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KUCHING, SARAWAK. II Sept 1945.

Message received IZIG hrs II Sept at KUCHING FROM HQ. 9 Aust Div LABUAN. Operator at Labuan Sig. Sweetman. Operator at Kuching Sgt. A. W. Weston. Originators NO. LOI40.

The following message from Lieut-Gen BABA to all his Commanders in British Borneo will be transmitted by wireless through 9th Australian Division to Maj-Gen YAMAMURA Commanding General Japanese forces Kuching for distribution as directed...

From- Lieut-Cen BABA Commanding General 37 Japanese Army To- UG-Gen YAMMANURA Commanding General Japanese forces (UCHING.

- (I) I Lieut-Gen BARA Dommanding General 37 Japanese Army have now proclaimed the unbonditional surrender to the General Officer Commanding 9th Australian Division of all Japanese Army forces and all forces under Japanese control in British Borneo and the Natuna Islands.
- (2) I hereby command ou and all members of the Japanese armed forces and of all armed forces under Japanese control to cease hostilities immediately, disarm your forces, hold your forces in their present locations and do such acts and things as may be required of you and of the forces under your command and control by the General Officer (Commanding 5th Autralian Division or his autorised representative or representative.)
- (3) Further you will ensure that all Japanese Civl, Military and Naval officials and all members of the Japanese armid forces and armed forces under Japanese control lobey this order and all proclamations orders and directons which will from time to time be issued by the General Officer Cumanding 9th Australian Division or his representative.
- (4) Any delay or failure to comply with the providions of this or subsequent orders and any action which the General Officer Commanding 9th Australia Division determines to be detrimental to the Allied Powers wil incur drastic and summary unishment at the hands of the Allied Miltary Authorities and the Jagmese Government.
- (5) I order Maj-Gen YAMMURA Commanding General Jépanese forces KUCHING to receive for hiself and transmit the above information and orders to the following apanese Commanders under my command:-

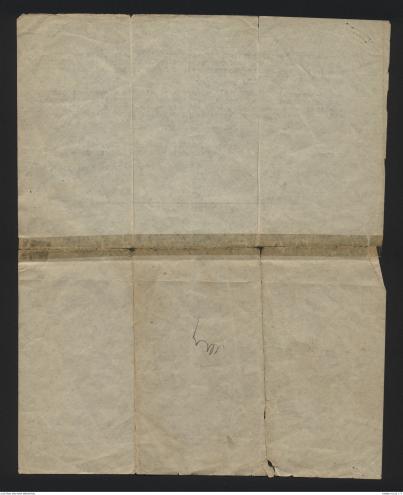
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Major- General YAMAMURA will ensure that all the abovementioned Commanders acknowledge receipt of the above information and orders and that such acknowledgements are passed separately immediately they are received by wireless to HQ 9th Australian Division.

Signed. M.BABA . Lieutenent General.
Commanding General 37 Japanese Army.

0940 hrs. II Sept 1945.



Message received 1218 hrs 11 Sept at KUCHING FROM HQ. 9 Aust Div LABUAN. Operator at Labuan Sig. Sweetman. Operator at Kuching Sgt. A.W. Weston. Originators No. LG124.

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Signed. M. BABA. Lieutenant General Commanding General 37 Japanese Army.

0940 hrs. 11 Sept 1945



Copied from the original pencil-written manuscript by Sergeant A.W. (Alan) Weston O/N NX57941, Superintendant of Wireless, 8th Division Signals.

Every night in the Japanese prison camps or rather the majority of them - lights out meant to bed - all lights out - no smoking, etc. But after the camp had settled down for the night a small band of men went into action. These were the Operators of Secret Wireless Sets with attendant Scouts and "Cockatoos" who received the outside news of the world which meant so much in boosting the morale of the unfortunate prisoners of war.

Being an operator in several camps, some aspects of this Secret Wireless working will no doubt be of interest as it was thrilling in the extreme to me. At Adam Park Camp, Singapore, we managed to secure with the help of Chinese - two receivers - one a dual wave Phillips Radioplayer and a dual wave Stromberg Carlson, both in good condition. We "hotted" up the radio [side] of the Phillips and tests showed she was capable of receiving practically all then-operating stations. Each night news was received from BBC and KGEI and passed to AIF Area H'qrtrs who promulgated this news discretely to all in the area next day. At 11:30pm one night we picked up an Australian S.W. Station giving news "to S.E. Asia and messages to Civil internees in S.E. Asia and prisoners in Java" and operating from Victoria.

So important was the successful reception each night of this Station's messages that we decided to construct a secret operating room where the service could be received and properly recorded. So right under the noses of Sikh guards (traitors who turned over to the Japs) we dug a room under our quarters 8ft x 8ft x 7ft deep - disposed of the earth and served by a trap door concealed under a woodheap, installed both receivers - led in power down through cavity-walls, installed light and even an electric fan.

In this room every night at 9:45 myself and my offsider Harry Cotterill of 8th Div Sigs - since died in Burma - received the BBC news, KGEI (News of the World), then copied upwards to 30 messages from wives and relatives of civil internees and prisoners of war. Most of those messages were from wives of civil internees who had evacuated from Malaya and had reached Australia. Most of these messages gave the information that wives etc. were safe and at such and such a place - Kiddies were

OK etc. and was the first news the recipients had had of their wives' whereabouts or safety.

One night came a Japanese order that the whole camp was to move next day to a camp about a mile away, actually the building occupied by RAF H'qrtrs Far East at Lyme Road. Once again the Japs were outwitted - the whole of the gear was trans[ported] from our operating room and taken to the new camp [in the] dead of night right past Jap guards. In the new camp [the] service still went on, carried out this time in a te[nt] heavily screened by "Cockatoos".

In other camps, small sets were used - single valve - really Hortley [?] oscillators. The overseas broadcasts were not always possible with these small sets, but generally picked up the BBC news rebroadcast from New Delhi.

When working parties or forces left Singapore for such places as Burma, Borneo, etc., necessary wireless components to build a small receiver capable of receiving news services were taken, carried split up over perhaps 20 men, each man carrying one small part to obviate the risk of detection during a Japanese search of gear.



Sept 11th 1945

CD12 V EF20. Radio Kuching

Wireless message received at Kuching from 9^{th} Aust. Division Labuan - Morse, 30 wds per min

Operator at Kuching Sgt A.W. Weston; Operator at Labuan Sig Doc[sic] Sweetman

For urgent transmission to Japanese Headquarters Kuching.

Message reeceived 1218hrs 11 Sep 45 at Kuching

Originators No LC140 The following message from Lieut Gen BABA to all his commanders in British Borneo will be transmitted by wireless through 9th Australian Division to Major Gen YAMAMURA Commanding General Japanese Forces Kuching for distribution as directed. Dash.

From.

Lieut General BABA Commanding General 37 Japanese Army. To.

Major General YAMAMURA Commanding General Japanese Forces Kuching.

(First) I, Lieut General BABA Commanding General 37 Japanese Army, have now proclaimed the unconditional surrender to the General Officer Commanding 9th Australian Division of all Japanese Army forces and all army forces under Japanese control in British Borneo and the Natuna Islands.

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M. BABA Lieutenant General Commanding General 37 Japanese Army

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