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Revise all data on our patrols of Road Block -- BAIROKO Trail. Trail winds in generally westerly direction from Road Block to approxiamterly (89.2 - 57.0) where there is an old Jap bivouac area on high ground on either side of trail. This will, in the future, be referred to as point "A" where Ryneska contemplates moving his men prior to further operations.

Our patrol left Road Block Aug 15, in the afternoon. 29 men bivouaced on high ground to right of trail at point "A" and set ambush predawn Aug. 16, 500 yds. N of point "A". They saw 4 Nips: killed 1; badly wounded one who disappeared; 2 nips fired and took off.

On same patrol 11 men bivouaced to left of trail at point "A" and proceded W Aug 16 to a river flowing due N (reference to photo-map will show that it is not possible to call this the BAIROKO R., due to the delta). This patrol went 2000 yds. at least thru mangrove swamp along this river. The latter widened and appeared to be coming to the inlet. At this point a large, well equipped hip was encountered and the patrol returned. The inlet was not actually seen.

We conclude that there are small nip outposts and patrols from point "A" north, but that there is no strength at least 1000 yds. N of point "A" where our first patrol went Aug. 8. From the evacuated bivouac area there we believe that there is probably no defense in depth until well into BAIROKO itself.

ENOGAI - BAIROKO trail no change except additional wire has been seen on perimeter of main Jap defense line. Jap Officer has been killed and his documents are being interpreted.

Any further worthwhile information will be forwarded immediately

s/ LIVERSEEDGE

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