consisted of detailed inspection by Sq. C.O.'s of personnel and installations. Men were formed in front of shelter tents. Inspection was made of slit trenches.

Sunday, 23 August, 1942-Liasion parties of Capt. Crews, Lt. Tucker, Lt. Pierce, Lt. Thoma left camp for attachment to northern sector to familiarize themselves with those areas.

Monday, 24 August 1942-Routine training to include physical training dismounted drill and physical conditioning march. Officer candidate applicants appeared before selection board.

Tuesday, 25 August, 1942 - Routine training continued. Unit was alerted at 9:00 P.M. for possible enemy attack. No enemy forces were detected.

Tuesday, 25 August, 1942 - Rgtl. Field Exercise. Unit was alerted at 7:06 A. Nature of problem was that of preventing enemy forces from landing at Dumba Bay. Combat team alert plan was used to dispatch that unit in advance of main body and to move by motor and take up initial position. Exercise terminated at 2:30 P. Noon meal of sandwiches was supplied front line units by S-4.

Wednesday, 26 August, 1942 - Routine schedule. Report received from liaison officers as to their return in next day or so. Plans were initiated for the dispatching of a reconnaissance patrol of one platoon to Yate Bay. Trip of approximately five days to be made dismounted, via trail leading NW from bivouac.

American Division received detail for OCS students. This unit had 10 students detailed. Routing schedule for training. CO was advised that native labor and materials would become available shortly. Plan is to construct assembly hall and mess hall for men. Double feature movie was presented for all personnel on this evening.

Thursday, 27 August, 1942 - Routine training for day. Special reconnaissance by scout car platoon initiated. Reconnaissance by platoon completed of Rt. #1 to La Foa.

Friday, 28 August, 1942 - Command was alerted at 1:38 A. Moved out at 2:37 A. for repetition of field exercise of Tuesday Aug. 25 which embodied defense of Dumba Bay Sector. Defensive positions occupied by 5:08 A. Return to bivouac was begun at 6:30 A. Day was given to rest except for care of ordnance and inspection of arms in P.M. Arrangements were completed this date for the appearance of Marine Corp Major to address the regiment at 2:00 P.M. on Sat. The Major was wounded in action at the Solomons and will speak on the battle for those islands.

Saturday, 29, August, 1942 - Routine inspection of personnel installations and ordnance in morning. Major Baily, U.S. Marine Corps addressed command in afternoon giving account of facts and personal experiences in Solomon Island Battle.

Sunday, 30 August, 1942 - Regimental Review for distinguished Military Guests Sunday afternoon. Practice review in morning. Present at the review were:

Mr. James Forrestal---Under Secretary of the Navy
Admiral Blandy -----Naval Chief of Ordnance
Commander Gingrich----Aid to the Secretary
Lt. Commander Brandly-Staff
Capt. Thomas-----Civilian Engineer Staff.

Monday, 31 August, 1942 - Regular routine schedule followed for morning period. Parade Review scheduled for afternoon altered because of Sunday Review. Afternoon period spent in policing area and erecting additional tents.

Tuesday, 1 Sept. 1942 - Animals issued to 2nd Squadron. Regular Schedule altered to permit Squadron to prepare picket lines etc., and in order to not interfere with scheduled French Maneuver. Commanding Officer made reconnaissance of North Dumba Bay Area. Contacted a Mr. Bechard. S-2. made visit to Force Advance C.P.

Wednesday 2 Sept, 1942 - Regular routine schedule of training for regiment. Provisional squadron made march across mountain by trail for reconnaissance of Bay of Conception.

Thursday, 3 Sept. 1942 - Regular Schedule followed. Commanding Officer made reconnaissance of certain positions occupied by 164th Infantry which upon instructions from commanding General will be taken over by one troop of 112th. Ordnance Inspection in second squadron.

Friday, 4 Sept. 1942 - Regiment alerted at 1:35 A.M. Advance guard moved out of bivouac area at 2:48 A.M. Main body moved out at 2:52 A.M. C.P. Established at 3:35 A.M. Contacted enemy at 5:25. Main combat area South Dumba River near Bay. Problem ended 6:45, returned to bivouac area at 7:45. Routine duties and getting ready for Saturday Inspection.

Saturday, Sept. 5--Inspection of Personnel; installations and equipment.

Sunday, Sept. 6--Regiment paid.

Monday, Sept. 7--Regular Schedule followed. Parade Review in afternoon Honoring Gen. Williamson of the Division Staff and Col. Moore G-3 of the Division. Comments from Gen. Williamson and Col. Moore were very complimentary.

Tuesday, Sept. 8--Second Squadron moved out of Bivouac Area at 6:00 A.M. on combat problem. Line of action Domba Bay Area North of River, problem ended at noon. 1st Squadron followed schedule with two hour night reconnaissance and filtration methods through enemy lines. Weapons Troop practiced firing 37MM's. Tuesday Morning B. Troop moved out to do special guard duty at Port.

Wednesday, Sept. 9--Regular training schedule followed with calisthenics dismounted drill and march. Afternoon spent in cleaning and policing areas.

Thursday, Sept. 10--Squadron Attack Problem 1st. Sqdn.Rein. North Bank Domba River. (1 Plat. HMG. 1 Sec. Mortars, 2 Sec. Anti-Tanks.) S-2-3 Operated at C.P. Recon. Problem Plum & Forrestiere Net. Concealment & Security at Night.

Friday, Sept. 11--Reconnaissance of Nouru Island to ascertain if same could be used for target practice. (Lt. Howell, Sgt. Luttrell & T/4th. Grade Burns. Arrangements made to set targets. Regular Schedule for morning. Parade Review in afternoon for French. Distinguished guest were: Col Lanusse, Commandant, Superieur des Voupes, Cn Nouvelle Calédonie, Chef d' Escadron DALSACE, Commandant L'Artillerie, Chef de Battalion, Vivier, Chef de la Liaison, Aspirant Plowright, officer de liaison.

Show for enlisted personnel in Regimental Area at 7:30 by Regimental Band. Excellent program with some of the French remaining for the show.

Saturday, Sept. 12--Inspection in morning; checking shortage in equipment and afternoon devoted to cleaning up clothing etc.--Half Holiday.

Sunday, Sept. 13--C.O. and members of Staff made reconnaissance to Thio and other points North on Island.

Monday, Sept. 14--Regular Schedule of routine training. Beginning of Conditioning course for various troops. Parade Review not on schedule due to Review previous week.

Tuesday, Sept. 15--Combat problem 2nd Squadron re-inf by 1 Plat. HMG. 1 Sect. Mortars, 2 Sec. A.T. Prevention of enemy landings from Nouru Island on North Bank of Domba River. Regular Schedule followed -Conditioning course continued.

Wednesday, Sept 16--Close order drill, Conditioning animals and training remounts 1st & 2nd Sqdn. Prov. Squadron submitted own program. Afternoon devoted to massed athletics and holiday.

Thursday, Sept 17--Squadron problem(1st Sqdn Reinf) prevention of enemy landing North Domba River Bank-firing included on targets on island.

Reconnaissance Platoon and S-2 made road recon. trip north, seven Jeeps and thirty five men & Officers left at 7:00 A.M. returning at 9:00 P.M. Covering 200 miles via: Dumba, Paita, St. Vincent, Bouloupari, Thio, Nakety, Canala, Thia, LaFoa, Ouaméni and Retrace from Bouloupari, Hotels, Telephones and water checked etc.;

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Saturday Sept. 19--Inspection in morning according to schedule. Controlled athletics and recreation in afternoon.

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Sunday Sept. 20--Church Services for Regiment 9:00 to 12:00.

Commanding Officer; S-2, S-3 & S-4, Attended conference at Banu Hotel, LaFoa. Gen. Sebree outlined training and operations plans in connection with establishing of a mobile command.

Monday Sept. 21--Schedule of training included Horse Exercise, training remounts, Combat exercise at range with reinforced platoons firing. (Beginning of warfare instructions with actual firing in platoon work.

Tuesday, Sept. 22--Combat Exercise continued at range with reinforced platoon work. Mortar Firing at North Dumbes River Bank Area.

Wednesday, Sept. 23--Close Order Drill and remount training, Initial class picked for sniper's school. Recreation for the afternoon period with men being permitted to go to Numea 15% for first time in several days.

Thursday, Sept. 24--Regimental Exercise, Regimental C. O. in charge with all troops participating (Excepting Troop B. on O.P.) Regiment moved out from I.P. at 7:30- Ten Minute stop at Highway No. 1, positions established at 9:30 vicinity of Air-Port off Station Hospital Road (S.T.H.#.9) Enemy represented by men and flags, Problem ended at 11:00A.M. with critique. M.G. School and Mortar School in afternoon with continuance of Platoon Combat Exercise/Retreat at usual time.

Friday Sept. 25--Regular Schedule followed- 37 mm firing at moving targets in Dumbes Bay area. N. Bank of Dumbes River. S-2-3, Made reconnaissance of roads along shore line of Port Laguerre; Baie Maa, thence across to Anse de Maisonneuve, North of Mt. Koneimbo and back by same route. M.B. firing and combat problem in afternoon also snipers school.

Saturday Sept. 26--Change in training program due to inclement weather and condition of drill field. Parade Review called off, and inspection of personnel; installations arms and equipment substituted for morning period. The afternoon period devoted to cleaning clothes and recreation.

Sunday Sept. 27--Church Service hours changed. Chaplain and 112th Band made trip to Paita for services at 9:00 A.M. Services held at usual place for regiment at 11:00 A.M.

Two Officers from U. S. Marine Corps, (Para Troops) Capt. Durey and Capt. Gorman spent the day visiting with the Regiment. S-3, and gave some very interesting data on experiences in the Solomon Islands.

Monday Sept. 28--Regular Schedule followed without deviations. There was M.G. Firing, Combat problem with reinforced troop at range Etc/.

Tuesday Sept. 29--Change in Training program due to call from Div. chief of staff who informed S-3 that Admiral Nimitz would come ashore at Numea at 8:40 and advised that Gen. Patch might call on the 112th to put on review for the Admiral. Regiment ordered by C.O. to alert itself at once for the review. Col. Woodward reported that the Ad-

mirle had gone back aboard his ship at 11:00 A.M. but for regiment to stand ready to assist in fire fight near Point if needed (Brush Fire) C.O. sent detail immediately. Detail reported back at noon that fire was under control. Afternoon devoted to remount training. Retreat at Regular hour.

Wednesday Sept. 30---Remount training by mounted troops. Schedule submitted by Prov. Squadron.

Afternoon devoted to recreation.

Thursday Oct. 1--Regimental Exercise, all troop Dumbas Airport Area. Regiment moved at 1:30 A.M. supported by 97th Pack Artillery. Problem ended at 6:30.

Remount training in afternoon, and retreat.

Friday Oct. 2--Practice River crossing--Jeep Floated across on tarp. Bayonet and Demolition Instructions, Mortar Firing. Afternoon program altered in order to put on review for Admiral Nimitz and General Patch. The Admiral and General reviewed the regiment at 4:00 P.M. C.O. commended on the general appearance of the troops. Admiral Nimitz remarked that such troops and weapons should be being used. Most of troops paid after supper.

Saturday Oct. 3--Care of animals and review at 10:00 A.M. for the French Army Officers. Present were: Gouverneur Montchamp, Capt. DeCosta, Maj. Houssin, Capt. Leroque, Capt. Smidt, Aspirant Plowright.

Afternoon devoted to Mass athletics and recreation.

Sunday October 4,--Church services and recreation.

Monday October 5--Program of instructions carried out as on the training program, Conditioning march, training remounts, Snipers course, combat course and M.G Firing.

Concert by 101 Q.M. Swing Band at 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday October 6--Reconnaissance of Port LaGuerre area. Left Reg. at 8:00 returning at 3:00 made reconnaissance of roads along shore line and across Pres Quille Peninsula. Mortar firing in Dumbas Bay Area. MG. Firing, Grenade School and firing on combat course.

Wednesday October 7--Morning period according to schedule. Afternoon program changed. First Squadron re-inforced marched out at 5:00 P.M. to act as enemy for regimental alert field problem. Battery B. accompanied the 1st Squadron (less Tr. B.)

5:40 P.M. Oct. 7, V.O. Commdg. General through Col. Garan. Send one troop to Tontoute Airport to relieve a unit under command of Lt. Col. Richards. Relief must start at 6:00 A. M. 8 Oct.

6:15 P.M. 7, Oct. Maj. Werner and Capt. Leonard to Tontoute to contact Lt. Col. Richards. Troop G. Alerted.

8:40 P.M. 7 Oct. Troop G. Warned to move at 4:00 A. M. 8, Oct. 8 trucks and four (4) Trailers to report at once to Troop G.

9:35 P.M. Oct. 7, Maj. Werner phoned relief necessary at once. 120 men under Lt. Williams ordered to move out with arms and one unit of fire.

11:05 P.M. Oct. 7, Troop G. (220) men left for Tontoute airport. Gas ranges, Jeeps, Trailers Arms. Barracks Bags. (No cots taken).

Initial instructions on general situation of Reg. Problem given out. Maj. Grant assumed command of the regiment for the problem.

Thursday Oct. 8--Reg. alerted., at 2:45 A. M. Moved to IP at 3:30, Advance guard moved out at 3:45. Main body moved at 4:00. (wnd Sqdn. less 1 Troop, reinforced by A & C Battery 97th PA. C.F. established at 4:45 near RR. trest.

Problem ended 7:15 A.M. Rest of morning spent in resting. Afternoon schedule carried out until 3:00. Recreation after that hour. Picture show in the evening. Helmets turned in Thursday night.

Friday October 9--Regular schedule. Calisthenics, Remount training. Snipers school, Grenade School, Combat Range and M. G. Firing.

C.O. and Maj. Hooper made trip up island for the purpose of getting information relative to: Bourail.

Saturday October 10--Regimental Horse Show: Platoon of C troop under Lt. Rowland won dismounted rifle competition. \$100.00.

Good hands class: Cpl. Harry Briggs, S/Sgt. Brown, Sgt. H. B. Elder & Pfc. 4th Raymond Resbuck in order named.

Gr. A. Light M. G. 2nd Sqdn. Cpl. Laughlin Tr. E.

Gr. B. Heavy MG. 2nd Pl. Wpns. Tr. Cpl. Fleming.

Mortar Vehicle: Pfc. Poole, Pfc. Granbury, Sgt. Plunk & Cpl. Farrar, in order with two last named tied.

Best turned out trooper: Cpl. Veroni, Pfc L. F. Schmidt, Cpl. Anderson, Pfc. Wm. Lee, in order named.

Best Trained remount: Pvt. G. W. Stone, Pvt. G. W. Radney, Cpl. Kurtz, in order named.

Litter Drill Competition: Prov. Squadron.

Afternoon devoted to recreation.

Sunday October 11--Church Services: Confession for Catholics at 9:30. Chaplain Hardy to Faite at the early hour. 1st Squadron & Prov. Squadron Services at 11:00 A. M. in reg. Area.

Monday October 12--Regular Program of regiment followed--Combat firing, 1000" M. G. Range and grenade work. Retreat by squadrons in squadrons areas. C.O. and Maj. Hooper made trip to Tontouts.

Tuesday Oct. 13--Same as Monday with the exception of "No Retreat" Remount training stressed. Reconnaissance platoon and S-2. made recon trip to Cesse Cou, St. Ta, St. Louis leaving at 7:00 A. M. spending night in St. Ta Area, and returning by truck at 11:30 Wednesday. Oct. 14.

Wednesday Oct. 14--Foot drill by troops with attention to Troop Mov. in left and right turns. Remount training, and other things as carried on schedule. from 3:00 in afternoon Recreation. Regimental Air Raid Alert at 6:00 P. M.

8:30 P. M. General situation for combat problem for next day given. Warning to Staff and Squadrons Commanders of enemy (Simulated) having landed on Island in large numbers with information that an alert would be given the next morning--time unknown. Maj. Johnson to assume command of Regiment for problem.

Thursday Oct. 15--General Alert sounded for problem at 2:00 A. M. Regiment moved out at 2:30 for Dumbas Bay Area- Contacted enemy (Simulated) at 5:00 A.M. problem ended at 7:30, troops marched back to camp, afternoon devoted to remount training.

Friday Oct. 16--Change in schedule caused by rainy weather. No dismounted drill. Remount training began at early hour because of altered schedule. Hdqrs. Troop Recn. Platoon fired on 1000" Range. Afternoon devoted mostly to getting ready for Saturday "Pack out Inspection". (Late Staff Meeting Reference Monc. 1, Mobile Div. Cmdd.)

Saturday Oct. 17--Regular Schedule for day followed--"Pack Out" Inspection at drill field beginning at 9:30 A.M. Afternoon devoted to recreation.

Sunday Oct. 18--Church Services as scheduled with trip to Psits. Recreation for balance of day.

Monday Oct. 19--Remount training, Conditioning March Dismt'd. Units of Prov. Squadron. Bayonet Instructions, M.G. Firing Combat Range "ork and Grenade instructions. Med. Det. Begain Pistol Firing. Retreat Formation by troops and troop areas.

Tuesday Oct. 20--Remount training, Recon. Platoon on M.G. 100" Range Range Estimation & Camouflage. Besking Jack Animals. Combat Course Firing. Pistol Marksmanship for Med. Det. S-2 (Capt. Metcalfe) made reconnaissance to Nepcui. Maj. Johnson & Maj. Grant also made recon Trip. Troop B. relieved from outpost duty at Ration Dump Psits and Dumber. Special Detail made up from all troops to take over this detail. Lt. Hovey from 2nd Squadron and Lt. Conney from 1st Squadron, officers for the detail. Detail moved out at 2:00 A. M.

Wednesday Oct. 21--Special Detail of 20 men sent to Dumber Ration dump for temporary duty. Regular Schedule followed for day. Recon- nance officers, Capt. Metcalfe, Maj. Grant, and Maj. Johnson returned from Nepcui.

General Situation for Thursday Combat Problem given out at 1:30 P.M.

Thursday Oct. 22--General Alert sounded at 2:36 A. M. for regimental field combat problem. Problem lasted until 7:30 A.M. Troops returned to Camp Area. Stables and care of animals completed days training. Afternoon for rest and recreation.

Sixteen (16) men sent to Dumber Ration Dump for special detail.

Friday Oct. 23--Remount Training, Conditioning march for dismounted troops. IMG. Firing 1000" Range. Bayonet Instructions Combat Course- Preparations for Show-Down Inspection.

Saturday Oct. 24--Change in program due to rain. Inspection called off. Remount training, mounted men lead animals on march dismounted men made conditioning march.

Sunday 25 Oct--Care of Vehicles and animals, early morning, with Church services at the usual hour.

Division message center notified regiment that there was an air-raid alert--Notice came at 12:15 P. M. Regiment alerted immediately. All positions manned with Scout cars, jeeps, mortars, anti-tank ready for action by 1:00 P. M. Regimental C.P. established at near end of drill field at 1:15 P. M. All troops dispersed and in defensive positions.

All troops remained in position until 5:00 P.M. at that hour main body pulled into bivouac area. Both mobile and fixed anti-air craft guns remained fully manned, All crews at stations with reinforced platoons remaining in field shuffling to meals. At 8:00 P.M. all mobile gun crews pulled in. Fixed gun crews and guards maintained guard throughout the night.

Monday Oct. 26--4:00 A. M. Regiment moved out to occupy positions occupied at 5:00 P. M. Previous day. 5:00 A.M. C.P. Changed to position near Troop A. Ticket line west of Red Barn. 7:00 A.M. all troops began shuffling to breakfast and the care of animals. 8:00 A.M. Gun crews plus reinforced platoons occupied positions with balance of troops going ahead with remount training. 11:00 A.M. C.P. pulled in to bivouac area. 12:00 Noon message from G-2, that alert was off. (Not Official Notice) Ccl. Miller called Division Hdqrs for confirmation--received at 1:00 P. M. Afternoon devoted to cleaning guns and equipment.

Tuesday Oct. 27--Regular schedule followed. Physical Inspection for 1st Squadron. IMG. Firing, Combat Course, Night Patrols etc., 7:00 A.M. Capt. Metcalf, Sgt. Etue, Pvt Durning of S-2-3, with 4 Corporals and 14 enlisted men left to establish C.P.

Wednesday Oct. 28--Physical Inspection 2nd Squadron. Remount Training, 9 mile lead. Conditioning march for dismounted men. Afternoon program disrupted by rain.

Thursday Oct. 29--Field Problem called off on account of rain. Road march substituted for both mounted and dismounted men. Packs carried out, also lead animals. Afternoon again devoted washing and cleaning.

Friday Oct. 30--Physical Inspection for Provisional Squadron- Regular program followed for day--MG. Firing, Combat Course- Snipers course ect. Preparations for Saturday Inspection.

Saturday Oct. 31--Full field inspection at drill field- Shelter Tents pitched, Showdown with equipment displayed, including officers. Vehicles, Pack equipment etc., Afternoon devoted to recreation.

Sunday Nov. 1--Capt. Metcalfe, S-2, returned from O.P. where two posts established.

Monday Nov. 2--Remount Training, Conditioning March. Firing .50 Cal. M.G. Combat Course. Two Platoons of Troop A. Regimental Band and color Guard went to Cemetery Monday Afternoon to take part in French Ceremony (All Saints Day)

Tuesday Nov. 3--Schedule- Firing .50 Cal. M. G. continued 37MM Firing Combat Course- Individual conditioning course.

Capt. Metcalf reported 2 new O.P.'s established. Division called for detail to go to 182nd Area to pick up tents and bring to Navy Area. Division to furnish transportation- 5 Trucks. Lt. Irwin and 20 men made up the detail. (Ready to leave at 10:00 A.M.) O.P.'s now established at:

Bourake- (Hersell Clay, Pvt.) Quatom (Cpl. Wallace) Koucoua- (Cpl. Moody) Houailou (Cpl. Berry).

Wednesday Nov. 4--Firing on all ranges continued. 9 mile lead for animals. Regimental Show for evening- Afternoon to cleaning up and washing of clothes.

Thursday Nov. 5--Mounted Road March, Full Field, all animals taken also all available packs. Firing continued on all ranges. 30 men from rifle troops as reward got trip to Inspect Cruiser South Hampton. All men had noon meal on the Cruiser. Also 30 men from same Cruiser came out to 2nd Squadron Area for instructions in equitation. Motion Picture in the evening at Regimental Area.

Friday Nov. 6--Regular Schedule carried out with firing continued in all phases. Signal Corps made Movie Shots of men singing Christmas Carols. Preparations for Saturday Review. Capt. Metcalfe, S-2, Sgt. Etue & Pvt. Dunning returned from O.P.'s.

Saturday Nov. 7--Schedule altered- Mounted Regimental Review substituted for field inspection. Regimental Review with full field equipment, All Packs and Motor Elements in review.

Sunday Nov. 8--Regular Schedule followed, Church service in A.M. S-2-3 Section men, Sgt. Parnell & Etue made trip to O.P.'s nearest Bivouac area to take out water and supplies. Motion picture show in evening at Reg. Hqrs.

Monday Nov. 9--Maj. Wimberly & Capt. Metcalfe made trip up Island to Kchahue and Houailou (Possible 3 day trip) to take supplies and pay troopers at O.P.'s. Schedules for day made out by Troop commanders for their own troops.

Tuesday Nov. 10--Schedules followed as submitted by various troop Commanders. Firing and other training continued.

Troop G. pulled in from Airport at Tontoute--Relieved from guard duty at that place by other forces.

Wednesday Nov. 11--Remount training, care of animals and equipment. Firing on 1000" range .50 Caliber. Afternoon devoted to recreation. Detail of 55 enlisted men under Lt. Tucker made trip into Noumea and went aboard British Light Cruiser, Leander. The detail spent three hours aboard the ship and were extended unusual hospitality. British Tea, Sandwiches, cookies and ice cream sodas were served. The party returned after the evening Swing Band concert which was put on in the park at Noumea by the 112th Cavalry Band beginning at 7:00 P.M.

General Patch paid a visit to the C. O. 112th Cavalry and discussed reconnaissance to Loyalty Islands with reference to a Japanese Sub. Base having been established in that area. Commander and Chaplain of British Cruiser made visit to 112th Cavalry.

Thursday Nov. 12--Remount training, Equitation and jumping in the morning. Afternoon--classes and preparations for regimental test. Major Wimberly and Capt. Metcalfe returned from O.P.'s.

Friday Nov. 13--Remount training, firing on range and road march as carried on schedule.

Lt. Col. Miller assigned to Hdqrs Island Command for special duty with G-2. So #247, dated Nov. 12, left Regiment Friday morning. Change in status of staff as of same date caused by absence of Col. Miller--Acting-Executive Officer, Maj. Hooper, S-3, Capt. Metcalfe, S-2, Lt. Bartlett.

Saturday November 14--Stables and care of animals--and inspection by troops throughout regiment for morning period. Afternoon devoted to recreation. General Patch and General Lincoln visited C.O. 112th Saturday afternoon.

Sunday Nov. 15--Church services throughout the regiment, recreation for afternoon and moving picture show in the evening.

Monday Nov. 16--Remount Training, Firing etc. continued for the morning period. Reconnaissance made by boat around south end of island to Thio. Lt. Wockenfuss in charge of detail. Regimental Test started with two troops running the course in the afternoon--Troops A & E. made the course.

Tuesday Nov. 17--Mounted Road March, Equitation & care of Animals. Combat course and continuation of Regimental Test with F & C Troops making the course.

Reconnaissance detail that took boat around South point of the Island returned. Lt. Bartlett and Lt. Howell with 26 enlisted men made reconnaissance trip leaving this date for Loyalty Islands. Purpose of trip was to search out and if possible obtain information if Submarines were basing, or taking on water and supplies at that group of Islands. Main point suspected being Uvea Island.

Wednesday Nov. 18--Regular Program followed for morning with care of animals--dismounted lead etc.

Afternoon devoted to recreation. Motion Picture show in the evening.

Thursday Nov. 19--Mounted drill and recreation--Equitation tests--Care of Animals. Rifle marksmanship and Barbed Wire Demonstration. Third phase of Regimental tests. Troop B & G. making the course.

Friday Nov. 20--Practice Regimental Review substituted for morning dismounted drill. Cross country ride, Care of Animals. Care of Animals Test Troop G. Regimental Test of Prov. Squadron and Med. Det. Orientation lecture 1st & 2nd Squadron. Maj. Wimberly and Maj. McMains left for trip to O.P.'s.

Saturday Nov. 21--Stables and Care of Animals--Mounted Regimental Review during morning period. Afternoon devoted to recreation. Motion Picture Show in the evening.

Sunday Nov. 22---Church Services in all areas in the morning. Balance of the day for recreation.

Monday Nov. 23--Practice Regimental Review (Dismounted) substituted for regular drill period. Regular program followed for the balance of the day, including equitation, care of animals and equipment, conditioning march for morning Afternoon period- Aximuth Course, Camouflage & map reading. Retreat in troop areas.

Tuesday Nov. 24--Care of Animals and equipment- Food march- Regimental Review in afternoon (Dismounted) Review put on for the Commanding General of the First Island Command. General Lincoln and Aid reviewed troops at 4:30 P.M.

Wednesday Nov. 25--Care of Animals and equipment 7:00 to 8:00 A.M. Mounted Review beginning at 9:50 for French Civilians representing the Government and French Army Officers.

Thursday Nov. 26--Detail to Navy Casual Camp to take over supply etc., Major McMains, Lt. Thomas, Sgt. Stanley and three enlisted men to special duty at that area.

Regular training schedule followed with no deviation, except, special detail sent to Navy Camp for special duty. Dismounted and mounted drill. Care of Animals. Disarmed defense. Orientation lecture by Sgt. Burns. Horsemaster ship in afternoon and retreat in troop areas. Band sent to Peep Squadron to play concert and spend night.

Friday Nov. 27--Regimental problem, Administrative march to Faite area. Regiment left I.R. Baseball Diamond at Drill field at 7:00 A.M. Order of march- Hqrs. 1st Squadron, 2nd squadron and Weapons Troop. Distance traveled 13 miles. Bivouac established near noon. Afternoon to cleaning equipment and getting ready for Saturday Inspection. Band Concert in evening, band having returned from trip to Peep area and come out to bivouac area.

Col. Cunningham and Maj. Hooper went to Noumea to see Gen. on official business.

Capt. Emery J. Moffitt, to S.D. as Actg. Ass't ADJ Headquarters 1st Island Command.

Saturday Nov. 28--Inspection of equipment- Field Showdown, and return march to camp by short route over mountain trail. Arrived at camp near noon hour. Afternoon devoted to recreation. Picture show in 2nd squadron area in evening.

Officers dance in evening. Distinguished guests of the regiment attending were: Admiral Halsey, General Harmon and Gen. Twinning.

Lt. Bartlett, S-2, and Pvt. Terpleton returned from reconnaissance trip to Island of Ouvea.

Sunday Nov. 29--Stables and care of animals. Regular church services in usual areas.

The Commanding Officer and Major Hooper visited Gen. Hesters headquarters.

Other members of reconnaissance party returned from reconnaissance trip to Island of Ouvea.

Detail of fifty men sent to Noumea for loading and unloading ships in bay.

Monday Nov. 30--Change in Schedule- Troop A. didn't go on Platoon combat problem as scheduled- Other phases of program followed for the day.

Detail of 50 men to unloading detail at docks continued, and will be indefinitely, or so long as needed detail to be changed daily.

Tuesday Dec. 1--Troop E with three re-indoed platoon marched out on platoon combat problem, 1st Platoon leaving I.P. at 7:30 A.M. and each succeeding platoon to follow at one hour intervals. Platoons camped, or bivouaced near Peite for the afternoon and night. Other phases of schedule were carried out in regular order as listed.

Wednesday Dec. 2--Troop B marched out on combat Platoon problem march under same conditions as those for troop of previous day. Troop E returned to 2nd squadron area 3:30 A.M.

Supply truck to Quatom & Bourake with rations.

Thursday Dec. 3--Troop B returned from platoon problem and fired on combat range. Anti-Tank fired 37 mm guns at range.

Troop F marched out on problem to establish bivouac at Peite Area. Other phases of schedule continued.

Friday Dec. 4--Troop F returned to fire on combat range finishing platoon problems for the week. Other parts of schedule were carried out without deviation. Afternoon of extra work devoted to cleaning up area and getting ready for Saturday Review.

Saturday Dec. 5--7:00 to 8:00 Stables and care of animals. 8:00 to 9:00 preparations for review and movement to drill field. 9:45 Adjutant's Call.

Review was held for 43rd Division Commander- The Division Commander was Maj. General Hester and his Chief of Staff, Col. Huntley.

Sunday Dec. 6--Stables & Care of Animals 8:00 to 9:00, Church services in usual areas.

Col. Cunningham called meeting of his staff at 8:00 A. M. relative to Field Order No. 1. Hdqrs. Mobile Ground Forces, New Caledonia.

At this meeting the staff planned operational control of Navy, Marine Corps Units ashore, and the U.S. Army Service Troops of the South sector of New Caledonia.

Field Order No. 1, South Sector, Dumbes Valley was issued setting up defense plans for the protection of the sector in case of an attack, or in an emergency.

Alert Message received from General Hester at 7:15 P.M. (Message by telephone) Entire Island Command alerted against air or ground attack, alert to commence at 2400 hours, December 6, 1942.

1st Island Command Camp notified at 7:45 P.M.

Naval forces notified at 8:05 P.M.

The Command (112th Cavalry) Alerted at 8:00 P.M.

97th Pack Artillery Notified at 8:20 P.M.

French Forces notified at 8:30 P.M.

Other Steps taken were:

Interior Guard immediately doubled,

Armed squad sent to Dumbes Ration Dump

Section (2Jeeps) of Recon. Platoon sent to

Dumbes Dam to protect Water Supply.

Communication lines and Telephone Crews

protected with additional crews and guards.

Anti-Air Craft guns set up in all areas, beginning at 2400 hours, Dec. 6, 1942, all guns being fully manned.

All troops fully armed and checked to see that they had one unit of fire.

Monday Dec. 7--Training program altered to conform to Alert Alarm.

All anti-air Craft Guns manned throughout the day, with Interior Guards doubled at vital points. Platoon problem canceled for day in order that troops might remain within one hours call from their bivouac areas. Care of animals equitation and road march for the morning period

The Commanding Officer, Col. Cunningham made trip to Noumea to meet Gen. Hester at 11:30 A.M. with reference to Field Order No.1,

and plans for South Sector of the Island.

Negative report made to G-2, 43rd Division at 7:05, or 1905 hours- Complete blackout observed throughout the area.

Tuesday Dec. 8--Alert continued in effect with training program to conform- Continued work of coordination over-lays and order with reference to the defense of the south sector.

G-3, 43rd Division, visited with the staff with reference to Field Order No.1. and the coordination of the south sector units.

The regiment finished paying troops in afternoon.

Negative report made to G-2, 43rd Division at 1800 hours, Dec. 8.

Message received from 43rd Division at 14:00 hours that alert would end at 1800 hours Dec. 8. All troops notified to that effect.

Alert called back in effect at 7:00 P.M. Message received from Col. Miller, G-3, First Island Command- All units notified and complete black-out established immediately, also all anti-air craft guns manned.

Lt. Col. Walsh, Army Ground Forces visiting the Regiment as an observer. Came at 4:30 P. M. this date.

Wednesday Dec. 9--Notice received that Alert ended.

Units notified that alert ended- Navy - Chief Yeoman Notified at 0630 hours.

Marines- Marine Gunner Hagan, Notified at 0633 hours 97th, Capt. Hill Notified at 0635 hours.

Navy Casual Camp. Sgt. Sharp, Notified at 0638 hours. French Notified at 0645 hours.

Wednesday Dec. 9 (Continued) Training limited because of late hour Alert ended. Calisthenics, and Road March, Also Dismounted March. NOTICE ALERT IN EFFECT AGAIN. Additional protective measures as on previous alert put into effect immediately.

Message from Gen. Lincoln received at 2:30 P.M. "Alert Conditions clear, 12:00 Dec. 9, Resume normal security, signed Lincoln.

Telephone message from Maj. Marlan, 43rd Division at 4:05, Alert Conditions Clear."

97th P.A. notified immediately, also Navy Casual Camp and Col. Seaman. All troops in regiment notified by Message Center.

Thursday Dec. 10--Schedule for this date was that as of Wednesday, since Thursday Schedule was observed Wednesday. Troop G. Marched out on platoon problem, each platoon moving out at one hour intervals, 7:30-8:30 and 9:30. March made to route area where platoons bivouaced for night.

C.O. and staff made reconnaissance of new location for Navy Casual Camp. Staff meeting at 11:30, Squadron and troop commanders also attended the meeting.

Afternoon devoted to recreation.

Friday Dec. 11--Platoon problem called off this date. Regular Training Program followed otherwise with firing on range by platoon returning from platoon overnight problem. Afternoon from 3:00 devoted to getting ready for inspection. Picture show in evening.

Saturday Dec. 12--Care of animals and equipment 7:00 to 8:00, 8:00 to 9:00 preparing for show-down inspection in tents. 9:00 to 11:30 Inspection.

Col. Cunningham made trip to Noumea to meet General Collins, Commanding General of the 25th Division.

Edgar Rice Burroughs, U.S. News Correspondent and creator of Tarzan was a visitor in the Regiment.

Sunday Dec. 13--Stables and care of animals 8:00 to 9:00- Church Services at the usual hours and places.

Message received over telephone at 1900, December 13, Called in by Col. Gibson, G-2, 43rd Division- Text of message:

"At about 1900 Air Raid Warning Station located at Bourake, west of Boulipari, reported submarine observed three miles off shore. A boat came in from submarine with three men in it. Two men waited ashore. Later were observed flashed signal from shore to Sub. We have patrol guarding in that area trying to locate these men. Bomber at 1930 could not locate sub on account of darkness"

Message received through Message Center.

Other precautionary measures taken, were calls by S-2-3, to G-2, 43rd Division to see if further details available, also to offer services of any mounted patrols or other assistance, if and when needed.

Picture show in the evening.

Monday December 14--Troop G out on Platoon problem. Left at one hour intervals beginning at 7:30. Three Platoons went on the problem to return Tuesday Morning.

Lt. Wood with the 2nd Platoon Troop E, 112th, left: Dismounted for four day reconnaissance. Left Area at 500 Dec. 14, 1942. Took four days rations Type B & C. Objective of Lt. Woods reconnaissance or most distant point was Quinne.

Band concert in evening at Officers Club.

Tuesday Dec. 15--Regular schedule followed with Troop A, marching out on platoon problem to Paita area. Troop G. Returned to end problem of previous day with firing on range.

Reconnaissance platoon under Lt. Howell, left at 7:00 for reconnaissance of trails to Mt. Deumee, with instructions to keep radio contact and to try to signal from there at night with lights if weather Zero, No vehicle road--Continuing on mission. "Another message at 1645, " No signal light equipment here, will build fire and watch for your signal at 2000, visibility clear." Signed Howell.

Wednesday Dec. 16--Troop A returned from platoon problem, fired on range to complete problem beginning previous day.

Lt. Howells's platoon and recon party returned at 9:45 A.M.

Major Philip Hooper promoted to Lt. Colonel from Major.

Major Hunnicutt, Executive Officer, 1st Sq. 1st Lt. Hill, Assistant S-3, Sgt. Etue, and Jeep driver Dunning, left for Air Warning O.P.'s Houello and Koucheus. Party to make reconnaissance and also took out rations and supplies.

Afternoon devoted to recreation and picture show in the evening.

Thursday Dec. 17--Lt. Bartlett, S-2, Officer, Fritz Ringel, interpreter Guide, and jeep driver left at 5:00 A.M. for a reconnaissance of roads and trails to Yate Bay, Via St. Louis, Forestiere, Vingt Deuseime Etc., (Probable four day trip). Regular training schedule followed--Edgar Rice Burroughs, U. S. News Correspondent visited regiment and made a number of pictures of the regimental area, personnel and horses etc.

Lt. Wood & Lt. Rowland Recon Party returned at 3:30 P.M.

Regiment alerted at 11:55 P.M.

Friday Dec. 18--Regiment had been alerted at 11:55 Dec. 17, Staff meeting called immediately. Officers of 1st Sq. and Provisional Squadron present by 12:15. Instructions given for the exercise.

Enemy situation given with instructions for moving troops--1st Squadron and attached units to move by trucks to Plume Bay Area-- Moved at 1:30 A.M.

2nd Squadron with attached units to South Side of Dumbes River-- Moved at 1:30 Mounted.

Regimental Command Post Group moved to Tong and established advance C.P. at 2:00 A.M.

Breakfast served at all C.P.'s. Problem ended at 7:40. All troops returned to area.

Care of animals and equipment in afternoon.

Saturday Dec. 19--Change in schedule due to condition of drill field. Inspection and display of equipment on bunks--in lieu of Mounted Review.

Afternoon Devoted to Recreation.

Sunday December 20--Stables and care of animals-- Usual Church Services and recreation for balance of day with Picture show in the evening. Call from Lt. Bartlett on reconnaissance to Yate Bay that he was marooned by high water between Magdalaine and Prony.

Monday Dec. 21--Foot drill dispensed with due to condition of field and the rainy weather. Other phases of schedule were carried out.

Tuesday Dec. 22--Regular schedule Followed, 12 Mile Road March Equitation and extended order drill-- Reconnaissance trip postponed due to inclement weather. Retreat.

Officers Dance at the Academic Bldg. Admiral Halsey was a guest of the regiment at the dance.

Wednesday Dec. 23--Morning Schedule carried out with preparations for regimental field meet in afternoon.

Lt. Calver & M/Sgt. Chubuck made trip over Prony area to drop supply of rations to Lt. Bartlett and party who were marooned in that area and were short of rations.

Thursday Dec. 24--This day observed as Christmas Holiday throughout the regiment, though 2nd squadron designated as the duty squadron remaining near its own area and men not allowed passes. Regimental formation in vicinity of motor pool at 10:30 A.M. Christmas program was held a nice Christmas tree having been erected and decorated for the occasion. The Commanding Officer of the Reg gave a short message to the Command. Special Music and a Christmas Message from Chaplain Hardy. Gifts were distributed to the enlisted personnel. Each pkg. contained toilet articles, Candy, cigars etc. Turkey dinner at all troops. Band Concert and program at 6:30 in regimental area, followed by double feature picture show. Silver Taps ended the day.

Lt Bartlett and party returned from reconnaissance trip to Yate Bay Area after having been marooned and delayed for three days.

Friday Dec. 25--CHRISTMAS DAY-- Schedule followed with only one deviation which was no retreat.

Saturday December 26--Care of Animals and motor stables. Regimental Field meet beginning at 9:00 A. M.

Afternoon to recreation. Evening Enlisted men's dance at the academic building.

Sunday Dec. 27--Regular church services, Catholic and protestant at the usual places and hours. Balance of day to rest and leisure. Picture show in regimental area in the evening.

Monday Dec. 28--Regimental Review, (Mounted). Air Service Motion Picture section made movie reels of the review and various other shots of the regiment and regimental area.

Snipers School, Dummy emplacements, Marksmanship and unarmed defense conditioning. Night vision test.

Tuesday Dec. 29--Lt. Howell and Reconnaissance platoon moved out at 7:00 A. M. for reconnaissance of Prony Area.

Lt. Carder and 1st Platoon Troop A. left on reconnaissance of Quinne' Bay Area. Left at 7:00 A.M. with Infantry packs and four days rations C & D to march two days and return.

Weapons troop moved out for Firing problem at Martins Ranch. Entire troop less necessary guards etc, went out.

Troop A. Fired on 200 Yard Range.

Snipers School continued under Lt. Hill.

Retreat.

Wednesday Dec. 30--Close Order Drill- Dismounted lead, 9 miles, firing by Spns troop continued at Martins Ranch.

Afternoon devoted to recreation with picture show in the evening.

Thursday Dec. 31--Wpns. Troop on 81 mm Mortars Range at Martins Ranch. First and Second Squadrons out on problems, 2nd Sqdn. to Casse Cou Area for night bivouac.

Equestrian and normal training for other elements.

Lt. Howell and Reconnaissance Platoon returned at 1200 Thursday from Prony Area.

FRIDAY JANUARY 1, 1943--Wpns Troop at Martins Ranch, 81 mm Mortar Range alerted at 3:00 A.M. instructed to return and take part in problem of defense against 2nd Sqdn returning in tactical formation from Casse Cou Area-- exact time of contact not known.

Normal program with dismounted drill-- Alert sounded at 8:10 A.M. First Squadron under Maj. Johnson actg. as commander for the defense troops took 1st Squadron up road bounding Regimental drill field-- met 1st Sq. acting as enemy in vicinity of 2nd Sqdn Area.

Hqrs. Troop and Wpns. Troop in reserve. S-2-3, Sec. reported to Maj. Johnson for problem, Command Post established--Alert Problem ended at 10:00 A.M.

Afternoon devoted to paying of troops.

Saturday Jan. 2--Stables and care of Animals and Motors 7:00 to 8:00 Inspection 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. Afternoon devoted to recreation with show in evening.

Searching party dispatched to look for Lt. Carder and reconnaissance party.

Sunday Jan. 3--Stables and care of animals. Mortar Stables- Church services at regular hours and places.

Main body of details at Peite and Dumbear ration dumps recalled to regiment at 7:30 A.M.

Capt. Metcalfe S-3, made trip to Tontoute and from there made a reconnaissance by plane over Quinne' Area searching for Lt. Carder and Reconnaissance party-- Negative Report. French called on to assist in the search-- No information on party at midnight.

Lt. Wood and Patrol moved out to try to locate Lt. Carder & Reconnaissance Patrol.

Monday Jan. 4--Normal program as scheduled. Lt. Bartlett, S-2 to Tontauts to make another trip by plane in search of Reconnaissance party believed to be lost. Left at 7:00 A.M.

Report received from Lt. Carder at 8:00 A.M. that Reconnaissance party at Yate Bay Area. Evidently took wrong trail.

Lt. Bartlett instructed to take rations and supplies by plane.

2 men reported back from Lt. Woods Patrol asking for further instructions--Men stated that patrol had trailed Lt. Carder & Patrol towards Yate Bay and would return Thursday unless ordered to follow through. (Lt. Woods Patrol to return Thursday).

Tuesday Jan. 5--Equitation. Mounted Road March, Motorcycle school Lt. MG. Firing at Martins Ranch. Snipers School- Dummy emplacement construction. River Crossing dismounted Sqdn. Problem. and Night Problems all troops.

Wednesday Jan. 6--Dismounted drill- Dismounted Road March, Care of animals and equipment.

Afternoon to recreation- Picture show in evening.

Thursday Jan. 7--First Squadron Moved out-dismounted with pack animals on reconnaissance patrol to Casse Ceu Area for overnight bivouac--Normal program followed- Warning that storm or gale was approaching at rate of approximately 60 mi. per hour. As safety precaution First Squadron recalled from Casse Ceu Area in order that tents and other equipment might be safe guarded. Most of afternoon spent in staking all tents with storm stakes etc.

Lt. Wood and Patrol returned from checking trail of Lt. Carders Patrol. Reported that patrol had checked the trail of Lt. Carder and knew direction he took etc.

All precautions taken against storm but no wind or rain.

Friday Jan. 8--Change in all schedules due to the rain which started in the early morning before daylight. No dismounted drill- Horse Exercise. Schedule for afternoon changed to checking ordnance.

Col. Cunningham made trip to Noumea for conference in regard to defense plans for Chemical Warfare. Meeting was in office of Col. Seaman. Maj. Houssan was also present.

Saturday Jan. 9--Showdown inspection with all equipment displayed or laid out on bunks. Picture Show in the evening.

Sunday Jan. 10--Care of animals and motors at early hours. Regular Church services. Lt. Roherg & Sgt. Chubbuck made trip to Tontauts with supplies for lost patrol. Food and supplies dropped Sunday afternoon after patrol was located.

Monday Jan. 11--Regular Schedule--2nd Sqdn MG. Platoons at Martins Ranch. Dismounted Road March, Defense against Chemicals Drivers School, Unarmed Defense, Snipers School. Retreat.

Tuesday Jan. 12--Calisthenics, IMG. Firing, 2nd Sqdn MG. Platoons at Martins Ranch. Equitation and Mounted Road March. Motorcycle School, Snipers School, Dismounted Problem 1st. Sqdn. Construction Dummy Emplacements, Swinning of animals.

Wednesday Jan. 13--Close Order drill 2nd Sqdn. MG. Platoons returned from Martins Ranch. Dismounted lead. Care of Animals. Air-Raid Warning Posts relieved from three OPs. this date.

Thursday Jan. 14--Squadron Problem, 1st Squadron left for overnight problem. Equitation for Prov. Sqdn Units. 2nd Sqdn on troop problem mounted for morning period. Motorcycle school, Range Practice, Swimming of animals. Construction dummy emplacements. Retreat.

Friday Jan. 15--Alert Call at 5:00 A.M. Regiment less 1st Sqdn. moved out at 7:00 A.M. Marched to Dumbas Bay Area on North side of River, contacted enemy (1st Sqdn. at approximately 9:30 A.M.) Problem ended at 10:00 A.M. Critique and return march to camp. Afternoon to preparations for inspection. Officers Test Defense against Chemical Warfare. Picture show Reg. Area.

Saturday Jan. 16--Care of Animals- Show Down Inspection and check of organization property. Afternoon to recreation. Picture show 2nd Sqdn Area. Officers Dance academic bldg.

Sunday Jan. 17--Stables & Church Service at the regular hours. Recreation and regular Sunday Schedule followed for Balance of the day. Picture show in the evening.

Monday Jan. 18--Road March. Equestrian, Mtd. Drill. Defense against chemicals. Unarmed Defense, Rifle Marksmanship, and Retreat.

Tuesday Jan. 19--Calisthenics, Mtd. Road March, 12 miles Prov. Sqdn. Squadron Problem, Mounted, 2nd Squadron.

Recon of Route No. 1. P & D. Platoon, So. Dumbas River. Recon. Technique. Recon. Platoon. Dumbas Bay area. Jungle Movement- Snipers School. Range Practice, Wpns. Tr. River Crossing- Marksmanship & Night Problem.

Meeting with Commanding Officers of 223 F. A. and 754th Tank Bn. relative to Defense plans. Meeting was at Academic bldg.

Wednesday Jan. 20--Close Order Drill, Dismounted lead, Care of Animals, Scouting and patrolling.

Thursday Jan. 21--Calisthenics, 12 Mile Road March mounted. Road Blocks and booby traps. Offensive against chemicals Camouflage, Range Practice and Horsemanship.--Trap for inspection. Officers Class training films.

Friday Jan. 22--Care of Animals & Equipment--Stables 7:00 to 8:00. 8:00 to 9:00 Preparations for inspection.

Inspection of Pack and equipment on drill field (Not ShowDown). Snipers School, Orientation, Offensive use of Chemicals. River crossing. Road Blocks and booby traps. Mass Athletics. Rifle Marksmanship.

Saturday Jan. 23--Rest day--Church services not held this date. No Picture show.

Sunday Jan. 24--Calisthenics, Reconnaissance. Road March, Dummy gun placements. 2nd Sqdn firing on range. Officers Stride Course.

Monday Jan. 25--Practice Review. Mounted Road March, Care of animals. Tactical Formations Cross Country- Chemical Warfare. Dummy Emplacement Construction. C. O. made inspection of 97th F. A. Anti-Tank Platoon made trip to 754th Tank Battalion for training work and liaison with that unit. Beginning of Officers Stride Course.

Tuesday Jan. 26--Calisthenics, Road March, Care of Stables. Firing on range. Lessons from Guadalcanal. Preparations for review. Officer Stride Course Cont'd.

Col. Cunningham & Lt. Col. Kooper made inspection and reconnaissance tour of Noumea Sub-Sector.

Wednesday Jan. 27--Care of Animals--Stables Etc. Regimental Review 10:00 A. M. for Admiral Halsey, Commander of S. W. Pacific. Remount Training- Examination of Candidates OCS. Firing on range- Officers Stride Course Continued.

Thursday Jan. 28--Care of Animals & Vehicles- Preparations for Inspection--Inspection at 10:00 A. M. Stride and Compass Course. Lessons from Guadalcanal. Dummy Emplacements. Reg. Rifle Match -- Officers School, Training Film. Lt. Rowland to S. D. in Noumea.

Friday Jan. 29--Rest Period- Rifle Match 112th Cavalry VS 1st Raider

Bn. U. S. Marines-- Score was 112th Cav. 468. Marines 431. (We beat em).

Saturday Jan. 30--Calisthenics- Mounted Drill Equestration, Tactical formation--Defensive positions at enemy approaches from Quinne! Bay. Compass & Stride - Dummy emplacements. Mass Athletics, Officers's School.

Sunday Jan. 31--Close Order Drill. Dismounted Trail Reconnaissance. Chemical War fare, Compass & Stride Course. Retreat. Church Services.

Monday Feb. 1--Calisthenics- Mounted Road March- Recon. Sector Defensive line. Anti-Tank. Field Firing Anti-Tank. Horsemastership Rifle marksmanship. NCO School. 2nd Sqdn. moved out on march to St. Vincent & Paite by back roads! Col. Cunningham made inspection of 223 F. A. and Signal Co. Conditions found very satisfactory as to sanitation.

Tuesday Feb 2.--Sq. Operating alone in defensive position N.W. Dumbes Valley--1st. Squadron. Anti-Tank selecting positions. NCO School.

Wednesday Feb 3--2nd Sqdn. March to Paite Camp. Tunnel Trail. from overnight bivouac. Full Field Inspection- Picket Lines Etc. Pitching Pup Tents. Pay of troops. Rifle Marksmanship. Enlisted Men's Dance. in evening.

Thursday Feb. 4--Rest Period for command. Band Concert, and picture show.

Friday Feb. 5--Calisthenics. Care of Animals. Bayonet & Disarmed defense. Fleeting target practice. Map reading & Sketching. Change in personnel (4) men at Air Raid Warning O.P. Col. Cunningham and Commanding General, First Island Command made inspection tour of French garrison installations at Dumbes.

Saturday Feb. 6--Close Order Drill & Equestration. Reconnaissance of Sector Defense Lines, Also Reconnaissance of Revielle Trail. Preparation for Mounted March, 1st Sqdn. Retreat.

Sunday Feb. 7--Calisthenics, Road March, Compass & Stride Course. Firing at Fleeting Targets. NCO. School.

Monday 8--Mounted Road March, 1st Sq. Reinforced by Wpns. Troop. Reconnaissance Platoon on Recon. to Isle Quen. Lt. Howell & Platoon left at 5:30 A.M.

Paite Tunnel Trail Consturction. Firing from trees at moving targets. Known Distance & Fleeting targets. Mass Athletics and NCO. School. Capt. Metcalfe, Lt. Hughes & Lt. Bird to French Artillery Firing in the vicinity of Forestiere.

Tuesday Feb. 9--Calisthenics- Mounted Drill & Equestration. First Aid. Specialized Riflemarksmanship. Orientation S.W. Pacific. Message writing and demonstration of Carrier Pigeons. Mtd. Road March (Return to Paite Bivouac Area). 1st Squadron.

HEAVY RAIN-RISE IN CREEK. 24 men under Lt. Hill left for Air Warning O.P.'s. etc take over three stations from 43rd Div.

Wednesday Feb. 10--Calisthenics- Mtd. Drill & Equation. Return of 1st Sqdn. from Road march. Col. Cunningham visited French Artillery Exercise and observed battery operations at Forestiere. Capt. Watson and 65 enl. men to M.I. Detail. Afternoon to Recreation and rest period.

Thursday Feb. 11--Close Order drill-- Mounted Road March. Reconnaissance of Sector Defense line. Chemical Warfare & Map Reading. 19 Men Detail to Labor at Noumes. 1 man to M.I. and 6 men to k96 Port Qm.

Friday Feb. 12--Regiment Alerted at 7:00 A.M. (Gas Alarm Alert) C.P. established in vicinity of Red Barn at 7:20. Troops took up positions at drill field and key points to defend against gas and air attack. Alert called off at 8:00 after meeting of officers and critique. Regular Program carried out for balance of day--Alert again called at

5:45 with a repeat on all positions taken up. C.P. established at Red Barn at 5:55. Alert called off at 6:35. Picture show in the evening. Regimental Commander made a trip to observe firing of French Artillery in St. Louis Sector Friday Morning. Recon. Platoon returned from Ile Quen. Que-Tom OP Relieved.

Saturday Feb. 13--Close order drill, Dismounted lead. Care of animals and equipment. Prov. Squadron elements- (Hqrs. Troop Firing on 100 yard range).

Afternoon devoted to rest and recreation. Picture show in second Squadron area. C.O. made inspection of 97th F.A. Area.

Sunday Feb. 14--Stables 7:00 to 8:00 A.M. Balance of day rest period. Church services at the usual hours and places.

Monday Feb. 15--Calisthenics--Mounted Road March--Reg. C.O. Called meeting of Staff at Academic Bldg, with Sub-Sector C.O.'s. in attendance to discuss plans and details for Sector field exercises Thursday and Friday.

Tuesday Feb. 16--Close Order Drill, Mounted Road March, Dummy Gun Emplacement. Horsemastership. Preliminary rifle marksmanship. Map Reading Class - all officers. NCO. School. Night firing.

Wednesday Feb. 17--Calisthenics, Mounted Drill, Road March, Orientation Lect. on Asia for Prov. Sqdn. Military Intelligence Information. NCO School.

Enemy Detail for Sector Field Exercise moved out at 4:00 A.M. Sector alerted for beginning of Field Ex. Problem--Alert at 6:00 P.M. CP. Established for Sub-Sector at S-2-3 Tent. Col. Miller designated as Dumbas Sub-Sector Commander.

Thursday Feb. 18--Field Exercise continued, theatre of operation in Dumbas Faite, Fort Laguerre and Dumbas Bay area. Troops rested in field from 12:00 noon until 5:00 A.M. Troop movements to St. Louis Sub-Sector started at 6:00 A.M.

Friday Feb. 19--Field Exercise continued with theatre of operations changing to St. Louis Sub-Sector under command of Maj. Houssin. Maj. Hunnicutt commanding 112th Cavalry and attached to French under Maj. Houssin. C.P. Established in vicinity of St. Louis-the River mouth. Problem ended at 9:00 A.M. all troops returned to bivouac camps. Afternoon to Rest. Picture show in the evening Reg. Area.

Saturday Feb. 20--Stables and care of animals and vehicles. Critique of Field Exercise problem at 10:30 at Academic Bldg. All officers 112th Cavalry, officers from 223rd F.A., 754 Tank Bn. and the French in attendance. Afternoon to rest period.

Sunday Feb. 21--Stables and care of Animals. Motor Stables- Rest Day. Church Services and Picture show in Reg. area and Picture show in Reg. area and 2nd Sqdn. Area in evening.

Monday Feb. 22--Close order drill, Mtd. Drill & Road March, Care of animals and equipment. Offensive Chemical Warfare. Retreat.

Tuesday Feb 23--Calisthenics & Semaphore, Mtd. Close Order Drill, Map Reading, Masses Athletics. Officers School. A.C.W. Stations (D.F.'s) Relieved by the French--All ACW. Men brought in from Que Tom, Foussua & Housilcu.

Wednesday Feb. 24--Close Order Drill, Dismounted Lead 8 Miles. Inf. Tactics, Massed Athletics, NCO. School, Officer's School. C.O. made inspection trip to 223rd F. A. and found sanitary conditions improved over last inspection. Also made inspection of Service Battery of 97th F.A. Lt. Betts & OP. Detail left for Yate 0630.

Thursday Feb. 25--Calisthenics, Troop Tactical formations, Close and extended order drill. Reconnaissance of Sector Defense Line. Rifle marksmanship, Use of Compass, Orientation, Retreat, NCO School.

Friday Feb. 26--Calisthenics, Mounted Drill & Equestrian, Rifle Marksmanship, Use of Compass, Semaphore & Bayonet, Reconnaissance party returned from Sector Recon. Inss. Officers School.

Saturday Feb. 27--Care of Animals-- Motor Stables, Inspection, and afternoon to rest period. Officer's Dance.

Sunday Feb. 28--Care of Animals & Motors. Rest Period-- Regular Church Services Etc. Picture Show in evening.

Monday Mar. 1--Close Order Drill, Extended Tactical Formation. Compass Patrol methods-- Fighting on Guadalcanal. Picture Show in Naval Casual Camp Area. CO Made inspection of Training of 754th Tank Battalion. Troop C. Fired on Range.

Tuesday Mar. 2--No Calisthenics due to rainy weather-- Mounted Drill Tactical formations-- Rifle Marksmanship Troop E. Retreat in Troop area, or tents due to rain.

Telephone call from French that Submarine had been sighted off shore of Frony-- Notified at 3:00 P.M. Action Taken-- Reconnaissance patrol under Lt. Howell (22 enlisted men) moved out as patrol to try to get further information--Left Regimental Area by truck & one scout car at 4:30 P.M. Carried rations for 4 days. Radio contact to be kept at all times--O.I. at Yate notified immediately to be on alert for the submarine.

Wednesday Mar. 3--No dismounted drill due to rainy weather. Regular mounted schedule carried out. Ray in afternoon. Picture show in evening.

Thursday Mar. 4--Calisthenics in troop areas-- Mounted March by Regiment for morning Period. Range work in the afternoon. Officers School in evening.

Lt. Howell instructed to continue with mission of Reconnaissance-- Food (Rations) to be dropped later. Rain Continues.

Friday March 5--Mounted road march (No Dismounted drill). Rain Continues.

Saturday Mar. 6--Continued Rainy Weather, throughout week made many changes in regular prescribed program for week. Rain continues today.

Sunday Mar. 7--Still raining, Stables Care of animals and motor vehicles. Church Services.

C. O. South Sector called blackout for Dumber Sub-Sector beginning at 2000 and lasting for one hour (2100). Staff Officers of regiment and squadron officers were stationed at various points to check effectiveness of blackout. Reports were requested of other officers and units in sector.

Lt. Howell and reconnaissance platoon returned from Reconnaissance of Frony B-y Area.

Personnel of 2nd Squadron and Officers of Sgt. Mess ended three-day "Jungle Ration" test today. Results, with few exceptions were satisfactory.

Monday Mar. 8--Light showers-- Some sunshine, Regular program was carried out with except of dismounted drill. Firing on range, NCO. School and picture show.

C. O. South Sector notified Col. Hansen Noumea Sub-Sector and all units of Dumber Sub-Sector to be especially alert for enemy activities on, or prior to March 10, Jap Army Day.

At 1950 Major Grayson, 223rd F. A. Notified CO, 112th, that O.I. on Mt. Gere had heard naval firing on sea opposite O.P. Regimental S-3, 112th, notified First Island Command G-2, who in turn reported at 1955 that the firing was Naval A. A. Practice. 223rd F. A. notified of this.

Tuesday Mar. 9--Light rain. Callisthenics. Dismounted lead. Afternoon devoted to improvements by troops. Relieved French at Dam O.F. Unable to negotiate 2nd crossing due to high water. Ordnance check substituted for retreat.

Wednesday Mar. 10--Dismounted drill and dismounted lead in morning. Heavy rain afternoon. Continuation of work details to include of leather and animals. Many horses immobilized due to swelling of pastern due to wet standing.

Thursday Mar. 11--Rain most of day. Dismounted lead. Care of leather and forage shelters in afternoon along with other details.

Friday Mar. 12--Mounted road march - dismounted drill called off because of condition of ground due to rain. Firing scheduled in afternoon called off.

Saturday March 13--Field Meet not held because of weather. Col. Cunningham and S-3 left at 1100 for reconnaissance about 150 miles up island accompanied by French. C Troop completed picket line.

Sunday Mar. 14--Stables held as scheduled. Bourake of personnel returned to Regt. Col. Cunningham and S-3 returned this date. Reconnaissance to Poya included a study of available water sources, camp sites and the probable use of cavalry in the Poya sector. Native ranchers were interrogated as to the cause of hair falling from the back of horses. The answer was that this condition is caused by rain followed by sunshine.

Monday Mar. 15--Dismounted drill - Troop F fired on 100 & 200 yard ranges. Chemical warfare demonstration by Regt gas officer & gas non-coms. Non-Com school in evening.

Tuesday Mar. 16--Callisthenics as scheduled - dismounted lead. Chem Warfare demonstration under supervision of Reg Gas Off Troop F, Troop E fired on 100 and 200 yard ranges. Retreat held as scheduled.

Wednesday Mar. 17--Rainfall since early morning - adherence to schedule impracticable. Work carried on to include improvement of Stables. AT Platoon to Mt. Gere Area for firing problem. Rain continued all day - A.T. unable to return because of road conditions.

Thursday Mar. 18--Heavy continuous rain last night and this morning created flood conditions in valley. Force of water washed out small bridges and made crossing impossible from Arcoy Sq Area. Depth of water along road to hwy 1 rose to 3 feet at low points between camp and AT tracks. From that point to hwy water was 5 feet deep at 0900 making road impassable for vehicles. AT platoon unable to return. Arranged for amphibious jeep for purpose of contacting platoon. AT returned less vehicles which were left at French Garrison.

Friday Mar. 19--Dismounted drill - road march - Chem warfare demonstration. Troop B. Repairs on bridges progressing satisfactorily.

Saturday Mar. 20--Mounted road march followed by inspection to include leather, bits, MGs and ammo. Afternoon free.

Sunday Mar. 21--Horse and motor stables 8-9. Remainder of day rest.

Monday March 22--Dismounted drill, mounted and extended order drill. Troop B less MG personnel fired in afternoon.

Tues Mar. 23--Callisthenics - Conditioning march, a lead. Chem warfare demonstration to Troop A. Troop G fired on range. Officers school. Dam O.F. to remain another two weeks.

Wednesday Mar. 24--Dismounted drill - Some units led due to fact that blankets were turned in for cleaning. Other scheduled activities carried on. Lt. Gray and 17 enlisted men left 0600 by boat to relieve Yate outpost. 6 Officers and enlisted men accompanying party for purposes of reconnaissance - to return by same transportation.

Thursday Mar. 25--Calisthenics - Dismounted Lead. Chemical Warfare Demonstration. No firing. Lt. Gray arrived Yate outpost this date, 1100. Assumed command of OI.

Friday Mar. 26--Dismounted drill - Road march - Officers School in the evening. Lt. Betts returned this date.

Saturday Mar. 27--Weather conditions prevented holding of field meet. Motor stables - mounted road march.

Sunday Mar. 28--Motor and horse stables - Church Services.

Monday Mar. 29--Reconnaissance by Sq Off and NCOs - left Dumbas 0730 this date. Dismounted drill - close and extended order drill - mounted. Supplementary schedules followed by dismounted units. Aerial photograph interpretation class for selected Intelligence personnel.

Tuesday Mar. 30--Calisthenics - close and extended order drill. MG prelim marksmanship. Wire obstacle tng period #1. 2nd period aerial photograph course. Lt. Col. Griffith USMC addressed Officers class, talking on "China".

Wednesday Mar. 31--Close Order Drill - Close & Extended Drill Mtd. MG preliminary marksmanship (MG platoons) Wire Obstacle Tng. "Period #2" -- Platoon Observation Course. NCO School.

Thursday April 1--Calisthenics - 8 mile lead for mounted troops. Conditioning march for dismounted units. Day day in PM. Officers school in evening. "Functions of Air Fighter Groups".

Friday April 2--Practiced dismounted review - Close & Extended Drill mounted. Dismounted Units submitted schedule. MG preliminary Marksmanship (MG Platoons) - Semaphore Signal Practice. Saluting review and examination. Preparation for Field Meet.

Saturday April 3--Care of Animals and Vehicles. Field Meet. Sgt. Barnes of S-3 left for Vingt Deuxieme with rations for outpost at Yate. Met Lt. Gray at Vingt Deuxieme.

Sunday April 4--Care of Animals and Vehicles. Sgt. Barnes returned from Vingt Deuxieme. Mission carried out.

Monday April 5--Close Order Drill. Mtd. Close & Extended Order Drill. Semaphore Drill - "Destruction of Ordnance Material." MG Marksmanship (MG Platoons). Platoon Observation Course. NCO School.

Tuesday April 6--Close & Extended Order Drill Mounted. Wire Obstacle Training. MG. Marksmanship. Platoon Observation Course. Retreat. Informal tour of inspection by Brig. Gen. Potter, Captain Wright and Col. Skates of U.S.A. and Colonel Murphy, New Zealand.

Wednesday April 7--Close Order drill - conditioning march - dismounted lead - MG firing for MG platoons - platoon obs course. Mass athletics - NCO school. Regimental CO visited Captain Hardy aboard USS Caesar.

Thursday April 8--Calisthenics --Close and extended order drill mounted - wire obstacle training - MG firing - observation course - retreat. BM dance at Red Cross Center in Noumea.

Friday April 9--Dismounted drill - close and extended order drill mounted - 1 hour period in afternoon in unarmed defense - remainder spent in preparing for inspection. Vehicles of this Regiment rolled 55104 miles in Month of March.

Saturday April 10--Full field inspection in place of scheduled layout. Equipment inspected in pack - comment by Reg CO favorable.

Sunday April 11--Motor and horse stables - church services. Maj. representing war Dept. visited.

Monday April 12--Close order drill - Mtd. Close & Extended Order Drill. Semaphore Drill - MG. Marksmanship - Intelligence Bulletin Conference. Platoon Observation course. NCO School.

Received radio message from CG 1st Island Comdg. "Be especially alert during the next 48 hours. 112th Cav. pass to 97th. Tank Co. pass to 223rd." 0930. All units warned. 112th AA .50 cal. guns manned. CO Yate Patrol warned at 1110 hours. Dumbear Ration Dump reported approximately 40 Javanese wandering in area. Matter referred to French authorities. 112th Cav. gun positions inspected by Staff Officers during night. Instructions were given to gun crews by Col. Hocper. Each station had two men on duty with one man awake at all times.

Tuesday 13 April--Calisthenics - M'td Drill - Wire Obstacle Training. MG Marksmanship - Platoon Observation Course. Retreat.

Regiment alerted for air and gas alert at 1800. CP established at Troop A corral area at 1828. ALL CIEA for gas sounded at 1850. Troop and Squadron commanders ordered to report to CP at 1830, for critique. Units ordered back to camp at 1920. Blackout in effect for 112th Cavalry from sounding of alert until 2040. Blackout in effect for St. Louis and Dumbear Sub-Sectors from 2000 to 2040.

Wednesday April 14--Results of blackout held in Dumbear and St. Louis Sub-Sectors from 1800-1840 13 April considered generally satisfactory.

General preparedness against air attack for 48 hour period ended this morning. AA gun positions no longer manned.

Close Order Drill - Conditioning Marches (m'td & dism'td). Small Unit Infantry Tactics. MG Training - Platoon Observation Course - Aerial Photograph Interpretation. NCO School.

Informal inspection of installations by Lt. Col. Mather, and Major Seitz of the Operations Dept., War Dept.

Thursday April 15--Calisthenics - M'td Drill. - Wire Obstacle Trng. MG Instruction - Platoon Observation Course. Retreat. Officers School. 1cn. Plat. left this morning for trip to Thic.

Friday April 16--Close Order Drill - M'td Drill. Small Unit Infantry Tactics - MG Instruction - 1cn. Plat. returned from Thic at 1430.

Saturday April 17--Mounted Review.

Sunday April 18--Care of Animals & Vehicles.

Monday April 19--Close Order Drill - M'td. Close & Extended Order Drill - Platoon Observation Course - Semaphore Drill & Qualification Test - Intelligence Summary Conference #2 - NCO School - Wire Obstacle Training - AT Platoon left today for reconnaissance of Thic.

Tuesday April 20--Calisthenics - M'td Drill - Platoon Observation Course. Wire Obstacle Training - Retreat - Officers School.

Wednesday April 21--Close Order Drill - Dismounted Lead - Dismounted Units on Conditioning March - Small Unit Infantry Tactics, Sqd. & Plat. - Platoon Observation Course - Mass Athletics - NCO School - Night Wire Obstacle Training.

Thursday April 22--Calisthenics - M'td Drill - Bayonet Drill - Semaphore Drill & Qualification Test - Platoon Observation Course. Retreat. Officers School.

Friday April 23-- Command Post Exercise (Rgt. Hq. & Sq. Hq. Personnel) Close Order Drill - M'td. Drill - Small Unit Infantry Tactics - Platoon Observation Course - Prepare for Review.

Saturday April 24--Mounted Review (Review turned over to Non-Commissioned Officers).

Sunday April 25--(Easter) HOLIDAY.

Monday April 26--Rgt. CO & S-3 inspected St. Louis Sub-Sector, Replacement Training Center and approved site for 109th Sta. Hospital. Close Order Drill. Marine lecture and demonstration of bombs, mines, & use of captured material - M'td Drill - Anti-Aircraft Firing (Train Defense Platoon).

Tuesday April 27--Rain began falling this morning, no Calisthenics. 1st Sq. & Weapons troop march called off. Platoon Observation course called off. Retreat left to Troop Commanders. Ordnance Inspection.

Wednesday April 28--Continous rain last night and today. Dismounted drill called off. Road march as scheduled. Platoon observation course called off. Small unit tactics as scheduled. Pvt. Jones, Hq. Tr. buried this date. Full military honors. Sgt. Moody returned from Vingt Deuxieme.

Thursday April 29--Weather conditions prohibited holding of calisthenics. Regiment notified to prepare for move - Troop COA and staff assembled 1100, instructed to inform men of contemplated move sometime in near future.

Friday April 30--Dismounted drill as scheduled - general preparations and plans for movement.

Saturday May 1--Horse and vehicle stables 7-8. Sketching class conducted for 4 men selected to accompany advance element. Saddle equipment packed this morning.

Sunday May 2--Horse and motor stables. General packing and drawing of new equipment continues. Sketching class continued.

Monday May 3--Dismounted drill - animals lead out - plans to fire regiment on range considered. Ordnance Dept inspection started. Sketching class continued for adv personnel.

Tuesday May 4--Calisthenics - Lead for all troop except E - Troops E & G had ordnance inspection - Troop F fired familiarization course on rifle range. Continued packing and issuing of equipment to all troops. Sketching class continued.

Wednesday May 5--Dismounted drill - dismounted lead. A and B Troops ordnance inspected. G Troop fired familiarization course 100 yd range. First Sq ordnance repair - check started.

Thursday May 6--Calisthenics - Hq Troop fired on range. Band fired short pistol course afternoon. Troops A, F, G and E, inspected by representatives of Inspectors General's Dept. to include all personnel, equipment and installations. Adv Sq Ordnance repair - check begun.

Friday May 7--Dismounted drill less troops being inspected. Ordnance Hq troop checked morning. I. G. wps. F, Sq Hq Hq troop, Med Det, Serv troop. 1st Sq marched 3 miles under full jungle pack - followed by foot inspection and lecture by Reg. Surgeon on use of new medical kit issued to each four men.

Saturday May 8--Calisthenics prevented by rain - troops led animals Serv Troop fired on rifle range.

Sunday May 9--Horse and Motor stables 8-9. Movement preparations, details of loading initiated. Major McMains and one NCO sent to loading point this AM.

Monday May 10--Stables - 2 hour march with packs. Vehicles inspected by Inspector General. First & 2nd Sq. fired 20-shot familiarization course on rifle range. Troops spent remainder of day stripping tents and preparing for move. Troops A & E left for ship to work as loading detail under Major McMains. Billeting Detail (LNCO per Troop & organization) left for ship under direction of Lt. Hill.

Tuesday May 11--Troops spent day in striking tents, policing area and packing remaining impediments. Vehicles to be taken on ship left camp area this PM.

Wednesday May 12--Regimental C. officially moved from Durban Valley to ship as all of the regiment (less Troop G reinf. detached from regiment as advance party) moved to ship. Lt. Col. Grant in charge of Troop G.

Thursday, 13 May--Remainder of equipment, impedimenta and troops moved to ship. Officers and men of the regiment practised going to and from landing boats (with full pack and arms) by way of scramble nets. Men given instructions for conduct while ship is on the sea.

Colonel Cunningham, Lt Col Hooper, Maj Werner left the ship to move by air ahead of troops. Col. Miller in charge of the regiment.

Convoy sailed at 1500. Destination announced by ship's officer as ship cleared harbor. Blackout enforced at sundown.

Friday, 14 May--Fire and abandon ship drills. Quarters inspected. Band concert by 112th Band.

Saturday, 15 May--Church services. General ship board activities.

Sunday, 16 May--Church services.

Monday, 17 May--Boat docked at Townsville, Australia at 0800. Col Cunningham, Lt. Col Hooper, Maj Werner rejoined the regiment. Regiment and Impedimenta (including Barracks Bag B) removed from ship and sent immediately to staging area. Remainder of day spent in arranging troops in bivouac area and setting up of kitchens for evening mess and permanent feeding of troops by troop mess. All men confined to regimental staging area for 24 hours. Regimental guard mount established.

Tuesday, 18 May--Troops continued to improve bivouac areas. 25% of command allowed to go to town on midnight passes. Training schedule issued for tomorrow. Task force Commander inspected regimental area. Personnel of staff changed as follows: Lt Col Miller Acting Commander Lt Hill Acting S-3, Capt. Tucker Acting Adjutant, Capt Bartlett- Acting S-4. All troops conducted thorough arms inspection.

Wednesday, 19 May--Four hour road march in morning. Rest of day spent in care and cleaning of equipment and troop details.

Thursday, 20 May--Calisthenics. Road March (Empty Packs). MG instruction. Infantry Small Unit Tactics. Retreat. Troop G and detachment returned to Regimental command.

Friday, 21 May--Calisthenics. Road March (Empty Packs). Preparation of range cards. Infantry Small Units tactics. Review of first aid. Interior Guard Duty and Military Courtesy. Col Miller made reconnaissance of Cleveland Bay area with task force commander. 2-week training period submitted to Headquarters according to directive, and distributed to troops. Advance element utilized day in arranging bivouac area.

Saturday, 22 May--Dismounted Drill-Cross Country March-Scouting and Patrolling- Mass Athletics.

Sunday, 23 May--Regimental Commander and Staff, Squadron commanders, and Provisional troop commanders, made a reconnaissance of the Rose Bay area in preparation for the field exercise to be held Wednesday, May 26. A further reconnaissance was made by the Regimental Commander and S-3 of the Many Peaks area for machine gun, 37mm and rifle target ranges. Slit trenches for the personnel of the regiment were completed today.

Monday, 24 May--Dismounted Drill-Road March-PM Rest Period. Rifle Range constructed.

Tuesday, 25 May--Calisthenics-Cross Country March-Use of MG in field fortifications-Trp. Bivouac security-Retreat. Verbal issuance of orders and information to troop and unit commanders for Field Exercise to be held May 26.

Wednesday, 26 May--Field Exercise: Column left 4866-A at 0735. CP established at 0815 (89.8-88.2) 4866-A notified Rgt. CP in operation. Troops (dismounted) reached designated defensive positions at 0930 and finished digging in at 1035. Overlays of respective dispositions submitted by Squadrons. Liaison personnel of 134th F. A. (supporting 112th Cav.) reported to rgt. CP. Disposition of F.A. given, and telephone communication was established between units. Advanced OP (Cav & F.A.) established at 90.0-87.7) and telephone communication established at time Rgt. CP was set up. At 1010 OP reported 8 to 10 enemy landing boats approaching shore.

All artillery batteries ordered to open fire. CP at once reported 5 more boats joining previously reported group. At 1046, before artillery could open fire, landing boats retired in direction of Townsville. Radio silence broken at 1030. At 1300 2nd Sq ordered to assume new position 90.0-89.3--89.6-90.9. Overlay of this position submitted at 1405. Exercise ended and units returned to bivouac at 1430.

Messages: #1 From CP to 4866-A by messenger-"112th Cav CP now operating at designated position" at 0910 .

#2 From CP to CO Wpns Trp.- "Rgt Ammo dump now located 89.7-88.1. Truck available for ammo hauling." at 0925 (Messenger)

#3 From CP to CO- "8 to 10 enemy landing boats sighted coming to shore at 92.3-88.5" at 1010 (Messenger)

#4 From CP to S-4 - "No change in plans at this time" (Radio) at 1030.

#5 From CP to 4866-A-"Attached overlay is of dispositions as of 1030" (Messenger) at 1100.

Thursday, 27 May--Calisthenics-Inspection of personnel, arms, foot gear vehicles, installations, Memorandum issued by S-3 amending training schedule for the remainder of the week. PM rest period.

Friday, 28 May--Calisthenics-2nd Sq reinf. practiced assuming beach defensive positions and barbed wire entanglements. 1st Sq. followed March MG. Instruction-Defense against Chemical Attack-Semaphore Drill.

Saturday, 29 May--Dismounted Drill-March-Hasty occupation of a defensive position-Mass Athletics. 1st Sq. reinf. practiced assuming beach defensive positions and barb wire entanglements. Ren of Magnetic Isle for 37mm range.

Sunday, 30 May--Rest Period. 112th Cav Band and personnel of Rgt. forming color guard participated in Memorial Day Celebration.

Monday, 31 May--Dismounted Drill-Cross country march by troops. Tactical employment of rifle platoon in defense. Tactical employment of MG & mortar Platoons- Retreat.

Tuesday, 1 June--Calisthenics-March-Orientation Lecture-Unarmed Defense & Bayonet Drill-HMG of Wpns Tr. fired on Many Peaks Range.

Wednesday, 2 June--Calisthenics-Road March-Wpns Trp. fired MG-Sv Trp fired rifle-Lt Gen Krueger inspected regimental area.

Thursday, 3 June--Inspection of installations, personnel and arms. Troops paid. P.M. Rest period.

Friday, 4 June-- Calisthenics-March- semaphore drill-3 hour rest period "Night occupation of defensive position, establishing and relieving outposts and withdrawal at night" by squadrons reinforced. Aid Stations established by squadrons. Firing of 60 and 81 mm mortars completed Thursday and Friday. Firing of automatic weapons by squadrons completed Thursday and Friday.

Saturday, 5 June--Dismounted Drill-March by Troops-first aid-unarmed defense and bayonet drill-mass athletics.

Sunday, 6 June--Plans drawn up by the staff for practice loading of LST & LCI boats. Every member of regiment to load and unload (day and night in LCI. Rest Period for men.

Monday, 7 June--MG FIRING for elements of Service and Hq Trps. Armed with that weapon. All other personnel held practice loading and unloading (day and night) of LCI's.

Tuesday, 8 June--Calisthenics-2 hour march and one hour instruction on Malaria Control. Instruction and firing of Sub Machine Gun by men armed with that weapon. Rifle Squads on Ren Patrol-Retreat. Trps A B & 1st Sq Hq. fired on 100 yd rifle range. Instructions issued to troops on details of tomorrow's inspection.

Wednesday, 9 June--Calisthenics-Inspection of installations,-personnel, Arms, Areas, Jungle Equipment, vehicles. During PM A bags and Jungle Packs prepared for movement. B Bag equipment turned in to Supply rooms for AM to pick up.

Thursday, 10 June--Calisthenics-Regiment began loading of impedimenta and supplied on ships X-61 and X-17. Articles of war read to personnel of Regt. Regt tested on questions and answers of malaria control.

Friday, 11 June--Calisthenics-2 hours of infantry small units tactics. Remainder of day spent in preparing the regiment for movement. Excess individual equipment turned in to QM.

Saturday, 12 June--Capt Metcalfe and Capt Bartlett left at 0430 by plane for Pemmican to arrange bivouac area for regiment. Regiment (less Dets) and impediments placed on ships.

Sunday, 13 June-- Convoy sailed for Milne Bay, New Guinea.

June 14th to 17th--Voyage uneventful. Practiced drills for submarine and air attack. Daily inspection of arms and quarters. Regiment less detachments landed at Milne Bay, New Guinea, and was met by S-4 and S-2. Regiment marched to bivouac area and set up camp. Regiment alerted for air attack at 2145. All clear sounded at 2210 with no attack made. Regimental Guard established.

Friday, 18 June--Day spent in receiving rest of impediments and improving bivouac area. Tents and kitchen erected. Daily inspection of arms begun.

Saturday, 19 June--Col Cunningham and Col Hooper joined force at bivouac. Today spent in further improvement of bivouac area. All of Regt's impediment unloaded from ship board. Blackout at 1925, recall at 1945. No attack.

Sunday, 20 June--Day spent in improving and clearing bivouac area. Church services.

Monday, 21 June--Troops spent entire day in improving bivouac area.

Tuesday-Thursday, June 22-24--Troops A,B,C,E,F & Wpns sent to bivouac at Wago Wago. Men remained at Rgt bivouac spent days in caring for equipment and making patrols through surrounding territory.

Friday, 25 June--Details-caring for arms and clothing. General Camp routine.

Saturday, 26 June--Care of Equipment. Details. Half day rest period.

Sunday, 27 June--Rest period.

Monday, 28 June--First Squadron, F and Wpns Trps returned to Regt's bivouac area. Day spent in preparing for move.

Tuesday, 29 June--Troops and impediment prepare for move to Woodlark.

Wednesday, 30 June--Regiment by echelons began boarding ships for move to Woodlark.

Thursday, 1 July--Troops reached Woodlark at daybreak. Unloaded ships and marched to camp area. Outposts established and defense positions assumed. Guards established. Lt. Col Grant is in charge of Regiment. Instructions given to Commanders governing the various positions to be taken in the event of an air alert.

Friday, 2 July--Patrols began contacting outposts today. One officer and 4 men went to Main Point OP #7 to contact squad established there. Patrol left at 2030 hrs and back at 1100 3 July. Lt Haire and 8 men patrolled to Wabununa. Lt Van Riper and 4 men patrolled to Kiliu, and reported back before midnight. Patrol from Kiliu went to the Squad of F troops posted at advance positions. NOTE: Lt Stallings AT Plat Commander reports that no trail exists from his gun positions at Kumarau Bay around the South tip of the peninsula as it is shown on the available maps.

Saturday, 3 July--Telephone wire stringing details conducted the work of putting up lines to defensive positions.

Sunday, 4 July--Work continued on communications lines and preparations of fields for fire on MLR. Church services held.

Monday, 5 July--Patrols to outposts continued. S-2-3 made map and reconnaissance trips. S-2 began publishing daily news bulletins.

Tuesday, 6 July--At 1000 a meeting of all commanders was held. A Task Force of the Japanese was reported in the Northern Solomons, destination unknown. Wayvat outpost instructed to make daily phone reports at 0900 and 1500 to the S-2. Lt Harwell and 13 men went to Waspiniat on patrol today.

Wednesday, 7 July--The regiment began moving troops and CP to advanced position in order to clear air strip. Wire stringing to outposts and installations from CP continued. S-2-3 mapping patrols continued.

Thursday, 8 July--S-2 Patrol visited outpost at Wayvat. Clearing continued on MLR. Troops began moving to bivouac close to MLR. S-2-3 continued mapping of roads.

Friday, 9 July--Troops continued clearing fields of fire on MLR. S-2 continued mapping and contacting outposts by patrol. Communications platoon continued to install telephone lines.

Saturday, 10 July--Continuation of activities on previous day.

Sunday, 11 July--Rest Period. Church Services. Troops spent night in unloading last echelon of regiment. Lt Hawkins and 9 men left for Madau Island. S-2-3 personnel accompanied.

Monday, 12 July--Schedule put into effect regulating regular calls from patrols on OPL and MLR. Troops rested after unloading of ships. Approximately one dozen gasoline drums found washed ashore by Lt. Carder's men.

Tuesday, 13 July--Troops continued work on MLR. At mid-day men reported to beach and began unloading ships. Lines of fire still being cut on MLR. Gun emplacements for 37mm guns begun on beach at MLR.

Wednesday, 14 July--Daily work of preparing defensive positions on MLR continued.

Thursday, 15 July--Lt. Hawkins patrol returned and made report to S-3.

Friday, 16 July--Lt Brewton and 3 men of C Troop with Sgt. Burson, radio operator (284 Radio) left Guasopa Harbor July 16 to establish a permanent OP on Suloga Point. Fifteen day rations and barber items for the natives were carried.

Lt D. W. Campbell and 4 men from E Troop left E Troop's bivouac to proceed by the Buasi trail to reconnoiter Kulunadau Hill as a possible OP. It was estimated the round trip would take four days.

A 4 man permanent watching station was established today at 96.4-53.1 for the purpose of guarding the 270 Radar.

Saturday, 17 July--Lt. Brewton replaced at Suloga Point OP by Lt. Southern. Clearing of fire lanes continued.

Sunday, 18 July-- Rest Period.

Monday, 19 July--Continuation of work on gun positions. Meters were fired in today. Lt. Campbell returned from patrol. Troops began work on advance C.P.

Tuesday 20 July--Troops continued the clearing of fire lane on final protective line. The S-3 accompanied by Capt. Hood, CO Troop F, Task Force Reserve, Capt Walton, Machine Battery, 12th Marine Defense and Lt. Munde, Tank Platoon, 12th Marine Defense made a reconnaissance of the MLR.

Wednesday, 21 July-- Lt Hawkin's Troop C, plus two squads, relieved Lt Carder, Troop A at OPL. Waivat OP discontinued. List of scheduled calls for listening posts on MLR and OPL was published. S-3 accompanied by Major peoples and party of Officers of the 134th FA made a reconnaissance of the MLR. Purpose of the reconnaissance was for the preparation of resistering of F.A. guns on the MLR.

Thursday, 22 July-- CO and S-3 made usual inspection of 1st Squadron sector of MLR. Troops continued clearing fire lanes along FPL and construction of MG fortifications, and strong points. S-2 arranged details for two officer-patrols to be sent out July 23 or reconnaissance to north and south of Kulamadau Hill.

Friday, 23 July--Continued work on advanced CP, Message Center, fire lane and gun positions on MLR. S-3 visited outpost at Wabununa Lt and 4 men, with native guide, went on patrol to Waspisnat area. Trip to take approximately 4 days. Lt Wockenfuss and 4 men, with native guide, went on patrol to Wansi area. Trip to take approximately 4 days.

Saturday, 24 July--Work continued on fire lanes and gun positions of MLR. Natives began clearing OPL.

Sunday, 25 July--Rest Period. Blackout lifted until alert sounds.

Monday, 26 July--S-2 officers accompanied boat taking supplies to Lt. Howell's OP. Regular work continued on MLR.

Tuesday, 27 July--At 0500 one enemy bomber came over, dropped three bombs near supply area. No damage done. S-2 Officer returned from trip supplying Lt. Howell's outposts. At 1830 Regiment had a motion picture. The first since landing on Woodlark. Completed firing in mortars.

Wednesday, 28 July--Comm. installed air raid warning horns in Regtl area. (Bugler maintained at Regtl Hq). CO and S-3 inspected MLR. Lts. Wockenfuss and Woods returned from patrols at noon.

Thursday, 29 July--Air alert at 1150. Over at 0205. Continued work on fire lanes on Final Protective Line. CO accompanied by S-3 inspected OPL & MLR. Natives continued work on OPL under Lt. Jeffress.

Friday, 30 July--Lt Hawkins moved to spring on OPLR from his previous post at Wabununa. Plans made to send Lts. Calvert and Rodgers with four men each on patrol to Kulumadau area. Native guide to accompany Lt. Calvert. CO and S-3 inspected MLR and OPLR.

Saturday, 31 July--Regimental CO made aerial reconnaissance of MLR. Lt. Howell relieved by Lt. Rolland. Full squad at Wasjimat Bay and Buyuasi Bay outposts. Troops completed fire lanes on final protective line. Installation of barbwire on these fire lanes has begun. Patrols under Lts. Calvert and Rodgers left on reconnaissance to Kulumadau Hill area.

Sunday, 1 August--Work continued by natives on OPLR. Construction continued on advanced CP. Continued to string wire on fire lanes. Three four man outposts established at Wabasuna, at mouth of Sinkurai River and at Ungawan. Communications to be very Pistol and SCN 511. Yellow alert sounded at 1800. Red Alert sounded at 1805. Two enemy planes appeared over area at 1815 and dropped bombs on 2nd Squadron area and near F troop (Task Force Reserve)

Monday, 2 August--0410 yellow and red alert. No enemy planes appeared. All clear sounded at 0450. CO and S-3 inspected Prov. Sq. troops area. Men continued work on OPLR, advance CP and wiring in of fire lanes.

Tuesday, 3 August--Rest Period: Church services, Movie, Band concert by 112th Cav Band. Yellow alert sounded at 1755. Red alert sounded at 1800. No bombing. All clear at 1840. General Krueger inspected advanced CP and map of MLR.

Wednesday, 4 August--Fired in machine guns on Final Protective Line on MLR. All troops, less machine gun elements, improved troop bivouac areas. Continued work on advanced Rgt CP. Dispatched reconnaissance patrol of F Troop, composed of Lt. Williams and 8 men to Decoyas area to be gone about a week.

Thursday, 5 August--Lt Calvert returned from patrol. Written report rendered. CO & S-3 inspected MLR & OPLR. S-2 inspected 1st Sq. area. One Platoon from Troop G established all around protection of Argus. Began wiring in of the Argus tower and Operation section. Troops continued construction of barbwire on MLR and the emplacements of machine guns positions and fire lanes. Natives reached half-way mark in clearing OPLR. Lt Hawkins cut trail from right flank OPLR, through swamp to Sinkurai River for the purpose of establishing patrol in that area. Lt Johnson & 4 men left on patrol for Banviat. Trip to take 4 days.

Friday, 6 August--Red alert 0400. All clear at 0415. No bombing. CO & S-3 inspected OPLR.. Troops continued wiring of defensive installations. Work continued on advance CP.

Saturday, 7 August--CO and S-2 inspected OPLR and MLR, Machine gun positions on south end of MLR, and Lt. Hawkins outpost. Established an additional listening post in view of communications between OPL and OP from Tr. G. Work continued wiring of defensive installations. Work continued on advanced CP.

Sunday, 8 August--Lt. Johnson's patrol returned to camp. Report rendered. CO & S-3 inspected MLR and wire installations.

Monday, 9 August--Work suspended because of excessive rain. Clothing check made in PM.

Tuesday, 10 August--OP relieved. 8 men from Service Troop established guard on Aiwu Island to protect Radar. Rest Period, Church Services.

Wednesday, 11 August--Yellow alert sounded at 0645-- All clear 0700. No bombs dropped. Lt Hawkins and men at OP#9 relieved by Lt. Batts and 31 men of Troop A. Lt. Bird and 3 men and S-2 sent on Patrol to Bonvat. Sixty (60) men detailed to unload boats. CO and S-3 inspected north end of OPLR, and 2nd Sqdn's sector of MLR.

Thursday, 12 August--CO & S-3 inspected OPLR and MLR. One man relieved from OP # 10 for medical attention. 270 men detailed to unload boats. Alert sounded 1130- All clear 1150 - no bombs. Work continued on advanced C.P., Message Center at Regtl Hq. Moved into bomb shelter.

Friday, 13 August--40 men detail sent to beach to load gasoline. Task Force Commander mad Purple Heart Awards to men of the Regiment who were wounded during bomb raids. Usual routine followed throughout the day. Yellow alert at 1130- All Clear at 1150. Three bombers attempted raid on island at 1955. AA guns turned back raiders. No damage or casualties. All clear sounded 2005.

Saturday, 14 August--CO & S-3 checked Lt. Batt's outpost on OPL. Troops continued improving position on MLR and cut trails from MLR to OPL. At 1730 S-3 checked listening posts on MLR. Lt. Horton went to Madau Island with 8 men of Wpns. Troop. Trip to take 9 days. Movie in Prov. Sq. Area. Lt Bird returned from patrol to Bonivat at noon.

Sunday, 15 August--Lt. Appledorn & 3 men of Troop E left by boat for Bonivat to make a patrol from Bonivat to Riley then come down trail to Regimental area. OP'S #9 (Wabanuna) and #10 (Suloga Point) were supplied with rations. CO & S-3 inspected OPL and MLR. Sgt Barron made trip to OP # 14 to pick up man who needed medical attention. Yellow alert 0931-All Clear 1000. No Bombs.

Monday, 16 August-- Yellow Alert 0931, Red Alert 0936- yellow alert 1002, All Clear 1004. CO & S-3 attended a Unit Commanders meeting at Task Force Hdqs. Surveying of OPL for purpose of establishing pill boxes & gun positions. Jeep trails cut from center line of OPL to center of MLR. Capt Houghton, CO Wpns Troop made a trip in the F. A. 's piper cub to inspect Mortar positions and camouflage. Lt Hovey and 60 men from Troop E, Wpns Troop and 1st Sq reported to QM for detail. P.M. pay day.

Tuesday, 17 August--Lt. Hovey and 60 men continued to work with Q.M. Band Concert in Provisional Sqdn Area. Lt Appledorn returned from patrol to Bonivat. Rest Period. Capt John G. Carter and 31 men from Troop C established guard for ARGUS at Kulumadau.

Wednesday, 18 August--CO & S-2 made inspection of troop areas, kitchens, and vehicles. Work continued on OPLR and advanced CP's. Communication work continued.

Thursday, 19 August--Location of OP #14 changed. S-3 personnel accompanied group to new spot. Personnel at OP #14 rotated. S-3 inspected MLR/ Regiment continued routine work. Patrol made by S-3 personnel beyond Wabanuna. #10 OP supplied and 2 men replaced.

Friday, 20 August--Routine construction work by regiment. CO & S-3 inspected MLR, and Troop G's new positions.

Saturday, 21 August--Regiment continued improving defense positions on MLR. Natives continued work on OPLR. No work in PM because of excessive rain.

Sunday, 22 August--Lt. Calvert and 8 men of Service Troop replaced Lt. Rowland at OP #1. Sgt Edwards and 8 men of Hq Troop replaced personnel at OP #2. Communication Platoon began installing telephone lines from OP #1 to Kulumadau Hill. Sgt. Burson in charge of natives on this work. Regiment did not work this morning because of excessive rain but resumed normal duties in the afternoon.

Monday, 23 August--Regiment continued cutting fire lanes on OPLR and preparing Machine Gun positions. Continued improvement of Camp areas.

Tuesday, 24 August--S-2 sent supplies to OP #14. Rest Period.

Wednesday, 25 August--Continued organizing defenses of OPLR by: Cutting Fire Lanes and preparing MG positions. Continued improvement of Camp Areas. Maj Hunnicutt and 4 men left on patrol up South Coast to Labitu and across country to Bauasi Trail. Lt. Hovey and 4 men of Troop E left on patrol to Kulamadau and to contact Mr Dugon at Bonivat. Negative report from listening posts on MLR and OPL. Furnished 4 trucks to 404th Engineers to haul gravel. Began mapping Troop F MLR.

Thursday, 26 August--Major Hunnicutt returned from patrol. Lt. Hovey returned from patrol. Task force and Regt. CO's conferred on defensive positions of OPLR. Meeting of Staff, Sq CO's and Prov. Troop CO's. Lt. Horton returned from Madau Island.

Friday, 27 August--Inspection of Troops, installations, arms, kitchens, latrines, and equipment. Orientation lecture to Prov. Sq. in morning, USO Show in afternoon (Ray Bolger-Little Jack Little). Orientation lecture to Wpns Trp and 2nd Sq in evening.

Saturday, 28 August--Lt Belland detail from A Troop relieved Lt. Boland of C Troop at Suloga OP. Lt. Fyke and 5 men of C Troop left on patrol from Wabanuna by way of Labitu and across country north to the Bunsui Trail. Troops continued organizing defenses of OPL by clearing fire lanes and digging MG emplacements. Two more telephones installed at listening posts on OPL. Continued improvements of camp areas and installations. Negative reports from OPL and MLR.

Sunday, 29 August--Continued work on the OPL fire lanes and gun positions. CO checked positions on the MLR. Troops continued improvement of camp areas and installations. Negative reports from MLR and OPL.

Monday, 30 August--Orientation lectures were given to all members of the regiment. An explanation of General MacArthur's letter concerning units and personnel being returned to the states was made to all members of the regiment. Troops continued work on defenses of OPL by cutting fire lanes and digging MG emplacements. Troops continued improvement of camp areas and installations. Negative reports from MLR and OPL. Yellow alert 1225-1235 red alert- all clear 1330. No Bombs.

Tuesday 31 August--Rest Day. Church Services.

Wednesday, 1 September--Continued work on OPL gun positions. CO & S-3 inspected 2nd Squadron bivouac area and OPL. S-2 inspected 1st Squadron. Negative reports from MLR and OPL. Troops continued improvement of camp areas. Sgt Carley and 7 men of Service Troop relieved Auin guard post.

Thursday, 2 September--CO & S-3 inspected OPL and MLR and 2nd Sq. Man from each Sq. Hq. Wpns Troop and Hq Trp assigned to Force Camouflage work. S-2 inspected 1st Sq. General Krueger inspected MLR, G Troop, B Trp. Negative reports from OPLR and MLR. Lt. Batts and men relieved at OP #9 by Lt. Wockenfuss and 31 men of Troop B.

Friday, 3 September--Continued work on OPLR fire lanes and gun positions. S-2 inspected 1st Sq-E & Wpns Troop. CO and S-3 inspected MLR. Radio set replaced at OP #2 by M/Sgt Weber. S-2 personnel visited OP's #1 & #2. Negative reports from OPLR and MLR. Lt Nahod and 4 men of Tr G left for patrol to Kulumadu-Bonivat and back.

Saturday, 4 September--Troops remained in bivouac because of alert.

Sunday, 5 September--Field problem (occupation of MLR).

Monday, 6 September--S-2 Visited OP #14. S-3 Inspected Troop G. CO inspected ,LR.

Tuesday, 7 September--Rest Day. Church Services.

Wednesday, 8 September--Sgt Hope and 3 men of Trp C relieved OP #14. S-2 inspected Troop Areas and installations. Italy surrendered unconditionally.

Thursday, 9 September--S-2 inspected troop areas and installations. USO show at Red Cross area (Singing by Lansing Hatfield). Lt. Nahod and patrol returned.

Friday, 10 September--Because of excessive Rain, troops spent morning in Troop Areas. Afternoon spent in work on OPLR. S-2 inspected troops areas, kitchens etc. Orientation to Hq Troop, Service Troop and 2nd Sq. and Weapons Troop.

Saturday, 11 September--Troops worked on OPL defenses. S-2 inspected troop installations. CO and S-3 inspected MLR. S-2-3 detail under direction of Lt. Hill worked on combat firing obstacle course. Orientation lecture to 1st Squadron.

Sunday, 12 September--Lt. Appledorn left on patrol to Bonivat, Kulumadau and Waspimat. Continue work on combat range. S-2 inspected troops and installations. CO & S-3 inspected MLR.

Monday, 13 September--Cpl Nardi returned from patrol. Troops worked on improving troop areas.

Tuesday, 14 September--Rest Day. Church Services.

Wednesday, 15 September--Continued work on OPLR of cutting fire lanes, constructing MG emplacements and stringing barbed wire. 35 MG positions with 2 fire lanes to each position completed. Hq & Service Troops routing duties of administration and service of equipment. Test firing on jungle snap shot range. System of scoring was worked out. Capt. Metcalf went to Suloga Point and Kulumadau to carry supplies. Lt. Bell and 8 men from A Troop was relieved by Lt. Campbell and 8 men from Troop E. S-3 to 134th F. A. to work out details for problem of occupation of MLR by this Regiment with the F. A. in support. Negative reports from O.P.'s and MLR and OPLR. Yellow alert at 0505, red alert at 0512 all clear at 0525. No bombs dropped. Red alert at 1007 all clear 1107. No Bombs. One plane shot down. Cpl Nardi and 3 men of Troop A left for patrol to kulumadau-Bonivat-Sinkurai River.

Thursday, 16 September--1st and 2nd Sqs and Wpns Troop continued regular work on OPLR-preparing fire lanes, digging MG emplacements and stringing Barbed Wire. Hqs and Service Troops carried on routine administration and supply of the regiment. Completed combat range. Furnished total of 52 men to unload ships. Buglers school begun. Additional improvements on Regt. C.P. Capt Metcalfe returned from Kulumadau.

Friday, 17 September--Improved Regt CP. Training schedule issued for period Sept 22-26, 1943. S-2 inspected troop areas and installations. CO inspected at OP. 10 men and 1 Sgt. reported to Lt. Wilcox at 493rd OM at 1330. 1st and 2nd Sqs and weapons troop continued work on MLR. and installed targets for problem. Hq. and Serv. Trp. routing duties of supply and administration of the Regt. Made final arrangements with 134th F.A. for problem. Sent 4 additional men to navy camouflage school. All troops hauling coral to improve troop areas. 20 men assigned to Argus section for permanent detail. Moved Wabanuna OP camp site and set up tents for personnel. Kitchen built at Spring OP., is being screened today. Yellow alert-1930 Red Alert-1945 Yellow Alert 2045 All clear 2050.

Saturday, 18 September--Field problem began at 0700 to occupy MLR and accustom troops to overhead mortar and artillery fire. Completed at 1200. Afternoon spent cleaning weapons. Lt. Prichard and 20 man detail from Wpns Troop reported to beach at 1400. Meeting of Sq and Trp CO's at S-2-2 tent for critique. Orientation to Prov. Sq. in theater area before movie. Yellow alert 1110 All clear 1202 Ren plane

Sunday, 19 September--Orientation to 1st Sq Troops carried out routine work on OPLR and wire stringing. S-2 and communication personnel visited OP #2. Service and Hq. Trps carried out administration and service of the regiment. CO and S-3 inspected MLR and OPLR. S-2 inspected troops and troop areas and installations. Lt. Appledorn's patrol returned.

Monday, 20 September--1st & 2nd Sq Hq and detachment fr Hq Trp fired 20 men on pistol obstacle course. Orientation to 1st Sq. Troops carried out routine work on OPLR and wire stringing. S-2 inspected troop areas and installations. Hq & Sv Trps carried out administration and service of the regiment. CO & S-2 inspected MLR and BPLR. Sgt Hightower and 8 men of Wpns Trp relieved OP #2. Sgt Hightower, Lt Woods & 32 men of Trp E relieved Spring and Wabanuna OP #9 & #12.

Tuesday, 21 September--Rest Day. Church Services.

Wednesday, 22 September--Regiment alerted for possible attack. Tng Schedule suspended and troops remained in bivouac.

Thursday, 23 September--Tr G fired 50 men on pistol obstacle course. Regt still alerted. S-2 inspected troop installations. Yellow alert at 0300 red at 0317 Yellow alert at 0333. All clear at 0335. No bombs dropped. Troops worked on OPLR. Trp C detailed to QM for labor detail. Lt. Garder and 4 men left on patrol to Kulumadau. Orientation to Trp F. Hq. Trp remained in Trp Area.

Friday, 24 September--Furnished 275 men and 5 trucks to QM as ration detail. Hq. & Sv Trps routine duties of administration and supply of Regt. C troop platoon relieved from OPLR by 1st plat from Trp E. 1st & 2nd Sqs and Wpns (less details) followed regimental training schedule.

Saturday, 25 September--Furnished 275 men and 5 trucks to task force QM for ration detail. Fired 53 men of A Trp on the pistol combat obstacle course. Remainder of Regt. worked on OPLR. Began construction of Regt CP building. Supplied OP at Kulumadau. Distributed Regt. training schedule for period Sept 29-Oct 6th. Negative reports OPL. Orientation lecture to force headquarters. 53 men of Trp. A. fired pistol combat course.

Sunday, 26 September. Work begun on new S-2-3 building. Service and Hq Trps carried out routine service and administration of regt. Accountability of property begun today.

Monday, 27 September--CP #1 relieved by Lt. Irwin and 8 men of Service Troop. Care of arms and inspection by troops. Improvement of MLR and OPLR. Sgt Dillingham and 3 men of Trp C relieved OP #14.

Tuesday, 28 September--Rest Day. Church services. Yellow alert 1125 all clear 1145 (friendly a/c).

Wednesday, 29 September--Dismounted Drill period cancelled. Orientation lecture to Prov Sq. Capt Metcalfe travelled to Cawa- returned same day. Lt Stallings and 8 men left for Madau Island by boat. E Troop fired 50 men on pistol combat course.

Thursday, 30 September--1st & 2nd Sq & Wpns Trp continued work on the OPLR. Troops began digging individual fox holes at MG emplacements. 50 men of Wpns Trp. completed firing the pistol obstacle course. Hq & Service Trps carried out routine service and administration of the regiment.

Friday, 1 October--32 men from Trp C fired pistol combat course. Rgt. followed training schedule--Problem of Attack (1st Sq) Scouting & Patrolling. Pay day in PM.

Saturday, 2 October--Troops worked on OPLR.

Sunday, 3 October--Care of arms and inspection by troops. Lectures to 2nd Sq & Wpns Trp, and to Task Force Hq. Schedule followed in PM. Training schedule issued to include October 6-12.

Monday, 4 October--Troops worked on MLR.

Tuesday, 5 October--Rest Day, Church Services. Yellow alert 1945-Red at 1955 Yellow alert 2005 All clear 2015. No Bombs dropped.

Wednesday, 6 October--Close Order Drill, Combat Obstacle Course. 30 men of Hq Trp. Problem (Attack) Jungle Navigation, Submit Schedule, (Prov Tr.) MG Instruction. Retreat.

Thursday, 7 October--Yellow alert 1107 Red 1113 All clear at 1125. No bombs dropped. Work on OPLR defenses.

Friday, 8 October--Close order drill- Problem (Attack)-Combat obstacle course (Sv Trp-30 men) - Jungle Navigation. Yellow alert. 2135-red at 2140-yellow at 2247-red at 2255, all clear at 2325. Bombs dropped. No casualties.

Saturday, 9 October--Work on OPLR defenses.

Sunday, 10 October--Yellow alert at 0525-red at 0530-yellow at 0550-red at 0555. No bombs. Close order drill-Inspection-Semaphore drill.

Monday, 11 October--1st & 2nd Sq & Wpns Trps. worked on individual rifleman positions on OPLR. Hq & Sv Trps- routine duties of administration and supply of the regiment. 40 men of B trp. fired Pistol Combat Course.

Tuesday, 12 October--Rest Day- Church Services.

Wednesday, 13 October--Close order drill-30 men of Trp. G on Pistol Combat Course- C Trp spent morning on beach for swimming instruction and physical conditioning. 2nd Sq in Offensive Problem.-Jungle Navigation-MG instruction for riflemen-Retreat.

Thursday, 14 October--Troops worked on OPLR Defenses. Detail of 364 men for labor detail sent to Q1.

Friday, 15 October--300 man detail for unloading ships. 0730-0800 Close Order Drill. Combat Obstacle Course (Troop A 30 men) Problem (1st Sq) Tr. E. Spent morning on beach. - Jungle Navigation-MG Class-Orientation by Argus representative.

Saturday, 16 October--300 man detail for ship unloading. Troops worked on OPLR.

Sunday, 17 October--Close order drill 0730 to 0800. Trp C fired Combat Obstacle Course. 1st And 2nd Sq. Pointers for Squad Leaders and small unit tactics. Also Prov. Sq, Sv Trp to beach for swimming and physical conditioning. All troops practiced semaphore drill.

Monday, 18 October--Troops worked on OPLR Defenses. Ordnance exhibit and lecture to officers and NCO's by representative of Army ordnance. Hqs Trp fired obstacle course. Afun Island relieved by Cpl Hungerford and men from weapons Trp. Lt. Nahod at OP #10.

Tuesday, 19 October--Rest Day. Church Services.

Wednesday, 20 October--1st Sq Close Order Drill 0730 to 0800. Inspection of all troops. Articles of War read to all troops. Orientation lecture by M/S Burns to Anti-tank Outpost and Prov. Troops. MG instruction all troops. Retreat inspection all troops. Sq., Trp, and Unit commanders meeting at S-2-3.

Thursday, 21 October--Work on defenses of OPLR. 40 men on Q1 Ration detail. 80 men on ship unloading detail. Yellow alert 1015. Red 1025 All clear 1040. Ren pland. Red Alert 1107-All clear 1114. Sq., Troop, and Unit commanders meeting at S-2-3.

Friday, 22 October--Close Order Drill for 2nd Sq and Wpns Trp. Troop B fired on Combat Obstacle Course. 1st Sq combat problems. Jungle Navigation and patrolling 2nd Sq. Orientation Lecture postponed. MG instruction for riflemen in all troops.

Saturday, 23 October--Worked on OPLR defenses. 32 men from G troop relieved 1st Sq. at Kulumadai. Training schedule distributed. Orientation to F Troop, in morning and Task Force in afternoon.

Sunday, 24 October--Close Order Drill for Hqs, Sv and Med Det cancelled due to rain. 30 men from G Troop fired on Combat Obstacle Course. 1st Sq Jungle navigation and patrolling. 2nd Sq combat problem. Orientation to 2nd Sq in afternoon. S-2-3 inspected troops and installations. Lt Campbell and patrol in from Suloga. Retreat and inspection.

Monday, 25 October--Worked on OPLR defenses. Two alerts: 0505 yellow, 0530 red; 0545 all clear. 0910 red, 0947 all clear. Three 40 men shifts started work at 0500 and finished Tuesday morning. Lt Irwin at Waspimat was relieved by Lt. Jefferies 1st Sq. Sgt Hightower relieved at CP #2 by Sgt. Nesmith of Wpns Troop.

Tuesday, 26 October--Rest Day. Church Services. Two 50 detail for ship unloading started at midnight and continued to Wednesday noon.

Wednesday, 27 October--Yellow alert at 0505, red at 0530, all clear 0545. 40 men and one officer on labor detail. Close order drill for 1st Sq. Trp E fired Obstacle Course. 2nd Sq offensive combat problem. Troop B marched to Guasopa Beach. Jungle navigation and map reading by 1st Sq. MG instruction for riflemen. Retreat and inspection.

Thursday, 28 October--Troops worked on OPLR. 25 man detail.

Friday, 29 October--Close order drill 2nd Sq. and Wpns Tr. Wpns Trp fired Combat Course. 1st Sq. offensive problem. 2nd Sq jungle navigation and map reading. Troop G marched to beach. MG instruction for riflemen. Sq Trp and Unit commanders meeting. Lt Wood of E Trp relieved OP#9 by Lt Hovey, Troop E.

Saturday, 30 October--Troops worked on OPLR defenses. Training schedule distributed.

Sunday, 31 October--Close order drill for Hqs, Service and Med Det. Rainy day schedule followed. Retreat.

Monday, 1 November--Troops worked on OPLR. OP #14 relieved by one Sgt and 4 men of Troop C. Sgt Sheppa relieved Cpl Liotta of Sv Trp at OP #2. Sgt Burson relieved Cpl Davis at OP #1. Anti-Tank platoon fired at moving targets in Kumurau Bay.

Tuesday, 2 November--Rest Day. Church Services.

Wednesday, 3 November--Close Order Drill for 1st Sq. MG instruction for 2nd Sq. 1st Sq. Combat problem in morning. Troop C marched to beach for drill, swimming and exercises. Retreat and inspection.

Thursday, 4 November--Routine work on OPLR. C Troop began clearing undergrowth on right flank of CPLR between Spring OP and MLR. CO of C Troop made reconnaissance of F Troop positions. S-3 selected probable camp site and rifle range at Wabanunau large enough to accommodate 1 troop while on the range. Lt Appledorn and 5 men of E Trp left from Kumurau Bay to patrol overland to OP #2.

Friday, 5 November--Close Order Drill for 2nd Sq and Wpns Trp. MG instruction for 1st Sq. Offensive problem by 2nd Sq. Trp E marched to beach. Chemical warfare defense for all troops.

Saturday, 6 November--Worked on OPLR defenses. Sq. Trp and Unit commanders meeting.

Sunday, 7 November--Close Order Drill for Hq's, Sv and Med Det, called off due to rain. Wpns Trp marched to beach. Anti-tank mine and booby trap demonstration for all troops. Semaphore practice for all troops. Retreat and inspection. Lt. Appledorn arrived safely at OP#2.

Monday, 8 November--Troops worked on defenses of OPLR (1st Sq and 2nd Sq, and Wpns Troops worked on defenses. E Troop continued work of building rifle range at Wabanuna. Furnished 5 trucks to load 60th C.B. equipment on ship.

Tuesday, 9 November--Rest Day. Church Services. Lt Appledorn and patrol returned from OP#2.

Wednesday, 10 November--Close Order Drill-2nd Sq in Offensive Action Problem. A Troop went to Beach for conditioning period in morning. Establishment of troop bivouac, outpost of bivouac, and security patrols. (Prov Sq & 1st Sq) Semaphore Code Practice.

Thursday, 11 November--Troops worked on OPLR defenses. E Troop continued work on rifle range and bivouac area at Wabanuna. Weapons Trp left on march to Kulumadau.

Friday, 12 November--2nd Sq Close Order Drill. 1st Sq had offensive problem. G Troop marched to beach for conditioning period. 2nd Sq studied establishment of bivouac, outpost of bivouac and security patrols MG instruction for all troops. Lt Nahod relieved by Sgt Rigsby at OP #10. Problem began at 0755.

Saturday 13, November--Troops alerted and held in readiness in Troop areas 0515. Ordered to occupy OPLR at 0630. Problem finished at 1140 Afternoon spent cleaning weapons. Task force critique held at 1330 at Task Force Hdqs. Sq, Tr, and Unit commanders held critique at 1815 at Regimental Headquarters.

Sunday, 14 November--Wpns Trp returned from Kulamadau. Hq, Sv and Med Det had close order drill. MG exam given all troops. 1st Sq & 2nd Sq had bayonet drill. Retreat inspection.

Monday, 15 November-- A Troop cut lateral trails of communication 100 yards behind positions on OPLR. C & G Trps cut underbrush on right flank of OPLR. E Troop continued construction of rifle and MG range at Wabanuna and clearing road from beach road to Wabanuna. Hq Trp worked on Advance CP and building Spring OP kitchen. Red Cross detail of 10 commenced in afternoon.

Tuesday, 16 November--Rest Day. Church Services. Red Cross Detail continued.

Wednesday, 17 November--Yellow alert sounded at 0701--all clear at 0720 Red Cross detail continued. 20 men and one NCO detailed for officer's club with one truck. Orientation to 1st Sq. Troops worked on defenses of OPLR. Retreat inspection.

Thursday, 18 November--A, B, & G Trps began clearing brush on final defense line. C Troop continued clearing brush on right flank of OPLR. E Trp continued building rifle and MG range and clearing camp site at Wabanuna. Hq, and Sv Trps routine duties of administration and supply. Wpns Trp worked on MG and mortar positions. Kitchen at OP #12 about 1/2 completed. Bomb disposal school began. Red Cross and Officers Club details.

Friday, 19 November--Close Order Drill for 2nd Sq. 1st Sq had offensive problem. A troop marched to beach for conditioning exercises. 2nd Sq had classes on AT mines. Orientation to 2nd Sq. Gas Drill for 1st Sq. Sq, Trp & Unit CO's held meeting. Radio school began. Red Cross and Officer's Club details continued.

Saturday, 20 November--Troops worked on OPLR and ranges at Wabanuna. Kitchen at OP #12 completed. Red Cross and Officers Club details continued.

Sunday, 21 November--Close Order drill for Hq and Sv Trps, and Med Det. All troops practised squad-counter reconnaissance patrol. Sv Trp, marched to beach for conditioning. Orientation to Prov Sq. Bayonet Drill for 1st Sq & 2nd Sq. Retreat inspection. Officer's Club and Red Cross Detail continued.

Monday, 22 November--Troops worked on OPLR and FPL. Sq, Trp and Unit CO's meeting. 20 man boat unloading detail. Red Cross area detail continued.

Tuesday, 23 November--Rest Day. Church Services. USO show starring Gary Cooper, Una Merkle and Phyllis Brooks given at Red Cross Area.

Wednesday, 24 November--Troops worked on OPLR. Meeting of Sq Trp and Unit CO's. Orders issued to prepare for move from island on Nov 28th.

Thursday, 25 November-- Thanksgiving Day. Special dinner and church services. Troops spent day in preparation for movement.

Friday, 26 November--Day spent packing for move. Sq Trp Unit and Staff officers meeting.

Saturday, 27 November--Staff, Sq, Trp and Unit CO's meeting. Church services in 1st Sq Chapel.

Sunday, 28 November--Troops continued packing and policing areas.

Monday, 29 November--Began loading LSTs. Hq and Sv Trps loaded.

Tues. Nov. 30, 1943--Rest of troops and equipment loaded. Sailed at 2215.

Wed. Dec. 1, 1943--Trip uneventful. Arrived at Goodenough 2100. Unable to land due to heavy wind. One ship unloaded; others remained in bay overnight. Troops C, G, and Xpns. sailed 1100.

Thurs. Dec. 2 1943--All troops and equipment unloaded. Moved into bivouac area.

Friday, Dec. 3, 1943--Camp setup.

Saturday, Dec. 4, 1943--Troops worked in bivouac area. Capt. Leonard appointed S-3. Capt. Hill appointed S-2. Capt. Metcalf appointed 1st Sq. Ex. C.O. Major Werner appointed C.O. 1st Sq.

Sunday Dec. 5 1943--Began work on M.G. and sub-M.G. range. Troops began training. Church services.

Mon. Dec. 6, 1943--Sub-machine gunners fired on range. Troops had amphibious training.

Tues. Dec. 7, 1943--Amphibious training continued.

Wed. Dec. 8, 1943--Troops practiced amphibious operations. Regiment prepared further for contemplated move.

Thurs., Dec. 9, 1943--Troops began range practice firing bazookas, MGs, using grenade launchers and throwing grenades by hand. Regt. given typhoid, cholera and tetanus shots.

Fri. Dec. 10, 1943--Troops continued firing on range. Troops continued preparing for move. Anti-tank, and Train Defense left for Finschaven. Officer's meeting.

Sat. Dec. 11, 1943--Troops fired on rifle range. Meeting of 112th Officers and a detachment officers. Task force mission information released to non-commissioned officers.

Sunday Dec. 12, 1943--Regiment completed packing and began loading tractors. Troops fired on range. Regiment informed moving out December 13th.

Monday, Dec. 13, 1943--Regiment completed plans and preparations for move and boarded ships.

Tues. Dec. 14, 1943--Regiment sailed from Goodenough. Men fed by ship's company. Convoy stopped at New Guinea for few hours and then continued voyage. Trip uneventful.

Wed. Dec. 15, 1943--Regiment left LSD at 0515 on ten Buffaloes and 29 Alligators to begin landing operations on Cape Merkus, New Britain, about 5 miles distance by water from point where landing craft left LSD. Operations was about 50 minutes behind schedule as the first wave of Buffaloes did not hit the beach until 0723. Prior to the landing naval bombardment from destroyers began at 0710. 1800 rounds were fired on the beach before landing. The beach was bombed and strafed by B-25 Mitchells bombers during the process of landing.

Main attack made by 2nd Squadron reinforced by one heavy mach. gun platoon of Weapons Troop. Initial landing made at the jetty and at House Fireman Beach and Cape Merkus.

Troop A attempted to land at 0600 at the upper end of Cape Merkus. Landing was repulsed by heavy machine gun fire. Troop B made another secondary landing on the west tip of Pilelo Island. Enemy resistance light. Troop B suffered one casualty.

Regimental CP established at 33.83-20.56 at 0800. 2nd Squadron combat team pushed quickly up Cape Merkus, reaching the final objective at 1430. Regimental CP moved again to 34.3-20.75 at 1000. CP moved again to 35.7-22 at 1500. Permanent CP established there. At 1600 enemy snipers coming up from the overhanging cliffs on the south side of Cape Merkus tried to enter CP area. They were fired on and forced back over the cliff. A small party from Headquarters Troop began searching for enemy snipers, killing 5 men. Our forces lost 2 killed and 1 wounded.

Troop C was ordered up from Task Force Reserve at 1630 to help outpost Regt. CP. All-around protection was established by two platoons of Troop C, one heavy machine gun platoon of Weapons Troop, and elements of Reconnaissance and P & D Platoons. Enemy snipers attempted to infiltrate CP defenses throughout the night and two were killed.

Wednesday Dec. 15, 1943 cont.- Communication by telephone was established with 2nd Squadron CP at about 1800. A platoon patrol from Troop G was ordered to proceed to Umtingalu on reconnaissance mission. No enemy contact reported by messenger sent from the platoon's position about 1000 push on to Umtingalu. Patrol was ordered to push on to Umtingalu, wipe out any enemy resistance and establish outpost there.

Air action: Alerted at 0800. All clear at 0905. 12 dive bombers and 4-8 Zero planes bombed and strafed shipping and Regimental CP. 2 enemy planes shot down. 1 LCV destroyed by bombs.

Thurs. Dec. 16, 1943-Second Squadron reported light mortar fire intermittently on their positions during the night. Troop G was ordered to clear the right hand beach of Cape Markus of enemy snipers.

Preliminary reports indicate Troop A suffered several casualties among officers and men. Complete details were not available.

Enemy reconnaissance sea-plane appeared over CP at 0300.

Troop G left at 1330 for trip to Umtingalu. Artillery fire was laid on the village before G Troop reached it. Report from patrol indicated the enemy were present in the village and apparently abandoned it during the artillery fire.

Air action: Alerted at 1500. 6 M/B and 2 F/P made five runs. Approximately 25 bombs dropped.

At 1635 10 dive bombers and 4 Zeros dropped 12 bombs (250 to 300 pound bombs) from 5000 feet. All of clear at 1710.

Alert at 1830. Bombs dropped by one enemy fighter. All clear at 1845.

Friday, Dec. 17, 1943-Troop F platoon which had been to the left of regiment in toe of the peninsula relieved from Troop A. Troops A and B in Task Force Reserve.

The following report was submitted by Major McMains after trip to G Troop by LCV:

No enemy were found. During the night one enemy killed, and possibly two. Ammo clothing, equipment and ration dump located with barracks about 250 yards up the trail in the cliff. The barracks would accommodate only a few men but a rifle rack was there that would hold about 60 rifles. The ammunition dump and other dumps destroyed. There was apparently one officer with the men who fled as clothing and equipment left behind indicate this. Some probable gun positions were found along the coast but no guns were in them. One water hole was found in the area. During the night one or more Japanese entered the area and removed two rifles from the rifle rack. Radio (284) in contact with Fighter Section. One Jap killed was dressed in complete American uniform. Plans made by G Troop to send platoon patrol to airdrome next day.

Air action: Alert at 0110 3 to 6 M/B and F/P over area. All clear at 0305.

Alert at 0335. One M/B dropped 4 bombs. All clear at 0355.

Saturday Dec. 18, 1943-50 men of 1st Squadron sent to 2nd Squadron to clear defensive line. Communications Platoon began running telephone line to Umtingalu village. Line completed at 1130. No enemy action during the night. Command in better condition.

Troop B (less one platoon) released to regiment by force headquarters and established outpost with machine gun on beach on east side of peninsula near abandoned Jap shacks. Troop E sent patrol along east beach down to Troop C outpost, Regimental CP with Hq. Troop, Service Troop, Motor Pool, supply dump, and one platoon of Wpns. Troop moved to 35.86-22.23.

Troop G patrol sent to Arawe airdrome. Another Troop G patrol discovered Japanese radio intact with generator and powerful field glasses. All Troops continued improvement of positions and communication.

Field Artillery registered in front of 2nd Squadron positions. Patrol to Arawe Airfield could not find evidence of yesterday's artillery concentration. One Japanese killed by Troop G near village since last report. No casualties to our troops. Bodies of 4 Troop A men found near Troop G bivouac. They were buried there.

Report of Lt. Jeffress patrol: "Patrol moved from bivouac to Arawe Airfield at 1000. No enemy met. Indications are they left one to two days ago, in a hurry. Small outpost was at Hamlet and Meselia. Coastal track good to Hamlet. Unknown trail from there. Good travel on beach from Hamlet to air drome. 2 1/2 ton truck could go from bivouac to Hamlet. Well used trail is there. Seldom used native trail exists from Troop G to Meselia and probably to Alvalo. Well used track to coastal track to Hamlet. Several recently cut trails from beach 500 yards east of 35.86 to Japanese living quarters along track. Hand rails have been put up for use at night. Network of native trails from beach to coastal track. Fairly good observation 1000 yards east of Hamlet on high ground for excellent air observation. At air drome observation is good from tall trees. Fair observation along coast.

Airfield not in use. Coast line believed to be good for native craft only.

No barges or natives were seen. It is believed this bivouac area was center of Japanese activity.

Saturday, 18 Dec. 43 cont.--Patrol returned at 1600 today.
Air action: Alert at 0215. M/P and F/P overhead. Number unknown. All clear at 0600.

Sunday, 19 Dec. 1943-Troop G moved one platoon from MLR to Umtingalu which means that all of Troop G is now located at village. Troop G sent two small patrols to close objectives. Troop C and Troop E moved patrols along east side of peninsula during day. Troop B sent one platoon on patrol by boat under Task Force orders. Troop C sent one squad with SCR 284 on patrol for indefinite period under Task Force orders. Troops continued improvement of positions and communications. Kitchens set up by Troops.
All Troop G equipment moved to village. Warning order issued to Troop G to send patrol to Sigul River Dec. 20th. A twice daily system of patrols established by 1st and 2nd Squadrons to cover swamp and cliff sided of peninsula between MLR and reserve line. No important results from patrol activity. One Jap killed by Troop C patrol on cliff. One of our men slightly wounded.
Troop G discovered one double-barrelled AA gun slightly larger than 20MM mounted on solid base. Estimated 1500 rounds of ammunition for gun near position. Supply hut full of clothing was destroyed near position by Troop G. Gun position 200 yards east of G Troop OP at Umtingalu. No enemy contact on MLR during night.
Air action: 2130-2215 A-20 bombers attacked targets at mouth of Pulie River.

Monday, 20 Dec. 1943-Troop G sent a one-squad patrol north from village with primary mission of trail reconnaissance to see if trails from village connect to Mielelek trail. Troop G sent one platoon less one squad to mouth of Sigul River via LCV and to return overland. Troop F sent a one-squad patrol north from MLR to close objectives on terrain reconnaissance. Routine patrols along sides of peninsula between forward and rear defensive lines.
2nd Squadron has two outposts at night along trails connecting MLR to Troop G. Improvements in defensive positions placing anti-personnel mines and erecting wire. Field artillery registered on islands and on small tip of west side of peninsula. Lt. Jeffres patrol brought in eight native men for questioning.
A-20 bombers attacked targets in Pulie River area at 1030.
Reconnaissance by boat from 1230-1530 revealed two Jap barges at Bongomel Isle. Barges strafed and sunk. No enemy seen.

Daily patrols covered beaches on east and west side of Cape between MLR and 1st Squadron reserve positions. Patrol of one platoon (less one squad) dispatched by Troop G from Umtingalu to Sigul River to reconnoiter coastal trail. Left at 0800. One squad on patrol from Troop F MLR position northwest along coast of mainland. Night OPs established on East beach between Regt. CP and Umtingalu.
Patrol of 10 men from Troop C departed by LCV at 1700 to reconnoiter Mielelek Village and trail northeast to Didmop village. LCVs intercepted at harbor of Mielelek by 7 Jap barges. Intense automatic fire from well camouflaged Jap barges from west side of Bongomel Island forced patrol to return to Cape Merkus. Heavy concentration of 105 howitzers placed on enemy barge area. Unobserved results.
The following patrol schedule was put into effect this date:

Patrols along both sides of peninsula between 1st and 2nd Squadron flanks, meeting at halfway pt.

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| 1st Day | 0730 | 1430 |
| 2nd Day | 0830 | 1530 |
| 3rd Day | 0800 | 1500 |

Tues. 21 Dec. 43-Troop G moved to MLR. One platoon under Lt. Jeffress maintained at Umtingalu with mission of observation. Troop A (Task Force Reserve) moved to point on road opposite to Force Hqs.
One Troop C squad on boat listening post during night off Angup Island. Radio contact maintained with regimental net. One platoon (reinforced) sent to eliminate Japanese on Awang Island. Platoon supported by artillery fire. Routine patrols along cliffs and swamp. Detailed report sent to G-2 on patrols. One enemy killed yesterday near Aivalo by Troop G patrol. Patrol to Awang Island has not returned or reported. Air action: Alert at 0247. All clear at 0437. Alert at 1206. 15 dive bombers and Zeros dropped 20 to 50 bombs (250 lbs.) on shipping. Approximately 100 planes in area. All clear at 1342. Alert at 1735. All clear at 1810.

Wednesday, 22 Dec. 1943-1st Squadron platoon established permanent positions along swamp from 1st Squadron right flank to right flank of Troop A.
One squad OP established near mouth of Sigul River under Sgt. Elder. Fight command personnel attached. Troop positions improved during day. Mines and booby traps planted. Signs and sentries mark spots during day. Detailed charts showing positions being prepared. 8 man patrol from Troop F under Sgt. Smith reconnoiter from left flank of MLR to point on mainland south of Amlaugul Isle (34.1-24.8). Moved parallel to mainland beach through swamp and water nearly knee deep. Dim trail found at 34.1-24.8 on 40 foot high ridge. Trail led from the beach at tip of peninsula going east to connect with the main trail to the four native villages which are about one mile north of MLR.

Wednesday 22 Dec. 1943 cont.- Patrol returned to camp on this trail. No natives or enemy encountered. Trail had not been used recently. 8 man boat patrol and radio operator under Cpl. Marcinko were in observation of Awang Island. Radio failed but nothing occurred to report. Patrol observed from 2000 to 0630. Troop B platoon (reinforced) led by Lt. Wockenfuss landed on Awang Island to wipe out possibly enemy. None found. Empty barge sunk. Patrol returned 1900. No casualties past 24 hours.

Air action: Alert at 0133. 125 bombs dropped by 25 M/Bs. All clear at 1205.

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| Alerts at: | 0218 | All clears at: | 0303 |
| | 0325 | | 0517 |
| | 0850 | | 0914 |
| | 1442 | | 1530 |
| | 1602 | | 1632 |

Thurs. 23 Dec. 1943-C and E Troop platoons sent to clear cliff of peninsula between Troop C OP on beach to MLR. One enemy killed. Believed to be last in area. Sgt. Smith's has not returned.

Negative report from LCM listening patrol.

8-man patrol from Hq. Troop traveled to Mio. Contacted Op there. OP personnel found good drinking water spring. Patrol moved 6 1/2 miles in scout car. Rest of way to airdrome covered on foot. 3 natives contacted who acted as guards and scouts for Mio OP. Natives report good trail to Gasmata and think Japs went there. Trip would require approximately one week to get there. OP reported seeing two PT boats along coast line. OP found 4 bodies washed ashore near Mio. Possibly Troop A men. No enemy contacted by patrol. Mr. Ryalls (Angau) at Mio.

Air action: 0222: F/P dropped two bombs. Between 0350-0403 the enemy dropped 24 bombs. All clear at 0521. Abt at 1730. All clear at 1817.

Friday 24 Dec. 1943-Lt. Labadies patrol returned at 1200 from 3-day reconnaissance of the area from the MLR to Mielelek-Didmop Trail. No connecting trail was found. No enemy contact.

Lt. Appledorn and reinforced squad departed 1300 to reconnoiter possible fighter sector OP on Island K. No enemy contact this date. No casualties to this command.

Air action: Alert at 0303 8 planes dropped approximately 61 bombs (6 tons) from 3000 to 5000 feet. All clear at 0516.

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| Alert at: | 0555 | All clear at: | 0605 |
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| | 1436 | | 1449 |
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Saturday 25 Dec. 1943-Sgt. Meeks and 20 men with 20 natives traveled from Meselia to Mielelek with mission of establishing OP at Mielelek, and reconnoitering Omoi and Didmop. Lt. Hawkins platoon was given mission of going up near Mio to clear out a party of Japanese reported holed up in a cave. Both patrols had reached Meselia at the same time when the trucks were ambushed by about 40 Japanese.

Men were dismounted and offered resistance but due to the unknown strength of the enemy, assuming the number of Japanese encountered was and advance party for a large body which had been reported by 6th Army as coming this way from the Pulie River, it was decided to withdraw along the trail to prepared positions at Umtingulu. Withdrawal was completed by approximately 1045.

Lt. Hawkins' patrol and Sgt. Miiks' patrol were reinforced at Umtingulu by a platoon from Troop G under Lt. Jeffress. Field artillery was ordered placed 300 to 500 yards northeast, along the trail from Umtingulu. Results of firing were unobserved due to the thick jungle.

Captain Hill, on patrol to Mio, met platoons retiring and took command. Our force retired to Umtingulu where Captain Hill prepared a defensive line and waited for the enemy. Telephone communication with Regt. Hqs. was maintained. Artillery fire delivered on trail 1500 yards above Umtingulu to Meselia. Concentration began at 1112. Field artillery released to 112th Cavalry by Gen. Cunningham. Early estimate of enemy strength placed at 40. Enemy attempted to send patrol of 8 men around left flank. 3 were killed and the others probably wounded. Observer for field artillery reached Capt. Hill at 1140.

At 1140 Lt. Stalling reported at Regt. Hqs. from patrol reporting evidence of approximately 15 Japs had been found in garden above left flank of Capt. Hill's position. 10 sets of tracks were seen and natives reported seeing the enemy. Second artillery concentration begun at 1155. One squad and artillery observer, (officer), left on reconnaissance at 1205 from Umtingulu. Scout car sent to Umtingulu with two .50 mounts, two cases of 50 ammo and one case of .30 ammo. Squadron of P-47s reported coming in to protect our Umtingulu towards MLR. 2nd Squadron notified to be on alert. Estimated 30 enemy in party. Two natives brought in from Mio said the Japanese number approximately 30. At 1255 heavy firing reported on Capt. Hill's left flank. Scout car with full crew dispatched at 1300 for Umtingulu. Smoke pots taken. Japanese not yet reported on coast,

At 1425 A-20s began strafing and bombing from Untingalu to Pulie and then to Didmop where 6th Army reports large enemy force moving west and one moving from Pulie River to Sigul River.

Captain Hill suggested Troop G take over Untingalu before nightfall. One truck with scout car escort sent to Captain Hill to bring back heavy equipment and his force was ordered to withdraw from Untingalu by Task Force "qs.", one platoon at a time. Last element left Untingalu at 1615. Weapons troop ordered to register mortars. 2 men killed accidentally when withdrawing through O-IR.

O's established by 2nd Squadron approximately 600 yards in front of MIR. Telephone communication maintained with MIR by O's.

Japanese attacked our extreme right flank of the MLR by 60 mm mortar fire forced them to withdraw. One man killed and 8 wounded during night. Light bombing during night. During the entire engagement 12 enemy were known killed.

1st and 2nd Squadrons sent patrols along cliff supported by mine sweeper, to force out Japanese who were digging in.

Air action: Alert at 0208

All clear 0217

0316

0358

0458

0615

1026

1054

1529

7 bombs

1534

Sunday, December 26, 1943.

Japanese force of about 40 to 60 attacked extreme right flank at 2230. Enemy broke through but retired under mortar fire. Only one enemy dead found but it is believed more were killed and wounded and carried off. We lost one man killed and 8 wounded.

Patrols from both squadrons worked along cliff. No enemy found.

Six Japanese seen at Untingalu signaling with mirrors. Field artillery fired 28 rounds on village and Troop G patrol under Lt. Jeffress went to village to wipe out enemy. Patrol supported by field artillery. No enemy found at village. Clip from Japanese LG found at village. No other evidence of occupation.

Document from dead Japanese officer killed yesterday indicate attacking force was composed of remnants of Arawe garrison which fled our landing. They had been supplied with one day's ration by air at Didmop. Patrols to Pulie River report no enemy concentration in that area along Sigul River. 3 Japs killed December 25 at mouth of Pulie River.

Mio OF evacuated position when native scouts reported party of Japanese troops moving in that direction. Radio hidden in bushes under guard of friendly natives. A patrol will be sent in future to Mio to re-establish or to retrieve radio equipment.

Air action: Alert at 0847. 12 Zeros and 20 dive bombers dropped 50 bombs and strafed shipping. Jap plane shot down at 0910.

Awang patrol bombed and strafed at 0904. 1 ICM hit. One Jap plane shot down.

Monday, December 27, 1943

During night of December 26-27 15 to 20 Japanese struck our right flank of MIR but were driven off by 60 mm mortar fire. Number of enemy killed or wounded unknown. We had one killed and 2 wounded.

During early morning 2 Platoon of Troop and 2 of Troop E counter-attacked from MIR to Untingalu. 12 enemy killed. Number wounded unknown. We lost one officer and 2 men.

Patrol of Troop F led by Sgt McNew went approximately one mile north of the MLR to a native garden area. Report by Sgt. McNew indicates 20 to 30 enemy bivouaced there on high ground back of garden, possibly using cave for headquarters. Bivouac is out-posted and they have one walkie-talkie. Because of terrain Sgt. McNew did not attack and thinks he slipped away without being detected. At 1500 Troop F was ordered to attack the area. Report of their activity has not been received.

Lt Boland with Troop C platoon went by barge to MIO to recover radio equipment. No report received of his activity.

It is estimate there are 20 to 40 enemy scattered throughout the area, using a cave in the garden area for Headquarters.

Air action: "Alert at 0029 All clear 0122
0410 0428
0837 0937
2027 2135

Tuesday, December 28, 1943: At approximately 2200 a small number of Japanese made harrasing attack on extreme right flank of our MLR positions. Attack was repulsed by 60 mm mortar fire. Number of attacking forces unknown but thought to be 10 to 15. Another harrasing attack was made at same position. Our troops withheld their automatic fire. Number of enemy dead or wounded unknown. Our forces suffered no casualties.

Patrol let by Lt. Gardner of Troop B, given mission of pushing to Untingaly to clear out enemy in that area. Enemy sniper resistance met from OPLR to within 400 yards of the village. Patrol encountered concentration of enemy mortar fire and retired without accomplishing its mission. One enemy killed. We suffered no casualties.

Patrol of Troop C led by Lt. Boland had mission of pushing to native garden at 38.9-23.3 and clear that area of enemy. Patrol reached a point approximately 1000 yards north of the MLR where they met enemy MG and sniper resistance. Patrol returned at 1530 without accomplishing mission. Three enemy killed. Our forces suffered no casualties.

A patrol under Sgt. Herbert on an LCV from Troop E left at 0735 on routine patrol of Angup Island area. Patrol to be relieved in four days.

No definite contact with enemy this date. Number of enemy in immediate vicinity estimated to be 20 to 35.

Total number of enemy killed today: 4. Number wounded unknown.

We lost one man who was accidentally killed.

Air action: alert at 0245 All clear at 0350
0650 0830
1117 1131

Wednesday, December 29, 1943: Patrol from Troop C moved from Left Flank of MLR at 0600, going along swamp to about 1100 yards in front of MLR. Patrol worked along edge of swamp with one squad below the cliff and another on top of it. Patrol advanced approximately 1000 yards in front of the MLR where it met enemy skirmish line about 200 yards long consisting of rifles and at least MGs. Both squads were caught in cross fire and held to ground. Third squad attempted to go around right flank but was caught and pinned down by MG fire. Patrol leader began withdrawal at 1300 thinking enemy force larger than his own. Reached MLR at 1530. One enemy killed: possibly two more. Our losses were 4 killed and 2 wounded.

Thursday, December 29 1943: At 1230 platoon of Troop A on left flank of MLR along swamp reported enemy infiltration through the swamp to our rear. One platoon of Troop A, a squad of Troop F and a squad of HQ platoon troop A under Sgt. John G. Carter, moved 500 yards to the rear of MLR and entered swamp to meet the enemy, estimated 20-30, back across MLR. This force was ambushed as it entered swamp and pushed forward after a heated battle. This force was reinforced with 2 skirmished toward MLR while a platoon of 150th Inf. joined them and combed the swamp to the rear toward Task Force Hqs. At 1645 a small party of 15-20 Japs was observed out in swamp and mortar fire was placed on them. At the same time this force was relieved by 2 Platoons of Troop A who continued to pound the swamp to the rear Task Force Hqs. At 1645 a small party of 15-20 Japs was observed out in swamp and mortar fire was placed on them. At the same time this force was relieved by 2 platoons of Troop A, who continued to pound the swamp until dusk. During the entire action, 17 enemy were killed including 2 officers; our losses were 1 officer killed, 1 M killed, and 6 wounded. From diary captured later this force was found to be a Japanese tai raiding party of

2 officers and 20 EM with mission to silence our mortar action at MLR.

No enemy contacted during night.

20 enemy killed in total operations during day. Unknown number wounded.

Troops E, F, G worked on defenses of OPLR and MLR. Work started on regimental CP bomb shelter. P&D Platoon continued work on mine fields.

Air action: Alert at 0204. All clear at 0321.

Thursday, December 30, 1943: Enemy situation unchanged. No enemy contacted during night.

Troops reinforced and reorganized defenses on left flank of MLR along swamp. No casualties our force.

2nd Sq used in work on MLR and OPLR. P & D Platoon continued work on mine fields.

Air action: Alert at 0215, 6 bombs dropped. All clear at 0355.

Friday, December 31, 1943: No contact with enemy. Day spent in clearing fire lanes and fields of fire on MLR. Positions improved on OPLR.

Slight earthquake at 0905. Lasted approximately 10 seconds. No damage.

Air action: Alert at 0242. 2 bombs dropped. No damage. All clear at 0330.

Alert at 1317. 32 enemy planes attacked by 28 friendly fighters. 12 enemy planes shot down. We lost none. All clear at 1354.

Saturday, January 1, 1944: Troops of rifle squadrons and natives continued work on defensive positions.

One squad of Troop E left MLR at 0600 to reconnoiter area between MLR and untigalu. Patrols encountered approximately 25 Japanese digging positions on reverse slope of small ridge about 200 yards in front of our OPLR, at 37.5-22.7. Patrol returned with this report at 0830. No attack was made by our patrol according to plan. Plans were made for B Troop to attack this position at 1130 following brief artillery and mortar barrage. Attack launched on schedule and objective reached at 1400. Estimated 14 enemy killed. Six of our men were wounded in this action. At the instant of jumping off from the line of departure several short rounds of either artillery or mortar shells fell on our right flank, platoon, killing 3 men and wounding nine. At the objective enemy rifle, MG and knee mortar fire was encountered. Troop E withdrew to OPLR positions about 1430.

Air action: 4 or 5 Jap planes dropped supplies between Meselia and Julie River Between 2008 to 2036.

0902 20 Enemy aircraft approached from north but dropped no bombs. Not engaged with one probably. We had fighters airborne.

Sunday, January 2, 1944: No change has been detected in enemy positions. 2nd Sq moved to MLR. 1st and 2nd Sq. now on MLR. Two new reconnaissance patrols were sent out at 0600 to observe enemy positions approximately 600 yards in front of MLR. Patrols reported a small number of enemy estimated at one squad were still in the same position that he had previously occupied. Voices were heard and the sound of logs being rolled on the ground was detected. Enemy is located slope of small ravine. Because of this our patrol was unable to get close enough to observe any activity. Patrols returned at 0830.

Air action: Nil.

Monday, January 3, 1944: No further change reported in enemy positions. Sgt Gausnell of 1st Sq Hq. and four men moved from right flank of MLR between track and beach. Patrol left at 0600 and reached a point approximately 200 yards beyond the OPLR. At this point ten enemy were observed digging positions around two light MGs. These MGs were thirty yards apart. Other men could be heard cutting brush but they were not seen by any members of the patrol. Patrol returned at 0830.

Col. Berry of Troop C and four men departed left flank of MLR at 0600 and moved along swamp to a point 600 yards beyond the OPLR. One Japanese was seen 200 yards short of the objective, but he fled and was not contacted. Upon reaching the objective patrol heard brush cutting along ridge to the left, in the swamp. Fire lanes were observed from the cliff into the swamp. Individual unimproved positions were seen behind small brush piles. Patrol returned at 0930.

Air Action: Alert at 2132 All clear at 2207
2323 2346

Tuesday, January 4, 1944: At 0600 Troop G (reinforced by 1 platoon Troop F) launched attack on enemy positions. Line of departure was our OPLR.

First contact with the enemy was in the form of scattered fire from snipers at 0700. Our forces continued to advance, and the enemy snipers withdrew, leading us into a well organized position defended by LMGs, knee mortars, riflemen, and it is thought, at least one MG of heavy caliber.

The enemy MGs were well hidden, with criss-crossed fire lanes. Each fire lane was five to ten feet wide, and had been cut through vines and small bushes similar to a rabbit trail under tall grass. The foliage overhead had not been disturbed. These concealed fire lanes were from 25 to 50 yards long and they withheld their MG fire until our troops reached the ends of the fire lanes, with much traversing outside the lanes. Practically all of our soldiers reported the enemy was firing explosive bullets. This might be verified by the large holes made in the flesh wounds.

At least five MGs were definitely located, and possibly one other. One enemy LMG was shot to pieces by one of our LMG and 4 of its crew were killed. It is known that two other enemy LMGs were silenced by two of our BARs but it was not determined whether they withdrew or were destroyed.

No artillery preparation preceded the attack because we anticipated having the element of surprise in the operation. This was not possible as the enemy had snipers posted well in front of his defense line. As our troops left their line of departure several flashes of light similar to flashlights were observed. The enemy snipers did not fire as a rule unless other firing was being done.

81 MM mortar fire was ready for use at the Troop Commanders call but only a little was used. This fell behind the enemy lines because the was at such close range the mortar fire would otherwise fall on our own troops.

An artillery area barrage from 0705-0725 was fired on the rear of enemy lines as a diversion and harrassing fire on any enemy reserves that might be brought up, or on any of his withdrawing troops. Another diversion attempt was made by 4 LSMs that strafed the Umtingalu Village area with the pretense of landing troops at the village. The boat received a small amount of enemy MG fire which was ineffective. The LSMs never went closer than 600 yards to the shore.

Our enveloping movements did not succeed and were met with fire quickly whenever the effort was made. The enemy lines were definitely located at 37.5-22.6--37.5-22.9, and it is known that the line extends across the trail because our enveloping units received fire from enemy positions in that area.

Our forces were ordered to withdraw by Command of General of Task force at approximately 0930, and completed its withdrawal at 1030. The number of enemy in this position could not be determined. 7 enemy were killed.

Air Action: Alert 2109 1 bomb all clear 2131.

Wednesday, January 5, 1944: A four-man patrol under Sgt. Daines of Troop B reconnoitered 300 yards in front of our OPLR on the right side of the peninsula between the road and beach but no enemy were seen. Patrol lasted from 0600 to 0620. Troops continued improving positions on MLR and natives continued work clearing brush in front of our positions.

Air action: Alert 2204, 2 bombs all clear 2221

Thursday, January 6, 1944: Mr. Blake of the Australian Service and some natives led a squad of American infantry in an attack on a Japanese OP at 24.1 - 34.5 where three Japanese were found. One was killed and two captured. Captured men were injured, one shot in the neck and one with a fractured skull. Both men sent to hospital and were able to talk.

These Japanese state they are from the original force here and were left behind when the others evacuated. They were unable to get to any Japanese base and were without food.

Conflicting statements were given by these men and the interrogation continues.

Troop C and the 81 mm mortar platoon of Weapons Troop were attached to a reinforced company of the 158th Infantry for an attack on enemy positions approximately 1000 yards in front of the MLR. The fight is still in progress.

Air action: Nil.

Friday, January 7, 1944: Additional double-apron barbed wire fences were strung about 50 yards in front of our OPLR. As a result of yesterday's battle with the enemy 41 Japanese were killed and an unknown number wounded. We lost 4 killed and 2 wounded.

Prisoners taken yesterday were a part of the 14th Field artillery which was on Amalut Plantation when we landed. They report there were 15 in their party, who were left behind by the others.

Results of OPs in front of OPLR last night: 3 or 4 Japanese seen below cliff on left flank and noises of several trying to build or move something. Noises on right flank, but none seen. One explosion thought to be a land mine was heard to rear of right flank in vicinity of OPLR. No movement of troops heard.

Troop B pushed out at 0830 today immediately after bombing and strafing by A-20s and a 15 minute F. A. barrage. It met resistance about 300 yards in front of OPLR in the usual place where all our preceding attacks have first drawn enemy fire; however, the fire was not great as was received yesterday from that position. This may be due to the fact that B Troop did not make a concerted attack as its mission was to form a protective screen while other troops continue to clear undergrowth in front of OPLR.

It appears that the enemy disposition is the same as it has been during the past week with a lightly held OPLR about 300 yards in front of our OPLR with their strong positions across the peninsula from 37.5-22.7--37.4-23.1.

The effectiveness of our recent artillery and mortar barrages is unknown, but without a doubt some casualties have been inflicted because no evidence of pill boxes or bunkers for their protection has been found. It is thought that the enemy might possibly have some

covered positions and caves in which they hide during our artillery firing, but that they return to their gun positions as soon as the artillery ceases. A quick follow up by ground troops with close-in support of mortar fire is evidently the only means of combating the enemy unless tanks, supported by foot troops, be employed. The enemy's camouflage and disposition of his automatic weapons make it impossible to locate his position and direction of fire. He holds his fire until our troops walk right into fire lanes, then opens up at close range from 10-15 yards.

Air Action: Nil.

Saturday, January 8, 1944: Enemy counter-reconnaissance screen pushed out 400 yards in front of our OPLR and then sent a patrol forward to reconnoiter enemy positions and observe damage done by our bombing and artillery fire this morning. No report from this patrol yet.

Yesterday's activities accounted for 5 dead Japanese. We had six men wounded. One Japanese aviator was killed 400 yards in front of our OPLR who evidently had been shot down and joined the Japanese forces to our front. We had no losses today.

Air Action: Nil.

Sunday, January 9, 1944: One patrol went out early this morning and found Japanese in same position as before. Patrol leader attempted to locate exact position on aerial photo and artillery fired concentration into that area. No casualties on either side.

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| Air action: | Alert at 2250 | 30 bombs | All clear | 2345 |
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Monday, January 10, 1944: Reconnaissance patrol of four men went 400 yards in front of the right flank of our OPLR immediately following the artillery barrage at 0730 this morning and found 15 enemy coming into position in the same place reported by yesterday's patrol in that area. Evidently the enemy withdrew from his forward positions behind a slope of possibly into caves along the beach during the artillery barrage. After the fire lifted, the enemy came back into position along the crest of the ridge.

Another patrol of four men reconnoitered the area 600 yards to the front of the left flank of the OPLR. No enemy contact. No positions or fire lanes were seen. Lt Currier and 4 men left to patrol to native gardens along the coast North of here.

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| Air action: | Alert at 2138 | 3 bombs | All clear | 2158 |
| | 2237 | 1 bomb: | | 2332 |

Tuesday, January 11, 1944: Combat patrol of 20 men commanded by Lt. Woods of Troop E followed artillery barrage out to enemy OPL. It was intended to surprise the enemy as was done yesterday during the occupation of his OPL immediately after the artillery fire lifted. Our patrol did not meet with anticipated success as 6 or 6 Japanese were already in position and the patrol had to open fire prematurely just a few seconds before the Japanese who had been in the cave came into view. When fired on the enemy who were not in position, ducked behind the crest of the ridge and slipped their weapons into position from behind the crest. Heavy MG fire and scattered rifle fire was encountered as our patrol withdrew. One heavy caliber MG opened fire on the patrol's left flank across the Umtingalu Trail. One enemy LMG was definitely silenced but was not captured. Estimated enemy killed: 5 to 8. Our Casualties: 3 slightly wounded, one officer and two men missing.

Wednesday, January 12, 1944: Lt. Currier of A troop and one other man spent night of the 10th and all day the 11 on the reconnaissance behind the enemy right flank. Deep jungle and swamp prevented extensive reconnaissance of the area.

Patrol observed five Japanese and two natives swimming on beach at

36.0-24.0. North of this site a small hut, a native canoe and some pots and pans were observed, evidently the enemy camp. It is estimated there are from five to twelve enemy in the area. The entire Cape Markus Peninsula can be observed from this area so it is probably an OP. This enemy may be remnants of the Japanese attacked by Mr. Blake and the Infantry a few days previous.

Regular dawn patrols from our OPLD moved to a point 200 yards in front of our OPLD without observing evidence of the enemy.

Thursday, January 13 1944: At approximately 2200 (Jan 12) a four man Jap reconnaissance patrol was sighted about 200 yards in front of the right flank of our OPL. Later on several noises were heard in front of the right flank of our MLR. This could have been the patrol trying to attract our attention and draw fire from our positions. No shots fired.

Regular dawn patrols from OPLD left at 0600 on each side of the Umtingalu Trail. Right flank patrol reported no change in enemy OPLR.

Left flank patrol reported that portion of the OPLR was unoccupied by the enemy. The patrol observed several standing-type fox holes in that vicinity, and then moved on to a point 50 yards beyond the end of the cocoa-nut plantation where they observed several MG fire lanes and heard voices in the dense undergrowth. No enemy observed.

Friday, January 14, 1944: Capt. Hill evacuated. Captain John G. Carter assumed duties as S-2 during Capt. Hill's absence.

At approximately 1030 LMG fire from enemy positions on our right flank was directed at our platoon on line of observation. Our mortar fire landed moments later on the area from which the MG fire came. Machine gun fire ceased.

Regular dawn patrols returned at 0830 and reported no change in enemy positions.

Air action: Red alert at 132245. All clear at 0016. Two planes dropped four bombs. No damage.

Saturday, January 15, 1944: Regular dawn patrols left at 0600. Left patrol returned at 0945 after penetrating 600 yards along the swamp. No enemy seen or heard.

Right patrol returned at 0745. Saw new fire lanes near known enemy positions on reverse slope near beach. Patrol moved close and heard voices and noise of cutting. Two enemy observed in brush 300 yards in front of right flank of OPLR.

Sunday, January 16, 1944: General Patrick (Brig. Gen.) arrived on island.

At 0100 a four or five man enemy patrol approached the right flank of the OPLR and were observed. Rifle and mortar fire drove them back.

Troop C and mortar platoons of Kpns. Troop participated with Marine Tank Company and Infantry battalion in attack on enemy positions. Action started at 0930. To this date no complete report on fighting received.

Monday, January 17, 1944: In fighting on January 16 our forces report having killed 139 enemy. Of these Troop C reports having killed five. In this action our troops advanced to a point 1000 yards beyond our own MLR. At 1130 on January 16 Troop C moved on enemy pocket of resistance approximately 400 yards north of the right flank of the MLR. This pocket was wiped out by nightfall except for a few riflemen. Troop E relieved Troop C at night.

At 2345 January 16 three enemy observed on beach moving toward MLR. They withdrew when fired upon.

Our casualties: 3 killed, 10 wounded.
Enemy Casualties: 5 killed.

Air Action: Red alert at 0129, all clear at 0200. One plane dropped two bombs. No damage.

Troops continued cutting brush to distance of 1000 yards in front of MLR. Lt. Woods body recovered. Post on January 11. Brigadier General Patrick returned to 6th Army today.

Tuesday, January 18, 1944: Additional report from Troop B states men from that troop sprayed tops of trees when moving in on enemy pocket of resistance thru enemy dead were found. Two riflemen seen - one killed.

At 2300 January 17, noises were heard on left flank of MLR in swamp. Though to be enemy constructing positions. Our mortars fired on the area.

Regular dawn patrols left at 0600. Night patrol returned at 0816 and reported moving 500 yards in front of CPL without seeing any enemy.

Right patrol saw two enemy, apparently lookouts, on rock ledge above Umtigalu. Patrol returned at 0930.

Enemy casualties: 4 killed.
Our casualties: None.

Troops continued to clear our ground for new CPLR positions. Today our men began to dig new CPLR approximately 850 yards beyond the MLR. Brush and undergrowth cleared to a distance of 1000 yards beyond the MLR.

Wednesday, January 19, 1944: Lt Pyke and three men of Troop C made reconnaissance patrol to Hamlet. No signs of the enemy were found by this patrol.

A reconnaissance patrol to the area 37 23 (Lupin Special, 1/20,000) reported no enemy seen. No activity was observed.

Regular patrols at dawn from CPLR moved out at 0600. Patrol moved to Umtigalu and saw one enemy 500 yards in front of the CPLR. This man was unarmed and fled into the brush.

Thursday, January 20, 1944: S/Sgt. Griggs with three men of C Troop moved out at 0600 from CPLR on dawn patrol. While moving along the beach toward Umtigalu an enemy patrol of four to six men were met. The enemy patrol withdrew without being fired on.

Sgt. Hope of Troop C and three men moved from CPLR at 0600 and discovered rear positions of the force that gave battle on January 16.

Natives continued work of clearing in front of our positions and troops continued to work on CPLR positions.

Friday, January 21, 1944: Utilized bull-dozer to cover up fox holes and gun positions on Japanese behind former Japanese MLR. Men of troop C covered holes the bull-dozer could not get to. Two squads of Troop C acted as guard for labor detail in the morning.

A reconnaissance patrol from the Infantry to Meselia returned at 201800. Only enemy observed were two riflemen at Hamlet.

Officer patrol to Lupin airdrome left CPLR at 0600. At 40.8-22.9 this patrol was fired on. No enemy were seen but six or eight were heard in the brush. Patrol retired and reached CPLR at 1215. Shallow hasty enemy positions were found across trail at 38.8-22.2.

Saturday January 22, 1944: Completed removal of Japanese equipment from their former bivouac area which was over-run on the 16th of this month. Continued filling in Japanese positions. Troop C also

worked on filling in these fox holes and gun positions.

Began work on new S-2-3 CP building.

Japanese equipment removed from former Japanese bivouac area and delivered to Task Force by S-2 Personnel.

A four man patrol to the garden area and along paths northeast of Umtigalu returned at 1740. No enemy activity was observed or detected.

A reconnaissance patrol of the swamp north of the left flank of the MLR returned at 1545. This patrol went inland to 36.1-24.1 and reconnoitered the swamp east of that point for 1000 yards. This patrol found no trace of the enemy.

Lt Appledorn and four men left our OPLR at 0600 with the mission of patrolling to Meselia. The objective was to locate a large body of the enemy, and if no opposition were met to continue to the Lupin Airdrome. The patrol ran into a Japanese patrol at 41.2-21.7 in a small clearing. Lt. Appledorn killed the leader and another man of the 4-man enemy patrol. Immediately after killing the two Japanese Lt. Appledorn heard a large number of enemy whistling, as though assembling by sound, and other enemy were heard on his left flank and rear. He withdrew south to the cliff and returned to the MLR along the beach. At Hamlet the patrol surprised an enemy who was bathing in the ocean. Enemy was killed.

Sunday January 23, 1944: Lt Nahod and four men left at 0700 to reconnoiter to Meselia - Lupin Airdrome and the canyon 2500 yards north of the airdrome.

Sgt. Berry of Troop C and four men made counter reconnaissance screen across Umtigalu - Meselia Trail to 500 yards north of Hamlet. This patrol returned at 1700 and reported no enemy activity in the area covered.

Sgt. Miller of 152nd Infantry and four men reconnoitered garden area and trails to a point 2500 yards northeast of Umtigalu. This patrol returned at 1730 and reported no enemy activity in that area.

Troop B relieved Company G on the OPLR and furnished security cover for work details.

Natives did not work today. Troops worked on IIR positions.

Monday, January 24 1944: Lt Nahod and patrol returned at 1730 from patrol to Lupin Airdrome. This patrol reported no enemy activity along road to Meselia to 1000 yards north of Lupin Airdrome.

Sgt. Youngblood and 8 men of Troop B reconnoitered to the garden area and the trails northeast of Umtigalu. Patrol saw one Japanese who was unarmed. He fled into the brush and escaped. This was the only enemy activity detected. Patrol left at 0600 and returned at 1730.

Lt Johnson and 4 men of Troop B left at 0600 to reconnoiter south of Meselia road to 41.0-21.8. Patrol returned at 1730 without contacting the enemy.

Company F of the 152nd Infantry relieved Troop B on the OPLR at 0730 and furnished security during the day for work details.

Personnel began digging individual fox holes.

Tuesday, January 25, 1944: Sgt. Grant and 4 men of the Infantry (Co. F) reconnoitered garden area and trails northeast of Umtigalu. Patrol left at 0600 and returned at 1730. No enemy were contacted.

Lt. Williams and 2 men of G troop traveled Meselia Road to cliffs above shoreline. This patrol moved to 41.0-21.8 and did not contact any enemy. Patrol left at 0600 and returned at 1420.

Troop G relieved Company F on OPLR at 0730, and furnished security for work on positions. Natives worked in swamp on left flank.

Wednesday, January 26 1944: Lt Van Riper and 3 men of Troop F made reconnaissance patrol of peninsula, south of Ablaugul Island. Patrol moved through swamp until noon, when high ground was reached at 36.5-24.5. The swamp area was waist deep for the most part, making very difficult travel. Patrol departed at 0600 and returned at 1715.

Lt. O'Briant and 3 men of Troop F departed for reconnaissance to Lupin Airdrome. At 41.9-22.4 the patrol met approximately one squad of the enemy with an undetermined type machine gun. Lt. O'Briant killed one of the enemy and his patrol returned to vicinity of 40.4-21.9. He was joined here by Sgt. Tipton and his 7 men, who joined him after hearing the firing. The men of the two patrols were disposed astride the trail and a messenger sent back to Regimental Headquarters. At 1015 Lt. O'Briant moved out with his original patrol to complete his mission. He traveled on the high ground South of the trail to approximately 42.0-22.0 and returned at 1705 without any further enemy contact.

Sgt. Tipton left OPLR at 0600 with 8 men to reconnoiter garden area and trails north east of Umtigalu at about 1815. Sgt. Tipton heard the firing by Lt. O'Briant and joined Lt. O'Briant as described above.

A 9-man patrol from Company F, 158th Infantry Departed OPLR at 0945 to form counter-reconnaissance screen in garden area and trails North-East of Umtigalu. Patrol returned at 1745, with negative report of enemy.

Company G (Infantry) relieved Troop F on OPLR at 0730, and furnished security for work on positions during day. Company G occupied OPLR night of 26 January.

Thursday, January 27, 1944: Troop C relieved Company G on OPLR at 0730 and furnished security for improvement work during day. OPLR occupied by Troop C night of 27 January.

Sgt. Zozaya and 13 men of Company F left OPLR at 0600 to form counter-reconnaissance screen in garden area and over trails north-east of Umtigalu. Patrol returned at 1700, reporting no contact with enemy.

Lt. Levinson of Company F and 4 men left the OPLR at 0600 on reconnaissance mission to Meselia. Patrol found numerous caves, gun positions and pill boxes in the Meselia area, and they had been occupied recently but no enemy were seen. Patrol returned at 1515.

Sgt. Creed and 8 men of Troop C made reconnaissance to distance of 2000 yards in front of OPLR. No enemy contacted. Patrol left at 0600 and returned at 1815.

Staff, Troop Commander and Squadron Commander meeting at S-2-3 Office at 1315.

Friday, January 28, 1944: Company F relieved Troop C on OPLR at 0730, furnished security for working parties during day and occupied OPLR night of 28 January.

Lt. Boland and 3 men of Troop C made reconnaissance to Lupin Airdrome leaving OPLR at 0600 and returning at 1800. No enemy activity observed.

Sgt. Dorals and 8 men of Troop C formed counter-reconnaissance screen across Meselia Road at 40.3-22.0 with out making contact with the enemy.

Sgt. Wickless and 8 men reconnoitered the garden area and trails north east of Umtigalu without contacting any enemy. Patrol departed 0600 and returned at 1745.

Troop G relieved Company F on CPLR at 0730, and furnished security for work on positions. Natives worked in swamp on left flank.

Wednesday, January 26 1944: Lt Van Riper and 3 men of Troop F made reconnaissance patrol of peninsula, south of Ablaugul Island. Patrol moved through swamp until noon, when high ground was reached at 36.5-24.5. The swamp area was waist deep for the most part, making very difficult travel. Patrol departed at 0600 and returned at 1715.

Lt. O'Brient and 3 men of Troop F departed for reconnaissance to Lupin Airrome. At 41.9-22.4 the patrol met approximately one squad of the enemy with an undetermined type machine gun. Lt. O'Brient killed one of the enemy and his patrol returned to vicinity of 40.4-21.9. He was joined here by Sgt. Tipton and his 7 men, who joined him after hearing the firing. The men of the two patrols were disposed astride the trail and a messenger sent back to Regimental Headquarters. At 1015 Lt. O'Brient moved out with his original patrol to complete his mission. He traveled on the high ground South of the trail to approximately 42.0-22.0 and returned at 1705 without any further enemy contact.

Sgt. Tipton left CPLR at 0600 with 8 men to reconnoiter garden area and trails north east of Umtigalu at about 1815. Sgt. Tipton heard the firing by Lt. O'Brient and joined Lt. O'Brient as described above.

A 9-man patrol from Company F, 158th Infantry Departed CPLR at 0945 to form counter-reconnaissance screen in garden area and trails North-East of Umtigalu. Patrol returned at 1745, with negative report of enemy.

Company G (Infantry) relieved Troop F on CPLR at 0730, and furnished security for work on positions during day. Company G occupied CPLR night of 26 January.

Thursday, January 27, 1944: Troop C relieved Company G on CPLR at 0730 and furnished security for improvement work during day. CPLR occupied by Troop C night of 27 January.

Sgt. Zozaya, and 13 men of Company F left CPLR at 0600 to form counter-reconnaissance screen in garden area and over trails north-east of Umtigalu. Patrol returned at 1700, reporting no contact with enemy.

Lt. Levinson of Company F and 4 men left the CPLR at 0600 on reconnaissance mission to Meselia. Patrol found numerous caves, gun positions and pill boxes in the Meselia area, and they had been occupied recently but no enemy were seen. Patrol returned at 1515.

Sgt. Creed and 8 men of Troop C made reconnaissance to distance of 2000 yards in front of CPLR. No enemy contacted. Patrol left at 0600 and returned at 1815.

Staff, Troop Commander and Squadron Commander meeting at S-2-3 Office at 1315.

Friday, January 28, 1944: Company F relieved Troop C on CPLR at 0730, furnished security for working parties during day and occupied CPLR night of 28 January.

Lt. Boland and 3 men of Troop C made reconnaissance to Lupin Airrome leaving CPLR at 0600 and returning at 1800. No enemy activity observed.

Sgt. Donalds and 9 men of Troop C formed counter-reconnaissance screen across Meselia Road at 40.3-22.0 without making contact with the enemy.

Sgt. Wickless and 8 men reconnoitered the garden area and trails north east of Umtigalu without contacting any enemy. Patrol departed 0600 and returned at 1745.

Saturday, January 29, 1944: Troop E relieved Company F on OPLR at 0730 and furnished security during day and occupied the OPLR night of 29 January.

Sgt. Tonacchio and 12 men of Company F reconnoitered northeast of Umtigalu through garden area, leaving at 0600 and returning at 1500. No enemy contacted.

Sgt. Monohan and 12 men of Company F formed counter-reconnaissance screen across the Mesolia Road at 41.0-22.0. This patrol left OPLR at 0600 and remained in position until return at 1600. No enemy activity observed.

Lt. Batts and 2 men of Troop A left at 0700 on reconnaissance to the mouth of the Sigul River. Patrol is to remain in observation there for one hour.

Sunday, January 30, 1944: Lt. Dord and 9 men made counter-reconnaissance patrol to gardens and the trails 2000 yards north-east of Umtigalu. Returned at 1815.

Lt. Williams formed counter-reconnaissance across Mesolia Trail. Departed at 0600 and returned at 1745. No enemy contact.

Lt. Batts returned from patrol at 1600. Lt. Failed to orient himself after reaching 43.1-25.4; and also ran out of water. Plans made to send Lt. Batts out on same mission January 31.

Company G, 158th Infantry relieved Troop G, 112th Cavalry on the OPLR at 0730 and furnished security during day for working parties and occupied OPLR the night of January 30.

Monday, January 31, 1944: Troop A relieved Company G on the OPLR at 0730 and also furnished security during the day for working parties and occupied OPLR the night of January 31.

Lt. Batts and 4 men of Troop A left at 0730 for reconnaissance to Lupin Airdrome and the mouth of the Sigul River. Patrol reached the airdrome and was ambushed by Japanese in positions at west corner of the field. Patrol leader positively identified one HMG, two LMGs, possibly a third LMG, and an undetermined number of riflemen. One man missing from patrol.

Lt. Postel and 13 men of Company G formed reconnaissance screen across trail 500 yards west of Mesolia. No enemy contact. Patrol departed at 0700 and returned at 1825.

Sgt. Harrell and 13 men of Company G formed counter-reconnaissance patrol through garden area and trails north-east of Umtigalu. Patrol left OPLR at 0700 and moved at point 2000 yards north-east of Umtigalu without contacting any enemy. Patrol returned at 1815.

Tuesday, February 1, 1944: Company F, 158th Infantry relieved Troop A on OPLR at 0730, furnished security for working details during the day and occupied OPLR night of February 1.

Sgt. Hughes and 13 men of Troop A left OPLR at 0700 for a counter-reconnaissance patrol through gardens and trail area. Patrol returned at 1630 without contacting enemy.

Lt. Currier and 16 men of Troop A, reinforced by one LMG and accompanied by two Marine reconnaissance scouts of the 1st Tank Bn., Company A, made counter-reconnaissance patrol of trail 500 yards west of Mesolia. Patrol departed at 0700 and returned at 1830. without contacting enemy.

Lt. Hill and 3 men of Troop A made reconnaissance to Lupin Airdrome and the Canyon. No enemy were found in the gun positions previously reported at air field. Patrol reached vicinity of canyon and was fired on repeatedly by enemy riflemen. Patrol departed OPLR at 0700 and returned at 1215.

Airaction: Red alert 0910. All clear at 1010. Two planes dropped two 500 pound bombs. Bomb landed in weavers Troop area. 1 officer and 2 men killed. 1 officer and 7 enlisted men wounded.

Wednesday February 2, 1944: Troop E to relieve Company F on OPLR at 0730. Troop E to occupy OPLR during day and will be relieved in the afternoon by Troop F, Troop F will occupy the OPLR the night of 02 February.

Sgt. Marschand and 12 men made counter-reconnaissance patrol 2000 yards North-east of Umtigalu through the garden and the trail area. Patrol left OPLR at 0700 and returned at 1600 reporting no enemy contact.

Sgt. Brown and 12 men left OPLR at 0700 on counter-reconnaissance patrol to point 500 yards west of Meselia. Near Umtigalu this patrol caused a dud 81 mm mortar shell to explode. Thinking they had entered a mine field the patrol sent for the P and D Platoon to clear the supposed mine field. At 1900 the patrol continued on its mission. Patrol returned at 1800 and reported no enemy contact.

Troops continued to string wire and improve positions on OPLR-ILR-MLR and RRL. Natives worked in swamp area.

Thursday, February 3, 1944: Company G, 158th Infantry will relieve Troop F on OPLR at 0730.

Lt Williams and 3 men left OPLR at 0700 on reconnaissance to Lupin Airdrome. The patrol returned at 1215 and reports the positions at the airfield are not occupied. Patrol detected a strong odor of enemy dead and report the center of the enemy prepared positions is pock-marked by our artillery.

Lt Suzman and 12 men left OPLR at 0700 on counter-reconnaissance screen astride Meselia road. Patrol reached point 500 yards west of Meselia and returned at 1810 without contacting the enemy.

Sgt. Zabloudil and 12 men left OPLR at 0700 on counter-reconnaissance patrol to garden and trail area north-east of Umtigalu. This patrol reached point approximately 2000 yards northeast of Umtigalu and returned at 1810 without observing any enemy.

Troops worked on trenches and wired on CPLR and continued construction of positions on ILR and general improvement of MLR.

Air: Red alert at 0242. All clear at 0330. One plane dropped 2 bombs, but did no damage.

Friday, February 4, 1944: Troop C relieved Company G on OPLR at 0730.

Lt. Hill and 3 men made reconnaissance patrol to Lupin Airdrome and along the trail approximately 500 yards beyond the air field. Patrol encountered no enemy. Patrol left OPLR at 0700 and returned at 1215.

Sgt. Reems and 12 men left OPLR at 0700 on counter-reconnaissance mission along Meselia Road 500 yards west of Meselia. Patrol contacted no enemy and returned at 1805.

Sgt. Lawson and 12 men left OPLR at 0700 on counter-reconnaissance patrol through garden and trail area reaching point 2000 yards north-east of Umtigalu. Patrol returned at 1800. No enemy contact.

Troops continued improvement of positions and installations.

Air action: Red Alert at 0234. All clear at 0325. Two bombs dropped by one plane. No damage.

Saturday February 5 1944: Company F, 158th Infantry relieved Troop C on OPLR at 0730.

Lt. Treptow and 10 men left the top of Cape Morrus at 0500 and landed on the peninsula north of Cape Morrus. Patrol covered the high ground and the shore line surrounding the peninsula and returned to our MLR without contacting any enemy. Patrol returned at 1630.

Lt. Smith and 3 men made reconnaissance patrol to Lupin Airdrome and 500 yards north of the trail. This patrol reports newly constructed fox holes and emplacements in an area approximately 200 yards square. The center of these positions is approximately at the coordinates 43.0-23.0. No enemy were observed but cigarette smoke was smelled and observed and some enemy were heard talking in normal voices. Patrol returned at 1215 and was later sent out to observe effect of artillery fire. Patrol was unable to reach air field this time.

Sgt. Donalds and 3 men left OPLR at 0700 on reconnaissance to the head of the Sigul River and an unnamed river to the west. This patrol returned at 1415 with a negative report of enemy activity and possible trails in this area. The patrol leader reports that trails are not necessary for easy travel in this area because the underbrush is very thin, especially in the area where the tall trees grow to the northwest of the rivers observed.

Sgt. Barry and 13 men left OPLR at 0700 on counter-reconnaissance patrol to garden and the trail area. Patrol reconnoitered 2000 yards northeast of Umtingalu and returned at 1815 without contacting any enemy.

Sgt Bice and 12 men left OPLR at 0700 on counter-reconnaissance patrol astride MIO Road to Mio-Mesolia road junction. Patrol returned at 1715. This patrol reports the enemy followed our reconnaissance patrol from the air drome and stopped 50 yards in front of them while the artillery fired on the rear side of the airfield. This patrol reports hearing at least 4 enemy but did not observe any.

Continued work in swamp and on positions of OPLR and MLR.

Air: Red alert at 0833. All clear at 0923. One bomb dropped no damage done.

The soldier who was reported missing from Lt. Batt's patrol which was ambushed at the Lupin Airdrome on January 31 returned to our OPLR at 0645. This man was separated from the rest of his patrol at the time there were ambushed and he became lost in trying to find the assembly point. Because this soldier could not orient himself his information is sketchy. During the four-day period he was in search of our OPLR he observed two different parachutes, apparently dropped by enemy planes, hanging in trees. 3 to 5 Japanese were at each parachute but they were making no effort to remove the baskets suspended from the parachutes. On the second day the soldier ran into an enemy on the trail and killed him. His shots attracted 8 other Japanese who arrived on the scene and carried off the dead Jap. On the third day this man was fired on by a machine gun and several riflemen. The soldier was probably north-west and north of the Lupin Airdrome most of the time he was out. During these five days he observed a total of approximately 25 enemy in small groups.

Sunday February 6, 1944: Troop G relieved Company F, 158th Infantry on OPLR at 0730. Troop G was relieved in afternoon by Troop E. Troop E occupied OPLR the night of 6 February.

Sgt. Ford and 3 men left OPLR at 0700 on reconnaissance patrol to Lupin Airdrome. Patrol returned at 1730 and reports an enemy patrol screening Mio Road at Mio-Mesolia RJ and extending along the Mesolia road to the beach. Patrol attempted to penetrate enemy screen but all attempts failed. Sgt. Ford estimates 10 to 15 enemy were heard but only one was seen.

Sgt. Young and 12 men left OPLR at 0700 and formed counter-reconnaissance screen through gardens and trails to a point 2000 yards northeast of Umtingalu. Patrol returned at 1815 without contacting any of the enemy.

Sgt. Knott and 12 men left OPLR at 0700 on counter-reconnaissance patrol stride Mio Road 200 yards beyond Mio-Mesulin RJ. Patrol returned at 1815 and reports no enemy contact was made.

Monday, February 7, 1944: Company A, 158th Infantry relieved Troop E, 112th Cavalry on OPLR at 0730.

Lt. Van Riper and 3 men left OPLR at 0730 on reconnaissance patrol to mouth of SIGUL RIVER. Patrol expected to be gone 3 days.

Lt. Bentemen and 10 men left Cape Merkus at 0500 and landed on peninsula north of Cape Merkus. Patrol returned overland to MLR without contacting any enemy. Patrol reached MLR at 1800.

Sgt. Hill and 3 men left OPLR at 0700 to reconnoiter Lupin Air Drome. This patrol observed 5 enemy on the air drome but no other activity. Enemy were walking on trail where it entered clearing. Sgt. Hill's patrol returned at 1700.

Sgt. Campbell and 12 men on counter-reconnaissance mission formed screen on Meselia Road at Mio-Meselia Road Junction. Patrol returned at 1815 and reported no enemy contact.

Sgt. Herbert and 12 men left OPLR at 0700 on counter-reconnaissance mission to gardens and trails Northeast of Umtingalu. This patrol observed to a point 2000 yards Northeast of Umtingalu and returned at 1800 without contacting any enemy.

Troops continued stringing of wire on OPLR and began new HMG positions on that line. General improvement of other installations continued during the day.

Air action: Red alert 1620. All clear at 1700. One 500 pound bomb dropped. No casualties to regimental personnel.

Tuesday, February 8, 1944: Troop A, 112th Cavalry relieved Company G, 158th Infantry on OPLR at 0730.

Sgt. Shelley and 3 men left OPLR at 0700 to reconnoiter Lupin Air Drome. Patrol returned at 1230 after thoroughly covering the air field and observed no enemy activity or evidence of the enemy being present.

Sgt. Ross and 12 men left OPLR at 0700 on counter-reconnaissance mission astride Meselia Road. Screen established at Mio-Meselia Road Junction. Patrol returned at 1800 and reported no enemy contact.

Sgt. Pruitt and 12 men left OPLR at 0700 on counter-reconnaissance mission to garden and trail area Northeast of Umtingalu. Patrol moved to point 2000 yards beyond the village and returned at 1730 without any enemy contact.

On OPLR troops installed new rifle positions as security for new HMG positions on edge of cliff.

Air action: Red alert at 072335. All clear at 0030. One plane appeared and dropped 2 bombs. No damage. Red alert at 0058. All clear at 0155. Two planes dropped 2 bombs without damage. Red alert at 1030. All clear at 1045. One plane dropped 2 bombs. No damage. Six more alerts were sounded during day but no bombs were dropped.

Wednesday, February 9, 1944: Company F, 158th Infantry relieved Troop A, on OPLR at 0730.

Lt. Batts and 10 men on reconnaissance & counter-reconnaissance patrol left Cape Merkus at 0500 and landed on peninsula north of Cape Merkus. Patrol covered ground between landing point and MLR without contacting any enemy, and returned at 1830.

Lt. Ehman and 3 men left OPLR at 0700 to reconnoiter Lupin Air Drome. Our patrol occupied enemy positions on Northwest part of field and observed from there. An enemy skirmish line 100 yards wide approached our patrol and an attempt was made to envelope our men. The enemy rushed from tree to tree quickly and seemed to be well-fed, fresh troops. Our patrol withdrew and upon reaching brush at the end of the clearing was fired on by a heavy machine gun, estimated to be 100 yards away. No casualties to our patrol. Patrol leader saw 5 enemy and other men saw more.

Sgt. Akers and 12 men left OPLR at 0700 on counter-reconnaissance patrol to Mio Road. Screen established on Mio Road at Lupin Air Drome. Patrol returned at 1800 without contacting enemy. This patrol heard the enemy machine gun fire on Lt. Ehman.

Sgt. Kelio and 12 men left on counter-reconnaissance patrol at 0700. Screen observed to point 2000 yards northeast of Umtingalu in the garden and trail area. Patrol returned at 1800 and reported no enemy contact.

Troops began digging new LMG positions on OPLR.

Thursday, February 10, 1944: Troop F, 112th Cavalry relieved Company F, 158th Infantry on OPLR at 0730.

13 man patrol left OPLR at 0700 making counter-reconnaissance at Mio-Meselia RJ. Returned at 1800. No enemy contact.

Sgt. Russell counter-reconnaissance patrol of 13 men to Mio Road at Lupin Air Drome left OPLR at 0700 and returned at 1800. Reported hearing HMG fire but no enemy contact.

Castelli counter-reconnaissance patrol of 13 men left OPLR at 0700 to form screen Northeast of Umtingalu. Returned at 1800. No enemy contact.

One officer and 10 men on reconnaissance and counter-reconnaissance patrol landed on the Peninsula North of Cape Lerkus before day-break. Returned at 1830 reporting no enemy activity or signs of recent enemy activity.

Monahan reconnaissance patrol of 4 men left OPLR at 0700 to reconnoiter Lupin Air Drome and area north of air drome and to left side of trail. Returned at 1700 and reported no enemy observed in area.

Friday, February 11, 1944: Counter-reconnaissance patrol of 9 men to form screen 2000 yards NE of Umtingalu left OPLR at 0700. Returned at 1800. No enemy contacted. Counter-reconnaissance patrol of 9 men to form screen astride Meselia Road at Mio-Meselia RJ left OPLR at 0700. Returned at 1800 reporting no enemy contact.

Lt. Dowd and 3 men left OPLR at 0700 to reconnoiter to the mouth of the Sigul River-Mio-Waka- Canyon area 2500 yards North of Lupin Air Drome. Expected to return before 1800.

One officer and 3 men left OPLR at 0700 to reconnoiter Lupin Air Drome. Returned at 1600 reporting no enemy activities.

Saturday, February 12, 1944: Counter-reconnaissance patrol of 9 men to form screen 2000 yards NE of Umtingalu left OPLR at 0700 and returned at 1700, reporting no enemy contacted.

Counter-reconnaissance patrol of 9 men to form screen astride Meselia Road at Mio-Meselia RJ left OPLR at 0700, returning at 1800, reporting no enemy contacted.

One officer and 3 men left OPLR at 0700 to reconnoiter Lupin Air Drome and continue to Canyon. Patrol returned at 1600 and reported fresh tracks of at least one Japanese and four booby-traps near Mio-Meselia RJ. No enemy observed on reconnaissance.

Lt. Dowd's patrol has not returned.

Sunday February 13, 1944: One officer and 3 men on reconnaissance of LUPIN AIR DROME and 1000 yards N of LUPIN AIR DROME and to return 141200.

Counter-reconnaissance patrol of 9 men to form screen 2000 yards NE of UMTINGALU left OPLR at 0700. Returned at 1800 and reported no enemy activity.

Counter-reconnaissance patrol of 9 men to form screen astride MESELIA ROAD at MIO-MESELIA RJ left OPLR at 0700 and returned at 1800, reporting no enemy activity.

Lt. Dowd's patrol has not returned.

Monday February 14-1944: Reconnaissance patrol of one officer and 3 men reconnoitered to the West and North of the MIO ROAD to 43.4-26.5, returned and reported seeing no enemy and no signs of activity in that area.

Counter-reconnaissance patrol of 9 men to form screen 2000 yds. NE of UMTINGALU left OPLR at 0700. Returned at 1800. Negative reports. Counter-reconnaissance patrol of 9 men at MIO-MESELIA RJ left OPLR at 0700. Returned at 1800. Negative report.

Reconnaissance patrol of one officer and 3 men to reconnoiter trail to the mouth of the SIFL River left OPLR at 140700. Returned at 141500. Met enemy opposition at 43.3-25.3. Estimated to be 15-20 Japs.

Tuesday February 15, 1944: Counter-reconnaissance patrol of one platoon left OPLR at 150730 to reconnoiter road to and including Lupin Air Drome. Returned at 151800. NIL enemy activities.

Reconnaissance and counter-reconnaissance patrol of one officer and 7 EM to the peninsula north of Cape Morkus left OPLR at 150700. Returned at 151600. Reporting no enemy activities.

Counter-reconnaissance patrol of 9 men to form screen 2000 yards NE of Umptingalu left OPLR at 150700.

Wednesday February 16, 1944: Troop G relieved Troop B on OPLR at 0700. Sgt Jones and patrol of 9 men on counter-reconnaissance patrol formed screen 2000 yards NE of Umptingalu left OPLR at 0700 and returned at 1800 reporting no enemy contact.

Sgt Divis and patrol of 9 men on counter-reconnaissance patrol left OPLR to form screen at Mio-Moselia RJ. Returned 1800 and reported no enemy contact.

Lt. Deschamps and 3 men left on reconnaissance patrol to mouth of Sigul River at 0700. Patrol is expected to return February 18.

Thursday February 17, 1944: Troop B relieved Troop G on OPLR at 0700. Lt Deschamps and 3 EM reconnoitered Mio and Canyon. Met enemy at 43.1-23.5 (5 Japs) and in trying to by-pass these positions found bivouac area with 2-3 Japs at 42.8-23.5. This patrol returned to Lupin and to beach and followed beach north to Aivalo where they observed 3 fox holes on the beach and heard Japs (unestimated) talking on cliff above them. The patrol returned to Lupin to North corner of Air Drome and moved NW through swamp at 42.1-25.2. Advanced East to 43.7-25.5, here they observed 4 well-camouflaged positions on trail on NW side of canyon. The patrol then moved in trail at 43.9-27.0 and reconnoitered trail both direction from point finding 2 groups of fox holes, about 20 fox holes each. The groups were 300 yards apart. The patrol bivouaced at 43.6-26.7 and at 170600 heard Japs (estimated) at six of them moving through brush toward them. Patrol withdrew 50 yards; Japs followed them, stopping when they stopped, moving when they moved until contact was broken at 42.3-23.4. Patrol returned here from that point. Sgt. Horbort and 8 men formed counter-reconnaissance screen 2000 yards NE of Umtincalu, left OPLR 170700, returned 171800 and reported no enemy contact. Sgt Smith and 8 men formed counter-reconnaissance screen at Mio-Moselia RJ. Patrol left OPLR 170700, returned 171800 and then reported no enemy contact.

2 officers and 10 EM left OPLR 170900 and reconnoitered overland route from OPLR to AKRIK VILLAGE to discover easiest route to that area, to locate the enemy and observe his actions, and report his strength. Patrol has 3 native guides, Pidgeon communication: not expected to return until 191800.

Friday February 18, 1944: Lt. Ehaman and 10 EM landed at 35.5-26.2 at 18-1000 and followed the high ground to NW through garden area and to top of hill at 35.9-26.9 where they observed 6 old enemy positions. Patrol made contact with #56 at co-ordinates as given above. Both patrols went due North to SOMIRIO RIVER where they parted. # 57 (Lt. Ehaman) returned due South and was picked up where they landed at 181615 and reported no enemy activity in this peninsula area for the past month and that the SOMIRIO RIVER IS NOT FORDABLE WEST OF co-ordinate 37.0.

Lt. Markham and 2 squads on combat reconnaissance patrol with 3 natives guides left OPLR 180930 and reconnoitered MIO-WAKA area. Encountered resistance at 43.1-23.6 estimated strength of enemy 5 light MG, rifleman total approx. 50. After being pinned down for 20 minutes by mortar and MG fire, patrol withdrew to AIR DROME. Loss: 1 missing, 1 wounded. No known casualties inflicted on enemy. This patrol, combined with 1 reinforced platoon of Troop E, fell back to MESELEA RJ and prepared to defend from that point. Due to enemy infiltration, the patrol was ordered to move back at 1500 and met the remainder of Troop E 1000 yds East of UMTINGALU where they remained in position.

Sgt. Vigne and patrol (daily garden patrol) left OPLR at 0700 and returned 1800 and reported no enemy contact.

Troop G relieved Troop B on OPLR at 0700.

Saturday February 19, 1944: Lt. Mahod's patrol has not returned.

Daily patrol 9 EM to NE of Umtingalu, left OPLR at 190700, returned at 191800 reporting no enemy contact.

1 officer and 17 EM to form counter-reconnaissance 300 yards SW of Meselia-Mio RJ/ Left OPLR at 190700, returned at 191800 and reported hearing small party of enemy talking in conversational tone about 75 yards to left flank of patrol. Enemy did not show itself. No contact.

1 Officer and 3 EM to reconnoiter MIO Road to contact enemy and observe. Left OPLR at 180700 and returned 191200. Reported counter-reconnaissance screen of Japs along Meselia Road. Observed 6 Japs in two separate parties and were observed by enemy. This patrol left OPLR at 191300 to perform further reconnaissance. Returned 191750, reported finding enemy on MIO Road, 300 yards N of Lupin Air Drome. At approximately 191530 an enemy plane flying overhead caused 4 Japs to show themselves on the trail while watching the plane. Our patrol fired but was unable to observe results. After firing, and estimated 15-16 Japs were heard going to fox holes. The patrol withdrew and was not followed.

Troop B relieved Troop G on OPLR at 0700.

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Sunday February 20, 1944: Troop G relieved Troop B on OPLR. At 1500 one company of 158th Inf relieved cavalry on OPLR and IIR for an indefinite period.

Daily patrol of 9 EM to 2000 yards N of Umtingalu, left OPLR at 200700, returned 201800, no enemy contact.

1 officer and 17 EM to form counter-reconnaissance mission 300 yards SW of Meselia-Mio RJ. Left OPLR at 200700 and returned 201800, reported no enemy contact.

1 officer and 3 EM left OPLR at 200700 to reconnaissance of Mio Road. Contacted enemy 1100 yards S of Air Drome. The patrol leader sighted one in fox hole to the left of the road. Fired on the Japs, probably killing one. 5 Japs appeared to the left of the road as firing began. The 5 were forced to take cover by firing from patrol leader. Patrol withdrew and was followed to Meselia RJ. The patrol reconnoitered Meselia Road to the cliff and was descending trail to beach when it was fired on by 2-5 Japs. Patrol withdrew again to Meselia RJ and combined with counter-reconnaissance patrol at that point. Infiltration and flanking by an unknown number of the enemy caused this patrol to withdraw 500 yards W along Mio Road where it remained in position. This reconnaissance patrol returned at 201700.

C.O. meeting of 1st Squadron C.O., Executive O., Field Artillery O. concerning drive on Akrik Village.

Monday 21 February 1944: Company G, 158th Infantry occupy OPIR for indefinite period. Co F, 158th Inf less one platoon occupy IIR for indefinite period.

Daily counter-reconnaissance patrol of 9 EM to 2000 yards N of Untingalu, left OPIR 210700.

1 officer and 17 EM to form counter-reconnaissance screen at Meselia-Mio RJ. Left OPIR 210700. Returned 211700, reporting no enemy contact.

1 officer and 3 EM left OPIR at 210700 to reconnoiter Mio Road and returned 21800, reporting no enemy this side of the Air Drome.

Offensive operations commenced 0630 per FO dated 19 February 1944.

Troop movements already completed and movement of troops A and 81 mm mortar platoon to Bongomol Island and landing of 1 Platoon of Troop F at Argart River, moving overland to Akrik-Didnap Trail.

Co. G, 158th Inf to occupy OPIR for an indefinite period. Co F, 158th Inf less one platoon to occupy IIR for an indefinite period.

Tuesday 22 February 1944: Offensive operations against enemy at Akrik Village Area commenced this morning. 1st Sq landed at Mielelok and moved to 34.5-30.9 where they will bivouac for the night. No opposition encountered by 1600. Offensive will be resumed in the morning. Lt. Benteman's patrol killed 4 enemy at approximately 29.2-39.5, taking from them sealed documents.

One officer and 17 EM to form counter-reconnaissance screen at Meselia-Mio RJ. Left OPIR at 220700 and returned 221700 and reported no enemy contact.

Daily counter-reconnaissance patrol of 9 EM to NE of Untingalu, left OPIR and returned 221700 reporting no enemy contact.

1 officer and 3 EM left OPIR 220700 to reconnoiter Mio Road for information of the enemy. Returned 221700 and reported no enemy along road to and including Air Drome. This patrol sighted one enemy on trail about 100 yards north of Air Drome. No other enemy contacted.

Wednesday 23 February 1944: One officer and 3 EM left OPIR 230700 to reconnoiter Mio Road to find the enemy force. Returned 231700, reporting enemy fox holes (appeared to be their OPI) 800 yards north of Air Drome, 200 yards beyond the emplacements, estimated 25 Japs were sighted. Patrol withdrew with no enemy contact.

Daily counter-reconnaissance patrol of 9 EM to NE of Untingalu, left OPIR 230700 and returned 231700 reporting no enemy contact.

1st Sq reached objective, Akrik Village, encountered small patrol of the enemy. 3 casualties reported.

1 officer and 17 EM to form counter-reconnaissance screen 500 yards east of Meselia RJ. Left OPIR 230700. Returned 231300 reporting no enemy contact.

Maj. McMains, with 1 platoon from Troop G, 1 Angaw officer, 3 police boys, 63 natives, 1 sgt. 5 men of Troop F left Orange Beach at 221300 to land on Agup River (36.3-39.0). To proceed from there to Nipilum and thence to Gogor. There establish base camp for patrol--east; Aporlo--north; Upmadung. The mission of patrol is to reconnoiter the Upmadung-Aria River area and to make contact with the USMC patrol from Rein Bay.

Thursday 24 February 1944: Offensive operations against enemy at Akrik Village continued today. Patrols combed immediate area in an effort to mop up remaining Japs. It is estimated that approximately 10 are in the area. Last night our troops received scattered fire and knee-mortar fire without damage. All personnel at Akrik except Troop A, Medical Detachment, and communications detachment will be withdrawn to Irawe. Mission of Troop A is to drive out remaining Japs and send patrol to Sigul River area.

1 officer and 3 EM left Akrik at 240830 to reconnoiter the Akrik-Sigul River Trail and to find the trail leading across the Sigul and Molukluk Rivers to the vicinity of Mio. This patrol was preceded by a combat patrol who ran into enemy snipers at approximately 241200. No information to date as to whether the reconnaissance patrol can continue.

1 EM to perform counter-reconnaissance mission NE of Untingalu. Left OPIR 240700, returned at 1800 and reported no enemy contact.

1 officer and 3 EM left 240630 to reconnoiter Mio Road and to find the enemy in force. Returned 241800 reporting 2 Japs Outpost, on either side of road, 800 yards N of Airdrome manned by 2 Jpanese. 1 officer and 17 EM to form counter-reconnaissance screen 500 yards East of Mosolia RJ. Left OPLR 240700 returned 241800 reporting no enemy contact.

Friday February 25, 1944: 1st Squadron, 112th Cavalry will complete its return from Akrik to Arave by 1700 this date. The train defense platoon from Service Troop, 112th Cavalry, Commanded by Lt. Calvert, relieved 1st Squadron Troops at Akrik at 1800.

One officer and 3 EM left Akrik at 240630 to reconnoiter the Akrik-Sigul River Trail and to find the trail leading across the Sigul and Molukiuk Rivers to the vicinity of Mio. This patrol was preceded by a combat patrol who ran into enemy snipers at approximately 241200. The reconnaissance patrol returned at 241500 reporting contact with enemy snipers approximately 300 yards east of Akrik.

9 EM to perform counter-reconnaissance mission NE of Umtinvalu. Left OPLR 250700. Returned 251800 reporting no enemy contact.

1 officer and 3 EM left OPLR 250700 to reconnoiter Mio Road and to find the enemy in force. Returned at 251800 and reported no enemy contact.

1 officer and 17 EM to form counter-reconnaissance screen 500 yards E of Mosolia RJ. Left OPLR at 250700. Returned at 251800 and reported no enemy contact.

Saturday February 26, 1944: C.O., 112th Cavalry held meeting at 261030 to issue final instructions and orders for attack from MLR to Sigul River. Present were CO, 2nd Sq., 112th Cav. CO; 148th FA Bn; CO, 158th Inf 2d Bn; CO, Co G, 158th Inf, CO, Co B, Tk Bn 1st Mar Div; CO, 592d Prov Boat Co; CO, Wpsn Tr, 112 Cav; CO, Hqs Tr; Com O, 112th Cav; CO, S-1; CO S-2; CO, S-3; CO, S-4; CO, Serv Tr, 112th Cav.

Lt. Calvert and P & D platoon at Akrik Village were fired on by 2 LMG and Mortars at 260630. 0640. Co G, 158th Inf landed and received mortar fire. The cavalry platoon remained in its position at Akrik Village and maintains contact with Co G by telephone.

9 EM to form counter-reconnaissance screen 2000 yards NE of Umtinvalu. Left OPLR at 260700. Returned 261800 and reported no enemy contact.

1 officer and 16 EM left OPLR 260700 to reconnoiter 300 yards NE Mio-Mosolia RJ. At 1415 reported by telephone 1 Jap in front of screen and one in back. They returned at 1800 and reported no enemy contact other than that above.

1 officer and 3 EM left OPLR at 0700 to reconnoiter Mio Road. 300 yards north of the airdrome a party of Japs were heard. The Japs slipped past the patrol toward the Airdrome. Patrol followed the Japs but made no contact. Returned at 1800.

Sunday February 27, 1944: At 0700 the 2nd Squadron with platoon of tanks attached advanced through the OPLR to start the attack to the mouth of the Pulio River. This attack is part of the mission given to the 112th Cavalry to clear the area mouth of Pulio River-Bidmop-Mielolek-Akrik-Cape Merkus. The remainder of the attacking force, Company L and Company M, 158th Inf and Hq and Weapons Troops of the 112th Cavalry, and a company of Tanks less the platoon with the 2d Squadron, assembled at the OPLR. The 2d Squadron moved down the coastal track toward Lupin Air Drome with one troop on the right combing the area to the beach and one platoon of that troop moving along the beach. No enemy was contact, except one Jap who was killed by the beach platoon of Troop E, 112th Cavalry. The 2d Squadron reached its first objective which was the Jap positions 800 yards north of Lupin Air Drome at 1005. The second objective, the Canyon, was reached at 1105. By night fall the advanced parties had reached the mouth of the Sigul River and the remainder

of the attacking force had arrived at Waka and was prepared to bivouac for the night. Trails north to the Molukluk River were being reconnoitered. No enemy opposition except one Jap was encountered during this day's operation.

Company G, 158th Inf, attached to the 112th Cav for this operation, having arrived at Akrik Village on the morning of 26 February 1944, was attacking east along the trail to Didmop. Encountered opposition of MG, mortar fire and a party of 50 of the enemy and battled along this trail all day the 26 and 27 February 1944, killing 7 and wounded three others known. The regimental plan to relieve the pressure on this company by moving a force to the trail between the enemy and Didmop and attacking this enemy force in its rear, was not necessary as it was learned late that evening that the enemy opposition in front of Company G, 158th Inf was withdraw.

Monday 28 February 1944: It was decided at 0715 to send a combat patrol across the mouth of the Sigul River to reconnoiter the area at the mouth of the Sigul River, mouth of the Pulie R. to Crocodile Point. At this time a reconnaissance patrol north of the coastal track was attempting to locate a feasible route to cross the Molukluk River.

At 0845, Troop F 112th Cav was ordered to Waka to go by landing craft and to land on the east side of the Sigul River. A gunboat was to stand by to assist the landing. This landing was accomplished at 1100.

A reconnaissance patrol, led by Capt. Carter, S-2 officer, was sent in an LCV to the mouth of the Molukluk-Sigul Rivers and attempt to navigate one of these rivers. The patrol found that neither river was navigable, past its mouth. The patrol then landed between the 2 rivers, proceeded about 400 yards inland, and found it not a practical route for moving overland. This patrol returned to Waka at 1230.

At 1130 a Sub-chaser shelled the east bank of the Pulie River and drew no enemy fire.

At 1230 Company L, 158th Inf moved out from beach, north to the Canyon, to relieve Company G, 158th Inf on the Akrik-Didmop trail. At 1608 a message was received from Co L giving their positions as 43.2-27.8.

Troop F, 112th Cav reported its mission completed at 1515. Troop F was ordered to leave one platoon at Crocodile point with the remainder of the troop returning to Waka.

At 1630 Lt Calvert and his train defense platoon at Akrik, were relieved by the 1st platoon of Troop C 112th Cav.

The regiment less Troop F assembled at Waka to return to Orange Beach by landing craft. The Command Post closed out at 1700 and moved toward Orange Beach. Arrived there at 1850.

Troop B, 112th Cav and 1st Sq. Hqs. were directed by being alerted to support Troop A in guarding the artillery at the Lupin Air Drome.

At 1930 this Hqs. was informed that it was relieved of the command of Cos. G and L, 158th Inf.

Tuesday February 29, 1944: A wire party was sent to string wire from Waka to Crocodile Point. This party left Orange Beach at 1000.

A message, phoned by Col. Hooper, ordered Tr F to be replaced in 2 days was received at 1300.

At 1400 Co L, 158th Inf reported its location. Co G 158th Inf requested boats to Akrik. A message was sent to 1st Lt. Smith at Akrik to cooperate with and assist Co G.

Capt. Hood reported the following locations of Co L, 158th Inf.: rear base, 42.6-26.0; Co L at 43.8-28.0. Capt Hood also reported that phone communications had been established between Waka and Crocodile Point. This information was received at 1700. Troop B and 1st Sq. Hqs. 112th Cav were moved to the Air Drome to guard the artillery. These units were moved out at 1800 and were in position at 1930.

Four reconnaissance patrols to north of Lupin Air Drome left OPAC to find feasible trail to Akrik-Didmop Trail.

Wednesday March 1, 1944: Col. Hooper advised the Troop F outpost would be under Task Force control and would probably be relieved in 2 days.

A boat left Orange Beach at approximately 1030 for Waka and Murien. Mr. Murphy was picked up at Waka and carried to Murien to fix communications.

At 1015, Col. Hooper requested one officer from 112th Cav to report to Task Force Headquarters at 1230, for instructions on a boat reconnaissance trip to the Nayarü river. Lt. Thomas, Troop C, was the officer designated for this assignment. Capt. Metcalfe, 1st Squadron executive officer, sent two bazooka teams with Lt. Thomas.

Four reconnaissance patrols were sent out at 0815 to find a trail from the Lupin Air Drome to the Jap Bn. Hqs., north of the Melukluk River.

The 1st Squadron Hqs Troop A, Troop B, and the FA returned to Arawe from Lupin Air Drome at 1400. The 1st Squadron was then ordered to establish a jeep patrol between the OPLR and the Canyon.

At 1700 Task Force directed the establishment of a 2-squad outpost at the Air Drome. 1st Squadron was designated to furnish this outpost.

At 1730 1st Squadron reported that Air Drome outpost had been established.

Thursday 2 March

Thursday 2 March 1944: Lt. Corey with a patrol left at 0700 to reconnoiter the trail from the Canyon connecting to the Akrik-Didmop Trail. This patrol returned by boat from Akrik at 1900.

At noon, a message was sent to Lt. Smith at Akrik to send in all surplus ammunition.

At 1100, General Cunningham ordered that the Cavalry would replace Infantry troops on the OPLR. 1st Squadron was given the warning order to occupy the OPLR at 030800.

A patrol of one officer and 8 men with Chaplain Hardy and Grave Registration personnel is to leave at 030830 to recover a body at the Air Drome.

Col. Hooper issued a warning order on a patrol from Mielelek to Didmop. Lt. Boland, Troop C, received orders to take this patrol and is to leave at 030800.

At 2300 a mine exploded in front of the right flank of the MLR. The cause is undetermined.

One officer and 3 EM left Lupin Airdrome at 0700 to reconnoiter possible trail originating near the Canyon; found this trail to be the one used by the enemy in moving from the Airdrome area to enemy battalion Hqs. on the Akrik-Didmop Trail. This patch joins the Akrik-Didmop Trail $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Akrik.

Friday 3 March 1944: At 0800, fifteen 2 Lts. reported for duty with 112 Cavalry.

A patrol left the OPLR at 0800 to reconnoiter the peninsula south of Ablauqul Island.

Troop F, less one platoon, returned to their bivouac area from the outpost at Waka. One platoon remained at Crocodile Point and one squad at the mouth of the Sigul River.

At 1600 the Regimental Commander held a meeting of Squadron and Troop Commanders. Main topics of the meeting were administrative matters and the lifting of blackout. This dat blackout was lifted until 2200.

Lt. Boland's patrol reported contact with Co L, 158th Inf at 1435. Reported also they had reconnoitered the Mielelek-Didmop Trail.

Saturday 4 March 1944: 0700: Lt. Mooks' patrol returned to Arawe.

Lt. Currier returned from outpost at Blimblim River at 1500.

Lt. Boland's patrol returned at 1700.

Sunday 5 March 1944: Lt. Allard with two squads left Orange Beach with a patrol to reconnoiter from Didmop to Akri, and to

map the trail. 1st Squadron was warned to furnish two officers for a boat patrol to reconnoiter up the Eilak River. Time for this patrol was set for 061200. Lt. Williams and Lt. Titus left Orange Beach with WO A. Moore, Aneau, toward Mouve Harbor.

Monday 6 March 1944: Our responsibility of patrolling was defined by Task Force. Adi River on the west and north south line Lupin Air Drome-Subdidi.

Troops continued to police the area. Pyramidal tents were erected for the personnel.

Capt. Carter, S-2 officer, went with a patrol to Agup River, to Akrik and Bongomol Island.

Tuesday 7 March 1944: The reconnaissance patrol from Didmop to Akrik returned overland at 071500. They had nothing to report concerning the enemy.

At 1100, Lt. Christensen was landed at the mouth of the Agup River with two squads to patrol to the Didmop-Akrik Trail and return overland.

The Akrik-Bongomol and Agopot outposts were relieved by fresh troops.

Lt. Boland's patrol returned at 1500.

Wednesday 8 March 1944: Lt. Christensen's patrol has not returned.

Troop continued to police their areas and putting up of pyramidal tents.

Thursday 9 March 1944: Lt. Christensen's patrol has not returned. Troops continue to improve living conditions and their areas.

Friday 10 March 1944: At 1100 a platoon of Troop E, commanded by Lt. O'Briant was established at Sauren. At the same time a platoon of Troop C, commanded by Lt. Smith was established at Omoi. The purpose of these outposts at these points is to be bases for patrols working on the inland trails and coast line and mapping and marking the trails that are found. The OP at Sauren is responsible for the patrolling of the area Adi River, exclusive Plumung River inclusive. The area of responsibility of the Omoi Patrol is Plumung River, exclusive, Agup River inclusive.

The patrol of Troop C commanded by Lt. Markham, previously established at Akrik was given orders for patrolling and assigned the sector Agup River exclusive to the east boundary of the area responsibility of the 112th Cavalry. Capt. Carter, S-2 officer, inspected outposts at Akrik and outpost on Bongomol Island.

Saturday 11 March 1944: The Sauren Outpost reported that a patrol initiated four miles inland on the Adi River and thence east by overland trails.

Troops continued policing area.

At 1600, CO held meeting of staff officers and squadron COs. Capt. W. H. Laird was appointed troop commander of Hq. Troop. Lt. L. L. Johnson appointed Commanding officer of Troop B.

Sunday 12 March 1944: CO and S-2 made inspection of outposts at Sauren, Bongomol, and Akrik.

Outposts at Sauren, Omoi, and Akrik continued to patrol inland trails and rivers of their rear area.

Troops continued the policing of the area.

Monday 13 March 1944: Hqs and Serv Troops fired on Tommy Gun range. Working on rifle range in preparation for all personnel armed with rifle to fire.

Onn new 2nd Lt. assigned to regiment.

Troops continued policing areas.

Tuesday 14 March 1944: Major McMains and patrol returned from Rein Bay. The patrol moved from Iboki Plantation to Gloucester. Thence to Finschhafen and back to Arawe. Capt. Carter and S-2 personnel made trip to outposts at Omoi, and supplies Akrik and Bongomol Outposts. Weapons Troop fired on tommy-gun range. Completed work on rifle range. Practice run on the combat range.

Wednesday 15 March 1944: CO inspected the firing on the rifle and sub-machine gun range. Arrangements being made to construct a Chapel in the 112th Cavalry area. Troop C fired on the rifle range. 1st Sq. and 2d Sq. had a contest on the tommy gun range. 3d Squadron the winner. Three sick men from Omoi OP returned to Arawe.

Thursday 16 March 1944: The men of 1st Sq who failed to fire or who were not present at the time of previous firing will fire the sub-machine gun range. CO held meeting for Sq. and Troop COs. Parts of 1st Sq. troops fired on rifle range in the afternoon. Outposts at Sauren, Omoi, and Akrik continued to patrol inland trails and rivers of their areas. Troops continued improvement of areas. Motion picture at 1945.

Friday March 17, 1944: First Squadron continued firing on sub-machine gun and rifle ranges. Troops spend day in improvement of bivouac areas and living quarters.

Saturday 18 March 1944: Work begun on Chapel in Regimental area. First Squadron continued firing Rifle Familiarization Course and BARs.

Sunday 19 March 1944: Lt. Martin finished patrol to Canyon to Akrik Village. Patrol moved from Akrik to Arawe by LCV. First Sq riflemen fired 100 yard familiarization course. 2nd Sq men armed with sub machine guns who failed to qualify or were not present at previous firing, fired on range today. Remainder of troops spent day in improvement of bivouac area.

Monday 20 March 1944: Lt. O'Briant and a platoon of Troop F relieved by Lt. Skramstad and Inskeep and a platoon of Troop B. Lt. Smith and Baxter and a platoon of Troop C at Omoi relieved by Lt. McCracken and a platoon of Troop E. Lt. Markham and a platoon of troop C at Akrik was relieved by Lts. Treptow and Brown and a squad platoon of Troop B. Sgt Hill and a squad of Troop F at Bongomol relieved by Sgt Dillon and a squad from Troop F. 2d Sq. completed firing of men armed with sub machine guns who failed to qualify and those who were not present at previous firing. 2d Sq riflemen fired familiarization course on 100 yard range. Bank concert by 112th Cav Band in 1st Sq show area.

Tuesday 21 March 1944: Anti-tank platoon fired 37 mm guns on target raft towed by LCM. Men from Service and Headquarters troops armed with sub machine guns fired today who failed to qualify or were not present at previous firing. 2d Sq continued firing on rifle range for men armed with rifles and BARs. 40 man detail furnished to unload supply boats. Pfc Corley, Troop G, died at 0310 after suffering injury from Jap booby trap at Mesolia.

Wednesday 22 March 1944: Regiment furnished 49 men for ammunition loading detail. Catholic and Protestant Services held in Regimental area. Weapons troop men armed with sub machine gun fired on range. Second Sq personnel continued to fire rifle course and BAR course. Movie "Thank Your Lucky Stars" in the 1st Sq area.

Wednesday 22 March 1944: Regiment furnished 49 men for ammunition loading detail.
Catholic and Protestant Services held in Regimental area.
Weapons Troop men armed with sub machine gun fired on range.
Second Sq personnel continued to fire rifle course and BAR course.
Movie "Thank Your Lucky Stars" in 1st Sq. area.

Thursday 23 March 1944: Training memorandum #8 published today.
Memorandum covered period 27 March to 15 April.
Meeting of Squadron and Troop Commanders at 1600.
Second Sq completed firing on range with rifles and BARs.
First Squadron completed firing on Squad Combat Course.
Troops improved installations and bivouac areas.

Friday 24 March 1944: Troop G on OPLR from 240730 to 250730.
Personnel from Headquarters Troop fired Rifle familiarization course.
Troops worked on police of areas and improvement of installations.
Second Sq began firing on Squad Combat Course.
Movie "Never Dull Moment" in First Squadron movie area.

Saturday 25 March 1944: Troop G on OPLR from 250730 to 260730.
40 men and one officer furnished for ship unloading detail.
Weapons troop fired on rifle range today.

Sunday 26 March 1944: REST DAY and Church Services.

Monday 27 March 1944: 2d Sq continued to fire on Squad Combat Course.
Service troop fired rifle familiarization course.
Troops worked on installations and improvement of troop areas.

Tuesday 28 March 1944: 2d Squadron continued to fire on Squad Combat Course.
Headquarters Troop fired rifle familiarization course on 100 yard range.
40 men and 1 officer on ship-unloading detail.
1st Sq fired on Squad Combat Course.
Weapons and Rifle Platoons of 1st Squadron trained in use of machine guns, BARs and 60 mm mortars.
Weapons Troop MG Platoons drill on mechanical training and preliminary marksmanship of HMG.
81 MM Mortar Platoon drilled on manipulation technique of fire, fire orders and fire direction.
Train defense platoon, 1st Sq and Troop F received instructions on Chemical Grenades.
Communications Platoon held Comm. School.
Troop G held review of First Aid.
Orientation of World news to Band.

Wednesday 29 March 1944: ACTIVITY OF TROOPS: 30 men and 1 officer on ship unloading detail. 1st Sq drilled with mortars and BARs and machine guns.
Troop F Platoon on Squad Combat Course.
Troops F and G drilled with mortars, sub machine guns and machine guns.
Weapons Tr. machine gun platoons practices mechanical training and preliminary marksmanship with HMG.
81 mm Mortar platoon drilled on manipulation technique of fire, fire direction.
Rocket Launcher class for 1st Squadron.
Orientation on South West Pacific to Tr. A. and weapons Troop.
Class on Chemical Grenades to Troop G.
Articles of War read to Hq. Troop, Troop B and Service Troop and Band.
First Aid classes conducted by Med Det. and Troop E.
Troop F held class on Rocket Launcher and Grenades.
Communications School at Radio Tent.

Meeting of Staff Officers, Squadron Commanders and Detachment Commanders on Administrative details.

S-2 personnel accompanied boat patrol to outpost at Omoi for purpose of evacuating man ill with fever.

Thursday 30 March 1944: Troops reviewed machine guns, mortars, BARs and sub machine guns.

Hq. Troop fired on Squad Combat Course.

Orientation on war throughout the world given to Headquarters Troop.

Daily First Aid Class held by Med Det.

Friday 31 March 1944: Troop E and Train defense platoon on Squad Combat Course.

Practice drill and review of weapons held by troops of 1st and 2d Squadrons on BARs, mortars, HMGs and sub machine guns.

81 mm mortar Platoon held class on Fire Orders, Fire Direction, Technique of Fire and Manipulation.

Daily First Aid Class by Med Det.

90 minute class held on Rocket Launcher by Rocket Launcher teams of troops E and H.

Rifle Grenade classes held by Troops E and G.

Orientation to F Troop.

Personal Hygiene class held by Wpns Troop.

90 minute MG class held by Serv Troop.

First Aid class held by Band

Saturday 1 April 1944: Inspection in morning held by all troops and detachments.

Mass athletics held by 1st Sq in afternoon.

Orientation delivered in afternoon to 2d Squadron and 2d MG platoon of Wpns Troop.

Sunday 2 April 1944: Rest Day. Church Services. Personnel at outposts changed this date. S-2 Officers accompanied new personnel to their outposts. Changes were as follows:

Lts. Williams and Meeks with platoon of G troop to Sauren.

Lts. Titus and Inskeep with platoon of F troop to Omoi.

Lt. Lotcher and Reconnaissance Platoon to Akric.

Lt. Brown and 2 squads of A troop to Lupin Air Drome.

Sgt Hughes with 1ssquad of A Troop to Bongomel.

Monday 3 April 1944: Troop A fired on BAR Range.

Troop F fired on sub machine guns. Rocket Launcher Teams of 2d Sq fired on range.

Troop G fired on Squad Combat Course.

1st Squadron held mortar instruction. Small Unit Combat-Bayonet Drill-use of compass.

Intelligence Conference to A & Hq. Troops by Captain Carter (S-2).

Troop A Platoon on Squad Combat Course.

2d Squadron held instructions on Mortars, LMG's and HMGs-Military Courtesy-Defense against Gas.

Field firing of 81 mm mortars.

30 men from Serv Tr with Capt. Albright, Lt. Calvert & Lt. Batts left for Gasmata by LCM for salvage mission and return of Jap eqpt.

Hq Troop held 37 mm gun drill and mechanical training of HMG.

First Aid classes held by Band and Med. Det.

Scheduled athletics by Weapons Troop-Medical Det-Band.

Tuesday 4 April 1944: Troop A on CPLR from 040700 to 050700.

Troop B fired on BAR and MG ranges.

Troop A held instructions on Rifle Grenades.

1st Squadron Mortar platoons held mortar drill.

2d Squadron held small unit combat training.

Troop G on Squad Combat Course and sub machine gun range.

2d Squadron Rocket Launcher teams fired on range. 1st Sq and Troop F and Med Det held classes on military courtesy.

Troop F held classes in Chemical Warfare-Bayonet Fighting and use of Compass.

Weapons troop HMG platoons conducted marksmanship training.

81 mm mortar platoon held field firing.

Hq. Troop held 37 mm gun drill and HMG manipulation.

First Aid class held by Med Det and Band.

Intelligence Conference by S-2 officer to Troop C and Weapons Tr.

Mass athletics for Regiment in afternoon.

Wednesday 5 April 1944: Troop G on OPLR from 050700 and 060700.

Platoon from Troop B and Troop F on squad combat Course.

Troop C on BAR AND MG ranges.

20 men of Troop A rifle grenade range.

20 men of Troop B instructed in use of Rifle grenade.

Mortar sections of 1st Sq held mortar drill.

Small unit combat Training for 1st Sq from 1000 to 1130.

Troop E fired on sub machine gun range.

Troop F spent morning on LMG and mortar.

Instruction - Articles of War for stragglers - BAR instruction - Bayonet Drill-Manual of Arms.

MG Platoon of Weapons Troop held mechanical and marksmanship training with HMG.

81 mm mortar platoon held classes in morning on Fire Orders - technique of fire - compass and sketching.

Hq. Troop held 37 mm gun drill and 1000 inch manipulation-HMG.

Med Det received instructions on use of Blood plasma. Articles of War read to Med Det.

Intelligence Conference by S-2 Officer to Tr. B.

Retreat by all troop.

Thursday 6 April 1944: Troop B on OPLR from 060700 to 070700.

Troop B platoon on Squad Combat Course.

Troop A on MG and BAR ranges.

20 men on Rifle Grenade Range of Troop B.

Troop C held SMG firing and rifle grenade training.

Mortar sections of 1st Sq conducted drill with 60 mm mortars.

90 minute class on small unit combat held by 1st Sq.

Troop E on squad combat course. Classes for Troop E held on mortars and LMG, BAR, Bayonet, defense against chemical attack, military courtesy, articles of war.

Troop F and Sq Hq fired on SMG Range.

2d Sq Mortar sections drilled on mortar and LMG.

BAR and bayonet instructions given to Troop F and 2d Sq personnel.

Orientation given to Troop F.

Marksmanship Training with HMG for MG Platoons, of weapons Tr.

81 MM mortar platoon held drill on Fire Orders, technique of fire and compass.

Hq Troop conducted classes in chemical warfare, HMG manipulation and 37 mm gun drill.

Orientation to G troop. (Intelligence S-2)

Athletics in afternoon for all troop except G and Weapons Troop.

Weapons Troop conducted classes in First Aid and personal

Hygiene. Chemical Warfare class held by band.

Friday 7 April 1944: Troop F on OPLR from 070700 to 080700.

Troop B on BAR Range and Combat Course.

20 Men of Troop C fired on Rifle Grenade Range.

Troop A conducted class on small unit combat.

Mortar sections of 1st Sq held mortar drill.

First Sq held 60 minute class on Pyrotechnics.

Troops E and G fired rifle grenades and sub MGs.

2d Squadron Weapons Platoons drilled with mortars and LMGs.

Troop E and G held class on use of compass.

Troop G held bayonet drill.

2d MG platoon of Weapons Troop drilled on Marksmanship Training and Mechanics of HMG. 1st MG Platoon of Weapons Troop fired on HMG Range.

81 mm Platoon drilled on fire orders, technique, compass and sketching.

Headquarters Troop held 37 mm gun drill, HMG manipulation and First Aid.
Medical detachment held First Aid Class and Defense against Gas.
Troops A & C held bayonet drill and class on use of compass.
Troop B held first aid class.
Weapons troop and E troop participated in Scheduled Athletics.
Troop G held intelligence conference.

Saturday 8 April 1944: Troop C on OPLR from 080700 to 090700.
Troops A and B conducted class on sub-machine gun (1 officers and 14 men left today for furlough of 15 days in Sydney)
Troop C fired on BAR range.
Troop E 110000: Orientation on World at War - Review of BAR, 60 mm Mortar, LMG - manual of arms - bayonet drill.
Troop G - Bayonet Drill - Review of BAR, 60 mm mortar and LMG.
Troop F - Orientation of World at War.
Weapons troop - mechanical and marksmanship training for 1st MG Platoon. HMG firing for 2d MG Platoon - fire orders, technique and compass and sketching for 81 mm platoon.
Hq. Troop - Motor stable - Military Courtesy - 37 mm gun drill - HMG manipulation.

Easter Sunday 9 April 1944: REST DAY

Monday 10 April 1944: Entire day released to troop commanders for property check. Property accountability begun today.
Troop A on OPLR from 100700 to 110700.

Tuesday 11 April 1944: Troop G on OPLR from 110700 to 120700.
Troop A conducted property inventory today.
Troop B fired on sub machine gun range.
Articles of war read to Troops B & C.
1st Sq conducted classes on Manual of Arms for replacements - BAR, LMG and mortars.
Troop E fired LMGs. Troop F fired BARs and rifle grenades.
2d Sq held classes on compass course - bayonet drill - striding course - LMG and 60 mm mortar - gas instruction - rifle grenade and Manual of Arms.
Troop G fired 60 mm mortars.
Troop C conducted bayonet and close order drill.
Weapons Troop drilled on HMG gun drill and 81 mm mortar fire order.
Classes held on Chemical Warfare in afternoon.
Hq. Troop held 37 mm gun drill - HMG mechanical training - defense against chemical attack.
Orientation in the afternoon.
Train defense platoon held class in small unit combat training.
Med Det. held first aid class and review of military courtesies.

Wednesday 12 April 1944: Troop B on OPLR from 120700 to 130700.
Cavalry personnel removed from outposts at Sauren, Omoi, Akric, Bonjomol.
Troops fired on sub machine gun range from C & F troops.
Troop E fired BARs and rifle grenades.
Troop F fired on LMG range.
1st Squadron conducted small unit training and review of LMG, 60 mm mortar, BAR and sub machine gun.
Troop F held classes in Jungle Navigation, scouting and patrolling, compass course, and 60 mm mortars.
Weapons Troop reviewed - stripping and disassembly, immediate action and gun drill of HMG.
Headquarters Troop held dismounted drill
Motor stables - HMG manipulation by Hq Troop.
Review of chemical warfare held by serv Troop.
Retreat by all troops.

Thursday 13 April 1944: Troop F on OPLR from 130700 to 140700.

Troop A fired on Submachine gun range. Troop G fired on BAR, rifle grenades and LMG ranges.

Troop C held Orientation and review of defense against gas. First Aid.

Weapons Platoon of 1st Squadron held LMG and Mortar training.

Troop E practiced on Compass course--LMG's, Mortars - Manual of Arms - Bayonet Drill - Jungle Navigation - Orientation.

Weapons Troop reviewed Nomenclature, Immediate action and Gun Drill with HMG. Fire Orders of 81 mm Mortar - Military Courtesy - Chemical Warfare - 40 mm AA Instruction.

Hqs. and B Troops held Dismounted Drill. Troop B held Bayonet Drill. HMG practiced HMG Manipulation.

Service Troop held instructions on sanitation - First Aid - MG.

Orientation to Troop A.

Mortar firing by Troop F at 1500.

Friday 14, April 1944: Troop C on OPLR from 140700 to 150700.

Troop A - Bayonet Drill and Dismounted Drill. Class in small unit combat.

Troop B - Classes on Chemical Grenades and BAR.

1st Squadron Weapons Platoons conducted Mortar and MG Training.

1st Squadron men equipped with Sub-machine guns fired on range today. 60 minute review of Chemical Warfare by 1st Squadron.

2nd Squadron men fired BAR's on range.

1st Platoon of Troop G on Compass Course.

60 minute class on Bayonet Drill and Manual of Arms by entire 2nd Squadron.

LMG and Mortar training for Weapons Platoons of 2nd Squadron.

Military Courtesy and Discipline review for Troop E.

Orientation for Troops F and G. Jungle Navigation class by Troop G.

Weapons Troop held classes on HMG, Military Courtesy, Unarmed Defense, 40 mm AA Instruction, Orientation.

HMG Manipulation and defense against Chemical attack held by Hqs. Troop.

Compass class conducted by Medical Detachment and Service Troop. Mine detector school and Military Courtesy for P & D and Train defense Platoons.

Saturday 15 April, 1944: 8 men left for 15-day furlough in Sydney.

Troop E on OPLR from 150700 to 160700.

Inspection of Troops by Troop, Squadron and Regimental Commanders.

Sunday 16 April 1944: Troop on OPLR from 160700 to 170700.

Personnel at Airdrome outpost relieved by two squads and one sergeant from Troop E.

Rest Day for Regiment.

Monday 17 April 1944: Troop G on OPLR from 170700 to 180700.

Troop B held class on Mechanical Training of SMG M-3, fired on range with SMG M-3, BAR Training, MG and Mortar Training for weapons Platoon.

Rifle Marksmanship for Troops A and C. Bayonet and close Order Drill and Mortar and LMG Training for Troop C.

Troops F and E Held classes in scouting and patrolling, use of the compass, map reading, and camouflage.

MG Platoons of Weapons Troop fired 1000-inch range and Field Firing 81 mm Platoon held class on Technique of fire.

Headquarters Troop held review of message writing, Map reading, HMG Manipulation, first aid.

P and D and Train Defense Platoons held class on scouting and patrolling.

20 officers and 10 NCOs attended Field Artillery School conducted by instructors from 148th Field Artillery Bn.

Movie in Regimental Show Area.

Tuesday, April 18, 1944: Troop B on OPLR from 180700 to 190700.

Troop A fired on Rifle Range and held classes on BAR, LMG, SMG M-3.

Troop C held instructions on scouting and patrolling.

Troop E held classes on scouting and patrolling, message writing, camouflage, compass and stride course.

Troop F held platoon problem in camouflage, review of map and compass, Message writing, camouflage, compass reading, estimation of distance.

Weapons Troops MG Platoons on Field Firing Range. 81 mm Mortar platoon reviewed technique of fire.

Anti-Tank Platoon fired HMG on 1000-inch Range.

Reconnaissance Platoon review stream crossing expedients.

P and D and Train Defense Platoons held 2½ hour class on map reading.

Wednesday April 19, 1944: Troop E on OPLR from 190700 to 200700.

Troop A spent the morning on scouting and patrolling.

Troop C conducted firing on Rifle Range and training with Mortar, LMG, and SMG M-3.

Orientation to Troop B.

Troop E held instruction on scouting and patrolling.

Weapons Troop fired on Rifle range and HMG Range. Instruction periods held on 81 mm Mortar and 40 mm AA.

Headquarters Troop held Dismounted Drill, map reading, HMG and 37 mm Gun Drill, message writing.

Field Artillery School held for officers and NCO's in afternoon.

Thursday, April 20, 1944: Troop C on OPLR from 200700 to 210700. (Patrol Problem during night.).

1st Squadron on Rifle Range. Troop E held 4 hour period of scouting and patrolling. Troop A held instructions on LMG, SMG, Mortar, Map reading.

Troop G on combat course. 2nd Platoon on Scouting and Patrolling review. Weapons Platoon of Troop G held LMG and mortar training and review of stride course and estimation of distance.

Troop E spent morning on Bayonet Drill, Manual of Arms, Malaria control, orientation.

Weapons Troop held classes on first aid, map reading, malaria control, technique of 81 mm mortar fire.

Hqs. Troop held class on M-1 Rifle, malaria control and orientation.

Service Troop held instructions on HMG and first aid.

Demolition school for selected personnel of 2nd Squadron. Field Artillery School for selected officers and NCO's.

USO show in 1st Squadron Show Area. Show featured Don Barry.

Outpost established today at Dipmop. Outpost personnel consisted of Troop E and radio personnel. One platoon of Troop E at Moore Harbor and remainder of troop at Didmop.

Friday, 21 April 1944: Troop G on OPLR from 210700 to 220700. Troop A held 3-hour class on map reading, problem and demonstration SMG M-3 training in afternoon.

Troop B held bayonet and close order drill, M-3 SMG and LMG and mortar training, and malaria control.

Troop F spent morning on Bayonet drill and manual of arms and observation efficiency test.

Troop G spent morning on LMG and mortar Training, manual of arms, and message writing.

Orientation to second Squadron.

MG test given to MG platoons of Weapons Troop, Rifle marksmanship for 81 mm platoon. Orientation to entire troop from 1030 to 1130.

Message writing and mortar school for Headquarters Troop.

Service Troop personnel fired on Rifle range.

Artillery School for officers and NCO's furnished guard for force Stockade, one corporal and three privates.

Saturday, 22 April 1944: Troop A on OPLR 220700 to 230700. (Night patrol problem).

Inspection for all troops and organizations.

Rest period in afternoon.

One officer and 30 men for detail at gas dump.

Sunday, 23 April 1944: One officer and 40 men of ship unloading detail.

Troop C took over 158th Infantry's OP's.

C.O. and S-3 officer visited Moore outpost.

Positions constructed on Ablaugul Island for amphibious training landing.

Monday, 24 April 1944: From 240700 to 250700 Troop B on OPLR. (Night Patrol Problem).

Regiment followed training schedule.

Tuesday, April 25, 1944: From 250700 to 260700 Troop G on OPLR.

Regiment followed training schedules.

Four patrols from Didmop OP reported no enemy information.

Boat patrol to Gasmata (Lt. Calvert and 23 men), report no enemy information.

Wednesday, April 26, 1944: From 260700 to 270700, Troop C on OPLR.

Troop B on amphibious problem.

Regiment followed schedule.

Didmop-Subdid patrol and Crocodile Point-Sigul River patrol reported no enemy information.

Thursday, April 27, 1944: From 270700 to 280700 Troop A on OPLR (Night patrol problem).

Regiment followed training schedules.

The Didmop-ANU River boat patrol returned with no enemy information.

SWPA Air Corps Intelligence Officer gave lecture to 2nd and Provisional Squadrons on Jap aircraft.

Friday, April 28, 1944: Troop F on OPLR from 280700 to 290700.

Regiment followed training schedule.

SWPA Air Corps Intelligence Officer gave lecture to 1st Squadron and Band on Jap aircraft.

Saturday, April 29, 1944: Troop B on OPLR from 290700 to 300700.

Inspection of personnel and installations in morning. Rest period afternoon.

Sunday, April 30, 1944: Troop G on OPLR from 300700 to 010700.

164 officers and men attended native celebration on Kumbun Island.

48 man patrol under Lt. Barry and Lt. Letcher left Arawe by LCI to set up outpost at LINDENHAFEN. Mission: To patrol coastal area and immediate interior as far as Dampier and set up advance base at Awul after sufficient patrolling has been carried out. Lindenhafen in radio contact with Regiment through Regimental Net. Advance patrol to be in contact with Regimental Net through Lindenhafen.

Monday, May 1, 1944: Troop C on OPLR from 010700 to 020700.

Regiment followed training schedule.

Pay Day.

40 men and one officer on ship loading detail.

Tuesday, May 2, 1944: Troop A on OPLR from 020700 to 030700.

Regiment followed training schedule.

Wednesday, May 3, 1944: Troop F on OPLR from 030700 to 040700.

100 men and 3 officers on ship unloading detail.

Regiment followed training schedule.

Thursday, May 4, 1944: Troop B on OPLR from 4 May 0700 to 5 May 0700.

Regiment followed training schedule. Last day of flame thrower school today.

Friday, May 5, 1944: Troop G on OPLR from 050700 to 060700.

Regiment followed training schedule. Athletics and preparation for inspection in P.M.

Saturday, May 6, 1944: Troop C on OPLR from 060700 to 070700.

Inspection of troops and personnel. Rest period in afternoon.

Sunday, May 7, 1944: Troop P on OPLR from 070700 to 080700.

Rest period. Church services. Movie. S-2 went to Lindenhafen to give further instructions to Cavalry outpost there.

Monday, May 8, 1944: Troop M on OPLR from 080700 to 090700.

Regiment followed training schedule.

CO met staff officers and Squadron CO's.

Tuesday, May 9, 1944: Troop B on OPLR from 090700 to 100700.

Troops followed "rainy day" schedule.

Wednesday, May 10, 1944: Troop G on OPLR from 100700 to 110700.

S-3 visited Didrop today. Traveled by LCM.

Troops followed "rainy day" schedule.

Retreat called off because of rain.

40 men and one officer furnished for ship unloading detail.

Thursday, May 11, 1944: Troop C on OPLR from 110700 to 120700.

Completed Gas School for Gas Officers and NCO's.

Troops followed "rainy day" schedule.

Friday, May 12, 1944: Troop A on OPLR from 120700 to 130700.

All troops went through gas chamber.

Troops followed training schedule.

Saturday, May 13, 1944: Troop B on OPLR from 130700 to 140700.

Inspection of personnel, installations and arms. Rest period in afternoon.

Sunday, May 14, 1944: Troop F on OPLR from 140700 to 150700.

Rest day. Church services. Movie at 1830. S-3 officer went to Crocodile Point making preparations for amphibious problem to take place 15 May by 1st Squadron.

Monday, May 15, 1944: Troop G on OPLR from 150700 to 160700.

1st Squadron to Crocodile Point for amphibious problem.

Troops followed training schedule.

Swimming test at 1400 for Troop F at Orange Beach.

Movie at 1830.

Tuesday, May 16, 1944: Troop F on OPLR from 160700 to 170700.

Regiment followed training schedule.

Wednesday, May 17, 1944: Troop C on OPLR from 170700 to 180700.

Regiment followed schedule. Inspection and retreat held today.

Two 40 man details and 2 officers supplied for ship unloading.

Advance outpost at Tavalu attacked today by enemy with LMG and mortar. One member of our patrol killed. Enemy withdrew quickly. Our barges retired. No contact with enemy at other points.

Thursday, May 18, 1944: Troop A on OPLR from 180700 to 190700.

Regiment followed schedule. Furnished 25 man ship loading detail.

Troop B replaced Troop E at Didrop Boowe Harbor and Crocodile Point outposts today.

Friday, May 19, 1944: Troop G on OPLR from 190700 to 200700.

Regiment followed schedule.

Saturday, May 20, 1944: Troop E on OPLR from 200700 to 210700.

Inspection in morning. Rest period in afternoon.

Sunday, May 21, 1944: Troop E on OPLR from 210700 to 220700.

Rest period for regiment.

Monday, May 22, 1944: Troop A on OPLR from 220700 to 230700.

S-3 Section began construction of new defense line in front of OPLR.

Regiment followed schedule. Swimming instructions.

Tuesday, May 23, 1944: Troop F on OPLR from 230700 to 240700.

Surveyed terrain for new protective line in front of present OPLR. Construction begun.

Regiment followed training schedule.

Our personnel operating from outpost at Ring Ring today located approximate position of enemy at AWUL. Number of enemy unknown. Work carried out with help of natives - observation of approximate positions made from Kiwalap.

Wednesday, May 24, 1944: Troop C on OPLR from 240700 to 250700.

Today an enemy patrol was fired on by our machine gun at Remgaini. Two enemy were killed and one wounded. The wounded man escaped with the rest of the patrol. We suffered no casualties.

Remgaini outpost reinforced today by one officer and 10 men from Ring Ring. This was carried out because of enemy reconnaissance in Remgaini area.

Regiment followed schedule. Continued work on forward OPLR positions.

Thursday, May 25, 1944: Troop A on OPLR from 250700 to 260700.

Regiment followed training schedule.

An enemy patrol of 5 men on reconnaissance walked into our Remgaini positions today. MG fire killed one, wounded one. We pursued them but lost contact. Another member of Jap party killed by native police boys. Jap patrol had come from Talasea, according to what they told natives.

Friday, May 26, 1944: Troop G on OPLR from 260700 to 270700.

Today native police boys overtook and killed the 3 Jap who escaped after fight with our Remgaini CP. Action took place about 8 miles west and north of Remgaini.

Regiment followed training schedule.

Saturday, May 27, 1944: Troop G on CPLR from 270700 to 280700.

Inspection of troops, personnel, installations.

Today Capt. Laird with 4 men departed by boat for Remgaini by order of CG. Capt. Laird ordered to assume command there. His party carried 2 LMG's. Arrived at 1700.

Today Lt. Barry and his 23 men were ordered to proceed immediately to Remgaini. This party arrived at 2000.

Sunday, May 28, 1944: Troop A on OPLR from 280700 to 290700.

Rest period for regiment.

Lt. Treptow ordered to move his detachment from Moewe Harbor (one other officer and 31 men - 2 LMG's) to Remgaini to join Capt. Laird. Lt. Treptow's party to arrive 29 May.

Blackout enforced today at 2100 instead of 2300.

Regimental Commander received verbal warning on contemplated move of regiment from Arawe.

Monday, May 29, 1944: Troop E on OPLR from 290700 to 300700.

Party of 31 men and 2 officers under Lt. Treptow arrived at Remgaini at 291415. Lt. White, Angau, began reconnaissance at 290600 and is expected to return 3 June.

Didmop garrison ordered to prepare to return to base on 30 May.

Tuesday, May 30, 1944: Troop C on CPLR from 300700 to 310700.

Troop B returned to regimental bivouac today. Malaria control meeting of all officers in chapel at 1600.

Boat patrol from Remgaini begun at 1000. Negative report on enemy. Lt White returned at 1945 and reported small numbers of enemy in bush north of Awul. Thorough reconnaissance of Awul by Capt. Laird disclosed enemy had evacuated Awul within the past 24 hours. He returned to Remgaini at 1900.

Wednesday, 31 May 1944: Troop F on OPLR from 310700 to June 1 0700.

Lt. Hetcher patrolled to Massau today and spent night there.

Thursday 1 June 1944:

Troop G on OPLR from 010700 to 080700.

Continued work on forward OPLR positions. Meeting of troop squadron and detachment at CO's.

CO Remgaini ordered to establish base at AWUL and maintain patrols not more than one day's march from base. Troop F platoon left on patrol along coastail trail to Sigul River. Etr 021600. Troop B platoon established outpost at Crocodile point to patrol Sigul River, Didmop, Aporlo, Gogor, mouth of Nauaru River.

Friday, 2 June 1944: Captain Carter S-2, today left for Finschaven.

Scout Car and driver returned from Moewe Harbor.