

1st July 45.

Preliminary Report to BRCAH

from Major Harrison

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A. HOSPITAL The health situation is very bad, especially in the interior, where there was no medical aid of any kind for 4 years, and until we arrived. Help is urgent.

2. I can, if required, supply a detailed report on inland health conditions.

3. The population has declined inland. I am now completing a census of the present population on PADAS, THUSAN and LIBASANG rivers.

B. FOOD 4. The food position inland is satisfactory. The rice crop has been average this year.

5. On the coast the food situation is bad in the MERAFOX AREA, very bad in SIVI & LAWAS AREA, fair at THUSAN (near starvation on North Coast).

6. Rice should be supplied at once to organised extensive rice supplies from inland to feed LAKAS and these should begin to arrive shortly. Meanwhile some is needed urgently.

7. I have also encouraged the full development of the food gardens started by the Japs at THUSAN & LAWAS and given money to assist in this.

8. Everywhere I have addressed the natives and told them to make more and larger huts and lodgings of all kinds to meet war needs.

C. PHYSICAL RECONSTRUCTION

9. I have told the Officer in charge and Native Officer LAKAS to carry on and get the places rebuilt.

10. I have authorised them to remove all timber lying about round TACAI Hill since it was bombed.

11. In all areas under my guerrilla control I have been having tracks and paths improved for the past 3 months, bridges rebuilt, ditches cleared etc.

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D. PSYCHOLOGICAL RECONSTRUCTION

12. I feel the importance of this can be underestimated. The people here of all races have suffered under Japanese occupation. There is a unique opportunity now for a recommitment of utility, trade, loyalty, to a level higher ever than prewar.
13. The people wish to wipe the strain of those four years from their hearts. Today leadership is at a premium. Imaginative white leadership now cannot only re-establish order and plenty in Borneo in a short space of time, but also actually elevate the prestige of Government and the white

E. POLICE

14. The police force has become considerably corrupted by Jap rule, more so than other services - largely because they here (had to) torture and beat. But a sound nucleus remains. Many in North SARAWAK were taken prisoner by us when on Jap patrols, and had to be held inland for our own security. I am now returning all of these except for a few notorious swines (who have been executed).

F. IMMEDIATE SUGGESTIONS

May I respectfully suggest:

- (i) The concentration of natives in camps etc. discouraged (e.g. WESTON) as soon as possible. Strangers are attracted. And now people should be back in their villages rebuilding and replanting.
- (ii) Visiting units of guerrilla forces do not issue administration instructions without liaison - e.g. one officer ordered the only medical dresser in one area to go at once to Brunei, whose Med facilities are relatively adequate.
- (iii) Police be not taken (from e.g. BINTANGOR) to WESTON or LABUAN but left to maintain order in own areas.

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2. I can, if required, supply a detailed report on inland health conditions.

3. The population has declined inland. I am now completing a census of the present population on PADAS, THUSAN and LIMBANG rivers.

B. FOOD 4. The food position inland is critical. The rice crop has been average this year.

5. On the north the food situation in MERAPOK area, very bad in fact at THUSAN (near starvation).

6. Rice should be supplied at once to organised extensive rice supplies from inland to feed LANAS and these should begin to arrive shortly. Meanwhile some is needed urgently.

7. I have also encouraged the full development of the food gardens started by the Japs at THUSAN & LANAS and given money to assist in this.

8. Everywhere I have addressed the natives and told them to make more and larger Kubans and Ladangs of all kinds to meet war needs.

C. PHYSICAL RECONSTRUCTION

9. I have told the Officer in charge and Native Officer LANAS to carry on and get the place rebuilt.

10. I have authorised them proton to use timber lying about round TAGALI mill since it was bombed.

11. In all areas under my guerrilla control I have been having tracks and paths improved for the past 3 months, bridges rebuilt, drains cleared etc.

NAME OF PERSON DONATED

John Edward Clegg

Also the son of Mr & Mrs Clegg of 1001 Boundary St.,
Adelaide, S.A. and his wife Elizabeth who now resides at 1001 Boundary
St., Adelaide.

John Edward Clegg was born on 10th January 1911 at 1001 Boundary St.,
Adelaide, S.A. and died on 1st November 1944 at 1001 Boundary St.,
Adelaide, S.A.

He was a member of the Royal Australian Air Force and
was killed in action over Germany.

He was buried in the Commonwealth War Cemetery, Berlin.

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13. The people wish to wipe the strain of these four years from their hearts. Today leadership is at a premium. Imaginative white leadership now cannot only re-establish order and plenty in Borneo in a short space of time, but also actually elevate the prestige of Government and the white

E. ORDER

14. The police force has become considerably corrupted by Jap rule, more so than other services - largely because they here (had to) torture and beat. But a sound nucleus remains. Many in KOTA BARAKA were taken prisoner by us when on Jap patrolling and held inland for our own security. Now returning all of these except for a few notorious swines (who have been executed).

F. IMMEDIATE SUGGESTIONS

May I respectfully suggest:

- (i) The concentration of natives in some encouraged (e.g. WESTON) as soon as possible. Scrubbers are attracted. And now people should be back in their villages rebuilding and replanting.
- (ii) Visiting units of guerrilla forces do not issue administration instructions without liaison - e.g. one officer ordered the only medical dresser in one area to go at once to Brunei, where Med facilities are relatively adequate.
- (iii) Police be not taken (from e.g. SIPITANG) to WESTON or LABUAN but left to maintain order in own areas.

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Preliminary Report to BBCAR

from Major J. Haines

I ~~think~~ It may be helpful to record a few points at this stage from my observation w/ ~~Borneo~~ Sarawak's BMB since I arrived here on March 22.

The health situation is ~~very~~ bad especially in the interior where there has been no medical aid of any kind for 6 years, & until we arrived. Help is

2. I can, if required, supply a detailed report on inland health conditions.

3. ~~Food~~ ~~Supply~~ ~~is~~ ~~satisfactory~~

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4. The food position in land is satisfactory. The rice crop has been average this year.

- 5 On the coast, the food situation
is bad in the HERAPOK area
very bad in SIPITANG & LOWKS
areas, fair at TROSON. (Near
starvation on the Dutch coast)
- 6 Rice should be supplied at once
to SIPITANG. I ~~am~~ have advised
extensive rice supplies from inland
to fed LAWAS. These should begin
to arrive shortly. Meanwhile some
is needed urgently.
- 7 I have also encouraged the full
development of the food gardens started
by the Japs at TROSON & LOWKS;
everywhere I've addressed the
natives & told them to make more
large ~~garden~~ Kebuns, gardens of all
kinds, to meet war needs.

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C. PHYSICAL RECONSTRUCTION.

9. I have told the Officer in Charge of Native Police力量 to carry on & get the place rebuilt.

10. I have authorised them ~~not~~ to use tanks by dropping a bomb round TAGA ^{hill} since it was bombed

11. In all areas under my ~~own~~ control I have been having tracks, paths improved for the past 3 months, bridges rebuilt, drains cleared etc.

D. PSYCHOLOGICAL RECONSTRUCTION

12. I feel the ~~inhabitants~~ ^{people} will be understanding of all races here suffered under Japanese occupation. There is a unique opportunity now for a reassertion of vital trade loyalty to a

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real higher even than previous.

15. The people wish to purge the stain of thea from years from their hearts. Today leadership is at a premium. Imaginative white leadership now can not only re-establish order & plenty in Burnes with ~~as~~ in a short space of time but also actually elevate the prestige of government & the white.

D. BORDER

16. The police force has become considerably corrupted by Tagimale, more so ~~large~~ because he is a brute & beat.

But a sound nucleus remains. Many in North Sarawak were taken prisoner by us when on Tag patrols & had to be held in bond for our

On becoming Governor he removed
all of them except for a few
Liberian slaves (who have been
executed).

E. IMMEDIATE SUGGESTIONS.

- (i) May I respectfully suggest:
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in compounds be discontinued (eg Weston)
as soon as possible. Savages are attacked
and now people should be back in
the villages re-building & replanting.
 - (ii) Military units of regular forces do not
issue administrative instructions without
basis - eg one file told admeed the
refusal of the ~~refusal~~ of medical supplies to the ~~refusal~~ ~~refusal~~
once to Burei, ~~refusal~~ ~~refusal~~
and depose.
 - (iii) Police be not taken (from Siritaing) ~~to~~
to Weston or LABOANT, but left & maintain
order in our areas. There is at present
~~not~~

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4th MESSAGE

Rec 12/11

16-6-45
0600 hrs.

8.6.41 - 0800 hrs. sent note to "H" to fast messenger.

0830 hrs. left Long Poe Pong by prahu.

The river out the River is easily navigable though there are many rapids which a native prahu could surpass.

0930 hrs. passed quite a few prahus coming up river the were returning from a relatives campong, none of them had seen or heard of any Japs.

The country is much the same as before except the higher parts more dense and high jungle and a general widening of the River.

We are using two prahus, the only two available, 7 people in each of them plus stores and weapons, must move slowly and carefully.

1330 hrs. arrived here OEPEN.

I would have not stopped here except for the fact that the chaps did not like the idea of spending the night in the jungle, apparently there are quite a few wild animals in this area.

The men who had been

coming up in their prahus had no
motor or food, nor did we have food.

Weapons and stores were
properly cleaning and checking so this was
a good opportunity.

1530 hrs.

Gave lessons on Bren Gun
stripping assembling and firing.

1630 Lessons on preparation and priming
of grenade, the boys are keen and
are learning fast.

most of the day which was
1730 Inspected all weapons and found
them excellant - checked all stores
and found not as much as one
found missing.

1800 made boys wash clothes; which
they did with a will.

1900 checked up on the distance
I had covered and found it to be
approx 40 miles at the end of this day.
that leaves approx 40 miles to
go which will take at least 4 days.

I came to the conclusion that
whoever told H. it was a 4 day trip
must have made an ~~estimate~~^{ERROR} or
travelled day and night.

The going has not been
fast, nor has it been slow, personally I
think we have made good time
considering the terrain.

KAPALA CAMPONG

Gooroo

POPULATION

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MEN. 17 WOMEN 17 CHILDREN. 14.

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The Gooroo here is only
a very young fellow but appears to
have much standing with his people
as good rehahle had I think.
may be useful in the future.

1900 hrs gave a good long talk to all people
2000 hrs treated usual number of sick
The talk I gave was taken quickly and all
some question and answer down can we fight without
arms.
They accused me though that if one
of them Japs came to see them they would feel
several open for us. Was many the reader