

SPARROW FORCE
INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECCE OF SOUTH COAST PORT. TIMOR

REF:- PORT TIMOR 1:250000

SECRET COPY NO. 2

INFORMATION

1 . In the event of enemy operations making the use of SUAI as a supply point impossible, it is necessary to have a suitable supply point further east reconnoitred and developed if necessary.

2.

(a) Supply point require sheltered anchorage for small craft close to shore

(b) Sheltered beach suitable for the landing of supplies, for an open boat or raft

(c) Land approaches which are adequate for the transport of supplies inland by horse or carrier

(d) Water and other camping facilities for a small party.

3. In addition it is desirable that they:

(a) Have an area suitable for the alighting of flying boats.

(b) Have cover for supplies immediately they are landed

(c) Are near an adequate source of native labour

(d) Have canoes or other unloading facilities available

(e) Have within reasonable distance suitable storage accommodation

(f) Are near a PORT telephone and/or POSTO.

OBJECT

4. To make a recce of the south coast PORT TIMOR between BETANO and ALIAMBATA for alternative supply points and recommend any further action if necessary to make them suitable

PARTY

5. O.C. Major J. Chisholm

Capt. R.C. Neaves

S/Sgt L. Ross

Necessary transport and equipment and maintenance will be arranged by O.C. Party.

FINANCE

6. An advance of one hundred patacas (\$100) will be made to O.C. Party by Force Paymaster. Expenditure will be acquitted on return to the satisfaction of the Force Paymaster.

REPORTS

7. A complete report of BETANO will be sent to Force H.Q. by native runner on completion.

ITINERARY

DAY	
1	Mape to Hatu Hudo
2	Hatu Hudo to Betano
3 & 4	Betano – recce and report
5 & 6	Betano to Kicras
7	Kicras - Recce
8	Kicras to Luca
9	Luca to Viqueque
10	Viqueque to Beaco
11	Beaco – recce and report
12	Beaco to Aliambata
13	Aliambata to Recce
14	Aliambata to Viqueque
15 & 16	Viqueque – report and rest
17	Viqueque to Barique
18	Barique – rest
19	Barique to Nova Anadia
20	Nova Anadia to Same
21	Same – rest
22	Same to Hatu Hudo
23	Hatu Hudo to Mape

INTERCOMMUNICATION

If necessary communication with Force H.Q. will be made by the runner. Should this be necessary in the opinion of O.C. Party, Playfair code will be used.

KEYWORD – “United States of America”

The above itinerary is suggested but it may be altered at the discretion of the O.C. Party. Every effort will be made to return to Force H.Q. by 6 August 1942. If return is delayed for a considerable period, Force H.Q. will be advised if possible and a further interim report submitted.

SIGNED AT MAPE
2215 HOURS
14 July 1942

MAJOR [Cape]
B.M. SPARROW FORCE

Transcribed by Edward Willis

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