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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
0900 3 Nov 41 JEMALUANG	<p><u>DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR 24 HRS ENDING 2400 3 NOV 41.</u></p> <p>1. DEFENCE WORKS Weekly.</p> <p>2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY. NIL</p> <p>3. AIR ACTIVITY Nil. 24 Hrs ending 2400 2 Nov 41. 1215.3 large biplanes in formation flying South. 6/7000 ft.</p> <p>4. TOPOGRAPHICAL. Proceeding.</p> <p>5. WEATHER. Heavy rain to 1200 hrs.</p> <p>6. PERSONNEL. a. Sickness Normal. b. Morale Good.</p> <p>7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES. NIL</p>	

Adj. 2/19 Bn.

Capt.

S E C R E T.


2/18 Bn. A.I.F., MALAYA.

2 Nov. 41.

Daily Intelligence Report for period ended 2400 hrs. 1 Nov. 41.

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1. SEABORNE ACTIVITY: Timber vessel anchored off K. Jemaluang.
2. AIRCRAFT REPORTS: 2 planes flew high over camp area at 1030 hrs. in a northerly direction.
3. TOPOGRAPHICAL: Nil.
4. WEATHER: Fine.
5. PERSONNEL: Health and morale of troops good.
6. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY. Nil.


(A. W. HENCE) Lt.Col.,
(A.L. Varley)
C.O. 2/18 Bn., AIF.

Daily Intelligence Reports

1 Nov to 15 Nov incl.

(last number GD IR 50)

6. CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES.

COMPILED BY

2/19 Bn A.I.F.
MALAYA 5 Nov. 41.

22 Aust Inf Bde.

ENQUIRY INTO SIKH ACTIVITIES IN JEMALUANG AREA.

On Saturday, 1 Nov 41, Lieut. G. Gill, Sig. Officer, of this Bn., reported to me that a Sikh, description previously given in an Intelligence Report, has been seen on several occasions paying particular attention to Defence Work in this area.


On a number of previous occasions rather indefinite reports had come in from members of this Bn. in regard to movements of a Sikh in many parts of the Bn. area. They could not be followed up at the time owing to indefinite descriptions, and also at the time I considered, and still do, that the Sikh was either an ex soldier or a police constable who took an interest in military matters.

Since 1 Nov 41 men in the Bn. had been notified that a Sikh was taking an interest in the Defence work and were asked to report his movement. A number of verbal reports have come in, and he has been seen on points on and off the MERSING- KLUANG Rd. between 863291 and 854274. In "A" Coy, "C" Coy, Bn HQ areas. In addition he has been seen inspecting work on the new road being constructed by the Engineers and our working parties. in Square 8627.

Enclosed are reports of men who watched his movements on 4 Nov 41. As they considered that he knew he was being watched, I withdrew these men today in order to allow him to lose this impression.

In this area it is difficult to approach the local Police, as they are Malays and we do not know whether they are trustworthy or not, or whether they can keep their mouths shut. The Police Station is in charge of a Malay Sergeant. We cannot find out Sikh's name nor his occupation without giving the show away.

It appears that Sikh tried to shake off men shadowing him on several occasions and for this reason I intend that an intermittent policy will be followed, depending to a very large extent on reports from working parties in various areas.


..... Lieut.
(S.F. Burt) I.O. 2/19 Bn.

Statement by NX35234. Sig. W. Bryce.

Seemed to watch us very closely and was speaking mostly in Malay, I heard him say "Chakap Malayu" several times. When anyone would say a joking remark in English, would nod and say something to himself, but would not answer if spoken to in English, apparently not understanding us. I heard him say "Mukan" when we were getting into the truck to come home. At one stage someone asked him what a large red flower near him was, and he pointed to it and said something in Malayan. Did not hear him speak in any Indian language, sounded all like Malayan. I had an idea he could understand what we said, but he didn't speak any English whatever. I think he would liked to have had a conversation with us, but as he didn't speak English and we couldn't speak Malay there was nothing understood.

-----Pte.
NX35234. Sig. Bryce. W.

Statement by NX55430. Pte. Harding. G.N.

At approximately 1030 hrs on 4 Nov 41 the Platoon, comprising the Band of 2/19 Bn was waiting on the road outside Jemaluang. Just before the arrival of the transport back to camp a Sikh came by. He paused at the place we stood - passed a few words in English and Malay. He walked a little way a little way in towards or defence positions, stood a moment as in thought, and returned. Passing me he said "Mukan" and went his way. As he went a peculiarity of gait, as described in a Bn. note was noticeable, and mention of the incident was made to Lieut. Brindley, who was the nearest officer.

Catching up with the Sikh before he reached the village two of us left the truck and followed on foot at about 150 yds distance. Nothing extraordinary eventuated. The man glanced back occasionally. Just before reaching the main part of the village he turned on to a track, we hastened forward to catch up with sight of him. Sgt. Tozer, of "I" Sec. came along at that moment and we indicated the man, who was at that moment examining some bushes in the proximity of the Signal Section.

G. N. Harding
-----Pte.
NX55430. Pte. Harding. G.N.

Statement by NX51521. Pte. Taylor. R.C.

At approximately 1000 hrs on 28 Oct 41 at Road Junct (860280) (Map 3 H 12) I saw a Sikh watching the erection of a Signal line.

At 1100 hrs on 1 Nov 41 I saw the same Sikh at A Coy Field HQS. 862285, where a forward Signal centre is situated. The Sikh was standing, looking at what was going on. He went away after being asked by Pte. Robb.

R. L. Taylor
-----Pte.
NX51521. Pte. Taylor. R.C.

Statement by NX50271. Pte. Ferguson, C.S.

Whilst I was waiting for the transport at the branch road into BN. HQ, I a Sikh, who attracted my attention, wanting to go into the bush, and whilst he was speaking me in peices of broken English I saw his left arm, which had a very peculiar swing and I though he fitted the discription as was read out in B.R.Os. After saying it was very hot and pointing to the sun. After that he pointed to the track leading to the area about Bn Hq, he then walked up the track a little distance, but turned back after a slight hesitation and walked to the main Kluang Rd, proceeding in the direction of Jemaluang.

Myself and Pte. Harding were detailed by Lieut Brindley to trail him and keep him in sight. We kept him in view the whole time and noticed that he loitered in immediate locality of a Signalling post and he was within ear-shot of what was being said. When I walked around the bend of the track he was fumbling with a peice of blue paper. It was then that the "I" Sect. Sgt, contacted me.

K. D. Ferguson Pte.
NX50271. Pte. Ferguson. K.D.

Statement made by Cpl. Lake. A.F. NX60296 concerning a suspicious person. ---

At approximately 1035 Hrs on Tuesday 4 Nov 41 a Sikh answering the description as was read out in B.R.Os was observed paying much attention to the defences in the area around where BN. H.Q. is situated.

After saying two words on English, "good day and cigarette," no attempt was made by him to converse with us.

Two men, Ptes Harding and Ferguson were detailed to trail him and take notice of what he did and where he went.

After turning a bend in the road he changed his appearance by raising an umbrella and clothing himself in a sarong.

C. F. Lake Cpl.
NX60296. Cpl. Lake. A.F.

Surveillance of Sikh (unknown) between 1215 hrs and 1500 hrs Nov 4 41.

Statement by NX36028. Pte. Mahon. K.G. "I" Section 2/19 Bn.

Sikh spent time wandering in and out of shops in one of which he sat and conversed with another Sikh for twenty minutes. My impression was that he realised that he was being watched. When I left the village at 1500 hrs he was sitting on bench in front of shop next to Post Office, on the Southern side, talking with two natives I took to be Malays.

K. G. Mahon Pte.
NX36028. Pte. Mahon. K.G.

Statement by NX55723. Pte. Rescorl. J.E. 1500 hrs to 1630 hrs 4 Nov 41

He stayed for some time in a coffee shop next door to Govt Chandu Shop, and then meandered through the village in the direction of Cross Rds. He chatted with several Indians every now and again and impression was gained that the Sikh's friends were watching the observer.

Sikh turned left into a group of houses near "A" Coy H.Q., reappeared in fifteen minutes. He was followed to last group of houses on right hand side near village. Sikh turned in here and trail was lost.

Impression gained was that Sikh knew he was being followed.

J. E. Rescorl Pte.
NX55723. Pte. Rescorl. J.E.

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Unit HQ A I F,
MALAYA.
Date 5 Nov 41.

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INT REPORTS
Ref GDIR 31; para 4.

It is noted that on detail map prepared by 2/19 Bn, att to the report, conventional signs used are not those as laid down.

Please instruct all units to use recognised conventional signs.

*Schedule prepared
for units of Gdn
3 Nov 41
L.H.*

[Signature]
GS A I F MALAYA.

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Address HQ AIF MALAYA

Date 25 Oct 41.

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

1. It is requested that a defensive dispositions map of ENDAU area giving positions weapon pits be prepared and forwarded to this HQ as early as possible.
2. In reporting information regarding weapon pits in Daily Int Reports please furnish map references or other individual identifications.

Colonel COL.
GS AIF MALAYA.

adj to inform
27 Oct 41 JG

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Australian Imperial Malay Forces - Malaya Command.

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Address HQ ALF MALAYA
Date 23 Oct 41

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SS Aust Inf Bde.

22 JUNE BDE
DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

Rec'd: 11/1/11 hrs.

and forwarded to this HQ as early as possible.
map of ENLADU area giving positions weapons pits be prepared
It is requested that a defensive dispositions

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22 AUST INF BDE GP DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT
for the 24 hrs ended 2400hrs 15 Nov 41.

1. DEFENSIVE WORKS.

2/10 Fd Coy RAE report the following progress in Engineer works being carried out or supervised by them:-

1. Bde Hq MT Harbour 858433-Original layout complete - patching and rolling after a certain amount of deterioration caused by recent exercises and heavy rains. B Ech loop 40% complete.
2. Loop road MERSING 839437 to 837457 is complete - has been surfaced and re-rolled.
3. Boat Obstacle 881425. Work has been held up owing to high tides and rising seas.
4. BSL position 875435 - temporary stand has been completed and used for practice lighting.
5. Artillery road at 850450 - 30% complete.
6. Earthwork at ADS MERSING - 15% complete.
7. Semi - permanent water points:-
 - a. 67.2 milepost - complete.
 - b. 121.5 " KLUANG rd - 98 % complete.
 - c. 116.5 " " - 70 % complete.
8. Carrier track MERSING - little progress because of shortage of men available for this work and also wet weather.
9. B Echelon Harbour Bde Gp 852454 - Formation 90% complete. Graveling 25% complete - held up by bad weather.
10. Loop roads east and west of JEMALUANG crossroads - 80% complete.
11. MT harbour 857267 - complete.
12. During this period Fd Coy has also been maintaining supplementary water supply to Bde Gp.

2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY.

NIL report.

3. AIR ACTIVITY.

NIL report.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Deterioration of roads or tracks. As reported in I (1) above the recent heavy rains in the MERSING area, coupled with the continuous use of roads to carry out defence works and exercises has resulted in some cutting up of all unpaved roads. In most cases this has not been sufficient to prevent use of roads, and maintenance parties under RAE supervision are restoring roads to original condition. Road material is now settling, and more durable surfaces will result.

5. WEATHER.

b. Prevailing: Showery each day, and some heavy falls. Monsoon winds have not yet been severe.

6. PERSONNEL.

Sickness. Normal
Morale . Good.
Equipment. NIL report.

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY.

NIL report.

K. W. Hutton
Brig.

Comd 22AUST INF BDE.

WEEKLY ~~DAILY~~ INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

for period ended 2400 hours on 16 Nov. 41

Week

1. DEFENCE WORKS.

(a) New work

(b) Progress report of work in hand

(c) Deterioration of old work

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

(d) Projected work

(e) Location of dumps of material

MERSING R.E. DUMP

2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY.

NORMAL

3. AIR ACTIVITY.

NORMAL BRITISH AIRCRAFT

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

(a) New roads or tracks

(b) Tracks explored or opened up

(c) Deterioration of roads or tracks

(d) Notes on variation of density in jungle & rubber

(e) Notes on navigability or changes in courses of rivers & streams

(f) Fords

5. WEATHER.

(a) Effect of wind & storms

Softening of Harbour surfaces

(b) Prevailing winds & weather

6. PERSONNEL.

(a) Sickness

Slight increase

(b) Morale

good

(c) Condition of equipment

good

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES.

(a) Possible enemy agents

(b) State of mind

(c) Attitude to A.I.F.

(d) Movement

8 REMARKS. (not included in above)

M. B. ... *Capn*
O.C. 2/10 Fd Coy R.A.E.

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ATTACHMENT TO INTELLIGENCE REPORT

FIELD WORKS:

1. Brigade M.T. Harbour 858,433 Original layout complete - patching & rolling required after a certain amount of deterioration caused by recent exercise .
New Loop for Brigade "B" Echelon 40% complete
2. Loop Road MERSING 838,437-837,457 complete - has been surfaced and re-rolled.
3. Boat Obstacle 881,425. Work held up due to high tides
4. B.E.L. position 875,435 - temporary standing complete.
5. Artillery Road at 850,450 - 30% complete
6. Earthwork at A.D.S. Mersing - 15% complete
7. Semi-Permanent Water Points
 - (a) At 67.2 M complete
 - (b) At 121.5M 98% complete
 - (c) At 116.5M 70% complete
8. Carrier Track MERSING - Little progress as working parties not available, also wet weather.
9. "B" Echelon Harbour 852,454- Formation 90% complete. Gravelling 25% complete - held up by bad weather.
10. Loop Roads east & west of JEMALUANG Cross Roads - 80% complete
11. M.T. Harbour 857,267 - complete
12. Water supplied to Brigade Group

f M Delam Capt
O/C 2/10 Field Coy RAE

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2/18 Bn, AIF, MALAYA.
16 Nov. 41.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDED 2400 hrs
15 Nov. 41.

1. SEABORNE ACTIVITY:

NIL.

2. AIRCRAFT REPORT:

NIL.

3. TOPOGRAPHICAL:

NIL.

4. WEATHER:

Fine until 2130 hrs - heavy showers until 2400 hrs.

5. PERSONNEL:

Health and morale of troops good.

6. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY:

NIL.

[Signature]
.....Capt.
(A. W. HENCE)

(A. L. VARLEY).

Lt. Col.

C.O., 2/18 Bn, AIF.

22 AUST INF BDE GROUP DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT
For the 24 hours ended 2400 hrs 14 Nov 41.

1. DEFENSIVE WORKS.

No new work carried out. 2/19 Bn engaged on individual training.
 Work hampered by rain in some instances.

2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY.

Nil report.

3. AIR ACTIVITY.

AR MERSING	one	0905 hrs	North	Recce type.
AR MERSING	four	0935 hrs	South	unident.
AR MERSING	one	1045 hrs	South	Brewster Buffalo.
AR MERSING	one	1050 hrs	North	Lockheed Hudson.
AR MERSING	one	1115 hrs	South	Lockheed Hudson.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Nil report.

5. WEATHER CONDITIONS.

16 A Tk Bty reports that roads to gun posns in the JEMALUANG area
 have been affected badly by use after rain.
 Rain has fallen in all areas in which works are being carried out
 and ground is very soft.

6. PERSONNEL.

Health. Sick parades normal. Health generally good.
 Morale. Good.
 Equipment. Nil report.

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY.

Suspicious Activity. Nil.

H.B.

(H.B. TAYLOR)

Brig.

Comd 22 AUST INF BDE.

16 A/Tk Bty R A A
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MALAYA
16 Nov 41

INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 16 NOV 41

1. DEFENCE WORKS - No new works undertaken. Progress rather restricted due to limited No. of personnel available for work.
2. DETERIORATION - BHQ badly effected by heavy rains, Road to J 4 Pn cut up badly with trucks moving over same during rains & now, temporarily useless to anything other than tracked vehicles. All L Tp Gun Pns effected considerably due to rains.
3. PROJECTED WORKS - Construction of L Tp H Q. General repairs and improvements to Pns.
4. LOCATION DUMPS OF MATERIALS - Nil.
5. Seaborne Activity - Nil
6. AIR ACTIVITY - Daily flights of Single Planes with occasional flights of three or more. All identified as friendly.
7. TOPOGRAPHICAL - Very difficult to maintain camouflage of approaches to Pns due to disturbances caused by vehicles.
8. WEATHER - General deterioration in conditions with very heavy rains practically every day and night.
9. PERSONNEL - Standard of Morale still very high - health ~~fair~~ good.
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10. CIVILIANS - No abnormal interest shown.

Major R A A
O C 16 A/Tk Bty R A A

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2/18 Bn, AIF, MALAYA.

15 Nov. 41.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDED 2400 hrs
14 Nov. 41.

1. SEABORNE ACTIVITY:

NIL.

2. AIRCRAFT REPORT:

1 Recce plane flew NORTH at 0905 hrs.
4 planes flew SOUTH at 0935 hrs.
1 Buffalo plane flew SOUTH at 1045 hrs.
1 Lockheed Hudson " NORTH " 1050 "
1 " " " SOUTH " 1115 "

3. TOPOGRAPHICAL:

All tracks in Bn Area have been plotted on all Bn maps.

4. WEATHER:

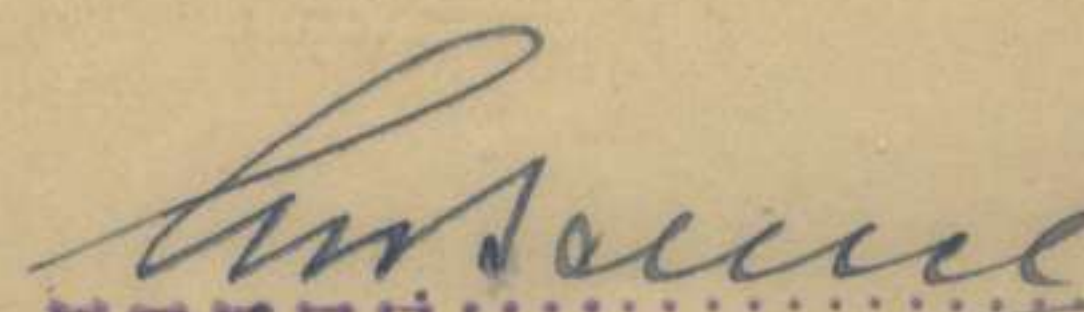
Fine.

5. PERSONNEL:

Health and morale of troops good.
10 reinforcements marched in.

6. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY:

NIL.


.....CapLt. Col.
(A. W. H. (NCL) VARLEY).
Adj. 208 Bn, 2/18 Bn, AIF.

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2/19 Bn A.I.F. Malaya

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0900 hrs 15 Nov 41 Jemaluang

DAILY "I" REPORT FOR 24 HRS ENDING 2400 HRS - 14 Nov 41

1. DEFENCE WORKS. Weekly

2. Nil return

3. AIR ACTIVITY:-

0700 hrs - Light biplane flying NORTH - 3000 ft

0930 - unidentified planes (presumably two)
flying south.

1045 - ~~Light~~ Lockheed Bomber flying
NORTH 6000 ft.

1110 - Plane of ~~the~~ planes (unidentified)
flying SOUTH - above clouds

4. TOPG - Nil

5. WEATHER - Numerous heavy showers throughout day
- fine night.

6. PERSONNEL @ sickness - normal
@ morale - good

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES - Nil return

W. H. Toxet Sgt
"I" Sgt 2/19 Bn
A.I.F. Malaya

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WEEKLY "I" SUMMARY OF DEFENCE WORKS
FOR 24 HRS ENDING 2400 HRS - 14 NOV 41

NIL RETURN (Individual Training for week 14-15 Nov)

W. H. Tozer Sgt.
2/19 Bn A.I.F. Malaya

H.Q. 2/20 Bn., A.I.F.

Malaya,
15 Nov., 41

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT, for 24 hrs ended 14 Nov., 41

DEFENCE WORK

Nil.

SEABORNE ACTIVITY

Nil.

AIR ACTIVITY

One Wapiti flew in a northerly direction at a high altitude over MERSING area at 0710 hrs. At 1045 hrs a Brewster Buffalo encircled the camp and flew off in a southerly direction. At ENDAU at 0945 hrs 13 Nov. two unidentified aircraft flew north.

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Nil.

WEATHER

Mostly fine at ENDAU during morning but heavy showers later. Showery also at MERSING.

PERSONNEL

Nil.

CIVILIAN ACTIVITY

It is reported from ENDAU that the Japanese stores have had their shutters up for about two days and at least one of them is selling out.

AmacLean Lt.

per Lt-Col., Comd. 2/20 Bn., A.I.F.
Malaya.

*Noted on
Summary
dated 11/11/41
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Daily Intelligence Report for period ended 2400 hrs 13 Nov 41.1. DEFENCE WORKS.15 A/Tk Bty.

George Troop Gun Posns. No 1 gun posn map ref 87274363. One protection pit dug. This and communication trench to gun pit awaiting revetting. Difficulty is being experienced undermining walls. Rain has also made it necessary to construct bridge on track leading to posn. This is near completed.

No 2 gun posn map ref 86914422. Camouflage has been improved by the addition of wire netting. Protection pit for No 4 and 5 well under construction. Seepage from sea at high tide fills amm pit to depth of 6" necessitating floor being raised above this level.

No 3 gun posn map ref 86604456. Revetting of amm pit and communication trench proving a big job. Seepage interrupting work. This should be completed next week. Strict attention is still being paid to camouflage.

No 4 gun posn map ref 86274398. Roofing of amm pit and protection pit has been strengthened by the addition of clay and sand. It was hoped that the clay would prove effective in keeping out water but is inadequate. Camouflage being attended to daily.

Henry Troop Gun Posns. No 1 gun posn map ref 86154252. Have dug out crawl trench and amm pit where sides have caved in - work very laborious due to heavy rains. Erected wire netting (2" mesh) over gun pit. Scrim nets and foliage have been placed over this as camouflage. Will be necessary to grow native creepers over the mesh to make a permanent effective work.

No 2 Gun posn. map ref 86244252. Amm pit will be completed in 24 hrs. Side awaiting revettment caved in during week, caused by heavy rains. Inf working on area in immediate front of pit anticipate front parapet will be completed by week ending 20 Nov 41.

No 3 gun posn. Map ref 85734170. Work difficult owing to low lying feature of ground. Considerable quantity of gravel used to build up. Floor of gun pit raised 6".

No 4 gun posn. Map ref 85584245. Dets have been cutting wood to be used for revettment of crawl trench and amm pits. Extending crawl trench in order to drain amm pit thoroughly.

Ink Troop Gun posn. No 1 gun posn map ref 87844266. Work on this pit is in final stages of completion. Det working on improvements for personal comfort such as a supply pit.

No 2 gun posn. Map ref 87934254. Another pit which is also in the last stages of completion. Supply pit under construction.

No 3 gun posn. map ref 86764265. This posn has reached final stages of completion but is now to be left as alternate posn while work of whole tp is devoted to new posn at map ref which up to this time has been known as as alternate posn. This work is still in initial stages.

No 4 gun posn. map ref 87814248. With the addition of a supply pit which is not of most importance this pit will also be completed.

King Troop Gun Posns. No 1 gun posn map ref 83724544. Parapet has been completed but during recent rain one side collapsed. Small amm pit has been completed and floor of pit in final stages.

No 2 gun posn. map ref 83324718. Considerable work yet to be done on parapet of this posn. Work this week has been confined to construction of suitable approach for gun during wet weather. This has been accomplished. No 2 gun posn at map ref 83334693 (alternate posn). Work of raising floor in this posn still in progress.

No 3 gun posn map ref 84324743. Map ref 84984680 (alternate posn). Work has been at a standstill this week except for maintenance of camouflage. These dets worked on No 2 gun pit posns. All work of tps has been interrupted by recent heavy rains and almost without exception all pits and adjoining pits have had a considerable amount, some of which has not drained away. It has also been noticed during these rains that all dugout work no matter how solid the walls appear must be revetted otherwise they eventually cave in.

2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY.

Nil.

3. AIRCRAFT REPORT.

Nil.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Nil

5. WEATHER.

Mostly fine with few scattered showers.

6 PERSONNEL.

Morale good. Sick parades confined mostly to skin complaints.

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY.

2/20 Bn report that the Japanese stores at Endau appear to have been deserted in the last two or three days. The Japanese wharf is likewise deserted.

K. W. Smith
.....Prig
Comd 22 Aust Inf Bde

SICK PARADES:- Have shown an increase this week but still mainly skin diseases.

MORAL:- Moral of troops is good.

PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT:- is also good.

R. R. R.
.....Lieut. R. A. A.
For. O. C. 15th Anti Tank Bty.

14 November 41.

15th Anti Tank Battery Intelligence
Report for period ending 2400 Hrs

Defence Works:-

"George" Troop Gun Positions.No 1. Gun Position at Map reference 8727 4363

One protection pit dug. This and Communication trench to gun pit awaiting rivetting. Difficulty is being experienced undermining walls. Rain has also made it necessary to construct bridge on track leading to position. This is near completed.

No 2 Gun Position at Map Reference 8691 4422

Camouflage has been improved by the addition of wire netting. Protection pit for No 4 & 5 well under construction. Seepage from sea at high tide fills Ammunition pit to a depth of 6" necessitating floor being raised above this level.

No 3 Gun Position at Map Reference 8660 4456

Rivetting of Ammunition pit and communication trench proving a big job. Seepage interrupting work. This should be completed next week. Strict attention is still being paid to camouflage.

No 4 Gun Position at Map Reference 8627 4398

Roofing on ammunition pit & protection pit has been strengthened by the addition of clay & sand. It was hoped that the clay would prove effective in keeping out water but is inadequate. Camouflage being attended to daily.

"Henry" Troop Gun PositionsNo 1 Gun position at Map reference 8615 4252

Have dug out crawl trench & Ammunition pit where sides have caved in-work very laborious due to heavy rains. Erected wire netting (2" Mesh) over gun pit. Scrim nets & foliage have been placed over this as camouflage. Will be necessary to grow native creepers over the mesh to make a permanent effective work.

No 2 Gun position at Map reference 8624 4252

Ammunition pit will be completed in 24 hrs. Side awaiting rivetting caved in during week - caused by heavy rains. Infantry working on area in immediate front of pit - anticipate front parapet will be completed by week ending 20 November 41.

No 3 Gun position Map reference 8573 4170

Work difficult owing to low lying feature of ground. Considerable quantity of gravel used to build up. Floor of gun pit raised 6".

No 4 Gun position Map reference 8558 4245

Detachment have been cutting wood to be used for rivetting of crawl trench & Ammunition pits. Extending crawl trench in order to drain ammunition pit thoroughly.

"Ink" Troop Gun PositionsNo 1 Gun position at Map reference 8784 4266

Work on this pit is in final stages of completion. Detachment working on improvements for personal comfort such as supply pit.

No 2 Gun position at Map reference 8793 4254

Another pit which is also in last stages of completion. Supply pit under construction.

No 3 Gun position at Map reference 8676 4265

This position has reached final stages of completion but is now to be left as alternative position while work of whole troop is devoted to new position at Map reference which up to this time has been known as alternative position. This work is still in initial stages.

No 4 Gun position at Map Reference 8781 4248

With the addition of a supply pit which is not of most importance, this pit will also be completed.

"King" Troop Gun PositionsNo 1 Gun Position at Map reference 8372 4544

Parapet has been completed but during recent rain one side collapsed. Small amm pit has been completed and floor of pit in final stages.

No 2 Gun position at Map reference 8332 4718

Considerable work yet to be done on parapet of this position. Work this week has been confined to construction of suitable approach for gun during wet weather. This has been accomplished.

No 2 Gun Position at Map reference 8333 4693 (Alternative Position)

Work of raising floor in this position still in progress.

No 3 Gun position at Map reference 8432 4743

Map reference 8498 4680 have been at a standstill this week (except for maintenance of camouflage) while these detachments worked on No 2 Pits. All work of troops has been interrupted by recent heavy rains and almost without exception all pits and adjoining pits have had a considerable amount of which would not drain away. It has also been noticed during these rains that all dugout work, no matter how solid the walls appear must be rivetted otherwise they eventually cave in.

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT for period ended 2400 hrs 11 Nov 41.I. DEFENCE WORKS.

P/18 Bn. Bn H.Q. area: 85944286.

R.A.P. 85754266. 15' x 18' dug to a depth of 5 ft. Well has been sunk to supply drinking water.

Mortars.

No 1 det. 86344409. Dugout to be covered. O.P. completed.

No 2 det. 86644263. To be camouflaged.

No 3 det. 86894236. All diggings with exception of O.P. completed. Camouflaging commenced.

No 4 det. 86894819. All diggings with exception of O.P. completed.

No 5 det. 86304412. All completed except camouflage. O.P. completed.

No 6 det. 86684259. All diggings except O.P. completed. Camouflaging commenced.

A Coy. H.Q. 85894384. Some revetting done and extra soil placed on top of dugout. Wiring has been commenced and Coy H.Q. will be wired in with 9 sec of 9 pl and 9 pl H.Q. and 7 sec of 9 pl.

7 pl H.Q. and 2 sec 85984396. Sec dugout completed, alternate Bren gun pit dug but not covered over. Wiring. This posn is surrounded by a single apron fence. No 1 sec. 85894436. Sec posts almost enclosed in a single apron fence, approx 400 yds. No 3 sec. 86004413. Alternate sec posts not yet completed. Sec posts three parts enclosed with single apron fence.

8 pl H.Q. 85444435. 6 sec 85494437. sec posts and alternate sec posts almost complete. Wiring. This can be erected to include three sec posts and alternate posns together. Approx 775 yds single apron fence already completed in this area. No 4 sec. 85744442. This sec is included in pl wiring programme. No 5 sec 85434448. Drains being completed. This sec al included in pl wiring programme.

9 pl H.Q. 85654379. No 7 sec 85914380. This sec post is included in pl H.Q. wiring system and the 400 yds of wiring is part of the wire around this post. No 8 sec. 86064360. alternate gun pit still to be completed. Approx 400 yds single apron fence erected around this sec post. No 9 sec 85684382. Bren gun pit in primary posn complete.

Approx 2500 yds of single apron wiring erected on coy area.

B Coy. H.Q. 86254409.

10 pl H.Q. 86354412. pl wiring is now nearly completed. sec posts and communication trenches have been improved and deepened. All completed are camouflaged.

11 pl H.Q. 86854402. pl double apron fence has been completed around are Independent sec wiring nearly completed and the second double apron fence around pl H.Q. and reserve sec has been commenced. The beach wiring has been repaired where it has been laid down by heavy seas. Knife rests for all gaps are being constructed. Alterations to Vickers pits are in progr

12 pl H.Q. 86574448. Pl wiring is now nearly completed. Repairs to damaged beach is in progress. Sec posts and communication trenches have been improved by revetting, deepening while camouflaging is being continued. Secs are being individually and independently wired and furth subdivisions for wiring pegged.

C Coy H.Q. 86024278. Dugout has been further strengthened and part of the trench system revetted. An O. . has been constructed and roofed in with timber.

13 pl H.Q. 85624173. The week has been spent primarily in the construction of gasproof chambers for the sec posts. A quantity of timber has been carted for the revetting of the trenches and gas shelters. Duckboards are being placed in the trenches and grass has been planted for camouflage purposes. Little wiring has been commenced owing to the lack of material

14 pl H.Q. 88664263. One row of double apron has been built around the pl area and a start has been made on the digging of the alternate posns. Ti has been carted for revetting purposes and camouflaging of the primary defences is almost finished.

15 pl H.Q. 86074278. One row of single apron wire has been built along th front of Arty Hill 862426 to House Spur 862429 and up the saddle between Arty Hill and Knox Knob 860427. Digging of alternate posns on Arty Hill has commenced. Timber has been carted and No 9 sec trench system is being roofed in because of the proximity of the A/tk gun.

D Coy H.Q. 86844322

16 pl H.Q. 86884424. South of Mosque 20 yds of wire triple coil and doub double apron fence has been completed. Posts for the continuation of thi fence have been put up for approx 400 yds. North of Mosque posts for

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double double apron fence have been completed for 30 yds. 17 pl H.Q. 87204354. 4 sec 87274353: 100 yds close assault wiring pickets driven. gun pit half completed. All communication trenches except 20 ft complete to first task or better. 5 sec 87144371. Communication trenches less 15 yds complete to first task or better. 6 sec 87194354 all communication trenches complete to first task.

18 pl H.Q. 87734240. 130 yds of single apron and coil wire has been laid, running towards left section. Complete job will be triple coil, and double apron fence. 120 yds of tactical wire running to right of right forward section so far only single apron and double coil have been laid. Inner wire on flanks and rear of pl H.Q. 300 yds of coil and single apron have been laid. This wire will be triple coil and double apron when completed. 40 yds of trench system at pl H.Q. have been revetted. Roof timber and covering to be added before completion. Abatis work from Swankeys Stones map ref 881427 is the same as last reported when damaged by storm. Approx 50 yds of wire on beach near 18 pl still to be repaired.

N.B. All workings must be revetted at an early date or they will deteriorate in usefulness.

Wiring defences. Pickets driven from left flank to rear of 6 sec. Total distance 350 yds. of this 200 yds covered with single Dannert and of that 100 yds covered by outer diagonals.

2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY.

Nil

3. AIRCRAFT REPORT

Nil

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Nil

5. WEATHER

Mostly Fine.

6. PER ONNEL.

Nil

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY.

Nil

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13 Nov. 41.

 PROGRESS REPORT ON FIELD WORKS, W.E. 12 Nov. 41.

Bn. HQ. Area: 85944286.

RAP. 85754266. 15' x 18' dug to a depth of 5-ft.
 Well has been sunk to supply drinking water.

Mortars:

No. 1 Det.	86344409:	Dug-out to be covered. OP completed.
No. 2 "	86644263:	SEAVIEW to be camouflaged.
No. 3 "	86894326:	All diggings with exception OP completed.
No. 4 "	86874819:	-do- -do-
No. 5 "	86304412:	All completed except camouflage. OP completed.
No. 6 "	86684259:	All diggings except OP completed. Camouflaging commenced.

A. Coy Area.

Coy HQ. 85894384. Some revetting done and extra soil put on top of dugout.
 Wiring has been commenced and Coy HQ will be wired in with 9 Sec 9 Pl and 9 Pl HQ, also 7 Sec 9 Pl.

No. 7 Pl HQ 85934396. & 2 Sec: Sec dugout completed, alternate Bren gun pit dug but not covered over. Wiring This position is surrounded by a single apron fence and insertion of wire commenced.

No. 7 Pl. No. 1 Sec. Wiring: Sec posts almost enclosed in single apron fence, approx 400 yds. 85894436

No. 7 Pl. No. 3 Sec. Alternate sec posts not yet completed. 86004413
 Wiring: Sec post three parts enclosed with single apron fence.

No. 8 Pl. No. 6 Sec. 85444435. Sec posts and alternate sec posts almost complete.

Wiring: This can be erected to include three sec posts and alternate positions together - approx 775 yards single apron fence already completed in this area.

No. 8 Pl. No. 4 Sec: Wiring. This section is included in Pl wiring programme. 85744442

No. 8 Pl. No. 5 Sec. Drains being completed. 85434448

Wiring: This Section also included in Pl wiring programme.

No. 9 Pl HQ 85654379. No. 9. Sec. Bren gun pit in primary position complete. 85684382

Wiring: Has been commenced and approx 400 yards completed.

No. 9 Pl. No. 8 Sec. Alternate gun pit still to be completed.

Wiring: Approx 400 yards single apron fence erected around this section post. 86064360

No. 9 Pl. No. 7 Sec. Wiring: This section post is included in Pl HQ wiring system and the 400 yards of wiring is part of the wire round this post. 85914380

Approx 2500 yards of single apron wiring erected on Coy Area.

COY HQ 86254409

B. Coy Area.

No. 10 Pl. HQ. 86354412. Pl wiring is now nearly completed. Section posts and communication trenches have been improved and deepened. All completed are camouflaged.

No. 11 Pl HQ. 86854402. Pl double apron fence has been completed around area. Independent section wiring nearly completed and the second double apron fence around Pl HQ and reserve sec has been commenced.

There has not been much digging done this week excepting deepening of crawl trenches.

The beach wiring is being repaired where it has been laid down by heavy seas. Knife rests for all gaps are being constructed. Alterations to Vickers pits are in progress.

No. 12 Pl HQ. 86574448. Pl wiring is now nearly completed. Repairs to damaged beach wire are in progress. Section posts and communication trenches have been improved by revetting and deepened and camouflaging is being continued. Sections are being independently wired and further subdivisions for wiring pegged.

C Coy Area.

Coy HQ. 86024278. Dugout has been further strengthened and part of the trench system revetted. An Op has been constructed and roofed in with timber.

No.13 Pl. HQ. 85624173. The week has been spent primarily in the construction of gasproof chambers for the section posts. A quantity of timber has been carted for revetting the trenches and gas shelters. Duckboards are being placed in the trenches and grass has been planted for camouflage purposes. Little wiring has been commenced owing to the lack of materials.

No.14 Pl. HQ. 88664263. One row of double apron has been built around the Pl area and a start has been made on the digging of the alternative positions. Timber has been carted for revetting purposes and camouflaging of the primary defences is almost finished.

No.15 Pl. HQ. 86074278. One row of single apron wire has been built along the front of ARTILLERY HILL to HOUSE SPUR and up the saddle between ARTILLERY HILL AND KNOX KNOB. Digging of alternate positions on ARTILLERY HILL has commenced. Timber has been carted and No.9 section trench system is being roofed in because of the proximity of the A/tk gun.

H.Q. 86844322

D. Coy Area:

No.16 Pl HQ. 86884424. SOUTH of MOSQUE 20 yards of wire triple coil and double double apron fence has been completed. Posts for the continuation of this fence have been put up for approx. 400 yards. NORTH of MOSQUE posts for double double apron fence have been put up for 30 yds.

No.17 Pl. HQ. 87204354.

Digging: 4 Sec. 100 yds close assault wiring pickets only driven. Gun pit half completed. All communication trenches except 20 ft now complete to first task or better.

No.5 Sec: Communication trenches less 15 yds now completed to first task or better.

No.6 Sec. All communication trenches completed to first task. 87194354

No.18 Pl HQ. 87734240. 130 yards of single apron and coil wire has been laid running towards left section. Complete job will be triple coil and double apron fence.

120 yds of tactical wire running to right of right forward section so far only single apron and double coil have been laid. Inner wire on flanks and rear of Pl HQ 300 yards of coil and single apron have been laid. This wire will be triple coil and double apron when completed. 40 yds of trench system at Pl HQ have been revetted. Roof timber and covering to be added before completed. Abatis work from SWANKEYS STONES is the same as last reported when damaged by storm. Approximately 50 yards of wire on beach near 18 Pl still to be repaired.

NOTE:

All workings must be revetted at an early date or they will deteriorate in usefulness.

WIRING DEFENSIVE: Pickets driven from left flank to rear of 6 Sec. Total distance 350 yards. Of this 200 yards covered with single Dannert and of that 100 yards covered by outer diagonals.

Al Varley

(A. W. HENCE) Lt. Col.
Adj. (AL VARLEY).
C.O., 2/18 Bn, AIF.

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2/18 Bn, A.I.F., MALAYA.

10 Nov. 41.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDED 2400 hrs
9 Nov. 41.

1. SEABORNE ACTIVITY: NIL.
2. AIRCRAFT REPORTS: NIL.
3. WEATHER: Fine with breeze from S.W.
4. TOPOGRAPHICAL: NIL.
5. PERSONNEL: Health and morale good.
6. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY: NIL.

W. H. H. H. Capt Lt. Col.
(A. W. HEN (A. L. VARLEY)).
Adj. 2/18 Bn, A.I.F., 2/18 Bn, A.I.F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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2/19 Bn. A.I.F. MALAYA

Hour, Date, Place.

Summary of Events and Information.

Remarks and references to Appendices.

0900 hrs 18 Nov. 41 - Gemalwang

DAILY "I" REPORT FOR 24 HRS ENDING 2400 HRS - 18 NOV. 41

1. DEFENCE WORKS. (Weekly)

2. Nil Return

3. AIR ACTIVITY : Nil Return

4. TOPO - nil.

5. WEATHER. Fine during the day. Heavy showers from
2030 hrs onwards

6. PERSONNEL

ⓐ Sickness - normal.

ⓑ Morale - good.

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES. Nil Return.

W. H. Jones Sgt.

"I" sec. Bn HQ 2/19 Bn

A. I. F. Malaya.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT for period ended 2400 hrs 10 Nov 41.

1. DEFENCE WORKS.

2/20 Bn report that A coy have been occupied in wiring in the Lalang Hill area, map ref 829487 and the construction of weapon pits on the Beach at map ref 834484. Wiring along front of river in this same sector has also been commenced. C Coy at Endau report that weapon pits in that area damaged by rain are being further strengthened and repaired. D Coy are engaged in the same work.

2/10 Bn Regt state that the digging of gun pits, O.P.'s and the construction of roads is progressing favourably. Camouflage of O.P. at map ref 833469 has been completed. Road leading between two 19 bty gun posns map ref 830448-846449 is nearing completion. Permanent telephone lines have been laid from Lucas Lookout O.P. map ref 871434 to a B.E.L. at ref 874433 and from Camp O.P. map ref 853467 to B.E.L. at 854468.

2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY.

Two timber vessels (sail) departed from Endau, one at 1945, one at 0020 hrs.

3. AIRCRAFT REPORT

AR. six. JEMALUANG. flew over camp area in close formation of threes. Markings not identified. Probable light bomber or recon plane. North. 0935 hrs.

AR. one. JEMALUANG. Lockheed bomber, British markings. North. 0950 hrs.

AR. one JEMALUANG. British Brewster Buffalo. South. 1320.

AR. six. MERSING. Light bombers flying in formation. Markings not identified. North. 0950 hrs.

AR. six. ENDAU. biplanes unidentified. East. Time not stated.

AR. two. MERSING. Two British Brewster Buffaloes circled camp area. South. 1300 hrs.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

2/10 Bn Regt report that water has been located and tested by the R.M.O. at the following places.

Seepage pit in sand in front of E. troop gun position. Map ref 851263.

Stream flowing in rear of F. troop posn map ref 856263.

Well to be dug in waggon line area map ref 842269.

All water obtained from these points must be either boiled or chlorinated.

5. WEATHER.

Cloudy with rain.

6. PERSONNEL.

Normal.

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY.

Nil.

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H.Q. 2/20 Bn., A.I.F.

Malaya,

13 Nov., 41

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT, For 24 hrs ended 12 Nov.

DEFENCE WORK

Work carried out in A Coy area comprised wiring in the LALANG HILL area; construction of weapon pits on the beach at ref. 834484; and wiring along river front in the same sector. B Coy. engaged in bull-ring training. C Coy. at ENDAU report that weapon pits in the area damaged by rains are being repaired. D Coy are engaged in the same work.

SEABORNE ACTIVITY

From ENDAU, dated 10 Nov., it is reported that two timber vessels (sail) left the River, one at 1945, and one at 0020 hrs. Nil report from MERSING.

AIR ACTIVITY

Six biplanes (unidentified) flew over the ENDAU area on 10 Nov. in an Easterly direction. The usual reconnaissance planes visited MERSING.

WEATHER

Generally showery weather over the area.

PERSONNEL

Nil.

CIVILIAN ACTIVITY

Nil.

Amma Lee
pub. Lt-Col., Comd. 2/20 Bn., A.I.F.
Malaya.

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2/18 Bn, AIF, MALAYA.
13 Nov. 41.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDED 2400 hrs
12 Nov. 41.

1. SEABORNE ACTIVITY: Steamer of about 1000 tons sailed SOUTH between BABI BESAR and Camp Area at 1650 hrs. Speed about 8 knots.
2. AIRCRAFT REPORTS: 4 planes encircled camp area at 1100 hrs.
3. TOPOGRAPHICAL: NIL.
4. WEATHER: Fine until 2000 hrs, heavy showers thereafter.
5. PERSONNEL: Health and morale of troops good.
6. CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES: NIL.

W. HENCE Capt.

(A. W. HENCE)

Adj. 2/18

(A. L. VARLEY). Lt. Col.

C.O., 2/18 Bn, AIF.

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0900 12 Nov. 41 Jemaluang

DAILY "I" REPORT FOR 24 HRS ENDING 2400 HRS 12 NOV. 41

1. DEFENCE WORKS Weekly
2. Nil Return
3. AIR ACTIVITY Nil Return.
4. TOPO - Coastal Recce by "I" sec finished.
5. WEATHER - Fine with ~~some~~ occasional cloud.
6. PERSONNEL
 - Ⓐ Sickness - Normal
 - Ⓑ Morale - good
7. Civilian Activities - Nil Return

W. H. Tozer Sgt
"I" Sgt. 2/19 Bn
A.I.F. Malaya.

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Unit 2/10 Fd Regt.
Date Malaya. 13 Nov. 41.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

Defence Works: Digging of Defence Works were interrupted by Brigade exercise, but otherwise work on gun pits, O.P.'s., and roads is progressing.

Comouflage of O.P. (Map Ref. 833469) completed.

Road leading between two 19th Bty. Gun Positions (Map Ref. 850448 to 846449) progressing steadily.

Permanent telephone lines ~~have~~ been laid from LUCAS LOOKOUT O.P. (Map Ref. 871434) to a B.E.L. situated nearby and from CAMP O.P. (Map Ref. 853467) to a nearby B.E.L.

Topographical: Water has been located and tested by R.M.O. in X Bty. Area at the following places:-

Seepage Pit in sand in front of E.Troop Gun Position (Map. Ref. 851268).

Stream flowing in rear of F.Troop Gun Position. (Map Ref. Junction 856263).

Well to be dug alongside stream in Wagon Line Area. (Map. Ref. 842269).

Stream flowing down through Tin Mine (Camp Ref. 826264).

N.B. All water obtained from these points must be either boiled or chlorinated.

Seaborne Activity: Unable to report.

Air Activity: Planes identified as British have flown over Camp.

Weather: Some heave rains.

Personnel: Health and morale good.



Lt/Col.
C.O. 2/10 Fd. Regt.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT for period ended 2400 hrs 9 Nov 41.1. DEFENCE WORKS.

2/20 Bn report that they have been almost entirely occupied with bull ring training during the past week and apart from the cleaning of pits already dug and the bailing out of water collected in same due to recent heavy showers no work was done under this heading.

2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY.

Chinese tonkangs are reported off K. ENDAU, waiting for favourable tide to enter river.

3. AIRCRAFT REPORT.

British Brewster Buffaloes continue to circle over camp area Mersing and Palm Beach exercising in dive bombing over the various camp sites. These exercises not only tend to make the troops air conscious but also familiarise them with various types of British aircraft.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

2/19 Bn report that recce parties are working both in the coastal and Jemaluang areas and a detailed report will be forwarded later.

5. WEATHER.

Fine but cloudy with scattered showers.

6. PERSONNEL.

Normal.

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY.

Nil.

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2/19 Bn A.I.F.

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0900 hrs: 11 Nov. 41. Jemaluang	<p><u>DAILY "I" REPORT for 24 hrs ending 2400 hrs 10 Nov 41</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> DEFENCE WORKS: Weekly Nil Returns AIR ACTIVITY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0935: 6 large planes (presumably amphibians) in two waves of three (close formation) at about 6/7000 ft. - flying NORTH. 0950: 1 Lockheed bomber - 7/8000 ft flying NORTH. 1315: 3 large bombers 8/10000 ft. flying SOUTH 1320: 1 Brewster Buffalo flying low - SOUTH 1510: 1 unidentified plane behind clouds flying towards Mersing. TOPO Proceeding both at Coastal & Jemaluang areas WEATHER: Fine but Cloudy PERSONNEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Sickness - Normal ② Morale - good CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES - Nil Returns 	

W. H. Fozel Sgt.
"I" Sgt. 2/19 Bn
A.I.F. Malaya

H.Q. 2/20 Bn., A.I.F.

Malaya,

12 Nov.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT, for 24 hrs ending 11 Nov., 41

DEFENCE WORK

The Battalion was almost entirely concerned with bull-ring training during the past week and apart from the cleaning of the pits and the baling out of water no work was done under this heading.

SEABORNE ACTIVITY

Chinese tonkangs are reported off ENDAU waiting to come in on the tide at 0650 hrs.

AIR ACTIVITY

Six Swordfish Bombers, flying in formation, flew over the camp at MERSING at 0950 hrs. At approx. 1300 hrs two Brewster buffaloes were circling the camp, and again at 1530 hrs.

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Nil.

WEATHER

Generally fine.

PERSONNEL

Nil.

CIVILIAN ACTIVITY

Nil.

Fa *A. MacLean*
Lt-Col., Comd., 2/20 Bn., A.I.F.
Malaya.


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2/18 Bn, AIF, MALAYA.

11 Nov. 41.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDED 2400 hrs
10 Nov. 41.

1. SEABORNE ACTIVITY: NIL.
2. AIRCRAFT REPORT:
 - 1 Recce plane flew North over camp at 0720 hrs.
 - 6 " planes " " " " " 0940 hrs.
 - 1 Brewster Buffalo encircled camp at 1300 hrs.
 - 2 " " " planes flew North at 1520 hrs.
3. TOPOGRAPHICAL: NIL.
4. WEATHER: NIL.
5. PERSONNEL: Health and morale of troops good.
6. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY: NIL.


.....Capt.
(A. W. HENCE) Lt. Col.
Adj. 2/18 Bn. AIF.
C.O., 2/18 Bn, AIF.

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2/18 Bn, AIF, MALAYA.

12 Nov. 41.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDED
2400 hrs 11 Nov 41.

1. SEABORNE ACTIVITY: NIL.
2. AIRCRAFT REPORT: NIL.
3. WEATHER: Fine with SOUTHERLY breeze.
4. TOPOGRAPHICAL: NIL.
5. PERSONNEL: Health and morale of troops good.
6. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY: NIL.

[Signature] Capt.
(A. W. HENCE) Lt. Col.
Adj. 2/18 Bn, A.I.F. (A. L. VARLEY).
C.O., 2/18 Bn, A.I.F.

1. DEFENCE WORKS.

2/10 Fd Coy. Progress report of work on hand.
Bde M.T. Harbour. map ref 858433. Original layout requires now only initial maintenance.
Loop Rd Mersing map ref 838437 to 837457. Surfacing almost complete but wet weather has made it unusable.
Boat obstacle map ref 881425. Completed but 44 yds washed away by heavy seas and scour.
B.E.L. Position map ref 875435. 90% complete.
Arty rd at map ref 850450. 10% complete.
Semi permanent water points.
Map ref. 880246. complete.
Map ref. 831270. 90% complete
Map ref. 762250. Brickwork complete.
Carrier Track Mersing. Map ref 836457. No further progress due to short of labour.
B. Ech Harbour map ref 852454. Formation 80% complete but gravelling delayed due to bad weather.
Roads at 3 1/2 M. Camp. Map ref. 854421. Work proceeding steadily.
Loop rds East and West of Jemaluang X Rds. map ref 856274. 75% complete
M.T. Harbour. map ref 857267. 90% complete.
M.T. Harbour. Map ref 796265. improvement to entrance and culverts complete.
Projected work includes the replacement of boat obstacle at map ref 881425 together with construction of rock groyne. New loop road, M.T. Harbour 838437-837457.

2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY.

Nil

3. AIRCRAFT REPORT.

Nil

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Nil.

5. WEATHER.

Unsettled with occasional showers. 2/10 Fd Coy report that constant rain is having a softening effect on surfaces of harbours and roads.

6. PERSONNEL.

Normal. Sickness mostly confined to tropical skin complaints.

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES.

Nil.

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WEEKLY
~~XXXX~~ INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

for period ended 2400 hours on 9 NOV 41
week

1. DEFENCE WORKS.

(a) New work

(b) Progress report of work in hand

(c) Deterioration of old work

(d) Projected work Replacement of boat obstacle at 881,425
together with construction of rock groyne. New Loop Road MT Harbor
838,437 - 837,437

(e) Location of dumps of material

MERSING R.E.

2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY.

NORMAL

3. AIR ACTIVITY.

NORMAL BRITISH AIRCRAFT

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

(a) New roads or tracks

(b) Tracks explored or opened up

(c) Deterioration of roads or tracks

(d) Notes on variation of density in jungle & rubber

(e) Notes on navigability or changes in courses of rivers & streams

(f) Fords

5. WEATHER.

(a) Effect of wind & storms SOFTENING OF HARBOUR SURFACES

(b) Prevailing winds & weather

6. PERSONNEL. (a) Sickness

NORMAL

(b) Morale

GOOD

(c) Condition of equipment

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES.

(a) Possible enemy agents

(b) State of mind

(c) Attitude to A.I.F.

(d) Movement

8 REMARKS. (not included in above)

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O.C. 2/10 Fd Coy R.A.E.

ATTACHMENT TO INTELLIGENCE REPORT

FIELD WORKS:

Brigade M.T. Harbour 858,433

Original layout complete requires now only initial maintenance .

Loop Road - Mersing 838,437 to 837,457

Surfacing almost complete but wet weather has left it unusable.

Boat Obstacle 881,425

Completed but 44 yards washed away by heavy sea and scour.

B.E.L. Position 875,435 - 90% complete

Artillery Road at 850,450 - 10% complete

Semi-Permanent Water Points

67.2 M	-	complete
121.5 M	-	90% complete
116.5 M	-	Brickwork complete

Carrier Track - Mersing - No progress as working parties not available.

"B" Echelon Harbour 852,454

Formation 80% complete but gravelling delayed due to bad weather.

Roads at 3½ M. Camp - Proceeding steadily.

Loop Roads east & west of Jemaluang Cross Roads - 75% complete

M.T. Harbour 857,267 - 90% complete

M.T. Harbour 796,265 improvement to entrance and culverts complete

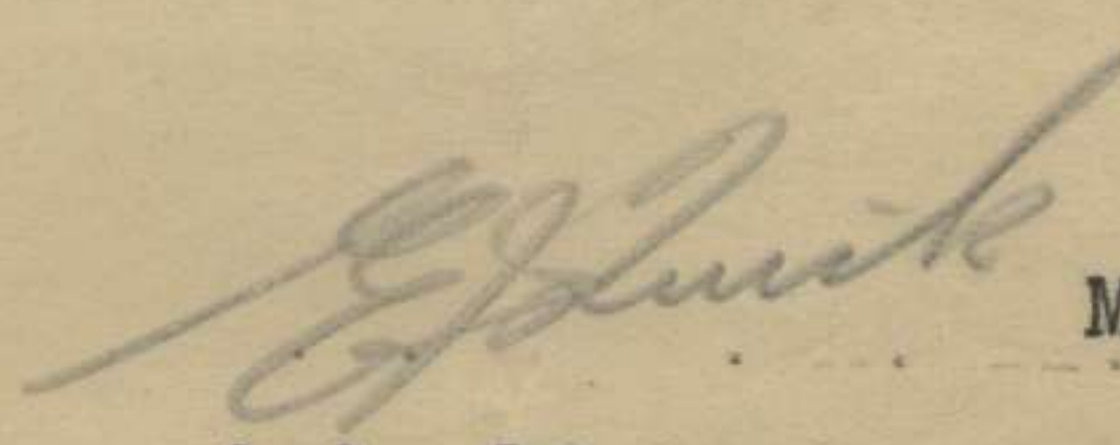
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16 A.Tk.Bty.
Malaya,
8 Nov. 41.

H.Q., 22 Aust.Inf.Bde.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR WEEK-ENDING 7 NOV. 41

1. Defence Works.
All work progressing satisfactorily with general improvement to camouflage and drainage stressed.
J/2. position commenced last week not yet finished.
Bridge and approach to L/3. completed.
2. Deteriation.
Slight owing to heavy rains - rectified by improving drainage.
3. Projected Works.
B.Echelon standings.
4. Location of dumps of Material
Nil.
5. Seaborne Activity.
Nil.
6. Air Activity.
One plane on Monday and Friday morning at 0900 and 0830hrs. respectively.
7. Topographical.
A detour made over higher ground to J/4. providing a more solid road.
8. Weather.
Generally fine during the daytime but persistent rain at night particularly early in the week.
9. Personnel.
Same high standard of health and morale maintained.
10. Civilians.
No abnormal interest shown.


O.C. 16 A.Tk.Bty.

Major, R.A.A.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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0900 10 Nov 41 JEMALUANG	<p><u>DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR 24 HRS ENDING 2400 9 NOV 41.</u></p> <p>1. DEFENCE WORKS Weekly.</p> <p>2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY NIL</p> <p>3. AIR ACTIVITY NIL</p> <p>4. TOPOGRAPHICAL Weekly.</p> <p>5. WEATHER Cloudy and unsettled - an occasional shower.</p> <p>6. PERSONNEL a. Sickness Normal. b. Morale Good.</p> <p>7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES. NIL.</p>	

W. H. Tozer Sgt.
2/19 Bn A.I.F. Malaya

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT for period ended 2400 hrs 7 Nov 41.1. DEFENCE WORKS.2/19 Bn

A Coy No 7 pl. 1 sec. ref 864291. Completely dug but 30 yds of revetting yet to be done. 2 sec completely dug at ref 863292. 3 sec at ref 863291 dug, revetting to be completed.

No 8 pl. ref. 863287. All digging completed and 250 yds cleared for wiring. Approx half acre of ground burnt and cleared. In the pl all secs are working together.

No 9 pl. 7 sec. ref 863290. section posts and 30 yds revetting completed. 8 sec ref 864287. 30 yds revetting completed. 9 sec ref 864287 (alternate posn.) Nil. 9 sec ref 863235. 30 yds revetting completed. Coy H.Q. Work half completed.

B Coy. 10 pl H.Q. ref 853283, 11 pl H.Q. ref 854284, Coy H.Q. ref 853285, 8 sec ref 853284 sited and digging has commenced. 5 sec ref 853283 and 9 sec ref 853285 also sited and digging commenced but owing to the density of the belukar, positions cannot be accurately determined. 700 yds of coy wiring completed.

C Coy Wiring. 550 yds of wiring completed. Linked to 600 yds of old wire, to be used in system. Tangled wire to be added to the old wire. Camouflaging Transplanting of shrubs etc, well in hand.

13 pl. 1 sec. ref 855275. No further progress. 2 sec, ref 853276. Further progress has been made with wiring. 3 sec ref 854273. No further progress.

14 pl. 4 sec ref 861273. No further progress. 5 sec ref 860271. Additional digging down to 4'9" in progress. 6 sec ref 859271. Additional digging down to 4'9" in progress. Wiring is also in process of erection.

15 pl. 7 sec ref 860279. Additional digging down to 4'9" in progress. 8 sec ref 861276 and 9 sec ref 857277. Same progress as 7 sec.

D Coy. Coy H.Q. ref 860235 has been dug.

16 pl Digging complete. 1 sec ref 861292, 50 yds of wiring completed, 2 sec ref 858291 no wiring yet commenced, 3 sec ref 858292 206 yds of wiring completed.

17 pl 4 sec ref 858287. digging complete. 50 yds of wiring completed. 5 sec ref 861288. partly dug, no wiring. 6 sec ref 861285. partly dug, no wiring.

18 pl 7 sec ref 858285. partly dug, no wiring. 8 sec ref 85728. complete. 152 yds of wiring completed. 9 sec ref 857287. complete. 62 yds of wiring done.

2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY.

timber vessel reported off K. Jemaluang

3. AIR ACTIVITY.

AR one Jemaluang. light biplane unable to identify. North .0700.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Nil.

5. WEATHER.

Fine with clouds during day, showers at night.

6. PERSONNEL.

Normal.

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES

Nil.

J. B. Butler, Cpl.
W. A. D. B. B.

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0900 8 Nov 41 JEMALUANG	<p><u>WEEKLY "I" SUMMARY ENDING 2400 HRS 7 NOV 41.</u></p> <p><u>DEFENCE WORKS.</u></p> <p><u>A Coy.</u> <u>No. 7 Pl.</u></p> <p>1 Sec. 864291. Com letely ^{dug} but 30 yds rivetting to be done.</p> <p>2 Sec. 863292. Dug.</p> <p>3 Sec. 862291. Dug but rivetting necessary.</p> <p><u>No 8 Pl.</u> 867287. (Secs. working in conjunction).</p> <p>All digging completed and 250 yds cleared for wiring. Approx half acre ground burnt off.</p> <p><u>No 9 Pl.</u></p> <p>7 Sec. 863299. Sec posts completed and 30 yards rivetting.</p> <p>8 Sec. 864287. 30 yards rivetting completed.</p> <p>9 Sec. 864287 (Alternate position) Nil</p> <p>9 Sec. 863283. 30 rds. rivetting completed.</p> <p><u>Coy H.Q.</u> half finished.</p> <p><u>B Coy.</u> 10 Pl H.Q. (853288), 11 Pl H.Q. (854284) 12 Pl H.Q. (853284) .. Coy. H.Q. (853285), 8 Sec (853284) sited and digging commenced. No. 5 (853283) and 9 (854285) also sighted and digging commenced, but owing to the density of belukar, positions cannot be accurately determined.</p> <p>700 yds. Coy. wiring completed.</p> <p><u>C Coy.</u> <u>Wiring.</u> 550 yds. of wiring completed. Linked to 600 yds. of old wire to be used in system. Tangled wire to be added to old wire.</p> <p><u>Camouflaging.</u> Transplanting od shrubs etc. well in hand.</p> <p><u>Additional digging.</u> As all sec. posts now have to be dug down to 4'9" no secs. are yet completed.</p> <p><u>13 Pl</u></p> <p>1 Sec. 855275. No further progress.</p> <p>2 Sec. 853276. Wiring.</p> <p>3 Sec. 854273. No further progress.</p> <p><u>14 Pl.</u></p>	

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	<p><u>14 Pl.</u> 4 Sec. 861273. No further progress. 5 Sec. 861271 860271. Additional digging down to 4'9" in progress. 6 Sec. 859271 Additional digging down to 4'9" in progress. Also wiring. <u>15 Pl.</u> 7 Sec. 860279. Additional digging down to 4'9" in progress. 8 Sec. 861276 do. 9 Sec. 857277. do. General Coy H.Q. and 13 and 14 Pl. H.Q. not yet dug.</p> <p><u>D Coy.</u> Coy. H.Q. 860285 dug. <u>16 Pl.</u> Digging complete. 1 Sec(861292) 50 yds wiring done. 2 Sec. (858291) no wiring done. 3 Sec.(858292) 206 yds wiring done. <u>17 Pl.</u> 4 Sec.(858287) Digging complete. 50 yds wiring done. 5 Sec.(861288) Partly dug. No wiring. 6 Sec. (861285) Not complete. No wiring. <u>18 Pl.</u> No. 7 Sec. 858285. Not complete. No wiring. 8 Sec. 857284. Complete. 152 yds wiring done. 9 Sec. (857287) Complete. 62 yds wiring done.</p>	

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0900 8 Nov 41. JEMALAUNG.	<p><u>DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR 24 HRS ENDING 2400 HRS 7 NOV 41.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DEFENCE WORKS. Weekly. 2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY. NIL 3. AIR ACTIVITY. XXXXXXXXXXXXXX. 0700 Light biplane 1500/2000 ft. flying North. 4 TOPOGRAPHICAL Proceeding. 5. WEATHER. Fine but cloudy all day. Shower 2230 hrs. 6. PERSONNEL. Sickness: Normal. Morale : Good. 7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES. NIL. 	

W. H. Fozes Sgt.

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2/18 Bn, AIF, MALAYA.

9 Nov. 41.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDED 2400 hrs
8 Nov. 41.

1. SEABORNE ACTIVITY: Timber vessel anchored off K. JEMALUANG.
2. AIRCRAFT REPORT: NIL.
3. TOPOGRAPHICAL: NIL.
4. WEATHER: Fine during day with showers at night.
5. PERSONNEL: Health and morale of troops good.
6. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY: NIL.



(A. W. HENCE)

Lt. Col.

Adj. 2/18 (A. B. VARLEY).

C.O., 2/18 Bn, AIF.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT for period ended 2400 hrs 6 Nov 41.1. LAMPYNGE TOWNS.15 A/tk Bty. George Troop Gun posns.

No 1 gun map ref 8727 4363. Work completed. Gun pit, amm pit and communication trench. Grwl. trench from amm pit connected with inf crawl trench. Small well for drinking water has been dug. Strict attention is still being paid to camouflage.

No 2 gun pit map ref 86914422. Work completed. Gun pit, amm pit and communication trench also crawl trench from amm pit to inf communication trench. A/A pit under construction and small amount of work on protection pits for gun members will complete.

No 3 Gun Pit map ref 86804456. Work completed. Gun pit, amm pit. Amm pit has been dug but seepage has interrupted rivetting. A good deal of this week has been spent in getting stones to pave a runway to pit.

No 4 gun pit map ref 86274398. Work completed. Gun pit, amm pit and protection pits. Communication trench from gun pits to protection pit have only to be roofed.

Henry Troop Gun posns.

No 1 Gun map ref 86154382. Work completed. Low camouflage over gun pit constructed. Heavy rain has retarded digging, drainage causing considerable problem. Grass sods placed in parapets also on bare hillside. Large area still to be covered. Effective camouflage with grass sods also being carried out. Silt trenches not yet started and crawl trenches require revetments.

No 2 gun pit map ref 8644252. Work completed. Net has been securing timber for revetting amm pit.

No 3 gun pit map ref 85584245. Work completed. Gun posn in low lying area floods very easily, drainage very difficult. Work on crawl trench proceeding, large quantities of grass sods used in camouflaging sides crawl trench. Silt trenches commenced.

No 4 gun pit map ref 85734170. Work completed. Drainage causing problem. Crawl trenches will have to be revetted, ground has crumbled through recent heavy rain. Couch grass planted around parapet.

Ink Troop Gun posns.

No 1 gun pit map ref 87344266. Work completed. amm pit A/A pit and crawl trench, stores pit and communication trench. Minor improvements being carried out on camouflaging etc.

No 2 gun pit map ref 87934254. Work completed. Crawl trench, gun pit, amm pit. Crawl trench linking inf position and stores pit in process construction.

No 3 Gun pit map ref 86764265. Work completed. Gun pit, amm pit, A/A pit crawl trench. Crawl trench to inf posn and stores pit in course of construction. Work on alternate position is still in its initial stage.

No 4 gun pit map ref 87314248. Work completed gun pit, amm pit and communication trenches.

King Troop Gun posns.

No 1 gun pit map ref 83724544. Work completed. Parapet on three sides effectively camouflaged. Last side nearing completion. Amm pit complete raising of floor level of gun pit not yet commenced.

No 2 gun pit map ref 83324713. Overhead completed, parapet of gun pit initial stages. Track into pit yet to be commenced. This will have to be constructed as soon as possible as at the moment it is impossible take vehicles in with any degree of safety. Amm pit cannot be constructed in this type owing to excessive seepage. No 2 alternative posn. map ref 83334693. Walls of concrete shed have been demolished as required and raising of platform is under construction.

No 3 gun pit map ref 84324743. Gun pit requires alterations. Floor is to be raised about 3". Camouflage of pit complete and grass sods have taken a good hold.

No 4 gun posn. map ref 84984680. Gun and amm pits completed. Crawl + and dugout completed and roofed except for revetting of sides.

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2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY.

Nil.

3. AIR ACTIVITY.

Nil.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL

Nil.

5. WEATHER.

Cloudy and unsettled.

6. PERSONNEL.

Normal.

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES.

Nil.

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Comd 28 Aust Inf Bde.

Defence Works:- "George" Troop Gun Positions.

No 1 Gun Pit Map Reference 8727 4563

Work Completed. Gun Pit, Amm. Pit, & Communication Trench.

Crawl Trenches from Amm. Pit connected with Inf. crawl trench. Small well for drinking water has been dug. Strict attention is still being paid to camouflage.

No 2 Gun Pit Map Reference 8691 4422

Work Completed. Gun Pit, Amm. Pit & Communication Trench, also crawl trench from Amm. Pit to Infantry Communication Trench. ~~Am~~ A/A Pit under construction and small amount of work on protection pits for gun No's will complete.

No 3 Gun Pit Map Reference 8660 4456

Work Completed. Gun Pit, Amm. Pit. Ammunition Pit dug but seepage has interrupted rivetting. A good deal of time this week has been spent carting stone to pave a runway to Pit.

No 4 Gun Pit Map Reference 8627 4398

Work Completed. Gun Pit, Ammunition Pit and Protection pits. Communication trench from gun pit to protection pits have only to be roofed. Experiments with all sorts of vegetation for camouflage.

"Henry Troop" Gun Positions

Work Completed. No 1 Gun Pit Map Reference 8615 4252

New camouflage over gun pit constructed. Heavy rain has retarded digging, drainage causing considerable problem. Grass sods placed on parapets also on bare hillside. Large area still to be covered. Effective camouflage with grass sods being carried out. Slit trench not yet started and crawl trenches require rivettments.

No 2 Gun Pit Map Reference 8624 4252

Detachment has been securing timber for rivetting Amm. Pit. Sides of Amm. Pit rivetted. Still waiting on Infantry before front parapet of pit can be completed.

No 3 Gun Pit Map Reference 8573 4170

Drainage causing problem. Crawl trenches will have to be rivetted, ground though firm enough crumbled owing to heavy rains. Couch grass transplanted around parapet. Slit trench & A.A. pit not yet started. Detachment have had to regravell road leading to pit.

No 3 Gun Pit Map Reference 8553 4245

Gun Position in low lying ground. Area in vicinity flooded on thursday morning. Drainage very difficult. Work on crawl trenches proceeding. Large quantities of grass sods used in camouflaging sides of crawl trench. Slit Trenches started.

"Ink" Troop Gun Positions

No 1 Gun Pit Map Reference 8764 4266

Work Completed. Amm. Pit, A/A Pit & crawl trench, stores Pit & Communication trench. Minor improvements being carried out on camouflage etc.

No 2 Gun Pit Map Reference 8793 4254

Work Completed. Crawl trench, Gun pit & Amm. Pit. Crawl trench linking Inf. Position and stores pit in course of construction.

No 3 Gun Pit Map Reference 8675 4265

Work Completed. Gun Pit, Amm. Pit, A/A Pit & crawl trench. Crawl trench to Inf. Position and stores pit in course of construction. Work on alternative Position is still in the initial stages.

No 4 Gun Pit Map Reference 8761 4248

Work Completed Gun Pit, Amm. Pit & Communication Trenches. Weapon Pit and Crawl trench to join up with Inf. Position in course of construction.

"King" Troop Gun Positions.

No 1 Gun Pit Map Reference 8372 4544

Work Completed. Parapet on three sides with camouflage. Last side nearing completion. Ammunition pit completed. Raising of floor level of gun pit not yet started.

No 2 Gun Pit Map Reference 8332 4718

Overhead completed. Parapet of gun pit in initial stages & platform completed. Bridge over drain completed, also second bridge over second drain completed. Track into pit will have to be constructed as soon as possible would suggest corduroy track, covered with laterite & gravel. At present it is impossible to take vehicle in with safety. Amm. Pit cannot be constructed in this area owing to excessive seepage.

No 2 Alternative position at Map Reference 8333 4693
Walls of concrete shed have been demolished as per

15th Anti Tank Battery Intelligence Report (Cont)

"King" Troop

No 2 Alternative Night Position Map Reference 8333 4693

Walls of concrete shed have been demolished as required & raising of platform under construction.

No 3 Gun Pit Map Reference 8432 4743

Gun pit requires alterations ;+ Floor level requires to be raised about 6 inches. Camouflage of pit complete and grass sods have taken a good hold. Ammunition Pit & Crawl trench flooded with 3 feet of water no further work done.

No 4 Gun Pit Map reference 8498 4680

Gun Pit & Ammunition pit completed. Crawl trench and dug out completed and roofed except for rivetting of sides of trench and dug out and also opening into A/A pit.

Sick Parades:- Continue to show decline, skin diseases still most prevalent

Moral:- Moral of troops is very good.

Personnel Equipment is also good.


.....Major.R.A.A.
O.C. 15th Anti Tank Battery

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2/19 Bn. A.I.F.

Hour, Date, Place.

Summary of Events and Information.

Remarks and references to Appendices

09000hrs. 7 Nov. 41 Jemaluang.

DAILY "I" REPORT FOR 24 hrs ENDING 2400 Hrs. 6 Nov.

1. DEFENCE WORKS. Nil/ Weekly.
2. Nil Return.
3. AIR ACTIVITY. Nil Return.
4. TOPO. Proceeding at both the Coastal and Jemaluang Areas.
5. WEATHER. Cloudy and Unsettled. Light rain at 1100 Hrs.
6. PERSONNEL.
 - (a) Sickness - Normal.
 - (b) Morale - Good.
7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES. Nil Return.

W. H. Tozer Sgt.
"I" Sgt. 2/19 Bn. Malaya.
7 Nov. 41.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT for period ended 2400 hrs 5 Nov 41.

DEFENCE WORKS.

2/18 Bn Dugouts for the C.O. , 2 L/C , Adj. , I.O. , Sigs , operational H.Q. and Admin. H.Q. have been completed, camouflaging yet to be done. Anti aircraft weapon pits and dugouts (ref 86184258, 86044263, 86174297 , and 85924295 in vicinity of Bn H.Q. are completed but not yet camouflaged.

A Coy H.Q. ref 858438. Dugout and trench system completed. Sec posts and dugouts have been excavated and communication trenches completed camouflaging still to be done. Nos 7, 8 and 9 pls sqs 8544 and 8543 and their relative section posts have completed their primary defences except for the camouflaging and two dugouts which still have to be revetted. All previous existing wiring has been repaired and single apron wire has been constructed around about 50% of the sec. posts.

B Coy. H.Q. ref 863441. dug out is finished. Crawl trenches to both the rear and right secs of 10 pl are down three ft. The two mortar dets. in this area are also connected up by crawl trenches to Coy H.Q. One mortar det have completed their pit and dugout while the other has yet to be completed. 10 pl ref 863441 H.Q. and alternate posn is completed. The left forward sec have completed their sec post but being in an isolated position have not yet dug any communication trench to pl H.Q. or their alternate posn which is down to the second stage. All crawl trenches and sec posns are completed to the second stage.

11 pl ref 869441 Pl H.Q. is completed and communication trench to the rear sec is dug. The two forward secs are completed down to the second stage. Owing to sandy ground these secs have been forced to revette their work as they go along. Owing to this they have not yet started any communication trenches to pl H.Q.

12 Pl ref 867445 H.Q. is completed but the dugout has yet to be finished off. All secs are down to the second stage but the two forward secs are in sand and all work will have to be revetted. At present only the weapon and L.H.G. pits are completely revetted. No communication trenches have been started to Pl H.Q. Alternate posns have been commenced but as yet are only just past the first stage.

Coy wiring. All pls have laid down their defensive wiring and 11 pl have put down about 800 yds of tactical double apron fence. Coy H.Q. is wired by double apron and has some three coil concertina steel wire in front of 10 pl positions. Approx wiring, 12 pl 400 yds single, 100 yds double. 11 pl, 800 yds double, 300 yds double with coil of concertina in centre.

C Coy. ref 861428. H.Q. dugout 10' by 9' has been completed together with drains. Trench system commenced.

13, 14 and 15 pls have completed their primary defences except for the completion of camouflage. The construction of dugouts has progressed as follows. 13 pl H.Q. dugout excavated to 4' area 10' x 8'. No 1 sec ref 864418 dugout 10' by 8' excavated. No 2 sec ref 861421 two dugout 8' by 8' excavated to 6'. No 3 sec. ref 856417 one dugout 10' by 10' excavated to 4'. Nos 4, 5, and 6 secs three dugouts 8' by 8' excavated to 7'. (These three secs comprise 12 pl whose H.Q. ref 867447 have commenced to splitlock dugout).

15 pl H.Q. ref 862428 have splitlocked dugout. No 7 and No 8 secs have excavated two dugouts 8' by 8' to a depth of 5'. No 9 sec has excavated one dugout 7' by 10' to a depth of three ft. Two mortar posts and dugouts have been excavated and communication trenches commenced. Camouflaging still to be done. H.M.G. posts have been splitlocked. All previous wiring has been repaired.

D Coy. Digging is proceeding in coy H.Q. and 16 pl areas ref 869435. Nature of ground is solid clay. H.Q. and mortar pits almost completed. H.M.G. (one sec) pits in second stage of digging. Trench system mostly in second stage of digging. Two L.H.G. pits completed. Wire. Posts set up for approx 750 yds of double apron and coil wire in this area. No 17 pl ref 873435. Nature of ground in forward secs mostly sand. Pl H.Q. and rear sec clay. Weapon pits are dug but have still to be covered over. Left forward sec has 50 yds of trench covered and completed. Wire. Posts set up below Incaas Lookout for double apron fence approx 50 yds.

No 33 Pl ref 878425. Nature of ground fine sand. Trenches and weapon pits have to be revetted. Pl H.Q. and rear sec almost complete, Three secs of M.H.G.pits marked, but still to be dug. Fwd pl secs work half completed. Wire Posts for approx. 500 yds of wire ready. Double apron and coil.

2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY.

Timber vessel still anchored off K. JEMALUANG.

3. AIR ACTIVITY.

AR one Jemaluang. light biplane height 1500-2000 ft. North. 1710.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Nil.

5. WEATHER.

Cloudy with intermittent showers.

6. PERSONNEL.

Normal.

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY.

Re our verbal report on suspicious activities of Sikh in Jemaluang area it has been reported by 2/19 Bn that this man has been under constant watch by members of the unit for several days and although he appears to take undue interest in the defence works in the area it is considered at the moment that this interest is merely to satisfy his curiosity and not for any subversive reason. His future actions however will be closely followed.

L. W. Butler
Brig
 Comd 92 Aust Inf Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

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1. Nov. 41.

22nd Aust. Inf. Bde. Gp.

Intelligence Report for Week-Ending 31 Oct..41.

Defence Work.

New Work. J.Tp. No. 2 Gun Position commenced
31 Oct. 41. L.Tp. Bridgework at No. 3 position commenced
31 Oct. 41.

Progress. All JL Tp work progressing satisfactor-
ily. No. 3 position maintenance of camouflage only. L.Tp.
all positions progressing according to plan and thorough
camouflage being maintained. Bty. H.Q. progressing according
to plan.

Deteriation Nil.

Projected Works. Nil.

Location of Dumps of Material. Nil

Seaborne Activity. Nil.

Air. Activity. Slight Thursday & Friday.

Topographical. Tracks in fair condition.

Weather. Generally Fine and Hot. Occasional Light showers.

Personnel. 1 suspected Malaria. Slight heat rashes.

Morale. Excellent. Troops keenly interested in work.

Civilians. Slight normal interest shown by passers by.
This practise firmly discouraged.

E. Quirk
..... Major. RAA.
O.C. 16 A.Tk. Bty.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

2/I9 Bn. A.I.F. Malaya.

Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
0900 Hrs. 6 Nov. 4I: Jemaluang.	<p><u>DAILY "I" REPORT FOR 24 hrs. ENDING 2400 hrs. 5 NOV.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>DEFENCE WORKS.</u> Weekly. 2. Nil Return. 3. <u>AIR ACTIVITY</u> 1710 hrs. Light Biplane flying in the direction of Mersing at 1500/2000 ft. 4. <u>TOPO.</u> Proceeding. 5. <u>WEATHER.</u> Heavy intermittant showers throughout day. 6. <u>Personal.</u> (a) Sickness -- Normal. (b) Morale - Good. 7. <u>CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES</u> Close watch still being kept on a Sikh. Matter referred to Bde. 	

W. H. Tozer.
.....Sgt.
I. Sgt. 2/I9 Bn.
6 Nov. 4I.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

2/19 Bn.

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
0900 Hrs 5 NOV 41. JEMALUANG.	<p>DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR 24 HRS ENDING 2400 hrs 4 NOV 41.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>DEFENCE WORKS.</u> Weekly.2. <u>NIL RETURNS.</u>3. <u>AIR ACTIVITY.</u> 0720 hrs. Light Biplane (Moth) flying slowly towards Mersing. - 1500 - 2000 ft 0950 - Unidentified plane, North - Hidden by clouds.4. <u>TOPO.</u> Proceeding .5. <u>WEATHER.</u> Heavy showers throughout greater part of day.6. <u>SICKNESS.</u> Normal. <u>MORALE.</u> Good.7. <u>CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES.</u> Close watch being kept on a Sikh, in question. <p>.....<i>W. W. Tozer</i>.....Sgt. for S. F. Burt Lieut. <u>I.O. 2/19 Bn, A.I.F.</u></p>	

SECRET.

2/18 Bn. AIF. MALAYA.

7 Nov. 41.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDED 2400 HRS. 6 Nov. 41.

1. Defence works for period ended 2400 hrs. 5 Nov. 41 attached.
2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY. Timber vessel still anchored off K. Jemaluang.
3. AIRCRAFT REPORT. Nil.
4. TOPOGRAPHICAL. Nil.
5. WEATHER. Overcast with strong wind from S.W.
6. PERSONNEL: Health and morale good.
7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY: Nil.
8. SPECIAL: M.L.C. obstacle SOUTH of SWANKEY'S STONES, ref 881426 has been damaged by heavy seas.

[Signature] Capt.
(A. W. HENCE) Lt. Col.
(A. L. VARLEY).
C.O., 2/18 Bn, AIF.

REPORT ON DIGGING AND WIRING.

Bn. H. Q. AREA REF. 859428.

Dugouts for the C.O., 2 i/c., Adj., I.O., Sigs., operational HQ. and Admin.HQ. have been completed - camouflaging yet to be done.

Anti-aircraft weapon pits and dugouts (Ref.86184258, 86044263, 86174297, and 85924293) in the vicinity of Bn.HQ. are completed, but not yet camouflaged.

"A" COMPANY.

858 438

COY.HQ. dugout and trench system has been completed. The ^{section} ~~mortar~~ posts and dugouts have been excavated and communication trenches completed. Camouflaging still to be done.

8544 8543
Nos. 7, 8, and 9 Platoons and their relative section posts have completed their primary defences except for the camouflaging and two dugouts which still have to be revetted.

WIRING. Previous existing wiring has been repaired and single apron wire has been constructed around about 50% of the section posts.

REPORT ON DIGGING AND WIRING.

"B" COMPANY. 2/18 Bn.

COMPANY HEADQUARTERS. 863441.

Coy.H.Q.'s dugout is finished. Crawl trenches to both the rear and right sections of 10 Pl. are down three feet. The two Mortar Detachments in this area are also connected up by crawl trenches to Company Headquarters. One Mortar Detachment have completed their pit and dugout, while the other has yet to be completed.

10 PLATOON. 863441.

10 Pl.HQ. is completed and also an alternate position. The left forward section have completed their section post, but being in an isolated position have not yet dug any communication trench to Pl.HQ. or their alternate position which is down to the second stage. All crawl trenches and section positions are also completed to the second stage.

11 PLATOON. 869441.

11 Pl.HQ. is completed and communication trench to the rear section is dug. The two forward sections are completed down to the second stage. Owing to sandy ground these sections have been forced to revette their work as they go along. Owing to this they have not yet started any communication trenches to Platoon Headquarters.

12 PLATOON. 867445.

12 Pl.HQ. is completed, but the dugout has yet to be finished off.

All sections are down to the second stage, but the two forward sections are in sand and all work will have to be revatted.

At present only the weapon and L.M.G. pits are completely revatted. No communication trenches have yet been started to Pl.HQ. Alternate positions have been commenced, but as yet are only just past the first stage.

COMPANY WIRING.

All platoons have laid down their defensive wiring and 11 Platoon have put down about 200 yards of tactical double apron fence.

Coy.H.Q. is wired by double apron and has some three coil concertina steel wire in front of 10 Pl. positions.

APPROX. WIRING.

12 Pl. 4 00 yds. single
 100 yds. double

11 Pl. 500 X.
 200 double
 300 double with coil of concertina in centre.

REPORT ON DIGGING AND WIRING.

"C" COMPANY. 861428.

Coy.H.Q's. dugout 10' X 9' has been completed together with drains.
Coy.H.Q'S.trench system commenced.

13, 14, 15 PLATOONS have completed their primary defences except
for the completion of camouflage.

The construction of dugouts has progressed as follows:

13 Pl.HQ. Dugout excavated to 4 feet area 10' X 8'.

No.1 Sec. 864418.Dugout 10' X 8' excavated.

No.2 Sec. 861421. 2 Dugouts 8' X 8' excavated to 6'

No.3 Sec. 856417. 1 Dugout 10' X 10' excavated to 4'

14 Pl.HQ. 867427. Dugout splitlocked.

No.4 Sec.)

No.5 Sec.)

No.6 Sec.)

3 Dugouts 8' X 8' have been excavated to 7'.

15 Pl.HQ. 862428. Dugout splitlocked.

No. 7 Sec.)

No. 8 Sec.)

2 Dugouts 8' X 8' excavated to 5'

No. 9 Sec. 1 Dugout 7' X 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' excavated to 3'

2 Mortar Posts and dugouts have been excavated and communication
trenches commenced. Camouflaging still to be done.

Vickers machine/^{gun}posts have been splitlocked.

WIRING. All previous existing wiring has been completely repaired.

REPORT ON DIGGING AND WIRING.

"D" COMPANY.

PROGRESS OF DEFENCE WORKS.

Digging in Coy.HQ.and 16 Pl. area 869433. Nature of ground solid clay. Coy.HQ. and Mortar pits almost completed. M.M.G's (1 Section) pits in second stage of digging.Trench system mostly in second stage of digging. Two L.M.G.pits completed.

WIRE. Posts set up for approx.750 yds.of double apron and coil wire in this area.

No.17 Pl.873435. Nature of ground in forward sections mostly sand. Pl.HQ. and rear sec.clay.Weapon pits are down,but still to be covered over. Left forward 50 yds.of trench covered and completed.

WIRE. Posts set up below Lucas Lookout for double apron fence approx. 50yds.

No.18 Pl. 873425. Nature of ground,fine sand. Trenches and weapon pits have to be revetted.Pl.HQ.and rear sec.almost complete,area covered over. Three sec.of M.M.G.pits marked,but still to be dug. Forward Platoons sections work half completed.

WIRE. Posts for approx.500 yds.of wire ready. Double apron and coil.

H.Q. 2/20 Bn., A.I.F.,
Malaya,
5 Nov., 41

SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT

At 1630 hrs a pigeon (believed Carrier type) alighted in an almost exhausted condition in front of Pay Sergeants tent in Bn. H.Q. lines. The pigeon is described as blue in colour, and on one leg was a ring and on the other a small cylinder, which appeared to be of metal. An effort to catch the bird was made by a party of men without success. The pigeon flew in a fluttering manner and in a southerly direction. It is a coincidence that this "I." section was about to suggest the adoption of this mode of communication for the Endau Coy.

Intelligence Sergeant.

Amos Lee ^{Lieut.}
Adj. 2/20 Bn. A.I.F.

OUT MESSAGE FORM.

ARMY FORM C. 2130.

Serial No.

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OFFICE DATE STAMP

TO

FANI MOVA LIXA DODO

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

21105-2,500/100 p-24-6-41-R 54/17.

FROM

BOBU

Originator's Number.

0279

Date.

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In Reply to Number.

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Pigeon	carrying	message	seen	GIBU	camp
1630	his	flying	south	very	exhausted
⊙	Capture	by	any	means	if
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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN
by any means.

If liable to be intercepted or fall into
Enemy Hands, this message must be
sent IN CIPHER

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Immediate

Time of Origin.

1725

SIGNED

SIGNED

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System In.	Time In.	Reader.	Sender.	System Out.	Time Out.	Reader.	Sender.	System Out.	Time Out.	Reader.	Sender.

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

6 Nov 41

To MOVA
From D

Carrier pigeon with message tied to leg seen
at 1000 5 Nov resting on Lucas Lookout
by Pte Alexander.

Shurley
Capt.

Time of origin
0900 6 Nov.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT for period ended 2400 hrs 4 Nov 41.

1. DEFENCE WORKS.

2/10 Rd Regt. X Bty have selected and commenced working on a further command post at map ref 855265. 20 Bty have commenced to dig four pits on Hill 65 map ref 841447 for am dump within the Bty area. These pits have been selected sufficiently far apart to give full protection from sympathetic detonation. With ref to damage done to foliage by Johore engineers at the O.P. on Bukit Sawah ref 817457 it is considered insufficient to endanger its effectiveness. The fact that the trig point in the centre of the cleared patch is plainly visible should give sufficient reason for the clearing. O.P. on Hill 167 ref 862441, Lucas Lookout, ref 871434 and Arty Hill, ref 861425 are now completed and camouflaged. Maintenance will be carried out on camouflage as required. A permanent line, earth return D.3 was laid was laid from 20 Bty comd post ref, 841446 to Bukit Saw O.P. ref 817457. Submarine cable has been laid across the Mersing R. at ref, 842467 and terminal boxes placed in trees on both banks. This is portion of the line between Hill 106 and 19 Bty gun posns. A survey of area in area is being carried out in sufficient detail to permit of harassing fire being brought down as required by patrols.

2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY.

Timber vessel still anchored off K. Jemaluang.
Customs launch left K. Jemaluang at 1100 hrs 4 Nov.

3. AIR ACTIVITY.

AR. three. Indau. biplanes passed out to sea at a height of approx 10000 ft. North. 0925.

AR. one. Indau. monoplane type bomber. height about 1000 ft. South. 1525.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

20 Bty 2/10 Rd Regt carried out a recon of track running West through Johore North Estate from rubber factory ref 849417. It was found to be passable for carriers for its entire length and also along both subsidiary tracks from the fork North of Hill 250. The rubber in this area is poor and gives no cover from air observation. The ground is not passable to M.F. The jungle at the end of both branches of the track is swampy and unsuitable for carriers. Good observation over most of the area can be obtained from Hill 250 or Hill 265.. Recon was also made of area West of Johore North Estate and Anglo Johore Mersing Estate. Moved along track 835432 - 824426 crossing creek at 825425. The full length of this track is hard and passable to carriers and NOT to M.F. The creek crossing is also passable to carriers. Jungle was entered at 824426 moving West through firm swamp. This area is passable to large bodies of troops moving on foot. Crossed creek at 818424 and found heavy lalang on Western side which was found to be impassable without cutting. Several attempts were made to break through in this area but each time the party was blocked by thick lalang and swamps. They then moved North and struck higher ground and crossed over the summit of Hill 140 at 819443. It is considered that the jungle extends as far North as dotted line running East, West, South of Hill 140. The main path running Eastward through Anglo Johore Mersing Estate was found and the return was made via this route. It is considered that the area West of the river and South of the Anglo Johore Mersing Estate is quite impassable to troops in large bodies and carrying pack.

5. WEATHER.

Heavy squally showers with strong Easterly winds.

5. PERSONNEL.

Normal.

6. CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES.

Re our O.279 date 5, a carrier pigeon alighted in an exhausted condition at 1650 hrs in the 2/20 Bn lines. The bird was blue all over and on one leg was a ring and on the other a small cylinder which appeared to be of metal. An effort was made to catch the bird without success. The same bird was noticed flying over the 2/19 Bn area earlier in the day. This bird has NOT been identified in the area since, but a bird of similar markings, with a ring on the leg but no message carrier, has been seen on several occasions during the last 24 hrs.

Karl Sutterlein
Brig.
 Comd 22 Aust Inf Bde.

S E C R E T.

2/18 Bn, AIF, MALAYA.
6 Nov. 41.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDED
2400 hrs, 5 Nov. 41.

1. SEABORNE ACTIVITY: Timber vessel still anchored off K. JEMALUANG.
2. AIRCRAFT REPORT: NIL.
3. TOPOGRAPHICAL: NIL.
4. WEATHER: Heavy showers and strong Easterly winds all day.
5. PERSONNEL: Health and morale of troops good.
6. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY: NIL.

[Signature]

.....Capt.
(A. W. HENCE)

Adj. 2/18 Bn. A. I. F. Lt. Col.

(A. L. VARLEY).

C.O., 2/18 Bn, AIF.

H.Q. 2/20 Bn., A.I.F.

Malaya,
6 Nov., 41

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT, for "4 Hrs ended 5 Nov.

DEFENCE WORK
Nil report.

SEABORNE ACTIVITY
At 1100 hrs 4 Nov. the Customs launch moved out of K. Endau.


AIR ACTIVITY - late Endau report.
At 0925 hrs on Nov. 4 three biplanes passed out to sea flying north at less than 1000 ft. At 1524 hrs one monoplane (bomber type) passed over the same area flying south at about 1000 ft.

TOPOGRAPHICAL
Nil.

WEATHER
Northerly winds and heavy squally weather at Endau. Lighter rain with a couple of heavy showers at Mersing.

PERSONNEL
Nil.

CIVILIAN ACTIVITY
No further sign of the pigeon previously reported as landing in camp area. It is suggested that an inquiry be made as to whether the previous occupants of the camp had pigeons as it may have been returning here. It is reported from Endau that the police there have no knowledge of any native policeman moving about the area with a map as reported previously.


Lt-Col., Comd. 2/20 Bn., A.I.F.

Malaya.

TELEPHONE—

Australian Imperial Force—Malaya.

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Unit 2/10 Fd. Regt.
Date Malaya. 5th Nov. 41.

H.Q.
22 Aust. Inf. Bde.
MALAYA.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

Defence Works: X Bty. have selected and commenced works on a further Command Post at 855265. 20th Bty. commenced to dig four pits in Hill 65 (map ref. 841447) for Ammunition Dump within Battery Area. These pits have been selected sufficiently far apart to give full protection from sympathetic detonation.

O.C. 20th Bty. reports as follows - "Visited Bukit Sawah O.P. with reference to the damage done to foliage by Johore Surveyors. I do not consider it to be sufficient to endanger the O.P. personnel. The fact that the Trig Points in the centre of the cleared patch is plainly visible should give sufficient reason for the clearing".

O.P's on Hill 167 (map ref. 862441) Lucas Lookout (Map ref. 871434) and Artillery Hill (Map ref. 861425) are now completed and camouflaged. Maintenance will be carried out on camouflage as required.

A permanent line, earth return D.3, was laid from 20th Bty. Command Post (Map Ref. ~~842472~~) to Bukit Sawah O.P. (map ref. 817457).
(841446)

Submarine Cable has been laid across the Mersing River at Map ref. 842467 and terminal boxes placed in trees on both banks. This is portion of the line between Hill 106 and 19th Bty. Gun Positions.

Survey of "A" Coy. 18th Battalion Area is being carried out in sufficient detail to permit of harassing fire being brought down as required by patrols.

Work on uncompleted defence works is continuing.

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Seaborne Activity - Unable to report.

Air Activity. - Planes identified as British have been sighted over the area.

Weather - Heavy rains have made camp area muddy but no reports have yet been received from Batteries as to how it has affected defence works.

Personnel. - Health and morale remain satisfactory.

[Signature]
Major

for Lt/Col.
C.O. 2/10 Fd Regt.

SECRET.

19th. Battery, 2/10 Fd Regt.
A.I.F. Malaya, 6th. November 41.

=DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT=

For period ending 2400hrs.

DEFENCE WORKS.

Timbering of culverts and bed logs of bridges commenced. Top side of road drained (Party under R.A.E. Cpl)

Alt.C.Post 855441 - work suspended while lines being laid - timber not available.

All link lines in Bty Area are laid - only "A" Troop O.P. line still to be laid.

SEABORNE ACTIVITY

NIL

AIR ACTIVITY

NIL

TOPOGRAPHICAL.

NIL

WEATHER.

Heavy monsoonal rains. Have not interrupted defence works.

PERSONNEL.

NIL

CIVILIAN ACTIVITY

NIL

C. A. Hennessey
.....Capt.
2 I/C. 19th. Battery

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT for period ended 2400 hrs 3 Nov 41.1. DEFENCE WORKS.

19 Bty 2/10 Fd Regt report that the Engineers have inspected and approved of a road through the fallen rubber area in sq 8444. This was commenced on 3rd inst. by 19 Bty personnel supervised by engineers. A tp report that No 1 gun pit map ref 853442 is almost complete. Work has commenced on the water supply dam and link lines laid in A tp area. B troop state that work on gun pits ref 853440 and 856439 is making good progress.

2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY.

Timber vessel is still anchored off K. JEMALUANG.

3. AIRCRAFT REPORT.

Nil.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Nil

5. WEATHER.

Squally with intermittent heavy showers. Appears to be the commencement of the monsoonal season.

6. PERSONNEL.

Normal.

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY.

Nil.

8. SPECIAL REPORT.

2/18 Bn report that approx 400 yds of defensive wiring at Brigadier's Pt Ref 879425 has been washed down by log debris and timber which has apparently been set adrift if the fishing jagers now being demolished. The whole of the front will have to be re-erected with new wire. In addition to this a further stretch of some hundreds of yards has demolished in the vicinity of the Jemaluang River.

K. W. Sutton, Lieut
.....
Comd 22 Aust Inf Bde

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-WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT-

For week ending 2400hrs 4th. Nov 41

DEFENCE WORKS.

O.C. Engineers inspected and approved of road through fallen rubber area, and same was commenced on 3rd. Nov 41 by 19th. Bty personnel under Engineers supervision. "A" Tp. No. 1 Gun Pit almost complete - work commenced on water supply dam. Link lines laid "A" Tp. area. "B" Tp work on Gun pits continuing. Command Posts at Troop positions almost completed. Camouflaging of O.P. completed.

SEABORNE ACTIVITY

Nil

AIR ACTIVITY.

31st. Oct. 41 2 Brewster Buffalo planes flew over Camp area at 1040hrs flying north.
4th. Nov 41 2 fighter planes flew from north and manoeuvred over camp area at 1100hrs.

TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Nil

WEATHER.

Monsoonal swell has commenced, but has not interfered with works.

PERSONNEL.

Health and morale good.

CIVILIAN ACTIVITY.

Relations with natives very friendly now.

C. H. Kennedy
.....Capt.

2 I/C. 19th. Battery

S E C R E T.

2/18 Bn. AIF MALAYA

5 Nov. 41.

Daily Intelligence Report for period ended 2400 hrs. 4 Nov 41.

1. SEABORNE ACTIVITY: Timber vessel still anchored off K.Jemaluang.
2. AIRCRAFT REPORT: Nil.
3. TOPOGRAPHICAL: Nil.
4. WEATHER: Heavy showers and strong South Westerly winds all day.
5. PERSONNEL: Health and morale of troops good.
6. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY: Nil.
7. SPECIAL REPORT. During period ended 27 Oct.41 Bn. was engaged on training.
Approximately 400 yards of defensive wiring in the vicinity of Brigadier's Point has been washed down by logs, debris and timber which has been apparently been washed in from fishing pagars now being demolished. The whole of this will have to be re-erected with new wiring. In addition there is a further stretch of some hundreds of yards washed down in the vicinity of Jemaluang River. It is not proposed to re-erect this at the present juncture. It is recommended that steps be made through civil authorities for the collection of the timber at fishing pagars when these are demolished and towed to a

Daily Intelligence Report for period ended 2400 hrs. 4 Nov. 41 (Cont'd).

flank where damage may not be done to this wing.

It has also become necessary to have a maintenance party of about 1 Pl. in this area for maintenance purposes.

North of this area to Bn. boundary damage has not been so great, though renovations and maintenance have been necessary.

[Signature] Capt.
Lt. Col.
Adj. 2/18 Bn. A.I.F.
(A.L. Varley)
C.O. 2/18 Bn. A.I.F.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT for period ended 2400 hrs 2 Nov 41.

1. DEFENCE WORKS.

2/20 In report. A Coy. Wire along front in river defensive area (Sqq 8345, and 8346) is completed. Weapon pits in 8 and 9 pls (ref 8345 and 8346) are also completed. Pits in No 7 pl area (ref 8346) are nearly completed. Heavy tides are affecting wire erected by Punjab Regt along beach near A coy camp ref 834486. Projected work includes the wiring of outposts camouflaging of pits and the construction of pl and coy H.Q. Dumps are located at entrance of Coy camp (poles and wire) and a wire dump is at Skelton House (ref 830483).

B Coy. in the town sector are continuing work on the splinter proof shelter in the R.A.F. station (ref 842473). This is now almost ready for turfing. The defensive wire plan is pegged out. In No 10 pl area (ref 838474) ~~nil report~~. At 842474 the wire on roadside was attached to R.A.F. fence extending from the corner near Aren pit. The splinter proof shelter at 843474 was covered with sand. In No 11 pl area tactical work was carried out at Slaughter House Pt (ref 829470) and gaps were repaired in the defensive wiring. No 12 pl reports a general advancement of area (ref 853483).

G Coy report pits completed at refs 673724, 623733, 624750, 563747, 593732, 639727, 635728, 622733, 578736, 578737, 579735, 571731, 570730, 630718, 630716, 633714, 634715.

D Coy continued with their wiring and completing of pits in the areas ref 8445, 8545, 8546.

2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY.

Customs launch entered K ENDAU 0940 hrs.

Ship, 1 funnel, two masts, square stern, gunboat build, est 600 tons, white colour, seen from coast off Kempit area moving South at good speed.

Timber vessel anchored off K JEMALUANG.

3 AIR ACTIVITY.

AR one MERSING. Bomber unidentified flying South. 1530 hrs.

AR two. Palm Beach. Brewster Buffaloes. North. 1105 hrs.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Nil.

5. WEATHER.

Dull and stormy.

6. PERSONNEL.

Normal.

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY.

2/20 In report that the name of the postal agent implicated in meeting of natives at ENDAU is reported to be AH SING. It is now believed that the meeting had reference to a funeral.


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Comd 22 Aust Inf Bde.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

2/19 BN. A.I.F.

Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
0900.4 NOV 41. Jemaluang.	<p><u>DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR 24 HRS ENDING 2400 hrs 3 NOV 41.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>DEFENCE WORKS.</u> Weekly. Nil Return. <u>AIR ACTIVITY.</u> 1005 Lockheed Hudson 8000ft - NORTH EAST. 1055 2 Monoplanes 12-1400 ft. NORTH. <u>TOPOGRAPHICAL.</u> Proceeding. <u>WEATHER.</u> Heavy rain 1130-1230 hrs. <u>PERSONNEL</u> (a) Sickness. Normal. (b) Morale. Good. <u>CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES.</u> (d).1. Watch being kept, as far as possible, on Sikh mentioned in report dated 1 Nov. 41.. <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>W. H. Fogel Sgt. For.</i> -----Lieut. (S.F.Burt) I. Officer 2/19 BN. A.I.F. </p>	

S E C R E T.

2/18 Bn., AIF MALAYA.

4 Nov. 41.

Daily Intelligence Report for period ended 2400 hrs. 3 Nov. 41.

1. SEABORNE ACTIVITY. Timber vessel still anchored off K. Jemaluang.
2. AIRCRAFT REPORTS. 2 Brewster Buffaloes flew North over camp area at low altitude at 1105 hrs.
3. TOPOGRAPHICAL. Nil.
4. WEATHER. Dull and showery.
5. PERSONNEL. Health and morale of troops good.
6. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY. Nil.

A. W. Hence
.....Capt.
(A. W. HENCE)

Adj. 2/18 Bn. A.I.F. Lt. Col.

(A.L. Varley)

C.O. 2/18 Bn. AIF

H.Q. 2/20 Bn., A.I.F
Malaya,
5 Nov., 41

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT, for 24 hrs ended 3 Nov., 41

DEFENCE WORKS

A Coy. reports that wire along front in river defensive area in Sq. 8345 and 8346 is completed. Weapon pits in Pl. 8 and 9 (ref. 8345 and 8346) are also completed. Pits in No. 7 Pl. area (ref. 8346) are nearly completed. Heavy tides are affecting wire erected by Punjab Regt. along beach near Coy. camp (ref. 834486). Projected work includes the wiring of outposts, camouflaging of pits and the construction of Pl. and Coy. H.Q. Dumps are located at entrance of Coy. camp (poles and wire), and a wire dump is at Skeleton House (ref. 830483).

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C Coy. report pits completed at refs. 673725, 623753, 624750, 563747, 593732, 639727, 635728, 622733, 578736, 578737, 579735, 571731, 570730, 630718, 630716, 633714, 634715.

D Coy. continued with their wiring and the completing of pits in the area refs. 8445, 8545, 8546.

Seaborne activity.

At 0940 hrs the Customs launch entered K. Endau ; at 1115 hrs a steam ship, one funnel, two masts, square stern, gunboat build, estimated 600 tons, colour white, moved in southerly direction, est. at 10 miles off coast in Kempit area at a good speed.

AIR ACTIVITY

One Bomber plane flying south at 1530 hrs.

WEATHER

Stormy over Mersing and Endau area. At Endau it is reported that while at Kempit conditions were still good, indications are that a days continuous rain will isolate the camp so badly is the road Mersing.

PERSONNEL

Nil report.

CIVILIAN ACTIVITY

The name of the postal agent implicated in Meeting of natives at Endau is reported to be AH SING. It is now believed that the meeting had reference to a funeral. A visit was paid to Endau by a Mr. Perkins and a friend. He established his identity as a member of Naval Base Staff and indulged in swimming whilst there. A native was noted with a large scale map of the area at Endau. He was on a cycle and claimed to be a policeman. When required for further questioning by the O.C. Endau he could not be found. Car No. 7530 Plymouth black sedan was again at Endau, parked at Cycle road (586733). This car has been noted often at the Japanese club. Can the identity of the owner be established.

A. MacLean Asst Adjt.

for Lt-Col., Comd. 2/20 Bn., A.I.F
Malaya.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT for period ended 2400 hrs 1 Nov. 41.1. ENGINEERING WORKS.

710 Rd Coy submit the following works in progress :-

To 1. Sec. Bde Harbour at 859433. Formation, drainage and culverts for original layout, 100% complete. Gravel 90% complete.

Party. 1 Sub section Sappers, 14 O.R. inf from Bde H.Q.

Loop rd at 838437 to 837457. Forming, 100%, drainage 100%, Bridges 75% Gravel 75%. Should be completed by 7 Nov. Party 1 sub section sapper only.

Boat obstacle at 851425. Owing to high tides this work was delayed - 10 yds - now 95% complete.

S.E.L. position Palm Beach at 875435. Making platform - 50% complete.

To 2 Sec. Semi permanent Water Points.

1. At 874 m. Kota Pinggi Rd. Complete except shelter for pump.

2. At 121 m. Kluang Rd. Complete except for rendering and plumbing.

3. At 116 m. Kluang Rd. Concrete slabs poured.

Party. Sappers only.

Carrier track. Forming 40%. Culverts 33%. Big task of crossing jungle swamp will be shortly commenced.

Party. 1 sub sec sappers, 20 O.R.'s 2/20 Bn Inf.

B Ech Harbour, 852454. 1. Formation 40%. 2. Drainage 30%. 3. Culverts 11%

4. Gravel 50%. 5. Mile camp road, Formation 100%. Gravel 50%. Drainage and culverts, 100%. Party. 2 sappers, 15 O.R.'s 2/19 Rd Regt.

Sediment Boom. Greasing on cables, alignment of anchors, painting of bouys, wells pumped out and broken metal placed in bottom.

No 3 Sec. Loop Rds. East of junction 856274. (a) old track 60% improved.

(b) new track construction. Clearing 100%, formation 40%. (c) Rolling of sub grade commenced. Party. 1 sub sec sappers, 25 O.R.'s 2/19 Bn.

Loop Rd west of Junc. 856274. (a) Old track improvement 60%. (b) New track construction. Formation 40%. Party. 1 sub sec, 25 O.R.'s 2/19 Bn.

M.T. Harbours (a) For itself sec at 857267. Graveling commenced. (b)

858265. Improvement to entrance 40% complete. Party. One sub sec sapper General. Rock blasted from gun emplacement at request of 2/19 Bn Regt.

Part. R.R. and reinforcements.

(a) Drainage at 500. harbours 818265, 95% complete. Gravel 100% complete.

(b) Supply of water at semi permanent water point exploited by using semi rotary pump and siphon for filling water lorries.

Pioneer Pls. Training in demolitions, knotting and lashing, knife rest construction.

Gravel supplied by 18 W.D. lorries and 60 coolies. Total yardage 6000 c.yd

2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY.

Timber vessel anchored off K. JEMALUANG.

3. AIR ACTIVITY.

A.R. two PALM BEACH. flew high over camp area. North. 1030.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Nil

5. WEATHER.

Fine.

6. PERSONNEL.

Normal.

7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITY.

Nil.

[Signature]
..... for. Comd

WEEKLY
~~XXXX~~ INTELLIGENCE REPORT.
for ~~period~~ ^{week} ended 2400 hours ~~on~~ Ended 2 Nov. 41

1. DEFENCE WORKS.
 - (a) New work Construction MT Harbour 2/18 Bn.
 - (b) Progress report of work in hand See attached sheet
 - (c) Deterioration of old work _____
 - (d) Projected work _____
 - (e) Location of dumps of material Mersing R.E. Dump
2. SEABORNE ACTIVITY. Nil
3. AIR ACTIVITY. Brewster Buffalo Planes flying over area
4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.
 - (a) New roads or tracks _____
 - (b) Tracks explored or opened up _____
 - (c) Deterioration of roads or tracks _____
 - (d) Notes on variation of density in jungle & rubber _____
 - (e) Notes on navigability or changes in courses of rivers & streams _____
 - (f) Fords _____
5. WEATHER.
 - (a) Effect of wind & storms Softens new gravelled surfaces
 - (b) Prevailing winds & weather Northwest
6. PERSONNEL.
 - (a) Sickness about usual %
 - (b) Morale good
 - (c) Condition of equipment good
7. CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES.
 - (a) Possible enemy agents _____
 - (b) State of mind _____
 - (c) Attitude to A.I.F. _____
 - (d) Movement _____
- 8 REMARKS. (not included in above) _____

W. B. Balan Capt

O.C. 2/10 Fd Coy R.A.E.

2 November 41

INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 1 NOV. 411. Field Works1. Sec. Bde Harbour at 858,433

Formation)
 Drainage) For original layout-100% complete
 Culverts)
 Gravel - 90% complete

Planning of this harbour carried out on 1 Nov. and Bde staff now suggest placing Bde B Echelon vehicles in this same area. A survey will be made on 3 Nov.

Party 1 Sub Section Sappers 14 O.R. Inf from Bde H.Q.

Loop Road at 838,437 to 837,457

Forming 100%
 Drainage 100%
 Bridges 75%
 Gravel 75%

Should be completed by 7 Nov. Party 1 Sub Section Sappers only.

Boat Obstacle at 881,425

Owing to high tides this work was delayed - 100 Yds - now 95% complete

B.E.L. Position - Palm Beach at 875,435

Making platform - 50% complete

2. Sec.Semi-Permanent Water Points

1. At 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ M. \rightarrow KOTA TINGGI RD. Complete except for shelter for pump.
2. At 121 $\frac{3}{4}$ M. - KLUANG RD. Complete except for rendering and plumbing
3. At 116 $\frac{1}{2}$ M. - KLUANG RD. - Concrete slabs poured
Party - Sappers only.

Carrier Track - Forming 40% - Culverts 33%
 Big task of crossing jungle swamp will be shortly commenced.
Party - 1 Sub Section Sappers - 20 O.R.s 2/20 Bn. Inf.

B. Echelon Harbour - 852,454

1. Formation 40%
2. Drainage 30%
3. Culverts Nil
4. Gravel 20%

Progress not satisfactory and Bde has arranged for an Officer to be sent with working party. Party - 3 Sappers - 30 O.R.s 2/10 Fld.Regt., 20 O.R.s 2/20 Bn. Inf.

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ M Camp Road

Formation 100%
 Gravel 50%
 Drainage & Culverts - 100%

Party - 2 Sappers - 15 O.R.s 2/10 Field Regt.

Sedili BoomsMaintenance

Greasing on Cables
 Alignment of Anchors
 Painting of buoys

Wells pumped out and broken metal placed in bottom

3 Sec.

Loop Roads.

East of Junction 856,274

(a) Old Track 60% improved

(b) New Track Construction

Clearing 100%

Formation 40%

(c) Rolling of sub grade commenced.

Party. 1 Sub Section Sappers - 25 O.R.s 2/19 Bn Inf

Loop Road West of Junction 856,274

(a) Old track improvement 60%

(b) New Track Construction

Formation 40%

Party - 1 Sub Section - 25 O.R.S 2/19 Bn. Inf.

M.T. Harbours

(a) For Field Section at 857,267

Gravelling commenced.

(b) At 796,265

Improvement to entrance 40% complete

Party - 1 Sub Section Sappers

General

Rock blasted from Gun emplacement at request of
2/10 Field Regt.

Party H.Q. & Reinfts.

(a) Drainage at 50 M Harbours 818,265 - 95% complete
Gravel- 100% complete

(b) Supply of water at semi-permanent water point
expedited by using semi rotary pump and siphon
for filling water lorries

Pioneer Pls.

Training in demolitions, knotting and lashing,
knife rest construction.

General

1. Gravel supplied by 18 W.D. lorries and 60 coolies
Total Yardage 6000 cyds.

2. Health of Troops Fair but incidents of skin trouble
increasing.

