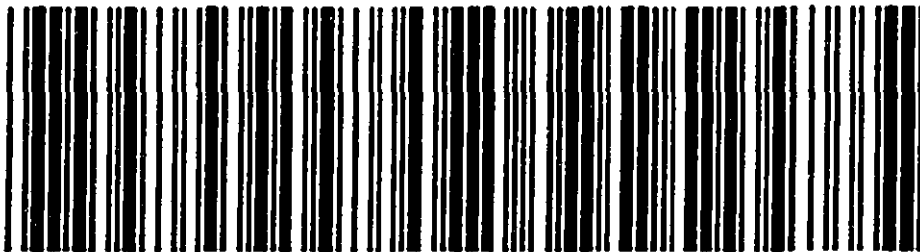


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September - December 1941



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September 1941

A stock-take of war diaries commenced in 1956 revealed that an ORIGINAL diary covering the above period was missing. This diary, previously registered as a DUPLICATE, has therefore been re-registered as an ORIGINAL.

An entry to this effect has been made in the War Diary Register.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form 2118
(adapted.)

Unit *1st Inf. Div.* Date and Time:—From *Sept 10* To *Sept 11*

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
<i>Mayaguez</i>	<i>Sept 11</i>		Training during the morning has been in the form of a lecture on the tactics of the enemy. The lecture was given by the commanding officer of the 1st Infantry Division. The lecture was very interesting and informative. The commanding officer explained the tactics of the enemy and how they can be defeated. He also explained the importance of the 1st Infantry Division in the defense of the country. The lecture was held in the morning and lasted for about two hours. The commanding officer was very thorough in his explanation and the soldiers were very attentive. The lecture was a great success and the soldiers were very happy to hear from the commanding officer. The commanding officer also explained the importance of the 1st Infantry Division in the defense of the country. He said that the 1st Infantry Division is the backbone of the defense and that it is very important for the soldiers to be well trained and to follow the orders of their commanding officer. The lecture was a great success and the soldiers were very happy to hear from the commanding officer. The commanding officer also explained the importance of the 1st Infantry Division in the defense of the country.	

Bush Warfare School

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 211B
(adapted.)

Unit *Special A. I. F. Detachment* Date and Time: From *October 1941* To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
<i>Maymyo.</i>			<i>The months training has been normal, as per attached program. To new subjects started but demolitions gone into more fully.</i>	
	<i>1st to 5th</i>		<i>Several applications for transfer back to old units were tendered by many, none of these were granted & the applicants have settled down again. The reasons for above applications were chiefly pay, a married man or one making an allotment receives Rs. 10 per week & so can't live up to the standard set by others.</i>	
	<i>6th</i>		<i>A visit paid to the school by the Buff-Corps M.P., accompanied by the Governor of Burma. An excellent demonstration was given for the visitors including certain demolitions & he was very favorably impressed. The school marched past the officers. The staff enjoyed taking part.</i>	<i>P.O. Goffey left</i>

Buck Wargrave School

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Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

Unit Special A. I. F. Detachment Date and Time: From September 1944 To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
Troy - N.Y. &	7 th to 8 th .		Complaints from men most as regards food, which has been poor to date. A menu was committed formed consisting of Q.M., Offi., C.O., & one man from each contingent. Ration scale & cooking given into & quite a noticeable improvement in messing secured as a result.	
	9 th to 25 th .		The question of pay again came up. Almost got striking rate of pay instead of Australian but was turned down at last minute.	
	27 th		Lectures commenced in Penetration (2 officers & 3 O.B.s per contingent) & Warfare Training (6 H.C.O.s per contingent).	
	28 th		Lecture given by Capt Brown, a Canadian Medical Corps doctor who has lived for some time amongst the Chinese, houses, & other institutions.	19.02.24 Geoffrey left

W. H. G. Gougeon

Bank Warfare School

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Army Form C. 211B
(adapted.)

Unit Special A.I.F. Detachment Date and Time: From October 1941 To _____

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A.I.F. Contingent.

Training for w/e 25th Oct 41.

Monday 20th Oct 41.

Tuesday 21st Oct 41.

Wednesday 22nd Oct 41.

Contingent Treck.

Thursday

23rd Oct 41.

0630hrs to 0645hrs.

0830hrs to 0915hrs.

0930hrs to 1230hrs.

P.T.

Language.

Demolitions.

Friday.

24th Oct 41.

0630hrs to 0645hrs.

0830hrs to 0915hrs.

0930hrs. to 1015hrs.

1030hrs to 1230hrs.

P.T.

Semaphore.

Language.

Squad Training & Lecture on China.

Saturday

25th Oct 41.

0630hrs to 0645hrs.

0830hrs to 0915hrs.

0930hrs to 1200hrs.

P.T.

Chinese.

Demolitions.

Maymyo

19th Oct 41.

Bruce Douglas
Capt.
C.C. Contingent.

A.I.F. TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 11/10/41.

MONDAY.	0630hrs. to 0645hrs. 0830hrs. to 0915hrs. 0930hrs. to 1230hrs.	P. T. Chinese. Recce. Reports & Field Sketch.
TUESDAY.	0830hrs. to 1230hrs.	Area Exercise (Range Preceded)
TUESDAY WEDNESDAY.	1800hrs. to	
THURSDAY.	1000hrs.	Trek- Contingent.
FRIDAY. THURSDAY.	1400hrs. to 1600hrs. 0830hrs. to 0915hrs.	Demolitions. Lecture, Captain Dixon.
FRIDAY.	0930hrs. to 1230hrs. 1400hrs. to 1445hrs.	Demolitions. Conference- Area Officers.
SATURDAY.	0900hrs. to 1000hrs. 1015hrs. to 1100hrs. 1115hrs. to 1145hrs. 1200hrs. to 1230hrs.	Lecture China. Semaphors. Unarmed Combat. Inspection.

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O.C. Contingent *Capt.*

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October 1941 22nd to 30th

Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
Taynnyo	22nd to 24th Pleasure trip to Tamtue as guests of Huatrabain residents there. Did the men good.	
25th	Warrent Officer Barker considered dangerously ill & may die of fever.	
28th - 29th	School athletic meeting. A.I.F. contingent came 3rd.	
30th	Prepare for trip to Hut Hie for training. Advance recce. party leave for China & includes A.I.F. C.O. Lt. Col. Count Bentick.	
Health during the month has not been too good, several have cases of skin diseases & fever. Training for month as per attached programs, chiefly demolitions.		D.S. *Gardner Capt.

A.I.F. Contingent.

Training for w/e 1st Nov 41.

Monday.	0630hrs to 0645hrs.	P.T.
27/10/41.	0830hrs to 1230hrs.	Ambush (C164 Area)

Tuesday.	0630hrs to 0645hrs.	P.T.
28/10/41.	0830hrs to 1600hrs.	Demolitions.

Wednesday.	0630hrs to 0645hrs.	P.T.
29/10/41.	0830hrs to 1230hrs.	Field Sketching & Observation Training.

Thursday.	0630hrs to 0645hrs.	P.T.
30/10/41.	0830hrs to 0930hrs.	Lecture.

Friday.	} Demolitions Exercise, Mandalay Area.
31/10/41.	
Saturday.	

1/10/41.	}
Sunday.	

2/10/41.	}
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Maymyo.
26th Oct 41.

Pinach Dengal
Capt.
O.C. Contingent.

A.I.F. Contingent.

Training for w/e 1st Nov 41.

Monday. 27/10/41.	0630hrs to 0645hrs. 0830hrs to 1230hrs.	P.T. Ambush (0164 Area)
Tuesday. 28/10/41.	0630hrs to 0645hrs. 0830hrs to 1600hrs.	P.T. Demolitions.
Wednesday. 29/10/41.	0630hrs to 0645hrs. 0830hrs to 1230hrs.	P.T. Field Sketching & Observation Training.
Thursday. 30/10/41.	0630hrs to 0645hrs. 0830hrs to 0930hrs.	P.T. Lecture.
Friday. 31/10/41.	Demolitions Exercise, Mandalay Area.	
Saturday. 1/10/41.		
Sunday. 2/10/41.		

Maymyo.
26th Oct 41.

Pinach Sengal.
O.C. Contingent. *Capt.*

A.I.F. Contingent.Training Programme for w/e 29th Nov 41.Monday.

Return from Basra.

Tuesday.

0630hrs.

0845hrs.

10.00hrs.

14.00hrs.

P.M.

Contingent. Parade.

Demonstration - Maffing.

Demolitions.

Wednesday.

0630hrs.

0830hrs.

1400hrs.

P.M.

Demolitions.

Demolitions.

Thursday.

0630hrs.

0830hrs.)

1445hrs.)

P.M.

Range Practice.

Friday.

0630hrs.

0830hrs.)

1245hrs.)

1400hrs.

P.M.

Demolitions.

Chinese.

Saturday.

0630hrs.

0830hrs.

0930hrs.

1130hrs.

P.M.

Chinese.

Interior Economy.

Lecture.

Mayaro.

24th Nov 41.

*Quack Dougal*Capt.
O.C. Contingent.

N.I.F. Contingent,

TRAINING FOR w/e 3rd Nov. 41.

Monday.
3/11/41.

INTERIOR ECONOMY.

Tuesday.
4/11/41.

0630hrs to 0645hrs.
0830hrs to 1600hrs.

P.T.
Demolitions.

Wednesday.
5/11/41.

0630hrs to 0645hrs.
0830hrs to 1230hrs.

P.T.
Attack Exercises.

Thursday.
6/11/41.

0630hrs to 0645hrs.
0830hrs to 0915hrs.
0930hrs to 1015hrs.
1030hrs to 1115hrs.
1130hrs to 1230hrs.
1900hrs to 2100hrs.

P.T.
Bren Stop ages.
T.S.M.G.
Grenades.
Semaphore.
Night Exercise.

Friday.
7/11/41.

0630hrs to 0645hrs.
0830hrs to 1230hrs.
1900hrs to 2100hrs.

P.T.
Route March.
Night Exercise.

Saturday.
8/11/41.

ROUTE MARCH.

Mayaro.
3rd Nov. 41.

Chinac Bengali
S.C. Contingent.

A.I.F. Contingent.

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR w/e 15th Nov 41.

Monday	0630hrs to 0645hrs.	P.T.
19/11/41	0830hrs to 0900hrs.	Unarmed Combat.
	0915hrs to 1000hrs.	Lecture- Lt. Col. Meade.
	1015hrs to 1100hrs.	T.S.M.G.
	1115hrs to 1200hrs.	Weapon Training. Bren.
	1215hrs to 1245hrs.	Semaphore.

Tuesday.
11/11/41.

Wednesday.
12/11/41.

CONTINGENT MANOUVRES.
72 Mile Peg.

Thursday.
13/11/41.

Friday.
14/11/41.

0630hrs to 1245hrs. Demolitions.

Saturday.
15/11/41.

0630hrs to 0645hrs. P.T.
0830hrs to 1245hrs. Demolitions.

Maymyc.
9th Nov 41.

O.C. Contingent.

A.I.F. TRAINING SYLLABUS. FOR 17th Nov 41.

Monday. 0630hrs. P.T.
0800hrs to 1230hrs. Range Practice.
1400hrs to 1500hrs. Chinese.

Tuesday. 0630hrs. P.T.
800hrs to 1230hrs. Weapon Training . Semaphore.
0900-0800

Wednesday. 0630hrs. P.T.
0830hrs to 1230hrs. Demolitions.

Thursday. 0630hrs. P.T.
0830hrs to 1230hrs. Demolitions.

Friday. 0630hrs. P.T.
0830hrs to 1230hrs. Demolitions.
1400hrs. taijichuan. Chinese.

Saturday. 0630hrs. P.T.
0800hrs. to 0900hrs. Chinese.
0915hrs. to 1245hrs. Route March.

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C.O. A.I.F. Capt.

"Bunk Warfare School"

War Diary

Special A.I.F. Detachment

December 1941

1st to 12th

Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
<u>Maymyo.</u>		
<u>1st.</u>	Put the exercise put off because of Japanese tension.	
<u>2nd</u> <u>20</u> <u>6th.</u>	slit trenches dug round "School" & A.A. positions dug. 79 m. m. Brown guns mounted for A.A. defence. Blackout orders are issued. Officers & men go around outside camp area. All A.R.P. taken.	
<u>7th</u> at 0530hr.	Japanese declare war on Great Britain & America.	
<u>8th</u> <u>10</u> <u>12th.</u>	Amas in Maymyo & district allotted to contingents for dealing with "Paratroops".	
<u>5th &</u> <u>6th</u>	NO. NX 28-141 W.O. II Barker R.W. H. died in B.W. H. Maymyo at 8.30 p.m. of Thyphoid Fever, & was buried on 6th at 3 p.m. in Maymy Thilay Cemetery with honours. A great loss to the Contingents and the men.	

W.O. H. Barker
12th

"Burmese War School"

War Diary

Special A.I.F. Detachment

December 1941

12th to 26th

Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
<u>Tanyin</u>	<u>13th</u> Sphinxter-proof wall started round "school" orderly room.	
	<u>22nd</u> Two contingents of the "school", M.E. 1 + M.E. 2, leave for Tanyin. Six, 3-ton trucks, per contingent, approx. 45-men in each contingent. Fairly well supplied with demolition stores.	
	<u>23rd</u> Demonstrations made by A.I.F. to give Fieldcraft demonstrations to newly arrived squads.	
	<u>26th</u> M.T. Drivers leave for Rangoon to collect more trucks. Training during the month has been per program but rather interrupted after 24th. Health of men not so good - few prevalent. More hope of going to China since war as men are in better spirits.	

P. H. K. Godfrey Capt