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This is the third volume of the "D" Coy
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Nominal Roll of Coy as at 19 March 1945.

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nominal roll of coy as shown in original
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OFFICERS

QX 2995	Capt. J. Kay	OC Coy
949	W.G. Munson	2/c Coy
38061	Lt. E.T. Watts	16 pl.
835	S.R. Walsh	18 pl.

WO's & Sgts

VX 132825	WOx Hepburn G.R.	CSM
QX 5911	S.Sgt. Wright V.H.E.	CO M.S.
5818	Sgt. Dawe T.A.	18 pl.
27615	Thomas J.E.	16 pl.
* 5139	Sheppard J.T.	17 pl.
* 10533	Lucas O.D.	School at Canungra

Corporals

QX 9589	L/Sgt Hogg A.	* QX 6943	Cpl. Bambling R.H.
25607	Gutormsen W.R.	19817	Webb G.B.
60860	Cpl Dymock R.O.	16634	Green C.M.
* 8691	Quincey G.H.	8660	Victor R.
3364	Cecil J.D.A.	* 751	Collins R.
26036	McAndrew W.D.		

note. Cpls Cecil & Bambling instructors at Canungra Jungle S.

ORs.

Coys HQ.

QX 31873 Pte Ritchie T.J. Orderly
 . 24282 . Adams V.S.
 . 32203 . Fry L.W.
 * 5571 . Leslie ADM Storeman
 . 28381 . Toohey C.R. Batman
 . 16073 . Ryan S.L.

16 Platoon.

QX 31631 Pte Bell T.A.	* QX 905 Pte Clarriss R.J.
. 55920 . Fry J.	. 26386 . Murison S.G.
. 57117 . Brent P.H.	. 24743 . Rankin J.H.
. 25758 . Crossley W.T.	. 23820 . Langford W.T.
. 31706 H/Pl Marshall A.C.	. 23293 . Sorensen P.C.
. 39917 Pte Jackson T.M.S.	. 24757 . Clerk R.S.
. 49468 . McCann K.W.	. 27025 . Dennison-Davidson E.J.
WX 28348 . Brown P.C.	. 31736 . Johnson N.I.
QX 23574 . Wilson F.E.	
. 27430 . Swindale G.J.	
. 27973 . Morris V.D.H.	
. 30158 . McDonald H.C.	
. 10942 . Fagg G.A.	
. 38027 . Sheppard W.A.	
IX 3718 . Wells M.G.	
QX 31467 . O'Donovan J.H.	
. 18298 . Walker G.E.	
VX 149598 . Jenkins P.D.	
QX 24678 . Gye more A.	
. 37047 . Jones H.A.	

17 platoon.

SX17804	Pte Hassan	W.C.	AX28389	Pte Wallace	RB.
QX56842	Daly	RT.	28583	Mugridge	R.H.G.
26563	McVie	R.S.S.	21854	Jackson	CH.
32154	Paris	V.	57960	Hamilton	W.
18873	Wieland	JP.	21486	Gallagher	JR.
26956	Brooks	H.O.	30053	Davy	L.A.
24066	Cochrane	R.G.	VX139592	Tobin	AJ.
24204	Carr	G.E.	QX22086	N/Pl Shaw	DP.
29072	Voysey	HF.	28960	Pte Martin	CE.
WX28300	Norrish	R.F.	30829	Marshall	E.J.
QX24036	Brown	K.A.	56505	Oakey	H.A.
6577	Lockie	H.A.	28277	Roberts	K.R.
26377	Williams	NN.	28393	Wallace	R.E.
22264	Maxwell	BA.	21801	Gillies	IV.
31549	N/Pl Steffensen	NC.	31907	Graham	R.H.
15110	Pte Hudson	AA	21103	Potter	E.

18 platoon.

QX52400	Pte Coxon	J.	QX55786	Pte Caldwell	MJA.
28649	Byrne	RJ.	31536	Simpson	KJ.
25336	Ogg	G.G.	31726	Jacobson	SA.
21105	Brown	RC.	11591	Benham	JHS.
18990	N/Pl Shinn	RA.	48145	Bergin	RF.
18969	Pte Lum-Wan	AT.	11440	Pond	LP.
26825	Cox	JH.	49144	Essex	D.G.
30415	Tabke	HF.	41618	Ross	LEW.
25330	Thoroughgood	NA.	WX31929	Whiskin	LM.
25976	Lumley	MW.	QX7470	Staines	E.M.
27197	Harnes	Tb.	18889	O'Sullivan	h.
* 3271	Williamson	Jb.	46587	Kavanagh	E.G.
49050	Parish	IM.	28493	York	R.

Note. Hospital - Ptes Leslie, Norrish, Gallagher, Parish

A.W.L. - Ptes Bell, Swindale, Walker, Maxwell, Hudson, Graham, Potter, Byrne, Harnes, York.

The Bn is stationed outside RAVENSHOE on
the MT. GARNET Rd.

Mon. 19.3.45.

Morris V. H. } AWH

Wells M. } 2200 hrs

Lectures all day - brew, field security,
Use of field and shell dressings etc.
Pte Bergin R.F. mi. x gen. res.

Tue. 20.3.45.

AM. Route march. PM. organised sports.

Wed. 21.3.45

AM. Platoon TEWTs. and visit of Lord Wakehurst
PM. football vs. 2/13 bn. Pte NORRISH R.F.
x hosp.

Thu. 22.3.45

Jones H.A. - 2/13 bn

(20 Bde)

Pt. Victor R.J. - school

F.A.A. Inv. hrs. Wongsbel

Duty coy. 30 yds range practices.
Ptes TATTAM B.A. and DUNHAM E.A. mi. x 2/1 HQ Gd Bn.
Pte BYRNE R. x a.w.l. to close arrest. L/Sgt.
GUTORMSEN x leave.

Fri. 23.3.45.

Marched out to junction of Archer Cr and Millstream
at 0900 hrs and bivouaced.

Sat. 24.3.45

Bn in attack under artillery and mortar barrage.
C.O. very pleased with coys effort in keeping close
to barrage - strange to relate we had no
casualties, whereas the 2/17 bn had four.
Arrived back at camp 1700 hrs.

Sun. 25.3.45

Clarris R.J. } AWH

O'Donovan J. } 2200 hrs

Rest day. Ptes. JENKINS ^K J.E. and
SAMITH. F. Wh. mi. x bn. band.

Mon. 26.3.45.

York R. to X list.

AM. adm., Kit inspection. PM. Football vs. B.H.Q.
Lost 14-8 after a close game.

Tue. 27.3.45.

AM. ^{Byn} Muster bde and cholera inoculation. PM. Pl
attacks in vicinity of Bald Rock. Lt. SEENEY D.H.
mi. x HQ Coy, Ptes Maxwell B.A. and HARMES ATG
x AWH to close arrest. Pte SEARLE A.B. x band.

Wed. 28.3.45. Lecture by RMO on Bilharzia, and instruction
Langford W.A. - A.W. from stretchers bearers in bandaging.
obs. hrs. (Witness) (St Thomas) pm. Bridge Tournament and Basketball with
C Coy.

Thu. 29.3.45.

Sorensen P. - leave Duty by.

Fri. 30.3.45.

Good Friday - Rest day.

Sat. 31.3.45.

Smith J.H. ^{marched in} x band Administration - Kit inspections - Interior
Sheehan W.J. x band economy. Ptes. Smith J.H. Sheehan W.J. McCann S.M.
McCann C.N. x band. m.i. x bw band.

Sun. 1.4.45.

The Coy achieved four representatives in the
two football teams this week-end which was
rather a ~~shock~~ shock to the system.

Mon. 2.4.45.

Duty by.

Tue. 3.4.45.

AM. Route march. PM. Individual issues and adm.

Wed. 4.4.45.

Bell T.A. to 'X' list. Field firing range "B" - pl. attacks - advance guard
action on encountering enemy outposts.
Pte. LESLIE, A.D.M. x hosp. Pte YORK R. x A.W. to unit detention.

Thu. 5.4.45.

Hamilton W. ^{Reallocation} J.D. - indication and recognition of targets
Ryan S. ^{Med.} in the field.
Forbes H. ^{downgraded.}
Cox S.T. - HR. Coy.

Fri. 6.4.45.

Walker G.F. x Map reading - practical - section compass
Swindale J. list. marches to platoon rendezvous.

Sat. 7.4.45.

Coy administration. Lecture by Bde. I.D. on
procedure when cut off by the enemy. Pte
TOBIN A.J. x leave. (Pl. SMITH (N. Cook) joined Coy.

Sun. 8. 4. 45 Tennis party to Beatrice River.

Mon. 9. 4. 45.

Cpl. Gilmore A.E.J. ^{Bde.} ^{Cook} ^{School} N.C.O.'s. Tent. - vanguard and coy attack. Coy on all day route march. Sgt. ~~Pl.~~ PIKE R.I. (Cook) x B' Coy ~~relieving~~ as Sgt. Cook.

Tue - 10. 4. 45

Maxwell. BA - 150 days F.P. Sports Day - inter-platoon football. Fifty-four footballers were found in the coy, and the afternoon was spent in recovering from the shock and licking of wounds.

Wed. 11. 4. 45.

Transported to Id. Firing Range "B" for coy exercise - Advance Guard, river crossing, and exploitation.

Thu. 12. 4. 45.

Tobin A.J. - hosp Duty Coy.

Marshall A.C. - leave

Fri. 13. 4. 45.

A.M. football vs. B' Coy. for first win of season 24 to 3. P.M. Section formations and field signals. Pte BYRNE R.I. x F.P.C.

Sat 14. 4. 45.

Smith, C.N. (Cook) det. Bde. Arms. Kit. inspection. Pte KAVANAGH. E.G. released to open arrest after continual representations from this coy. Pte O'DONOVAN. Jk x AWh

Sun. 15. 4. 45

Last football of season Bw played 2/25 Bw and entertained ^{party of} them for day. A good days football and everyone thought we should get together more often.

Mon. 16. 4. 45.

Section Compass march TUMOUHIN area - all day.

Tues. 17. 4. 45.

TORR R. to 9 mths Det. Duty Coy. - Cpl. Gilmore x Cooking School.

Wed. 18. 4. 45.

Smith F.H. to B.H.Q.

Smith (N. Cook) to Coy

Thurs. 19. 4. 45

Route march for coy - all day to Vine (K area)
NCOs. Fewt.

Application note lotion and sport

Fri. 20. 4. 45

Cleaning up camp and route march.

Sat. 21. 4. 45.

Ptes. MAXWELL B.A. and ARMES H.T. m.i. x F.P.C. under close escort, to be company responsibility till we embark.

Sun. 22. 4. 45

Rest Day. Pte BERGIN R.F. to travel later [with B.H.Q.]

Mon. 23. 4. 45

Coy HQ, 18 platoon and half 16 platoon u.o. at 0700 hrs and arrived REDLYNCH at 1330 hrs - by road. Remainder of coy left at 1800 hrs and entrained at 2000 hrs

Tues. 24. 4. 45

Remainder company arrived REDLYNCH 0600 hrs
Boys enjoying themselves as much as possible in the absence of enough grub.

Wed. to Fri. 25-27. 4. 45.

At REDLYNCH gambling and enjoying the well-stocked canteen which the camp provides. The luxury of showers at any time of the day by just turning on a tap almost has the web down.

Sat. 28. 4. 45

Embarked "CHARLES LUMMIS" at 1630 hrs. She is a stinking old (launched 1943) "liberty" ship fitted out as a troop carrier, which has been condemned and is on its way home to the USA. to be scrapped. at CAIRNS.

Sun. 29. 4. 45 Sailed from CAIRNS harbour at 0900 hrs
after our 12 months "rest" in the Atherton
Tablelands wilderness; with few regrets and
much bitterness.

Mon. 30. 4. 45.

Tue. 1. 5. 45. Still sailing on the 30th and 1st May accord-
ing to the C.O.

Wed. 2. 5. 45.

Landfall today. Asked Yank where we were
and was informed that we had been lost
since daybreak. A int-wit from
the Ground Force informed me that it
was NEW GUINEA. Entered MILNE BAY
at 1400 hrs.

Thu. 3. 5. 45

Passed BUNA 1000 hrs

Fri. 4. 5. 45.

A jumble of islands around the place
is causing much confusion.

Sat. 5. 5. 45.

Anchored at BIAK Is. at 1700 hrs.
Evidence of a thorough doing over by the
Yanks, and now quite a large township
with more lights than BRISBANE showing.
The ship is still blacked out.

Sun. 6. 5. 45.

Left anchorage at 1800 hrs. A delivery
of mail was taken.

Mon. 7. 5. 45.

Crossed Equator at 1000 hrs.

Tues. 8. 5. 45.

Just Sailed.

Wed. 9.5.45. Arrived at MOROTAI Anchored 0900 hrs.
Berthed 1400 hrs and disembarked Moved
to ~~the~~ Staging Camp. Pte. SMITH KH.
mi. x gen. res.

Thurs. 10.5.45. Look-over the craft we are to land in (LVTs).
Four bottles of beer issued - two weekly
issue and two for VE day. Advance
party moved to SABATAI RIVER area 1200 hrs.

Fri. 11.5.45. Coy moved to SABATAI RIVER (9 D) IV.
Concentration Area), and prepared
campsite and erected tents.

Sat. 12.5.45. Prepared campsite

Sun. 13.5.45. Guttormsen HG. to ~~the~~ Day spent washing and looking for
paw-paws and bananas. Pte ABELL HT.
mi. x Coy as Mr. Seneys' batman

Mon. 14.5.45. Route march and swim. Pte LANGFORD HT. mi.
x AHQ, Pte BERGIN RF. mi. x detachment for voyage,
Pte Gallagher JR. mi. x hosp, Pte MOYNAHAN AW.
mi. x BHQ (band). 4 Stretcher Bearers Ptes
Smith, Sprake Hixon and Murray; and
one "I" man, Pte Rogers attached from BHQ.

Tues. 15.5.45. Duty Coy. Ptes McCANN AS and JONES AA.
mi. x BHQ, Ptes BROWN GA, GREY JF, LIST MJ,
McCAFFREY BM, RYAN EW, WEGERT RG,
WHITE JH, WOLTER RA, WOOTTON EG, mi.
x HQ Coy.

Wed. 16.5.45. Route march and application into lotion.

Thurs. 17.5.45 Lt. WALSH SR, Pte. PARIS V. mi. x detachment
Brown, R. to 7th H.A. Co. Cpl. MARSHALL AC and Pte SORENSEN. PC mi. x leave
Pte GREEN (J mi. x "A" Coy, and Pte SMITH. HJ,
mi. x 7th H.A. Co. Bn.

Fri. 18.5.45.

Payday. Rente marche and swim.
There are supposed to be 800 Japs on this Island,
and although we have taken no precautions
so far and suffered no ill-effects; we
now have to mount a perimeter picket
and are "stand-by" company in case
of attack; being next for duty.

Sat. 19.5.45.

Duty copy. Exchange rate 6.08. Guilders
to the £1 (Aust).

Sun. 20.5.45.

18 platoon found some beautiful bunches
of bananas which are slowly ripening
under the watchful eyes of the cooks.

Mon. 21.5.45.

Demonstration and practice with .50 Browning
machine guns which we are to mount on
the L.V.Ts. ("Landing Vehicle Track" - "Buffalo").

Tue. 22.5.45.

Platoons put through the Sandtable and
shown ~~about~~ air-photos of our objective,
and familiarised with their tasks on
landing. Lecture for Offs and NCOs
on Tropical diseases, which are more to
be feared than the Japs according to the
M.O.

Wed. 23.5.45.

Demonstrations and practice with
flamethrowers. Boat rolls completed.

Thu. 24. May 45. Coy packing and morning march and evening
on beach.

Fri. 25. May 45. Nothing doing except card parties.

Sat. 26. May 45. Coy boxes to LSTs. Coy issued eight flamethrowers
and practice on beach with thickened fuel. Pte
BELL J.A. x AHL. New Reinforcements - Cpls. BARCHAM and BURGESS
Ptes. BICKET, CRICKSHANK, HYSON, PROTHERO, ROBINSON, WILSON.

Sun. 27 May 45. Normal Sunday routine. Pte WARE x AHL. LOB

(9)
LOB to Bde Area → Personnel to Brigade area Ptes. SHEPPARD W.A., O'DONOVAN J.H.,
RANKIN J.H., WALLACE K.E., WILLIAMSON J.H., Ptes MARTIN C.E., STAINES E.M.,
BENHAM J.H., FAGG G.A.

Mon. 28 May 45. Pack up and clean area for early morning move. PM
at beach. Pte O'SULLIVAN L. to Bn. Pool, Sgt. QUINCEY
Sgt. Quincey stores party, Pte O'Sullivan etc. to DC stores party, Pte ROBERTS K.R. to Follow Up party and
- Roberts. etc. the three were left at MOROTAI.

Tue. 29 May 45. Left SABATAI River 0400hrs. Embarked "LST 667" at 1600hrs
Cpl BARCHAM evac (Acute Appendix) Very uncomfortable - troops accommodated on
open steel deck. ~~Cpl. BAR~~

Wed. 30. May 45. Trial run on LST. Two meals per day - very good.
Anchored out in harbour.

Thu. 31. May 45
Trial run on LVTs. - out in sun for five hours and
naturally everyone is a bit miffed. LVTs
seem much more protection than LSTs for actual
landing and would have saved lives at FINSCHHAFEN.
The living conditions on the LST are foul, and
as more trucks are to be loaded tomorrow there
will be even less room.

Fri. 1 Jun 45.
Discovered company security box is not on
board therefore we have no maps of our
landing area. Pictures every night on
board, but they are hard to see and hear.

Sat. 2 Jul 45. LST. returned to beach. Swimming parade and
Clerk R.S. - evax route march. One bottle of beer issued - now
(1. jaundice) only five owing.

Sun. 3 Jul 45.

Moved out into anchorage again at 0900 hrs.

Mon. 4 Jul 45.

Sailed from MOROTAI in convoy at 1300 hrs

Tue. 5 Jul 45.

Our destination was officially revealed today - MUARA IS.
As everyone knew about it a fortnight ago, the secrecy,
was unwarranted. The Div Cypher section have
long tongues. Lecture on enemy dispositions
and terrain on MUARA IS. and rest of Division's
task.

Wed. 6 Jul 45.

Thu. 7 Jul 45. On Thursday night passed tip of PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
ZAMBOANGA well lighted.

Fri. 8 Jul 45

Off TARAKAN.

SAT. 9 Jul 45.

Passed tip of PALAWAN IS.

Sun. 10 Jul 45.

Landed MUARA IS. off North West Coast of BORNEO, and
at the mouth of the BRUNEI River, at 0900 hrs after
terrific bombardment by destroyers, rocket ships,
and mortar ships for 42 minutes. No opposition,
but the artillery had two new shots - one fatally
when someone in the second wave fired out of
turn. D Coy and C Coy forward companies.
D Coy LVTs. 1-1 to 1-6 landed on the left of the
beach. The driver of LVT. 1-5 panicked and
tried to head out to sea again, but was quickly
got under control again. An aerial photo
showed wave one as a very straggly line.

10 Jun (cont) Coy consolidated 800 yards from beach and 18 platoon sent a patrol down the centre of the island while "A" and "C" companies patrolled the beaches. The patrols met at the end of the island which is only about 5000 yards long. The island is mostly swamp, and is unoccupied by Japs or natives. The former seem to have left it some months ago and abandoned considerable equipment.

Mon. 11 Jun 45.

The swimming is delightful and fresh water is available three feet below the surface of the ground in the sandy parts. Left as garrison force while remainder of battalion moved to YELLOW BEACH on the mainland at BROOKE TOWN.

Tue. 12 Jun 45.

Resting and swimming. Oysters which grow on the bamboos forming old Jap rafts are good eating, and they and a few fish are a welcome change from bully beef. We are issued with the A.B.H. rations for the first time, and find it far superior to the ordinary break-up rations.

Wed. 13 Jun 45.

Initials cut in planks on the jetties ~~and~~ seem to suggest that ^{British} ~~Australian~~ POWs had a hand in their construction. There was a large saw-mill on the island some time ago, and several electric motors and hand operated saw-benches are abandoned.

Thu. 14 Jun 45.

Left MUARA IS. 0130 hrs on LCMs for YELLOW BEACH, on mainland of BRUNEI State, NW. BORNEO, and half a mile from BROOKE TOWN.

Fri. 15 Jun 45. Bivouaced on beach just below jetties and did nothing until the 19th June.

Tue. 19. Jun 45.

MOYNAHAN left at Left. YELLOW BEACH 0500 hours for RED BEACH on MUARA ISLAND BROOKETOWN with LCBs. Lacerated. big toe. to embark on "LST. 667" for assault on LUTONG in support of 2/13 Battalion.

Wed. 20 Jun 45.

2/13 Battalion landed at LUTONG 0930 hrs. We had a grandstand view of the landing and terrific barrage preceding it, from the LST on which we remained until needed. There was no opposition to the landing.

Thu. 21 Jun 45.

Davy LA retained 120 Indian POWs released in LUTONG and "LST 667" is on "667" suspected Appendicitis. to receive them and cots are being made ready in the hold. LST 667 has four doctors aboard and is used as a hospital ship. Transferred to LST 562. Returning to BRUNEI 1800 hours tonight.

Fri. 22 Jun 45.

Transhipped at MUARA ISLAND to LCV(P)s and were landed at BRUNEI township. Bivouaced mile out of town behind 7/17 Battalion FIDhs.

Sat. 23 Jun 45.

Patrol under Lt. WAHSH to Palembang Peninsula for 3 days. Killed two Japs and claim two wounded who got away. The "angry men" had only one rifle and two grenades between them. Ptes FAGG, RANKIN, MARTIN, BENHAM, STAINES and L/Cpls. WALLACE and WILKINSON marched in x LCB.

Sun 24 Jun 45.

18 platoon made no contact today. Six men from 16 platoon to see Brig. back from TUTORA investigated reported Jap movement. NPB.

Mon 25 Jun 45.

Took over 7/17 Battalion FIDhs. They moved to TUTORA. 3 Sections across BRUNEI River to guard three disabled

tanks. 2 Section guarding LIMBANG track, and the remainder of the company on the road below the reservoir. There is plenty of water and showers from holes in the main pipeline of the town water supply. As the holes were made by a bomb burst nearby we are making good use of it. The Brigadier complained that not enough pressure was reaching his house on a ~~nice~~ grassy hill overlooking the township, but he is not getting any satisfaction. 18 Platoon patrol returned - no further Japs seen.

Tue. 26 Jul. 45.

McCaffrey Duns
Wolter into
Wegert Beach

17 Platoon moved out to Tutong - Abang Road Junction 17 miles from BRUNEI to relieve a platoon of the 2/11 Battalion. Eighteen new from 16 platoon under Lt. WATTS moved out ten miles along Tutong track to investigate reported Jap movement.

Wed. 27 Jul. 45.

Pay available - paid 18 platoon, Coy HQ, and mortars in coy area. Company HQ patrols each morning and evening to Reservoir area. Pickets day and night. 16, 17 and 18 platoon patrols contacted no enemy.

Thu. 28 Jul. 45.

Searle - MDS
(sprained ankle)

Paid 3 Section and 17 platoon. 16 platoon patrol investigated area where artillery patrol had three casualties in brush with 34 Japs, and tried to recover one body. They had an artillery man as guide but he could not find the place again. The forward scout was fired on, one bullet passing through his hat, and half the patrol moved up the next spur. The enemy had retired when they arrived but left a lot of empty cartridge cases and some rice. The chase was abandoned at dusk.

Fri. 29 July 45. 10 platoon patrol returned to company area. L/Sgt. HOGG took ten man patrol up Limbang track and saw no enemy, but found footprints estimated at two days old. Three Field Ambulance men scrounging, without arms, reported Jap on track and patrol to go out tomorrow to investigate. L/Sgt. HOGG, justly incensed at a persuasion east on his own patrol, has asked permission to go on this investigation.

Sat. 30 July 45

HOGG - WIA.

Patrol of six men under CSM with Field Ambulance man as guide found it was not Limbang track where the Jap was seen, but another track a thousand yards away in the 1/2 M.M.G.s. area. The track was investigated and at about 2000 yards L/Sgt HOGG, who was forward scout, and a Jap covering the track with an L.M.G. sighted each other at the same moment and fired together, each hitting the other. The CSM and Pte. ROFT jumped off the Jap and smashed his L.M.G. and the patrol retired. L/Sgt. HOGG evacuated to M.B. where he was operated on. The bullet passed through the thick muscle at the back of his shoulder, missing bones and lung, and he is reported to be in a very satisfactory condition. Lt. SEENEY'S patrol moved to LUBANG Dook where natives reported four Japs. The patrol found them in a hut and promptly shot them over.

Sun. 1 July 45.

O.C.'s patrol all day along GREEN'S TRACK. CSM's morning patrol along ANDER'S TRACK to bury Jap body and salvage his L.M.G. No enemy seen but the CSM's patrol found some loot in Jap packs around where the Jap was killed. Pte. SEARLE AB marched in x M.B.

Mon 2 July 45. Protective patrols - no enemy seen. 3 Section returned from tank guard across BRUNEI RIVER.

Tue 3 July 45.

Grey J.F. Salvos. Lt. SEENEY'S patrol to Kudang area. Report Japs sighted at last light and fired on by artillery. Patrol returned at dark.

Wed. 4 July 45

Sgt. QUINCEY Lt. Ptes O'SULLIVAN L, and ROBERTS KR marched in x HOB and Ptes CHERK RS and TOBIN ATJ marched in x hospital.

Thu. 5 July 45.

Company moved to Tutong - Abang Road Junction. 18 platoon in outpost area Mt. Kobia. Lt. WALSH (18 platoon) two day patrol to Kudang and around unknown area of map westward - no enemy sighted.

Fri. 6 July 45.

Lt. WALSH'S patrol returned. SX 3336 Lt. R. JOSE joined company x general reinforcements. He was a sergeant in the 2/27 Battalion. Pte MORNANAN x hospital.

Sat. 7 July 45.

Jenkins PL to M/S. (poisoned arm). Protective patrols only from 17 and 18 platoons.

Sun. 8 July 45

Lt. WATTS (16 platoon) patrol to Abang and Lemonia district.

Mon. 9 July 45.

Bergin R. P. M/S. Survey of five year personnel wanting a discharge from the army - 16 in company.

Tue. 10 July 45

16 platoon patrol returned - no enemy sighted or heard of.

Wed. 11 July 45.

Lt. Seeneey (17 platoon) patrol to Abang River area and by train to Rambai.

Thurs. 12 July 45

Thu. 12 Jul. 45. Army census forms arrived. Questions re post-war employment prospects and housing. Nobody very much impressed.

Fri. 13 Jul. 45.

17 platoon patrol returned to camp - no enemy seen. Lt. WAHSH and Lt. JOSIE (18 platoon) patrol along Tutong Road to Luagan Dudok - north to Bt. Panggal - along Bintauran Besar River to Bintauran.

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18 platoon patrol along beach to Penanjong and returned to camp - no enemy seen. Pte JENKINS P. x Hospital

Sun 15 Jul. 45.

Crossley to M.D.S. (eyes) Capt. MURISON and batman as advance party to Limbang. BERGIN marched in x hospital and O'DONOVAN and SHEPPARD W.A. x HOB

Mon. 16 Jul. 45.

LOCKIE to Discharge (x POW) 17 platoon to Limbang and camped 800 yards south of town.

Tue. 17 Jul. 45.

Company moved to Limbang and camped north of town - 16 platoon and Company first trip and 18 platoon and a few of 16 platoon second ~~trip~~ trip.

Wed. 18 Jul. 45.

Clearing new company area 800 yards north of town.

Thu. 19 Jul. 45.

Clearing area and erecting tents and kitchens.

Fri. 20 Jul. 45.

Moved into new company area. L/Sgt. WRIGHT. P.H. who left the company on ~~has been~~ medically re-classified "B2" (skin) on 28 Mar. 45. Pte JACOBSEN. A. who left the company on ~~has been~~ discharged on compassionate grounds by G.D.D. Brisbane on 22.6.45. Two drones we are ~~cleared to be out of~~

Fri (continued).

~~Sat 21 Jul 45~~ pleased to be rid of. Japs reported in village (TEMURIN)

Sat 21 Jul 45 two miles ~~from~~ away and picquet mounted.
Pte CROSSKEY x hosp.

16 platoon patrol (Lt WATTS) moved out at 1200 hours to investigate ~~report~~ native report. No Japs seen, but natives report they left yesterday. 17 Platoon protective patrolling south of the town.

Sun 22 Jul 45

Brown (A) to B. Ech. 18 platoon patrol (Lt WALSH) to Temumi area. Routine patrol (Ryan LW) only. Ptes BROWN (A) and RYAN (LW) marched out to B. Echelon to learn to handle small craft.

Mon 23 Jul 45

Routine Patrols

Tue 24 Jul

Routine patrols - Lt Sgt. HOGG x hospital

Wed 25 Jul

Routine patrols

Thu 26 Jul

18 platoon Routine patrol (Lt WALSH) to Ukon up to Limbang River.

Fri 27 Jul

Payday. The people round us are mainly Chinese, and, like all their race, hard bargainers. As we are dependent on the local populace for extras - fresh vegetables, fruit and eggs - which make our rations palatable, we have to be even firmer in our dealings than they, and some ridiculous scenes are enacted in our kitchen in consequence. The Australian papers report the tendency of the Australian woman shopper to disbelieve her dealer, but it is as nothing to the thorough overhaul of our kitchen every time Madame Chiang's countrywoman comes to barter. Our cook is as impervious to the Kolonos smile of the local pyjama-clad beauty, as he is to the winsomeness of her neat pyjama-clad daughter, and our food is one hundred per cent better than the army ever intended it to be.

Sat. 28 July 45

Sun. 29 July 45

Mon. 30 July 45

Brown PC - RAP.
(Dermatitis)

Tue. 31 Jul. 45

Routine patrols and camp improvement.

Routine patrols around Limbang Township.

16 platoon two-day patrol (Lt. WATTS) to Ukong - Routine only.

Wed. 1 Aug 45

Patrol returned from Ukong with sundry game roosters which they intend to match, and a rather good opinion of rice wine. Pte BROWN PC. returned from Rap.

Thu. 2 Aug 45

Rest day - camp improvement.

Fri. 3 Aug 45

Ware R. to Rap.
for observation
(creaky joints)

17 platoon three-day patrol (Lt. SEENEY) 1 x 35 incl. Int, 2 Sigs two SBs., left camp 0830 hrs. By HCM down Limbang River and up Pandaruan River to Kubong, then by Jap escape track through Tagari, Abot, Trunku and Puasa. Return by Stuart Road to Limbang. Contact 18 platoon patrol at Trunku on 5 August. "Intelligence" man to make track traverse. Object - to discover if Japs moving to Temburong area. 2 Section took over 17 platoon area.

Sat. 4 Aug 45

Tabke HF. to Rap
(Dermatitis)

18 platoon four to six-day patrol (Lt. WAHSH) 1 x 35 including Int., two Sigs, two SBs. left Limbang camp 0830 hours via Stuart Road to Trunku to meet 17 platoon patrol, thence by Jap track to Lubai, across Telehak Mountains to Mengatai on Limbang River where HCM will pick them up. Object - to discover if Japs moving to Temburong area. 17 platoon patrol contacted 18 platoon patrol at Puasa and because it was raining returned to camp ~~the evening~~ at 1700 hrs. NMS. Nothing to report.

Sun. 5 Aug 45

Brown PC. to Rap.
(Dermatitis)

Officer and sergeant from 2/6 A.G.H. took blood-slides of fifty-three men to test for atebirin content. No report from

18 Platoon. Village shown on map as Trunku is really Berewan Besar. TRUNKU is name of head-man.
First ATOMIC BOMB dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. Four square miles of city totally destroyed and every living thing obliterated. Rescuers find only ashes and are unable to count casualties.

Mon. 6 Aug 45.

Routine patrols, camp construction and commencement of training syllabus - Mapreading and Malay.

Tue. 7 Aug 45.

Lt. Jose to B. Report from 18 platoon patrol to reach Mengatai at Smith. K.A. to B.H. 1630 hrs. Patrol returned to camp at 1700 hrs.

Wed. 8 Aug 45.

Clerk R.S. ev. 17 Platoon patrol (Lt SEENER) 1 x 34 Routine patrol to Caldwell - RAP. UKONG. Pte CREEK R.S. mo. to 7 + A.H. for X ray of jawbone.

Thu. 9 Aug 45.

Payday. 17 platoon patrol returned to camp at 1700 hours. At 091200 I - SECOND ATOMIC BOMB dropped on Nagasaki. RUSSIANS enter ^{Pacific} war now it is all over bar the shouting. More power - politics.

Fri. 10 Aug 45.

Croft T.B. - RAP (swollen joints) JAPAN asks for peace in terms of Potsdam Agreement at 102100 I. provided position of Emperor as sovereign ruler of Japan not prejudiced. Pte CALDWELL mi. x RAP.

Sat. 11 Aug 45

Camp construction

Sun. 12 Aug 45.

C-in-C's party, including Generals BERRIMAN WOOTTON visited coy at 1130 hours. Brigadier WINDYER and Lt. Col. GRACE visited coy at 1600 hrs. All seem very optimistic about the peace negotiations. QX56606 Pte SUTHERLAND. C. A x gen. res. Pte CROFT. T.B. x RAP.

Mon. 13 Aug 45 Routine Patrols and camp construction
Pte WARE R. mi. x RAP

Tue. 14 Aug 45 Pictures in A loy area Japs Murphy war officially
over. Pte CLERK RS. mi. x hosp.

Wed. 15 Aug 45 Sigs informs us notice from England that Japs have
accepted unconditional surrender.

Thurs. 16 Aug 45 JAPAN SURRENDERS UNCONDITIONALLY today, but higher
authority advises this may not reach the Japs in
Borneo for up to twelve days, and we are, to all intents
and purposes, still at war, and are to act accordingly

Fri. 17 Aug 45

Capt. Kay to Routine patrols and camp construction. The rain
Lt. Walsh discharge has now set in and corduroying is essential and
Sgt Dawe discharge makes plenty of work around the camp. Three free
Pte Hyson to Aust. bottles of beer to celebrate V P day - two from
Jenkins Pl. RAP. Regimental Funds and one from the Centen Services.
Sgt. SHEPPARD and Cpl Dymock to 18 platoon as platoon
comd. and pl. sgt respectively. Capt. KAY
Lt. WALSH and Sgt. DAWE no. to discharge under five year
plan. Pte Hyson no. to Australia as there are no
records of his having applied for transfer to the AIF
and he is only 19 years old.

Sat. 18 Aug.

Ware R. evac Ptes. BERGIN and ROBINSON to attend unit signal course.
(arthritis)

Sun. 19 Aug.

Thanksgiving service by order of King. Compulsory
Battalion Parade for all but RCs, which sect all my
kids will claim next war. It is a good ramp
for dodging parades. Signallers - Ptes. DYNE. CA
and LAURIE. I marched in to relieve Ptes. HACKETT
and STEPHENS.

Mon. 20 Aug. Routine Patrols + lamp construction.

Tue. 21 Aug.

Checks on inoculations and vaccinations.
Pte BROWN P.C. m.i. x R.A.P.

Wed. 22 Aug.

Pte JENKINS P.D. m.i. x R.A.P.

Thu. 23 Aug.

Ptes. BROWN G.A. and RYAN E.W. m.o. to "HQ" by as
drivers. Pte HASSAN W.C. evacuated to hospital.

Fri. 24 Aug.

17 Platoon (1 x 36) plus Ptes. TOOHAY, CROFT and
ROGERS from Coy HQ to Battalion's Rest Camp
at the beach at Kg. Penanjong a few miles NE.
of Tutong for four days. 9 Section took
over 17 platoon area. Three bottles of beer
issued - one special issue for V.P. day.
Pte TABKE H.F. m.i. x R.A.P.

Sat. 25 Aug.

Camp construction and routine patrols.

Sun. 26 Aug.

Played B.H.Q. basket-ball and lost 10 to 9.

Mon. 27 Aug.

Camp construction. all personnel beginning to give
the game away now that war is over.

Tues 28 Aug.

Routine patrols. Pictures held near C boys area.

Wed. 29 Aug.

17 Platoon returned from rest camp. - 18 platoon plus.
Pte. Adams, Harries + Walters. from Coy H.Q. moved
to rest camp under Sgt Sheppard.

Thur. 30 Aug.

British and American marines landed at Yokasuka
naval base this morning. American paratroops
dropped at Htsugi airfield near Tokio
by H.Q. plus 16 + 17 platoons (3 x 78) with S.T.I.

Mo 30 Aug 45 contd.

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Mc Mahon - boy as interpreter Sgt Cornish R.A.P.
 and Div sig to operate 22. set. Left Limbong.
 by 36-1420.I. for UKONG. At 1600 hrs barge
 stopped by Ebans in prau who delivered
 letter from guerilla Bong at UKONG asking for
 ammunition and support for Sander son.
 Arrived UKONG. 2000 hrs., met Bong who
 reported about 1000 Japs in area. Rh. Tamabu.
 between S. Medalam and S. Antakong (was)
 with out-post force at Rh. Jampi -
 Sander son and Ebans in area. Kq. Beruyu.

Message forwarded to Bn. asking
 for Jap Envoys - boy bivouaced in Police
 Barracks - too large: houses evacuated by
 natives - one built by Japs.

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Fri Aug 31

Message from Bn. 0900 hrs. - "Sandy force to
 maintain contact with Jap - boy to hold UKONG
 - If Japs desire to negotiate advise them to
 send rep. and collect troops together - no
 negotiations until instructions from Bn. -
 endeavoring to send remainder of boy and
 support det." At 0920. barge with
 5 sec under Sgt Shave and Ebans left for
 Gani. Ebans to take message to Sandy
 force by prau asking him to contact boy.
 108 wireless on barge - boy defensive positions
 selected and commenced digging.

Barge returns 1400 hrs. having been 6
 miles up river from Gani. to Rh. Benging.
 reporting that river was navigable further
 upstream. At 1600 hrs Ebans requested
 ride and ammunition to Sandy force.

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Fri 31 Aug 45

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Ibans cannot understand why we remain at UKONG while Sandy in trouble, native reports state Jap. comd has stated he intends to fight his way to Brunei, and dis-believes reports of Japanese surrender. Jap comd's reported to be: Kamimura. Nagatai. Butai. Kamsing. Maratai. Pangiran. MUSAKA.

Sat 1 Sept 45

Cpt. Gilmore to Limbang.

Barge left for Limbang, with empty watercans for refill. Heavy rain during night, river has risen 6 feet and still rising. Current approx. 3 m.p.h.

NOTE. Pregnant women, with about 3 narrow bands of plaited fibre round stomach for support are often gossip for the hour.

Barge arrived from Limbang at 1450. - 2 sec's, meaters and one sec mme's - Major ^{FULTON} (British Observer Capt). Salvo Army Capt; and canteen supplies - 2 bottles of beer per man.

Sanderson's messenger Bong. arrived 2000 hrs.

Sanderson estimates Jap force. 600 to 800 with large supplies ammo and food.

Jap force now at Pt. Balan. Sanderson has force one mile down river from them.

Sandy has 30 rifles 1 LMG. and ask for supplies: ammo mortar and sig. party. Expects Jap to attack him, but general opinion floods will hold up operations and stop Jap advance to UKONG for at least 2 days, also Japs will split into small parties.

1600 hrs. River overflowing its banks. 2330 hrs. water surrounding house 6 inches deep, out look bad for tomorrow as it still continues to rain.

M. Sun 2 Sept 45.

River still rising at midday. Message from BRR. no amm or supplies available for Sanderson's force, and if hard pressed to retire, within our perimeter at UKONG. At the moment a funny message as everything under water. would have difficulty finding someone to camp. 1200 hrs a Beaufighter flew over area. dropped surrender leaflets for the Japs to us. 1030 hrs. barge arrives with 7 days supplies and more ammo., personnel on board. S/Sgt Wright WO² "Lityjimsunon" and Capt Gilmore 1030 hrs. Jap. force - Japans officially surrendered. to Gen MACARTHUR on board U.S.S. "Missouri" All Japs are ordered to lay down their arms. which must seem quite easy. from the decks of the largest battleship in the world.

Mon 3 Sept 45.

At 0300 hrs. Gun boat arrived towing (REMARKABLE) CO² launch. which broke down a couple of times on the journey up. CO has decided no support will be given Sanderson. in the way of men or ammo. Sanderson. instructed to keep Coy informed of all Jap movements. Surrender leaflets sent to him to leave in position for Jap to pick up. We have strict orders to take no part in any offensive action, but to defend UKONG. if attacked by Jap and he fires first. Sanderson and his guerrillas cannot understand our attitude, especially as Japs are taking the natives food and burning villages.

Mon 3 Sept 45.

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Dyaks report all surrender leaflets were dropped on native villages approx 5 miles from Jap faces.

C.O. informed us that plans have been drawn up for the Jap surrender from here to Kuching and that UKONG a collecting point for Jap envoys. Doubt being Jap intends to fight on and no one here would blame Sanderson if he withdrew his Dyaks behind UKONG and brought all food and villagers down with him.

The river had fallen about 2 feet at 0800 hrs, but still covers ground around our so called house. C.O.'s barge returned - left 1000 hrs.

Today's routine orders contain an order from Gen Blamey stating that the war ended on the 15 March - some of the boys doubt him.

TUE. 4 Sep 45.

S/ST. WRIGHT to

Limbang.

Sunboat with OC and 22 ORs (8 manning guns) left UKONG 0918 hrs. for river recon. Barge left for Danau. to pick up Nipa palm and wood for construction of huts. Sunboat returned 1520 hrs. with numerous stories of Dyak women and their living conditions. Some of the native huts large in size hold between 60 + 70 natives also position for C.O. to take up a good defensive position.

WED. 5 Sep. 45.

S/ST. Wright

Sunboat and L.C.M. returned to Limbang where Australians will take over from Japs. Message to Sanderson with instructions not to molest Japs.

C.O. states that Jap general Babau has been unearthed at Beaufort and that he sent in Major to arrange surrender as soon as possible. Troops landed Singapore. 05 1145 hrs. S.E. Asia Comd Time

Thu. 6 Sept 45.

Chinese motor boat went up river 0800 hrs
returned 1310 hrs. Bong and Ibans returned 1815.
hrs with two Jap women. one Jap head and
messages from Sanderson. Jap women speak
Malayan and have lived in Sarawak for 46
years. (aga 65466). One boasted she was
the old Rajah's woman, the other was shot
in the pants (groin) by the Dyaks, so now
believe both prostitutes. Japs picked them
up at Labi and told them Ibans would cut
their heads off if they did not follow.
Estimated Jap party 400 men, 8 women, 10
children and one Chinese nurse. 75% Japs
civilian employees. at Miri oilfields and do
not know war is over. Asks air force to
drop leaflets from RH Kadim 3 miles up eastern
bank of Limbang. to second long house on
western bank with wooden slat roof closely
surrounded by jungle. Relative reports that
another Jap force coming from Ulu Tutong area to
Upper Limbang River.

Fri. 7 Sept 45.

Cpt Rawlings (SRD) with 15 IBAN. passed through
at 1000 hrs on way to help Sanderson.
Walk about patrols - Lt Seeney with 4 sec to RH Jumpi
and across river to Lubai track
Capt Edmeades (SRD) Lt Holland (SRD) and 300 including
one SIKH arrived by puppet boat 1400 hrs.
Left for ANSORAI at 1600 hrs to contact Sanderson.
Capt Edmeades to take control in upper Limbang section
batalina passed overhead at 1030 hrs and dropped
leaflets to the Dyaks up river
Lt Seeney reports party of Ibans left to investigate

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Jap force. Ulu-Tutong. area. Cpl Green's patrol 4000^x passed Ab. Jampi in northerly direction, mostly swampy country, few native gardens.

Sat 8 Sept 45.

Cpl. Steffensen. (RAP). Picket boat returned to Limbang. 1200 hrs. carrying SST.
Pte. Croft. (BAP). Mc Mahon. back to boy. Pte. Bell T.A. re court-martial
Pte. McLann. AS (RAP). L.C.M. arrived 1500 hrs with A.B. rations, canteen beer
Pte. Den. Davidson. (APP). bread. and Lt. Raiton. (Mortars).
Cpl. McAndrew. (HOSP). At 1500 hrs two Wiriways flew up Limbang. dropped.
Pte Hassan. (HOSP) leaflets. Pilots report seeing Japs picking up leaflets.
" Ware. (HOSP) Ox Pte. Robinson. + Ox. Pte. Bergin. transferred to
signal platoon. Crack behind Police Str building.
on west bank Limbang. investigated by Cpl Marshall. AC.
and 1 sec. at 2000^x swamp with water 2 feet deep.

Sun. 9 Sept 45. Prepared.

Prepared area by river bank 500^x upstream for receiving Jap prisoners, instead of having them in boy area. Message A.B. 90. advises no censorship on letters, no rejoicing by troops just take everything as a matter of course.
L.C.M. arrived 1130 hrs. carrying Vincent Wong as Jap. interpreter and left for Ansorai. 1200 hrs. with Lt Watts + 3 sec. L.C.M. returned 1830 hrs. with one propeller functioning, other having a log caught. Pte. Lt Watts reports Wiriways dropped. four message streamers on East bank Limbang. picked up by Japs. Japs breaking up into small parties getting short of food. also moving up river. 2 miles per day.
Platons unable to plant rice consequently food will be short next year.
Capt Edmeades suggests GANI as contact point for our barge and his runner. Edmeades has orders to

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try and negotiate with Japs for their surrender. if this is possible will send down Comd of Jap force with 3 more men, who will be used to take messages back to Jap. force.

We will have two hours notice before arrival of this party. Special instructions from Limbang. Jap officer only to be accepted as parlementaire, and for him to be sent to Limbang. to sign surrender papers.

Contact point set up 500' South of Ukong to receive P.W's.

Other Jap party near Bedawin. about 60 strong and fairly well armed, approx 4 hours marching from Coy H.Q. Ibans.

Jampi. gone to investigate. Sanderson. asked.

for 2 of our men to help him and raise morale of natives. our C.O has refused this.

Ibans to Bedawin. report no Japs in that area, but report approx 2000 Japs in Ulu. Behait area, causing strife among villagers who have fled to coast.

elote. relative reports often exaggerated, believe this report to be so. Present position of the

force reported to be at Rt. Sukang. (headman Brenda).

to days walk from Jampi, little knowledge of how armed, said to have rifles and L.M.G's.

Mon. 10 Sept 45.

At 0930 Mrs BONG left for "Tuam Sandy" H.Q.

1930 Mrs. message received stating that Gen Baba had apologised to Gen Hootton for action of Kamimura and other officer at Sibv, activities

refused to unknown to us. Baba stated he had sent emissaries to them immediately but route of messenger unknown.

1130 Mrs. barge went upstream to deliver this

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message to Bong: to pass on to Sanderson. - barge.
contacted Bong at Gani and picked up message from Sandy.
dated 9-9-45. stating - "I fear that Japs who burnt down
village Tama-bo Chukai^s at Kula Medalam. are not stragglers
from main force but are the party of 60 men from
Totong. last reported to be around Bedawin area."
Sanderson worried about this force as it is in his
rear, therefore has Jap forces on two sides

TUE 11 Sept 45.

L/Cpt Shaw. D.P.
(RAP)

At 0800 hrs message arrived from Bong stating he arrived
at Ansurai at noon on the 10th Sept. - at 1700 hrs Dyaks
informed him that the Japs at present occupied both
sides of Medalam. and one Dyak had been killed.

He asks for troops or rifles to help Dyaks.
Message from D.H.C. informed us that C.O. on
his way up with two Jap envoys. to stay
a couple of days. Unable to contact Sanderson
by wireless. At 1100 hrs barge arrived
from Limbang to replace the one that damaged
propeller shaft. Unfortunately this barge damaged
shaft on way up. All things going according
to plan except negotiations with Japs.
Three Malaya Control unit arrived to spray
ground with D.D.T.

Barge returned Limbang leaving here 1500 hrs.

60^s barge arrived 1730 hrs with
message from Gen Baba. to Lt. Kamimura.
thought to command Japs in ULV. Limbang area.

Wed. 12. Sept 45.

At 0900 hrs. L.C.M. with Lt. Watts. - 3 sec. 4 pl H.B.
Sigs Wong. + Lum Wan. and 2 Jap POW departed
for Ansurai. to contact Sandy. and send
Japs on with message to angry men.

Wed 12 Sept 45 contd.

Musta parade of Coy and attached troops for C.O. telling us not to fraternize with Japs when and if they surrendered and not to take souvenirs, but that all weapons including swords + pistols were to be sent to B.H.Q. and he would endeavor to obtain permission for us to them.

L/Cpt Wallace R.E. and 6 sec. patrolled up river to Jampi and found track had been repaired after flood, now a very fair pad. At 1500 hrs boisterous weather for about half hour then rain - did not last long. Lt Col L.C.M. arrived from Limbang 1400 hrs to replace damaged one.

Barge arrived at ANSORIA 1200 hrs 11 Sept 45. returned 1730 hrs same day. Lt Watts reported headman at ANSORIA informed him 60 Japs outside Madatam. have spread over wide area up river making traffic up river difficult beyond R.H. Brandah. also Japs in desperate need of supplies, eating a dog and cat from village.

Sanderson at R.H. Penquba. Badok. and Capt Edmeades at R.H. Kedu. Edmeades believes Jap PW (enocp). known to Kamamura and that he will execute them for surrendering Kamamura at present 3 days from trip from R.H. Redo, and worrying natives for food.

Edmeades endeavoring to contact Jap taking P.W.'s with him and stresses lack of food for natives and Japs, requests that if Jap contacted can they be allowed to move down river by barge as travel

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overland about impossible. also could we spare some men to guard RH Kedo. and allow natives to plant their rice as this is last month in which they can plant.

Headmen at Ansoral Tannamerah. Gani. Chang and Tampi. have been informed of situation and given instructions. Vincent Wong. does not like our rations as he usually consumes a couple of catties of rice every day. First day on arrival confounded us by asking how to split the atom. He is 17 years old.

Thu 13 Sept 45.

Barge returned to Limbang at 0930 hrs with Lt. Seoney. and 3 malaria control men.

Headman from Ulu Lubai presented OC with monkey. but finally persuaded him to take it back again.

Edmeades. does not seem too popular with Dyaks. apparently Sandy has complete authority over Dyaks and ^{they} will not recognise Edmeades.

Fri 14 Sept 45.

Barge arrived from Limbang 1700 hrs. with weeks supply of rations plus remainder of 17 PL who were left behind on move up here. also.

Ptes Adams + Harries. Mail arrived cheering boys up. plenty of writing material from Salvo. At 1710 S.R.D. escort arrived with 3~~4~~ men who escaped from Japs moving to Ulu Limbang, were caught eating by the river. They are. TUKI a Javanese who worked for one year in Miri-Turong area for Japs cooking for Javanese coolies. Say. IDI Javanese

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who worked as elak in M.I.Y. Tutong area.
Gav. a Kengah was captured by the Japs 1 1/2 months ago while fighting as native soldier near own village

There are 15 Javanese with Japs.

Message from Edmeades states intention of Japs to follow Limbang river to source and across to TRUSMI. They are cutting own path and moving up river approx 2 miles per day. To date they have knowledge of Jap surrender as no plane has dropped leaflets on them

They are short of food and a lot of sickness but Chinese nurse attending them - wonder how many she can attend

Jap force of 60 in Kula Madalam has split up into small parties to look for food and are hiding in the jungle

Jap envoy moving up Limbang river and should contact Jap force on 15th or 16th

Edmeades has malaria.

The S.R.D. escort consisted of a Sjt who is a native of the Celebes and a native of some sort who is one of the party of 20 dropped by chute. There are only eleven left Sjt armed with knife Jank carbine and Canadian pistol.

Sat 15 Sept 45.

At 0900 hrs message from Edmeades that wireless has broken down and to inform his H.Q. Labuan of such.

Two B-Boomerang planes over Jap area.

14-9-45; message from pilot says he

saw Japs picking up leaflets and that they were carrying a white flag - possibly confused with envoy moving up river carrying a white flag. S.R.D. Sgt reports Maj. Carter at Long Lama in Ulu Barram area - 30 men with 5 Brens and rifles at Arrah. (Ulu Limbang ahead of Japs). (Rt ELO is near Arrah) and four men with rifles about 2 miles from Arrah. Maj Harrison is at Belawit on Upper Trusan.

Indication that Jap forces in Riam Rd. area are concentrating for surrender, control point being Kampong and all Japs to be disarmed. These relatives are not to get arms.

Australians not to be sent to guard native villages while natives plant rice.

All villages between UKONG & ANSURA have been informed of what is happening. One barge left for LIMBANG at 1000 hrs carrying CPL BURGESS, GILMORE, & LEPK WALLACE RB. "REMARKABLE" arrived from LIMBANG at 1730 hrs with beer, canteen & a little mail. Also RQMS to check on rations.

Sunday 16 Sept

REMARKABLE returned to LIMBANG, 1000 hrs

Mon 17 Sep

REMARKABLE & BCCAV boat arrived from LIMBANG at 1110 hrs. "R" left at 1130 hrs taking two HQ Coy men for discharge under 5 yr scheme also Pt NORRIS to R.A.P. 1530 hrs. Party of Ithans came in from village in BEAWIN area that had been occupied by 60-70 Japs who captured one of the natives. They brought their families and ask us to help them chase Japs out but all we could say was "No can do".

It's a hard job convincing them that it is better for them to let the Japs have their village - Rth KUSAN - & wait till we can get some Japs to go & tell the wild Japs that the war is over & the conversation became rather heated. The SRD CAPT EDMENDES came in to Ukonq at 1630 hrs & reported that the 2 Jap envoys & 4 Japs they met at K. MADALAM are on the way down river. At 1820 hrs the 6 Japs came downstream under a large white flag & larger escort of Thans - in two pangs with Lt HOLLAND & CPL RAWINGS. EDMENDES reports envoys taken 3 days by pang upstream under continual rapping, & sent ahead. They went on one day more, met 4 Japs & returned with them. SRD reports Japs spread over 5 days travelling & are in a parlous state. Possible to practically knock them on the head with a stick.

Sanderson's Report. Intention of Japs to move to ULU madit for replenishment of food and rest before moving to B.N.B. via UYU TUBAN.

Only one track to TUBAN (overland) rough and hilly no food. It is a tough track and the large Jap party many of them naturally unfit will take a long time. Advice guide to be flown to BLOWK and contact Japs from other end. Pa. Brunet. Trip will take 2 1/2 days.

Interrogation Prisoners.

Watanabe. Thinzō. state enemy approx 300 under 2 Comds. 1st Lt FUJINO + 2nd Lt

Kanimura. - Fusino. in supreme command. - 300 rifles +
3 LMC's, no grenades. about 10 days rations - not
much sickness - Offs in FUSINO's group. 3rd Lt. INUMA. + 3.
Japs girls - offs in Kanimura group. 2nd Lt. Kodama.

Instructions given to Jap envoy. to contact
Jap party near Bedawin. and take message to Comd.
and not to return, until they do so or they
will be severely punished.

Tue. 18 Sept 45.

at 1000 hrs the BBCEAS launch went across
the river above Ka. KASON & dropped the BBCEAS
doctor's party which is going to the LUBAI.

at 1220 hrs the 2nd team took the SRD reps Lt HOLLAND &
CPL RAWKINGS & two envoys to JUMPI from where
they will walk to BEDAWIN. LEWATTS. spec accompanies
them for 2 hrs then returned. Japs did
NOT like our the coming back. LCM

arrived back here at 1320 hrs & 1330 hrs left for
WIMBANG with Capt Edmeades & 4 Jap prisoners.
LCM started on return trip from WIMBANG
at 1910 hrs. Wong's launch arrived here
today

WED 19 Sept
M.I.
CPL BARCHAM
NCAP SHAW.

LCM arrived from WIMBANG 0005 hrs with frozen
meat. On it were Cpls Culmer, Barcham,
O'Reilly & Ncap Shaw. Cpl O'Reilly & Ncap Wong
left for WIMBANG on Wong's launch.

0830. St. Deoney's patrol to 3 miles
SW of JUMPI with 108 set as intermediate
post between us & SRD. Message from
Lt HOLLAND at 1010 hrs to say he was at TUBAI
& that the Japs were 4 hrs away & he would
use TUBAI as base. Deoney's patrol returned
at 1630 hrs NTR. BBCEAS M.O. arrived back 1530 hrs.

THURS. 20. Sept

O'DONOVAN (RAP)
Dentist

A'BEALL
M/O to C Coy

LT. SEENEY
(dentist)

M/O
Sgt KIA
A.T.I.S

At 0830 hrs patrol of Coy HQ & M/G, under Warrant
HEPBURN to TUBAI river as Intermediate post
0850 hrs Cpl BAIRD, & 7 from M/G to UBONG with
RAP Cpl BICKLE to investigate reports of dysentery
epidemic. At 0900 hrs 3 IBANS from KUSAV arrived
They had left SRD at 191800 with letter
"16 Japs - Lt, Sgt, Cpl & 13 pts surrendered at 191230 hrs
they are in poor condition & he wants us to
meet en way with food & water." Patrol concluded
to move TUBAI to escort Japs back to OKONG &
WEM next to Jumpti to meet them. LCM
returned 1520 hrs with 27 Japs. Lt, 2 WO's, 2 Spts
4 Cpls & 18 Ptes. It appears that Lt HOLLAND
captured the Japs, because he thought them
hesitant about surrendering. Edd's party
were captured about 191830 hrs. Must have
beaten them down track. Japs estimated
could not reach JUMPTI before 2130 hrs
They got there at 1455 hrs. Lt notified
1425 hrs that proposed to send Japs straight
down. Hearing nothing to the contrary
by 1530 hrs The LCM with Japs & Cpl Marshall
& sec as guards left for LIMBANG with
1 Jap LMG, only weapon we'd received then.
1645 hrs message from CO directing
The Japs to not be sent down till
tomorrow. Too late - and the CO justifiably
annoyed. We forgot about the regatta
at LIMBANG & apparently the Japs arrived
slap in the centre of it - was sent
straight on to BRUNAI & Japs, ^{& LMG} handed
over to Lt STARMER "B" Coy for incarceration
in the cage - with the exception of the Jap

officer & two orig envoys who were retained at ~~Ukon~~ for interrogation

1700hrs - LCM arrived from LIMBANG with ~~supplies~~ supplies etc. and interpreter.

1730hrs. Lt HOLLAND & CPL RAWLINGS arrived in from RA KUSAU - bringing 6 swords, and some papers. 11 rifles taken off Japs had been given to natives - against orders.

Friday 21 Sept

m/o
CPL WEBB
(CO's CADRE)
O'KEY
(DENTIST)

Pay day - and fresh beef. LCM left for LIMBANG with at 1200hrs with Jap Lt - UCHIDA TSUI, and 2 envoys. also CPL WEBB, PTE O'KEY & 2 men from mortar pl. Last two are being discharged under 5 yr plan. Staff WRIGHT views on top of low hat & annoyed that he's just missed this time.

Re Japs captured. They all belong to UCHIDA TAI - 1. Employment Coy & many are civilians drafted since we landed in BORNEO. They left RIAM Rd early in July & numbered 60-70. Have dwindled to 27 - our orig envoys were members of this party. Very frightened of Dyaks - who they say attacked them 16 times during their trek. All the Japs in miserable & filthy condition. Officer more plaintive than arrogant, but didn't seem seriously concerned about being a prisoner.

Saturday 22 Sept

m/i
CPL BURGESS

1430 hrs LCM arrived with cartons, mail & 2 sec. also CPL BURGESS. Lt SKENEY & NORRISH led. suspected malaria. Volunteers called for fatigue on PW ships at Singapore. Nominated LESKE, GALLAGHER & ROGERS. Five year &

high priority ruling prevented the whole
Coy from volunteering. Two Ibans
reported 2 Japs in RUBAI area. Told
to look after them themselves as
not possible for white man to find
Nips if Ibans cannot. Seven Ibans
from JUMPI went to investigate but
came back empty.

Sunday 23 Sept

M.O

BROOKS HQ.
NST M.

M/I

BELL T.A.

0915
Lt HOLLAND & CPL BANKINGS left by barge^{L.C.M.}
for ANSUKAI then moving on to contact
SANDERSON. 1 Dec 17th escorted barge.

Capt BACON arrived 1330 inoculated all
requiring TAB's & left for KIMBANG 1430hr
Advised Lt SKENEY has not malaria
but Pte NORRIS has. Ibans report
that 2 Japs now in RUBAI area.
Message from Div 1400hr. Not satisfied
with leaflets as written by BABA so
they will not be dropped, nor will
envoys be flown in to BELANIT
SRD inland HQ.

Advised that 18th will be coming
up - attachments from HQ Coy to return.

Monday 24 Sept

m/o Discharge
Singapore
White.

Green C.S.

Native arrived from KIMPASONG five
miles north of OKONG. Two natives returning
to that village from the CVU yesterday evening
were shot at by Japs. One wounded in
arm & fate of other unknown - presumably
dead. Japs kept firing for 2 hrs - apparently
very panicky. Natives thought four armed
Japs there. For once they did not ask for
our aid - maybe they think it a waste

of time. To all intents & purposes wire cut off...
— but no one particularly concerned. Doubt
if Japs will bother to argue with us — more
likely to keep well out of sight. 18th now
coming up Thursday & atto returning Friday.

Lines 25 Sept

1030 Message from BHR that Jap envoy of
1 offr 1 batman bore left BRUNKI at 0730hrs for
here. Asks us to equip with Jap rifles
& prau. (Both hard to get) Japs carrying 20 days
rations

1045. Barge left for ANSORAI with message
for SKD giving latest developments. Sgt
Quincey & 8 men from 17pl accompanied it.
1620hrs LCM arrived back with LT HOLLAND &
1 Jap as additional passengers. HOLLAND reports
that this am he & RAWKINGS contacted 3 Japs
& called on them to surrender. Two offered
resistance were killed & the one surrendered.
Ibans removed heads of two dead &
HOLLAND had much trouble getting this
one down alive. Also reports that Ibans
caught & killed 4 Japs in MEDAMIT area
— one escaping.

Had barely got HOLLAND & his captive in
when an array of praus arrived from
IANJONG, a mile up river from LIMPASONG.
Brought with them one Jap who very
naively called in the village for
food & accepted their invitation to stay.

Jap captured up river near ANSORAI
was Pte 2nd Lt. KANAMITSU of OCHIDA TAI. Prisoner
with about 21 men under WO OGAWA separated
from main unit & proceeded up the river.

Party dwindled to 13. On 23 Sept it broke into 3 gps - prisoners gp 3, WO's gp 4 & 6 remaining behind. First two gps proceeded upriver by improvised barge (doubt this), others walking. Possible that party natives caught was WO. OGAWA's group.

Prisoner captured by natives was Superior Pte MORI of KAMAMURA TAI. He with a gp detaching 9 men, 1 woman & 1 child separated from main unit approx 11 Sept & decided to try to get to LEMUNIN on the ABANG rd. The child & 2 men died en route. Prisoner ~~was~~ became separated from main party 24 Sept & stopped at native hut where he was made prisoner.

Wed 26 Sept

Barge containing Jap envoys arrived 0100 hrs. Craft they'd set off in broke down 10 miles up river from LIMBANQ & replaced by new barge from LIMBANQ.

0830. Jap officer interviewed by O.C. & given definite orders, confirming those he had. Gave him map & showed him route 0200 on. Lt HOLLAND present at interview as both were quite clear on what is expected of them. Jap officer very young - but looked capable & was quite composed. Apparently a staff officer. Like all others didn't like the idea of being set loose with natives around. Told him he'd be escorted past all the kampongs & all natives would be told to lay off. He asked for matches, tin opener, machete

boots - half his men were barefooted
Have him matches & jack knife. Got
from from here. - natives up river
certainly not willing to give theirs.

Brought the prisoner MORI over to
see the officer - so that he could explain
to him that war was over & order him
to contact other Japs. Interesting to see
their attitude one to the other - noted how
all came to attention when Emperor's name
mentioned. Officer was quite benague
& definite with MORI - gave the impression
that he knew what was to be done &
intended to do it.

At ¹⁰³⁰~~1030~~ hrs barge left for ANSORAI with
Lt HOLLAND, Jap envoy party & escort under
W/O HEPBURN.

at 1045 hrs. Barge left for LIMBANG with
Sgt THOMAS & prisoner KANAMITSU. On board too
were Lt WATTS & sec from 16 pl with prisoner MORI.
They were to proceed to TANSONG & thence to
LIMPASONG to try to contact rest of MORI's
party.

1600 hrs WCM arrived back from ANSORAI
amidst falling rain. HOLLAND has decided
to remain ANSORAI till tomorrow. WCM sent
straight on to LIMPASONG to pick up Lt WATTS
party.

1830. WCM arrived back. A 6 hour hike &
confusing native reports produced
nothing. Jap party moved away somewhere.
Requested & obtained permission to keep
MORI here for a few days in case
anything more is heard of them.

Wed Thu. 27 Sept. 45.

Barge arrived from Limbang carrying remainder of bog (18 pl. & P6 Ritchie.) leaving Pte Ross + Pte Simpson at Bn school and Pte Thoroughgood. N.H. at R.A.P. Barge also contained weeks supply of rations and fresh meat.

On journey up Sgt Sheppard and 48 men went to investigate reports by natives that 57 Japs were in the Limpasong area. Moving through swampy country for 1 mile contacting Jap at close range. On being calling out for Japs to surrender one grabbed a rifle and fired. Sheppard's party opened fire on investigation found 3 dead and one Jap woman huddled on the ground unharmed.

The woman and 2 Jap rifles were returned to this H.Q.

Interrogation of Jap woman informed us of her name. KATO. married lived in Borneo for last 10 years. Husband herself and 5 children worked on the Jap farm Lemunin.

On arrival of 600st force party joined Hamimura group. Leaving this group on 11 Sept the party of 11 under command 2nd Lt. TAKEUCHI and attempted to returned to Lemunin.

At the time of writing all that remains of party include are two - TAKEUCHI and a Chinese speaking Korean. All except the man and woman we captured have died or have been killed.

Woman P.W. seemed more intelligent than previous prisoners, stating she could not understand Jap outlook regarding surrender. Had a definite

snout of Japs and everybody in general.
This is understandable as her 5 kids died
on the Krib, and her husband met a
rather violent death along side of her.

Capt Watson having arrived on barge entertained
troop with quiz session with cigarettes for
some of the prizes.

Fri 28 Sept 45.

Barge returned to Limbang with mortars.
MMF's and Pte Snow to R.A.P.

Discharge.

RYS911.

S/Sgt Wright V.M.E.

248691.

Sgt Guiney G.H.

8660.

Cpt Victor R.J.

751.

Cpl Collins R.M.

7470.

Pte Staines E.M.

More of 5 year men departed. (see column).

Sgt Hogg transferred to 17 Pl (1/c).

Note: Starvo left with the broadest grin yet
displayed in front of this Coy - was not

far in front of other 4 civilians to be
construction of new camp areas, 4 sec (17 Pl).

moved down to pl area ^{now} all together

18 Pl building kitchen and improving area.

previously occupied by mortars

St Middleton with 4 whites 12 natives soldiers
of S.R.D. arrived 1800 hrs and remained over
night.

Informed us Jap envoy had
arrived Kedv leaving again this afternoon
for up river.

Sat 29 Sept 45. Major Trebeck (17 Bn) arrived by barge.

1730, to conduct investigation re. Pte Croft
& Pte Norrish who had previously been evacuated
with malaria.

SAT. 29 Sept 45.

Major Trebeck's barge left 0900 for Limbang.
with more 5 year men. (see column).

Bay strength falling fast.

Native reported killing Jap in DANAU area.

SAT. 29 Sept 45 (cont'd.)

Discharge. *me having escaped. This now accounts*
0x5139.
Sgt. Sheppard. IT. for party bar one who were with Jap P.W.
0x3271.
L/Cpl Williamson. DG. Message from Lt. Holland. - Sgt Bolland and.
0x11440.
L/Cpl Pond. L.P. 2 native soldiers to pick up stores
0x5571.
Pte Leslie. ADM. which SRD state will be delivered.
0x10812.
Pte Hampton. PA. here. Expected to arrive ^{SUN} Mon. 30 Sept.
More rain - river rising fast

Sun 30 Sept. Barge arrived. (T-BOAT. sweet little craft).
2000 hrs with carton goods, Capt Bacon.
& Lt in charge of LCM group.

Applications required for volunteers for the
Aust Army of Occupation in Jap. - 15 nominations
from bay.

Sun. 30 Sept 45. T. boat returned Limbang 1000 hrs after first
visiting jumps. River again rising rapidly. Dr
M/O. WARE. R. to Bacon took back blood slide and R. WARE returned
dental. for dental treatment. Ivan from Lubai called for more
medicines for his village - dysentery. Webb. now CQ and
Marshall as Lt. Reserve Cpl.

Mon. 1st Oct 1945. SRD motor launch with supplies passed through
1400 hrs & proceeded up river, camping tonight at Jampi
Weather firmed up and river subsiding.

Tues. 2/10/45. SRD launch called in at 0900 with SRD Lt. Jap
M/O BRENT. P. every morning slowly up floods. Big party reported to
R.A.P. Limbang. be still at Abu Medit. Left for Brunei at 09.30. P
Brent came to R.A.P.

Wed. 3/10/45. Ivan from Lusakai seeking two probus borrowed by
Lt Holland & left here. Volunteers sought to remain
with the bn until disbanded - nil return. Two
volunteers for P.M.F.

Thurs. 4/10/45. C.O.'s party arrived 19.30 hrs by "Remarkable" bringing mail
and pay. A big bundle of BABY's & OAF 220's came also
M/O. Sutherland and things will be rushed soon. Sutherland returned from

Fri Thurs. 4/10/45 (cont)

leave at Lakuan. Some new clothes and equipment came also. Apples completed for Campaign Stars.

FRID 5/10/45.

M/O. SMITH JFI.

BURGESS. LF.
to Discharge.

"Remarkable" left this morning at 0830. Pay day and began work on Demob. Cards. What a headache only see an hour with name, rank & no only. Smith JFI and Burgess marched out to occupational releases.

SAT: 6/10/45

Flat out on Demob Cards. Barge came in 1430 this evening bringing weekly rations canteen & mail.

M/I.

DAVY L.A

Thoroughgood N.

Morrish R.F.

X R.A.P. Hosp.

We are two short in the canteen again. The wrong value for our wireless was sent up but will be returned. Better luck next barge we hope. SRD work had arrived same time and intends proceeding up river to contact Holland & Sandy. Contact made with Sandys rig (Griffiths?) but procedure hard to follow. Jap enemy expected to contact main body today. No idea of date of return. No enemy sighted near the junct of Medauet & Lumbang rivers. L. Davy & Morrish R. back from hospital and Thoroughgood R from the R.A.P.

Sunday
7. 10. 45.

Barge returned to Brunis 1000 hrs taking 28 men from 16 Pst. (leaving Mr Watts & Crossley) 11 of 18 pl and 2 from Coy HQ. on their way to Rest Camp. No new developments from Sandy. Heavy rain this evening for first time for few days. The Jap walked in our Ikam festival at end of planting season and near Junpi and surrendered willingly. Had no arms or personal gear and reached here at 2000 hrs.

Mon. 8/10/45.

Very dull & cloudy today with a few light showers. The new ping pong table is getting a facing and the quoits are being used regularly. Demob cards just about completed now. Nothing yet from Sandy.

Tues. 9.10.45. SRD's J-boat returned this morning bringing two (2) Jap P.Ws. who were very sick (probably beru-beru). Message received from the Offr of Jap enemy saying no trace of Jap party. He says his rations are running short and he is returning to K. Credit. Requires more rations if he is to continue search. Jap party apparently headed for O. Borneo. Prisoners left behind a few weeks ago so had no valuable information. "Remarkable" arrived 19.20 with mail parcels & papers - also fresh meat. All mail had been dropped in the water on the way to Brunei. Mostly still wet and envelopes open.

Wed. 10.10.45. Remarkable left at approx 1000 hrs taking the three Jap P.Ws we had here back to Brunei.

I. Gillies to Dentist

Thursday. 11.10.45 Sanderson arrived this morning by prau from up river together with a mob of his helpers. Some camping in old police stations. Griffiths (Sandys) Sig arrived tonight and says he all SRD are being withdrawn by 13.10.45. They will be here a few days paying off the Shan and collecting Jap rifles. They heard nothing more from the enemy party. McAndrew & Gillies notified for release. "Makar Besar" at village across the river to celebrate the end of the planting season. Barge went up to Ansurai with more rations for Holland, who sent some of his up to the Jap enemy.

Thurs. FRID. Barge went up river again today to bring back Lt Holland and Cpl Rawlings. Sandy gave the Coy a lecture on his travels and experiences since landing. It was very interesting. Sgt Hogg lectured on the telegraph office procedure. J-Boat came up from Brunei with Capt Bacon & Dr Lake on

12.10.45

Frid. 12.10.45 (cont) We held a Sing song in police str as rain spoiled our intended party on the river bank. A good time was had by all and food very rich. Have to pay Chinese a few? dollars for same.

Sat. 13.10.45. River rising after last night's storm. ^{J. Boat} Barge left 09.30 taking Sandy & other SRD. Mr Bacon & Fr. Lake also went back. Supply barge arrived about 18.30 in middle of heavy storm and 16 Plin & other personnel who were at the first camp were on it: they had a good time - apparently plenty of grog - but brought back "bad" purphies. Capt Watson arrived but his usual night spoiled by rain.

SUND. 14.10.45 - River very high today. Barge left this morning 09.00 taking a big catch of Shan. Capt Watson also left. Thirty five (35) rifles sent down in ^{the} charge of Pl. Gallagher. B.B.C.A.V. boat arrived 09.00 with same two Mrs. on board and left for up river this evening. Barge for Ansurai patrol would not start and once more the batteries are being charged up.

Mon: 15.10.45. Barge proceeded up river to Ansurai this morning and returned about 1500 hrs. No news of the Jap enemy. 17 Pt moved to the Cay building on account of the flood waters and one section went up to the house at old position. There was more rain so it may not be in vain. Elderly Chinese died this morning and barge was sent down to pick up his relatives from village down river.

Tues.: 16.10.45. B.B.C.A.V. boat left early this morning about 700 hrs. & took post mail aboard. Funeral took place today and there were sounds of weeping & wailing before of prahu carried the coffin down stream. We presume the funeral is to take place in the Chinese village. Debatet

Tues. 16th cont. lectures were on today's syllabus.

Wed. 17/10/45. Barge went up to Ansurai again but still no results. WSRD have been sent out from Lawas to contact Kawimura's party. Eliminations for a table tennis ^{tournament} have commenced. It will take place at the end of the week. More rain very heavy too

Thurs. 18/10/45. "komantung" arrived from Brunei 1000 hrs with meat and bread, pay and mail. In bad shape with its bearings worn out. Craft now attached to staging camp at Brunei. River just over banks & making things awkward.

FRID - 19/10/45. "komantung" returned 0930 taking away twelve men from bay. Two more from the detached list are to be discharged as well as Sorensen & Jackson CN from here. Pay day today and sweeps etc being arranged for Canfield tomorrow. The Ansurai patrol was cancelled owing to the high river, logs etc. It is subsiding a little tonight. Table Tennis Tournament finished. - D. Cockburn the attached Bde Sig winning.

SAT. - 20/10/45. Barge arrived in the wet again bringing up the canteen & rations etc. Canteen four issues short. Natives from village nearby reported having seen two Japs and later on brought in the report that they were in the village. The writer and five others went up by prahu and found the three very docile in the house. They possessed nothing of value and their only rifle was rusty. One grenade was later thrown into the river. We brought them back and they are in 17 Pls old kitchen for the night. They belonged to the same crowd as the first 27 we captured. We held a big concert tonight - a Coy affair and it turned

SAT. - 20/10/45 ^{cont}

and very good. After a fair supply of Sam Saus^s augmented the beer issue we had plenty volunteers for songs. The committee worked hard and done a good show. Andy was a tower of strength as M.C.

SUN. - 21/10/45.

M/O. SHEEHAN.

LUMWAN.

J.W. WILSON - PARIS.

NOYNAHAN. JENKINS. KED.

ADAMS. CR. VIKSANK.

Very quiet today as most are sleeping off the effects of last night. The barge returned this morning taking back the volunteers for Japan. I hear that Lt. H Douglas & Lt O'Dea & Lt Joe are also volunteers. Kavanagh, Benham and Marton went to the R.A.P.

MON - 22/10/45.

Still cloudy and raining - the ground is properly soaked and is muddy everywhere. The pigs are not helping things much either. The patrol to Ansurai today were invited to stay for the "Makan Besar" tonight but returned with the news that some of the enemy were sick and at Rb Bilong. We checked all the AAF87 and 102's today.

TUES. - 23/10/45

Today uneventful. Last night turned very cool in early hours and day fine.

WED - 24/10/45.

Patrol to Ansurai brought back three Japs - one of which was with the enemy party. He brought a long statement but it has not yet been deciphered. Big party about twenty days away from here but so far we know nothing more regarding them. Jap put in old Coy kitchen out of the rain for the sentry's sake.

THURS. - 25/10/45.

T. Cent probably coming up today but has not put in an appearance so far. Received word today that we are to move back to our old area at Limbang on Sunday. Everyone pleased that we are getting at least a change of scenery. We all think it may.

E.G. WOOTTON.

M/O to release.

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Thurs - 25.10.45 not be long now before things start moving. River rising all day and is nearly over the banks again. A lot of logs & debris going downstream today. Advance party for Lumbang is leaving for by J Boat if it does arrive. 17 Plur are to go to next camp again on Sunday - a total of 30 going. Hope to get a snake this trip.

FRID. - 26.10.45 Launch arrived today and is very fast. Brought up plenty mail and only stayed a few minutes. The Japs went back except of course the one who died last night. He was buried across the river.

Sat. 27.10.45 We loaded the barge this afternoon and gave away some of the rubbish that we could not bring away with us. The river has gone down a lot and there was no rain today either. The Chinese are scavenging everywhere. The barge from Brunai arrived with only a crowd of natives with prahus.

Sun - 28/10/45 left Klang this morning 0905. Crowd of natives to see us off. Arrived Lumbang approx 1300 hrs. M/O Wg Hepburn and moved back to old quarters. Sound area rather barren. C Coy helping themselves considerably by all appearances. Have phone on but switch blown by lightning a couple of nights ago. Canberr turned up OK.

Mon - 29/10/45 Garth went to Brunai escorting all diens & Brens etc. C Coy commenced half heartily to patch up the road. New Xmas Book out. "Stand Easy". Sports materials etc received from Queensland. P/O Searle M/O to Lpr to Bde Banda 19th Div. C/O Maj Stuart paid visit.

Tues. 30/10/45 Conference at BHO regarding completion of ANF 8954 1021 for Coy clerks and 1 offer per Coy.

Tues. 30.10.45 Mr Watts to attend on way home from Rest
Pte. Jenkins PD Camp. Stephen Shaw Morris and Weston were to
x ADS. M/I. Leave for Labuan ~~in a few days~~ today. Hampton
also. All 5yr men to be at Labuan tomorrow.
dentist advises he can treat 5 from per day
from the Coy. Boxing on tonight or at HQ Coy.

Wed. 31-10-45 Day hot & fine nothing out of usual daily
routine. Dentist does not require further patients.

Thurs. 1-11-45 Capt Watson and Salvation Army Chief from
Mocatai. Pay day and we paid out every cent
there are one or two more for pay but there
is trouble in securing more cash.

Frid - 2-11-45 School began this evening and Ptes. Spraker
Jackson and Coen attended. It is being
conducted at Limbang. Secured another
100 dolls for the pay. Heavy storm and it
rained all night nearly.

Sat. 3-11-45 17 Pl arrived back from Rest Camp and
18 Pl have been divided among 16 and 17.
Had good time at rest camp with good weather.
A few chaps had their packs lifted. "Turfs" fair.
Pictures on tonight "Honey-moon in Bali" but
it drizzling rain at present. Steffensen
Carr and Crossley went straight to school.

Sun 4.11.45 Pictures at Limbang "Practically Yours" Day.
quiet & uneventful

Mon 5/11/45 Dull & rainy. Jones returned from Dental
and went straight to school. Brought up
old car engine from Cloy for training.

Tues 6/11/45 Bernie Philly. came up from HQ Coy. & camped
in Coy HQ lines. 5 Plt (Pioneers) came under
"D" Coy. Taken to M/O tomorrow on Dec. Dick

Wed 7.11.45 John M/O today. Kavanagh M/I x Dental.

Thurs 8.11.45 Williams M/I x Dental. Received soft ball

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- THURS. 8.11.45. outfit and a basket ball received from Lt Col Maj Stuart to visit tomorrow. O.P.D. police came up on barge this evening.
- FRID. 9.11.45. Maj Stuart toured area today
- SAT. 10.11.45. High priorities soon to go. Thursday the Coy begins medical inspection.
- SUN. 11.11.45. Capt Morrison went up to Anuraim on the Pausy boat. To return tomorrow. List required of all chaps who came to N.E.1 and who joined for later. More new clothes came in
- MON 12.11.45. Capt Morrison returned this morning. Photos of platoons returned to official photographer. All high priorities 195 or over medically inspected and 5 Platoon also. All papers sent down to BHQ. Mechanics school started.
- TUES. 13.11.45. Most of 16 Pl medically examined. Canteen came in today. Clothes issue this morning now two towels per man
- WED- 14.11.45. Rest of Coy examined. Parties out pig M/O P. Brent trap. Sheeting but no success. Pig came out. P.
- THURS. 15.11.45. Pay day. A/S. McEann to occupational M/O H. SM'CAHILL. release. Lecture by Bde. A. Officer. Pictures on taught "Sundown". Plt Rankin M/O x hospital
- FRID 16.11.45. C/O paid visit but did not inspect lines. Capt Morrison went to Brunei for conference tomorrow morning. Work begun on corduroy near the Chinese cemetery. Roads very bad coming out this way.
- SAT. 17.11.45. Capt Morrison returned about 3 p.m. this evening from Brunei. No new supplies and as yet no sign of the over 200 ft men moving out.
- SUN 18.11.45. Capt Egan signed all AAS's today. Mail position very acute for some reasons.

SUN. 15.11.45

no "Table Taps" even today. Went pig shooting but heavy rain made us come home early. No success.

MON. 19.11.45

Rained practically all last night and is very threatening this morning. Capt Morrison received notice to M/O to discharge tomorrow.

TUES. 20.11.45

Capt Morrison
M/O.

Capt Morrison M/O to discharge going direct to Labuan. Our canteen supply came in again today with a fortnight's issue of tobacco. To be issued fortnightly in the future.

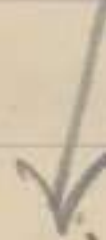
School - Brown Pt.

Clerk McDonald.

Dunham Kavanagh.

Harnes.

Wed



Boo declared redundant and promotions are finished. Move to Mumpcal (?) soon. Adv. party of 4 per Coy to leave about weekend including one Sgt and storeman.

Schools on Welding & Electricity being held at Bruner. Students to remain with B Coy.

WED. 21.11.45

School personnel M/O to Bruner. All rifles recalled from personnel with 150 pts and above. Parade to arrange educational classes. OPD church parade in C Coy area 11 AM.

THURS. 22.11.45

Rifles sent in today. It is rumored that advance party may leave Sat or Sunday. Shorthand & Photography classes began today. Pictures - Sun Valley Serenade with a couple of Jerry Jones - a good show. Reported that B Co & 17th are transferring low priorities to Salvage & Ordnance Units.

FRID. 23.11.45

Lt Watts went on trip to Muara Is for the day. Mr Noble came up and is requesting the return of the wireless set. Has to see Mr Watts first. C. Martin from 5 Pl has gone to hospital. C. Coy's platoon

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FRID. 23. 11. 45 returned from rest camp this evening. Constant rain spoiled picture program which I believe was very weak once more. Have seen only one good show since we returned from Ukong.

SAT. 24. 11. 45 I went to pictures again tonight "I stole a Million". It showed at Ravenshoe long ago.

SUN. 25. 11. 45 Mr. Watts went to conference at Bruner early this morning. Returned with G.C. about the move. We leave here on Tuesday and tomorrow promises to be busy cleaning up. It appears we are practically near guard for this area. ^{move} Has been put back forward a day on account of expected reorganisation towards this weekend. 16 swords balloted for in the Coy this evening. They were all issue swords and only the first five or six were worth having.

MON. 26. 11. 45 Most of the day taken up by loading our heavy gear onto ~~trucks~~ the barges. Have to be careful and watch the native kids who are after everything we leave behind. We have to get a receipt from the Akang for our huts so that if the nipah is sold we get our money back.

TUES. 27. 11. 45 We left Limbang this morning at 9.30. There are now only a few of the Water Transport left here at Limbang. I bet they will have a good time. We called in at Muara for lunch and there saw the "Empire Perlis" loading firewood for Hong Kong. There was no other sign of life here. The day was hot fine and still and as a consequence the

TUES - 29.11.45 ^(cont)

Bay was smooth. We reached Mumpacul at approx 3.30 and found the area - not so bad. We are camped right on edge of the beach among a few few coconut trees. The B.H.Q. are just down the road and the other Coys close handy. Our Coy atkins supply was lost on the trip over.

WED. 29.11.45

Found area here much cooler than Lumbung with a steady sea breeze all day. The Coy seem to be enjoying the beach, but working parties unloading barges spoiled it. Nine low priority men m/o tomorrow. Have the phone on now and rumours of electric light in orderly rooms soon. Water acquired from wells but is very hard. A & B Coys arrived today. New clothes came in today and we should get our bird set and campaign ribbons tomorrow.

THURS: 30.11.45

M/O. Ross, Coxon, Fry J.
Karanagh, Sutherland.
McEann, McEann
Daly Essex*

New draft prepared today for the 4th Pioneers stationed at Kuching. Twenty-four of D Coy on the draft and about a hundred from the Bn. Mine marched out this morning for the 2/3rd T/A Regt. They went by "duck" across to Lakuan at 0900 hrs. Campaign ribbons issued to the boy by Coy Under. A third set of clothes issued. It's the last issue of clothes to be issued for as the cadre will be away soon. Electric light put on in orderly rooms, stores, Officers tents etc. Fairly good fishing around here. Names submitted from discharged personnel - see for Jap swords - Quincey, Collins, Leslie, Lt Walsh, Calver, Craft.

FRID - 30.11.45

No further news of draft moving so far. "Kawington" went across to Lakuan & back today. Sid from the Cay went over on leave. Our quota for tomorrow 2 men McDonald & Walker going. Boat pulled into Lakuan this morning. To mail in today again.

SAT. 1.12.45

Pay day today, 10 dollars out in pay but unable to trace it. Ples Walker & McDonald went on leave to Lakuan today. We received two belly tanks for causes and found plenty of volunteers to cut them out. They were soon put into operation. Another two drafts warned for movement tomorrow one of high priority headed for home and one for Hpr to 2/2 M.G. Br. Had our first severe storm here today about 5pm in the evening. Plenty of wind. Heavy may soon be closed as the Cay is fast dwindling now.

SUN - 2.12.45

M/O. Bell, Ritchie, Carr
Martin, Martin, Dunham Simpson.
Wieland, Clerk, Barcham.
Davison, Walker, Vithinger, Wallace.
to 2/2 M.Gs.
M/O. Cpl Green, H/Sgt Hogg, Plt.
Wilson, Edwards, Rogers.
Discharge.

Party moved out at 1030 hrs on Hpr to 2/2 M.Gs and as well fuel & more for discharge. About twenty odd went from the Base on discharge on the pumps system. Ples Stammers & Streeter went on leave across to Lakuan for the day. Otherwise all quiet. Pictures on for the first time since we've been here. Pte Jones H.A. has agreed to carry on Bernie O'Killy's job for a short while.

MON - 3.12.45

Nothing new in today. Ples Hutton, Conley & Cleden went on leave to Lakuan. Fishing

MON - 3/12/45

now the craze since Rod Cockrane landed a beaut. last night. Pictures last night very feble and not a few came away. Electric light put in to six tents today. P.T. began on the beach this morning but no educational classes. Dentist wishes to do about ten of the boys tomorrow. Have not seen the "Mausera" pull in.

TUES. 4.12.45

Mausera now reported in Port Harbour. Alex Marshall lost a large molar plus a large portion of his jaw. Jim O'Donovan who also had an appointment with the D.O. lost his device to attend. Alex left for the Adm Labuan. B of dept 2/4 PWD marched to march out tomorrow. Another four wanted of transfer to Div HQ.

Greg makes a picture tonight.

KUCHING left left. 1400

WED. 5.12.45

THURS. 6.12.45

M/O. TABKE, MARSHALL.

HUTTON, JOHNSON, FRY,

JACKSON, O'KEY, JENKINS,

HASSAN, WILKIN, BYRNE,
VOYSEY, COCHRANE, BICKETT,
MAYWELL, THOROUGHGOOD,
LANGFORD, WILLIAMS, ELSDEN,
DAVIS, McDONNELL, CROSSLEY,
WATTS.

Big doings today; all low priority men M/O to Kuching or Labuan details depot. LT. WATTS was on this draft & was the last "D" boy offr. to leave. ^{He goes to 9 DIV. H.Q.} Rumours of the final move of the remainder of the Bn. should know tomorrow.

Pictures tonight.

FRI. 7-12-45

It's come at last; remainder of high priority personnel move out to Labuan tomorrow. Backe will probably move to Labuan on Sunday. All we're interested in now is which boat & when.

Boy records to be returned to Bn. HQ today so this will be last entry.

Australia & Home here we come.

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2nd/15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Army No.	Name.	Regt. Seniority Date.	Army No.	Name.	Regt. Seniority Date.
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL (1).			Captains—continued.		
NX457	GRACE, C. H. DSO (AIF) (CO)	11.5.43	QX6229	MacDONALD, A. L. . . (sc) (AIF) (T/Lt-Col 30.5.44) (Seed Instr Staff College Camberley UK 18.4.44)	16.11.42 ✓
MAJORS (3).			QX13609	DUIGAN, D. V. (AIF) (T/Maj 17.6.43) (Seed DAQMG (Accn) Adv LHQ 7.12.43)	31.3.43 ✓
QX6221	SUTHERS, R. A. (AIF) (Seed 8 Course (Grade II Wing) SS (Aust) 7.11.44)	18.7.42 ✓	QX6518	SCOGGINS, D. W. R. . . (AIF) (Seed Spec Duties 28.10.43)	14.8.43 ✓
QX6238	NEWCOMB, S. P. . . . (AIF)	30.6.43 ✓	QX2995	KAY, J. (AIF)	20.12.43 ✓
QX6224	STUART, M. R. (AIF)	26.6.44 ✓	X QX5431	PARKER, D. (AIF) . . (Seed Instr 2 Aust Rft Trg Bn (JW) 27.12.44)	9.2.44 ✓
QX6200	WILLIAMS, B. MC (AIF) (Seed Allotted for AL attachment with UK Forces 9.8.44)	23.10.44 ✓	NX15590	PICKERING, M. V. . . (sc) (AIF) (Seed SC (Q) HQ 1 Aust Corps 12.4.44)	22.9.44 ✓
QX6226	SNELL, L. MC (AIF)	23.10.44 ✓	QX949	MURISON, W. G. (AIF)	22.9.44 ✓
CAPTAINS (9).			QX11366	CUNNINGHAM, J. W. . . (AIF)	15.11.44 ✓
QX6242	HARLAND, M. (sc) (AIF) (T/Maj 27.11.44) (Seed GSO 2 (Air) HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF) 22.1.45)	20.3.42 ✓	QX6934	BROWN, J. F. S. MC (AIF)	30.11.44 ✓
QX6171	LUTHER, E. F. (AIF)	4.6.42 ✓	LIEUTENANTS (20).		
QX6243	ANGUS, W. MC (AIF)	18.7.42 ✓	QX8622	GRAY-BUCHANAN, J. . . I. (AIF)	9.8.41 ✓
QX6274	JENKINSON, R. G. . . (AIF) (Seed selected to visit Ind 22.9.44)	18.7.42 ✓	QX14256	CAMERON, A. G. T. . . (AIF)	9.8.41 ✓
QX6195	FERGUSON, W. A. . . (AIF) (Seed OC 9 Aust Div Reception Camp 10.5.43)	18.7.42 ✓	NX60324	HELM, G. V. MBE (AIF) (T/Capt 27.1.45)	18.11.41 ✓
QX6231	HEATLEY, W. C. (AIF)	14.10.42 ✓	QX16876	BRADSHAW, A. J. . . . (AIF)	21.1.42 ✓
QX6196	JENSEN, H. C. (sc) (AIF) (Seed OC 4 Aust Visitors & Observers Sec 23.6.44)	14.10.42 ✓	QX16841	DOUGLAS, B. C. P. . . (AIF)	22.1.42 ✓
QX6256	YATES, R. A. MC (AIF)	15.10.42 ✓	QX14802	GRIMSTONE, C. J. . . (AIF) (T/Capt 3.3.44) (Seed GSO 3 Dir of Mil Trg LHQ 6.1.44)	20.6.42 ✓
QX8571	GEMMELL-SMITH, G. A. (sc) (AIF) (T/Maj 29.3.44) (Seed GSO 2 (Ops) Adv LHQ 15.11.44)	16.11.42 ✓	QX17354	REA, A. A. (AIF) . . .	20.6.42 ✓
			QX19134	MAHONEY, W. A. . . . (AIF) (Seed Lt 4 Aust Visitors & Observers Sec 23.6.44)	20.6.42 ✓
			QX2990	CHILDS, H. G. (AIF) (Seed LO (Lt) HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde 12.8.44)	20.6.42 ✓
			QX7657	GRAY, G. G. (AIF) . . .	29.6.42 ✓
			QX1720	DOUGLAS, H. M. (AIF)	29.6.42 ✓

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Lieutenants—continued.			ADJUTANT.		
QX16084	SEENEY, D. H. (AIF)	11.8.42	NX60324	HELM, Lt (T/Capt) G. V. MBE (AIF)	2.1.45
NGX69	WILSON, F. R. (AIF)	29.10.42			
NX57274	RAYNOR, R. J. (AIF)	31.10.42			
QX16122	HARDY, A. E. (AIF) (Seed Instr 3 Aust Rft Trg Bn (JW) 1.11.44)	2.11.42			
QX8327	HANSEN, L. T. A. (AIF) (Seed Asst Adj & QM 2 Aust Rft Trg Bn (JW) 9.11.44)	17.11.42			
QX19571	BRIDGFORD, J. G. (AIF) (Seed Lt AIF Transit Camp (UK) 22.5.44)	11.12.42			
QX8001	STARMER, A. C. MC (AIF)	22.1.43			
QX762	BOLTON, G. R. (AIF) ✓	26.6.43			
QX18522	MANNING, C. M. (AIF) ✓	1.8.43			
NX147647	WHITE, R. G. (AIF)	8.12.43			
VX15269	THOMPSON, R. V. (AIF)	18.12.43			
VX115586	RAILTON, J. A. (AIF)	18.12.43			
QX4140	McGROW, G. S. MM (AIF)	5.6.44			
QX49649	IVERS, S. W. (AIF)	9.6.44			
QX34094	ANDERSON, W. G. (AIF)	9.6.44			
NX14998	O'DEA, L. H. (AIF)	9.6.44			
NX7855	WILSON, R. (AIF)	9.6.44			
QX38061	WATTS, E. T. (AIF)	9.6.44			
QX826	BRYCE, D. M. (AIF)	9.6.44			
QX60541	THISTLETON, G. (AIF)	20.7.44			
				ASST. ADJUTANT.	
			QX1720	DOUGLAS, Lt H. M. (AIF)	20.11.44
				QUARTERMASTER.	
			QX6171	LUTHER, Capt E. F. (AIF)	13.9.42
				MEDICAL OFFICER.	
			VX90842	BACON, Capt F. A. L. (AIF) (AAMC (Med))	20.5.44

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	QX-6222	Maj	B.D.	STRANGE	DSO., MID.
	QX6238	Maj	S.P.	NEWCOMB.	
	QX 6224	Capt	M.R.	STUART	
	QX 6226	Capt	L.	SNELL	MC.
	QX-6228	Capt	T.P.	DAVIES.	
	QX6171-	Capt	E.F.	LUTHER.	
	QX 6243	Capt	W.	ANGUS	MC.
	QX 6231	Capt	C.W.	HEATLEY.	
	QX 815	Capt	D.B.	WEIR	
	QX 2995	T/Capt	J.	KAY	
	QX 5431	T/Capt	D.	PARKER	
	QX 8523	Lieut	C.W.J.	LOGAN	
	QX11366	Lieut	J.W.	CUNNINGHAM	
	QX16934	Lieut	J.F.S.	BROWN,	MC., MID.
	NX60324.	Lieut	G.V.	HELM,	MID.
	QX19134	Lieut	W.A.	MAHONEY	
	QX19344	Lieut	N.D.S.	MAY	
	QX 2990	Lieut	H.G.	CHILDS	
	QX 7657	Lieut	G.G.	GRAY	
	QX 1720	Lieut	H.M.	DOUGLAS	
	QX16084	Lieut	D.H.	SEENEY	
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	QX19571	Lieut	J.G.	BRIDGFORD	
	QX 8001	Lieut	A.C.	STARMER,	MC.
	DX 48	Lieut	W.E.	ROGERS	
	VX109002	Lieut	F.	O'BRYAN	
	NX147647	Lieut	R.G.	WHITE	
	QX12922	Lieut	V.J.	MACAULAY	
	VX15269	Lieut	R.V.	THOMPSON	
	VX115588	Lieut	J.A.	RAILTON	
	NX139075	Chap	T J	YATES	Chaplain
	VX 90842	Capt	F A L	BACON	RMO
	NX111935	Capt	R A	MACFARLANE	Dental Officer

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16. Don't be extravagant when requisitioning for printing or duplicating paper, as paper is scarce. Stocks are not to be built up and hoarded by Units, Branches and Sections.
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23. Don't throw away wrapping paper and string. Save it for future use.
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