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2/26 Infantry Battalion

November 1941 - February 1942

WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

Army Form
(adapted)

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Unit 2/26 BN AIF

Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 41

To 4 Nov 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JASIN	1 Nov 41		General routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	
		0730	CO left for SEDILI BOOM & KOTA TINGGI on recce.	
		1015-1100	Passive Air Defence Exercise.	
		1330-2300	Leave to MALACCA for HQ Coy. Leave to JASIN for remainder.	<i>ms</i>
	2 Nov 41		General Routine. Divine Service. Leave to MALACCA for C Coy, remainder to JASIN.	<i>ms</i>
	3 Nov 41		General Routine. Recapitulation weapon tng. Route march.	
		1300	Movement order affecting move A B & D Coys arrived.	
		1700	CO returned from Recce.	
		2230	Maj Hoare dep for SEDILI BOOM to carry out inspection of area.	<i>ms</i>
	4 Nov 41		General Routine. Recapitulation weapon tng.	
		0900	CO dep for TANGLIN to hear address by Gen Sir Archibald Wavell.	
			Preparation by A Coy for move to SEDILI Boom.	
		2130	A Coy & att personnel dep for SEDILI Boom under comd Maj Armstrong.	Route - MT to TAMPIN Rail " JOHORE BAHRU MT " MAWAI Tongkang to BOOM <i>ms</i>

WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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(adapted.)

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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF

Date and Time.—From 5 Nov 41

To 9 Nov 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JASIN	5 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	
		1500	DADOS 8 Aust Div arrived on tour of inspection.	
		2300	D Coy convoy with accommodation stores arrived.	<i>M.S.</i>
	6 Nov 41	0600	D & B Coys arrived from KOTA TINGGI and SEDILI Boom respectively.	
		0900	GOC AIF Malaya and Comd 27 Aust Inf Bde arrived on tour of inspection.	
		1100	GOC and Brig departed after inspection of Camp and tng in the fd.	
			General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus	See attached.
		1145	Visit by Brig i/c Adm Malaya Comd & AA & QMG 8 Aust Div.	<i>M.S.</i>
	7 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	<i>M.S.</i>
	8 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus. Leave to MALACCA and	
			JASIN as per syllabus. TEWT for offr's and visitors from	
			HQ 27 Aust Inf Bde, 2/30 Bn and 2/29 Bn.	<i>M.S.</i>
	9 Nov 41		General Routine. Divine Service. Leave to MALACCA and JASIN	
			as per syllabus.	<i>M.S.</i>

WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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(adapted)

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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF

Date and Time.—From 10 Nov 41

To 17 Nov 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JASIN	10 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	see Tng Circular No 11 <i>ms</i>
	11 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	<i>ms</i>
	12 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	<i>ms</i>
		0800	C Coy commenced 4 day trek.	
			Received original draft of "Boom Town" from AIF War Correspondent - See attached. <i>ms</i>	
	13 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	
		0930-1030	GOC Malaya (Lt Gen Percival) GOC AIF Malaya, Comd 27 Aust Inf	
			Bde inspected Camp.	<i>ms</i>
	14 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	
		1900	C Coy returned from trek.	<i>ms</i>
	15 Nov 41		General Routine. ^{and leave} Tng/as per Syllabus.	<i>ms</i>
	16 Nov 41		General Routine. Divine Service. Leave as per Tng Syllabus and R/Os. <i>ms</i>	
	17 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	See Tng Circ No 12.
		0400	CO, 2 i/c, IO, Coy Comds, HQ Coy Pl Comds dep to attend TEWT at JEMALUANG.	<i>ms</i>

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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF

Date and Time.—From 17 Nov 41 To 26 Nov 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JASIN	17 Nov 41	2300	Offrs less CO & IO returned from TEWT. CO & IO proceeded on	
			recce of JEMALUANG AREA.	<i>ms.</i>
	18 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	Raining heavily. <i>ms.</i>
	19 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus. B Coy commenced 4 day trek.	
		1830	CO & IO returned from recce	weather fine. <i>ms.</i>
	20 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	<i>ms.</i>
	21 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	<i>ms.</i>
	22 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus. Leave as per Syllabus.	<i>ms.</i>
	23 Nov 41		General Routine. Divine Service. Leave as per Tng syllabus.	
		1200	CO, QM & IO dep for MERSING for 22 Aust Inf Bde TEWT.	<i>ms.</i>
	24 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus	See Tng Circ No 13.
		2300	QM & IO returned from MERSING.	<i>ms.</i>
	25 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	<i>ms.</i>
	26 Nov 41	0800	D Coy commenced Coy trek. General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	<i>ms.</i>

WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

Army Form C 2118
(adapted.)

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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF

Date and Time.—From 27 Nov 41 To 30 Nov 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JASIN	27 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	
		2200	D Coy trek concluded on account of rain.	<i>M.S.</i>
	28 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	
		1945	CO returned from recce of MERSING Area.	<i>M.S.</i>
	29 Nov 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus.	
		1400	Warning Order "AWAKE" received from FANI. Action taken as per operation Instn No 9.	
		1900	Warning ARMOUR received from FANI. Action taken in accordance with operation Instn No 9.	
		2100	Message ARMOUR COMPLETED forwarded FANI & SODI.	<i>M.S.</i>
	30 Nov 41		General Routine. Divine Service. All leave cancelled.	<i>H. L. Sabin</i>
				_____ Capf. (H. L. SABIN) Adj. 2/26 Bn.
				1 DEC 1941

THE A.I.F. "BOOM-TOWN" BOYS

This is the story, simple and straight forward, of the men of "Boom Town", a term which requires some explanation. Search as you may you will not find "Boom Town" on the maps; it is, nevertheless, the war station of a Queensland A.I.F. company "somewhere in Malaya". To the New South Wales company from which the Queenslanders took over this lonely outpost was, to use their own expression, "the Riviera of Malaya."

Most certainly if you paid a visit to "Boom Town" you would come to the immediate conclusion that the "Riviera" title was satirical but these men of New South Wales were not bluffing when they admitted, after almost a month at this location, that they would have liked to stay another eight weeks. And the Queenslanders are just as keen. What is the Digger appeal in this spot miles from anywhere, where work is hard, duties constant, and living conditions rough?

Read the story of "Boom Town" and answer the question for yourself. The main post clings to the slope of a river-bank but is strategically selected at a bend of the stream and commanding two reaches - one towards the mouth and the other towards the source. The only buildings are attap huts - with walls and roofs of palm leaf thatching - and a kitchen. A lean-to serves as a canteen which is run so successfully by a committee appointed by the men that a handsome profit is being returned for company comforts. One has to be wide awake to win a place near the head of the queue that forms nightly to purchase bottled beer, soft drinks, cigarettes, tobacco, matches, soaps and powders.

At Boom Town there are no lavatories as men knew them in developed

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camps. Deep pits in well drained sites serve the purpose as hygienically as conditions permit. There are no showers or even ablution points.

Instead there is a pontoon attached to a short jetty where kerosene tins are available for dipping into the river. It is quite a work of art balancing on this rickety pontoon while the first tin of river water is poured over the body to give it a surface for soaping, and afterwards lifting four or five tins full right over the head and tipping each at an angle that allows the contents to run over every part of the body.

Occasionally while the men are thus engaged a sampan will paddle by with native women on board. At first the men of "Boom Town" were very conscious of their fleeting presence until it was discovered that the native women, with the characteristic modesty of all bush people, always looked the other way. Swimming is strictly forbidden at "Boom Town" because of the danger of crocodiles whose repugnant forms are spotted occasionally basking in the mud.

There are no dhobies (native washer boys) to do the washing at "Boom Town". The men use well water and are allowed half a day weekly to tend to their laundry personally. It follows naturally that creased trousers are scarce. There are no home comforts in the huts of "Boom Town" with hard earth in place of the polished floors, carpets or linoleums these men once knew. As one wit put it: "Everyone is on the ground floor at 'Boom Town'."

There is the risk of malaria, though mosquito nets are firmly tucked in at sundown more as a safeguard against stray rats, scorpions or snakes than the malarial mosquito. At 5.30 every afternoon "skeeter shorts" - which when turned up and buttoned are shorts, but when unbuttoned become ankle length trousers - are lowered away and shirt sleeves rolled down.

This is the official "Boom Town"⁽³⁾ dress until 7.30 next morning.

There are many amenities lacking at "Boom Town"; but there is no parade ground soldiering. In fact, it is this work-without-ceremony idea which appeals to Australians who really enjoy a task that is tough.

How do they spend their time at "Boom Town?" The whole company is kept busy improving the wire defences which surround the post on both sides of the stream; digging solidly to strengthen the ground works; patrolling the dense country surrounding the station searching for and plotting any track through the jungle which an enemy might use; manning the well-armed pill boxes 24 hours a day; patrolling the wire defences hourly night and day; watching every boat coming towards the boom opening, with the aid of searchlights in the hours of darkness, and investigating thoroughly any doubtful craft; and being ready to close the boom at shortest notice.

In brief they carefully guard a vital invasion laneway of water which the jungle had perforce to leave unprotected by its thorns against an attack.

One of the novelties of the place to Australians are the tongkangs attached to the post and mounted with necessarily small, but useful guns. These powerfully engined craft, covered with allap awning, are used to bring up the daily rations and water supply, to ferry meals across to the post on the opposite bank, and to do the dozen and one other jobs which a river station entails. Occasionally one of the river gun boats of the British Navy pays the post a visit to collect rations.

But perhaps the most vivid picture of "Boom Town" inhabited by Aussies is obtained in the brief twilight after the evening meal. One or two late duty men are on the pontoon bathing, not in but out of the river; on a little jetty are three or four patient men fishing for shrimps

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which they catch occasionally up to a foot in length as a reward for their patience; another group is playing darts with the board attached to a rubber tree, trickles of white sap marking shots which missed the target; over near the wire are several men amused by the antics of scores of monkeys, inquisitive but shy, incessantly chatting and leaping among the trees at the jungle's edge; out on the river, but never out of sight of the station, are four braunny Russies expertly handling two native canoes and enjoying the thrill of a race back to the landing stage; from a levelled area under a huge tree comes a droning voice from yet another small group: "Dollar he heads 'em!" (conclusive evidence that the Diggers are in occupation); and sitting in small cleared areas on the river bank are groups who yarn or think while the fire-flies wink in thousands only to be outdone as darkness closes by a searchlight trained on a small craft noiselessly making the bend.

Had James Fitzpatrick, recognised master of travel films, visited this outpost he would have shot these scenes for his now famous closing sentence: "And so we say farewell to 'Boom Town', a lovely spot on a jungle-lined river where Australians watch for and wait to quell any threat to Malaya which means in turn a threat to their beloved home-land many hundreds of miles away in the peaceful south."

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES MALAYA

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt Col A H Boyes

Comd 2/26 Bn

2/26 Bn AIF MALAYA
1 Nov 41

No 220

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 1 Nov 41 - R Coy
Next for Duty to mount at Retreat 2 Nov 41 - HQ "

2 CHURCH PARADES

Bn Parade on Bn Parade Ground - 0845 hrs.

O D's Church Service - 0900 hrs

R C Church Parade - 0900 "

R C's to assemble on HQ Coy Parade Ground at 0850 hrs and will not
move to Cpls' Hut until Bn Parade is clear.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in Recreation Hut at 0730 hrs.

3 ROUTINE

Commencing Monday 3 Nov 41, the following morning routine will be
observed:-

Reveille	-	0600 hrs
Adm Pde	-	0615 "
Sick "	-	0630 "
Breakfast	-	0700 "
Tng Pde	-	0745-1130 hrs

Sunday routine will remain unchanged.

H. L. Sabin
(H L Sabin)
Adj't 2/26 Bn

Capt

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES MALAYA

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt Col A H Boyes

Comd 2/26 Bn

2/26 Bn AIF MALAYA
3 Nov 41

No 221

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 3 Nov 41	-	C Coy
Next for Duty to mount at Retreat 4 Nov 41	-	R "

H L Sabin
Capt
(H L Sabin)
Adjut 2/26 Bn

NOTICES

LOST: In A Coy showers, Identification Discs belonging to QX 10893
Cpl E M Hudson. Finder please return to Bn HQ.

SPORTS: The following personnel have been selected to represent
CRICKET: this Unit against 2/15 Fd Regt at JASIN on 9 Nov 41:-

Sgt Tippett (Capt)	HQ	Coy
L/Cpl Trevethan (Vice-Capt)	"	"
Pte Gourley	"	"
" Murphy W J	"	"
" Bowkett	"	"
" Heffernan	C	"
Cpl Baskett	"	"
L/Cpl Keen	"	"
Lieut Wagstaff	"	"
Pte Lyons	R	"
Sgt Corcoran	"	"
12th Man - Pte Neil	C	"
Umpire - " Bodero	"	"
Scorer - " Gode	HQ	"

ADDENDUM:

Concert Party -

It is desired that this Unit should have a Concert Party primarily for entertainment within the Unit but possibly for exchange with other Units.

Coys will therefore advise this HQ by 1800 hrs 5 Nov 41 of names of personnel willing to assist in this matter and also a brief statement as to the nature of entertainment which they have to offer.

It is pointed out that at no time will any of the Concert Party be taken off the strength of this Unit and will only be absent from the Unit for a short visit to other Units.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt Col A H Boyes
Comd 2/26 Bn

2/26 Bn AIF Malaya
5 Nov 41

No 222

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 5 Nov 41 - H Q Coy
Next for Duty to mount at Retreat 6 Nov 41 - R Coy

Signed Capt
(H L Sabin)
Adjnt 2/26 Bn

NOTICES

LOST:- One Ground Sheet marked with name E L Stephens
One library book property of Jasin Services Club.
Title of Book "Penang Appointment."
Finder of either of above please return to Bn H Q

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES MALAYA

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt Col A H Boyes

Comd 2/26 Bn

No 223

2/26 Bn AIF Malaya
7 Nov 41

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 7 Nov 41.
Next for duty to mount at Retreat 8 Nov 41.

-- D Coy
-- C "

2. MEDICAL

Coys will be medically examined at RAP on 8 Nov as follows:-

1030 hrs - B Coy
1100 " - C "
1130 " - R "
1150 " - Bn HQ

HQ and D Coys will be examined on Sunday 9 Nov as arranged by RMO.

3. LEAVE - MALACCA

Leave to Malacca from 1330 - 2300 hrs is granted as follows:-

Sat 8 Nov 41 - B Coy, 50% R Coy & 50% Bn HQ
Sun 9 Nov 41 - D Coy, 50% R Coy & 50% Bn HQ

Forward journey - embus camp 1330 hrs
Return journey - embus civil Post Office Malacca 2300 hrs

4. PIQUETS

Malacca Piquet of 1 Sgt 1 Cpl & 10 o/rs will report to 4 A/Tk Regt at 1930 hrs.

Piquet will embus at Bn HQ at 1830 hrs and be supplied as follows:-
Sat 8 Nov - C Coy - Sun 9 Nov B Coy

5. UMPIRES - TACTICAL EXERCISES

Supplies of white arm bands are available on application to BNQ.

6. AMMUNITION

Coys will carry out a weekly detailed inspection of amm and amm containers. Faulty or deteriorated amm will be reported to Bn HQ. A weekly report (each Saturday) will be rendered to Bn HQ certifying that all amm on charge to Coy has been inspected and found to be in good order or otherwise. Detailed instns re care of amm will be issued shortly.

7. TAB INJECTIONS

Coys will submit to Bn HQ by 10 Nov 41 a nominal roll of personnel who received their last TAB injection prior to 31 Dec 40.

8. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL

The undermentioned Officers assembled at JASIN on 31 Oct 41 by order of G.O.C AIF Malaya dated 28 Oct 41 for the trial by D C M of

ACCUSED; QX 8453 Pte Stirling Christopher 27 Aust Inf Bde (Att 2/26 Bn)
COURT: President Major N Mc G Johnston 2/30 Bn
Members Capt A M Lamcroft 2/30 "
Capt A E Sumner 2/29 "
Waiting) Capt R R Walker 2/26 "
Member)
Judge Advocate Major M B Hoare 2/26 "
Prosecutor Lieut H F Dick 2/29 "
Defending Officer Lieut A M Fox 2/26 "

CHARGES (1) Striking his superior Officer (AA 8 (1)
(2) Striking a person in whose custody he was placed (AA 10 (2)
(3) Failing to appear at the place of rendezvous appointed by his Commanding Officer (AA 15) (2)

PLEA (1) Not Guilty
(2) Not Guilty
(3) Not Guilty

FINDING (1) Guilty
(2) Not Guilty (announced in open court)
(3) Guilty

SENTENCE - Dated 1 Nov 41, 21 days detention.

CONFIRMATION - 4 Nov 41.

H. R. [Signature]
Capt
(H L 3a Bin)
Adj't 2/26 Bn

NOTICES

ARMISTICE DAY: Sunday 9 Nov 41 will be observed as day of remembrance and dedication.

JASIN SERVICES CLUB: All ranks are notified that the JASIN Services Club will be closed on Tuesday 11 Nov 41.

LOST - 1 groundsheet in NAAFI, belonging to Q X 12232 Pte R Chard. Finder please return to Bn HQ.

FOUND - Rifle No 36479 (Bolt No 9149). Owner may obtain same on application to Bn HQ.

Supplies of white arm bands are available on application to Bn HQ.

AMMUNITION
Goy will carry out a weekly detailed inspection of arm and amm containers. Faulty or deteriorated amm will be reported to Bn HQ. A weekly report (each Saturday) will be rendered to Bn HQ detailing the amm on charge to Goy has been inspected and found to be in good order or otherwise. Detailed list of amm will be issued shortly.

TAB INSPECTIONS
Goy will submit to Bn HQ by 10 Nov 41 a nominal roll of personnel who received their last TAB inspection prior to 31 Dec 40.

DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL
The undesignated Officers assembled at JASIN on 31 Oct 41 by order of G.O.C. AIF Malaya dated 28 Oct 41 for the trial by D.C.M. of
ACCUSED: QX 8433 Pte Sterling Christopher SV Aust Inf Bde (Att 2/26 Bn)
COURT: President Major H Mc G Johnston
Members: Capt A M Lanecroft
Capt A E Sumner
Capt R R Walker
Judge Advocate Major M B Horne
Prosecutor Lieut R F Dick
Defending Officer Lieut A M Fox

CHARGES (1) Striking his superior Officer (AA 6 (1))
(2) Striking a person in whose custody he was placed (AA 10 (1))
(3) Failing to appear before a court of competent jurisdiction
by the Court Martial Officer (AA 15 (2))

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES MALAYA

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt Col A H Boyes
Comd 2/26 Bn

2/26 Bn AIF MALAYA
8 Nov 41

No 224

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 8 Nov 41 - C Coy
Next for Duty to mount at Retreat 9 Nov 41 - B "

2 CHURCH PARADES

Bn Parade on Bn Parade Ground - 0845 hrs.

O D's Church Service - 0900 hrs

R C Church Parade - 0715 "

R C's will assemble on Bn Parade Ground at 0705 hrs.

Chap Rodgers will arrive at Camp at 0635 hrs and personnel desiring to go to Confession may see him at Recreation Hut immediately on his arrival.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in Recreation Hut at 0730 hrs.

(Sgd)

H L Sabin
Adj't 2/26 Bn

Capt

NOTICES

A Concert organised by the Band will be held on Mon 10 Nov 41.

A Concert Party from MALACCA will visit the Unit on Fri 14 Nov 41
(at 2000 hrs.)

A Concert organised by B Coy will be held on Tues 18 Nov 41.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt Col A H Scygs

Comd 2/26 Bn

2/26 Bn AIF MALAYA
10 Nov 41

No 225

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 10 Nov 41 - C Coy
Next for Duty to mount at Retreat 11 Nov 41 - D Coy

2 POPPY DAY APPEAL

Sale of poppies will take place in Jasin Camp between 1600-1800 hrs on 12 & 13 Nov 41.

Duty Coy will supply 1 Offr and 6 C Rs who will assist the A I F Nurses to sell the poppies. Offr selected will report to Adjt at 1200 hrs on each day of sale for instns.

3. REGIMENTAL A/Cs

All regimental A/cs and a counts Officers and Sergeants Messes will be prepared for Audit by Wednesday 12 Nov 41.

[Signature]
Capt
(H L Sabin)
Adjt 2/26 Bn

NOTICES

JASIN SERVICES CLUB: All ranks are advised that Club will be closed on Tuesday night 11 Nov 41. Club will be open as usual on Wednesday.

TABLE TENNIS:- Inter Coy table tennis matches will commence next week. Entries to be handed to W O Lane or the Padre. Table in Rec Hut may be used by Coys to select teams. Application for same will be made to Padre.

A cup will be given by the padre to the winning team. It is later proposed to select a unit team.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES MALAYA

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt Col A H Boyes
Comd 2/26 Bn

2/26 Bn AIF MALAYS
11 Nov 41

No 226

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 11 Nov 41 - D Coy
Next for duty to mount at Retreat 12 Nov 41 - R Coy

2. COMFORTS ISSUE

The following issues of comforts, supplied by the Australian Comforts Fund, will be made today:-

Per Man :- 1 oz tobacco
1 pkt razor blades
1 cake laundry soap

Per 5 men:- 1 tin soup

TRADESMEN

Coy's will submit to Bn HQ by 13 Nov 41 the names of personnel who are experienced in :-

- (a) Engraving
- (b) Tennis racket repairs and re-stringing.

H. L. Sabin
Capt
(H L Sabin)
Adjt 2/26 Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES MALAYA

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt Col A H Boyes
Comd 2/26 Bn2/26 Bn AIF MALAYA
12 Nov 41

No 227

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 12 Nov 41 - R Coy
Next for Duty to mount at Retreat 13 Nov 41 - B "

2 PAY

All ranks are advised that the following increases in pay will come into operation by next pay day:-

Active Pay - 1/- per day increase all ranks.
Dependents' Allowance - 6d per day increase.

The above increases are effective as from and including 7 Nov 41. In order that the increased Dependents' Allowance (6d per day) may be paid the following minimum allotments must be made:-

O/RS - 5/6 per day
O/RS - 3/6 per day

Detailed instns re alterations of pay books will be issued shortly; and NO action will be taken by sub-units until receipt of such instns.

3 BUS SERVICE

Commencing at 1800 hrs to-night a bus service from this Camp to JASIN Servicemen Club will operate. It is anticipated that there will be a bus to and from the Club every 20 minutes.

Fare (each way) - 5 cents.
No of Bus - M758.

4 LANGUAGE

All ranks are warned that it is an offence to use blasphemous and obscene language. Disciplinary action is to be taken against offenders. This order is to be read out on parade once per week for 3 consecutive weeks.

5 CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

Cases have arisen in which members of the AIF have communicated direct with other Forces in Malaya, including the R A F.

All ranks will be advised that any future departure from the regulations relating to channels of communication will constitute an offence and will be punishable accordingly.

O/RS should be warned that their sole channel of communication on official matters is through their C O.

H L Sabin Capt
(H L Sabin)
Adjnt 2/26 Bn

NOTICES

LOST: Between MALACCA and KLUANG, Motor-Cyclist's jacket with name, L/Bdr DAY A J. Finder please communicate with this HQ.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES MALAYA

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt Col A H Boyes
Comd 2/26 Bn2/26 Bn AIF MALAYA
14 Nov 41

No 220

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 14 Nov 41	-	HQ Coy
Next for Duty to mount at Retreat 15 Nov 41	-	D "

2 LEAVE - MALACCA

Leave to MALACCA from 1330-2300 hrs is granted as follows:-

Sat 15 Nov	-	C Coy
Sun 16 Nov	-	HQ "

Forward journey:-	Embus Camp	1330 hrs
Return " :-	"	Civil Post Office MALACCA 2300 hrs.

3 PIQUETS

Piquet of 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 10 O/Rs will report to 4 A/Tk Regt at 1930 hrs and be supplied as follows:-

Sat 15 Nov	-	D Coy
Sun 16 "	-	C "

4 MEDICAL

Coys will be medically examined at RAP on 15 Nov as follows:-

1045 hrs	-	D Coy
1115 "	-	B "
1145 "	-	In HQ
1200 "	-	R Coy

HQ Coy and C Coy will be examined on Sun 16 Nov as arranged by RMO.

5 LIQUOR

No intoxicating liquor of any description is to be taken into Unit lines.

Coy Orderly officers and NCOs and, but NCOs will closely supervise their Unit lines and huts and all offenders will be charged.

H L Sabin
Capt
(H L Sabin)
Adjnt 2/26 Bn

NOTICES

Any person who has ordered goods from "Wadhmal's Store Changi" and desires to collect same, please apply to Bn HQ.

CRICKET: 2/26 Bn was defeated by 2/15 Fd Regt at JASIN on Sun 9 Nov 41.
Scores:-

2/26 Bn	-	145
2/15 Fd Regt	-	206

2/26 Bn team will play The Rest at JASIN on Sun 16 Nov 41.

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ROUTINE ORDERS
by
Lt Col A H Boyes
Comd 2/26 Bn

2/26 Bn AIF Malaya
15 Nov 41

No 2 29

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 15 Nov 41 -
Next for Duty to mount at retreat 16 Nov 41 -

D Coy
C Coy

2 CHURCH SERVICES - 16 Nov 41

En Parade - 0845 hrs.
O Ds Church Service - 0900 hrs.
R C Church Parade - 0900 hrs

R Cs will assemble on HQ Coy parade ground at 0850 hrs.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in Recreation Hut at 0730 hrs.

Severish M Capt
in (H L Sabin)
Adjt 2/26 Bn AIF

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES MALAYA

ROUTINE ORDERS

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by

Lt Col A H Boyes
Comd 2/26 Bn

2/26 Bn AIF MALAYA
16 Nov 41

No 330

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 16 Nov 41 - C Coy
Next for Duty to mount at Retreat 17 Nov 41 - R "

2 M T DRS & DR MECHS

It must be clearly understood that MT Drs and Dr Mechs on strength of Coys are still under control of T O for tng and maintenance purposes.

Coys will ensure that MT personnel report to the T O as follows:-

Daily - Immediately after check parade,
AM and PM tng parades.

Saturdays - After Bn parade.

Any other occasions when TO requires MT personnel.

3 STATIONERY

Stationery supplies in MALAYA are extremely limited and further drastic reductions in quantities of stationery used will have to be made.

The following practices will be strictly observed:-

Charge Report (A4) - One original only to be used. Remaining copies to be on plain paper.

Sick Report (A46) - Similar procedure as for A4. Coys will obtain roneed supplies from Bn HQ each fortnight, as there are no printed forms available.

F Forms - QM will arrange to have all future office copies made on blank sheets.

Reqn for rpt (G1) - There are no further supplies available in MALAYA. These will be roneed and will be available at Bn HQ as required.

G2 - The use of a weekly G2 will continue.

Foolscap - Extreme care will be taken in the use of foolscap. No duplicate copies of memos are required at Bn HQ unless called for. Memos will be neatly minuted where applicable.

4 MOVEMENT TO AND FROM CAMP

All ranks are warned that movement to and from Camp (except on tng) will be via main entrance.

H L Sabin
Capt
(H L Sabin)
Adjt 2/26 Bn

NOTICES

BOXING: All ranks are notified that boxing, comprising tng, coaching, exhibition ~~and~~ or tournaments, will be held in the NAAFI Canteen each Thursday night at 1945 hrs.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt Col A H Boyes
Comd 2/26 Bn2/26 Bn AIF MALAYA
19 Nov 41

No 231

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 19 Nov 41 - C Coy
Next for Duty to mount at Retreat 20 Nov 41 - D "

2 VEHICLE SPEEDS

- a) Two types of accident to MP are viewed with concern and are too frequent, namely -
 i) When civilians on the road or roadside are struck, and
 ii) When army vehicles are overturned.
- b) It is considered that both these types of accident could be avoided to a very great extent by a general decrease in the speed of army vehicles, particularly in towns and villages, and on the open road in narrow sections and round curves.
- c) The number of such accidents, and observation of military vehicles on the road, indicate a growing tendency on the part of the drivers to travel at a speed at which they cannot deal with an emergency.
 In particular drivers must be prepared for careless behaviour on the road by the native population, and for other vehicles to force them on to the side of the road where perhaps grass or loose surface causes a tendency to skid.
- d) Breaches of the above nature are to be the subject of special disciplinary measures against both driver and the senior offr in the vehicle.

Hubert Capt
(H L Sabin)
Adjt 2/26 Bn

NOTICES

LOST: Paybook belonging to QX 11038 Pte RELF F C, HQ Coy, in Unit lines. Finder please return to Bn HQ.

1 shirt KD and 1 shirt (Comforts Fund issue) belonging to QX 8329 Pte Ings W J, D Coy. Finder please return to Bn HQ.

SPORTS: Sun 16 Nov -

Soccer - 2/26 Bn defeated 10 AGH (II) 6 - Nil

Cricket) - Postponed owing to weather.

Tennis)

Rugby Union - 2/26 Bn (I) v AASC (I) Draw 6 - 6

2/10 Fd Amb defeated 2/26 Bn (II) 6 - 3

FIXTURES - Sat 22 Nov:

Rugby Union - 2/26 Bn (I) v AASC (II) - MALACCA

Sun 23 Nov: " (II) v AASC (I) - "

Cricket - HQ 27 Aust Inf Bde v 2/26 Bn - JASIN

Hockey - 2/15 Fd Regt (II) v 2/26 Bn - "

Badminton - HQ 27 Aust Inf Bde v 2/26 Bn - "

The following have been selected for 2/26 Bn Soccer team to play 10 AGH (I) at MALACCA on Thurs 20 Nov 41, and will report to C Coy Orderly Room at 1530 hrs:-

Hastings (D), Sutton (D) McLeod (HQ) Frame (C) Muir (C) Martin (D)
Crocombe (HQ) Ree (D) Rump (D) Pedelty (C) McKnight (HQ).

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES MALAYA

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by:

Lt Col A H Boyes
Comd 2/2 G Bn2/26 Bn AIF, MALAYA
21 Nov 41

No 232

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 21 Nov 41
Next for duty to mount at Retreat 22 Nov 41

- R Coy

- HQ "C Coy

2. LEAVE - MALACCA

Leave to Malacca from 1330 - 2300 hrs is granted as follows:-

Sat 22 Nov 41 - D Coy, 50% R, 50% BnHQ
Sun 23 Nov 41 - B " , 50% R, 50% "

Forward journey:- Embus camp 1330 hrs.

Return journey :- Embus Civil Post Office Malacca 2300 hrs.

3. PIQUETS

Piquet of 1 Sgt 1 Cpl 10 O/rs will report to 4 A/Tk Regt at 1930 hrs
and be supplied as follows:-Sat 22 Nov 41 - C Coy
Sun 23 Nov 41 - D "

4. MEDICAL

Coys will be medically examined at RAP on 22 Nov 41 as follows:-

1045 hrs - D Coy
1115 " - HQ "
1145 " - Bn HQ

B, C, and R Coys will be examined on Sun 23 Nov 41 as follows:-

0945 hrs - B Coy
1015 " - C "
1045 " - R "

5. CHURCH SERVICES - 23 NOV

Bn Parade - 0845 hrs
OD's Church Service - 0900 hrs
R C Church Parade - 0900 hrs

RCs will assemble on HQ Coy Parade Ground at 0850 hrs.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in Recreation Hut at 0730 hrs

NOTICES

Lost in HQ Coy area, two shirts, two pairs of shorts, one pair of sox,
1 pair stockings, marked QX12201 HYDE E.C. finder return same to Bn HQ.*H L Sabin* Capt
(H L Sabin) Adjt 2/ B

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES MALAYA
ROUTINE ORDERS
Part 1

by
Lt Col A H Boyes
Comd 2/26 Bn

2/26 Bn AIF, MALAYA
24 Nov 41

No 233

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 24 Nov 41 - B Coy
Next for duty to mount at Retreat 25 Nov 41 - C "

2. JASIN SERVICES CLUB

- (a) All ranks are advised that the above club will NOT be open on Tuesday 25 Nov 41.
(b) LIBRARY BOOKS from above club are NOT being returned. It is requested that all ranks make a special effort to return library books as soon as they have read them. On NO account will books be handed on between individuals.

3 COMFORTS

The following issues per man will be made Tuesday 25 Nov 41:-


Tobacco (Fine Cut) - 2 ozs
Toilet Soap - 1 cake
Toothpaste - 1 tube

C Q M S Anderson and 1 O R to report to Chaplain Wssherat Recreation Hut at 0730 hrs.

C Q M S's will report to Recreation Hut at 0930 hrs.

Carrying parties to be arranged by Coys.

S/Sgt Gibson will arrange Bn W Q distribution.

 Capt
(H L Sabin)
Adjt 2/26 Bn A I F

NOTICES

LOST: One heavy 15 carat gold ring with opal set in. Finder please return to Bn H Q.
One towel marked QX13993 Pte Cox J L finder please return to Bn H Q.

SPORTING RESULTS

22 Nov 41 RUGBY UNION: 2/26 Bn 1 d. A A S C 11 16-0
2/26 Bn 11 v. A A S C 1 6-6
23 Nov 41 HOCKEY 2/26 Bn d. 2/15 Fd Regt 3-2

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES MALAYA
ROUTINE ORDERS
Part 1
by
Lt Col A H Boyes
Ccmr 2/26 Bn

2/26 Bn AIF, MALAYA
25 Nov 41

No 234

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 25 Nov 41 - C Coy
Next for duty to mount at Retreat 26 Nov 41 - R "
HQ Coy will supply duties as requested by R Coy

2. ANTI-MALARIAL TNG

Ref Bn Tng Circular No 10 para 9. 4 men per Rifle Coy and
R Coy will report to R A P at 2000 hrs Monday 30 Nov 41.
R M O proposes to conduct this tng in the form of a series of
short lectures followed by practical work.
Students will have in their possession pencils and notebooks.

3 ATTAP ROOFS

The following is from D C R E SEGEMAT:-

"Through out the area attap roofs are being attacked by caterpillars. Could units in occupation of the various camps be asked to report immediately any cases of attack by these pests and not wait until the attaps are eaten and a hole appears in the roof."

"The first intimation is small pieces of attap bitten off by the caterpillars and dropped on the floor."

"This Department will take action to spray attaps immediately cases are reported."

Coys will notify Bn H Q immediately such a case should occur.

H L Sabin
Capt
(H L Sabin)
Adjnt 2/26 Bn A IF

NOTICES

LOST One set of identification discs belonging to QX16962
Pte Palmer R.

SPORTING RESULTS - Sun 23 Nov 41

BADMINTON - 2/26 Bn d. 27 Aust Inf Bde by 46 games

CRICKET - 27 Aust Inf Bde forfeited to 2/26 Bn

Non Comp 2/26 Bn d. 2/10 Fd Amb by 24 runs.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES MALAYA
ROUTINE ORDERS
Part 1
by
Lt Col A H Boyes
Comd 2/26 Bn

2/26 Bn AIF, MALAYA
26 Nov 41

No 235

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 26 Nov 41 - R Coy
Next for duty to mount at Retreat 27 Nov 41 - HQ Coy

2. SHORTS KHAKE

Personnel issued with shorts bearing the brand "Din Bros" will return same to Q M Store and draw shorts of a different brand in exchange.

3. PROVOST PERSONNEL

Further personnel are required for Provost duties. Coys will submit to Bn H Q names of personnel desirous of performing Provost duties. Previous experience is NOT essential. Volunteers should be above medium height, of good bearing, able to accept responsibility and have a ^{good} conduct record.

4. SECURITY

Censorship fo private correspondence leaves no doubt that the strictest care should be taken to ensure that security instns are being followed. Cases are occurring where a unit name is mentioned with that of a location in such a way that they may be connected. Units will immediately bring before all ranks the absolute necessity of security measures being observed and will take disciplinary action against any offenders.

H L Sabin
Capt
(H L Sabin)
Adjt 2/26 Bn A I F

NOTICES

SPORTS PROGRAMME

Tennis: Wed 26 Nov 41 2/26 Bn v Jasin Recreation Club
Soccer: Fri 28 Nov 41 " " v " " "
Rugby Union Thur 27 Nov 41 - 2/26 Bn v 2/10 Fd Amb

GROUP "H" COMPETITION

Rugby Union Sun 30 Nov 41 2/15 Fd Regt (1) v 2/26 Bn (11)
" " " " (11) v " " (1)
Tennis " " " " 10 A G H (1) v " "
Soccer " " " " 2/26 Bn v 2/29 Bn

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ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt Col A H Boyes

Comd 2/26 Bn

2/26 Bn AIF, MALAYA
28 Nov 41

No 236

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 28 Nov 41 - C Coy
Next for Duty to mount at Retreat 29 Nov 41. - B "

2 LEAVE - MALACCA

Leave to Malacca from 1330-2300 hrs is granted as follows:-

Sat 29 Nov 41 - HQ Coy
Sun 30 Nov 41 - C "

Forward journey :- Embus camp 1330 hrs.

Return journey :- Embus Civil Post Office Malacca 2300 hrs.

3 PIQUETS

Piquet of 1 Sgt 1 Cpl 10 O Rs will report to 4 A/Tk Regt at 1930 hrs and be supplied as follows:-

Sat 29 Nov 41 - B Coy
Sun 30 Nov 41 - R Coy

4 MEDICAL

Coys will be medically examined at RAF on 29 Nov 41 as follows:-

1045 hrs - B Coy
1115 " - HQ "
1145 " - Bn HQ

C, D, and R Coys will be examined on Sun 30 Nov 41 as follows:-

0945 hrs - C Coy
1015 " - R "
1045 " - D "

5 CHURCH SERVICES - 30 Nov 41

Bn Parade - 0845 hrs
ODs' Church Service - 0900 hrs
R C Church Parade - 0900

RCs will assemble on HQ Coy Parade Ground at 0850 hrs.
Holy Communion will be celebrated in Recreation Hut at 0730 hrs.

H. L. Sabin
Capt

(H L Sabin)
Adjnt 2/26 Bn AIF

NOTICES

FOUND One bunch of keys and some clothing in Jasin Village.
Owner please apply to District Officer Jasin.

SPORT The following team has been selected to play Soccer on Sun 30 Nov 41.

Pte Hastings	D Coy	Sgt Crocombe	HQ Coy
Cpl Sutton	D "	Pte Skewis	HQ Coy
Pte Martin	D "	Pte McLeod	HQ "
Pte Rump	D "	Pte McKinght	HQ "
Cpl Ree	D "	L/Cpl Muir	C "
		Pte Winepress	C "

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES MALAYA

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt Col A H Boyes
Comd 2/26 Bn

2/26 Bn AIF, MALAYA
29 Nov 41

No 237

1. DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 29 Nov 41 - B Coy
Next for duty to mount at Retreat 30 Nov 41 - R "
HQ Coy will supply duties as requested by R Coy

H L Sabin
Capt

(H L Sabin)
Adjt 2/26 Bn

NOTICES

LOST: One pr Khaki Shorts QX13976 Pte Taylor T.
One set of identification discs QX21081 Pte Fairweather
One felt hat NX69762 Pte Mines A.H.
One gold ring in vicinity of "D" Coy wash benches "Len"
stamped on inside . Finders of above articles return
same to Bn HQ.

CONCERT: A concert will be given by 22 Aust Inf Bde Concert
Party on Sunday night 30 Nov 41 in "D" Coy Mess Hut.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES MALAYA

CAMP STANDING ORDERS - JASIN

1. DAILY ROUTINE

REVEILLE	-	0600 hrs
ADM PARADE	-	0615 "
SICK PARADE	-	0630 "
DEFAULTERS PARADE	-	0615 - 0645
BREAKFAST	-	0700
TNG PARADE	-	0745 - 1130
MIDDAY MEAL	-	1200
TNG PDES	-	1430 - 1700
SICK PARADE	-	1715
DEFAULTERS PARADE	-	1715 - 1745
RETREAT	-	1800
MENS MESS	-	1800
SQTS MESS	-	1800
OFFRS MESS	-	1900
FIRST POST	-	2130
LAST POST	-	2200
TANTO ROLL CALL	-	2200
LIGHTS OUT	-	2215

2. SMOKING

Owing to fire danger all ranks are warned to be particularly careful whilst smoking in huts. All butts are to be carefully extinguished when discarded. Wax matches are not to be used by personnel.

3. N A A F I & JASIN SERVICES CLUB

The following hours will be observed at the N A A F I Canteen:-

WEEK-DAYS	SUNDAYS
0715-0745	0800-0830
1130-1215	1100-1200
1700-2100	1700-2100

Sale of Beer:- 1700-1745) incl Sundays
1830-2100)

The Jasin Services Club, situated on the Malacca Road approx 600x from JASIN is open to all ranks on leave from 1700 - 2200 hrs daily.

4. LIQUOR

No beer will be sold without the cap being first removed from the bottle. Beer must NOT be taken from the Canteen to the lines.

Particular care to be exercised to ensure that all empty bottles and glasses are NOT broken or removed from the vicinity of the Canteen.

5. LEAVE

Leave to MALACCA and JASIN will be notified in unit ROs and Tng Instns each week.

All ranks proceeding on leave must be correctly dressed, be in possession of Leave Pass and Pay Book, and will be inspected in Coy lines prior to departure.

6. MAILS

Air Mails to Australia close with Pn Censor at 0800 hrs on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Surface Mails may be handed to Pn censor daily at 0800 hrs.
Postage Rates (Letters) Air Mail to Aust - 25 Cents per ½ oz.
Surface" " " - Free

All enquiries relating to mails may be made at Postal Office.

7 DRESS

The following Dress regulations will be observed:-

- ON LEAVE :- OFFERS - K D Uniforms (Offer Pattern) cap, boots or shoes.
 O Rs - Hats, shirts, (long sleeved), trousers KD, Belts W E, hats (turned down), boots or shoes
- TNG PARADES :- O Rs - Hats, shirts, shorts, hose tops, puttees, boots, web equipment and rifle.
 (DAY)
 Respirators and steel helmets will only be worn when ordered.
- (NIGHT)
 Instant dress for night tng will be issued later.
- GUARD
 FROM RETREAT TO REVEILLE:- Hats, shirts (long sleeved) slacks, puttees, boots, W E rifle.
 FROM REVEILLE TO RETREAT:- Hats, shirts, puttees, shorts, hose tops, boots, W E, rifle.
- NOTE: All ranks will change into long sleeved shirts and slacks prior to evening meal.

8. P A CENTRE

Unit P A Centre is located on the western side of the road at the camp entrance

P A Centres are also situated in MALACCA.

9 CAMP HYGIENE

Latrine lids MUST be closed after use. Night urine tubs are provided and any pollution of the ground will be treated as an offence.

All ranks should be personally concerned about the general cleanliness and hygiene of the camp area so that disease may be avoided.

10. MOSQUITO NETS

All mosquito nets will be put down and tucked in by 1800 hrs daily and rolled up at Reveille. Persons sleeping without the protection of a mosquito net will be guilty of an offence.

11 RESPIRATORS

Facepieces will be removed from the haversacks.

12 GROUNDSHEETS

Ground sheets deteriorate rapidly in this climate and must NOT be folded for any length of time whilst wet. A liberal sprinkling of french chalk will prolong the life.

13 PAY

Pay will be made every second Wednesday. Personnel desiring to draw other than their usual fortnightly ^{pay} must notify their Coy H Q at least 7 days prior to pay day.

14 SECURITY

Passes Identity.

(a) The soldiers pay book (W F 5) will be accepted as a means of identification for all ranks and must be carried when outside camp area. Care must be exercised to prevent damage to pay books.

15 FIRE

Fire Orders have been issued separately and will be placed on Coy Notice Boards. All ranks will be familiar with unit fire orders.

16 EQUIPMENT

Personal and other equipment must be properly cared for and to ensure this, all personal equipment will be inspected at least once weekly by Pl Comds. Losses and/or damage to clothing and equipment must be reported to Pl Comds immediately.

3.

17 MEDICAL

All personnel will be examined once per week. Time and place of examination will be notified in R Os.

18 COURTS OF INQUIRY

Courts of Inquiry and/or Boards will be notified in unit R Os.

19 ENQUIRIES

All ranks are advised to make enquiries through the proper channels. If in doubt ask your Pl Comd who will give you the required information.

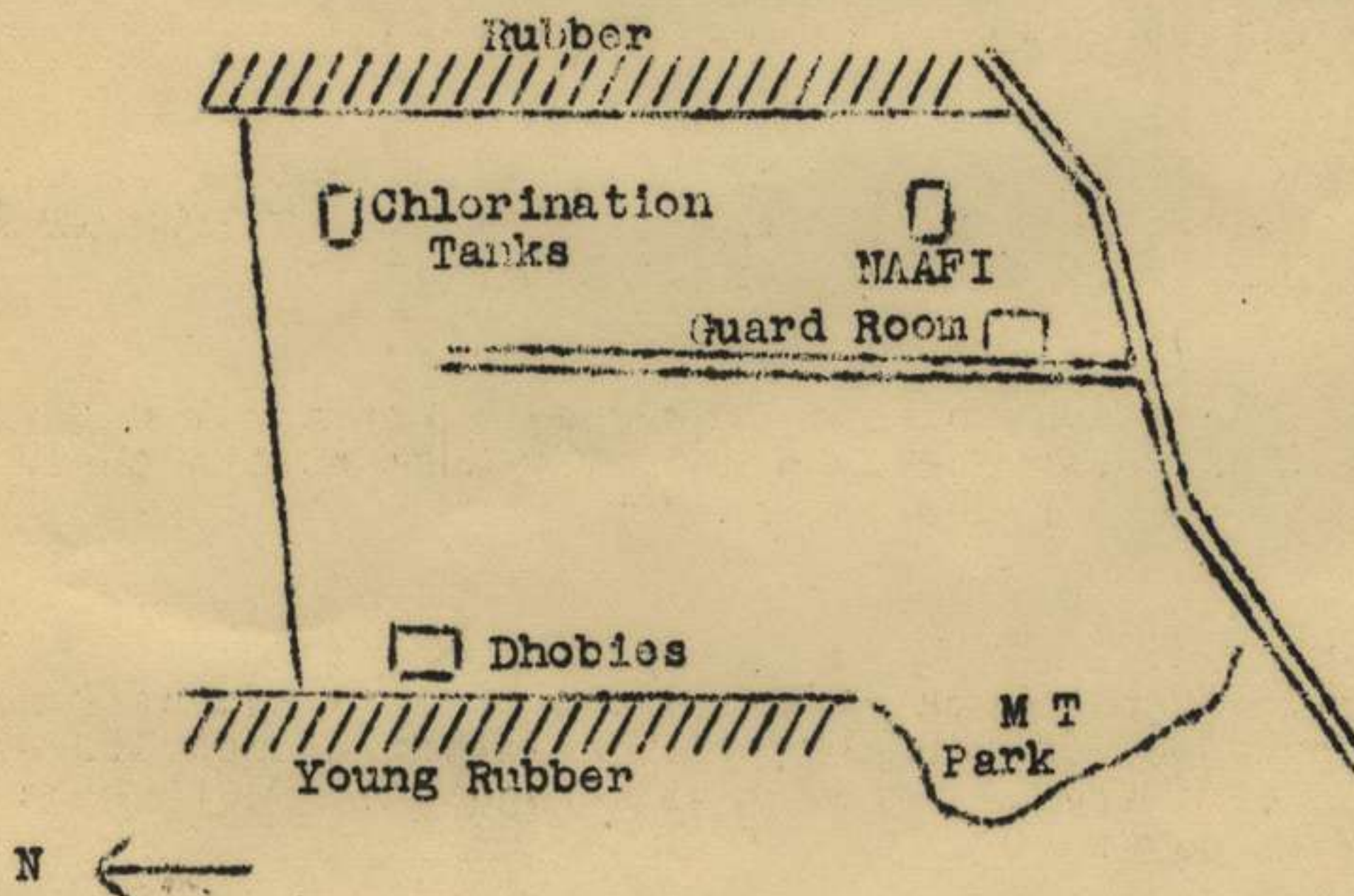
H. L. Sabin
Capt
(H L Sabin)
Adj't 2/26 Bn

CAMP STANDING ORDERS

APPX 1

CAMP BOUNDARIES: These are defined as follows -

- SOUTHERN - Rd MALACCA-JASIN. from MALACCA-JASIN Rd
- WESTERN - Western edge MT Park/and thence Eastern boundary of young rubber plantation to a point 50^x beyond the Dhobys' huts.
- EASTERN - Western edge of rubber plantation fringing East side of Camp from JASIN-MALACCA Rd to a point 50^x beyond chlorination plant.
- NORTHERN - A line joining limits of East & West boundaries.



War Diary

JUJU AIF TNG CIRC

SECURITY

OUTLINE SYLLABUS

SN	DATE	DUTY COY		LEAVE		COMPANY						PADANG ALLOT	REMARKS						
		Mts Retreat	For Day	M	J	A	B	C	D	HQ	R								
1	Th 6	R	HQ	-	HQ C	Special detached Duty						-	COC's visit						
2	Fr 7	D	R	-	B R							RWT Drill		RWT Drill	ST	DC	R		
3	Sa 8	C	D	B Part R " En HQ	D HQ							Bn Fde. Practice PAD Scheme. Med exam.						-	
4	Su 9	B	C	D Part R " Bn HQ	C R Part HQ							DIVINE SERVICE DC						-	

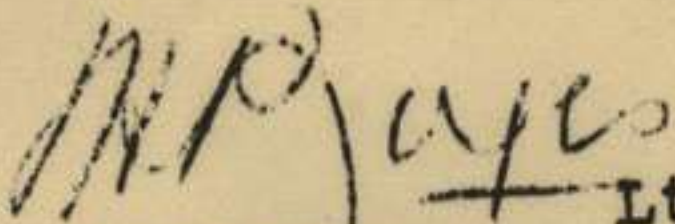
NOTES:

1. GOC's Visit - Tng will be carried out as under:

- B & D Coys - Settling into Camp, erection charpoys, allocation to quarters, cleaning up, ckecking and cleaning of arms and equipment.
- C Coy - Tng exercise as per separate instruction issued.
- R Coy - Recruit Tng.
- HQ Coy - Duty Coy. To supply 2 NCOs and 14 men to act as enemy for C Coy scheme.
Remainder - specialist tng.

2. TNG - B & D Coys:

Friday will be devoted to close order drill, general smartening-up and revision of weapon tng.


 Lt Col
 (A H Boyes)
 Comd JUJU AIF

(7) COY TREK
Particulars will be issued later when recon is completed.

(8) SPORT & RECREATION.
Present policy will be continued, particular attention being paid to Circloss, badminton etc. after parade hours. Panang allotment is shown on syllabus.

A. H. Boyes
Lt Col
(A H BOYES)
Comd JuJu.

Don Dray

JUJU AIF TNG CIRC

No 12

SECURITY

OUTLINE SYLLABUS

SN	DATE	DUTY COY		LEAVE	PADANG ALLOT	A	B	COMPANY			
		Mts Retreat	For Day					C	D	R	HQ
	NOV Mon 17	R	C		-		TJ Sc 3	DC	RP	RT	ST
	Tues 18	HQ	R		C	SPECIAL DETACHED DUTY	RP	RWT MMG MR	MMG MR	DC	ST
	Wed 19	C	HQ		D		Coy Trek	RWT MMG MR	RWT MMG MR	RP Bn HQ	DC Portion with B Coy
	Thur 20	D	C		HQ		Coy Trek	DC	TJ 1	RT AG	DC Portion with B Coy
	Fri 21	R	D		-		Coy Trek	RP	DC	TJ Sc 1	RP less portion with B Coy
	Sat 22	C	R	D part R Bn HQ			Coy Trek	DC Bn Parade P A D Scheme, Med Insp. Organized games.			
	Sun 23	D	C	B part R Bn HQ			DC DIVINE SERVICE				

MMG Tng in Vickers MG

TNG NOTES

- (1) TRAINING MMG
50 men from C & D Coys who are well trained in weapon Tng will be selected to commence a Course in MMG. Coy Comds concerned will co-operate with H Q Coy regarding allocation of V M G. Syllabus will commence with general description, elementary handling and elementary mechanism. Full details will be discussed at Tng Conference after Church Parade.
- (2) 4 DAY TREK B COY
Particulars will be issued separately.
- (3) RANGE PRACTICES
 - (a) Coys will ensure that ALL men have completed S A Course laid down in last weeks' tng.
 - (b) After completion Coys will fire simple field firing practices details of which will be issued later.
- (4) SPECIALIST TNG
H Q Coy will continue Cr and M T Course now in progress. Mortars will continue training of new personnel allotted. Well trained personnel will be attached to B Coy for tactical training. Det Sigs will train with B Coy.
- (5) MAP READING will be continued on progressive basis .

A H Boyes
Lt Col
(A H Boyes)

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JUJU AIF TNG CIRC

No 13

SECURITY

OUTLINE SYLLABUS

SN	DATE	DUTY COY		LEAVE M	PADANG ALLOT	COMPANY					
		Mts Retreat	For Day			A	B	C	D	R	HQ
1	NOV Mon 24	B	D		-		RWT MMG MR	RWT MMG MR	DC	RT	ST 1st Aid
2	Tue 25	C	B		R	SPECIAL DETAACHED	DC	RM 1st Aid	RWT MMG MR	RT	ST
3	Wed 26	R	C		B	SPECIAL DETAACHED	TR S7	DC	Coy Trek	TJ S2	ST Portio withD C
4	Thu 27	HQ	R		C	SPECIAL DETAACHED	RWT MMG MR	RWT MMG MR	"	DC	"
5	Fri 28	C	HQ		-	DUTY	TJ S8 1st Aid	TR	"	RM 1st Aid	DC
6	Sat 29	B	C	HQ			DC " Bn Parade. PAD Scheme. Med Insp. Org Games.				
7	Sun 30	R	B	C			DC DIVINE SERVICE				

1. RANGE PRACTICE

Number of personnel of Coys who have not completed Range practices will be forwarded to Bn H Q by 0800 hrs 24 Nov 41. Arrangements will then be made for their completion during the week.

2. WEAPON TNG

To include A/Tk Rifle 2" Mortar and Tommy Gun.

3. 1st AID

R M O to arrange details with Coys.

4. M M G to be continued on a progressive basis.

5. TR & TJ

Schemes are available at Bn HQ. The general points noted during the week which require attention and improvement are:-

- (1) The necessity for adequate protection at all times particularly when changing formation and when in bivouac.
- (2) The tendency of all ranks to bunch and relax when the battle is considered to be over.
Remember when you arrive at any position the job is not completed, it has only really begun.
- (3) In bivouac it is unsafe for men to wander outside the perimeter to collect sticks, bathe etc. They must be protected.

6. COY TREKS

Coy Comds are to make notes on lessons learned during their treks. On conclusion of D Coy Trek a conference will be held and ideas and lessons studied.

7. TNG CONFERENCE will be held on Sunday 23 Nov 41 after Church Parade.

W. N. Boyes Lt Col
(A. H. Boyes)

2/26 Bn

WEEK ENDING *1/10/44*

PART "A"

(INCLUDING 1st REINFORCEMENTS)

Pro Forma A F W 5009.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Detail	War Estab- lishment	Posted Strength excl att	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks
W O Class I	1			1	Recommended
W O Class II	6	5		1	
C Q M S (S/Sgts)	5	7	2		
S/Sgts	2	2			
SCTS	32	28		4	
L/Sgts & Cpls (10) (31)	61 73	65		8	
Group I Specialists	2	2		-	
Group 2 Specialists	52 62	47		15	
Group III Specs	28 34	22		12	
Ptes	710 683	646		37	
TOTALS	900	824	2	78	

Unit.

Part D.—Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							Remarks.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	Total.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers														11	
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
CLERK														11	
1 RELIEF															
TREAS														13 13	
General duty personnel			2					2	11					48 37 27 78	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)			2					2	11					48 37 27 78	

Unit.
Date of Despatch.

Signature of Commander.
Lt. Col.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

2/26 Bn

WEEK ENDING.....

PART "A" (INCLUDING 1st REINFORCEMENTS) Pro Forma A F W 3009.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Detail	War Establishment	Posted Strength excl att	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks
W O Class I	1	1			
W O Class III	6	5		1	Recommended
C Q M S (S/Sgts)	5	7	2		
S/Sgts	2	2			
SGTS	32	35			
L/Sgts & Cpls (10) (51)	61	63		10	
Group I Specialists	2	2			
Group 2 Specialists	52	41		11	
Group III Specs	29	22		12	
Ptes	680	636		44	
TOTALS	900	816	2	84	

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

7/26 1st ... (Unit) ... 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
W.Os. Class I			
W.Os. Class II			
Squadron or Company Quarter-master-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS			

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W. 3009.

Part B.—Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
SHICK DSEIST	AAPC	ON XLIST	
MEREDITH R CPL	AADC		
MEJORY FW	SHOEMAKER		
WILSON K J	FITTER MT		
LAWRENCE F J L			
STROUD E A	XLIST		
CLARE R. CPL	8 DIV BOSTON UNIT		
STIRLING P	78 HUST INF BDE		

Part C.—Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
OX 17789	PTE	ARMSTRONG J	7/26 3 REINF	COOK G B D
OX 17789		SNELL W R	3 REINF	BANDSMAN
OX 17642	L/PL	RUTLEDGE G A M	7/26	SIEHALLER G B D
OX 19997	PTE	WEBB H A	7/26 3 REINF	G B D (BROTHER MEMBER OF THIS UNIT)

3/76 BU
Unit.

Part D.—Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							Remarks.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	Total.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers														66	
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
DRIVER MECHANICS								1						77	
CLEAKS								1						23	
1 KEENES															
TR. CP II 8															
TR. CP III 5														1313	
General duty personnel			2					2	1					10452884	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)			2					2	1					10452884	

3/76 BU
Unit.

A. H. Boyes
Lt. Col.
Comd. Signature of Commander.

9 Nov 41
Date of Despatch.

9 Nov 41
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

2/26 Bn

WEEK ENDING. 15 Nov 41

PART "A"

(INCLUDING 1st REINFORCEMENTS)

Pro Forma A F W 3009.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Detail	War Establishment	Posted Strength excl att	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks
W O Class I	1			1	
W O Class II	6	5		1	Recommended
C Q M S (S/Sgts)	5	7	2		
S/Sgts	2	2			
SGTS	32	31		1	
L/Sgts & Cpls (10) (51)	61	67		6	
Group I Specialists	2	2			
Group 2 Specialists	52	46		6	
Group III Specs	29	22		7	
Ptes	719	629		90	
TOTALS	900	811	2	89	

Unit.

Part D.—Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							Remarks.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	Total.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers														66	
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
DRIVER MECHANICS														77	
CLERKS														2	
REINF.															
T.D.C.P. II 8															
III 5														13 13	
General duty personnel			2					2	11	1	6	5	28	91	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)			2					2	11	1	6	5	28	91	

7/26 Bn Unit.
16 also Date of Despatch.

W. H. Boyes Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander.
Comd. 2/26 Bn.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Part D - Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3000.

PART E. EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS RETURN AND PREVIOUS WEEK'S RETURN.

Part A - Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

W.O. Class I	W.O. Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates, &c.	Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.	Drivers	Fitters	Masons	Painters and Decorators	Plumbers and Gasfitters	Saddlers and Harness Makers	Signalers	Stormmen technical	Vickers Machine Gunners	Cooks
A. EFFECTIVE STRENGTH AS PER PART A (INCLUDES DETACHMENTS)																
B. EFFECTIVE STRENGTH AS PER PART A PREVIOUS WEEK																
C. DIFFERENCE																
D. NO. OF PERSONNEL DETACHED FOR DUTY (INCLUDING AT SCHOOL)																

Part B - Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong	Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong
SMELL CASUALTIES WEEK ENDED 15 NOV 41			
TO HOSP. X LIST 7 FROM G.B.D. 6			
THANKS TO 8 DIV SLS 4			
APPOINTED LIEUT. 1			

Part C - Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly required.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks
1211	Private	ARMSTRONG J	General	COOK G.B.D.
1212	Private	SHELL W.H.	General	COOK G.B.D.
1213	Private	RUTLEDGE B.A.M.	General	SIGNALER G.B.D.
1214	Private	DOUGLAS G.A.	General	G.B.D. (SIGNALER)
1215	Private	BROOKS W.F.H.	General	COOK G.B.D.
1216	Private	1216	General	General duty personnel
1217	Private	1217	General	Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)

Signature of Commander: *[Signature]*

Unit: *[Unit Name]*

Date of Despatch: *[Date]*

Brig. Div. Area, etc. with which unit is serving: *[Area]*

2/26 Bn

WEEK ENDING. *25/1/41*

PART "A"

(INCLUDING 1st REINFORCEMENTS)

Pro Forma A F W 3009.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Detail	War Establishment	Posted Strength excl. att	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks
W O Class I	1			1	
W O Class II	6	6			
C Q M S (S/Sgts)	5	4		1	
S/Sgts	2	4	2		
SCTS	32	32	-	-	
L/Sgts & Cpls (10) (51)	61 73	66		7	
Sp. I Specialists	2	2		-	
Group 2 Specialists	52 62	46		16	
Group III Specs	29 34	22		12	
Ptes	710 683	618		65	
TOTALS	900	800	2	102	

2/26 Bn

Unit.

Part D.—Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							Remarks.
	W. Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	S. Q. M. S.; C. Q. M. S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	Total.	W. Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	S. Q. M. S.; C. Q. M. S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
DR. MECHANICS															
CLERKS															
I KEINE															
TOGP II 8															
III 5															
General duty personnel				2				2	1	1	7	65	18	102	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)				2				2	1	1	7	65	18	102	

2/26 Bn

Unit.

23 Nov 1951

Date of Despatch.

A. H. Boyes
Signature of Commander.

Comd. 2/26 Bn.

27 Nov 1951
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

Unit

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS
 Part D. Detail of surplus or reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 2002

PART E EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS RETURN & PREVIOUS RETURN

A. EFFECTIVE STRENGTH AS PER PART A. (EXCLUDES PERSONNEL ON 'X' LIST BUT INCLUDES DETACHMENTS)	800
B. EFFECTIVE STRENGTH AS PER PART A. PREVIOUS WEEK.	818
C. DIFFERENCE	18
D. NO. OF PERSONNEL DETACHED FOR DUTY. (INCLUDED IN A) (INCLUDING 4 AT SCHOOL)	12
CASUALTIES WEEK ENDED 22 Nov 41	
To Hosp. 'X' LIST	11
FROM Hosp. 'X' LIST	1
To DETN 'X' LIST	1

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly important

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Remarks
X 10784	Private	WILLIAMS J	...
X 10785	Private	SMITH W R	...
X 10786	Private	ROBERTSON M	...
X 10787	Private	BUTLER C M	...
X 10788	Private	BROOKS A J H	...
X 10789	Private	SMITH J F	...
X 10790	Private	SMITH J F	...
			TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)

Signature of Commander: Lt Col. A. H. ROYD
 Date of Despatch: 25 Nov 1941
 Unit: 25 Nov 1941

2/26 Bn

WEEK ENDING *29 Feb 41*

PART "A"

(INCLUDING 1st REINFORCEMENTS) Pro Forma A F W 3009.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Detail	War Establishment	Posted Strength excl. att	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks
W O Class I	1			1	
W O Class II	6	6			
C Q M S (S/Sgts)	5	5			
S/Sgts	2	4	2		
SGTS	32	31		1	
L/Sgts & Cpls (10) (51)	61 73	67		6	
Group I Specialists	2	2			
Group 2 Specialists	50 62	46		16	
Group III Specs	28 24	22		12	
Ptes	150	611		72	
TOTALS	900	794	2	108	

Unit.

Part D.—Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							Remarks.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	Total.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers														66	
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
DR-MECHANICS														77	
CLERKS														22	
1 REINF.															
TDCP II 8															
III 5														1313	
General duty personnel				2				2	1			1	6	7228	108
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)				2				2	1			1	6	7228	108

2/26 Bn
Unit.
30 Nov 41
Date of Despatch.

11. h. [Signature]
Signature of Commander.
(A. H. BOYD)
Comd. 2/26 Bn.
29 Nov 41
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

Unit

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reassignments required in OTHER RANKS.

Part E. EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS RETURN & PREVIOUS RETURN.

A. EFFECTIVE STRENGTH AS PER PART A (EXCLUDES PERSONNEL ON X LIST, BUT INCLUDES DETACHMENTS) 794

B. EFFECTIVE STRENGTH AS PER PART A PREVIOUS WEEK 808

C. DIFFERENCE 6

D. No. OF PERSONNEL DETACHED FOR DUTY (INCLUDED IN A) (INCLUDING 1 AT SNOW) 5

CONSULTANTS WEEK ENDED 29 NOV 41

WILSON R. J. To Hosp X LIST 9 FROM DETENTION BARRACKS 2 FROM Hosp X LIST 1

Part C. - Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly...

Table with columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Corps. Includes names like MOYLAN N., SNELL W.R., RUTLEDGE G.A.M., BAXTER G.N., BROOKES R.H., and DRIVER.

Signatures and dates at the bottom of the page.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/25 Bn. (Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	25		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 (L107)		
Totals	38		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
N/A				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
N/A				

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
N/A			

Part D.—Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.

(i) Officers posted to Unit. (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT COL	Vx 13608	BOYES A.H.	2/26 Bn.	YES	
MAJOR	Qx 6449	STRINGER J.M.			
	b452	ARMSTRONG G.			
	b453	HODGE M.B.			
CAPT	Nx 70418	SABIN H.L.			
	70508	TRACEY C.P.			
	70509	WALKER R.R.			
	Qx b459	SWARTZ R.W.C.			
	b454	WHITE A.R.		NO	DETACHED TO STAFF CAPT'S COURSE
	b463	BEIRNE B.R.		YES	
	b465	FERGUSON G.B.			
	b482	SMITH I.H.			
	b472	HANNAM S.L.		NO	DETACHED TO HQ AIF IMPROVEMENT COURSE
LIEUT	Qx b469	McKINSTRAY J.B.		YES	
	b473	NISBET G.J.M.K.S.			
	b458	COOKE A.P.			
	b461	KELSEY R.H.S.			
	b456	ANDERSEN L.N.			
	b457	FOX A.M.		NO	DETACHED TO 27 AUST INF BDE
	b462	WAGSTAFF C.T.C.		YES	
	b467	ABEL H.M.		NO	DETACHED TO HQ AIF
	b450	RANSOME B.V.		YES	
	b466	MOORE C.H.			
	7332	EALES J.D.			
	b464	BARRETT N.P.			
	19066	ROBERTS S.S.			
	19084	LAKE A.B.			
	17830	BAXTER R.		NO	ENGR. SCHOOL MESSING
	17833	MAGARRY W.R.		YES	

(ii) Officers Attached from other Corps.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	Qx b478	MADDEN K.C.M.	A.F.M.C.	29/1/41	R.M.D.
CHAP	Nx 70777	USSHER C.E.	A.A.C.D.	19/2/41	CHAPLAIN

2/26 Bn.

Unit.

2 NOV 41

Date of Despatch.

(A. H. BOYES)

Signature of Commander.

Comd. 2/26 Bn.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/26 BN (Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals ..			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT.	TAYLOR E.M.R	2/26 BN	30TH	MARCHED IN FROM GENERAL BASE DEPOT

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
NIV				

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
NIV			

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

7/26 Am (Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	25		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 CAPT.		
Totals	38		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
NIL				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
NIL				

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
NIL			

Part D.—Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.

(i) Officers posted to Unit. (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT COL	VX 13608	BOYES A.H.	2/26 Bn.	YES	
MAJOR	QX 6449	SPRINGER J.M.	.	.	
	6452	ARMSTRONG G.	.	.	
	6453	HOARE M.B.	.	.	
CAPT	NX 70418	SABIN H.L.	.	.	
	70508	TRACEY C.P.	.	.	
	70509	WALKER R.R.	.	.	
	QX 6459	SWARTZ R.W.C.	.	.	
	6454	WHITE A.R.	.	NO	DETACHED TO STAFF CAPTS COURSE
	6463	BEIRNE B.R.	.	YES	
	6465	FERGUSON G.B.	.	.	
	6482	SMITH I.H.	.	.	
	6472	HANNAM S.L.	.	NO	DETACHED TO HQ H.I.F JOABRE MILITARY FORCES
LIEUT	QX 6469	MCKINSTREY J.B.	.	YES	
	6473	NISBET G.J.M.K.S.	.	.	
	6458	COOKE A.P.	.	.	
	6461	KELSEY R.H.S.	.	.	
	6456	ANDERSEN L.N.	.	.	
	6457	FOX A.M.	.	.	
	6462	WAGSTAFF C.J.C.	.	.	
	6467	ABEL H.M.	.	NO	DETACHED TO HQ A.I.F
	6480	RANSOME B.V.	.	YES	
	6466	MOORE C.H.	.	.	
	7332	EALES J.D.	.	.	
	6464	BARRETT N.P.	.	.	
	19066	ROBERTS S.S.	.	.	
	19094	LAKE A.B.	.	.	
	17830	BAXTER R.	.	NO	ENGINEER'S SQ. MERSING.
	17833	MAGARRY W.R.	.	YES	

(ii) Officers Attached from other Corps.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.	QX 6478	MADDEN K.C.M.	A.A.M.C.	29/10/40	R.M.O.
CHAP.	NX 70777	USSHER C.E.	A.A.C.H.D.	19/2/41	CHAPLAIN

2/26 Bn
Unit.
27 Anzac Inf Bde
Date of Despatch.

A.H. Boyes
Signature of Commander.
27 Anzac Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/26 (Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

Part D.—Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.

(i) Officers posted to Unit. (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LIEUT	OX 14669	WHITE H.M.	2/26 Bn	YES.	
"	OX 14090	BOURKE G.E.	"	"	
"	OX 17529	MCCANLEY T.D.	"	"	
"	OX 9450	DEAN N.A.C.	"	"	
"	OX 10929	DYER D.H.B.	"	"	
"	OX 12576	UROE N	"	"	
"	OX 12107	CAMPBELL A.W.	"	"	
"	OX 17844	GRIFFIN C.	"	"	
"	OX 17835	TAYLOR E.MOR	"	"	

(ii) Officers Attached from other Corps.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/26 Bn
Unit.
9 Nov 41
Date of Despatch.

I.A. H. ROYES Lt. Col. Comd
Signature of Commander.
J. [Signature]
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/26 BN. (Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	26		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 (Capt)		
Totals	39		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	M ^c GEEVER W.T.	2/26 BN.	4 NOV 41	DATE OF APPOINTMENT REF H.R. A.I.F. (A 6/1/7425 OF 12 NOV 41)

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
N/A				

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
N/A			

Part D.—Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.

(i) Officers posted to Unit. (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

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LT COL	VX 13608	BOYES A.H.	2/26BN	YES	
MAJDR	QX 6449	STRINGER J.M.	"	"	
	6452	ARMSTRONG G.	"	"	
	6453	HOARE M.B.	"	"	
CAPT	NX70418	SABIN H.L.	"	"	
	70508	TRACEY C.P.	"	"	
	70509	WALKER R.R.	"	"	
	QX 6459	SWARTZ R.W.C.	"	NO	ON LEAVE FROM 13 Nov 41
	6454	WHITE A.R.	"	NO	TO STAFF CAPT'S COURSE
	6463	BEIRNE B.R.	"	YES	
	6465	FERGUSON G.B.	"	"	
	6482	SMITH I.H.	"	"	
	6472	HANNAM S.L.	"	NO	JOHORE MILITARY FORCES
LIEUT	QX 6469	McKINSTREY J.B.	"	YES	
	6473	NISBET G.J.M.K.S.	"	"	
	6458	COOKE A.P.	"	"	
	6461	KELSEY R.H.S.	"	"	
	6456	ANDERSSON L.N.	"	"	
	6457	FOX A.M.	"	"	
	6462	WAGSTAFF C.J.C.	"	"	
	6467	ABEL H.M.	"	NO	H.Q. A.I.F.
	6480	RANSOME B.V.	"	YES	
	6466	MOORE C.H.	"	"	
	7332	EALES J.D.	"	"	
	6464	BARRETT N.P.	"	"	
	19066	ROBERTS S.B.	"	"	
	19084	LAKE A.B.	"	"	
	17830	BAXTER R.	"	"	
	17833	MAGARRY W.R.	"	NO	ON LEAVE FROM 10 Nov 41

(ii) Officers Attached from other Corps.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	QX 6478	MADDEN K.C.M.	A.A.M.C.	29/11/40	R.M.O.
CHAP.	NX70777	USSHER C.E.	A.A.C.D.	19/2/41	CHAPLAIN

2/26 BN.

Unit.

16 Nov 41

Date of Despatch.

M. L. Boyes Lt. Col.

(A. H. BOYES)

Comd. 2/26 BN

Signature of Commander.

27 AUST INF BDE

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/26 Bn. (Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
NIL				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
NIL				

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
NIL			

Part D.—Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.

(i) Officers posted to Unit. (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

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LIEUT	2x 14669	WHITE N.M.	2/26 BN.	YES	
	14090	BOURKE G.E.	"	"	
	17529	MCCAWLEY T.D.	"	"	
	9450	DEAN N.A.C.	"	NO	ON LEAVE
	10929	DYER D.H.B.	"	YES	
	12576	URDE N.	"	"	
	12107	CAMPBELL A.W.	"	"	
	17544	GRIFFIN C.	"	"	
	17883	TAYLOR E.M.R.	"	"	
	17390	MCGEEVER W.T.	"	"	

(ii) Officers Attached from other Corps.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/26 BN. Unit.

30 Nov 1918 Date of Despatch.

W. J. ... **Major Col.**
 (A) Signature of Commander.
 Comd. 2/26 Bn.

Bde, Divn, Acre, etc, with which Unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/26 Bn. (Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	26		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 (CAPT)		
Totals	39		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
NIL				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
NIL				

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
NIL			

Part D.—Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.

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	" 6452	ARMSTRONG G.	"	"	
	" 6453	HOARE M.B.	"	"	
CAPT	NX 70418	SABIN H.L.	"	"	
	" 70508	TRACEY C.P.	"	"	
	" 70509	WALKER R.R.	"	"	
	QX 6459	SWARTZ R.W.C.	"	"	
	" 6454	WHITE A.R.	"	NO	TO STAFF CAPTS COURSE
	" 6463	BEIRNE B.R.	"	"	ON LEAVE
	" 6465	FERGUSON G.B.	"	YES	
	" 6482	SMITH I.H.	"	"	
	" 6472	HANNAM S.L.	"	NO	JOHORE MILITARY FORCES
LIEUT	QX 6469	MCKINSTREY J.B.	"	YES	
	" 6473	NISBET G.J.M.K.S.	"	"	
	" 6458	COOKE A.P.	"	"	
	" 6461	KELSEY R.H.S.	"	"	
	" 6456	ANDERSEN L.N.	"	"	
	" 6457	FOX A.M.	"	NO	27 AUST INF BDE
	" 6462	WAGSTAFF C.J.C.	"	YES	
	" 6467	ABEL H.M.	"	NO	H.Q. A.I.F.
	" 6480	RANSOME B.V.	"	YES	
	" 6466	MOORE C.H.	"	"	
	" 7332	EALES J.D.	"	"	
	" 6464	BARRETT N.P.	"	"	
	" 19066	ROBERTS S.S.	"	"	
	" 19084	LAKE A.B.	"	"	
	" 17830	BAXTER R.	"	"	
	" 17833	MAGARRY W.R.	"	"	

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2/26 BN

Unit.

30 Nov 41

Date of Despatch.

M.L. [Signature]

Lt. Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

27 AUST INF BDE. 2/26 Bn.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/26 B.V. (Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals ..			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
NIV				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
NIV				

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
NIV			

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/26 BN(Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
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	70509	WALKER R.R.	"	"	
	QX 6459	SWARTZ R.W.C.	"	"	
	6454	WHITE A.R.	"	NO	TO STAFF CAPTS COURSE
	6463	BEIRNE B.R.	"	YES	
	6465	FERGUSON G.B.	"	"	
	6482	SMITH J.H.	"	"	
	6472	HANNEM S.L.	"	NO	TO HRE MILITARY FORCES
LIEUT	QX 6469	MCKINSTREY J.B.	"	YES	
	6473	NISBET G.J.M.K.S.	"	"	
	6453	COOKE A.P.	"	"	
	6461	KELSEY R.H.S.	"	"	
	6456	ANDERSSON L.N.	"	"	
	6457	FOX H.M.	"	NO	TO 27 AUST INF BDE
	6462	WAGSTAFF G.J.C.	"	YES	
	6467	ABEL H.M.	"	NO	TO H.Q. A.I.F.
	6480	REYNOLDS B.V.	"	YES	
	6466	MOORE C.H.	"	"	
	7332	EALES J.D.	"	"	
	6464	BARRETT N.P.	"	"	ON LEAVE
	19066	ROBERTS S.S.	"	NO	ON LEAVE
	19034	LAKE H.B.	"	YES	
	17830	BAXTER R.	"	"	
	17833	MAGHARRY W.R.	"	"	

(ii) Officers Attached from other Corps.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	QX 6478	MADDEN K.C.M.	A.A.M.C.	29/1/40	R.M.O.
CHAP	NX 70777	USSHER C.E.	A.A.C.D.	19/3/41	CHAPLAIN

2/26 Bn

Unit.

23 NOV 1941

Date of Despatch.

Signature of Commander.

27 H. Comd. 2/26 Bn.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/26 BN (Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals ..			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
NIL				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
NIL				

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
NIL			

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C 318
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 2/26 BN AIF

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 41 To 5 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JASIN	1 Dec 41		General preparation, packing, issuing of equipment, checking stores and arms in readiness for any move which may be ordered.	
		1330	Warning SEAVIEW received. Action taken as per Operation Instrn No 9.	<i>ms</i>
	2 Dec 41		General Routine. Issuing of War Equipment. Packing of stores	
		1730	Message received: Tps permitted to proceed on leave subject to being available for recall within 1 hour.	<i>ms</i>
	3 Dec 41		General routine. Reverted to tng in accordance with Syllabus.	See Tng Instrn No 14
			Tension eased and tps permitted to go outside Camp for sport and local leave.	<i>ms</i>
	4 Dec 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus. Local leave to JASIN Village for tps not on duty.	<i>ms</i>
	5 Dec 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus. Issue of new (37 pattern) Web Equip to tps.	<i>ms</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF

Date and Time.—From 6 Dec 41

To 8 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JASIN	6 Dec 41		General Routine. Tng as per Syllabus. Leave to JASIN only for tps.	
		1800	Order received in message form from HQ AIF Malaya for JUJU to move at 2130 hrs. Alarming rumours that RAFFLES had been issued.	Message passed on 'phone in clear. No date.
			RAFFLES not received by this Unit.	
		2100	Verbal orders for move JASIN-KOTA TINGGI issued.	Unit to move in 4 gps by MT. Route:- JASIN-SEGAMAT-JOHORE BAHRU-KOTA TINGGI.
		2320	No 1 gp (D Coy and att tps) dep JASIN.	
		2345	No 2 gp (Bn HQ, HQ Coy and att tps) left JASIN	B Coy unable to move owing to insufficient tpt
		2400	No 3 gp (C Coy and att tps) left JASIN)	<i>ms</i>
RD KOTA TINGGI - JEMALUANG 34½ mile peg	7 Dec 41	1100	Bn and att tps arrived point of concentration at KOTA TINGGI in vicinity 34½ mile peg and went into bivouac.	
		1330	Verbal orders for occupation Defensive position issued. Confirmed by written order 1440 hrs	see O O No 1.
		1600	Defensive position occupied.	<i>ms</i>
	8 Dec 41	0400	Enemy planes heard overhead. Sounds of A/A firing & bombs from direction of Singapore heard.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF Date and Time.—From 8 Dec 41 To 10 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RD KOTA-TINGGI - JEMALUANG 34½ mile peg	8 Dec 41	0800	News stating Japan declared war on USA received on wireless, also that SINGAPORE had been bombed and landing in KOTA BAHRU area had been checked.	
		0900	Conference of Coy Comds & Comds B & C Tps 2/15 Fd Regt (att) held and recce of battle stations commenced.	Morale high. Tps very eager to see action.
		1150	Crs arrived from TAMPIN and posted to area.	<i>ms</i>
	9 Dec 41		No further reports of enemy aircraft in this vicinity.	
		0900-1200	B Coy vpreparing defensive position at MAWAI X-RDS. Remaining Coys improving local defences.	
		2230	Bn moved into defensive position at MAWAI X-RDS. D Coy held in reserve. C Coy guarding Bridges and roads on RD KOTA TINGGI - JEMALUANG.	Unconfirmed reports that Japanese landing between JEMALUANG - KOTA TINGGI possible. <i>ms</i>
MAWAI X-RDS area	10 Dec 41	0600	Bn in defensive position dug-in, standing to.	
		A M	Further preparation of defensive position.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF Date and Time.—From 10 Dec 41 To 12 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MAWAI X-RDS area	10 Dec 41	P M	Numerous friendly aircraft flying overhead at average height 10,000'	Air alarm sounded until planes identified. <i>ms</i>
	11 Dec 41	0110	Message received from BAKA stating that attacks on aerodromes at KLUANG and KAHANG by paratroops likely. Unit ready to move forward if required. Patrolling of RD KOTA TINGGI - JEMALUANG intensified. No reports of enemy.	
		A M	Bn less A & C Coys plus att tps in position. Order of day received from Malaya Comd	Morale high. See attached.
		P M	All quiet. Tps resting and settling in.	<i>ms</i>
	12 Dec 41	A M	B Coy changed dispositions slightly at X-Rds position. No report of enemy activity from Armd C patrol. Tps washing clothes and improving bivouacs. Slight air activity - all friendly planes.	
		P M	All quiet. Armd C patrol reports no enemy activity. Mail received - very welcome. Very wet; majority of bivouacs swamped.	Heavy rain. <i>ms</i>

WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF

Date and Time.—From 13 Dec 41 To 14 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MAWAI X-RDS area	13 Dec 41	A M 0600	All quiet. Position very damp and muddy. Passage of MT in area very difficult.	
		0845	C O's conference with Coy Comds. Orders issued for move of Bn HQ, HQ Coy & D Coy back to 34½ mile peg position. Present area very wet and muddy.	
		1100	Above sub-units moved back to 34½ mile peg.	
KOTA TINGGI - JEMALUANG RD	14 Dec 41	1100-1300	Allotment of area as follows - Bn HQ & D Coy Eastern side of RD HQ Coy Western side.	
34½ mile peg		P M 1500	GOC arrived HQ to discuss plans with CO. Digging of slit trenches and siting of weapon pits	Heavy rain falling.
		1900	10 extra vehicles incl 1 van office and additional Unit amn arrived.	<i>mm</i>
		0600	Stand-to. All quiet. No further move indicated.	
		0830	CO held conference with Coy Comds & Comd B Tp 2/15 Fd Regt.	
		A M	Further recce by C & B Coys. Slight air activity - friendly planes.	<i>mm</i>

WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF

Date and Time.—From 14 Dec 41 To 16 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RD KOTA TINGGI -	14 Dec 41	PM 1330	Message received stating possible Jap infiltration last night	Raining steadily.
JEMALUANG 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile peg			in area KANGAR GEMRIAH. Patrols from C & A Coys sent out to investigate.	
		1500	No enemy activity reported by above patrols.	
		2230	10 Bren guns arrived and allotted - C Coy: 4, B Coy: 3, D: 3.	
			All quiet.	<i>ms.</i>
	15 Dec 41	A M	All quiet. No reports of enemy activity.	Raining lightly.
		0830	2 i/c called Coy Comds conference. CO left for MAWAI thence to SEDILI BOOM. Arrangements made for D Coy less 1 Pl to relieve B Coy less 1 Pl by 1100 hrs.	
		1100	Above relief carried out.	
		P M	Further preparation of defensive position.	
		1600	1 Sec 4 A/Tk Regt came under Comd. Two guns sighted at MAWAI X-FDS	<i>ms.</i>
	16 Dec 41	A M	All quiet. No reports of enemy activity.	

WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF

Date and Time.—From 16 Dec 41 To 17 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RD KOTA TINGGI - JEMALUANG 34½ mile peg	16 Dec 41	0830	CO called Coy Comds conference and outlined days programme.	
		0940	Two recce planes circled over area at approx height 1200'. Unable to identify them.	
		P M	Inspected D Coy position x MAWAI X-RDS and MAWAI wharf position held by one Pl B Coy.	
		1500	Very heavy tropical storm.	
		2200	Japanese bomber with navigation lights flew over position at approx height 750'	Later reported to have machine-gunned tps at KLUANG aerodrome.
				All quiet. Patrols report no enemy activity.
	17 Dec 41	A M	All quiet.	
		0830	CO's conference and orders issued for day. Defensive works to be improved, Transfer of A/Tk Rifle from D to C Coy.	
		1000	Three NEI bombers (Glenn Martins) flew over position at approx height 1000'	<i>ms</i>

WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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Unit 2/26 BN AIF

Date and Time.—From 17 DEC 41 To 18 DEC 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RD KOTA TINGGI-	17 Dec 41	1030	Sec A/Tk Guns withdrawn into Bde reserve.	
JEMALUANG 34½ mp		1200	New code names issued.	
		P M	No enemy activity. Heavy tropical storm. Tps working hard on improvements to various positions.	
			B Tp (2/15 Fd Regt) att changed from Mortars to 25 pdr guns.	
			Guns sighted and necessary pnr work (roads etc) commenced for entrance and exit to gun positions.	
			Few unidentified planes overhead at irregular intervals - presumed friendly.	<i>ms</i>
	18 Dec 41	A M	All quiet - no reports of enemy activity.	
		0830	C O's conference. Continuing with preparation of positions.	
		PM 1400	OC Armd C patrol RD KOTA TINGGI - JEMALUANG reports 2 shots fired at car in vicinity JEMALUANG X-RDS. No casualties and no sign of enemy or 5th Columnists. Patrol from C Coy sent out to search area. All quiet.	<i>ms</i>

WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 2/26 BN AIF

Date and Time.—From 19 DEC 41 To 20 DEC 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RD KOTA TINGGI -	19 Dec 41	A M	No report of enemy activity.	
JEMALUANG 34½ mp		0830	C O's conference and work for day outlined. Further preparation of positions.	
		P M	All quiet. Tps working hard on positions. Armd C patrol and Coy patrols report no enemy activity.	Slight air activity. No enemy planes sighted.
		2115	4 shots fired by sentries in car park and B Coy areas. Bn "stood to" whilst investigations made. Patrols from B & HQ Coys sent out. No sign of enemy or 5th Columnist activity.	
		2235	Bn "stood down" - extra sentries posted.	<i>ms</i>
	20 Dec 41	A M	All quiet. No report of enemy activity by midnight Armd C patrol.	Several friendly aircraft observed
		0830	C O's conference - situation discussed and work outline of work for day.	overhead during day.
		P M	All quiet. Work proceeding.	<i>ms</i>

WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 2/26 BN AIF

Date and Time.—From 21 DEC 41 To 22 DEC 1941

22 DEC 1941

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RD KOTA TINGGI - JEMALUANG 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ mp	21 Dec 41	A M	Patrols report no enemy activity. All quiet. During night 2	Normal patrol planes
		0830	accidental shots fired from Car park area. C O's conference. Tps to rest as far as possible to-day. Certain defensive works in B & D Coy areas to proceed.	observed. No enemy aircraft sighted.
		P M	All quiet. Patrols report no enemy activity.	Weather fine. <i>ms</i>
	22 Dec 41	A M	All quiet. No enemy activity during night 21/22 Dec	
		0830	C O's conference and orders for day issued. Work proceeding on defensive positions. Arty preparing position in rear of present position for 25 pdrs.	
		0900	CO & IO left for Bde to attend Comds conference. 2 i/c visited SEDILI BOOM	No air activity. Weather fine & dry.
			All quiet. Tps working hard.	Morale high.
		P M	All quiet. Work proceeding.	
		2050	Report of enemy plane overhead.	<i>ms</i>

WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF

Date and Time.—From 23 Dec 41 To 24 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RD KOTA TINGGI -	23 Dec 41	A M	All quiet.	
JEMALUANG 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ mp		0830	C O's conference and general discussion on work for day. Arrangements for extra Xmas rations made.	
		0915	CO attended conference at Div. All quiet.	
		P M	All quiet.	<i>ms.</i>
	24 Dec 41	A M	All quiet. No reports of enemy activity.	
		0830	C O's conference. Arrangements for Xmas made. Tps to have Xmas dinner on 25 Dec. Extra rations purchased.	
		1000-1200	Exercise at MWWAI X-RDS. B Coy attempted to outflank D Coy position and were successful. Important tactical weaknesses of defensive positions generally revealed. Work continued on positions.	
		P M	All quiet.	<i>ms.</i>

WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF

Date and Time.—From 25 Dec 41 To 27 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RD KOTA TINGGI -	25 Dec 41	A M	All quiet. Xmas dinner cooked. Divine Service by Coy gps.	
JEMALUANG 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ mp		P M 1300	Xmas dinner - poultry, peas, cauliflower, ham, fruit salad & cream, fruit, nuts and beer.	\$1700 spent from Unit
			All quiet.	Trust a/c <i>ms</i>
	26 Dec 41	A M	All quiet. No report of enemy activity.	
		0830	C O's conference. Work proceeding on positions.	
		P M	No report of enemy activity. All quiet.	<i>ms</i>
	27 Dec 41	A M	All quiet. No report of enemy activity.	
		0700	CO, OC B Coy, IO left for recce of possible alternate area in vicinity of MUAR.	
		0830	2 i/c's conference - outline of work for day.	
		1030	Pay arrived and distributed to sub-units.	Heavy rain storm.
		P M	All quiet.	<i>ms</i>

WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF

Date and Time.—From 28 Dec 41 To 31 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RD KOTA TINGGI - JEMALUANG 34½ mp	28 Dec 41	A M	All quiet. Normal conference and routine.	
		P M	Tps resting. No report of enemy activity, from patrols.	
		1830	CO, OC B Coy, & IO returned from recce MUAR area.	<i>ms</i>
	29 Dec 41	A M	All quiet. No report of enemy activity.	Noticeable lack of air activity during last 3 days.
		0830	CO's conference. Discussion of MUAR area and general dispositions of Coys indicated.	
			Work in this area proceeding normally.	
		P M	All quiet. No report of enemy activity.	
	30 Dec 41	A M	All quiet. Planes overhead during night but no bombs dropped.	<i>ms</i>
		0830	CO's conference. Normal routine and work for day.	
		1130	Cpl W C C Eames drowned accidentally in SEDILI RIVER.	
		P M	All quiet. No report of enemy activity.	
	31 Dec 41	A M	All quiet. No report of enemy activity. Planes overhead during night.	<i>ms</i>
		0830	CO's conference. Normal work and routine proceeding.	

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TOXIA BODO WAXO YAXO 8 DIV. BATH 8 FD. CASH PEPA DAVI

FROM DIDO JAFY (DET MUBO) PAGO POPU VINA
JEVE NUKA

Originator's Number, VINA Date, 27/11/43 In reply to Number, 3121 LAB

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upon	all	ranks	in	Malaya	comd

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for a determined and sustained effort
to safeguard MALAYA and the abounding
British territories. The eyes of
the EMPIRE are upon us
whole world Position in the FAR EAST
is at stake. This struggle
may be long & grim but

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O O No 1
 Copy No 9
 DATE 7 Dec 41

Ref Map... 3 1/4 1/63360

INFORMATION.

1. ENEMY - Air reports 26 enemy tpts escorted by battle fleet sighted 236 miles off MERSING steaming West, approx 1600 hrs 6 Dec 41. RAAF plane carried out dawn recce 7 Dec, reports above enemy vessels steaming North.
2. OWN TPTS - 2/26 Bn and att tps at present concentrated in vicinity 983740. 22 Aust Inf Bde and att tps occupying positions in MERSING Area in accordance with Operation Instn No 9.

INTENTION.

3. 2/26 Bn and att tps will occupy defensive posn astride RD JEMALUANG - KOPA TINGGI in vicinity 34 1/2 mile post.

METHOD.

4. Dispositions of Rifle Coys:-
 D Coy - Right forward sector Rd incl.) D & C Coys form Eastern semi-perimeter, HQ and Bn HQ form
 C Coy - Right rear sector Rd incl.) perimeter, HQ and Bn HQ form
 HQ " - Left semi-perimeter.) Western semi-perimeter.
5. ARMY - remain in present posn, arrange own perimeter defence.
6. MORTARS - One det to be sighted to bring fire on RE-ENTRANT on Western side of perimeter (indicated).
 - Remainder reserve.
7. CR PL:- Armoured Cars - 2 cars to protect Rd facing North, 2 cars to protect Rd facing South, 2 cars in reserve ready for immediate patrol.
 Crs - Two secs to be dispersed around perimeter, remainder reserve. Cr role to be effected immediately crs arrive from TANPIN.
8. A/A PL - Protection of perimeter.
9. PNR PL - Recce rd North and South and track leading East and West (indicated) for rd block posns.
10. COVERING PARTIES - To be provided by Coys during occupation.
11. DIGGING - No digging. Posns for slit trenches to be recce and marked.
12. PATROLS - D Coy to patrol rd to North, C Coy to patrol rd to South, HQ Coy to patrol West of perimeter. Standing patrols to be posted after last light.
13. Posns to be occupied by 1600 hrs.
14. STAND-TO - At 1800 hrs and 0700 hrs daily (Reveille 0630 hrs).

ADM -

15. SAA RESERVE in Bn HQ Area.
16. MEDICAL - RAP is located entrance to Bn HQ. Strict anti-malarial discipline to be observed. RMO to issue Quinine with directions to Coys at 1800 hrs.
17. RATIONS - Evening meal 1700 hrs, Breakfast 0730 hrs.

ADM.

18. ACCOMMODATION - Sleeping areas for personnel will be detailed by 2 i/c.
19. DISCIPLINE - No lights or smoking after 2000 hrs. Lights in Coy cook-houses to be shaded as far as possible.

INTERCOMM.

20. Bn HQ - 983740.
21. PASSWORD - "BULIMBA."

ACK.

Signed at 1440 hrsBy Sigs

H.R. Tahi Capt
 (H.R. Tahi)
 Adjt 2/26 Bn

DISTRIBUTION
 C Coy B TP 2/15 Rd
 D " " Rest
 HQ " C TP
 C O War Diary
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ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt Col A H Boyes
Comd 2/26 Bn

2/26 Bn AIF MALAYA
2 Dec 41

No 238

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 2 Dec 41 - C Coy
Next for Duty to mount at Retreat 3 Dec 41 - D "

2 ANTI-GAS TNG

With view to construction of Coy decontamination centres, prior to weekend, Unit Gas Offr (Lieut Eales) will contact Coys, as per schedule hereunder, and explain the method of construction and lay-out of such centre. Coys will take immediate steps to construct decontamination centres:-

Wed 3 Dec - B & R Coys
Thurs 4 " - C & HQ "
Fri 5 " - D Coy

3 PAYBOOKS - Owing to absence of Pay Sgt, the following detail regarding paybooks will be attended to by Coys:-

Paybooks of personnel marching out of the Unit will be checked and signed off on credit side.

4 DRESS - HQ AIF Malaya direct the following to be brought to the notice of all ranks:-

- a) Officers - Badges of rank. Officers must NOT wear unauthorised patterns of badges of rank. In particular, cloth stars or crowns are NOT authorised for wear by the AIF Malaya.
- b) Generally - Singapore - There is considerable laxity in the dress of all ranks while on leave in SINGAPORE. Instructions have been given to piquets that the orders concerning dress are to be rigidly enforced. In particular the regulations as to the rolling down of sleeves at 2000 hrs and the prohibiting of the wearing of short sleeved shirts after this hour will be observed. Action will be taken against any personnel found not complying with this regulation. Other matters to which attention is drawn include shirts unbuttoned and "sweat rags" round necks."

5 P O L SUPPLIES - SAFETY PRECAUTIONS - Petrol in unpainted 4-gallon tins, is now being supplied to units. Great care must be taken to avoid mixing these tins with kerosene tins, which they resemble. Petrol tins are branded with "W D and broad arrow" and embossed on the side "Highly Inflammable." Kerosene tins are embossed on the top with the word "Kerosene." Units will arrange separate storage accommodation for the two commodities.

6. XMAS Set out hereunder is extract from H Q A I F R O No 66
"Xmas Day will be treated as a Sunday. There will be no leave and units will arrange own celebrations within own camp areas."

H L Sabin
Capt
(H L Sabin)
Adjt 2/26 Bn

NOTICES

Herounder is copy of letter received from Bn Welfare Association:-

"Dear Colonel Boyes,

The Welfare Association is sending you £75 by Air Mail as a Christmas Gift to the troops. I hope it will be enough to give them a little extra for their dinner on Christmas Day.

The 2/26th Welfare Association send their very best wishes to you and your Battalion for Xmas and the New Year.

Kind Regards, Yours sincerely
Decima Stringer"

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

MALAYA

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt Col A H Boyes
Comd 2/26 Bn2/26 Bn AIF MALAYA
4 Dec 41

No 239

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 4 Dec 41 - R Coy
Next for duty to mount at Retreat 5 Dec 41 - B "

2 RANGE PRACTICES

Sub units will submit to Bn HQ by 1200 hrs 6 Dec 41 a return showing numbers of personnel who have NOT yet completed
(a) Snap shooting practice
(b) Battle Practice

3 X-LIST

H Q AIF Malaya R O No 68 will be circulated to Coys showing full details of new procedure to be followed.
The following brief details are promulgated for information and action:-

- (a) Personnel evacuated beyond R A P will be placed on the X List and struck off the strength.
- (b) Providing personnel are not evacuated beyond M D S they will be returned to their unit on discharge from A D S or M D S and taken on strength of 1 Reinf's, who will arrange transfer to Coys as required.
- (c) Certain modifications and procedure re Offrs, W Os, N C Os, and trade specialists are explained fully in H Q AIF Malaya R O No 68.
- (d) Upon evacuation beyond R A P personnel will take with them all arms and equipment, personal effects and basic documents with the following exceptions:-
 - i) Charpoy
 - ii) Box soldiers
 - iii) Mosquito Net, sheets and pillow.
 - iv) Ground Sheet.

R M O will warn Coys and QM of personnel to be evacuated and it will be a Coy responsibility to see that all evacuees are correctly equipped. Departure from this procedure will be allowed only in cases of urgency. Coy representative will arrange to collect from Q M F200's and advise Bn H Q of any deficiencies in arms, equip or basic documents so that these may be forwarded as soon as possible.

(e) Careful study of HQ AIF R/O 68 is requested and all queries made to Adjt.

4. SPLIT WHEELS - Split wheels as fitted to some MT vehicles recently issued will become the standard in future. The two halves are bolted together by an outer row of nuts and will burst apart with extreme violence if the nuts are slackened while pressure is in the tyre, and personal injury, sometimes fatal, will surely be sustained. The nuts must on no account be slacked off at all until the tyre is completely deflated.

Imperial
/ov
(H L Sabin) Capt
Adjt 2/26 Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES MALAYA

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt Col A H Boyes

Comd 2/26 Bn

2/26 Bn AIF MALAYA

5 Dec 41

No 240

1 DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount at Retreat 5 Dec 41 - B Coy
 Next for Duty to mount at Retreat 6 Dec 41 - C "

2 FD FIRING - The following personnel will attend Fd firing practice as spectators on Sat 6 Dec 41:-

	OFFRS	SGTS	CPLS	O/Rs	TOTAL
Bn HQ	2	1	1	2	6
HQ Coy	2	1	2	10	15
B "	1	-	-	-	1
C "	2	1	2	5	10
D "	2	1	2	5	10
R "	1	1	1	3	6
TOTAL	10	5	8	25	48

NOTE: Personnel who have NOT attended Fd Firing to be selected.
 Parade Bn HQ 0725 hrs, dep Camp 0735 hrs.
 T O to arrange M T.
 DRESS: Drill order. Offrs to wear WE.
 OC Party - Maj J M Stringer.

3 ROUTINE - 6/7 DEC 41:

6 Dec:
 a.m. - Bn Parade as usual.
 Medical inspection, PAD exercise, Coy adm.
 p.m. - Coy adm, sports within camp area.
 Leave to JASIN after 1600 hrs for all ranks not on duty.
 7 DEC: a.m. - Divine Service, Coy adm.
 p.m. - Leave to JASIN from 1330-2300 hrs.

NOTE: There will be no leave to MALACCA during this week-end.

4 MEDICAL - Coys will be medically examined at RAP as follows:-

Sat 6 Dec 41 - 1045 hrs - C Coy
 1115 " - D "
 1145 " - R " and Bn HQ
 Sun 7 Dec 41 - 0945 " - HQ Coy
 1030 " - B "

5 CHURCH SERVICES - 7 DEC 41

O Ds - Bn Parade - 0845 hrs
 Church Service - 0900 "
 RC Church Parade - 0900 hrs.
 RCs will assemble on HQ Coy Pde Ground at 0850 hrs.

Holy Communion will be celebrated by Chap Polain in Rec Hut at 0730.

6 COCKHOUSES - Refuse bins are to be placed inside concrete drains until such time as aprons are built.

7 DRESS HUTS - Tables are to be scrubbed on both sides and care taken to clear refuse from joins or cracks. Where practicable they are to be placed in the sun to dry at least twice weekly.

8 REFUSE RECEPTACLES - Coy Orderly Offrs will ensure that these are thoroughly washed and will report this daily to BOO for a period of one week from 6 Dec 41.

9 CAMERAS - All ranks in possession of cameras will report to "I" Office before 1800 hrs 6 Dec 41 for the purposes of checking registered cameras and registration of new cameras.

H. L. Sabin
 Capt
 (H L Sabin)
 Adit 2/26 Bn

JUJU AIF TNG CIRC

No 14

OUTLINE SYLLABUS

SECURITY

SN	DATE	DUTY COY		LEAVE M	PADANG ALLOT	A	B	COMPANY			
		Mts Retreat	FOR Day					C	D	R	HQ
1	DEC Mon 1	B	Rx				RWT MMG MP	TJ 1st Aid	RWT MMG MP	DC	TJ
2	Tues 2	C	B		D	SPECIAL	DC	RWT MMG MP	TJ 1st Aid	MP	ST MP
3	Wed 3	D	C		R	DETACHED	TJ 1st Aid	DC	RWT MMG MP	TJ 1st Aid	ST
4	Thur 4	Rx	D		HQ	DUTY	RWT MMG MP	TR	DC	MP	TR 1st Aid
5	Fri 5	B	Rx				TR	RWT MMG MP	TR	DC	ST MP
6	Sat 6	C	B	Bn HQ & D			DC Bn Pde - P A D Scheme - Med Inspn - Organized games				
	Sun 7	D	C	B & R			DC D I V I N E S E R V I C E				

Note:- xR Coy to draw duties from HQ Coy as required.

TNG NOTES

1. RANGE PRACTICES
These are suspended until further notice.
2. WEAPON TNG
To include A/Tk Rifle 2" Mortar, Grenade and Tommy Gun.
3. M M G
To be continued on a progressive basis.
4. T R & T J
A conference re Coy Treks will be held at Bn HQ immediately after Church Parade 30 Nov 41.
Periods as allotted will then be utilized in practising lessons learnt.
5. M P (MOVEMENT PRACTICE)
Practices will embody embussing and debussing, entraining and de-training with special reference to control, discipline and stowage of equipment. Coy stores will be fully checked on these days.
6. 1st AID
To continue on a progressive basis. R M O to arrange detail with Coys.

A. H. Boyes
for Lt Col
(A H Boyes)
Comd J U J U
A.O.D.

OUTLINE SYLLABUS

SECURITY

No 15

JUJU AIF TNG CIRC

SN	DATE	DUTY COY		LEAVE M	PADAING ALLOT	COMPANY					
		Mts reat	Ret-For Day			A	B	C	D	R	HQ
1	M 8	B	D		-	Special detached Duty	MMC 1st Aid	RP	DC	RT	ST
2	T 9	C	B		C		DC	VF	RP	RT	ST
3	W 10	D	C		B		RP	DC	RWT 1st Aid	RT	ST
4	T 11	B	D		HQ		Skeleton Bn Exercise RM RM		LC	RT	ST
5	F 12	C	B		-		DC	MMC 1st Aid	VF	RT	RP
6	S 13	D	C		HQ		DC Bn Pde, PAD Scheme, Medical inspection, organised games				
7	S 14	B	D		C		DC DIVINE SERVICE				

Abbreviations: VF - Village Fighting.

NOTE: Portion of Bn HQ will fire with D and part with B Coy. Details to be arranged by Adjt.

NOTES ON TNG

WEAPON TNG - Certain practice amm is now available and is allocated to Coys as under:-

COY	TOMMY GUN		GRENADES	
	No to fire	Rds	Hand	Rifle
Bn HQ	10	280		
HQ	30	840		
A	20	560	99	75
B	20	560	99	75
C	20	560	99	75
D	20	560	99	75
TOTAL	120	3260	396	300

Each Coy will select Tommy Gun numbers in accordance with the above table. These men will then fire the complete table of Thompson Sub-Machine Gun practices as outlined in CRMC 37570/9, a copy of which is available at Bn HQ. Targets are available from HQ Coy. Record of Range practices will be forwarded to Bn HQ on completion. Grenades are available to Coys who will utilize them to the best advantage. A bombing range has been constructed at JASIN Range. Lieuts Baxter and Magarry will supervise the grenade practices. Bombing practice will be commenced after completion of Tommy Gun practice.


A Coy will recce for a suitable range for Tommy Gun practices. They will fire grenade practices when bombing course has been built. A/Tk Rifle - 72 rds are available and arrangements will be made to fire when a suitable range is available.

2. SKELETON BN EX - This will consist of the movement and opening of HQ in the field and the movement of tpt and crs. Full particulars will be issued separately.

3. VILLAGE FIGHTING - This will be practised as a drill in the camp area and when principal lessons have been taught, lessons learned will be applied in a scheme in a village.

4. ROUTE MARCH - Will be carried out by Coys as detailed. Distance - a.m. - 3 miles; p.m. 6 miles. Lunch and rest in fd during mid-day halt.

5. HQ COY - will continue present policy of tng.


 (A.H. Boyes)
 Comd 2726 Bn Lt Col

22 DIV FORM W/300 1

Full list of other ranks
7th Div (A.S.M.)

Details	Number of ranks	Number of ranks	Number of ranks
Warrant Officers	1		1
Subalterns	1		1
Company Sergeants Major	5		1
Squad Leaders	38		
Private Sergeants	70		2
Privates	661		25
	776		29

Full list of ranks received from other units

Name	Rank	Unit
McGowan, S.M.C.		
McLay, P.W.		
McLachlan, K.D.		
Lindsay, E.J.		
Scott, J.H.		
Clark, R.O.		

H. H. Boyes Capt
 (H. H. BOYES)
 Comd. 2/26 Bn.

Field Return of Indian Officers holding Viceroy's Commissions ; Other Ranks, British and Indian, Technical Personnel (Skilled men and Workmen) and Followers.

776 (Unit). Date 13 Dec 1941

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Infantry, Royal Tank Corps, Indian Army Veterinary Corps, Army Educational Corps, Provost Companies, and all Headquarter units.)

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

NOTE.—“Excluding attached” means those personnel shown as “Attached” in W. Es., India.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).		3 Surplus to establishment.		4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).	
	British.	Indian.	British.	Indian.	British.	Indian.
I. Os. holding Viceroy's Commissions						
W. Os., Class I						1
W. Os., Class II						
Squadron or Company Quartermaster	7			1		
Serjeants or Colour Serjeants, and all I. O. Rs. above Bandadar or Havildar	5					
Staff Serjeants	1			1		
Serjeants, Bandadars, Havildars	34			1		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.						
Corporals, Bandadars, Naiks	64					6
Troopers, Privates, Gunners, Fusiliers, Sowars, Sepoys, etc.	552					
Technical Personnel { Skilled men	70					29
Workmen						
Followers						
WE 776 TOTAL *	733			3		46

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Parts D & E on pages 2 & 3 of Army Form W-3009.

Part B.—Other Ranks (including I. Os. holding Viceroy's Commissions), Technical Personnel (Skilled men and Workmen) and Followers attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
MCGREGOR R OPL	A.H.O.C		
MEVON F.W.	SHOEMAKER		
WILSON K.J.	FITTER M.T.		
LAWRENCE E.J.L.			
STROUT E.H.			
CLARK R. OPL	8 DIV. POSTAL UNIT.		

Part C.—Description of other Ranks (including I. Os. holding Viceroy's Commissions), Technical Personnel (Skilled men and Workmen) and Followers, whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army or Regtl. No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
QX 10795	PTE	JONES J	776 Bn	M.T. DRS G.B.D.
NX 68112	-	DURIE W.G.	-	-
QX 10456	-	BAXTER G.H.	-	-
QX 10800	-	LLOYD S.K.	-	-
QX 11413	-	TRICE I.L.	-	-
QX 15220	OPL	O'KEEFE E.W.R.	-	SIGNALLER
QX 17141	PTE	ELLIOTT N.R.	-	-
QX 17217	L/OPL	RICHARDSON E.D.	-	-
QX 16937	PTE	MURPHY W.J.	-	-
QX 17642	-	KOZEDGE G.A.M.	-	CANCELLED
QX 13633	-	BROOKES A.J.H.	-	CR PL
QX 17884	-	CAREY T.J.	-	M.T. DR.

Class Composition of Unit..... 776 Bn

Unit (British Personnel).

Part D.—Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W-3009.

Detail of Specialists Tradesmen, etc.	* Surplus to Establishment.								* Reinforcements required.								Remarks.		
	W. Os., Class I.	W. Os., Class II.	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., Colour Serjeants.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	Corporals.	Privates, Followers.	Total.	W. Os., Class I.	W. Os., Class II.	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., Colour Serjeants.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	Corporals.		Privates, Followers.	Total.
<i>To Coupled</i>																			
Blacksmiths																			
Bootmakers																			
Bricklayers																			
Butchers																			
Carpenters and Joiners																			
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																			
Cleaners																			
Clerks																			
Despatch Riders																			
Draughtsmen (topo)																			
Drivers, H. T. and/or I. C.																			
Electricians																			
Farriers																			
Fitters																			
Hammermen																			
Masons																			
Painters & Decorators																			
Plumbers & Gasfitters																			
Saddlers & Harness Makers																			
Saddle-Tree Makers																			
Signallers																			
Storemen, Technical																			
Tailors																			
Vickers Machine Gunners																			
Wheelers																			
Armourers																			
Assistant Armourers																			
COOKS																			
INTELLIGENCE.																			
DR. MECH.																			
General duty personnel (W. Os., etc.).	1			1					3	1						6	8		15
TOTALS (to agree with columns 3 & 4, Part A).	1	1	1				1		4	1					6	14		47	

2/26 Bn
Unit.

H.R. Talbot Capt
Signature of Commander.
Comd. 2/26 Bn.

Date of Despatch *14 DEC 41*

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

* Delete headings not required.

OTHER RANKS.

PART C. EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS RETURN
 & PREVIOUS RETURN.

A. EFFECTIVE STRENGTH AS PER PART A.
 (EXCLUDES PERSONNEL ON X LIST)

733

B. EFFECTIVE STRENGTH AS PER PART 'A'

747

C. DIFFERENCE.

14

D. NO. OF PERSONNEL DETACHED FOR DUTY
 INCLUDED IN A

1

CASUALTIES WEEK ENDING 13 Dec 41.

TO HOSP X LIST

17

FROM X LIST
 HOSP.

3

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

7/26 Am (Unit) 20 Dec 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
W.Os. Class I	-		1
W.Os. Class II	7	1	
Squadron or Company Quarter-master-Serjeants	5	-	
Staff Serjeants	2	2	
Serjeants	31		2
Corporals	67		3
Troopers, Privates, &c.	652		9
W.E. 776 TOTALS	764	3	15

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W. 3009.

Part B.—Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
MCGREGOR R. SGT.	AAOC.	FROM HQ	
MORVOY F.W. CPL	SNOOKMAKER		
WILSON K.J.	FITTER MT.		
LAWRENCE E.J.L.		FROM G.B.D.	
STROUT E.A. CPL			
CLARE R. CPL	8 DIV. POSTAL UNIT.		

Part C.—Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
OX 68112	PTE	DURIE W.G.	7/26 Am	MT. DR. G.B.D.
OX 10800		LLOYD S.K.		
OX 17141		ELLIOTT N.R.		SIGNALER
OX 17317	L/CPL	RICHARDSON E.D.		
OX 14059	PTE	REILLY N.L.		MT. DR. G.B.D.
OX 13185	L/SJT	ROBERTS L.H.S.		ORD ROOM ST. G.B.D.
OX 11162	PTE	FLOOD J.R.		G.B.D.
OX 13403	CPL	STANWAY S.F.		MED ORDERLY G.B.D.

2/26 Bn Unit.

Part D.—Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen. etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							Remarks.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	Total.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks														3	
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers														2	
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks														2	
<u>DR MECHANICS</u>														13	
														20	NOT YET TO G.P.
General duty personnel		1	2					3	1		2	3	9		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)		1	2					3	1		2	3	9	15	

2/26 Bn Unit.

U. B. BOYD Signature of Commander.
Cmdy 2/26 Bn.

21 Dec 51 Date of Despatch.

29 Huel Inf Bde Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

Unit

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Part D—Detail of surplus or reinforcements required as shown in

Part A of Army Form W. 3009

OTHER RANKS

Part E. EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS RETURN AND PREVIOUS RETURN.

Detail	Bricklayers	Butchers	Carpenters and Joiners	Clerks	Despatch Riders	Draftsmen (top)	Drivers H.T. and/or	Electricians	Farmers
A. EFFECTIVE STRENGTH AS PER PART A. (EXCLUDES PERSONNEL ON X LIST)	764								
B. EFFECTIVE STRENGTH AS PER PART A. PREVIOUS WEEK.	733								
C. DIFFERENCE	31								
D. No OF PERSONNEL DETACHED FOR DUTY.						83		15	

CASUALTIES WEEK ENDED 20 DEC 41.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong	Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong
To HOSP.	X LIST 18	FROM HOSP.	
To VENTENTION	3	STRICK OFF X LIST	8
		TRANSFERS	
		FROM G.B.D.	43
		FROM 8 AUSTRALIAN DIV.	1
	21		52

Part C.—Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g. general duty personnel)
016212	Pte	DURIE W.B.		AT OR G.B.D.
010800		ALLOYD S.K.		
011711		ELLIOTT N.R.		SIGNALER
011717	WO2	RICHARDS (E.D.)		
011756	Pte	REILLY N.L.		AT OR G.B.D.
011815	L/Sgt	ROBERTS E.V.		General duty personnel
011816	Pte	ROOD J.R.		G.B.D.
011817	Pte	STANLEY E.E.		TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)

Signature of Commander

Unit

Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

7/26 Am (Unit) *29 Dec* 19*41* (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
W.Os. Class I			1
W.Os. Class II	7	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	4		1
Staff Serjeants	3	3	
Serjeants	30		3
Corporals	72	2	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	654		7
WE 776 TOTALS	770	6	12

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W. 3009.

Part B.—Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
MCGREGOR SGT	AAOC		
MORELY FW. CPL	SABEMAKER		
WILSON K.J.	FITTER MT.		
LAWRENCE E.J.L.			
STROUF EA. CPL			
CLARE R. CPL	8 DIV. POSTAL UNIT		

Part C.—Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
OX 9498	PTE	VOLTER W.J.	<i>7/26 Am</i>	G.B.D.
OX 15168	"	RAYNER SER	"	"
OX 68112	"	DURIE W.G.	"	MT. DR. G.B.D.
OX 17141	"	ELLIOTT NR	"	SIGNALLER G.B.D. BY CONVICTION
OX 17217	L/CPL	RICHARDSON E.D.	"	"
OX 15114	PTE	MORELY D.J.	"	G.B.D. ?
OX 11288	CPL	BASKETT J.E.	"	G.B.D. ?

Part D.—Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							Remarks.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	Total.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers														2	
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners														2	
Cooks														2	
DR. MEDICINES														9	
														15	
General duty personnel		1	3	2				6	1	1	3	7		12	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)		1	3	2				6	1	1	3	7		12	

7/26/19
Unit.
27 Dec 1918
Date of Despatch.

A. H. Boyce
Signature of Commander.
(A. H. BOYCE)
Comd. Bde.
29 March 1919
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

.....(Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals ..			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

.....(Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	7		
Lieutenants	23		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 (CAPT)		
Totals	35	3	

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	ABEL H.M.	7/56 Bn	15 DEC 41	PREVIOUSLY ATTACHED TO 8 ROYAL DRAIF MALAYA.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

Part D.—Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.

(i) Officers posted to Unit. (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT COL	VX 13608	BOYES A H	7/26/40	YES	
MAJ	OX 6449	STRINGER J M	"	"	
"	OX 6452	ARMSTRONG G	"	"	
"	OX 6453	HOARE M B	"	"	
CAPT	NX 70418	SABIN H L	"	"	
"	70508	TRACEY C P	"	"	
"	70509	WALKER R R	"	"	
"	OX 6459	SWARTZ R W C	"	"	
"	6463	BEIRNE B R	"	"	
"	6465	FERGUSON G B	"	"	
"	6482	SMITH I H	"	"	
"	6472	HANNAM S L	"	No	JOHORE MIL FORCES
LIEUT	6469	MCKINSTRY J B	"	YES	
"	6473	NISBET G J MCK S	"	"	
"	6458	COOKE A P	"	"	
"	6461	KELSEY R H S	"	"	
"	6456	ANDERSSON L N	"	"	
"	6457	FOX A M	"	No	27 AUS INF BDE
"	6462	WAGSTAFF G J C	"	YES	
"	6480	RANSOME B V	"	"	
"	6466	MOORE C H	"	"	
"	7332	EALES J D	"	"	
"	6464	BARRETT N P	"	"	
"	19066	ROBERTS S S	"	"	
"	19084	LAKE A B	"	"	
"	17830	BAXTER R	"	"	
"	17833	MAGARRY W R	"	"	
"	14090	BOURKE G E	"	"	
"	9450	DEAN N A C	"	"	
"	12576	UROE N	"	"	

(ii) Officers Attached from other Corps.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	OX 6478	MADDEN K C M	A A M C	29/11/40	R M O
CHAPLAIN	NX 70715	POLAIN G	A N C H D	3/12/40	CHAPLAIN

7/26/40
Unit.
20 Dec 41
Date of Despatch.

H. H. Boyes
Signature of Commander.
Lt. Col.
27 Aust Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

.....(Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals .. .			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

.....(Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	7		
Lieutenants	22		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 (CAPT)		
Totals	34		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
NIL				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
NIL				

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

Part D.—Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.

(i) Officers posted to Unit. (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT COL	VX 13608	BOYES A.H.	2/26 Bn	YES	
MAJ	QX 6449	STRINGER J.M.	"	"	
	" 6452	ARMSTRONG G.	"	"	
	" 6453	HOARE M.B.	"	"	
CAPT	HX 70418	SABIN H.L.	"	"	
	" 70508	TRACEY C.P.	"	"	
	" 70509	WALKER R.R.	"	"	
	GX 6459	SWARTZ R.W.C.	"	"	
	" 6463	BEIRNE B.R.	"	"	
	" 6465	FERGUSON G.B.	"	"	
	" 6482	SMITH J.H.	"	"	
	" 6472	HANNAM S.L.	"	NO	JANHOARE MIL FORCES.
LIEUT	" 6469	MCKINSTRY J.B.	"	YES	
	" 6473	NISBET C.J. MCK S	"	"	
	" 6458	COOKE A.P.	"	"	
	" 6461	KELSEY R.H.S.	"	"	
	" 6456	ANDERSSON L.N.	"	"	
	" 6457	FOX A.M.	"	NO	27 AUST INF BDE
	" 6462	WAGSTAFF C.J.C.	"	YES	
	" 6480	RANSOME B.V.	"	"	
	" 6466	MOORE C.H.	"	"	
	" 7332	EWLES J.D.	"	"	
	" 6464	BARRETT N.P.	"	"	
	" 19066	ROBERTS S.S.	"	"	
	" 19084	LAKE A.B.	"	"	
	" 17830	BAXTER R.	"	"	
	" 17833	MAGARRY W.R.	"	"	
	" 14090	BOURKE G.E.	"	"	
	" 9450	DEAN N.A.C.	"	"	
	" 12576	URDE N.	"	"	

(ii) Officers Attached from other Corps.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	QX 6478	MADDEN K.E.M.	AA M.C.	29/11/46	R.M.O.
CHAPLAIN	NX 70715	POLAING	AA CHD	2/1/41	CHAPLAIN

2/26 Bn
Unit.
14 Dec 46
Date of Despatch.

A.H. Boyes
Signature of Commander.
27 Aust Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/26 Bn. (Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CHAP.	POHAIN G.	A.A.C.H.D.	3/12/41	TRANS FROM G.B.D.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CHAP.	USSHER C.E.	A.A.C.H.D.	3/12/41	TRANS TO 13 A.G.H.

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

726 Bn (Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	7		
Lieutenants	22		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 CAPT		
Totals	34		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
6454 CAPT	WHITE H R	726 Bn	20 NOV 41	REMOVED FROM UNIT
14669 LIEUT	WHITE H M	726 Bn	20 NOV 41	TAKEN BY ENEMY
647	APPEL H M	726 Bn	5 DEC 41	ENLIGHTENED TO HOSP
1797	ROCHELLE T D	726 Bn	1 DEC 41	ON STRENGTH OF
6979	DYER D H B	726 Bn	6 DEC 41	1 REPAIRS

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

Part D.—Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.

(i) Officers posted to Unit. (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT COL	VX 12608	BOYES A.H.	2/26 BN.	YES	
MAJOR	QX 6449	STRINGER J.M.			
	6452	ARMSTRONG G.			
	6453	HOARE M.B.			
CAPT	NX 70418	SABIN H.L.			
	70508	TRACEY C.P.			
	70519	WALKER R.R.			
	QX 6459	SWARTZ R.W.C.			
	6463	BEIRNE B.R.			
	6465	FERGUSON G.B.			
	6482	SMITH I.H.			
	6472	HANNAN S.H.		NO	INDORE MILITARY FORCES
LIEUT	QX 6469	MCKINSTREY J.B.		YES	
	6473	NISBET G.J.M.R.S.			
	6458	COOKE A.P.			
	6461	KELSEY R.H.S.			
	6456	ANDERSEN I.N.			
	6457	FOX A.M.		NO	27 AUST INF BDE
	6462	WAGSTAFF C.T.C.		YES	
	6467	ABEL H.M.			
	6450	RANSOME B.V.			
	6466	MODRE C.H.			
	7332	FALES J.D.			
	6464	BARRETT N.P.			
	19066	ROBERTS S.S.			
	19084	LAKE A.B.			
	17830	BAXTER R.			
	17833	MAGARRY W.R.			

(ii) Officers Attached from other Corps.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	QX 6478	MADDEN K.C.M.	A.A.M.C.	27/11/40	R.M.D.
CHAPLAIN	NX 70175	POHAIN G.	A.A.C.D.	3/12/41	CHAPLAIN

2/26 BN

Unit.

Date of Despatch.

A. H. Boyes
 (A. H. BOYES) Signature of Commander.

Comd. 2/26 BN
 27 AUST INF BDE
 Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

.....(Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals ..			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/26 Bu (Unit).

Part A.—Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels	1	-	-
Majors	3	-	-
Captains	7		3
Lieutenants	3	5	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 (CAPT)	-	-
Totals	36	5	3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

Part B.—Particulars of Officers Joined or Quitted during week.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
NIL				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
NIL				

Part C.—Description of Officers whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
NIL			

Part D.—Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.

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Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT COL	VX1360X	BOYES A H	2/26 Bu	YES	
MAJ	QX6449	STRINGER J M	"	"	
"	QX6452	ARMSTRONG G	"	"	
"	QX6453	HOARE M B	"	"	
CAPT	NX70418	SABIN H L	"	"	
"	" 7050X	TRACEY C P	"	"	
"	" 70509	WALKER R R	"	"	
"	QX6459	SWARTZ R W C	"	"	
"	" 6463	BEIRNE R R	"	"	
"	" 6465	FERGUSON G B	"	"	
"	" 6482	SMITH J H	"	"	
"	" 6472	HANNAM S L	"	NO	Johore MIL FORCES
LIEUT	" 6469	McKINSTRY J B	"	YES	
"	" 6473	NISBET G M K S	"	"	
"	" 6458	COOKE A P	"	"	
"	" 6441	KELSEY R H S	"	"	
"	" 6456	ANDERSSON L N	"	"	
"	" 6457	FOX A M	"	NO	27 AUST INF BDE
"	" 6462	WAGSTAFF G J C	"	YES	
"	" 6450	RANSOME B Y	"	"	
"	" 6466	MOORE G H	"	"	
"	" 7332	EALES J D	"	"	
"	" 6464	BARRETT N P	"	"	
"	" 19066	ROBERTS S S	"	"	
"	" 19084	LAKE A B	"	"	
"	" 17830	BAXTER R	"	"	
"	" 17833	MAGARRY W R	"	"	
"	" 14090	BOURKE G E	"	"	
"	" 9450	DEAN N A C	"	"	
"	" 12576	URDE N	"	"	

(ii) Officers Attached from other Corps.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	RX6478	MADDEN K C M	AAMC	29/1/40	RMO
CHAPLAIN	NX70715	POLAING	ARCHD	3/7/40	CHAPLAIN

2/26 Bu
Unit.
27 Dec 41
Date of Despatch.

A. H. Boyes
Signature of Commander.
29 Dec 41
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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 42 To 2 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RD KOTA TINGGI -	1 Jan 42	A M	All quiet. No reports of enemy activity.	
JEMALUANG 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ mp		0830	CO's conference. New Year's Day to be regarded as far as situation permits as day of rest.	
			Normal patrolling carried out by Coys.	
		P M 1230	New Year's Day dinner and bottle of beer served to tps.	
			All quiet.	<i>mo.</i>
	2 Jan 42	A M	All quiet. No reports of enemy activity.	
		0700	CO, Comds C & D Coys & IO left for recce of SEREMBAN area on W Coast.	
		0830	2 i/c's conference. A Coy reports patrol on track of 2 Jap soldiers reported in vicinity on 31 Dec 41.	
			Normal routine and work.	<i>m</i>

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Unit 2/26 Bn Date and Time.—From 2 Jan 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
34 ¹ / ₂ MP KOTA TINGGI - JEMUALANG Rd.	2 Jan	P M	All quiet. No reports of enemy activity.	Full moon
	3 Jan	A M	Aircraft estimated at 40 passed overhead; sounds of bombing in direction of SINGAPORE	
		0430	21/C's conference. Routine work on posn detailed. Further check of stores and equipment ordered in case of hurried move.	
		0830		
		P M	All quiet. No report of enemy activity.	
		1930	C O. OC. D & C Coys and I O returned from recce .	<i>mo.</i>
		2000	Sounds of planes overhead - not able to identify them.	
	4 Jan	A M	All quiet. No report of enemy activity.	
		0900	OC A Coy patrol, searching for 2 Japs in A Coy area, reported to Bn H Q with information that Japs had been captured by 2/18 Bn patrol. All members of patrol returned safely after covering 51 miles through dense jungle in 3 days.	
		PM	All quiet.	<i>mo.</i>
	5 Jan	AM	All quiet. No report of enemy activity.	
		0830	C O's conference. Orders for withdrawal of Reserve S A A to Bn reserve. S A practice to be fixed as per att table	Men now have 50 rds each. <i>mo.</i>
		PM	All quiet. C O attending conference at HQ 27 Aust Inf Bde	
	6 Jan	A M	All quiet. No report of enemy activity.	
		0830	C O's conference - possibility of move to W Coast very remote. Continuance of weapon tng: map reading.	
		PM	Patrolling and work as usual	
		1300	Bty H Q 65 Fd Bty came under Comd	
		1600	C O C AIF Malaya visited area. All quiet. No report of enemy activity	<i>mo.</i>
	7 Jan	AM	All quiet.	
		0830	CO's conference. Work to proceed as usual	
		PM	All quiet. No report of enemy activity	<i>mo.</i>
	8 Jan	AM	All quiet. No reports from our patrols re enemy activity	
		0830	CO's conference. New role of Bn and new Coy areas defined	New role is slight modification of present role
			Intensive patrolling to be carried out	
		PM	All quiet. Normal routine. No report of enemy activity	<i>mo.</i>

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Unit 2/26 Bn Date and Time.—From 9 Jan 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
34½ MP KOTA TINGGI - JEMUALANG Rd	9 Jan	AM	All quiet.	
		0430	Enemy planes heard overhead. No bombs dropped in immediate vicinity.	
		0830	CO's Conference. Intensive patrolling programme commenced.	
		1200	CO left for conference at Bde. Warning Order received for Bn move to SEGAMAT area.	
		1715	CO returned from Bde. DOGRA Regt adv party (Unit taking over this area) arrived and handing over commenced	
	10 Jan	2200	CO's conference and orders for move to SEGAMAT issued	See OO No. 2 att <i>ms.</i>
		0400	No enemy activity. CO and I O left for recce of new area	
		Han	Handing over to DOGRA Regt and preparations to move	
		0830	40 tp carriers available for move.	
		1245	2 i/c conference and final instns. re move	
Bivouac Areas YONG PENG	11 Jan	1830 -	Zero hr for move. Bn convoy moved in five gps. Route to be JEMUALANG X Rds - KLUANG → AYER HITAM - YONG PENG - SEGAMAT	<i>ms.</i> Very dense traffic moving SOUTH. Vehicles of 3 Ind Corps and civilian evacuees
		1930	Convoy gps arrived Bivouac area (72 MP Rd YONG PENG - PALOH) and allotted to respective areas.	
		A M	Quiet night. No enemy activity.	
		0730	Resumed journey. Gps moving in same order as yesterday. Speed reduced owing to traffic on road. Fortunately no enemy aircraft about.	
		1100 -	Enemy aircraft about. Bn arrived new area and subunits allotted to their respective areas. 29 Fd Bty less 1 tp and 1 tp	
Rd SEGAMAT - TANGKAK 40 MP		1200	A/Tk came under cmd on arrival	<i>ms.</i>
		PM	CO's conference. Verbal orders issued for occupation of posn as follows :- C and D Coy WEST of 40 MP on NORTH AND SOUTH of rd respectively. Bn HQ north of rd at 40 MP. B Coy astride rd at approx 39 MP - A Coy at rd junc BATU ANNAM Rd.	
		1400	Preparations of posns.	
	12 Jan	AM	All quiet. Numerous large convoys passing towards MALACCA all night. C O and I O attended conference at Bde. Message from CO sending Coy Comds to carry out recce of new areas	
		1430	WEST of BATU ANNAM.	

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Unit 2/26 Bn

Date and Time.—From 12 Jan 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
40 MF Rd SEGAMAT - TANGKA K	12 Jan	2030	CO 's conference and orders per new role issued. Bn to occupy posn astride rd WEST of BATU ANNAM. 2/30 Bn to be in front of GEMAS. Adm arrangements (issue of amm etc) commenced	<i>ms.</i>	
		2400			
		AM			All quiet. Work proceeding for move fwd. 29 Fd Bty and B Tp new under Comd
		1000			One pl each B C D Coys and B HQ report centre move fwd to new area.
	13 Jan	PM	Further preprations for move. Awaiting arrival of relieving unit.	Raining	
		1600	A Coy relieved and moved fwd to new posn. Bn ready to move - No sign of relieving Bn.		
		A M	All quiet. Bn less A Coy standing by ready to move		
		1030	Hand over to relieving Regt GARWALLAS completed. Bn ready to move on arrival of tp carrying tpt		
BATU ANNAM Est	14 Jan	1145	Bn commenced move fwd to new area (x) Bn HQ est. 3 G/7 - 835323 BATU ANNAM Est. Posns manned- slit trenches dug - all quiet	Huge convoy moving SOUTH - probable cause of delay <i>ms.</i> Raining slightly. No sign enemy aircraft since rain commenced (x) Sounds of bombing & machine gunning from direction of SEGAMAT Weather fine.	
		1300			
		1600			
		A M			
	15 Jan	0900	All quiet. No report of enemy activity Souhds of bombing in direction of BATU ANNAM. Preparation to move Bn H Q to new locality	<i>ms.</i>	
		1100			Bn HQ gp commenced to move to new posn. Report received that 2/30 Bn patrol had encountered enemy.
		1200			Bn in new posn ref 862346 MUARN River Est
		P M			Sounds of firing from GEMAS area. 2/30 Bn engaging enemy in strength. Reports indicate that enemy is using dive bombers, tanks and hy Arty. No allied aircraft in the sky.
MUAR RIVER EST		2000	A Coy 2/30 Bn came under comd 2/26 Bn whilst B Coy 2/26 Bn came under comd 2/30 Bn. Sounds of arty firing from direction of enemy and own coys all night.	<i>ms.</i>	
		16 Jan			All quiet. No reports of enemy activity during night.
		0800			Large force of our bombers escorted by fighters attacked enemy convoy on rd WEST of GEMAS
		PM			Vigourous patrolling by own tps in all sectors.

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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF Date and Time.—From 17 Jan 42 To 18 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MUAR RIVER ESTATE 3 miles North BATU ANAM	17 Jan 42	A M	Our arty shelling enemy at irregular intervals throughout night, Tps eager to get to grips with enemy. Vigorous patrolling continuing.	Everyone "on toes" and morale very high.
"	18 Jan 42	A M	Warning order received that 2/26 Bn less A Coy 2/30 Bn (under Comd) is to relieve 2/30 Bn, which is left fwd Bn of general defensive posn fwd of BATU ANAM.	
		0230	Tps commenced to move by route march to new posn.	
		0630	Tpt (skeleton only) commenced to move to new posn.	
FORT ROSE ESTATE Map 3 G/7 Sq 8222 8228		0830	2/26 Bn relieved 2/30 Bn. D Coy 2/29 Bn came under comd.	
		0900	M T convoy and tps bombed and machine gunned by enemy planes	No casualties.
			Coys in posn and patrolling commenced. Dispositions - Bn perimeter left to right: D Coy 2/29 Bn, C Coy 2/26 Bn, B Coy 2/26 Bn, D Coy 2/26 Bn, H Coy forming rear of perimeter. Bn HQ 822283.	Whilst B Coy w were under com d 2/30 Bn they los 5 killed & 4 wounded.
		PM 1200	Enemy patrols active and several shots exchanged. Presence of snipers noted.	
		1200-1700	Considerable activity, both arty and inf on our right. It appears as though unit on our right (Fd Frontier Rifles) are being heavily engaged.	
		1700-1830	Firing on right flank greatly intensified. It is apparent that a major attack is developing on our right. Arty on both sides engaged in intense duel.	
		1700	Enemy mortars opened up in front of our posn approx 320° from Bn HQ. Arty fire unable to silence mortars as exact posn is not known. Slight activity on our own front by snipers and patrols.	
		2000 ³ / ₄	CO & Adjt left for Bde (SEGAMAT) for orders. Intensive fire all along area North of railway line. Enemy have advanced and are penetrating FFR posn.	

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Unit 2/26 Bn

Date and Time.—From 18 Jan 42

To 20 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
do	18 Jan 42	2200	CO & Adjt arrived at Bde where orders were issued for withdrawal to posn South of SEGAMAT. Report received that BATU ANAM is in enemy hands, and Fd Frontier Rifles had been pushed back.	<i>mo.</i>
	19 Jan 42	0200	CO & Adjt returned to Unit area after having passed through enemy occupied territory. Orders for withdrawal along JEMENTAH RD issued. Enemy have surrounded Bn although there is no activity in unit perimeter.	It appears that enemy have concentrated their attack on Indian tps & have succeeded in pushing them back approx 3 miles. They have made no attack on our posn.
		0400	Withdrawal commenced in the order: B Coy, D Coy 2/29 Bn, Bn HQ, C Coy, HQ Coy, D Coy. Crs and MT to withdraw at first light Crs to cover withdrawal.	
JEMENTAH RD		0600	Withdrawal successfully carried out without casualties. Marching tps made no contact after leaving posn. Crs made slight contact when pulling out. All tpt and majority of weapons safely withdrawn.	
RD JUNC JEMENTAH RD - SEGAMAT TANYAK		1200 P M	Marching tps arrived this posn and were met by MT and transported to area 2 miles South of SEGAMAT for few hours rest.	
11 1/2 mp RD SEGAMAT LABIS		1300	Orders received from Bde that Bn was to move fwd and occupy posn South of SEGAMAT BRIDGE on right of RD. Other unit dispositions:- 5/11 Sikhs left fwd Bn, 2/30 Bn in rear.	
Right of RD in vicinity 11 1/2 mp along bank of S. SEGAMAT		1700	Bn moved fwd to occupy posn.	
		1930	Bn in posn. Fwd Coys along river bank, from rt to left, A, B, D Coy 2/29, C Coy, A Coy forming xxx left flank slightly in rear of other Coys. HQ Coy gp form rear of perimeter. Reasonably quiet. A fair amount of arty activity on selected tasks on Northern bank of River.	<i>mo.</i>
	20 Jan 42	A M	Reports that enemy had crossed river and infiltration on to RD SEGAMAT - LABIS some miles in rear of our posn.	
		1100	CO & Adjt reported to Bde for conference. Orders for withdrawal to LABIS issued. 2/30 Bn to cover withdrawal of 2 fwd units. No move before 1700 hrs.	

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Unit 2/26 Bn ATF Date and Time.—From 20 Jan 42 To 22 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
"	20 Jan	P M 1530	Orders issued to Coy Comds for withdrawal.	
		1600	Recce party (2 i/c, Coy 2 i/cs) left to recce new posn South of LABIS.	
			C Coy moved to embussing point to protect MT available for move, at 110 MP RD SEGAMAT - LABIS. Tps to march to this point then move by MT to new posn South of LABIS.	
		1700	Withdrawal commenced. Order of withdrawal:- B, C, D 2/29, Bn HQ, HQ Coy, D Coy, sub-units moving out at 15 minute intervals.	Discipline excellent. Tps
		2000	Withdrawal successfully carried out without casualties.	reluctant to withdraw
		2230	Tps arrived at embussing point, 110 mp (harbour on left of RD SEGAMAT - LABIS) and embussed. Convoy moved off.	from enemy.
		2300	Convoy arrived at LABIS and was directed to proceed to YONG PENG as new withdrawal order issued since departure, stated that Bn is to withdraw to YONG PENG and occupy posn on right right of RD YONG PENG - MUAR to secure X-RDS.	<i>ma</i>
71 mp RD YONG PENG - MUAR	21 Jan	AM 0400	Bn arrived at new posn on right of RD YONG PENG - MUAR and occupied defensive posn approx 1 mile West of YONG PENG.	Tps very tired.
		0700	Digging of slit trenches and co-ordination of fire plan.	
		PPM 1600	Intermittent bombing and machine gunning by enemy planes. No casualties.	
		1600	No reports of enemy activity within general vicinity of Bn perimeter.	Weather fine.
			All quiet. Posn manned. Sentries posted and tps allowed to get all the rest possible.	
	22 Jan	A M	All quiet.	<i>ma</i>
		1000	Enemy planes overhead. Machine gunning of area East of Bn sector. No bombs dropped.	
			CO & IO left for conference at Bde HQ.	
			1 flight of our fighters flew low over area towards MUAR at time of enemy bombers appearance. Apparently they did not see them.	
		1030-1200	Bombing and machine gunning of YONG PENG.	

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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF

Date and Time.—From 22 Jan 42 To 24 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
"	22 Jan 42	PM 1430	Order received for Bn to move to AYER HITAM immediately and occupy posn to secure X-RDS at AYER HITAM from threat along RD BATU PAHAT - AYER HITAM.	
		1500	2 i/c issued orders for move. Coys to march to 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ mp RD YONG PENG - AYER HITAM and then move by MT to new posn. 7 3-ton vehicles (2/2 Res MT Coy) to lift troops by ferry system. Coys to move to embussing point at 15 minute intervals in following order:- D, D (2/29), HQ, Bn HQ, C, A, B.	Very heavy bombing and machine gun attacks on X-RDS YONG PENG, approx 15 aircraft participating
59-61 mp RD AYER HITAM - BATU PAHAT		1930	2/30 Bn to take over 2/26 Bn posn. Move from YONG PENG completed without casualties. Bn in posn along RD AYER HITAM - BATU PAHAT from 59-61 mp - D Coy 2/29, D Coy 2/26 left and right fwd Coys then C, A astride Rd, Bn HQ, HQ Coy and B Coy astride Rd in rear.	CO & IO met Bn on arrival and placed Coys in posn
		P M	All quiet. No report of enemy activity.	Intense bombing attacks on X-RDS at AYER HITAM. <i>tho.</i>
	23 Jan 42	A M	All quiet. No report of enemy activity.	Enemy planes very active No British planes to be seen.
		1000	Coys readjusted posns and intense patrolling commenced. Area for 1000x on each side of RD; and ROAD patrolled.	
		PM 1400	Pilot offr (New Zealander) from Brewster Buffalo fighter, which had been shot down near BATU PAHAT, passed through our lines. Wounded man from D Coy (2/26) brought to RAP. Had been shot by Jap sniper near 60 mp.	
		1700	Report received that P1 Japs advancing down RD near 64 mp. Bn standing to.	
		1700-2400	All quiet except for harassing fire by our arty. No report of enemy activity. Posn of enemy unknown.	<i>mo.</i>
	24 Jan 42	A M	All quiet. No report of enemy activity during night. Report received yesterday at 1700 hrs probably false. During night armd cars carried out patrol from Bn HQ to AYER HITAM thence South for two miles towards JOHORE BAHRU to ensure that infiltration of enemy around flanks was not taking place. Coy comn patrols carried out during night without result.	

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Date and Time.—From 24 Jan 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
"	24 Jan 42	1000-1100	Very heavy bombing and machine gunning attack on Bn HQ posn by enemy planes. Our patrols active - no reports of enemy activity.	No casualties. No British or Allied aircraft in sky. Effect on morale noticeable.
		P M 1300-1330	15 enemy planes bombed and machine gunned X-RDS AYER HITAM and Bn HQ posn without casualties to us.	
		1430	Report received that enemy party were advancing along RD BATU PAHAT - AYER HITAM. 20 rds gunfire (arty) then 5 minutes normal fire ordered on area where enemy reported. No further reports of enemy activity. Vigorous patrolling carried out during hours of daylight without further result. No further information re enemy reported above.	
		1830	Bde L O reported with orders for one Coy to occupy posn 1 mile East of AYER HITAM on RD AYER HITAM - KLUANG to prevent enemy infiltration through from East.	
		1845	C Coy ordered to move to this posn. Coy comd left for piece of area, Coy moving fwd to RV.	
		2000	C Coy in posn. Very exposed posn but the best available.	<i>ms</i>
	25 Jan 42	A M	All quiet. No report of enemy activity during night. Slight arty (our own) activity.	
			Intensive patrolling by all sub-units. No report enemy in vicinity Bn posn. Enemy aircraft bombed and machine gunned AYER HITAM X-RDS.	
		PM 1500	Enemy arty (sounded like 25 pdrs) shelled Bn area particularly Bn HQ, A & C Coys.	1 killed, 5 wounded.
			Machine gun and rifle fire heard in vicinity 2/30 Bn posn, North of X-RDS.	2/30 Bn reported slight contact by fwd elements.
		1530-1800	Enemy arty action increased and Bn area subjected to mortar fire also.	No further casualties.
		1800	Orders received from Bde for Bn to withdraw to posn astride RD AYER HITAM - JOHORE BAHRU at 2000 hrs.	

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Unit 2/26 Bn AIF

Date and Time.—From 25 Jan 42

To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
"	25 Jan 42	1900	Orders for withdrawal issued to Coy Comds. Coys to move in following order:- D, D (2/29), A, C, Bn HQ, HQ Coy less Pnr Pl, B Coy, Tpt and Crs. Marching personnel from Bn less C Coy to move via TRACK connecting Bn posn to 56 mp thus avoiding X-RDS which are being subjected to very heavy shelling and mortar fire. C Coy to move across country to 56 mp to avoid X-RDS.	
		2000	Withdrawal commenced, C Coy being only Coy making contact with enemy, but suffered no casualties.	
		2300	Bn arrived 56 mp and proceeded to march South to 53 mp (embussing point).	Withdrawal completed without casualties & tps very tired. <i>M.</i>
	26 Jan 42	0830	Bn in posn astride RD at ⁴⁶ mp RD AYER HITAM - JOHORE BAHRU	
		0800	Bn commenced digging-in.	
		0900-1030	Defensive posn subjected to heavy bombing and machine gun attacks by 15 enemy aircraft.	6 wounded.
		1030	No report of enemy activity by our patrols, which are patrolling chiefly to the right front, also to flanks and rear.	
		1400-1600	Bn subjected to another heavy air raid (bombing and machine gunning attacks).	Several cases of shock otherwise no casualties.
		1600-1900	No report of enemy activity by our patrols. No report of enemy activity up till midnight.	Morale of tps becoming poorer with each successive air attack. Lack of air support causing slight general despondency. Tps very tired. (X) No casualties
	27 Jan 42	A M	Quiet night. Enemy shelled left of Bn posn at dawn. Patrolling commenced at first light with negative results as to location of enemy. Numerous enemy aircraft flying low overhead during morning but no attack on our posn made. (X) All quiet. Indications that an attack is imminent.	Enemy 'planes work "union" hrs- 0830-1200, 1400-1700; Their appearance is most regular.
		1400-1500	More enemy aircraft overhead, flying very low over posn, but no attack made	
		1500	Enemy opened fire from front and right flank with L M G and rifles. All parties of enemy observed were engaged by our tps Enemy also using rifle grenades, Chinese crackers. Enemy personnel observed were dressed as 'Indian' tps.	

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Unit 2/26 Bn

Date and Time.—From 27 Jan 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Numerous patrols sent out to contact enemy and several enemy parties were met and dealt with.	
	27 Jan 42	1700	Orders for withdrawal to a posn on right of GORDONS recvd from Bde, GORDONS posn being on NORTHERN side of rd in vicinity of 41 M P. Coys to march to new posn.	This is the fifth withdrawal since 18 Jan and in every case a long march is involved. It appears that the role of this Bn is to assist in the extrication of trapped British and Indian tps. Morale low and tps in the state of physical exhaustion.
		1800	Firing now most active on left flank and front. It appears enemy are endeavouring to work around left flank. Considerable small arms activity. Orders for withdrawal issued to Coy Comdrs	
		1830	Withdrawal commenced. Difficulty experienced in breaking off contact by A and B Coys.	
41 M P - 1500 yds N E.		2300	Bn arrived new posn and occupied night dispositions after having marched 5 miles.	
	28 Jan	AM -0600	Dispositions of Bn rearranged. Digging commenced.	
		0700	Contact with Japs made by A Coy on front. Japs withdrew and commenced to move around flank towards D Coy and C Coy posns where they were engaged. Engagement lasted approx 2 hrs with Japs moving backward and forward across front and right flank. Numerous enemy aircraft overhead carrying out bombing and machine gun attacks on our tps. No British 'planes sighted. Fierce engagement lasting all the morning but Japs would not attempt to face our fire. Our mortars very effective.	
		1330-1600	Japs moving around our right flank towards 2/30 Bn where they are engaged.	
		1600	2/30 Bn reports of danger of Japs getting around rear of their posn. A Coy 2/26 Bn sent over to 2/30 Bn area to meet threat on rear of 2/30 posn.	
		1830	Orders for withdrawal to 30 M P received. Order of withdrawal 2/30 Bn; 2/26 Bn, GORDONS.	
		1900	Bn moved in and took over 2/30 posn to cover their withdrawal	Tps very exhausted - lack of air support is causing many 'crack ups and general lowering of morale
		1915	Orders for withdrawal issued to Coy Comds to move in following order:- C,D, HQ, A, Bn HQ., B.	

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Unit 2/26 Bn

Date and Time.—From 28 Jan 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
30 M P Rd AYER HITAM - JOHORE BAHRU	28 Jan 42	1945	Withdrawal commenced and Bn moving down rd towards JOHORE BAHRU	Tps unduly exhausted after so many days of fighting without air support. A I st tps have held fwd posns for 11 days. No tpt for withdrawals very disheartening.
		2400	Bn arrived at new posn after a 10 mile march. No action during the march. Coys put into areas and sentries posted. General disposition - A Coy right of rd, then C D B Coys on left of rd H Q Coy in rear.	
	29 Jan 42	A M	Quiet night since arrival at posn.	
		0800	Japs made contact with C Coy and fighting commenced. Several determined thrusts down Rd broken up with heavy Jap casualties. D Coy patrols made several bayonet charges and captured 3 Jap machine guns with amm and a quantity of rifles C Coy engaged Japs with great success.	
		P M	Fierce fighting all the morning and each Jap attach repulsed. Jap aircraft bombed area particularly A Coy posn and inflicted casualties. Lack of air support most demoralising.	
		1500	Approx one Bn enemy observed forming up on rd for an attack - arty brought fire to bear on this area and inflicted severe casualties.	
			Fierce fighting during afternoon until approx 1800 hrs. All Jap attacks were easily repulsed with hugh losses to enemy - our casualties light (6 killed 25 wounded)	Estimated 200 Japs killed during days' fighting - Arty performed splendidly - Morale high
		1800	Orders for withdrawal to 21½ M P received.	
		1830	C O issued orders to Coy Comds. Order of withdrawal D, A, B, H Q., C Coys	
		1915	Withdrawal commenced.	
		2200	Bn arrived at new posn after having marched approx 6 miles - the remaining distance being covered by Unit M T operating on the ferry system. At approx 27½ M P tps of C Coy, B H Q, and H Q Coy were shelled by enemy light arty resulting in 1 killed 1 wounded. This is the only occasion that enemy has attempted to harass a withdrawal.	
		2300	Bn in new posn and tps resting. Dispositions C Coy fwd astride rd AYER HITAM - JOHORE BAHRU D Coy right fwd B Coy left fwd. A Coy right rear, H Q Coy left rear.	

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Unit 2/26 Bn Date and Time.—From 29 Jan 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
21½ M P Rd AYER HITAM - JOHORE BAHRU	30 Jan		Quiet night - tps very tired	
		0600	Bn standing to; no report of enemy activity during night	
		0700	Recce of area and decision to move to posn approx 800 yds made.	
		0730	Bn in new posn diggin in . Right fwd Coy - B. Left fwd Coy-D Right rear Coy - A Left rear Coy H Q. C Coy remaining in present posn 2 miles fwd astride rd.	
		0900	Enemy 'planes overhead which bombed and machine gunned former Bn posn for 2 hrs.	
			Quiet morning- Indians withdrawing on left to new posn opposite and in rear of this unit posn.	
		P M	2/30 Bn withdrew from posn fwd (25 M P) and took up posn on our left.	
		1400	Enemy bombers overhead but no bombs dropped on area. Planes flying at altitude of 100 ft and searching very carefully.	Lack of air support appalling
		1430	Quiet afternoon except from frequent and sustained visits by enemy planes.	
		1530	C Coy withdrew to posn across Rd on right flank	
		1830	Sounds of firing (Rifle L M G and mortar) heard approx ¼ mile to right rear. Armd Car sent out to investigate	
		1900	Armd car recce reports enemy party in small village at approx 20½ M P on rd AYER HITAM - JOHORE BAHRU firing on Indian tps withdrawing down Railway line on East of rd.	
2000	Orders for withdrawal received from Bde. 2/30 Bn to withdraw to 19 M P and take up a covering posn. by 2130 hrs. One Indian Bn to withdraw at 2130 hrs; 2/26 Bn at 2200 and remaining Indian Unit at 2230			
2030	Orders for withdrawal issued to Coy Comds. Order of withdrawal A Coy, D Coy, B Coy, H Q Coy, C Coy. Spasmodic firing heard in rear so route of withdrawal to be well East of rd until 19 M P (South of Village) is reached. M T to meet tps and at 13½ M P for transporting them to SINGAPORE			

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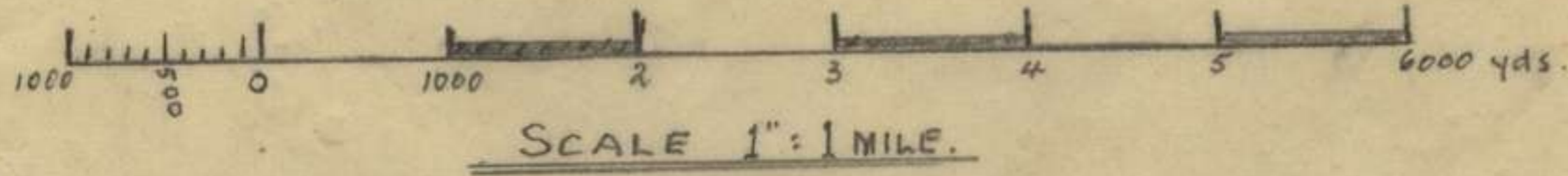
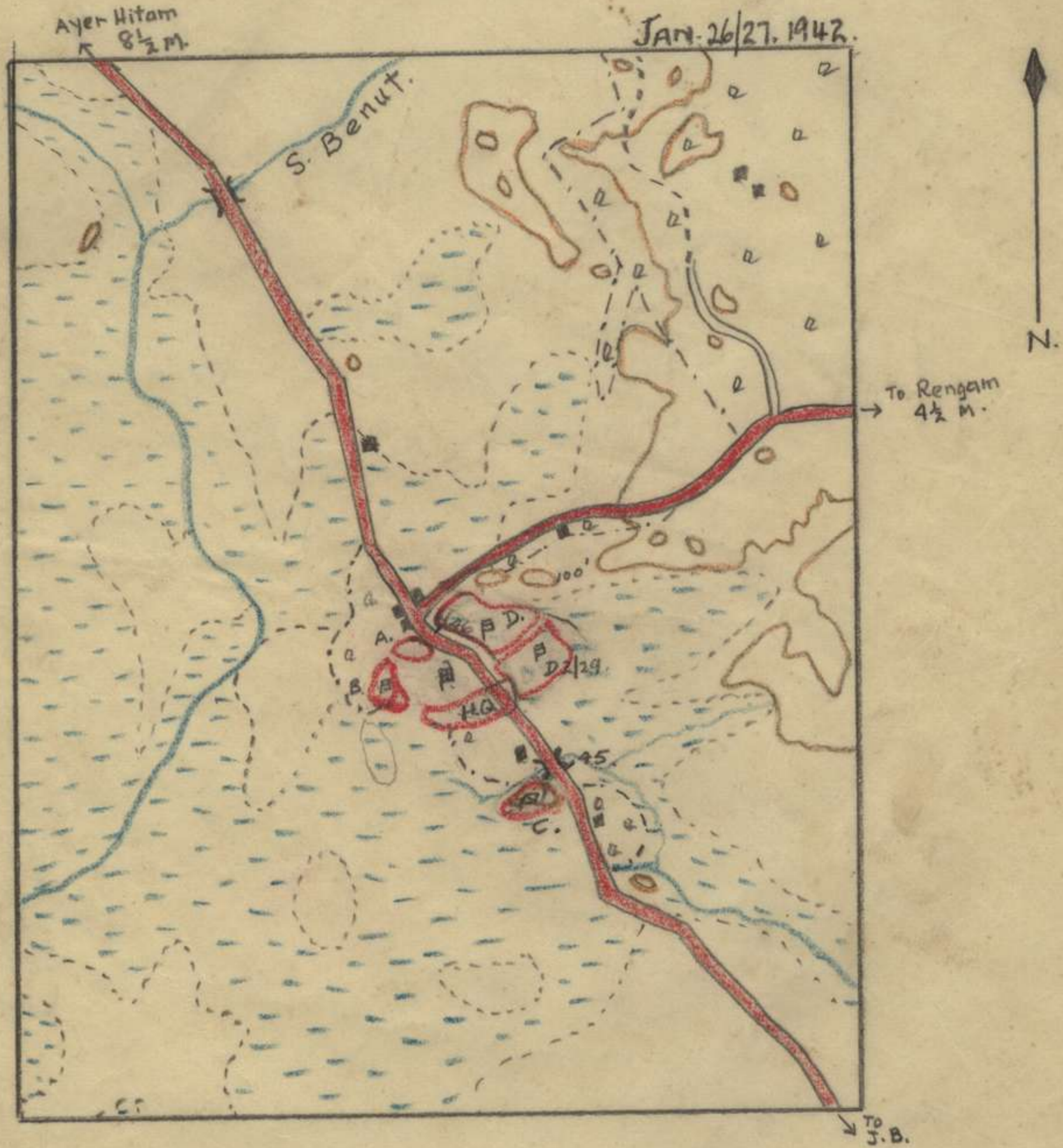
Unit 2 /26 Bn

Date and Time.—From 30 Jan 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		2200	Withdrawal commenced. No contact with enemy at time of withdrawal. Our army keeping up harassing fire to cover withdrawal.	<i>M</i>
13 1/2 M P AYER HITAM JOHORE BAHRU Rd	31 Jan	A M 0030	Marching tps arrived embussing point where vehicles of 2/3 Res M T Coy waiting. Enemy again shelled rd during withdrawal without getting any casualties.	
14 M P Rd JOHORE BAHRU - SINGAPORE (Kranji Creek)		0130 0330	Tps embussed and convoy commenced to move to SINGAPORE Bn arrived new posn and coys guided to areas for night. Sentries posted and tps resting.	Tps mentally and physically exhausted
		0630 0800	Bn standing to - no enemy activity during night C O's conference with Coy Comds and orders for occupation of new posn issued.	
		0830-1230	Coy Comds recce of respective areas. Tps resting after 13 days of active operations Numerous British planes in sky and plenty of A A Btys are a welcome sight - morale of tps much improved.	Welcome respite from regular Jap bombing which always took place at 0830 and 1400 hrs daily.
		P M	Quiet day.. No bombing - no reports of enemy activity. Coys moved into new posns and patrolling commenced	
				<i>H. L. Sabin</i> Capt. Adj. 2/26 Bn. /
				<i>1 Feb 42</i>

SIMPANG RENGAM.

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Map of Rengam
I.O. 2/26/42.

2/26 Bn. A.I.F.
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28 Feb. 43

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Unit Records.
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WAR DIARIES. 2/26 Bn.

Having carefully studied and checked the Bn War Diaries for Jan & Feb 42 I have decided that we should adopt the policy of most units in 8 Aust Div and add several narratives to enlarge and clarify some incidents and correct some impressions that may have been gained.

As you are aware 2/26 Bn is one of the few units that wrote up it's diaries daily and forwarded a copy at the end of Dec 41 and Jan 42 to 2 Ech. These copies, written under the strain of war conditions may reflect the reactions of an individual rather than the unit as a whole. The too frequent reference to low morale is disproved by the actions subsequently fought by the Bn.

On many occasions tps were lacking in vitality due to days of heavy fighting without respite followed by long night marches and the necessity of digging-in on arrival at the new position, but, NOT on any occasion, did they fail to give a good account of themselves when called on. The Bn always fulfilled it's allotted role and NOT on any occasion yield an inch of ground until ordered to do so.

I am sure that the late Lieut-Col A.H. BOYES would have taken the same view that all possible steps should be taken to correct any impression, if gained from the War Diary, that the 2/26 Bn was demoralised during the Malayan Campaign.

C.P. Tracey
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MAJOR.
CMD. 2/26 Bn. A.I.F.

NARRATIVE 1.

18 Jan. 42.
2000 hrs.

C.O. & Adj reported to Bde H.Q. at SEGAMAT and were met by Brig. MAXWELL who appeared to be very concerned about the position in the forward areas and after a short discussion took them to H.Q. 11 IND DIV. where the Div Comd expressed his surprise that the Bn was not heavily engaged, his own units having reported heavy fighting.

It was here learned that a general withdrawal would take place owing to the deterioration of the position on the WEST COAST. The party then moved back to Bde HQ where orders were issued to 2/30 Bn for its wdl. The Bde Comd desired to contact Brig LEY, Comd 6 IND INF BDE, before issuing orders for the wdl of the 2/26 Bn and the party then went forward to BULOK KASAP. Approx. two hours were spent here before the order for wdl was issued. The C.O. was informed that 1/13 F.F.Rs on the Bn's right flank were heavily engaged and that the Bn would withdraw cross-country to RD JUNCT BATU-ANAM - JEMENTAH SEGAMAT-TANKAK where, it was hoped, tpt would be available. First consideration would be the wdl of personnel and, if thought necessary, tpt and heavy gear would be disabled and abandoned.

During this period the fwd secs had made contact and some infiltration had taken place round the ~~right~~ left flank, and had contacted A Coy. who had been moved fwd from its old position on the JEMENTAH RD to an estate rd two miles to the rear of the Bn position (JOHORE $\frac{1}{4}$ " MAP Q8626) by Bde. (This change was NOT notified to the C.O. until he had reported back to Bde for orders). The Bn area had been under mtr and arty fire though few casualties had been suffered.

19 Jan. 42.
0200 -
1200 hrs.

C.O. & Adj rejoined the Bn without incident and orders were issued for the wdl. A Coy, who had received their orders from the C.O. on his way back to the Bn, were to form a bridge-head to cover the wdl, Coys moving back by different routes to A Coy and then via BATU ANAM - JEMENTAH RDS to the embussing point. Order B, D 2/29, Bn HQ, C, HQ and D Coys. Tpt and Carriers to move at first light.

Owing to intense darkness, light rain and the proximity of the enemy precluding the use of torches to study maps D Coy 2/29 Bn and B Coy took a route parallel to the rly line and marched very close to BATU ANAM. At first light the error was discovered when tps, thought to be enemy, were observed moving in the vicinity. Both Coys turned EAST and eventually linked up with Bn HQ. For some miles open lalang country was crossed and the constant presence of enemy aircraft made the move a difficult and slow one.

All Coys reported to the embussing point on time and despite constant bombing and machine-gunning of the route assembled with only one casualty en route at BUKIT SIPUT. The tpt had a more eventful wdl. As the motors started up the enemy opened a heavy fire at close range but all vehicles got clear under the protecting fire of the carrier's MMGs.

NARRATIVE 2.
SIMPANG RENGAM.

26 Jan. 42.

0230 hrs. Wdd of the Bn from AYER HITAM was completed and Coys disposed to cover the RD JUNCT from attacks from the NORTH, A & D left and right fwd, D 2/29 right rear, B left flank, C and HQ Coys rear. on arrival the tps were given a hot meal and a few hours rest and at first light Pl dispositions were checked and digging-in commenced with the few tools that were available.

0900 hrs. Before adequate shelters had been dug the first of a series of low-level bombing attacks commenced and although the aircraft were very persistent very few casualties were suffered in the first two hours of these attacks. Patrols were sent fwd to keep contact with 2 GORDON HIGHLANDERS and others to either flank, D Coy sent one some miles EAST in the direction of RENGAM RLY STN without being able to contact 45 IND BDE who were understood to be w'drawing down the Rly line.

1030 hrs. Brig MAXWELL came fwd and indicated that the wdl orders issued for the night would probably be cancelled as it was thought probable that the position would have to be denied for a further 24 hrs to cover the wdl of 45 IND BDE. The first indication of the plan to wdraw to SINGAPORE ISLAND was given and Capt WALKER, O.C C Coy, was sent back to recce the area allotted to the Bn. Dispositions were rearranged and C Coy sent back to cover a Bridge about a mile to the rear of the Bn position, over which enemy A/C had flown continually, and, it was thought that the enemy may make a wide detour and attempt to cut the rd at this point. H.Q. Coy was now responsible for protection of the rear of the perimeter.

1400 hrs. During the early afternoon the Bn was subjected to it's first experience of dive-bombing and machine-gun attacks by a large number of enemy A /C. For four hours these planes were constantly over-head and in addition to the bombers fighter and recce planes flew over at tree-top level and machine-gunned the tps and vehicles, while anti-personnel bombs and grenades were dropped in profusion.

As one fighter banked to drop some grenades a sheet of paper was seen to blow out of the cock-pit. It was recovered by the tps and proved to be a map showing our dispositions very accurately and showed that the aircraft were operating from KUALA LUMPUR. Casualties from these attacks were NOT heavy though some of the vehicles had been badly damaged. Patrols continued to report NO enemy activity.

2200 hrs. Tp movement was heard on the rd and proved to be the GORDONS wdrawing to take up a position in the NAMAZI ESTATE five miles to the rear of the Bn position. BDE COMD again contacted the Bn and confirmed the earlier information that the Bn would remain in it's present position for a further twenty-four hours.

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NARRATIVE 2 (Continued).

27 Jan 42.

0800 hrs.

The night had passed without incident and all ranks appreciated a much needed rest. Aircraft were again active and were constantly over the area though few bombs were dropped. These planes worked to a definite time-table and could be relied on to be over between the hrs of 0830-1200 and 1400-1700.

1500 hrs.

After the area had been shelled for about an hour intensively an attack developed and was resolutely met and held by the fwd Coys. It soon became obvious that while pressure was kept up on the fwd Coys and a heavy SAA fire maintained the enemy made an attempt to outflank the position. Soon B Coy had become involved and were hard-pressed though NO impression was made. A Coy reported that a LMG posted in a kampong fwd of the Rd Junct was particularly troublesome and asked if D Coy could do anything to relieve the pressure. A 2" mtr was moved fwd under cover of a small strip of jungle and the first shot, fired at low angle, went in an open door of the house in which the gun had been located, exploded, and silenced the gun for all time.

A number of the enemy seen were dressed in native costume and, as the number did NOT appear to be large, a patrol was sent out who suitably dealt with them. After fighting for some time and suffering heavy casualties the enemy withdrew and again patrols were sent out to maintain contact.

1700 hrs.

Orders for the wdl to commence at dusk were received from Bde but as it became dark the enemy attacks became much more persistent. The enemy resorted to various means calculated to upset morale. Thousands of rounds of tracer amm of various colours were fired though without any regard to aim. In fact it was quite harmless as most of it was at least ten feet in the air. Some crackers of the Jumping Jack variety were also used. These crackers burst with a flash of coloured fire and then changed direction suddenly and would again explode, this would occur perhaps ten times with the one cracker. These tactics entirely failed in their purpose, particularly after several of the men had been hit without any ill-effects. All the fire did NOT prove as harmless, however, and it soon became apparent that the programme of wdl could NOT be adhered to. A and B Coys were heavily involved and orders for the wdl were suspended and the fight went on. Later, as opportunity offered, these Coys broke contact and hurriedly withdrew, covered by some Pls of HQ Coy. D Coy 2/29 were NOT involved and withdrew on time and eventually the remainder of the Bn moved back to the bridge where they were covered by C Coy. After all Coys had been checked across the bridge was blown and the Bn moved back to take it's position up in the NAMAZI ESTATE.

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NARRATIVE 3.

NAMAZI ESTATE. 41. M.P.

27 Jan 42.

2300 hrs. The Bn completed it's wdl from SEMPANG RENGAM and arrived ~~at~~ in the vicinity of the 41 M.P. and moved approx. 1000 yds EAST into the NAMAZI ESTATE with the allotted role of covering two roads, one running NORTH & SOUTH parallel with the main JOHORE BAHRU - SEGANAT RD and one running WEST from RENGAM RLY STN. The Bn was disposed in a close night perimeter and a hot meal was served from the B ech vehicles that were sent forward from the rear where they were brigaded, then, while the tps had a much-needed rest the C.O and Coy Comds reced a wider area to be occupied before daylight.

As the Bn was responsible for denying the rd junct the greater perimeter was formed with the Coys disposed from left to right rear, B, A, C & D with HQ Coy linking the rear and before first light the tps were moved in position and having learned the lesson of always carrying some tools within each Sec soon had shallow weapon pits dug .

28 Jan 42.

0900 hrs.

As a large gap existed between the 2 GORDON HIGHLANDERS who were covering the area left of the Bn to the road B Coy was moved WEST to maintain contact and A and D Coys re-arranged to cover the new frontage.

This move had barely been completed when enemy patrols contacted B and A Coys and after a sharp exchange of S.AA, withdrew. D Coy sent a patrol forward to keep contact and in a very short time reported that the enemy was moving to the right flank. D Coy contacted these patrols who again w'drew. For some time the enemy moved backward and forward along the frontage of the two Coys and brushes were constantly occurring, some of the enemy remaining to harrass B Coy for the remainder of the day. Aircraft were over the area most of the time though NO bombs were dropped which appeared to indicate that enemy forces were in close proximity. As the main body of the enemy made contact it became apparrant that the attack would on the right flank.

1100 hrs.

For two hours the enemy persistently attacked the right flank held by C & D Coys using a great number of heavy MGs and mtrs without gaining any advantage. The volume of fire was far heavier than had previously been experienced. An indication can be gained from the fact that 14 Pl of C Coy were unable to move in the slightest degree while some of the parapets of of the slit trenches were completely shot away. On receipt of a request from C Coy to try and relieve the pressure D Coy sent a 2" mtr forward to within 100 yds of the enemy and for the expenditure of eighteen bombs (H.E) destroyed two MGs and three mtrs. This distraction considerably reduced the volume of fire and neither Coys were unduly worried about maintaining their positions. As a large numbers of snipers were posted in trees dominating the area two amd cars were sent fwd from the Bn HQ and indiscriminately sprayed the trees with their MMGs and a number of victims were seen to drop.

1300 hrs.

Having failed to make an impression on the Bn perimeter the main enemy force moved beyond C Coy and contacted 2/30 Bn who were in reserve. An hour later a further attack was launched against the Bn right flank and once more they were driven back

NARRATIVE 3 (Continued)

During this attack it was noticed that the enemy, while well camouflaged were prone to take cover from view but not from fire. As a result of this observation LMGs were ordered to direct their fire at bushes and low foliage that forced the enemy to break and so offer far better targets as they made for cover of a more substantial nature.

1600 Hrs.

An order was received from Lieut-Col. GALLAGHAN, C.O 2/30 Bn, stating that his Bn was involved and that he was doubtful of being able to keep the main road open for the expected withdrawal. A Coy of the Bn was required to counter-attack on his right flank. A Coy was therefore withdrawn from the perimeter and sent to report to Comd 2/30 Bn while D Coy extended its rather long frontage to the WEST to fill the gap that had been temporarily held by PLs from HQ Coy.

A Coy moved to its allotted start line on the 2/30 Bn right flank but as two Coys of that Bn who had counter-attacked were forced back by a non-persistent throat and eye irritant form of gas the Coy was NOT committed and took over the defensive positions that had been held by these Coys and remained in position until contacted by the Bn on its subsequent take-over of the 2/30 Bn area. In this position the C.Os of both Bns were directly linked by phone and were able to keep one another informed at all times of the position.

1830 hrs.

Orders were received for a withdrawal to the vicinity of the 30 m.p and the Bn took over the 2/30 Bn area to cover the withdrawal of that Unit who arranged to cover a jungle defile some distance back that had given both C.Os some anxious thought.

Some difficulty was experienced by C & D Coys in breaking contact and part of one Pl that was pinned by snipers were ordered to remain in position until dark and then join the Bn on the main rd. The change-over was carried out without further incident and at 1945 hrs withdrawal had commenced.

As no transport carriers were available the C.O ordered the institution of a ferry system with what part of A Ech vehicles that were with the Bn. All preconceived ideas of loads were scrapped and all transport given a lift for part of the journey. An example of what use can be made of these vehicles was given by the water cart that made several trips carrying up to 25 men and a great number of heavy weapons and filling bottles of the marching transport as it returned for another load.

Though tired the transport were in great heart largely due to the men having convinced themselves that man for man they were superior to the enemy and knowing that they had inflicted losses out of all proportion to those suffered by the Bn. During this action it was estimated that the enemy had 400 killed and it was known that he had suffered a considerable loss of weapons.

NARRATIVE 4. 30¹/₄ M.P. JOHORE BAHRU -
SEGAMAT RD.

29 Jan 42.
 0700 Hrs.

By first light the Bn was disposed with A Coy right of the rd and C Coy left, the remainder from right to left were D Coy fwd, B left flank and HQ Coy rear with a small det of the GORDONS with B Coy. MMGs had been dismounted from the carriers and a sec allotted to B & D Coys who each had excellent fields of fire from their respective positions that dominated the fwd areas. Again a shortage of tools did NOT permit any extensive digging, though most Coys took advantage of rubber drains that were fairly plentiful in this area.

0800 Hrs.

The first warning of the proximity of the enemy came from a dr of a 2/15 Fd Regt recce truck that had gone too far fwd and was surprised by a party of the enemy who were repairing a bridge about a mile fwd of the Bn perimeter. The dr and one other occupant escaped by diving into a ditch by the road-side and, taking advantage of the available cover, contacted D Coy. Arty fire was immediately called for on the bridge area.

Shortly after this incident a cyclist patrol of about thirty dressed in Japanese, British and native clothing were observed moving down the rd. Fire was withheld until the party stopped and dismounted between A & C Coys area then while they offered a good target at close range the nearer secs of both Coys opened fire and wiped them out to a man.

D Coy was holding the reverse slope of a hill that, while covered with lalang on the crest offered good cover on it's rear slopes and only maintained a sec on the fwd slopes as a standing patrol with orders to fall back if the enemy attacked in large numbers. B Coy on the left flank held a kidney shaped feature that dominated the open country from the left fwd corner of the perimeter to the left rear. The MMGs of both Coys were sighted, for the first time during the campaign, on areas where advantage could be taken of their range. As mtr, sig and carrier personnel had definite tasks to perform HQ Coy did NOT have many men to cover the rear. This did NOT occasion very much concern as the 2 GORDONS were astride the rd in the immediate rear with 2/30 Bn some distance further back with a similar role.

0900 Hrs.

The standing patrol of D Coy was driven in by a force of Japanese estimated at one Bn strength after they had maintained a steady fire during the period that it took the enemy to gain the crest. The sec Comd reported that the enemy were armed with a large number of automatic weapons and that a number of mtr dets were with the force. He estimated that his sec had accounted for at least fifty of the enemy who had NOT learned the disadvantage of bunching during an attack. For some time activity was limited to shelling and fire from mtrs that was replied to by the Bn mtr pl who fired with extreme accuracy considering that their fire was unobserved and ranges worked from a 1" map.

D Coy Comd becoming uneasy of the continued inactivity sent a sec round the EAST flank of the hill as a fighting patrol to gain information. As soon as the sec reached the lalang heavy SAA fire was exchanged and in a very short time the patrol re-appeared making for it's pl area. The sec comd reported that the enemy held the hill in great strength and that his sec had caught them unprepared and had inflicted about 70 casualties and had captured a LMG. On appreciating the situation O.C. D Coy consider

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NARRATIVE 4 (Continued)

that the enemy would pay special attention to this flank and promptly organised an attack from the WEST. He ordered one pl fwd to attack covered by fire from Coy HQ and one other pl. The attacking pl, under perfect control attacked with the bayonet and grenades and later reported back with three more captured LMGs, boxes of amm and a number of rifles as trophies. The pl comd reported that the previous patrol's estimate of casualties inflicted was NO exaggeration and actually after this attack 240 enemy dead were counted. The PL Comd killed 12 enemy himself with rifle and bayonet. This Pl had NO fatal casualties during the attack, six were wounded and after treatment four returned to the pl.

The enemy put down a heavy concentration of MG and MTR fire on the recaptured area but owing to it's open nature and the constant flight of aircraft overhead the tps withdrew and took up their original positions sending the captured weapons to Bn HQ for disposal. Meanwhile the dismounted guns of the carriers had picked up some good targets on the flats below them and had added considerably to the enemy's casualties. B Coy had countered an attempt to bring up mtrs on it's flank and despite bombing and shelling had NO difficulty in holding off all attempts to penetrate the left flank.

1100 Hrs. Fighting had now become general and the four rifle Coys were all engaged in repelling resolute enemy attacks. The Japanese pressed their attacks and did NOT seem disheartened by the heavy casualties they were suffering. Mtr and MGs were set up in full view of the Coys and were generally destroyed before they could be brought into action. Our own Mtrs, disregarding all text book ~~XXX~~ rules fired 200 rds HE well inside the Bn FDLs and took heavy toll of the attacking tps. Bombing and shelling continued without causing much damage though on several occasions it appeared to cause consternation to the enemy.

1400 Hrs. After a short lull in the fighting a large body of the enemy were seen forming up forward of C Coy while another force could be seen moving down the road about a mile away accompanied by what appeared to be an inf gun. D Coy from it's elevated position had a good view of this area and after arty fire had been called for reported that the shells could be seen bursting among both concentrations. The attack on C Coy did NOT develop and it was considered that very few survived this fire particularly as it had been thickened with many rounds of HE from our own Mtrs.

A couple of Japanese from the body who had been vainly trying to make an impression on A Coy dashed out on the rd and planted a flag and a white signal opposite the Coy position and although they were shot down almost immediately a flight of bombers circled over-head and subjected the area to a heavy bombing attack. As a result of this bombing A Coy was reduced to 56 all ranks and were moved back a short distance to avoid a recurrence.

An armd car was moved down the road to deal with two MMGs that were worrying C Coy and after going 300 yds located the guns sighted in a ditch by the road-side. Both guns were silenced and the car returned without mishap.

1700 Hrs/

NARRATIVE 4 (Continued)

1700 Hrs.

The Bn area was subjected to increasing bombing and shelling while the fwd Coys were constantly repelling attacks. The steady flow of casualties was added to when planes flew over B Coy and dropped gas in cylinders. This form of attack did NOT cause any fatal casualties and after an hours misery with effected throats and eyes the victims were back with their Coy none the worse for their experience.

As dusk approached the enemy broke contact and withdrew. Two armd cars were sent fwd about a mile to maintain contact and engaged several attractive targets. On their return they reported that parties of the enemy had been seen and it was estimated that thirty had been killed.

During the day many attacks had been repulsed and the enemy force of at least one Bde strength supported by Mtrs, Atty and aircraft had been unable to make any impression on the defences.

Enemy casualties were conservatively estimated at 500 NOT taking into account the number killed by the supporting arty fire while the Bn losses amounted to 12 Killed and 51 wounded or shocked. Morale was very high and at 1915 hrs the Bn withdrew to 21 M.P. again using A Ech tpt to ferry the tired but very self-satisfied tps.

The following points have been noted during operations for this month:-

1. MARKED LACK OF AIR SUPPORT

Only on two occasions during 13 days of active operations were British or Allied planes sighted and on both occasions they did not provide air support but merely flew over Bn area. Low-level dive bombing and machine gunning has a marked effect on the morale of the men, more so than any other factor encountered, which included irregularity of food and lack of rest. Jap planes would skim the tree tops and drop bombs in sticks of three.

Casualties from dive-bombing were more numerous than casualties from other causes. A.A. protection, when provided, (on one occasion only) kept Jap planes high and improved the morale of the men tremendously. One days continuous low-level divebombing is sufficient to weaken the moral of men and cause loss of efficiency more than is generally realised.

2. WITHDRAWALS

Not on any occasion were the enemy successful in forcing a withdrawal on our front. All withdrawals were carried out according to plan, and the enemy showed no aggressive spirit or initiative to follow up withdrawals.

On two occasions the enemy shelled the route of withdrawal for a few minutes only.

3. ATTACK

The enemy usually attacked on the front and on meeting resistance immediately withdrew and moved to a flank. If unable to get around flank he did not press home any attack. He seemed reluctant to stand up to fire and when once put to the ground remained there. His forming up areas for attacks often were within view of our tps and on two occasions on a main rd.

Counter preparation Arty fire disorganised these attempts with heavy casualties. His Aircraft worked in close co-operation with fwd tps but did not closely support them during actual contact. If an attack failed, aircraft would bomb and machine gun our position and then a further attack would develop.

During an attack his aircraft would dive low near our areas, as if they were going to drop bombs, in an attempt to keep our heads down. On two occasions, when after vainly trying to dislodge us from our defensive position, a concentration of choking gas was put over our fwd tps as a final measure. This was dropped from low flying aircraft in bakelite bombs. It was non-persistent and of a very local effect. As we were not carrying respirators at the time it is not known if the service respirator would be effective protection.

He is a poor shot with rifle and L M G, and on one occasion just prior to a withdrawal by our tps, he concentrated several L M G's on our position. All bullets were at least 10' above the ground and there were no casualties.

4. GENERAL

The Jap has introduced novel tactics into modern warfare. He is a master of disguise and uses this to effect. His troops are likely to appear dressed as Indians or Malays and actually come out in the open shouting catch phrases such as "Hullo Joe" and the like. A party of Japs disguised as Indians made friendly gestures to one of our patrols in an attempt to entice them closer. Our patrols opened fire and the Japs withdrew.

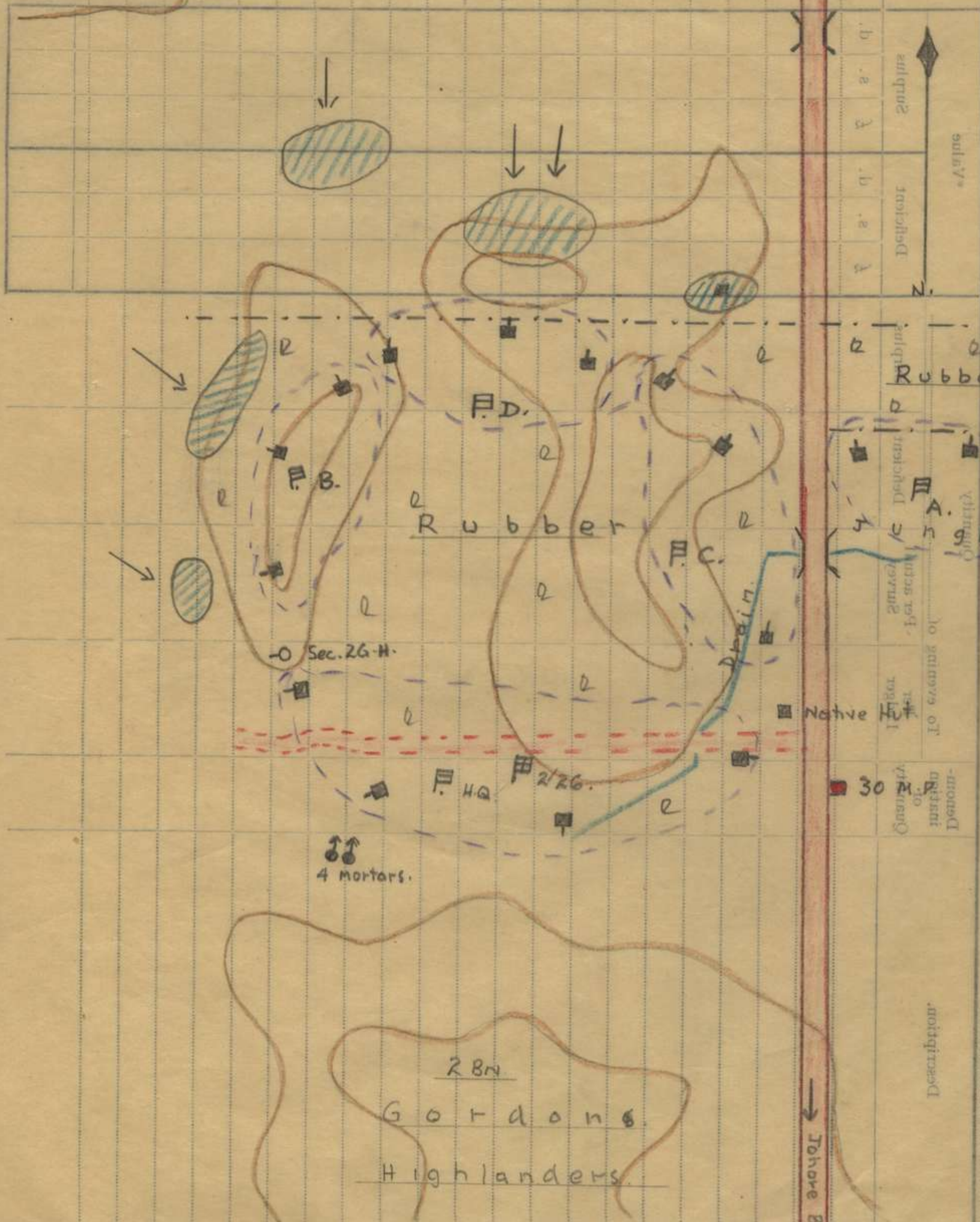
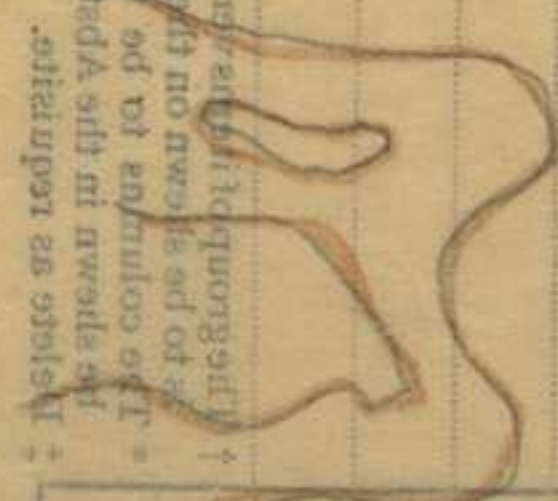
He works to a time table, appears to dislike night operations and heavy rain. Man to man it is considered our Aust soldier is equal to 10 Japanese.

H. L. Sabin
Capt
(H L Sabin)
Adjt 2/26 Bn

D-178 (Mars) 2-148 (Mars)

SKETCH 2'26 DISPOSITIONS. 31 M.P.

29 JAN. 42.



Legend

Contours	
Coy Areas	F.D.
Enemy	
Rubber	[e] [e]

SCALE 2" = 1 MILE
Approx.

219° 41' 32"
219° 35' 30"

Moore head
I.O. 2/2684

REPORT OF STOCKTAKING
 Group
 Supply & Item
 Date of previous Stocktaking
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NARRATIVE 5. 2/26 Bn WAR DIARY. (Nos 1 - 4 with Jan Diary)

9 Feb.

0630 Heavy firing on the 22 Aust Inf Bde front had been continuous during the night and an attempted landing on the Bn right flank was repulse d by automatic fire, NO enemy succeeded in getting ashore.

0730. Lieut-Col OAKES reported to the Bn to take over from Lieut-Col
1300. BOYES who was to take over co-ordination of rear defence. Both C.Os made a recce of the area and appreciated that as the enemy was known to have made an impression on the 22 Bde front the Bn would have to defend the line of the KRANJI RIVER and the area cut by the S.PENG SUA. The fwd Coys were subjected to intensive arty fire and as the ground was too low-lying to dig slit trenches, had built breast-wks that did NOT provide sufficient protection and suffered 35 casualties as a result. This arty was directed on the Coy areas by a number of low-flying aircraft with extreme accuracy.

1330. Lieuts-Col BOYES and OAKES reported to Bde H.Q., situated at the SINGAPORE DAIRY FARM and Col OAKES was ordered to re-arrange the Bn defences to cover the original frontage (KRANJI RIVER MOUTH - CAUSEWAY) and the EAST bank of S.KRANJI and S.PENG SUA to a point 6000 yds SOUTH from the STRAITS OF JOHORE. The I.O. was immediately sent back to the Bn with a warning order. A composite Coy was to be formed from the fourth Pl of each rifle Coy and was allotted the area EAST of the S.KRANJI to a point 3000 yds SOUTH of the STRAITS. (SINGAPORE & JOHORE 1" MAP. Sqs 7224 & 7123) and would link with D Coy who would move out and continue the line for a further 3000 yds on the EAST banks of the S. KRANJI and the S. PENG SUA.

Both Coy Comds left immediately to attempt a recce of the new area and were ordered to report back to Bn H Q NOT later than 1700 hrs.

1830 CO returned from Bde HQ with instns that the Bn must hold its position until the SHELL PETROL DEPOT near the CAUSEWAY was blown and that any subsequent move of the 2/26 and 2/30 Bns would be ordered and co-ordinated by Lt Col OAKES. Comp & D Coys who were standing by were ordered to move out and take up their respective positions.

The Comp Coy moved to the new area without difficulty, but D Coy who were to move down the JOHORE BAHRU RD to YEW TEE village and then move WEST were blocked by an impassable barrier of burning oil that was flowing down a drain 16 feet deep and 10 feet wide from the oil tanks that were blazing fiercely in the village. Assuming that this barrier would prove as great an obstacle to the enemy the Coy Comd took up a position between the RLY line and the JOHORE BAHRU Rd and patrolled widely to each flank and reported his action to Bn HQ. Patrols towards PANJANG VILLAGE reported contact with 12 Ind Bde on the CHOA CHU KANG RD and the Coy 2i/c then arranged with the BM to meet patrols from 2/19 Hyderabad Regt at PANJANG VILLAGE thus forming continuous patrols along CHOA CHU KANG RD then NORTH along JOHORE BAHRU RD to MANDAI VILLAGE. This arrangement did NOT function. The 2 i/c reported his action to Bn HQ but was told that D Coy must move to its original position. That necessitated a march NORTH until the oil could be crossed and then to the area of the S. PENG SUA where the position was occupied at 0300 hrs.

2000 - After a further heavy arty preparation the enemy landed on A & B
2400 hrs Coy fronts concentrating on KRANJI PIER where wire and defensive

works had been completely demolished by arty fire. Bodies of enemy tps landed in the mangrove swamps along the entire frontage while others moved by boats up the S. MANDAI to outflank the positions. The SDF was fired as soon as the enemy were seen but NO defensive fire resulted. All flares were expended without any tangible results and eventually one 'phone at A Coy HQ was repaired and information passed to Bn HQ. NO arty support/available although 27 Bde was advised and an Arty LO sent by truck to contact his unit. The search lights did NOT function. Twenty minutes after the first tps landed the MMGs of the 2/4 MG Bn opened fire and a few rounds were fired from the Bty supporting the 2/30 Bn. The Bn mort sec with C Coy fired 150 rds of HE principally on the KRANGI PIER area and no difficulty was experienced in holding the enemy at this front.

Hand to hand fighting became general with the fwd pls of both Coys and the position was considered to be well in hand. Infiltration around the left flank of A Coy forced the fwd pls to withdraw and a line was re-established 300 yds SOUTH of the waters edge on the only dry ground in the area. Despite casualties that had reduced A Coy to 100 and B Coy to less than 60 the two Coys held firm and no further penetration took place. The enemy persevered sending barges up the S. MANDAI where heavy casualties were inflicted by MGs and MTRs.

at 2400 hrs Lt Col OAKES received orders from Bde to take up a new line (after the SHELL DEPOT demolition) with 2/26 and 2/30 Bns from the CAUSEWAY to S. PENG SUA. Lt Col OAKES therefore ordered 2/30 Bn to take up a line from CAUSEWAY to rd junc at MANDAI VILLAGE and the 2/26 Bn to continue the line to S. PENG SUA (SINGAPORE 1" Map ref 713209) In the event of enemy action upsetting this plan he was to move both Bns as he thought fit.

Owing to an unforeseen mishap to the Eng demolition party's truck the Bn was advised that the expected blowing of the oil tanks could NOT be completed before 0200 hrs.

10 Feb
0001-
1000 hrs

At 0200 hrs the Eng party reported to Bn HQ with new equipment and after warning the CO to expect the demolition to take place at 0400 hrs set off to complete the task. Meanwhile A and B Coys had maintained their positions despite frequent attempts by the enemy to force them back. Comp and D Coys had carried out patrolling over their wide frontage and had NOT made contact with the enemy.

CO modified the original scheme of w/dl and issued orders for the Bn to w/draw to a line, BUKIT PANJANG - BT MANDAI with the 2/30 Bn extending the line to the MANDAI - NEE SOON RD. Zero to be the blowing of the SHELL DEPOT.

Commn was very difficult at this stage as all telephone lines had been blown out and the Bn was scattered over a very large area. All orders were carried by runner and each Coy given it's R.V. by map reference.

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NARRATIVE 5 (Cont)

The fault of handing over control to a C.O. who had NOT been in the area a day and lacked local knowledge became apparent. When, at 0430 hrs, the demolition was carried out A & B Coys broke contact and moving through C Coy made for their respective positions without knowing the location of Bn H.Q. or the other Coys. The Composite Coy had been ordered to pass on the wdrl order to D Coy before it withdrew but failed to do so with the result that at 1000 hrs the Bn was occupying it's new area with D Coy still in position on the KRANJI.

The Bn was disposed on a frontage of 4000 yds in impossible country. Each Coy occupied a steep hill feature with gaps of 1000 yds of heavily scrub-covered country between and in most cases failed to establish contact with Bn and one another until late in the afternoon. It was only with the greatest difficulty that contact was made with 2/30 Bn whose line extended to NEE SOON VILLAGE. Owing to lack of roads or tracks in the area the tpt was sent under the 2 i/c to NEE SOON via THOMPSON RD.

The I.O. was sent back to contact BDE H.Q. to give the new Bn dispositions and at 1600 hrs returned with the orders that as the JOHORE BAHRU RD was in enemy hands SOUTH of BT.PANJANG VILLAGE any further move would be SOUTH via the PIPELINE to a Bde R.V. at CLARKE RD near the RACECOURSE. This information was passed on to the 2/30 Bn by a patrol that took seven hrs to accomplish the journey. During the early afternoon a N.C.O. reported in from D Coy and in due course returned to the Coy and succeeded in guiding it to the new area without loss.

1700 hrs After three hrs endeavour the CO was able to assemble the Coy Comds and issued orders for a shortening of the line which was to run from BT PANJANG to BT MANDAI 11 - Coys left to right being D, C, A with B in res. The Comp Coy that had NOT proved a success was disbanded and the pls returned to strengthen their respective Coys.

2000 hrs - The Bn frontage was now reduced to 2000 yds and it was some hrs before the orders were completed with owing to the difficulty of movement with so much natural obstruction in addition to the constant pressure of enemy recce a/craft.

Before darkness fell the Bn had been located by the enemy and the area severely bombed and shelled.

Towards midnight the enemy had penetrated from 22 Bde area to the main rd and captured the Bn RAP truck which was/well to the rear of the Bn HQ. Endeavour was made by the enemy to cross the rd and it became apparent that they were moving SOUTH along the JOHORE BAHRU RD supported by tanks.

11 Feb 0001 - Active patrolling was continued during the hrs of darkness and at first light enemy planes were again bombing and machine gunning. The 0930 hrs enemy planes appeared to be concentrating on the main rd SOUTH of the Bn area.

1000 hrs CO called a conference and issued orders for a wdrl to the CLARKE RD RV. The order of Coys was given and the CCs told that as the line of wdrl was subjected to bombing and probably action from ground tps each Coy would move as a separate fighting force at short intervals keeping touch if possible. Order of wdrl was - D, HQ, Bn HQ, A, B and C Coys.

After two hrs marching the leading Coy moved up to the high ground over looking the SINGAPORE DAIRY FARM and observed a large body of tps in the fds adjoining the FARM. These tps did NOT appear to have any provision made for protection and were sitting quite exposed in large

bodies. Opinion was divided on the subject of their nationality and as the force was estimated at two thousand and the range 2000 yds it was decided to move EAST and avoid contact.

If the force proved to be Japanese the Bn would have been at a serious disadvantage as most of the move was in single file and it would have been very difficult to organise an attack without the enemy getting plenty of warning. Again the Unit had been given a RV and route and it was considered of major importance to join the remainder of the Bde there.

Had the tps proved to be Indians time would have been lost and the move confused.

The col moved a short distance EAST into the jungle and then by compass bearing in the direction of the RV. Movement was slow as a single file was adopted and a track forced through the undergrowth.

At midday the fwd tps broke from the jungle on to a dirt rd running EAST and WEST, NORTH of the SWISS RIFLE CLUB and were fired on.

It appeared that the enemy were holding the rd in considerable strength barring further progress. OC D Coy immediately sent one sec to right and left in an endeavour to locate the enemy's flanks and got the remainder of the Coy fwd and organised for an attack. The sec moving right (or SW) were pinned and despite several casualties held its ground, while the other moving left (or SE) reported contacting the enemy's right flank.

OC D Coy's plan was to attack on this flank and endeavour to turn the enemy at right angles with his position so that the Bn could continue its wdrl. 18 Pl was ordered to attack the enemy's right flank and supported by Coy HQ, which, with att personnel numbered about thirty, were able to force their way across the rd and after some hand to hand fighting forced the enemy's flank back.

16 Pl who had been giving covering fire then crossed the rd and took up its position on the right of 18 pl and Coy HQ, 17 pl moving up and taking over the area vacated by 16 pl.

The remainder of the Bn, less A and C Coys, moved behind D Coy and were directed by the CO to the SINGAPORE GOLF COURSE.

After some sharp and bitter fighting D Coy fought its way clear and acting as rearguard followed the remainder to the new RV contacting the CO on the way out.

While this engagement took place A Coy, less 1 pl, plus 1 pl of B Coy, who had been pinned on the start line by enemy aircraft were ambushed some distance behind the remainder of the Bn. At first no shots were exchanged and while both Comds parleyed, the tps manoeuvred for position. The Japanese Comd sang out to OC A Coy that he was surrounded and that if he surrendered, he and his tps would be back in AUSTRALIA in 14 days. A recce revealed MMGs in strongly defiladed positions behind buttresses of the pipe line supports and an Argyle prisoner sang out that there were 1000 enemy with 22 MMGs and an inf gun. While the parley was taking place the Coy had moved some hundreds yds EAST and again contacted enemy. Though menaced on three sides OC A Coy elected to fight his way out and after heavy fighting extricated most of his Coy and moving on a NE compass bearing contacted 2/30 Bn moving to THOMPSON RD and after reporting to Bde HQ was placed under comd 2/30 Bn.

A Coy 2 i/c, with one pl was cut off during this move and made further SOUTH and gained contact with the remainder of the Bn at the SINGAPORE GOLF CLUB.

At 1130 hrs C Coy who were timed out last were contacted by Capt Anderssen who when reporting to Bde on his way to rejoin the Bn from Hospital was given the following message for delivery to the Bn.

To JOVO PUBO (2/26 & 2/30 Bns)
 From TEVI (27 Aust Inf Bde)

Enemy hold BUKIT PANJANG. Strength NOT known, also has penetrated through to BUKIT TIMAH to RACECOURSE and SIME ROAD. JOVO, PUBO will move to base pipeline and will recapture BT PANJANG. JOVO left PUBO right. Inter Bn boundary track 759207 rd junc 744199. Limit of exploitation point 145 736179 BT PANJANG 738189. Attack to be lodged 1100 hrs. JEVI 810206. Every effort will be made to provide arty support.

A P GARDE Maj
 0844 hrs

OC C Coy realised that the plan could NOT possibly be put into action and as the message said that the Bn RV was in the enemy hands decided to follow the pipe line to a point opposite the SINGAPORE DAIRY FARM and then move EAST on a compass bearing. After some hrs marching through the jungle the Coy contacted a number of tps from 22 Bde who directed the Coy to G B D where they were given a change of clothing and a badly needed meal.

Meanwhile the remainder of the Bn assembled at the SINGAPORE GOLF CLUB and the CO, to whom even the Coy Comds were strangers, with his 2 i/c away with B Eeh, ordered Capt TRACEY to hand over D Coy to Capt FERGUSON and to remain with Bn HQ.

1700 -
 2400 hrs The Bn was now without a RV or orders and after a conference it was decided to move to BUKIT BROWN for the night and to make an endeavour to find Bde or Div HQ.

While the Bn moved to BUKIT BROWN Capt TRACEY and ROBERTS set out in search of orders. Graduating from abandoned push bikes to a car they made their way to G B D and contacted C Coy and a few O/Rs from the Coys and arranged for these tps to rejoin the Bn the following morning. A truck load of food and cigarettes, offered by CO G B D was gratefully accepted and taken back to BUKIT BROWN which had been shelled immediately after the Bn had arrived. No information could be gained from G B D of the whereabouts of Bde HQ so a journey to SINGAPORE was undertaken. After many fruitless enquiries Capt TRACEY went to FORT CANNING and was immediately taken to the OPERATIONS ROOM for interrogation. Contacting Div HQ by 'phone, orders were received to remain at BUKIT BROWN for the night and move by M/T, to be provided at first light, to TYERSALL PARK for 24 hrs rest and hot meals.

12 Feb
 0600 hrs The move to TYERSALL PARK was completed without incident and C Coy rejoined the Bn from G B D, a meal was issued and all ranks had the benefit of six hrs rest.

1200 hrs Bn moved fwd and took up its position in the final perimeter. Despite constant shelling and numerous attacks the Bn maintained this position until the capitulation.

Ref Map SINGAPORE 1" = 1 mile

INFORMATION

1. Enemy - Colns of enemy have been observed moving into JOHORE BAHRU.
2. Own tps - 2/30 Bn on our right, dividing line S MANDAI incl to us.
2/20 Bn on our left dividing line S KRANJI incl to us.
Rear boundary MANDAI VILLAGE RD thence line East and West.
2/29 Bn in reserve.

INTENTION

3. To prevent any landing or infiltration from Straits of JOHORE, MANDAI or KRANJI RIVERS.

METHOD

4. Fwd Coys, A, B & C in areas already allotted. Each Coy will be responsible for active patrolling day and night and the selection of defensive positions within its own area.
5. Reserve - D Coy in defensive position already indicated but ready to move to CA in areas already defined. Also responsible for patrols to right flank and contact with 2/30 Bn.
6. HQ Coy less details responsible for protection of Bn HQ area.
7. MMGs a) One Pl 2/4 MG Bn under comd. Task mouth of S MANDAI to CAUSEWAY - KRANJI RD (incl)
b) One Pl 723256 - task covering KRANJI RIVER.
c) One Pl area 7324 - task reserve guns but in position for penetration tasks.
8. Mortars - One sec under comd A Coy, one sec when available C Coy, one sec reserve.
9. Pnrs - Remain with HQ Coy for tasks as detailed.
10. A A Pl - Defence passive -, Pl to remain with HQ Coy for protection duties.
11. Arty - Tasks
 - a) Harassing and CP fire tasks on mainland will only be carried out under approval of Bde. Coys will immediately notify Bn HQ of H or CP tasks.
 - b) Defensive fire - DF will, on call, be brought down on Northern end of KRANJI CAUSEWAY and entrance to KRANJI RIVER.
 - c) POC will call for immediate fire on observed targets.
12. Engrs - Engr parties have been detailed for boom and mine defence. Boom to be fired on authority of A Coy, mines C Coy. Pl comds in area are to co-operate with Engrs re signals for above.
13. Lights - Two searchlights are allotted, one for illuminating STRAITS, one for KRANJI RIVER. Allocation will be published later.
14. Patrols (Special) - Fwd Coys will carry out aggressive patrolling nightly and will establish listening posts in the STRAITS by means of rowing boats which will be made available and the installation, during hours of darkness of small posts in fishing pagars and the like. Patrols in the STRAITS will carry a white triangle which will be displayed when lights are thrown on them.
15. Digging and Wiring - Slit trenches will be dug but must be sited for it must be borne in mind that it will be necessary to fight when the enemy is active in the air and his arty is also active. Wiring is to be tactically sited and wire will not be used to enclose areas.
16. Recce Reports - Accuracy of information is vital and Coys will report activities of patrols likely to be of value. Negative information should also be reported. Any information of enemy should state time, number of enemy, location and direction of movement.

ADM

17. Amn - SAA Reserve - Bn HQ area.
18. Med - RAP " " " . When possible an amb will be est in fwd area
19. Attention is directed to Circ issued by 2 i/c to-day regarding details of adm.

MESSAGE

**No. Signals - 17:- 4 red flares to be fired by either Inf Coy.
Bl. HQ - 737245.**

**Signed at 1715
Issued by orderly**

H. L. Sabin Capt
(H. L. Sabin)
AJT 2/26 En

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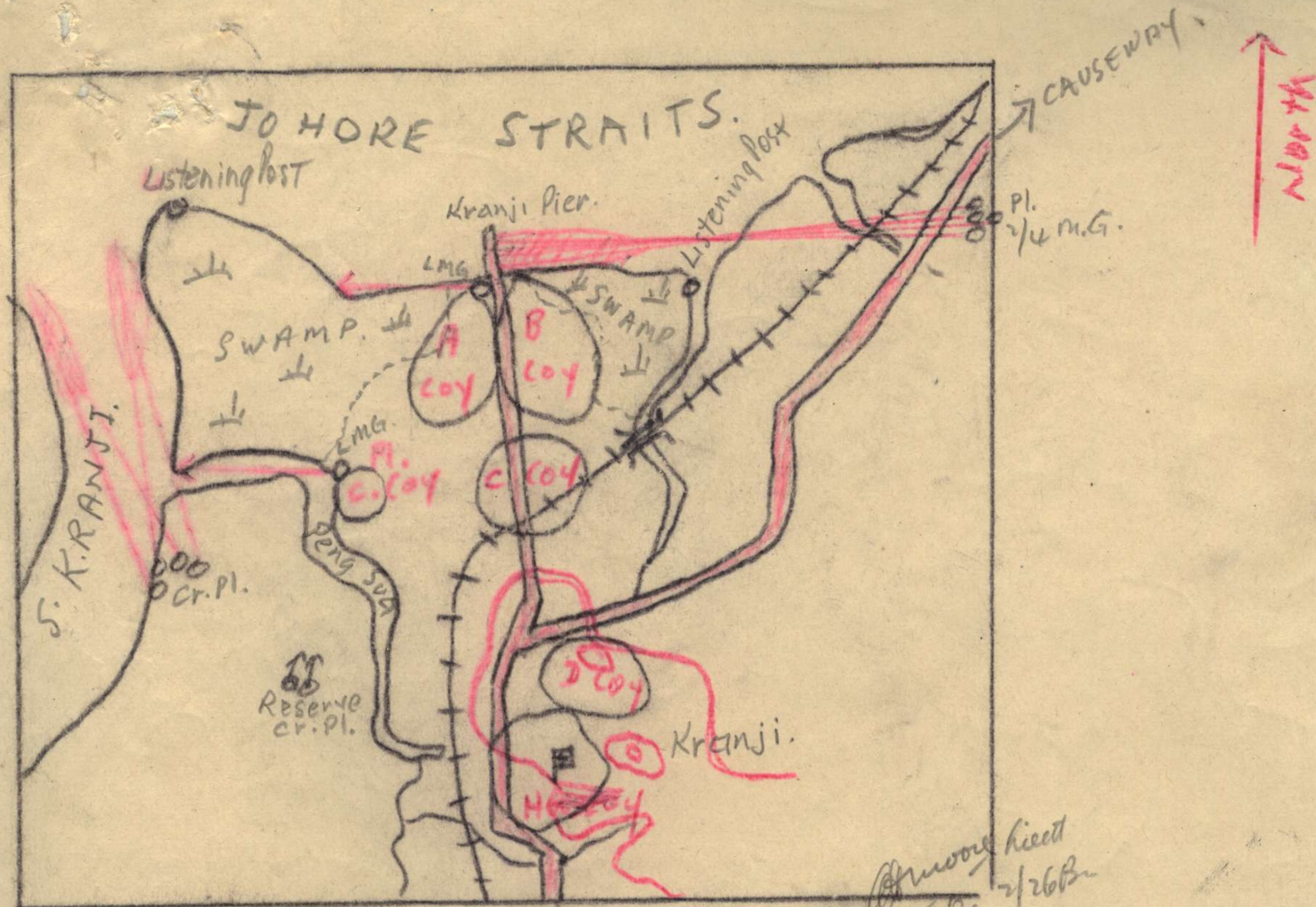
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SCALE

2" = 1 mile.

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W A R D I A R Y

2/26 Bn AIF

From ..1 Feb 42

To.. 3 Feb 42

PLACE	DATE	TIME	PARTICULARS	REMARKS
KRANJI Sector	1 Feb	A M	<p>Coys in posn as follows:- B - rt fwd Coy, A - left fwd Coy manning foreshores from S KRANJI to S MANDAI, the RD leading on to KRANJI Pier being inter-Coy boundary; C Coy (less 1 Pl) in rear of B Coy and on Eastern side of above Rd; 13 Pl (C Coy) in area of pineapple factory (in rear of A Coy). D Coy on Southern side of main RD SINGAPORE - JOHORE BAHRU on hill feature (among barracks) directly in rear of C Coy. HQ Coy (less dets) and Bn HQ formed perimeter in rear and West of D Coy, in re-entrant approx 100^x East of main Rd SINGAPORE - JOHORE BAHRU. 1 Pl 2/4 M G Bn came under comd and guns were sighted near CAUSEWAY firing across B Coy front. 4 guns from Cr Pl were sighted, firing down S KRANJI. Digging commenced and it was found that in fwd areas water was encountered after digging a few inches, which necessitated the construction of breastworks.</p>	<p>See Diagram. See diagram of dispositions and fire plan.</p>
		P M	<p>Preparation of defensive positions in progress. Practically no air activity in our area. High level bombing attacks carried out on SINGAPORE by enemy planes. A/A active. Everyone busy with plenty of work to do. Intensive patrolling carried out by all Coys but no enemy activity reported.</p>	<i>mo</i>
	2 Feb		<p>Further work on defensive posns by all Coys. Patrolling of all sectors being carried out, several power boats being used for patrolling S KRANJI & MANDAI. Enemy air activity over SINGAPORE fairly intense - numerous high level bombing raids being carried out in daylight from a height of approx 15000'. Enemy parties observed moving on foreshores of JOHORE STRAITS and this reported. Our arty particularly quiet. No definite reports of enemy activity during day.</p>	<p>Allied aircraft not very active; but A/A defences doing a good job.</p>
	3 Feb		<p>Quiet night - no reports of enemy activity. Standing patrol in boat off KRANJI Pier submitted negative report. Work proceeding on defensive posns. A & B Coy areas present difficulties in preparation of defensive posns, as all protective works are of the breastwork type. Enemy air activity over SINGAPORE Island is gradually increasing - numerous recon planes over our sector at average height of 5000'. Few Allied planes seen.</p>	<i>mo</i>

W A R D I A R Y

2/26 Bn AIF

From.. 3 Feb 42

To.. 6 Feb 42

PLACE	DATE	TIME	PARTICULARS	REMARKS
KRANJI Sector	3 Feb		Daylight patrolling carried out by all Coys without result. Occasional enemy parties sighted on opposite side of JOHORE STRAITS. Our arty quiet, apparently under orders	Tps greatly refreshed and morale very high. Apparently there has been no definite plan for the defence of this portion of SINGAPORE as the co-ordination of the defence of 27 Bde area is being carried out within the Bde and NOT by Comd. Staff offrs from Comd seem to know very little about the defence of our area as a whole.
	4 Feb		Quiet night - all patrol reports negative. A & B Coys report sounds of hammering from JOHORE BAHRU during night. Standing patrols and listening posts closely questioned but apart from above had nothing unusual to report. Work on defensive posns progressing favourably. Intensive patrolling during day by all Coys. Enemy air activity gradually on the increase. No Allied planes to be seen in sky. High level bombing raids on Island quite frequent during daylight. Recce planes noticed flying as low as 1000'. Enemy arty shelled a long spur about 700 ^x East of Bn HQ for approx half an hour during morning and afternoon. Fairly quiet day.	<i>ms.</i> General defence still being co-ordinated by higher authority; as visits from staff offrs grow more numerous each day.
	5 Feb		Quiet night on our front - Situation reports negative as regards enemy activity.	
		0500	Enemy planes carried out low level bombing attack on Bn HQ and D Coy areas with incendiary and HE bombs.	Rd screens and several huts in D Coy area set alight - few casualties.
		0800	D Coy moved their posn approx 200 ^x to the rear and slightly Eastward. Patrolling carried out by all Coys and work on defensive posns in progress.	
		1200	Bn HQ and old D Coy posn shelled for approx 10 minutes by enemy light fd gun.	Few casualties.
		P M	Enemy arty active on general Bde sector - chiefly harassing fire on Rds and hill features. Our arty fairly quiet. Some counter bty fire. Enemy appears to have definite comd of the air and his planes are carrying out detailed recce of our, and probably other, areas. Apart from shelling and general bombing of Island, a fairly quiet day.	Enemy using howitzers and light fd guns.
	6 Feb		Sounds of enemy activity in JOHORE BAHRU heard during night, including sounds of MT movement and hammering. Higher authority informed and our arty shelled JOHORE BAHRU for a few minutes. No signs of enemy activity on foreshores or Straits during night. Enemy heavily shelled general Bde area, at irregular intervals, throughout day.	Enemy probably constructing boats or barges.

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From... 6 Feb 42

To.. 8 Feb 42

PLACE	DATE	TIME	PARTICULARS	REMARKS
KРАНJI Sector	6 Feb		<p>Only occasional shells have fallen on our fwd Coys. Enemy Arty is directed at our fd btys, roads, and in the general area of Bn HQ and D Coy. There is a definite increase in enemy arty activity to-day. Enemy aircraft active throughout day and their programme of high level bombing was carried out unmolested by our aircraft.</p> <p>No bombs on Bn area during day. Vigorous patrolling carried out by all Coys with negative results. Our arty shelled JOHORE BAHRU during day at irregular intervals and destroyed an enemy OP in City Adm Hall. Work on defensive positions progressing, although most of this now has to be done at night owing to enemy observation.</p> <p>From an inf point of view, a reasonably quiet day.</p>	<p>A/A btys <u>not</u> effective protection as, when carrying out low level bombing attacks or recce, enemy planes do not fly in formation, but steer an erratic course, presenting difficult A/A targets. High level bombing attacks are delivered from heights of 15000' - 20000' and this seems to be out of effective A/A range.</p> <p>Tps in good spirits.</p> <p><i>mo</i></p>
	7 Feb		<p>Fairly quiet night - several reports received from forward Coys relating to observations of flares during night. All reports passed on to Bde.</p> <p>Our patrols active during night but no reports of observed enemy activity received. Work on fwd defensive posns carried out during night.</p> <p>Intensive patrolling carried out by Coys during day, particular care being exercised to conceal movement, as enemy arty most active. Areas in rear, on left and right of Bn HQ posn, severely shelled during day. Enemy arty using observation balloon for OP.</p> <p>Enemy aircraft now have complete mastery of the air and low flying attacks are being carried out with great daring. Arty btys, both fd and A/A, are receiving the attention of enemy bombers. No bombs on Bn area during day.</p> <p>A fairly noisy day and inf kept "on toes."</p>	<p>It appears that enemy is making preparations during night, as the sounds of hammering and MI movement are distinctly audible. %</p> <p>Apparently higher authority have not yet completed the co-ordination of the various defensive posns as the presence of staff offrs is almost continuous. Unfortunately they are not particularly careful when approaching HQ and have, on occasions, driven straight in off the main Rd.</p> <p><i>mo</i></p>
	8 Feb		<p>No observed enemy activity during night but all fwd Coys reported sounds of enemy activity from JOHORE BAHRU. Bde informed and our arty shelled JOHORE BAHRU when locations were given.</p> <p>Enemy arty very active during morning and general Bn area heavily shelled.</p>	<p>Although enemy has shelled Bn area he has not yet been successful in putting a concentration directly on to any of our areas. Odd shells have landed in various sub-unit areas but the main concentration has fortunately just missed.</p> <p><i>mo</i></p>

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From.. 8 Feb 42 To.. 9 Feb 42

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PLACE	DATE	TIME	PARTICULARS	REMARKS
KRANJI Sector	8 Feb		All Coys patrolled intensely during day with negative results. Enemy aircraft most active during the morning - chiefly recce planes over our sector.	
		1600	9 enemy heavy bombers carried out high level attack on Bn HQ and HQ Coy areas, killing 3 and wounding approx 12. Two armd cars and a few MT vehicles were damaged	This is the first high level bombing attack in which we have experienced bombs actually hitting the target. There is usually a warning of approx 3 secs before the bombs arrive.
		1900	Enemy arty commenced intensive concentration on fwd Coys, (chiefly A Coy), and areas slightly West of Bn HQ and slightly East of D Coy. Hundreds of shells fired and approx 50% were unexploded. It was thought they may be gas shells but investigation proved this wrong. Concentration lasted approx 1 hour.	
		2030	Sounds of small arms firing heard, coming from 22 Bde sector, on our left, followed a few minutes later by sounds of MMG and LMG fire from 2/30 Bn area near CAUSEWAY. Contacted 2/30 Bn by 'phone and they advised that party of Japs had approached the CAUSEWAY and MMG's, under comd, had opened fire. Our Bde advised of both incidents.	It appears as though 22 Bde are being engaged.
		2100	Additional patrols sent out and listening posts established, but no further reports of enemy activity on our front received.	
		2400	Firing still continuing on 22 Bde front. Our Bde advise that enemy have effected a landing on 22 Bde front.	<i>Mo.</i>
	9 Feb		Sounds of firing on 22 Bde front continued all night.	
		0630	Numerous enemy 'planes observed dive-bombing and machine gunning 22 Bde area at dawn.	
		0745	Lt Col R F Oakes took over comd of 2/26 Bn, Lt Col A H Boyes having been selected to co-ordinate rear defences. Coy comds assembled at Bn HQ when new CO was introduced and old CO said "good-byes." Taking over process and conference interrupted by shelling plus enemy 'planes bombing and machine gunning. Brief relation of situation reports, by Coy Comds, to Lt Col Oakes.	
		0815	Coy Comds returned to Coys.	
		0825	A, B & C Coys reported intensive shelling on return to respective areas. This barrage had been in progress for some minutes before their return; and fwd Pls of A & B Coys were suffering some casualties - ambulances sent fwd for wounded.	Enemy engaging our fwd Coys with 75 mm guns and large howitzers.
		1200	Lull in enemy shelling of Bn area, which has been particularly severe during the morning.	A & B Coys suffered fairly heavy casualties. <i>Mo.</i>



JOHORE BAHRU

Causeway

22 Bde.

30 Bn.

S. KRANJI

Kranji Pier →

S. MANDAI

S. MANDAI KECIL

A Coy

B Coy

C Coy

PINEAPPLE WHARF

Capn's Pl.

1. Pl D Coy after 1900hrs 9 Feb.

HQ. Coy

Composite Coy under Maj Anstroom 1500 hrs.

Bn HQ.

D Coy

Position D Coy at 0400 hrs 10 Feb.

MANDAI Rd. Village.

Ration Truck lost.

Burning Oil held up D Coys move.

MANDAI VILLAGE.

OIL RESERVOIRS

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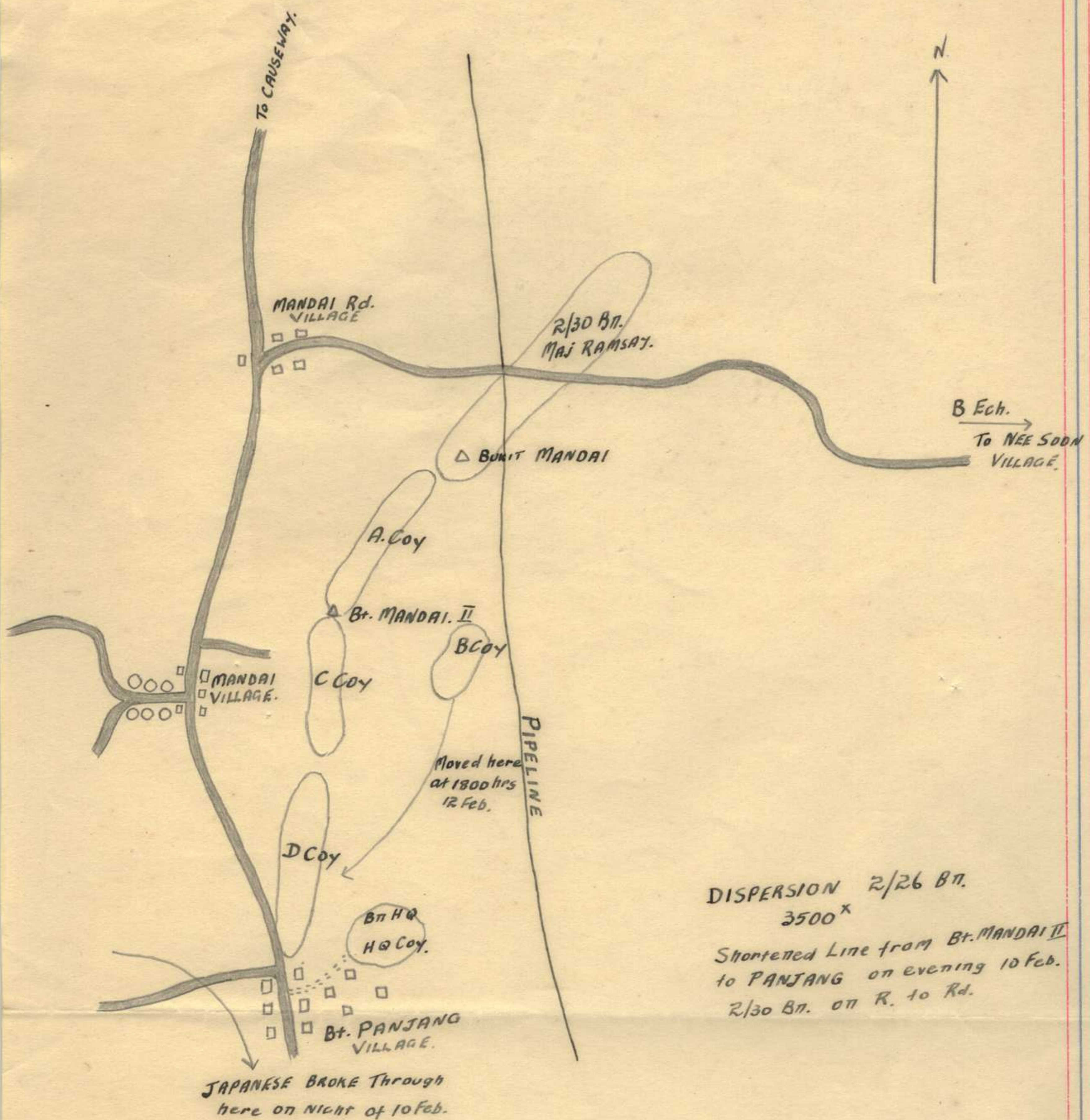
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2/26 Bn AIF

From.. 9 Feb 42

To.. 10 Feb 42

PLACE	DATE	TIME	PARTICULARS	REMARKS
KRANJI	9 Feb	1330	Lt Col Boyes and Lt Col Oakes recce Bn area during morning and left for conference at 27 Bde HQ.	
		1400	Enemy arty opened up on Bn area and put down an exceedingly heavy barrage on fwd Coys. Efforts to get counter bty fire were not successful.	Comms bad - lines continually damaged by shelling.
		1830	During afternoon a new Coy posn was recce, West of main Rd to cover S KRANJI in the event of threat by enemy in 22 Bde sector. A composite Coy was formed from the 4th Pls of A, B & C Coys and placed under comd Maj Armstrong, Capt Roberts assuming comd HQ Coy. Composite Coy moved to above posn at approx 1800 hrs.	
		1930	CO returned from Bde and informed Coy Comds, at a conference held immediately, that enemy had pushed back 22 Bde, and that 2/26 Bn was to remain in present posn until Shell Petrol Depot (near CAUSEWAY) was blown: 2/26 Bn and 2/30 Bn were to act in conjunction in the event of any move. Petrol Dump to be blown at 2300 hrs.	Enemy has fired thousands of shells during day.
		2000	Intense shelling of Bn area (particularly A, B & C Coys) still in progress. D Coy ordered to move to posn on left of Composite Coy. Enemy shelling ceased.	Oil tanks in vicinity of YEW TEE (approx 1 mile in rear of Bn HQ) blazing fiercely. Blazing oil running along rd, gutters and drains.
		2000-2200	Enemy landed on KRANJI PIER and was engaged by A & B Coys with mortar (att C Coy) supporting. Attempts to get defensive fire from our arty failed. Arty supporting 2/30 Bn was switched on to KRANJI PIER, but proved inadequate to stop the landing.	
		2200-2400	Confused fighting in progress on A & B Coy front. Enemy landing continuing. D Coy unable to move to posn because of burning oil, so were ordered to patrol rd in rear of Bn HQ.	
			A & B Coys withdrew to general line of C Coy and formed a new line. Lull in fighting, but active patrolling carried out. D Coy patrolling main Rd in rear of Bn HQ, giving protection from any infiltration from East.	
	10 Feb	0300	Posn on front still very confused. Patrols active and skirmishing in progress.	
		0400	CO issued orders for Bn to withdraw to Bt PANJANG Village and take up line Bt MANDAI - Bt PANJANG. A Coy to occupy right flank, C Coy centre and D Coy left, with B and Composite Coys in reserve. Zero hour for withdrawal to be on blowing of Petrol dump.	Orders issued by runners - comms and control most difficult. 2/30 Bn to withdraw at same time and take up posn on our right with a Bde of Indians on left.
		0430	D Coy moved into posn on left of Composite Coy. Petrol dump blown.	Engrs had difficulty in carrying out this demolition owing to being in the thick of the fighting.



DISPERSION R/26 Bn.
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 Shortened Line from Bt. MANDAI II
 to PANJANG on evening 10 Feb.
 R/30 Bn. on R. to Rd.

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2/26 Bn AIF

From... 10 Feb 42

To... 11 Feb 42

PLACE	DATE	TIME	PARTICULARS	REMARKS
KRANJI	10 Feb	0430	Withdrawal commenced	A & B Coys moved through C Coy and broke contact without difficulty.
		0530	Bn arrived in proximity of BT PANJANG and moved into posn. No suitable harbour available for MT, which was diverted along NEE SOON RD under comd 2 i/c.	
BUKIT PANJANG		0630	First Light - Bn HQ established approx 600 ^X East of BT PANJANG with HQ Coy (less dets) forming perimeter defence.	
		0930	Reports from A,B,C & Composite Coys received indicating their dispositions.	Coys had little difficulty in occupying new posns. Withdrawal completed in daylight.
			D Coy runner reported to Bn HQ for orders. Orders issued for D Coy to withdraw by Adjnt, as CO was checking Coy posns with IO.	D Coy had not received orders for withdrawal and were still out in front
		1030	Bn HQ severely shelled for approx 15 minutes.	1 casualty.
		1115	Bn HQ subjected to high level bombing attack by 9 enemy bombers.	In view of enemy's rapid location of our HQ, it was decided to move.
		1200	D Coy reported in posn and relieved Composite Coy, which had temporarily occupied D Coy area.	
		1600	Bn HQ shifted across TRACK approx 400 ^X NE, to avoid further shelling. Enemy aircraft active during day, also arty. Patrolling continuous and vigorous.	General situation confused. It appears as though enemy have broken through from the West (22 Bde sector) and hold main RD SINGAPORE - JOHORE BAHRU as far South as BT PANJANG.
		1700	Coy Comds RV Bn HQ for orders. CO issued orders for Bn to shorten line. New line from BT MANDAI II incl (right flank) to BT PANJANG with fwd Coys still in the same order. B Coy to move into new reserve posn in rear of Bn HQ, and Composite Coy to be broken up and men returned to their Coys.	
		1930	New dispositions manned.	
		2200	Enemy broke through from the West at BT PANJANG in considerable strength. Tanks reported moving South along BT TIMAH (main) RD. Party of enemy penetrated to where RAP, was situated (near Rd) and captured truck.	RMO's fate unknown although several orderlies escaped.
		2200-2400	Sounds of firing heard from West. Everyone alert and patrols active. No reports of contact with enemy by our Coys. General area shelled intermittently. Generally, an uneasy night.	
"	11 Feb	0500	Bn HQ and HQ Coy re-adjusted their dispositions - moving slightly North with greater dispersion.	

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From... 11 Feb 42

To... 11 Feb 42

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PLACE	DATE	TIME	PARTICULARS	REMARKS
BUKIT PANJANG	11 Feb	0630	Enemy 'planes most active. Dive-bombing, high level bombing and machine gunning attacks on general area very vicious. Main rd South of our posn subjected to heavy bombing.	
		1000	Coy Comds RV at Bn HQ for orders. Acting on information received from Bde HQ, CO issued orders for the Bn to withdraw to a RV in vicinity of JUNC CLARKE RD and PIPELINE, where they would occupy a perimeter (indicated on the map). Route of withdrawal - South along PIPELINE. Order of withdrawal - D, HQ, Bn HQ, A, B & C. Zero - 1015 hrs. "I" Sgt and party sent to warn 2/30 Bn of our withdrawal.	In the event of attack from ground or air, each sub-unit was to move as a fighting unit.
		1015	Withdrawal commenced.	Enemy 'planes active, making movement difficult.
		1200	D Coy observed large enemy party in vicinity of SINGAPORE DAIRY FARM, and coln moved into jungle East of PIPELINE, to avoid contact.	
		1245	D Coy contacted enemy and opened fire. Enemy moved around flank, but were delayed sufficiently to enable HQ Coy, B Coy and Bn HQ to continue withdrawal. Coys became separated in the jungle and the various Coy gps moved under Coy Comd orders.	2 killed 10 wounded.
		1600	HQ Coy (less approx 100), remainder Bn HQ plus 2 Pls B Coy D Coy and Bn HQ (less approx 20), remainder Bn HQ plus 2 Pls B Coy, under comd of Capt Roberts; CO, Capt Tracey; and Adjt respectively, arrived in three separate gps at a point on the Southern end of SINGAPORE GOLF CLUB, after having moved through the jungle for several miles on compass bearing. The remainder of the Bn were missing, apparently having also moved individually, and struck open country elsewhere.	
		1700	CO (who moved with D Coy) issued orders for Bn to move to South of BT BROWN and occupy posn until contact with Bde could be made.	
		1800	Bn in posn and tps resting.	very close perimeter. Tps have not had any real food during the past 48 hrs and fatigue is very evident in all ranks.
		1830	Bn area shelled for a few minutes, but suffered no casualties.	
		2200	Tps had a good meal, which was kindly supplied by CO of GBD, with whom contact was made. It was learned that the remainder of the Bn (i.e. 1 Pl A Coy, C Coy, 1 Pl B Coy and portion of HQ Coy & Bn HQ) had arrived at GBD after marching through the jungle during the afternoon. It was arranged for them to rejoin the Bn at dawn the following day.	They had suffered a few casualties.
2200- 2400	Patrols and listening posts active, but no reports of enemy parties in immediate vicinity.			

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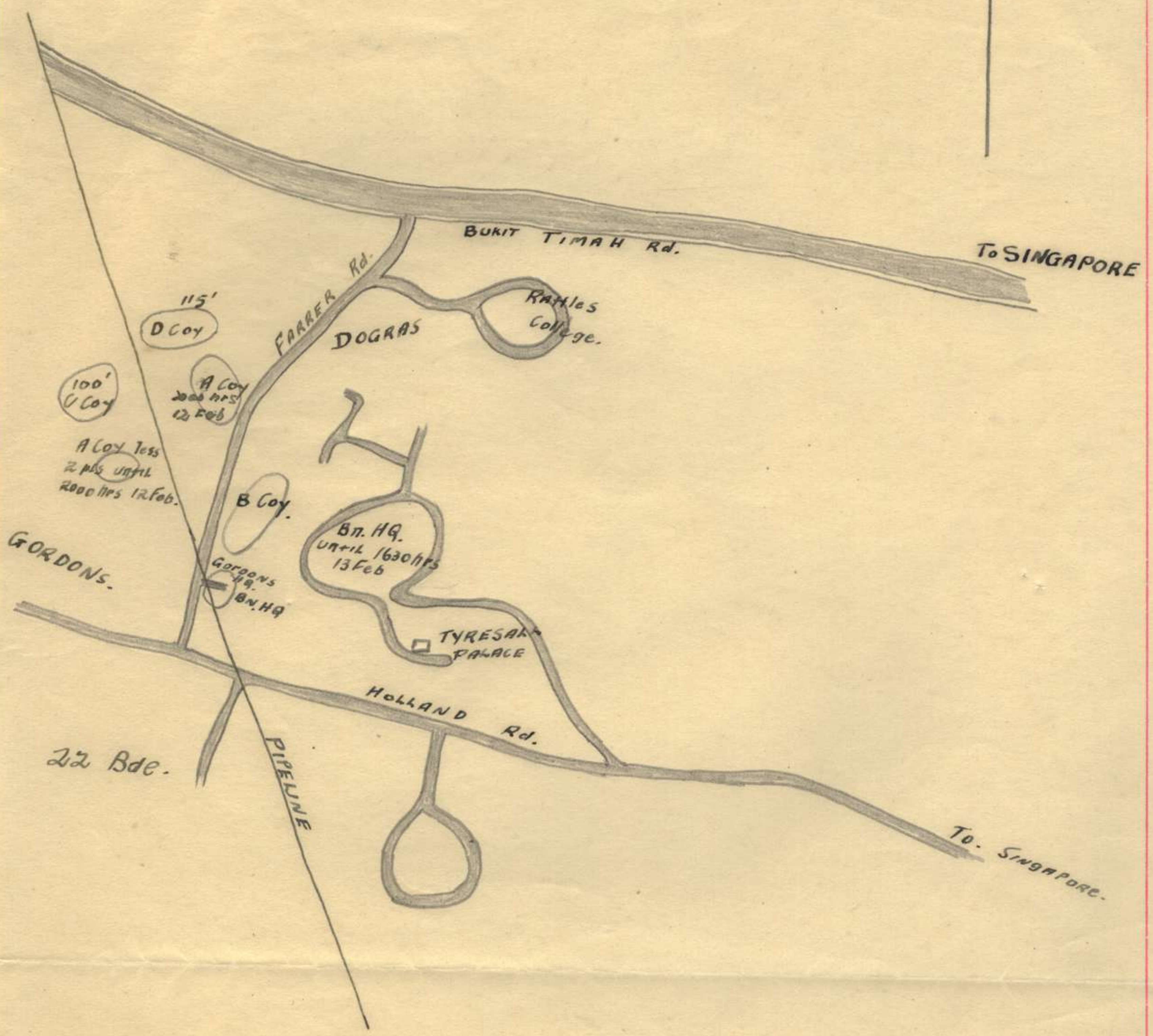
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From.. 12 Feb 42 To.. 12 Feb 42

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PLACE	DATE	TIME	PARTICULARS	REMARKS
BUKIT BROWN	12 Feb	0200	Orders received for Bn to move to TYERSALL PALACE area before dawn, for 24 hrs rest. MT to RV at a point on BT TIMAH RD, West of BT BROWN. Embussing time - 0600 hrs.	
		0230	Orders for above move issued to Coy Comds - Bn to move by covered route to MT RV in order D, HQ, Bn HQ, B.	
		0530	D Coy commenced to move.	
TYERSALL PALACE		0645	Bn, less C, I, P, A Coy, and others at GBD, arrived at TYERSALL PALACE and occupied a perimeter defensive posn around TYERSALL HILL	Remainder of Bn arrived from GBD shortly after and were placed in posn.
		0645-1000	Plenty of air activity and arty action by enemy. Our arty fairly active. The possibility of 24 hours rest seems remote.	
		1030	CO reported to Div for orders.	
		1030-1200	Enemy planes most active, but fortunately no bombs dropped in Bn area. Sounds of small arms fire can be heard coming from the North in the direction of BT TIMAH RD. Numerous enemy snipers active in area around Bn perimeter, having odd shots here and there. Patrols sent out but could not locate them.	Our role and the general situation very confused. Tps very fatigued although a few hrs rest, a wash and a shave, plus a good meal, which they have had since arrival, has had an amazing effect. There is still plenty of fight left in them.
		1200	CO returned from Div with new RMO and issued following orders to Coy Comds at an immediate conference:- Bn to occupy defensive posn to the left of BT TIMAH RD and fwd of FARRER RD, as follows:- fwd Coys - D right, C left; rear Coys - B right, A left; Bn HQ and HQ Coy on HILL feature fwd of TYERSALL PALACE.	TYERSALL PALACE area is a very fashionable suburb of SINGAPORE and it is a strange reaction fighting in streets, among beautiful homes, lawns and so on, after spending the previous 5 weeks in rubber and jungle.
		1245	Bn (less C Coy) moved fwd into new posn, C Coy having gone fwd at 1215 as covering party.	See diagram for dispositions. A Coy posn was occupied by 1 Pl. Remaining 2 Pls of A Coy still missing.
				Movement difficult owing to enemy air activity and snipers, who seemed to be in every house or tree.

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2/26 Bn AIF

From.. 12 Feb 42

To.. 13 Feb 42

PLACE	DATE	TIME	PARTICULARS	REMARKS	
TYERSALL PALACE	12 Feb	1400	Posn occupied and reports in to Bn HQ	Hundreds of enemy 'planes active, carrying out every kind of attack on SINGAPORE City and tps. 5 enemy raids on SINGAPORE City were counted within 20 minutes, each raid being carried out by 12 'planes.	
		1400-1800	Coys digging-in - also carrying out intensive patrolling of their fronts. Flanking units, (22 Aust Inf Bde & Gordons on left, and Indians (Dogras) on right) contacted and general co-ordination carried out.		
		2000	A Coy gp moved to new posn linking up B & D Coys.		
		1800-2400	All men able to have good meal, and a change of clothing was, in most cases, issued. Enemy activity confined to aircraft dive-bombing and machine gunning; shelling, sniping. Our patrols most active, but did not strike enemy in any force.		
"	13 Feb	0600	A reasonably quiet night. Patrol activity very intense during night, all Coys reporting slight enemy activity on their fronts in the nature of patrols.	Tps in good spirits although situation very grim.	
		0800	Sounds of intense small arms fire heard coming from direction of BT TIMAH RD. Reports received from Indian HQ that fighting was in progress North of RD JUNC, BT TIMAH and FARRER RDS. Our Coys not engaged by organised force. Snipers and patrols active.		
		0800-1200	Fighting along general front from BT TIMAH - HOLLAND RD: Fierce engagements in vicinity of BT TIMAH RD. C & D Coys patrolling intensely and several enemy patrols engaged. Our casualties very few. A & B Coy sectors fairly quiet. Enemy 'planes dive-bombing and machine gunning continuously all along front. Enemy arty shelling our general posn at irregular intervals. Our arty also very active. Enemy snipers very active.		Enemy 'planes are continuously bombing SINGAPORE CITY with clockwork precision.
		1200-1400	Fighting in front still in progress, but enemy has been unable to penetrate our general line.		The posn, although confused, seems fairly secure, despite the news which has been filtering through, that enemy have pushed fwd on left flank of 22 Bde and on right of BT TIMAH RD.
		1400	CO returned from Bde with the news that the AIF policy is to form a perimeter in vicinity of TYERSALL and "stay put." 2/30 Bn are to occupy present Bn HQ & HQ Coy area, which is to move towards HOLLAND RD just in rear of FARRER RD (see diagram). Our Coy dispositions would remain unchanged.		
		1615	Bn HQ area severely shelled for approx 15 minutes		Few casualties.
		FARRER RD	1630		Bn HQ & HQ Coy moved to new posn and formed perimeter NE of RD JUNC, FARRER RD - HOLLAND RD.

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From.. 13 Feb 42

To.. 14 Feb 42

PLACE	DATE	TIME	PARTICULARS	REMARKS
FARRER RD	13 Feb	1800	Remainder of A Coy reported to Bn HQ.	This gp of A Coy, under comd Capt Beirne, had contacted 2/30 after becoming separated in jungle on 11 Feb and had remained under comd of 2/30 Bn. They had suffered several casualties. <i>me.</i>
		2000	Remainder of A Coy joined their Coy and considerably strengthened link between D & B Coys.	
		2000-2400	Enemy activity along whole front. Small arms fire almost continuous. Skirmishing by our fwd (incl A) Coys but situation quite secure.	
"	14 Feb	0000-0200	Plenty of activity on front and right flank. Coy reports quite cheery.	Fortunately they are very poor shots and have only succeeded in inflicting one or two casualties. We suffered few casualties.
		0200-0600	Things more quiet out in front. Patrols active during night. At dawn A Coy re-arranged its dispositions and, where necessary, dug-in. Enemy snipers seem to be everywhere; but are most difficult to locate among homes and grounds.	
		0600-1200	Both our and enemy patrols active during morning and several small engagements took place. Enemy made no attempt to attack our posn in force. Enemy aircraft carrying out their usual daylight role. Arty duels in progress during the whole of the morning. Not much news from other fronts, but general indications are that our (AIF) line has repulsed all attacks with comparative ease.	
		P M	Patrolling, skirmishing and sniping seem to be the order of the day. Enemy aircraft have kept up a ceaseless hail of bombs on SINGAPORE CITY since dawn, while the fwd posns are constantly dive-bombed and machine gunned. Both our and enemy arty have had one long counter-bty duel since early this morning.	
		1800-1830	Bn HQ and Gordons HQ subjected to severe shelling and considerable casualties were suffered.	
		1830-2400	Nothing new to report. Patrols very active on both sides. Our patrols seem to have upper hand as reports from Coys are cheering. At approx 2000 hrs Adjt and a member of the "I" Sec went along HOLLAND RD and then down FARRER RD to try and locate posn of three 2 pdr A/Tk guns in vicinity. One gun was found at Junc of HOLLAND & FARRER RDS and the others, one of which was badly damaged by shelling, approx 100x and 300x respectively along FARRER RD. Gun crews had no information of general situation. <i>me.</i>	

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2/26 Bn AIF

From.. 15 Feb 42

To.. 15 Feb 42

PLACE	DATE	TIME	PARTICULARS	REMARKS
FARRER RD	15 Feb	0000-0630	Our patrols active throughout night, also our arty. General activity on front with plenty of small arms firing. Nothing unusual happened during night.	Bde issued a warning that enemy were firing shells which did not explode on impact, but were exploded by the sound of small arms fire, if close. This may have been the case when approx 50% of enemy shells were unexploded at KRANJI on evening 8 Feb 42.
		0630-1200	Heavy fighting on our right during the morning. Our fwd Coys in contact during morning - chiefly patrol activity. Enemy 'planes raining bombs on SINGAPORE CITY in a series of continuous high level bombing attacks. Area on our right towards BT TIMAH RD being dive-bombed and machine gunned. Our sector reasonably free from air attack. Arty very active on both sides - chiefly counter-bty fire.	Enemy are endeavouring to break through along BT TIMAH RD.
		1200	CO left for conference at Bde.	
		1200-1500	Similar activity to this morning. All Coy reports good.	Enemy have made no progress on this front since 12 Feb 42.
		1515	CO returned from Bde and issued orders at an immediate Coy Comds' conference as follows:- Negotiations are in progress with the Japanese and it is expected that an armistice will be declared during the afternoon. The code word indicating the cessation of hostilities will be "FINISH." After receiving this we will stand-to and lay down arms. Only organised attacks will be resisted.	
		1600-2000	Patrolling still in vigorous progress on our front, but very few enemy encountered. Our right flank has been very quiet since CO returned from Bde. Enemy air activity still as intense as ever. Bn HQ shelled at 1800 hrs for approx 15 minutes.	A few casualties during the afternoon.
		2000	Code word "FINISH" received, to be effective as from 2030 hrs. Coy Comds summoned to Bn HQ for conference and advised that hostilities were to cease at 2030 hrs and that we would become forbidden to escape prisoners of war. We were forbidden to escape and probably would be visited by the Japanese early next morning. Each man to get 2 days hard rations in his haversack.	
		2030	Ceased fire.	Heard Japanese cheering in their lines. A bitter pill to we Australians and it is hard to realise that this war is over.
		2030-2400	Tps resting but on the alert as we cannot realise things have finished.	

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