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2/29 Infantry Battalion

December 1941 - February 1942

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/29 Bn AIF

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 41 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SEGAMAT	1 Dec.		<p>Bn strength at the beginning of the month was 36 officers and 776 O.Rs, plus 3 officers and 7 O.Rs attached. In the morning, on Monday, 1 Dec, Bn HQ, less a small staff left in camp, accompanied by the signal pl and all Coy Comds, moved to the JASIN area to participate in a communications and administration exercise controlled by 27 Aust Inf Bde. At 1210 hrs a message was received in camp requiring the Bn to assume the second highest degree of preparedness. Those taking part in the exercise were warned, and the exercise was abandoned, all troops returning to camp. Weather was warm and showery. Capt. Bowring and one O.R were placed on X list. P.S.</p>	<p>App 1 - Exercise Narrative " 1A Exercise Instns. " 1B " "I" Summary</p>

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Date and Time.—From 2 Dec '41 To 4 Dec '41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SEGAMAT	2 Dec	0900	At 0900 hrs on Tuesday, 2 Dec, a Bn. muster parade was held, and the Col. Robertson spoke to the troops, explaining the situation to them, and summarizing the Bn's war roles. Preparations were continued to enable this roles to be put into operation at short notice. Weather was fine and sultry. Lieut Martin marched in from G.B.D and one O.R. was transferred to X list. B.M.	App 2 - Bn R.O No 250 " 3 - Standard Kit for move to operational stations - O.Rs. " 4 - Ditto - Officers
	3 Dec.		Preparatory work and training were continued on Wednesday, 3 Dec. The two mortar Pl carried out range practices with live amm. Weather was fine and hot. One O.R. was returned to unit from X list. B.M.	App 5. Bn RO No 251
	4 Dec.		On Thursday, Dec 4, training was continued. Weather was fine and warm.	App 6 Bn RO No 252

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Date and Time.—From 5 Dec '41 To 7 Dec '41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SEGAMAT	5 Dec		On 5 Dec, (Friday) Col Robertson visited the detached coys at KLUANG and KAHANG. Training was continued. Weather was showery and there was no change in Bn strength.	app 7-Bn RO No 253
	6 Dec		A Bn parade was held on the morning of Saturday 6 Dec, followed by a march through the village. Weather was cloudy and cool. One OR was sent to hospital and one to detention camp, and one OR was sent back to unit from hospital, plus 69 marched in as reinforcements from G.B.P. Order to move to battle stations was received at 1900 after earlier warning order	app 8 Bn RO No 254 " 9. " O.O. No 1 - for defence of aerodrome "B" " 10. Bn O.O. No 1 - for defence of aerodrome "A." " 8 A. AF. W3008 " 8 B. AF. W3009
	7 Dec.	1900 hrs 0130 hrs		
	7 Dec	0130 hrs	Bn moved by M.T. Convoy from camp at SEGAMAT to KLUANG. Heavy rain fell during the movement	
KLUANG		0730 hrs	Convoy arrived at KLUANG. "C" Coy occupied HOSPITAL HILL,	

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Unit 2/29 Bn A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 7 Dec 41 To 8 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KLUANG			"B" Coy in area east of drome and railway, "A" Coy astride main rd at 195974 and Bn HQ on HILL TANK HILL, being in communication by 0845 hrs.	
		0845 hrs		
		1110 "	2/15 Jd Regt and 29 Jd Bty advised their HQ 158957	
		1127 "	"B" echelon advised in posn. at 1800 hrs, guard posts for the night were established. Some use was made of R.A.F. billets on the aerodrome. Carriers arrived by rail to at KLUANG ry sta. Weather during the day was fine and warm, and one O.R. was returned from hospital.	
		1800 "		
		2000 "		
	8 Dec.	0427 hrs	Message received from HQ, AIF 27 Bde, "HQ, AIF reports fighting broken out at KOTA BAHRU. No further details." Bn stord to " at 0530 hrs. Bn HQ moved	
		0530 "		
		0715 "	150 x north to new posn giving better opportunities for concealment. At 0915 hrs a warning order was received	
		0915 "		

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Date and Time.—From 8 Dec '41 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KLUANG	8 Dec		from 27 Aust Inf Bde, warning the Bn to prepare to move forward, our present role of airborne defence to be taken over by 2/30 Bn. There were several air raid alarms during the morning, but no attacks	
		1259 hrs	ventuated. At 1259 hrs movement order was received.	App 11. Movement order.
		1425 "	lieut Wastell and 4 O.R's from I Section moved to KAHANG to organize Bn layout and guide coys on arrival of convoy. At 1630 hrs "B" Coy arrived KAHANG followed at intervals by remainder of Bn, less "A" Coy was which moved forward to BT. LANGKAP. One of 2/15 Id Regt and one of 2/13 A/Tk Bty were attached to the Bn. Bn HQ was established at 516244 by 1730 hrs.	" 12. Bn O.O No 1-For defence of BT. LANGKAP
KAHANG		1630 "		
		1730 "		
		2030 "	C.O's conference with coy comds, comds att. Hqs, HQ Coy & comds, was held. Strict black out restrictions were observed at night, and sentries posted. Weather	

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Date and Time.—From 8 Dec '41 To 9 Dec '41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAHANG	8 Dec.		during the day was fine and hot, and Bn strength reduced by one O.R transferred to hospital. The airborne fixed defences were held by a Coy of the J.M.F. Bny	
	9 Dec.	1600 hrs	During the day anti-gas stores, emergency rations and genuine tablets were issued. At 1600 hrs, Brig Maxwell visited camp and gave Lt. Col Robertson his orders. Lt. Col Robertson issued verbal orders to his Coy Comds. 'B' Coy sent a Pl to establish a defensive post at the junction S. SEMBRONG and S. KAHANG, leaving at 1900 hrs.	
		1800 hrs	Written orders were issued. A warning was received that cases had been reported of attempts to indicate A/A defences by ground strips. At 1830 hrs a message was received from H.Q. AIF, warning of the possibility of airborne	App 13. Orders for move.
		1830 hrs		

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Date and Time.—From 9 Dec 41 To 11 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAHANG			and paratroop attack on aerodromes at KLUANG and KAHANG. All coys were informed and precautions taken. Heavy rain fell late in the day, and returns showed 50 Rs transferred to hospital and 30 Rs marched in. <u>BSM</u>	
	10 Dec	0706 hr	Following reports that enemy were believed to have landed between JEMALUANG and KOTA TINGGI, C. Coy provided a protective force on the KAHANG bridge. The report proved to be without foundation. Lieut Westell and one O.R from "I" Section left on recce of S. SEMBRONG.	
		1950 hr	"A" Coy reported all posts manned at BUKIT LANGKAP. Weather was fine, and Bn strength reduced, 9 O. Rs being sent to hospital and one O. R marching in. <u>BSM</u>	
	11 Dec.	0515 hr.	Advice was received that the KAHANG aerodrome was NOT to be demolished without orders from G.I. Confirmation	

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Date and Time.—From 11 Dec 41 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAHANG	11 Dec	1200 hrs	<p>^{of this} order was obtained. Digging of slit trenches was completed. At 1200 hrs it became necessary to shift the location of Bn H.Q. as the area was needed by P.A.F. HQ was moved west along the KLUANG road about 300 yds, where digging in was commenced. The aerodrome has been prepared for demolition, and "D" Coy occupy defensive posts around the aerodrome, supporting the Coy J.M.F. "C" Coy has a mobile role of aerodrome defence, "A" Coy is established at BUKIT LANGKAP and "B" Coy has provided detachments of Pls and secs along the SEMBRONG and LENGGOR rivers. In detail, ref maps 3H/11, 3H/15 one pl at 520304, one Pl at 568362 one section at 602395 and one section at 608310 An armoured truck and an armoured car are</p>	

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Unit 2/24 Bn AIF

Date and Time.—From 11 Dec '41 To 13 Dec '41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAHANG	11 Dec	1700 hrs.	attached to the Bn. Lieut Westell and P/O Dobson, who were overdue on recon, returned to the unit, having been forced to abandon the boat and cut back to camp through jungle swamp. Search parties had been out during the day. There was no change in Bn strength, and weather was cool with heavy rain. <u>Blg</u>	
	12 Dec.		Digging of slit trenches and weapon pits in Bn HQ area had completed. The men are in good health and spirits, and morale is high. Light rains fell during the day, and 30 R's were evacuated sick	
	13 Dec.	1300	An air raid warning was sounded at 1300 hrs, but no enemy planes were sighted. The Pl at the SEMBRONG-KAHANG junction (520304) was withdrawn during the day to the KAHANG bridge. The weather was	

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Date and Time.—From 13 Dec '41 To 15 Dec '41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAHANG	13 Dec		showing. Six O.Rs were transferred to hospital and one O.R marched in from Base. BM	
	14 Dec.		A news sheet based on the B.B.C news and on Intelligence Summaries was issued to coys. It is hoped to distribute these news sheets daily, so that troops can be kept in touch with the situation. Certain areas of the KAHANG ESTATE were denied to natives. Passes were issued to native labourers working on the aerodrome. Bn strength was increased by one O.R, and weather was cool with some heavy rain. BM	AF 14. AF. W3008 " 15 AF. W3009
	15 Dec.		1100 hrs. Maj. Lloyd left on recon of S. SEMBRONG with a view to supplying isolated detachments by river transport. An enemy landing was reported just north of KUALA	

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Date and Time.—From 15 Dec 41 To 16 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAHANG	15 Dec.		PAHANG. A request was made to M.V.A.F for aerial	
		1530 hrs	recc. At 1530 hrs, Maj. Gen. Gordon Bennett visited unit	
		1615 hrs	H.Q. and conferred with Lt. Col. Robertson for about an hour. At 1615 hrs, M.V.A.F reported nothing unusual sighted on recc of PAHANG area. Two boats were	
		1800 hrs	supplied for use on river supply route. Maj Lloyd returned from recc at 1800 hrs. Maj. Rose was evacuated with melanin Buz	
	16 Dec		During the morning all local inhabitants were living within one mile of defended areas were given 24 hrs notice of evacuation. Maj Pond visited H.Q. in the afternoon. At 2200 hrs an air raid warning was sounded, but no machines were heard. One O.R was sent to hospital, and weather was cool with some showers.	App 16 - Messyge-Cemetery areas.

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Date and Time.—From 17 Dec '41 To 18 Dec '41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAHANG	17 Dec		<p>During the day, civilians were evacuated from the KAHANG area, being moved to KLUANG. A 40' motor launch has been made available for river transport. In the afternoon, a Wastell was flown over the Bn area by the M.V.A.F., to observe the extent to which the Camp was visible from the air. Some tents were easily seen, also in few cases, clothing hanging out to dry. Weather during the day was fine and hot. One O.R. was transferred to 2/2 M.A.C. BSM</p>	
	18 Dec.		<p>On Thursday 18 Dec, tents which had been found to be visible from the air were either moved or camouflaged. The cemetery area at KAHANG was notified as 495221. A new list of code names was brought into use. Weather was fine and warm. One O.R. was sent to hospital. BSM</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 19 Dec '41 To 20 Dec '41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAHANG	19 Dec	0215 hrs	Orders were received to withdraw "A" Coy from BUKIT LANGKAP. Messages passing these orders on to "A" Coy were dropped from the air at BT. LANGKAP by the M.V.A.F., and Lieut Hackney took another copy by launch, early in the morning. Orders were immediately put into effect. There was no change in Bn strength, and weather was fine and warm. <i>Blm</i>	App 17- Orders from Bde.
	20 Dec	0057 ⁶ hrs	The movement of "A" Coy with ^{some} attached troops from BUKIT LANGKAP was completed by 0056 hrs. At 1315 hrs,	
		1315 hrs.	Lt Col Robertson held a conference with the O.C.s of attached and supporting units, Coy Comds, and representatives of the R.A.F and M.V.A.F. The conference was held on the aerodrome, and the general defence scheme was fully explained, ensuring full co-operation in the	

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Date and Time.—From 20 Dec '41 To 21 Dec '41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAHANG	20 Dec.		Event of action. Weather was fine and warm. Changes in Bn strength were as follows—Sixteen O.Rs marched in from G.B.D, one O.R was transferred from 2/10 Fd Amb, and 2 O.Rs were transferred from this unit to 2/10 Fd Amb. Christmas Hampers distributed by the A.C.F were issued during the day, and were much appreciated by the troops. B.M.P	
		21 Dec	0930 hrs	A conference of Coy comds was held. Troops were given a quiet day, and being Sunday, Padre MacNeil held Communion services through the various coys.
		1600 hrs	At 1600 hrs a warning order was received preparing the Bn for a move to KLUANG, and coys were warned verbally of the impending move. Written orders were issued to coys on receipt of the movement order	App 18—Message—Warning order " 19— " O.O. from Bde " 20 Bn R.Os No 255 " 21. AF. W3008

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Date and Time.—From 21 Dec '41 To 22 Dec '41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAHANG	21 Dec		Detached posts manned by B Coy were hurriedly withdrawn, signal wires taken in, and other preparations made. Weather was fine and warm, and the Bn strength was reduced by 15 O.P.s, 10 being transferred out and 5 sent to hospital.	App 22 - AF. W3009 " 23 - Message. O.O.s. to Coys. " 24 - Features of enemy tactics.
	22 Dec.	0730 hrs	At 0730 hrs orders were received that one coy was to be sent to BATU PAHAT to defend the aerodrome	App 25 - Message. Orders from Bde.
		0800 hrs.	there. At 0800 hrs the Bn, less D Coy, and with attached arty, commenced move to KLUANG, arriving	" 26 - Message. Cancelling Orders in App 25.
KLUANG		0930 hrs.	at 0930 hrs. D Coy were left at KAHANG to defend the	
		1300 hrs.	aerodrome. Recce of the areas was carried out and H.Q established at 182993 by 1300 hrs. At 1330 hrs	
		1330 hrs	a verbal message was received cancelling the Bn's responsibility for BATU PAHAT. This was confirmed in	

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Date and Time.—From 22 Dec '41 To 23 Dec '41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KLUANG	22 Dec		writing at 1600 hrs. C Coy were instructed to rejoin the unit. There was an air raid warning at 2200 hrs but no bombs were dropped. Weather was fine and there was no change in Bn strength. BM	
	23 Dec.	0900 hrs 1000 hrs	Lt Col Robertson left for a conference at Div H.Q. A kit inspection was sprung on the troops, on instructions from Div, in an attempt to locate articles stolen from civilian property at KAHANG. This looting has been attributed to AIF troops. Nothing was found in this Bn's kit inspection. One N.C.O and 60.Ps were selected from volunteers for duty with a special force. At 1500 hrs an air raid warning - yellow was received. No red warning was given, and no planes heard. ^{there was no attack}	
		1500 hrs	Pay was issued during the day, and 30.Ps were sent to hospital. BM	

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Date and Time.—From 24 Dec '41 To 26 Dec '41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KLUANG	24 Dec.		During the day "B" Coy moved to HOSPITAL HILL, digging in on this area. Weather was fine and warm, and Bn strength was reduced by one O.R., transferred to hospital. Bn	App 27-Details No 69 H.E. Grenade.
	25 Dec.		Being Christmas Day, special church services were held throughout the camp. The troops received extra rations for Christmas dinner, also bottled beer and soft drinks. Weather was fine and warm. Lieut Mc Glim was sent to hospital. Bn	
	26 Dec.		Digging parties were busy during the day, starting work on the preparation of a new site for Bn. H.Q., on HOSPITAL HILL. Present Bn H.Q. remains on the old site, west of the aerodrome. Six men were marched out to hospital during the day. Weather was fine and warm. Bn	

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Unit 2/29 Bn AIF.

Date and Time.—From 27 Dec '41 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KLUANG.	27 Dec.	0630	At 0630 hrs there was an air raid warning, but no bombs were dropped. Lt Col Robertson, Capt Morgan, and Lieut Westall met Brig Maxwell north of SEGAMAT to see a defensive posn. At 1000 hrs, all available officers and N.C.O.s in camp attended a lecture by Maj. Dawkins on lessons learnt from early operations against the Japs. Weather was fine, and changes in Bn strength were 6 out to hospital and 24 marched in from GBD.	App 28 - Orders reece party " 29 - Bn RO's no 256
		1000.		
	28 Dec.		Digging of the new HOSPITAL HALL site for Bn. H.Q. was continued. Lieut Col. Robertson and Mr Ward, a/dviser at KLUANG, went into the question of evacuating civilians from certain areas close to the aerodrome. Weather was generally fine and four O.P.s were sent to hospital.	App 30 AF W3008 " 31 AF W3009

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Date and Time.—From 29 Dec '41 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KLUANG	29 Dec		In the morning the A/A Pl was transferred to SEGAMAT to provide protection on the two bridges there.	App 32 - Orders A/A Pl. none.
		1125 hrs	The KLUANG airdrome was raided by Japanese aircraft at 1125 hrs. Eighteen Army type 97 heavy bombers carried out machine gun and bombing attacks from an altitude of less than 1000ft. They attacked in two waves, dropping about 40 bombs, the weight of which was estimated as 40 and 120 lbs, used in about equal proportion. The attack was concentrated on HOSPITAL HILL, where "B" Coy were dug in. The bombing was very accurate and casualties suffered were one O.R killed and numerous minor injuries. The raid lasted for ten minutes only. Buildings on HOSPITAL HILL were badly damaged, but the airdrome defences were	

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Date and Time.—From 29 Dec '41 To 30 Dec '41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KLUANG			unimpaired. One bomb failed to explode and was	
		1930 hrs	picketed by RAF personnel. There was an air raid	
		2115 hrs	warning at 1930 hrs and another at 2115 hrs, but no	
			machines were heard on either occasion and no bombs	
			were dropped. Weather during the day was fine and	
	30 Dec.		warm, and Bn strength was reduced by 4 O.Rs sent to	
			hospital. Blm	
	30 Dec	0020 hrs	At 0020 hrs there was another air raid	App 33 - Bn R O's No 257
			warning, which again proved to be a false alarm.	
			There were further warnings, but no attacks, at 1600 hrs	
		2100 hrs.	and 1945 hrs. At 2100 hrs the A/A Pl rejoined the unit.	
			Bn strength was reduced by three casualties from	
			yesterday's air raid, being one O.R killed and two	
			wounded and evacuated to hospital. Weather was fine and	
			[warm. Blm	

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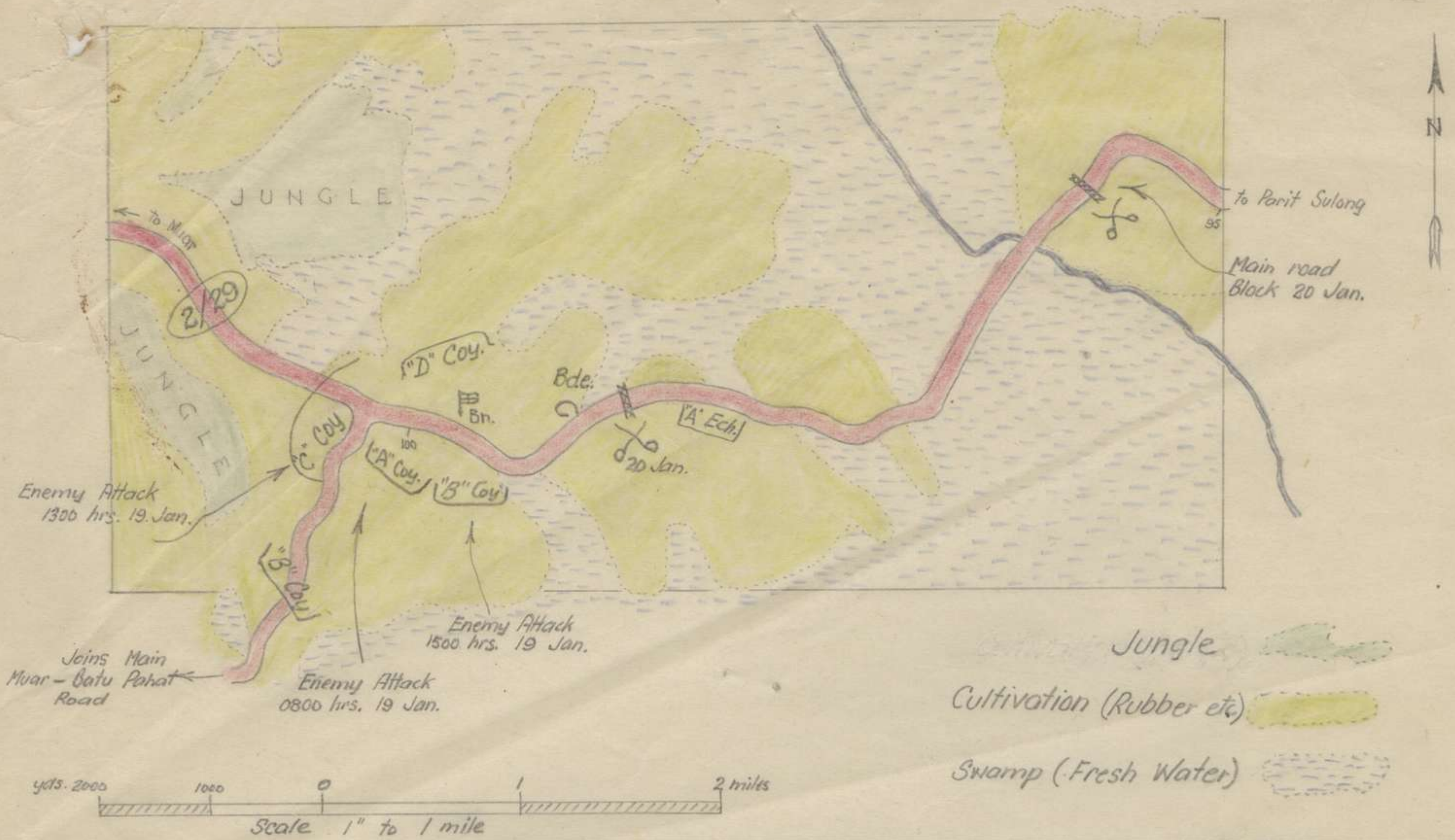
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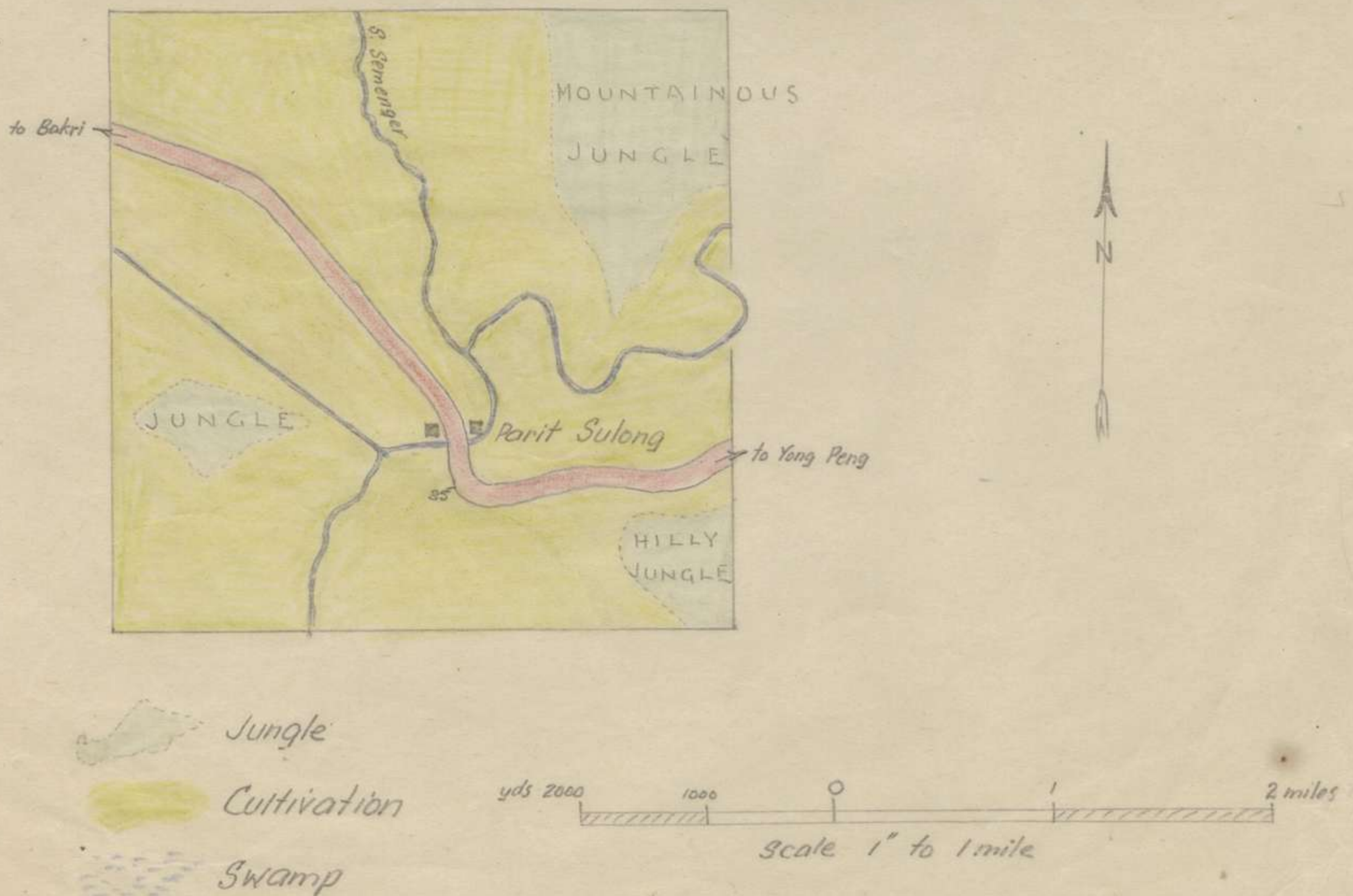
Date and Time.—From 31 Dec '41 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KLUANG	31 Dec	1100 hrs.	Lt Col Robertson attended a conference at Bde H.Q.	App 34- Bde Inf Instr for November
		1230 hrs.	Maj. Gen Bennett visited this Bn, leaving again at	
		1300 hrs	1330 hrs. There was a short air raid warning at 1300 hrs but no bombs were dropped. Weather was warm with a few showers in the afternoon. One O.R was transferred to hospital, and one returned from hospital to the unit, leaving total strength at the end of the month, end of the year, at 33 officers plus 3 attached and 759 O.Rs plus 7 attached.	" 35- Malaya Command Inf Instr Nov-Dec " 36- Bde Inf Instr for December
			B. H. Wastell Lieut. I.O. 2/29 Bn AIF.	

ENLARGEMENT BAKRI CROSS-ROADS AREA



ENLARGEMENT PARIT SULONG AREA



App 1 A

2/29/41

27 AUST INF BDE:

EXERCISE WITH TFS:

OBJECT:

1. To practise Bde and Bn H Q in co-operation in the field.
2. To practise Bde and Bns in movement and quick establishment of HQ.
3. To practise medical echelons in evacuation of casualties from Bns to C C S.

TFS TAKING PART:

1. (a) Bde H Q complete.
- (b) 2/26, 2/29, 2/30 Bns, the following only:-
 Bn H Q Incl Office, No 1 Pl, "I" Sec.
 Coy H Q. One offr to act as Coy Comd, with one orderly.
- (c) 2/10 Fd Amb. As ordered by C O 2/10 Fd Amb.
 2/3 M A C. As ordered by C O 2/3 M A C
 2/4 C C S. As ordered by C O 2/4 C C S.

DIRECTING STAFF:

5. Director: Brig D B MAZELL, M C
 Assistant: Maj B A P FOND

ADM:

6. Exercise will commence 1100 hrs 1 Dec 41 by which time H Q of all units will be established at points indicated in location statement.
7. Exercise will conclude at a prox 1730 hrs/for Bde H Q, which may, if the situation warrants, remain on exercise during night 1/2 Dec 41. *except*
8. T O Bde H Q will arrange provision and marking of vehicles at full V B for Bde H Q.
9. Units requiring deficiency in vehicles to be made up will advise Bde T O immediately.

J. H. Pond Maj
 (to T O Pond)
 B N 27 Aust Inf Bde

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OPENING SITUATION.

Map

Ref MALACCA East and West 1" = 1 M.

1. Following an attack by JAPAN from INDO CHINA on the BURMA ROAD on 28 Nov 41 relations between BRITAIN and JAPAN became very strained. On 29 Nov 41 JAPANESE forces invaded THAILAND and succeeded in crossing the IRA Isthmus to the West Coast. At this stage the THAI Government requested assistance from BRITAIN which declared war on JAPAN and moved a force into THAILAND from MALAYA and another one from BURMA.
2. The possibility of invasion of MALAYA either from the East or West Coast exercised the British C in C and all units were warned to be prepared for an attack from either direction.
3. The defence of MALACCA STATE is at present entrusted to one Bde gp of BRITISH tps located on or near the coast in the vicinity of MALACCA town. 27 Aust Inf Bde gp is being concentrated in the JASIN area, and the Comd has been ordered to dispose his tps tactically so that he may be able to counter para tp and air borne tp landings in Central MALACCA and may also be able to move his tps north or south to meet a threat in either direction. A det of 4 Arm cars is responsible for patrolling in the vicinity of JASIN X-Rds.
4. Enemy naval activity has been noticed off the east coast of THAILAND and light air raids occurred at KOTA BAHRU on the afternoon of 30 Nov 41. It is thought that one enemy aircraft carrier may be located off the west coast of THAILAND.
5. Order of Battle and location list for units of 27 Aust Inf Bde gp as at 1000 hrs 1 Dec is as follows:-

H Q 27 Aust Inf Bde	}	North of Rd end Track June 4499
L Sec Sigs		
87 L A D		
2/15 Fd Regt		Vicinity of 21 M S West of Road Sqs 4402, 4403.
13 Bty 4 A/Rk Regt:		
	A Tp	Kg AYER PASIR Rd June 4204
	B Tp	SELANDAR Rd June 4605
	C Tp	Vicinity Kg PONDOK KEMPAS
2/12 Fd Coy		Vicinity Kg TENGAH
2/26 Bn		Rd June Kg AYER PASIR 4204
2/29 Bn		SELANDAR Rd June 4605
2/30 Bn		Vicinity Rd June KESANG PAJAK 4597
1 Coy AASC		CEMAS
2/10 Fd Amb	A. D S:	Vicinity 19 M P 4499
	M. D S:	Rd June 21 M S 5596
2/3 MAC and 2/4 C C S		MALACCA

6. Latest information as to progress of hostilities is contained in Int Summary No 7 issued by H. Q. 27 Aust Inf Bde Gp as at 0700 hrs 1 Dec 41.
7. The facts contained in paras 1, 2 and 3 were common knowledge to our tps by nightfall on 30 Nov 41.

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COPY NO. 3.....

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 2100 hrs 2 DEC 41

ENEMY:

Troop movements: Continued Japanese activity SAIGON - HALPHONG incl arrival 5 Div. This Div is experienced in Beach landings.

AIR ACTIVITY:

Steady increase in JAPANESE Fighter and bomber squadron F I C during past month.

OWN TPS:

Field defences: Anti-personnel mines are being laid in Central Coastal Area. *certan*

SEDILI BOOM: Engrs closing boom. Arrangements will probably be made for river craft to pass at certain periods of the day.

Impressment of river craft: Action is being taken to obtain necessary craft for KENDAU, vessels being hired only.

Air Activity: Continued recon seaward.

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- 2/20 2
- 2/26 3 ✓
- 2/29 4
- 2/30 5
- Sigs 6
- L.A.D 7
- File 8
- War D 8+9

C.O. *[Signature]*

2i/c. *[Signature]*

adjt. *[Signature]*

Conference. 1800 hrs.

[Signature] Maj
 (S A F Pond)
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS BY LT-COL J C ROBERTSON, MC, VD.

PART 1

NO 250

1. DUTIES.	Duty Coy	Mounting	RETREAT	2	DEC'41	HQ Coy
	Next for Duty	"	"	3	"	C Coy
	Orderly Officer	"	"	2	"	Lieut N J GAHAN
	Next for Duty	"	"	3	"	Lieut W E SMITH

2. UNION JACK CLUB. SINGAPORE. Attention is drawn to the fact that the Union Jack Club, SINGAPORE, is NOT open to Officers.

3. DRESS. Several cases have been noticed of AIF personnel without shirts driving vehicles in public places, including SINGAPORE. Instructions have been issued that such disregard of regulations as to dress will result in the offenders being immediately charged with disobedience of orders as to dress.

M. Morgan
Capt
Adjt 2/29 Bn AIF

NOTICE.

A.C.F. Comforts. Cigarette papers were not included in issue for the month of November as no stocks were available.

Lost, 1 set of Identification discs, marked VX 57365 PROSSER F. Finder please return to Bn HQ.

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SCALE OF KIT TO BE CARRIED BY ORs FOR MOVE TO OPERATIONAL STATION

	On person or in haversack	In pack on truck	Total
Hat	1	-	1
Shirt	1	5	6
Shorts T/U	1	4	5
Vests	1	2	3
Underpants	1	1	2
Socks	1	5	6
Hose tops	1	1	2
Puttees	1	-	1
Boots	1	1	2
Laces spare	-	1	1
Identity discs	2	-	2
Field dressing	1	-	1
Knives clasp	1	-	1
Rifle & Bayonet(or Pistol) & amm	1	-	1
Respirator, cotton waste, eyeshields, & ointment	1	-	1
Set of web equipment	1	-	1
Anti-malarial cream	1	-	1
Knife, fork & spoon	1	-	1
Mess tin	1	-	1
Emergency ration	1	-	1
Ration bag	1	-	1
Torch	1	-	1
Toilet kit	-	1	1
Towels	-	2	2
Water proof cape(AUSTRALIAN ISSUE)	-	1	1
Canvas shoes	-	1	1
Mug	-	1	1
Pay Book	-	1	1
Housewife	-	1	1
Writing material	-	1	1

On Truck - Helmet steel, or as ordered
Blanket
Net & rods
Ground sheet

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.....Capt
Adj't 2/29 Bn A I F

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SCALE OF KIT TO BE CARRIED BY OFFICERS ON MOVE TO OPERATIONAL STATION

SCALES OF CLOTHING, ETC.	ON PERSON	IN PACK	VALISE	TOTAL
	OR IN HAVERSACK	ON TRUCK	MAXIMUM WEIGHT 35 LBS	
A.B. 153 (Note Book)	1	-	-	1
Lead Pencil	1	-	-	1
Chinograph Pencil	1	-	-	1
Field Message Pad with Carbons	1	-	-	1
Protractor	1	-	-	1
Map Case, Talc cover & Map	1	-	-	1
Field Service Pocket Book	1	-	-	1
Box of Matches	1	-	-	1
Torch	1	-	-	1
Watch	1	-	-	1
Whistle & Leather Thong	1	-	-	1
Waziristan Cream	1	-	-	1
Hat	1	-	-	1
Helmet steel	-	1	-	1
Knife, Fork & Spoon	1 ea	-	-	1 ea
Pistol & amn	1	-	-	1
Prismatic Compass	1	-	-	1
Binoculars	1	-	-	1
Respirator	1	-	-	1
Cotton Waste	1	-	-	1
Eyeshields	1	-	-	1
Ointment, anti-gas	1	-	-	1
Mess Tin	1	-	-	1
Set of Web Equipment	1	-	-	1
Emergency rations	1	-	-	1
Ration Bag	1	-	-	1
Pocket Knife	1	-	-	1
Field Dressing	1	-	-	1
Identity Discs	2	-	-	2
Towels	-	1	1	2
Shorts KD	1	2	-	3
Shirts, Angola or KD	1	5	-	6
Trousers KD	-	-	1	1
Socks	1 pr	3 pr	2 pr	6 pr
Hose Tops, Khaki	1 pr	-	1 pr	2 pr
Puttees	1 pr	-	-	1 pr
Shoes, Canvas	-	-	1	1 pr
Capes W S	-	1	-	1
Mug	-	-	-	1
Spare Laces	-	1 pr	-	1 pr
Washing & Shaving Kit	-	1	-	1
Pay Advance Book	-	1	-	1
Housewife & Dubbin	-	1	-	1
Canvas Bucket	-	-	1	1
Boots	1	-	1	2
Writing Material	-	-	1	1
Blanket	-	-	1	1

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.....Capt
Mjt 2/29 Bn A I F

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS BY LT-COL J C ROBERTSON, MC, VD.

PART 1

NO 251

1 DUTIES.	Duty Coy	Mounting	RETREAT	3 DEC '41	C Coy
	Next for Duty	"	"	4 "	C Coy
	Orderly Officer	"	"	5 "	Lt W E SMITH
	Next for Duty	"	"	6 "	Lt A H TIBBITTS

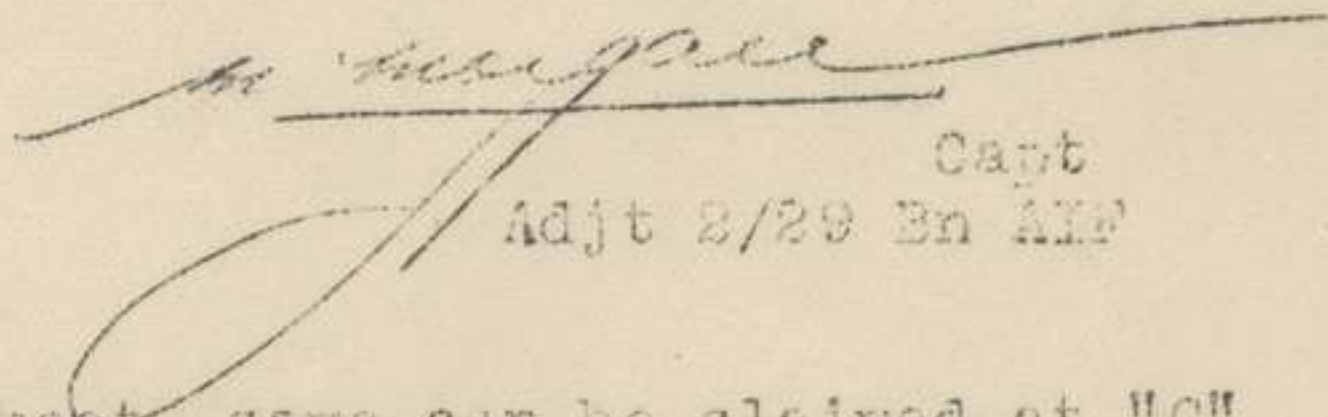
2. CHARGE REPORTS. AAF. A4's. Coys are instructed that all charges on AAF A4's are to be proceeded with the words "Whilst on active service in MALAYA"

3. COURT OF INQUIRY. A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned Officers will assemble at Bn HQ at 1830 hrs 4 Dec '41 for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the damage to rifle NO 100660 on issue to

VX 17639 Pte UPSON F R

PRESIDENT
MEMBER
MEMBER

Major J K LLOYD
Lieut H F DICK
Lieut L J MARTIN


Capt
Adjt 2/29 Bn AIF

NOTICE.

Found in C Coy's lines 1 Ground Sheet, same can be claimed at "C" Coy Office.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS BY LT.COL J C ROBERTSON MC VD

PART 1

No 252

1. DUTIES. Duty Coy Mounting RETREAT 4 DEC '41 "C" Coy
Next for Duty " " 5 " '41 "A"
Orderly Offr " " 4 " '41 Lieut A H TIBBITTS
Next for Duty " " 5 " '41 Lieut M M CALVERT

2. CARE OF BUILT OVENS. Coys will grease unused ovens with a very light film of fat inside and outside to prevent rust. Where rust has already set in it will be scraped off before the fat is applied. Ovens in kitchens formerly occupied by B and D Coys will be treated by A and C Coys respectively. Q M will ensure that Offrs and Sgts Messes and NAAFI kitchens are so treated.

3. CLEANING OF WASH BASINS. Coys will ensure that the wash basins and dippers at their ablution places are kept thoroughly cleaned by a periodical application of sandscap or ordinary sand or earth.

4. DENTAL PDE. The following personnel from A Coy are to report to Bn HQ at times stated hereunder on Friday 5 DEC '41 for Dental Treatment:-
0830 hrs 1430 hrs

VX 55330	McSWAIN	B.	VX 29604	CROSER	C.A.
55426	SELLENS	E.P.	56159	LITTLEWOOD	A.L.
56033	MURTAGH	F.	56222	BROWN	G.A.
12526	BROWN	J.R.	43772	SLATER	M.

5. PREVENTION OF INFESTATION OF BARRACKS, HUTS, CAMPS BY BED BUGS. The following instns will be adhered to in order to prevent the infestation of barracks, huts and camps by bed bugs, which are a potent source of dirt diseases.

Sustained individual effort must be forthcoming at all times. One badly kept bed is sufficient to reinfest a whole hut.

Means of protection to be adopted are:-

1. One hour each week will be fixed by Coys during which anti-bug measures will be carried out by occupants of each hut.
2. (a) Remove kit, beds, bedding, mosquito nets and equipment from barrack room and scrub the room thoroughly using a disinfectant and paying particular attention to crevices and cracks, doors, windows and shutters.
(b) Search every article taken out for bugs and eggs which look like pearl white pin heads. Search particularly blankets, tops of mosquito nets and crevices in beds.
(c) Infected wooden beds should be treated with kerosene or flamed.
3. Offrs will on inspection pay particular attention to signs of bug infestation.
4. If bugs are found, de-bugging should take place every day until the pest is exterminated.

6. SPORT. The following is the draw for sport to be played on Sat 6 DEC '41:
Cricket - Offr i/c Lieut N. GAHAN
A v C on School Padang; R v HQ1 on Upper Padang
(Match to end at 1630 hrs); Bde v HQ2 on Town Padang.
Captains of first named teams responsible for material and scores.
Games 1400-1700 hrs.
Hockey - Offr i/c Lieut M.M.CALVERT
Match to be arranged, either A v C or Combined
A & C v Bde HQ.
Badminton - Offr i/c Lieut R.J.COOTES
A v C }
Bde v HQ } Play to begin at 1430 hrs
Tennis - Offr i/c Lieut H.F.DICK
Bde v R on Malay Club Court
HQ v C on School Court

SPORT (contd) -

Soccer - Offr i/c Lieut D. McQUEEN
2/29 Bn v SEGAMAT on Upper Padang at 1630 hrs.
Team notified later.

7. UNIT FUNDS. Coys a re to advise all personnel that the undermentioned amounts were incurred and /or expended from Unit Amenities Funds during the month of NOV '41:-

	Liabilities incurred	Cash expended
1. Extra fruit	£755.04	Nil
2. Purchase and repair of Sporting gear	£612.75	£41.10

M. Morgan
Capt
 Adj 2/29 Bn A I F

NOTICE -

Table Tennis - The final games in an Inter-Coy competition will be played on Friday 5 DEC '41 at 1900 hrs between A Coy and HQ Coy.

Any recognised sub-units within the Bn who wish to arrange matches may book the tables for an evening by applying to the Chaplain.

Results of matches played Sat 29 NOV '41 -

- Cricket - R Coy (Boyd 69 no, Meagher 3/13 (no sundries) defeated HQ 2 76 (Lockhart 18, Meagher 15, Tulk 2/9).
C Coy defeated HQ 1.
A Coy defeated Bde HQ
- Hockey - A Coy drew with Bde HQ 0-0
- Badminton-HQ (84) defeated C Coy (22)
- Soccer - 2/29 Bn defeated R.N. Team 6-3
Bde HQ defeated 2/29 Bn

Table Tennis (Tuesday 2 DEC '41) -

- A Coy defeated Band (24 games) (12 games)
- HQ Coy defeated C Coy (27 games) (3 games)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS BY LT-COL J C ROBERTSON, MC, VD.

PART 1

NO 253

1. DUTIES.	Duty Coy	Mounting	RETREAT	5 DEC '41	A Coy
	Next for Duty	"	"	6 "	A Coy
	Orderly Officer	"	"	5 "	Lt M M CALVERT
	Next for Duty	"	"	6 "	Lt M M CALVERT

2. FIRE PRECAUTIONS. Galvanised buckets will be drawn by coys from Tech Store at the rate of one per sleeping hut and two per Coy Office - Store hut. They will be used for water and present tins will be filled with sand.

3. SPORT. All sport other than local is cancelled until further notice. Coys wishing to have the use of grounds on Sun 7 Dec will notify the Chaplain by 0830 hrs Sat 6 Dec '41. If grounds are not taken up by Coys they will be available on application for games arranged between PIs.

4. ARMS, EQUIPMENT & PERSONAL EFFECTS (a) Arms, equipment and personal AND PERSONAL RECORDS ON EVACUATION. effects will in all cases be taken with personnel proceeding beyond RAP to ADS or MDS and will be taken into store and will remain with ADS or MDS until patient either returns to Unit or is moved beyond the MDS.

(b) If personnel return from ADS or MDS to Unit from which evacuated, their arms, equipment and personal effects will similarly be returned. If personnel are evacuated under circumstances preventing arms and equipment or personal effects moving with them to ADS or MDS such arms and equipment and personal effects will be sent to the ADS or MDS to which personnel are evacuated as soon as possible.

(c) For the purpose of carrying these directions into effect each ADS or MDS will provide the necessary storage space and will indent for the appropriate stationery.

(d) Basic documents will also move with personnel on evacuation.

(e) Subject to any directions that may be issued by Adm HQ, the following will be the normal procedure in respect of personnel evacuated beyond M.D.S:-

Steel helmet, respirator, all personal clothing and effects, and all personal records will go with personnel to Medical Unit to which they are evacuated.

All war equipment other than steel helmet and respirator will be forwarded by MDS to GBD, periodically.

5. PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS. All privately owned firearms, which do not form part of the authorised scale of military equipment are required to be licensed by their owners with the civil police. The only exception to this rule is where the firearm is placed in a regulated military armoury and kept there; once the firearm has been taken out for any reason what ever, it may not be returned to the Store and must be licensed.

A record of the location of all privately owned firearms which do not form part of the authorised scale of military equipment and which are not licensed by the civil police as above, is required to be maintained and all Coys will report forthwith through the proper channels particulars of these arms on the proforma below:-

Owner	Make & nature of firearm	Maker's No	Where Stored
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An up-to-date record of the location of these unlicensed firearms will be maintained and a return will be rendered to Bn HQ by 1200 hrs 24 Dec '41

.....Church Fdcs

6, CHURCH PARADES. Sun 7 Dec '41

Denomination	Time	Site
Combined	0900 hrs	NAFI Canteen. OO to have sufficient forms for service arranged in canteen by 0845 hrs
R C	0930 "	On Camp rd 100x inside Main Entrance.
Holy Communion	1000 "	Y.M.C.A. Hut
Hymn Service	2000 "	Methodist Church, SEGAMAT

B. Hockney ^{Lieut}
 for Capt
 Adj 2/29 Bn A I F

NOTICE.

Sport. Table Tennis. Bn HQ 25 games d No 3 Pl 11 games

Soccer. The following personnel will report to RAP at 1530 hrs Sat 6 Dec '41 to play soccer:-

SJURSEN, PEEL, RYAN, TUCKER, WHEATLEY, PRICE (HQ Coy) DORWARD, GILES, FLEMING (R Coy) HUGHES (Bn HQ) OGDEN (C Coy)

Entertainment. Teachers Concert. A party of Teachers from JOHORE BAHRU will give a series of concerts in the Capitol Theatre, SEGAMAT in aid of the China Relief Fund and the A.C.F. (50-50) on 8 & 9 Dec '41

The party had great success in JOHORE BAHRU, raising \$ 1500.

The first performance is being given free to AIF Troops at 1830 hrs on Monday 8 Dec '41. (To be promulgated to Tps daily)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS BY LT-COL J C ROBERTSON, MC, VD.

PART 1

No 254

1. DUTIES.	Duty Coy	Mounting	RETREAT	6 DEC '41	A Coy
	Next for Duty	"	"	7 "	HQ Coy
	Orderly Officer	"	"	6 "	Lt M M CALVERT
	Next for Duty	"	"	7 "	Lt A C SHELDON

2. PRIVATE DIARIES & MEMORANDA. Private diaries kept by Offrs and men may contain much information of value to the enemy, and their dispatch through the Post is forbidden. As a result, such diaries are frequently kept by writers on the person or in kits, where they are liable to capture by the enemy, and are thus a source of danger. To minimize such risks, it is directed that all diaries and memoranda will be collected immediately and forwarded under Coy arrangements to I.O. for storage. Private diaries, before being sent away by Coys, will be enclosed in sealed covers, marked.

Private Diary of No.....Rank.....Name.....
Unit..... Date.....

Subsequently diaries will be evacuated to Bn HQ once per fortnight. 2 Ech will forward diaries to Australia for safe keeping. Coys are reminded that cameras owned by personnel are NOT to be taken into areas where contact with the enemy is likely. On receipt of orders all cameras will be collected and handed to I O who will arrange for them to be stored under Unit arrangements together with surplus baggage. Coy Offrs will ensure that no cameras, diaries, or memoranda are in possession of troops when contact with the enemy is likely.

M. Morgan
Capt
Adjnt 1/19 Bn AIF

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/29 Bn A I F (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	7		4
Lieutenants ...	25	5	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1 (Capt)		
TOTALS ...	37	5	4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	MARTIN L J	2/29 Bn	2/12/41	Ex G.B.D.
Lieut	ELLERMAN A Y	2/29 Bn	1/12/41	Ex A & S Highlanders
Lieut	GAHAN N J	"	"	" " "
Capt	BOWRING W. B.	"	5/12/41	" Hospital

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	BOWRING W B	2/29 Bn	30/11/41	Hospital

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Lieut	CARR W P	2/29 Bn	Hospital at JOHORE BAHRU
Capt	BOWRING W B	"	"

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-col	VX 38973	ROBERTSON J C	2/29 Bn	Yes	
Major	VX 39006	LLOYD J K	"	"	
"	VX 44193	OLLIFF S P	"	"	
"	44803	HORE P	"	"	
Capt	VX 38985	MORGAN M C	"	"	
"	39045	KEMP H	"	"	
"	VX 39018	GIBSON H M	"	"	
"	VX 39116	MAHER M B	"	"	
"	VX 39012	WEST D S	"	"	
"	VX 44362	BOWRING W B	KA ⁿ	No	Hospital
"	VX 39013	SUMNER A B	"	Yes	
"	TX 2134	SALIER R R	"	"	
Lieut	VX 39008	WASTELL B H	"	"	
"	VX 16481	DICK H P	"	"	
"	VX 50052	ELLERMAN A Y	"	"	
"	TX 2151	CALVERT H McK	"	"	
"	VX 39003	CLARK H C	"	"	
"	VX 43194	RICHARDS J R	"	"	
"	VX 39011	LOVETT C G	"	"	
"	VX 27982	McNAUGHTON F E	"	"	
"	VX 39014	CARR W P	"	No	Hospital
"	VX 39163	COOTES R J G	"	Yes	
"	VX 39160	BROWN J R	"	"	
"	VX 39068	BONNEY L G	"	"	
"	VX 39069	UREN R L	"	"	
"	VX 45198	JOHNSON M C	"	"	
"	TX 2147	DAVIDSON H A	"	"	
"	VX 57445	TIBBITTS A H	"	"	
"	EX 71148	HACKNEY B C	"	"	
"	NX 34847	McKIBBIN I J	"	"	
"	VX39009	McGLINN E P	"	"	
"	VX 44910	BUTT A W	"	"	
"	VX 45021	McQUEEN D McD	"	"	
"	VX 48818	SHELDON A C E	"	"	
"	VX 39201	GAHAN N J	"	"	
"	VX 37526	SMITH W E	"	"	
"	VX 39210	MARTIN L J	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 39085	BRAND V	A A M C	2/12/40	For Duty
Chap	VX 39150	MAGNIEL A R	A A Ch D	14/12/40	" "

2/29 Bn A I F

(Unit.)

Shepherd
(Signature of Commander.) Lt-col

~~29 Nov 41~~ 6 DEC 41

(Date of Despatch.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/29 Bn AIF (Unit) 6 Dec 41 19 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		1
Staff Serjeants	5		
Serjeants			
Corporals	31		6
Troopers, Privates, &c.	69		16
	759	18	
TOTALS	841	18	23

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Serjeant 1	A A F C		
Corporal 1	8 Div Postal Unit		
Serjeant 1	A A O C (Armourer)		
" 1	A A O C Fitter MP)		
Privates 2	A A O C (Fitters MP)		
Corporal 1	A A O C Shoemaker)		
Private 1	27 Aust Inf Bde (Chaplain's Batman)		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX 16371	Sjt	PALMER F P	2/29 Bn	Alexandra Hospital
VX 36896	"	O'DOWD C P	"	2 Con Depot
VX 46037	Cpl	LAMBERT W H	"	10 AGH
VX 38346	"	JEANS W G	"	"
VX 48560	"	KING T H	"	"
VX 47159	"	KING R L	"	"
VX 34473	"	OPIE A S	"	"
VX 24063	"	HIHO C C	"	"
VX 39621	Pte	BROWNING A J	"	"
VX 52038	"	WALLACE J O	"	"
VX 21235	"	SIDEBOTTOM W K	"	"

2/29 Bn AIF

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.					REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.
Bricklayers															
Butchers													1	1	
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians													16	16	
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical													12	12	
Vickers Machine Gunners													1	1	
Cooks															
General duty personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)					48	48	1	6	16	30	53				
					48	48	1	6	16	30	53				

2/29 Bn AIF Unit.

J. Gray
Signature of Commander.
for Lt. Col

Date of Despatch: 6 Dec 41

Bde., Divn. Area, &c., with which unit is serving.
27 Aust Inf Bde

a.w. 3m bks 9/40

SECRET

Operation Order No 1 for Defence of Aerodrome "B"

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15 NOV '41

Ref maps: JOHORE 3H and
14
Sketch map attchd.

INFORMATION:

1. There are several areas within a 3 mile radius of Aerodrome "B" on which it would be practicable to land paratps, and from these areas good covered approaches through rubber exist. Beyond a radius of 3 miles many other suitable landing areas exist. It would be possible to land paratps and possibly A F V's at AYER HITAM sq 0384.

2 Composition of force M allotted for defence of Aerodrome "B" is :-

- Aerodrome defence comd - Lt.col J. ROBERTSON
- Tps - 2/29 Bn less one Coy and No 3 Pl and one Sec No 4 Pl.
- 2/15 Fd Regt(M) less three tps.
- 4 A/Tk Regt less three btys and one tp.
- One Coy J.M.F.
- Details R.A.F.

INTENTION:

INTENTION:

3. Force M will defend aerodrome "B" against all forms of enemy attack.

METHOD:

4. 2/29 Bn and

attchd tps. -(a) Organization: Bn grouping is:-

- (i) Gp A - A Coy, One Sec 4 Pl, One Sec Fd bty (All to be complete with A Ech and tp carrying tpt).
- (ii) Gp B - B Coy, One Sec 4 Pl, One Sec Fd bty (All to be complete with A Ech and tp carrying tpt).
- (iii) Gp C - Bn HQ, C Coy, HQ Coy less 3,4,5 & 6 Pls, One tp Fd Regt.
- (iv) Gp D - B Ech and No 5 Pl,

(b) Gp A -

- (i) Lying up area - Vicinity 195975
- (ii) Sector of responsibility - West of Rly to radius of 3 miles from 202995 with line of rly excl.
- (iii) Role - Act as a mobile force on wheels to engage and destroy paratps landing within sector. Be prepared to counter attack on HOSPITAL HILL and/or Post C.

(c) Gp B -

- (i) Lying up areas - one Pl vicinity CHURCH 203997, one Pl vicinity QUARRY 212987, remdr vicinity 202977.
- (ii) Sector of responsibility - East of rly to radius of 3 miles from 202995 with line of rly incl.
- (iii) Role - Act as mobile force on wheels to engage and destroy paratps landing within sector. Be prepared to counter attack on HOSPITAL HILL and Post B.

(d) Gp C -

- (i) Area - HOSPITAL HILL.
- (ii) Dispositions - Pl areas vicinity 195993, 197995, 196996, Tp Fd Regt vicinity 193997, Bn HQ in reentrant 193994.

(iii) Tasks - Deny HOSPITAL HILL; support by fire defence of Posts A, B & C; and support counter attack on any of such posts by Gp A or Gp B should such be required.

(e) Gp D -

- (i) Area - Hutted camp in sq 1898.
- (ii) Protection - To be arranged by O.C. 5 Pl.

5. J.M.F. - One Coy J.M.F. are to man Posts A-H on perimeter of aerodrome. Dispositions are shown on Appx A atatched.

6. R.A.F. - R.A.F. has agreed to supply 15 Thompson sub MGs and 12 rifles, complete with details to man same and with necessary amn, for protection of bomb store and petrol dump. These are located approx 200x East of Post F.

7. CARRIERS - One Sec 4 Pl is under comd aerodrome defence HQ: Area - PERSONNEL HILL: Task - closely engage with fire enemy paratps and airborne tps within the perimeter.

8. ARTY - Bty HQ and two tps Fd Regt are under comd 2/29 Bn. Regtl HQ and one tp remain under comd aerodrome defence HQ, and are in reserve in prepared posns on PERSONNEL HILL in sq 1900.

9. A/Tk - One Sec vicinity 201995. One Sec 193994. Regtl HQ and one tp in reserve in prepared posns on PERSONNEL HILL.

ADM:

10. Amn - Additional 50 rds SAA per man to be issued to personnel in Gp A and Gp B.

SAA reserve in gully at 192993.

11. R.A.P. - RAF sick quarters on PERSONNEL HILL. S.B's to be allotted to each composite Gp.

12. Supplies - Iron ration is to be carried by each man.

INTERCOMN:

13. Defence HQ - Operations room R.A.F.

14. O.P's - Tower of mosque at 200984.
Water tanks at 200968.

15. Signals - L/T & D R - Defence HQ to Bn HQ, HQ J.M.F., and Arty HQ.
L/T & R/T - Bn HQ to Gp A and Gp B.
L/T & V/S - Bn HQ to O.P's.
L/T & D R - Bn HQ to Gp D.
L/T & V/S - OC J.M.F. to Posts A-H.

ACK.

[Signature]
.....Capt
Adjnt 2/29 Bn A I F

Signed at 22.45 hrs

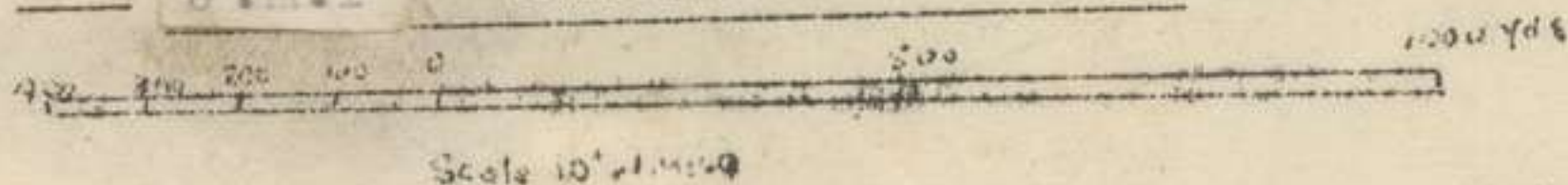
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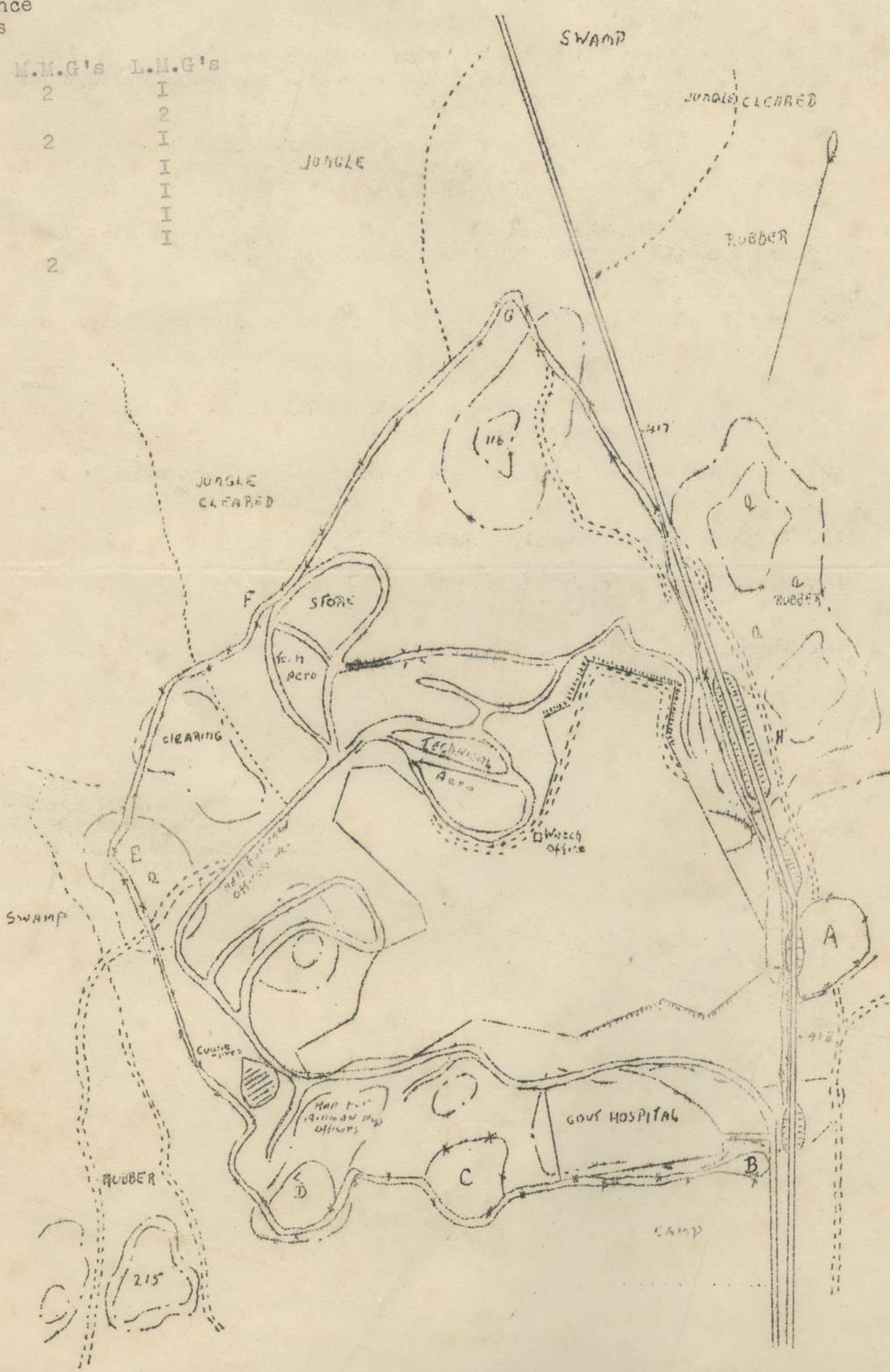
AERODROME "B"

J.M.F - AERODROME DEFENCES



A to H are Defence Posts

POST	M.M.G's	L.M.G's
A	2	I
B		2
C	2	I
D		I
E		I
F		I
G		I
H	2	



SECRET

2/29 Bn Operation Order No 1 for Defence of Aerodrome "A"

Ref Maps: JOHORE 3H₁₁ and 3H₁₅, 1" = 1 mile
Sketch Map attchd.

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15 NOV '41

INFORMATION:

1. There are four areas, all astride the Rd KLUANG-JEMALUANG and within a 5 mile radius of Aerodrome "A", suitable for effecting paratp landings. Three of these areas are East of the aerodrome, and of these three, two would necessitate a crossing of the S.KAHANG river. The 4th area is 4.5 miles SW of the aerodrome and can be reached rapidly via the main rd or alternatively via plantation rds.

2. The composition of Force X allotted for defence of aerodrome "A" is:

- Aerodrome defence comd - O.C. D Coy 2/29 Bn
- Tps - D Coy 2/29 Bn
- No 3 Pl and det, No 1 Pl 2/29
- One Sec No 4 Pl 2/29 Bn Bn
- One Coy J.M.F.

INTENTION:

3. Force X will defend aerodrome "A" against all forms of enemy attack.

METHOD:

4. Fixed defences -(a) Tps - One J.M.F. Coy with three dets No 3 Pl in support.

(b) Dispositions - See Appx A

5. Mobile Force -(a) Tps - D Coy with one sec No 4 Pl and three dets No 3 Pl under comd.

(b) Lying up area - Vicinity 519246.

(c) Tasks - Act as mobile force on wheels to engage and destroy paratps landing within 5 mile radius of aerodrome. In event of ocerwhelming number of paratps landing, or of warning being received too late for action, O.C. Tps will be prepared to carry out an intercepting role or to reinforce the aerodrome defences. Plans to carry out these roles are to be prepared by mobile force comd.

ADM:

- 6. Amn - J.M.F. reserve vicinity of Coy HQ. Mobile force reserve on wheels with Coy.
- 7. R.A.P. - First aid dets with each Coy. Evacuations to nearest C.C.S as arranged by aerodrome defence comd.
- 8. Supplies - Iron ration is to be carried by each man.

INTERCOMN:

- 9. Aerodrome defence HQ - 519246.
- 10. O.P.'s. - Bridges at 532252 and 453194: local telephone lines are to be tapped.
- 11. Signals - L/T and V/T connecting each fixed post. L/T from J.M.F. HQ to D Coy HQ and to aerodrome defence comd.

ACK.

Signed athrs

.....Capt
Adj 2/29 Bn A I F

DISTRIBUTION

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D Coy
J.M.F.
8 Aust Div
27 Aust Inf Bde
C.O.
2 i/c
Adj 2
Q.M.
File
War Diary

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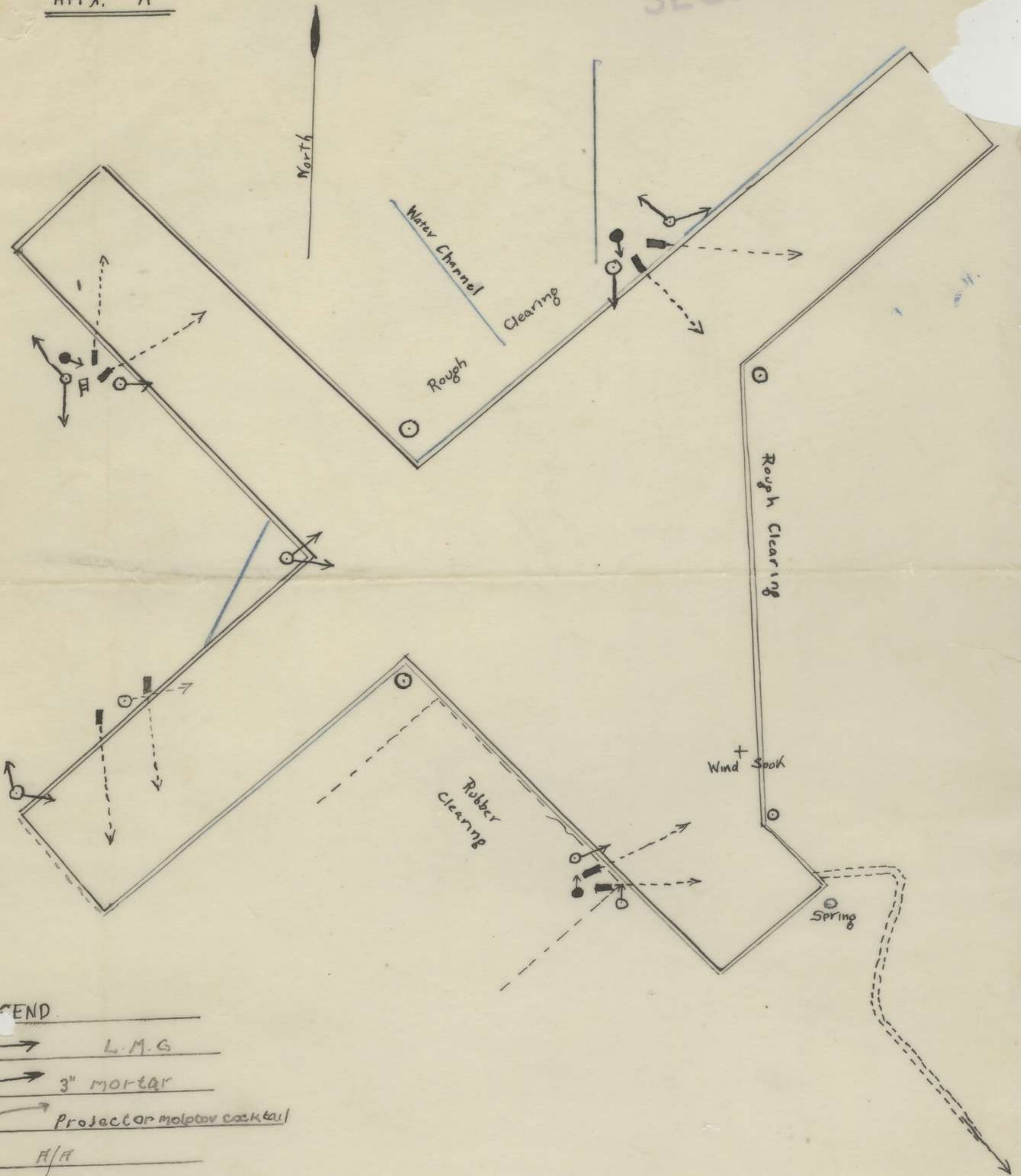
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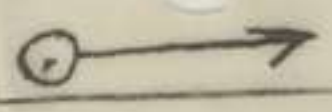
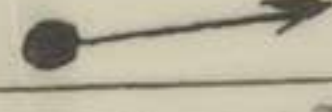
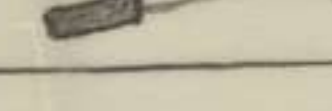
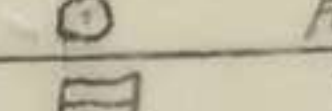
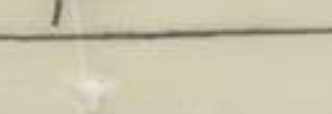
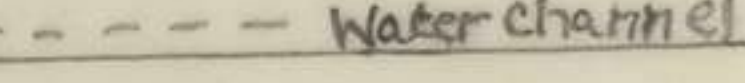
APPX. "A"

DROME "A"

SECRET



LEGEND

-  L.M.G.
-  3" mortar
-  Projector or molotov cocktail
-  H/A
-  COY H.Q.
-  Water channel

Scale 1" = 200yds

app WD.

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MESSAGE FORM.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	<i>copy only</i>	No. of Groups GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT			

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO *FUBI*

FROM *KATI*

Originator's Number.

Date.

In Reply to Number

<i>Units</i>	<i>move</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>follows</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>1230 hrs</i>
<i>today</i>	<i>POMU</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>1 of</i>	<i>HABO</i>	<i>one of</i>
<i>RAJI</i>	<i>under</i>	<i>behold</i>	<i>so</i>	<i>Kluang</i>	<i>not</i>
<i>arrived</i>	<i>defence</i>	<i>Auking</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>FUBI</i>
<i>⊙</i>	<i>1430</i>	<i>FUBI</i>	<i>less</i>	<i>two by</i>	<i>will</i>
<i>one of</i>	<i>HABO</i>	<i>under</i>	<i>behold</i>	<i>one of</i>	<i>RAJI</i>
<i>in</i>	<i>support</i>	<i>Kluang</i>	<i>not</i>	<i>arrived</i>	<i>defence</i>

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MESSAGE FORM.

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MESSAGE FORM.

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FROM

Originator's Number.

Date.

In Reply to Number

News	KILL	orders	⊙	Bush & Langley	des
to	take	3 days	emergency	actions	⊙
BUGI	will	conduct	units	and	arrange
will	laundry	for	supply	send	flip
of	required	⊙	Buge	will	change
Indision	PET	supply	under	INUPD	

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OPERATION ORDER No 1 FOR DEFENCE OF BUKIT LANGKAP

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Ref Maps = JOHORE 3H 1" = 1 mile
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Sketch map attached

INFORMATION =

1. Enemy strength will probably be at least one Bn, as any smaller force would have little chance of forcing the fixed defences at ENDAU. Axis of enemy advance would be S.ENDAU and SEMBRONG.
2. When Coy at ENDAU is unable to hold enemy advance one Coy 2/29 Bn and one Sec Mortars is to advance from KAHANG and occupy prepared defences at BUKIT LANGKAP.
3. Coy at ENDAU with three secs MMGs under comd is to withdraw along S.ENDAU and during the withdrawal is to delay the enemy as long as possible.
4. Composition of Force Y responsible for defence at BUKIT LANGKAP is accordingly:-
 Force Comd = OC Coy 2/29 Bn AIF
 Tps = One Coy and one Sec Mortars (2/29 Bn)
 One Coy and three Secs MMG (ENDAU)

INTENTION =

5. Force Y will occupy a defensive posn on BUKIT LANGKAP.

METHOD =

6. FDLs = Edge of cultivation in sq 5748.
7. Dispositions = (a) A Coy fwd with one Pl on ground level at No 3 pier area, one Pl area at Attap Huts and one Pl on 3rd level from top and East of 2nd Pl.
 (b) ENDAU Coy rear with two Pls on 3rd level from top and S.W. and S.E. respectively from top, and one Pl in reserve in SOUTH cut on 2nd level.
8. Inter-coy boundary = E.W. line through OBSERVATION HUT.
9. MGs = (a) One Sec on N.W. corner of No 4 level: right of arc = Eastern edge of clearing; left of arc = Western bank of K. SEMBRONG.
 (b) One Sec on N.W. corner of No 3 level : arcs of fire as for first Sec.
 (c) One Sec in vicinity of CLUBHOUSE : right of arc = Eastern bank of K. SEMBRONG; left of arc = Junction trolley line and river on S.W. edge of hill.
10. Mortars = Sec in cut on No 2 level near hill top : targets of opportunity on river or clearing.
11. Buildings = all huts etc to be fired.

ADMIN =

12. Amn = SAA reserve in cut on No 2 level.
13. R.A.P. = Cut on No 2 level.
14. Supplies = Iron ration to be carried by each man.
 Route for supplies = S. SEMBRONG.
15. Tpt = Power tongkangs or towed floats are moored at pt 566362 on S. SEMBRONG.

INTERCOMN =

16. Force HQ = Cut on No 2 level in rear of OBSERVATION HUT.

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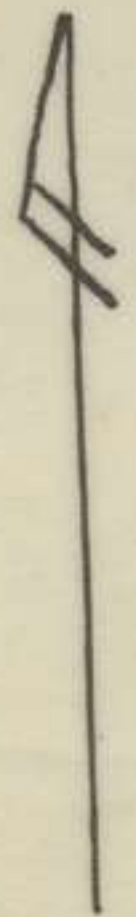
Signed at 2205 hrs

M. Morgan
Adjnt 2/29 Bn AIF
Capt

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ENDAU Coy	2	Service Post
27 Aust Inf Bde	3	Orderly
8 Aust Div	4-5	D R
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APPX "A"

SECRET



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LOADING STAGE

LANDING STAGE

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CLUB HOUSE

OBSERVATION HUT

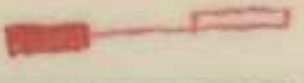
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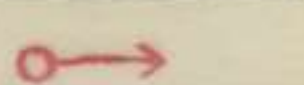
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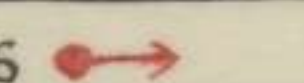
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LEGEND

M.M.G. 

L.M.G. 

MORTARS 

Jungle

S. SEMBRONG

Trolley Lines

Jungle and Swamp

Low Scrub

S. Lenggor

BUKIT LANGKAP

Scale 1 inch to 200 yards. (APPROX)

REF MAP 3 ^H/₁₁



2/29 Bn Warning Order

SECRET *app 13.*

Ref Maps: JOHORE Sheets $\frac{3H}{11}$ and $\frac{3H}{15}$

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METHOD:

1. B Coy - (a) One Pl - junc S KAHANG and S SEMBRONG 520304.
Pl to be in posn by 2100 hrs 9 DEC '41
- (b) One Pl - ROBERTSON'S WALK - 568363.
Pl to be in posn by 0730 hrs 10 DEC '41.
- (c) One Sec - PONDS WALK - 621395.
Sec to be in posn by 0730 hrs 10 DEC '41.
- (d) One Sec - 608310.
Sec to be in posn 0630 hrs 10 DEC '41.
2. C Coy - (a) Coy less one sec return former posn West KLUANG Rd.
Role - provide carrying parties supplies and amm
to B Coy.
- (b) One Sec - remain as gd on explosive dump on drome.
3. D Coy - Mobile role as indicated previously.
4. Arty - C tp 13 bty is to assume role present carried out by
No 3 Pl by allotting one sec in support D Coy and one
sec on fixed aerodrome defences.
5. Mortars - No 3 Pl relinquishes present role and reverts under
direct comd 2/29 Bn.

ADM:

6. Launch will be at ROBERTSON'S WALK - 568363 - at 0700 hrs
and 1600 hrs daily.

INTERCOMN:

7. Sigs - (a) No 1 Pl is to immediately lay and maintain line
from 608310 to ROBERTSON'S WALK - 568363.
- (b) Div Sigs is supplying comn 608310 to present
location Bn HQ.

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[Signature]
Capt
Adjt 2/29 Bn AIF

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File	13
✓ War Diary	14

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Unit)

2/29 Bn A I F

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	5		
Lieutenants ...	7		4
2nd Lieutenants ...	23	6	
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	1 (Capt) 36	6	4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	CARR W P	2/29 Bn	13/12/41	Ex Hospital

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	JOHNSON M C	2/29 Bn	8/12/41	To G B D
"	MARTIN L J	"	"	" "

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-col	VX39973	ROBERTSON J C	2/29 Bn	Yes	
Major	VX39006	LOYD J L	"	"	
"	VX44193	OLLIFF S P	"	"	
"	VX44903	HORE F	"	"	
Capt	VX38985	MORGAN M C	"	"	
"	VX39045	KEMP H	"	"	
"	VX39018	GIBSON N M	"	"	
"	VX39116	MAHER B M	"	"	
"	VX39012	WEST D S	"	"	
"	VX44362	BOWRING W B	"	"	
"	VX39013	SUMNER A B	"	"	
"	VX 2134	SALIER R R	"	"	
Lieut	VX39008	WASTELL B H	"	"	
"	VX16481	DICK H P	"	"	
"	VX50052	ELLERMAN A Y	"	"	
"	VX 39003	CLARK H C	"	"	
"	VX 2151	CALVERT M M	"	"	
"	VX43194	RICHARDS J R	"	"	
"	VX39011	LOVETT C G	"	"	
"	VX27982	McNAUGHTON F E	"	"	
"	VX39014	CARR W P	"	"	
"	VX39163	COOTES R J C	"	"	
"	VX39160	BROWN J R	"	"	
"	VX39068	BONNEY L G	"	"	
"	VX39069	UREN R L	"	"	
"	VX 2147	DAVIDSON H A	"	"	
"	VX57445	TIBBITTS A H	"	"	
"	VX71148	HACKNEY B C	"	"	
"	VX34847	McKIBBIN I J	"	"	
"	VX39009	McGLINN E P	"	"	
"	VX44910	BUTT A W	"	"	
"	VX45021	McQUEEN D McD	"	"	
"	VX48818	SHELDON A C E	"	"	
"	VX39201	GAHAN H J	"	"	
"	VX37586	SMITH W E	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX39085	BRAND V A A	M C	2/12/40	For Duty
Chap	VX39150	MACNEIL A R A A	Ch D	14/12/40	"

2/29 Bn A I P

(Unit.)

John H. ...
(Signature of Commander.)

Lt.-col

Comd 2/29 Bn (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

14 DEC '41

(Date of Despatch.)

27 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Unit) 19..... (Date).

2/29 Bn AIF

14 Dec 41

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	I		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		I
Staff Serjeants	5		
Serjeants			
Corporals	27		6
Troopers, Privates, &c.	58		12
TOTALS	664	3	19

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Serjeant	I A A P C		
Corporal	I 8 Div Postal Unit		
Serjeant	I A A O C (Armourer)		
"	I A A O C (Fitter MT)		
Privates	2 A A O C (Fitters MT)		
Corporal	I A A O C (Shoemaker)		

Private I 27 Aust Inf Bde (Chaplain's Batman)

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX 16371	Sjt	PALMER	F P 2/29 Bn	Alexandra Hospital
VX 36996	"	O'DOWD	C P "	2 Xon Depot
VX 47447	"	GIBBINS	A J "	Hospital
VX 48037	Cpl	LAMBERT	W H "	IO AGH
VX 38346	"	JEANS	W G "	" "
VX 48580	"	KING	T H "	" "
VX 47159	"	KING	R L "	" "
VX 24063	"	HINO	C C "	" "
VX 39827	Pte	BROWNING	A J "	" "
VX 52033	"	WALLACE	J O "	" "
	"	SIDDEOTON	W K "	" "

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Serial No. *16*

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups GR.

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*FUBI
16 DEC 41*

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TO *FUBI POMU rptd BUGI DUF1*

FROM *BAKIA*

Originator's Number.

Q475

Date.

16

In Reply to Number

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<i>Cemetery</i>	<i>KAHANG</i>	<i>area</i>	<i>495-221</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>POMU</i>
<i>area</i>	<i>SPUR</i>	<i>825-266</i>			
	<i>M. M.</i>				

chaplain advised 0151 17/12/41 0212hrs
sub units advised 0152 17/12/41 0215hrs

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

16/17/41

1850

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MESSAGE FORM.

ARMY FORM C. 2128.

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TO WEPI WARU SILI RERO MITA ^{2 plod} LAMA NURU

22295-2,000/100 p-23-9-41-R 54/5-F.M.S. Govt. Press, K.L.

FROM KATI	Originator's Number. 0839	Date. 18	In Reply to Number.
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WEPI	caf	BUKIT	LANGKAP	with	2
equipment	2	pr	and	4	mortars
will	rejoin	bu	gp	19	dec
0	2	75 mm	guns	with	necessary
personnel	SILI	and	it	mortars	without
WARU	personnel	will	remain	0	nuclear
part,	RUFU	will	take	over	stores
and	equipment	0	LAMA	will	have

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TO

22295-2,000/100 p-23-9-41-R 54/5-F.M.S. Govt. Press, K.L.

FROM

Originator's Number.

Date.

In Reply to Number.

<i>river</i>	<i>tpt</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>relieving</i>	<i>tps</i>	<i>at</i>
<i>BUKIT</i>	<i>LANGKAP</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>1030</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>dec</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>embarkation</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>tps</i>	<i>being</i>
<i>relieved</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>take</i>	<i>place</i>	<i>soon</i>	<i>as</i>
<i>possible</i>	<i>thereafter</i>	<i>so</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>tps</i>	<i>arrive</i>
<i>ENDAU</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>1500</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>MITA</i>
<i>will</i>	<i>have</i>	<i>necessary</i>	<i>MT</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>ENDAU</i>
<i>river</i>	<i>wharf</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>1500 F</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>⊙</i>

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TO

22295—2,000/100 p—23-9-41—R 54/5—F.M.S. Govt. Press, K.L.

FROM	Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number.
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units	use	over	tpt	as	far
as	possible	and	advise	KATI	by
0900	hrs	19	dec	particulars	MT
required	from	MITA	⊙	tps	being
relieved	will	bring	3	days	rations
and	stores	and	amm	for	weapons
being	moved	⊙	if	impossible	more
guns	and	all	amm	without	delaying

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TO

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FROM	Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number.
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boat	remainder	will	be	moved	early
20	dec	⊙	RE RO	det	remains
BUKIT	LANGKAP	until	further	notice	⊙
suggest	WEPI	send	instructions	from	ROBERTSON'S
WHARF	or	KAHANG	Bridge	first	light
⊙	SILI	det	remaining	will	be
nucleus	to	man	75 mm	guns	⊙
minimum	necessary	loading	part	WARU	will

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TO

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FROM	Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number.
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remain	to	load	balance	stores	amm
on	20	dec	if	necessary	⊙
act	all	informed			

Kate advised sup 052

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MESSAGE FORM.

ARMY FORM C. 2128.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No. of Groups GR. 67	Serial No. 16
	OUT WEPI.		

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TO **WEPI SIHI WARU ypta WLIRU**

22295-2,000/100 p-23-9-41-R 54/5-F.M.S. Govt. Press, K.L.

FROM KIATI	Originator's Number. 086Z	Date. 21	In Reply to Number.
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Warning	order	1	WEPI	gp	consists
of	WEPI	one	gp	511	less
1 det	BUKIT LANGKAP	2	two	gps	WARU
under	comd	1	WEPI	gp	less
one	coy	and	one	gp	WARU
more	22	Dec	dispersal	areas	KLUANG
1	no	more	before	0600	his
1	WEPI	remains	responsible	defense	KAHANG

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T.H.I.

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MESSAGE FORM.

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TO

22295-2,000/100 p-23-9-41-R 54/5-F.M.S. Govt. Press, K.L.

FROM

Originator's Number.

Date.

In Reply to Number.

<i>drone</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>details</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>areas</i>	<i>allotted</i>
<i>KLUANG</i>	<i>later</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>back</i>		

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T.H.I.

1342"

T.O.R.

1600

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ARMY FORM C. 2128.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

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TO SILI WARU WEPI PUFU MITA *zpld* NURU RERO HIGA NOPU
22295-2,000/100 p-23-9-41-R 54/5-F.M.S. Govt. Press, K.L.

FROM KATI

Originator's Number.

0870

Date.

21

In Reply to Number.

WEPI	assumes	responsibility	defence	KLUANG	KAITANG
aerodromes	1100	hrs	22	dec	⊙
when	relieved	PUFU	coy	rejoins	PUFU
⊙	SILI	WARU	tps	KLUANG	aerodrome
come	under	cond	WEPI	1100	hrs
22	dec	⊙	SILI	WARU	tps
ec	BUKIT	LANGKAP	remain	present	location
in	reserve	⊙	29	lorries	3 ton

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MESSAGE FORM.

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Sheet 2

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FROM

Originator's Number.

Date.

In Reply to Number.

MITA	incl	6	now	under	cond
PUFU	and	5	under	cond	WEPI
report	WEPI	0700	was	22	dec
①	on	completion	move	to	KLUANG
7	lorries	remain	under	cond	WEPI
at	KLUANG	7	lorries	move	PUFU
coy	to	PUFU	then	return	KAHANG
coming	under	cond	WEPI	coy	①

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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM.

Serial No. 30

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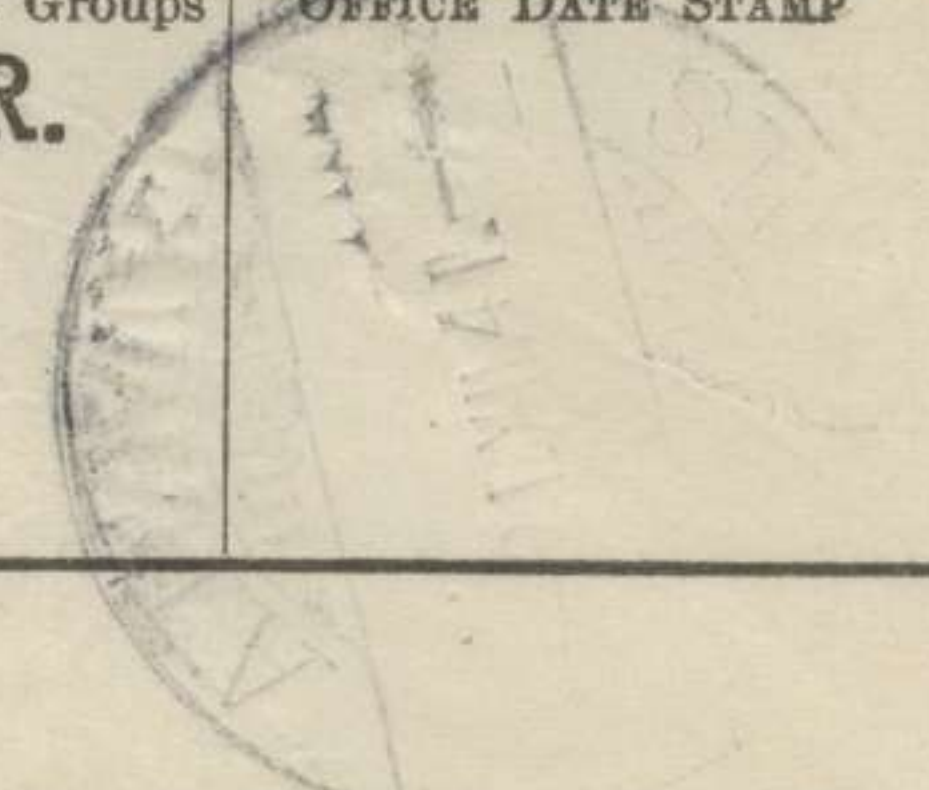
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22295-2,000/100 p-23-9-41-R 54/5-F.M.S. Govt. Press, K.L.

FROM

Originator's Number.

Date.

In Reply to Number.

balance	MITA	vehicles	return	present	location
○	PUFU	coy	returns	SAA	above
normal	scale	to	HIGH	○	WEPI
takes	SAA	aerodrome	defence	scale	to
KLVANG	○	PUFU	hands	around	car
to	WEPI	○	ack	all	informed
		1. sighted & noted by T.O.		2215 hrs.	
		2. All informed	0137 - 2335	hrs.	

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S.H. Bond

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS BY WEPI COMD

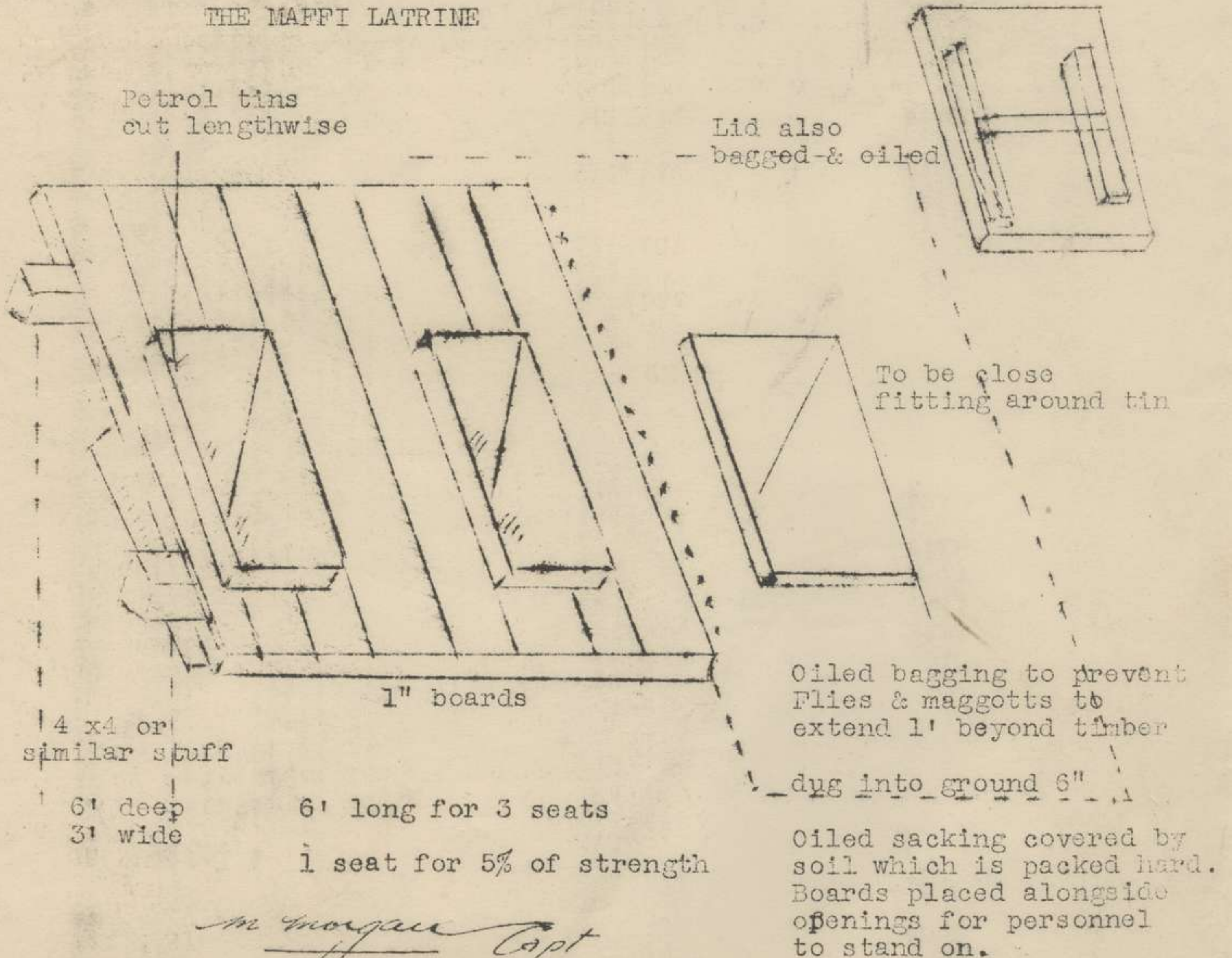
PART 1

No 255

1. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT A/GAS: (i) Personal anti-gas clothing and equipment will be carried at all times by all ranks.
- (ii) Eyeshields, ointment, curtains anti-gas, cotton waste and first field dressing will be carried in the respirator haversack.
- (iii) Capes will be carried rolled but should be unrolled and aired for a few hours at least once a week.
- (iv) Unit and reserve anti-gas clothing should be stored conveniently at hand, and should be aired for at least a few hours once a week. Heavy articles should not be placed on top of anti-gas clothing.
- (v) When curtains A/Gas are worn on steel helmets, care must be taken to see that no portion of the under-surface of the curtain (i.e. that which will ultimately come near to, or in contact with, the face or neck of the wearer) is exposed to any possible contamination by liquid gas.
- (vi) The flap which hangs down from the brim of the helmet may be worn either held together behind the wearer's neck beneath the brim, or rolled up under the brim itself. If this latter method is adopted, the curtain should be unrolled at frequent intervals to prevent stickiness of the material.

2. HYGIENE AND SANITATION: Sketched hereunder shows type and specification of trench latrine which has proved most satisfactory under present conditions and which will be adopted by all Coys and units:-

THE MAFFI LATRINE



Morgan Capt
J. H. W. P. I.

DISTRIBUTION:
VQ, VA, VB, VC, VD, B Ech, GEDO - D&F, BILL-C&X, JMF, WAF, File, War Diary

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/29 Bn AIF (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	7		4
Lieutenants ...	23	6	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1 (Capt)		
TOTALS ...	35	6	4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Major	HORE F	2/29 Bn	14/12/41	IO AGH

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Major	HORE F	2/29 Bn	IO AGH

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt.Col	VX 38973	ROBERTSON J C	2/29 Bn	Yes	
Major	VX 39006	LLOYD J K	"	"	
"	VX 44193	OLLIFF S F	"	"	
"	VX 44803	HORE F	"	No	Hospital
Capt	VX 38985	MORGAN M C	"	Yes	
"	VX 39045	KEMP H	"	"	
"	VX 39016	GIBSON N M	"	"	
"	VX 39116	MAHER M B	"	"	
"	VX 39012	WEST D S	"	"	
"	VX 44362	BOWRING W B	"	"	
"	VX 39013	SUMNER A B	"	"	
"	TX 2134	SALIER R R	"	"	
Lieut	VX 39008	WASTELL B H	"	"	
"	VX 16481	DICK H F	"	"	
"	VX 50052	ELLERMAN A Y	"	"	
"	VX 39003	CLARK H C	"	"	
"	TX 2151	CALVERT M McK	"	"	
"	VX 43194	RICHARDS J R	"	"	
"	VX 39011	LOVETT C G	"	"	
"	VX 27982	McNAUGHTON F E	"	"	
"	VX 39014	CARR W P	"	"	
"	VX 39163	COOTES R J C	"	"	
"	VX 39160	BROWN J N	"	"	
"	VX 39068	BONNEY L G	"	"	
"	VX 39069	UREN R L	"	"	
"	TX 2147	DAVIDSON H A	"	"	
"	VX 57445	TIBBITTS A H	"	"	
"	NX 71148	HACKNEY B C	"	"	
"	NX 34847	McKIBBIN I J	"	"	
"	VX 39009	McGLINN E P	"	"	
"	VX 44910	BUTT A W	"	"	
"	VX 45021	McQUEEN D McD	"	"	
"	VX 48818	SHELDON A C E	"	"	
"	VX 39021	GAHAN N J	"	"	
"	VX 37526	SMITH W E	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 39085	BRAND V	A A M C	2/12/40	For Duty
Chap	VX 39150	MACNEIL A R	A A Ch D	14/12/41	" "

2/29 Bn AIF

(Unit.)

21 Dec 41

(Date of Despatch.)

(Sgd) John C. Robertson

(Signature of Commander.)

Lt.Col

27 Aust Inf Bde

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

2/29 Bn AIF (Unit) 21 Dec 19 41 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	I		
W.Os. Class II.	5		I
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	29		4
Corporals	65		X5
Troopers, Privates, &c.	646		15
TOTALS	751	*	* 25

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Serjeant I	A A P C		
Corporal I	8 Div Postal Unit		
Serjeant I	A A O C (Armourer)		
" I	A A O C (Fitter) MT)		
Privates 2	A A O C Fitters MT)		
Corporal I	A A O C (Shoemaker)		
Private I	27 Aust Inf Bde (Chaplain(s) Batman)		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX 16371	Sjt	PALMER F P	2/29 Bn	Alexandra Hospital
VX 47447	"	GIBBINS A J	"	Hospital
VX 46037	Cpl	LAMBERT W H	"	IO AGH
VX 47159	"	KING RQL	"	"
VX 24063	"	HIHO C C	"	"
VX 52038	Pte	BROWNING A J	"	"
VX 47194	L/Cpl	MOUAT G L	"	GBD

MESSAGE FORM.

Apr 23

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No. of Groups GR.	Serial No. OFFICE DATE STAMP
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TO *WEPI 4-5, VA, VB, VC, VD*

FROM <i>WEPI</i>	Originator's Number. <i>0131</i>	Date. <i>21</i>	In Reply to Number <i>---</i>
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<i>EPI</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>
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<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>VA WEPI-4</i>	<i>VR</i>	<i>VC</i>
<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>VC</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>
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<i>Joint</i>	<i>en route</i>	<i>or forward</i>	<i>real</i>	<i>intention</i>	<i>course</i>
<i>initial</i>	<i>prints</i>	<i>and see</i>	<i>X-ids</i>	<i>KLUMC</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>See</i>	<i>R.C. bridge</i>	<i>KLUMC</i>	<i>and see</i>	<i>Sawmill</i>	<i>KLUMC</i>
<i>⊙</i>	<i>S.P.</i>	<i>entance</i>	<i>B 215</i>	<i>S.T.</i>	<i>0800</i>
<i>his</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>m.i.h</i>	<i>15.4.41</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>VA 0800</i>
<i>WEPI-40</i>	<i>0805</i>	<i>VA 0808</i>	<i>VB 0812</i>	<i>B 215</i>	<i>0817</i>
<i>⊙</i>	<i>Ady</i>	<i>party</i>	<i>WEPI</i>	<i>Comd</i>	<i>WEPI 2 Ast</i>

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number
0.0 1 pl Coy 21k ¹⁵	departs	via WEPI	Comd's truck
0745 hrs	⊙	Dispersal	areas VA
AS formerly	VB	REGNAM	Rd 211953
WEPI-HQ VC	182987	⊙	One
3 pl under	comd	packs VA	⊙ VB third
Sec remains	under	comd	WEPI-HQ ⊙
One Sec	4 pl	under	comd each VA

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4 VB	remains	remains	under	Command	WEPI-110
⊙	7	on	completion	first	left
to KUANB	7	remains	return to VC		move
VC to KUANB	then	are	admitted		4 to
VA + 3	to VB	7	move	PVFCU	coy to
PVFCU	then	return	KANUNB	coming	landed
Command	WEPI-VD	balance	MITA	vehicles	return

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TO (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM	Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number
Present location	VA 4	VB	Will
remain mobile at	dispensal	areas	by
withdrawing A-sock vehicles	to	sufficient	sp
camping 1st allotted			

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S E C R E T

WEPI
21 Dec'41

MAIN FEATURES OF ENEMY TACTICS.

The main features of enemy tactics so far have been as follows:-

- i. Simple verbal orders for attack on definite objectives. Great powers of endurance and no type of ground can be considered an obstacle. e.g., Creeks and small rivers are crossed by means of inflated rubber belts. Advance through jungle by Company columns preceded by patrols which find flanks and infiltrate and HQ staff assemble in rear.
- ii. Attack by formed bodies pressed with great determination in defence, forward patrols go to ground allowing attack to pass through, then open fire on rear. Small bore ammunition inflicts minor wounds. Grenades are not as effective as ours and mortar ammunition has no blast effect. Considerable use made of small tanks which can traverse rubber with infantry penetrating.
- iii. Enemy tactics calculated to defeat static or linear defence and has considerable moral effect on troops taking enemy in rear. Best answer is system of posts each self contained and with all round defence acting as pivots of manoeuvre for aggressive reserve.

The above is extract of KATI message O 857 of 20 Dec'41.

J. H. ...
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Adj. W E P I. AIF

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No. of Groups GR.	Serial No. OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT <i>Per S.D/R</i>		

TO *WEPI MITA Capt LLOYD BATU PAHAT Camp*
RPTD NURN PUPH REAO GAD
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FROM <i>KATI</i>	Originator's Number. <i>0875</i>	Date. <i>22</i>	In Reply to Number.
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<i>One Coy WEPI</i>	<i>moves by</i>	<i>.8</i>
<i>Lorries provided</i>	<i>by MITA BATU PAHAT</i>	
<i>AERODROME and</i>	<i>assumes responsibility</i>	<i>AERODROME</i>
<i>Defence 1400 Hrs</i>	<i>22 Dec @ Lorries</i>	
<i>remain under</i>	<i>Command WEPI Coy @ Coy</i>	
<i>provides guards</i>	<i>One Sec each ferry</i>	<i>BATU</i>
<i>PAHAT role assist</i>	<i>police check passengers</i>	
<i>prevent landings</i>	<i>Small enemy</i>	

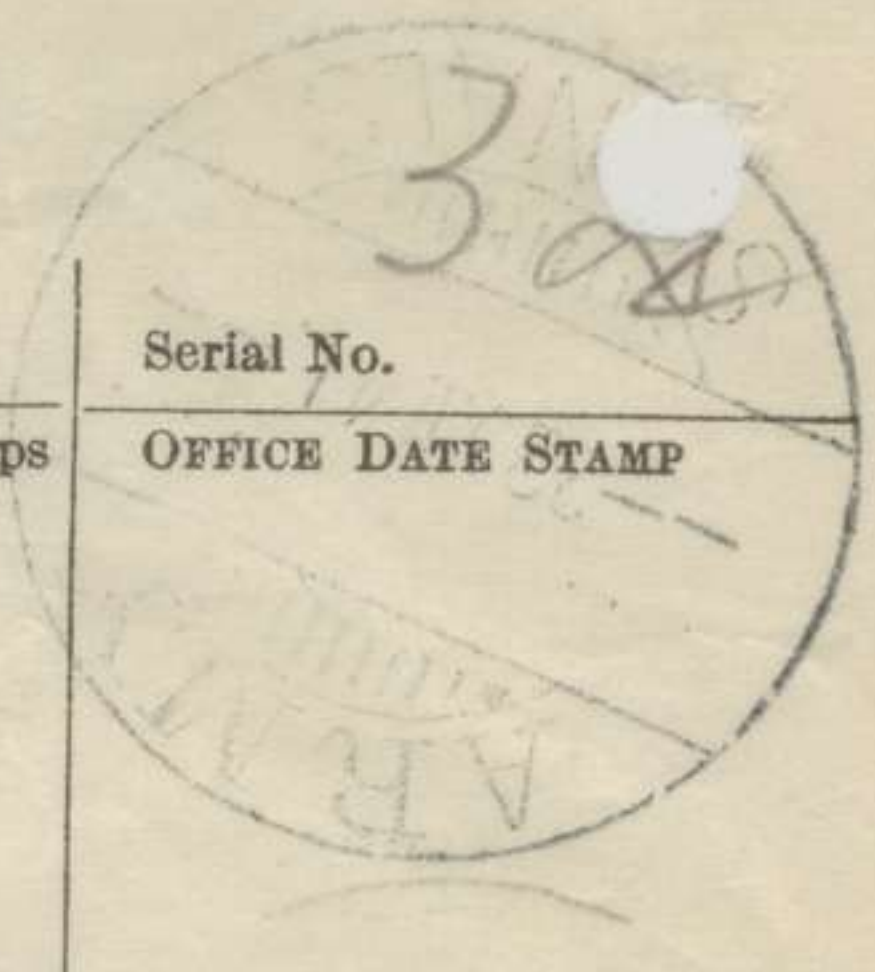
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TO

22295-2,000/100 p-23-9-41-R 54/5-F.M.S. Govt. Press, K.L.

FROM

Originator's Number.

Date.

In Reply to Number.

partys	○	Capt LLOYD	Leaves nucleus		
one	N.C.O	6	ops	BATU	PAMAT
Camp	moves	balance	camp	guard	DET
in	M.T.	provided	by	WEPI	to
MUAR	ferry	by	1600	Hrs	role
25	for	BATU	PAMAT	ferry	guards
○	WEPI	responsible	for	supplies	medical
arrangements	BATU	PAMAT	MUAR	Dets	○

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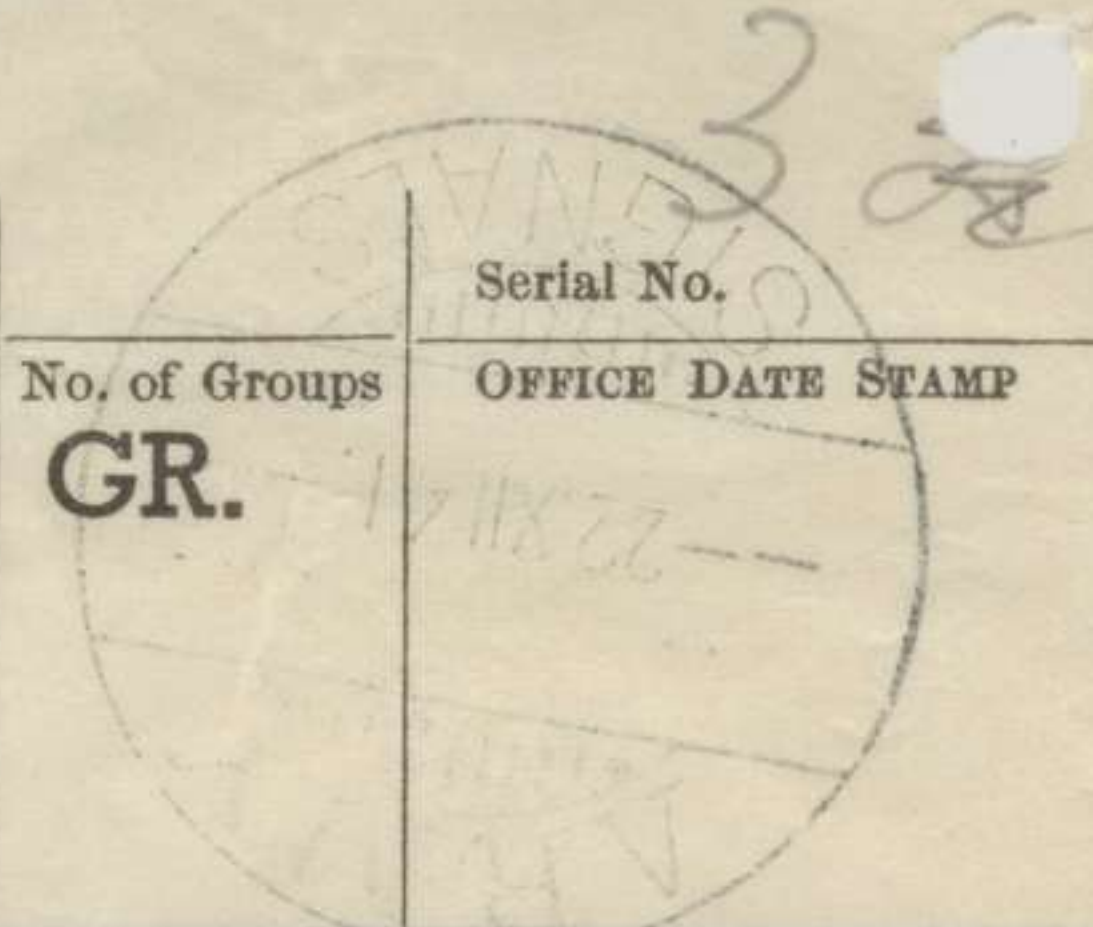
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FROM

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Date.

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Capt. 1500	LLOYDS party hus.	under	Comd	WEPI

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	OUT		

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TO *WEPT, PUFU, MITA, Camp Lyod; BAX PAHAT camp updd. NURU, GBD*

FROM *KATI* Originator's Number. *0880* Date. *22* In Reply to Number

<i>Move</i>	<i>specified</i>	<i>KATI</i>	<i>0876</i>	<i>cancelled</i>	<i>⊙</i>
<i>ACK</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>	<i>0875?</i>		

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No 69 H E GRENADE

1. The No 69 Grenade is a HE grenade for use against AFVs, transport or any other type of mechanization. It is a percussion type, i.e. it explodes on impact and has a very powerful local destructive ability. This grenade is essentially an anti AFV weapon and must not be used as anti personnel.

2. GENERAL DESCRIPTION -

- (a) Length - approx $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches
- (b) Diameter - approx $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches
- (c) Weight - approx $3\frac{1}{4}$ lb
- (d) Type - percussion HE
- (e) The grenade consists of a barrel shaped black bakelite casing with the usual HE markings, with a cylindrical shaped cap on the top containing the firing mechanism.
- (f) The No 69 HE grenade is packed in tinned boxes containing 34 grenades, and two containers each holding 18 detonators.

3. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS - The following inspection must always be carried out before handling the grenade:-

- (a) Remove base plug to see that the grenade is not primed.
- (b) Remove safety cap and ensure that the safety pin and tape are in position.

4. MECHANISM - The grenade functions in the following manner:-

During flight, the weight on the safety tape drags the tape from the grenade, thus removing the safety pin. On impact, the shock forces the firing ball on to the face of the striker, which moves down into the striker guide there compressing the striker spring. The nipples on the striker contact the firing cap which explodes, the flash passes into the open end of the detonator which then explodes and in turn, fires the HE in the outer casing.

5. EMPLOYMENT - As indicated in para 1 above the grenade is for use against AFVs against which it is very effective. It should not under any circumstances be used against personnel excepting in an emergency and when no other effective weapon is available, as no effect can be expected from fragmentation and unless a very vulnerable target is offered, very casualties would result from concussion.

The grenade should be thrown into the tracks of AFVs to damage the tracks or driving sprocket or if possible, into the interior of the vehicle to damage the internal mechanism or engine. It may also be used with effect by throwing at any openings such as visors for driver or gunner.

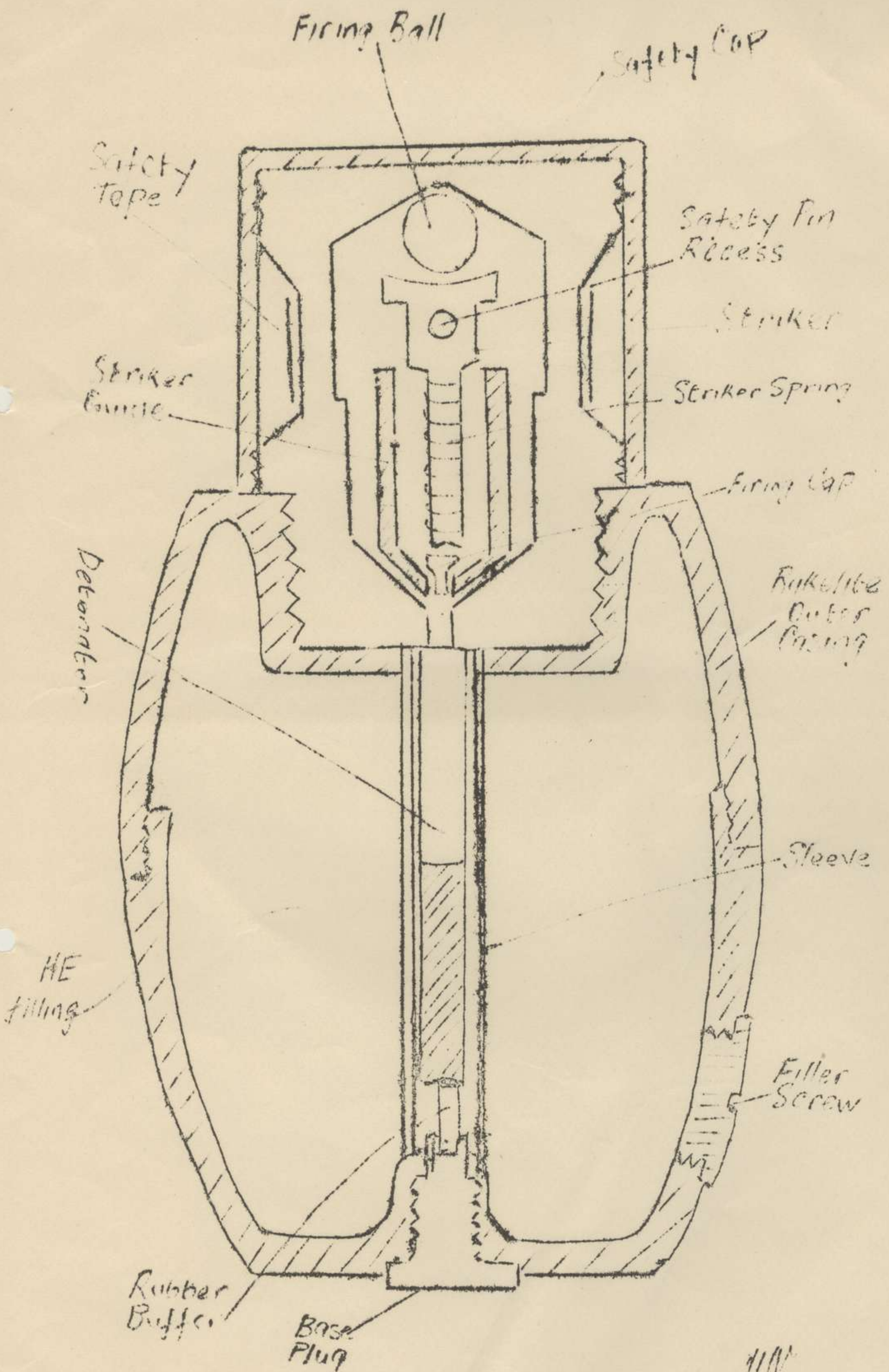
6. PRIMING - The method of priming is as follows:-

First carry out the safety precautions detailed in para 3 above. Ensure that the safety pin is in position with the tape correctly wound, then replace safety cap. Insert detonator open end first, into the bottom of the grenade and replace base plug. Detonators must be handled by the open end only and should not be left in the sun. They are extremely sensitive to heat and may be ignited by the heat of the hand with adverse results to the person concerned.

7. THROWING - First ensure that the grenade is primed. Then remove the safety cap and ensure that the safety pin and tape are in position. For throwing, adopt the normal stance, with the grenade held in the hand WITH THE THUMB ON THE WEIGHT OF THE SAFETY TAPE.

The grenade may then be thrown in any normal overarm manner, with force, at the target, the tape and safety pin falling off during flight. It is important that the safety pin and tape are in position during the throwing motion for if this is neglected the action of the throw may cause the grenade to explode in the hand of the thrower.

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No 69 GRENADE

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TO *WEPI*

FROM <i>KATI</i>	Originator's Number. <i>0 899</i>	Date. <i>26</i>	In Reply to Number —
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<i>WEPI</i>	<i>Secce</i>	<i>party</i>	<i>RV</i>	<i>KATI</i>	<i>KATI</i>
<i>cond 5</i>	<i>MP</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>BEGAMAT</i>	<i>0945</i>	<i>hrs</i>
<i>27 dec</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Not to</i>	<i>EXCEED</i>	<i>THREE</i>	
	<i>C.O</i>				
	<i>2ik</i>				
	<i>rdjt</i>				

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<i>L</i>	<i>2340</i>	<i>Wah...</i>	<i>DR</i>								

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS BY WEPI I Comd

PART 1

No 256

1. **MEDICAL AND HYGIENE.** Too much stress cannot be laid ~~down~~ on the vigilant maintenance of all medical, hygiene and sanitary measures. Attention is drawn to ADMS Circular 39 of 21 DEC '41 as well as regulations laid down in ASO, and previous Medical instns. Observance of these provisions is in all respects as vital as operational measures.
2. **OBSERVANCE OF ORDERS.** Attention is drawn to the necessity for all ranks adhering to orders given and paying no attention to rumours coming from unauthorised sources that orders have been varied. An illustration is the spread of a rumour that regulations relating to brownout driving conditions have been changed,
3. **TRAFFIC CONTROL.** All MT and Carriers crossing wooden bridged will reduce speed to fifteen (15) m.p.h. Speeding loosens bridge spikes and no maintenance is available.
4. **SALVAGE AND TPT GENERALLY.** No vehicle will move unloaded unless no loads are available. Salvage will always be loaded if available.
 MT may move to SINGAPORE to purchase supplementary rations and canteen stores. Such vehicles must carry loads and must proceed in convoy.
 Permission must be obtained before vehicles move, and one Causeway pass will be issued for the convoy.
5. **CAUSEWAY.** All military MT crossing from JB must obtain a pass from GANU.
6. **CARE OF MT.** The tendency to speed up must be curbed. Replacement repair and spare parts are increasingly difficult. This must be impressed on all ranks. Motor cyclists particularly are riding at excessive speeds.

7. CHURCH SERVICES, SUNDAY 23 DEC '41

Combined

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Site</u>
WEPI HQ & B Ech	0830 hrs	Rubber Factory near WEPI HQ
VB	0930 "	VB HQ
VA & VC	1030 "	VA HQ
HABO & FUVA	1130 "	
VD	1500 "	VD HQ
RERO	1600 "	

A Church Service will be held in each place and Holy Communion if time permits.

R.C.

0645 hrs

B Ech for all

TO to arrange tpt at WEPI HQ from 0915 hrs to 1215 hrs
for Padre and " 1400 " " 1800 "

8. **M.T.** All drivers are to be warned that vehicles must NOT be driven on the field of the Aerodrome unless extreme emergency exists.

B. Mackeney Lieut
WEPI 2

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HABO
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/29 BN AIF (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	3		
Lieutenants ...	7		
2nd Lieutenants ...	23	6	
Quartermasters ...	1 (Capt)		
TOTALS ...	35	6	4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	McGLINN E.P.	2/29 Bn	24/12/41	To Hospital

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Major	HORE F.	2/29 Bn	10 AGH
Lieut	McGLINN E.P.	"	Hospital

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3		4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.		Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt.-col	VX 38973	ROBERTSON	J.C.	2/29 Bn	Yes	
Major	VX 39006	LLOYD	J.K.	"	"	
"	VX 44193	OLLIFF	S.F.	"	"	
"	VX 44803	HORE	F.	"	No	Hospital
Capt	VX 38985	MORGAN	M.C.	"	Yes	
"	VX 39045	KEMP	H.	"	"	
"	VX 39018	GIBSON	N.M.	"	"	
"	VX 39116	MAHER	B.M.	"	"	
"	VX 39012	WEST	D.S.	"	"	
"	VX 44362	BOWRING	W.B.	"	"	
"	VX 39013	SUMNER	A.B.	"	"	
"	TX 2134	SALIER	R.R.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 39008	WASTELL	B.H.	"	"	
"	VX 16481	DICK	H.P.	"	"	
"	VX 50052	ELLERMAN	A.Y.	"	"	
"	VX 39003	CLARK	H.C.	"	"	
"	TX 2151	CALVERT	H.M.	"	"	
"	VX 43194	RICHARDS	J.R.	"	"	
"	VX 39011	LOVETT	C.G.	"	"	
"	VX 27982	McNAUGHTON	F.E.	"	"	
"	VX 39014	CARR	W.P.	"	"	
"	VX 39163	COOTES	R.J.C.	"	"	
"	VX 39160	BROWN	J.R.	"	"	
"	VX 39068	BONNEY	L.G.	"	"	
"	VX 39069	UREN	R.L.	"	"	
"	TX 2147	DAVIDSON	H.A.	"	"	
"	VX 57445	TIBBITTS	A.H.	"	"	
"	MX 71148	HACKNEY	B.C.	"	"	
"	MX 34847	McKIBBIN	I.J.	"	"	
"	VX 39009	McGLINN	E.P.	"	No	Hospital
"	VX 44910	BUTT	A.W.	"	Yes	
"	VX 45021	McQUEEN	D.M.	"	"	
"	VX 48818	SHELDON	A.C.E.	"	"	
"	VX 39201	GAHAN	H.J.	"	"	
"	VX 37526	SMITH	W.E.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.		Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 39085	BRAND	V. A A M G		2/12/40	For Duty
1st Lt	VX 39150	MACNEIL	A.R. A A G D		14/12/40	" "

2/29 Bn A I F (Unit.)

J. M. Robertson
Lt.-col
Comd 2/29 Bn AIF (Signature of Commander.)

28 DEC '41 (Date of Despatch.)

27 Aust Inf Bde (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/29 Bn AIF (Unit) 28 DEC 19 41 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		1
Staff Serjeants	5		
Serjeants			
Corporals	29		4
Troopers, Privates, &c.	60		10
	658		3
TOTALS	758	.	18

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Sergeant 1	A A P C		
Corporal 1	8 Div Postal Unit		
Sergeant 1	A A O C (Armourer)		
Sergeant 1	A A O C (Fitter MT)		
Privates 2	A A O C (Fitters MT)		
Corporal 1	A A O C (Shoemaker)		
Private 1	27 Aust Inf Bde (Chaplain's Batman)		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX47187	Cpl	CLARK C.E.	2/29 Bn	Hospital
VX47154	"	ANDERSON J.S.	"	"
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Send forthwith bridge	four	LMG protection	AA rail well	DES and relieve	SEGAMAT road earliest
<p>No 2 pl sent complete with return news incl. & status arrange Capt Johnson further return. One to Cassin sent & same to return. Jones pl in departed.</p> <p>28/12/41. c.c. [initials]</p>					

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS BY JIXA COMD

PART 1

No 257

1. 2" MORTAR. Numerous reports have been received of broken firing pins. These may be caused by the following error in operation:-
The Mortar is fitted with a firing handle which should not be pressed until the bomb is at rest. Gunners have been observed holding the firing handle so that the firing pin protrudes during loading, and firing is then similar in operation to that of the 3" Mortar. This must NOT be done. The bomb must NOT be allowed to fall onto the firing pin.
As the cause of the trouble has not yet been accurately diagnosed Units are requested to examine carefully every broken firing pin and call upon the services of the OME for investigation.
Is there any tendency for the firing pin to jamb?
If the "Spring, firing pin" is enlarged at one end, the enlarged coil is to be inserted towards the muzzle."
2. DISPOSAL OF TOTAL CASUALTIES. In the event of fatal casualties the following action will be taken as soon as practicable after the occurrence:-
 - (a) Bn HQ will be immediately informed and W3011 rendered.
 - (b) Paybook, red identity disc, cash and all other articles of a personal nature will be removed from the body, an inventory made out, and forwarded to Bn HQ.
 - (c) All items of clothing and equipment will be collected, an inventory made, and forwarded to QM who will dispose of these as follows:-
 - (i) Arms and equipment will be disposed of in the usual manner.
 - (ii) Issue clothing will be treated as salvage.
 - (iii) Items of personal clothing will be forwarded to 2 Ech.
 - (d) At Bn HQ, paybook and cash will be handed to Pay Sgt who will make necessary entries in paybook and forward both paybook and cash to 8 Div Fd Cash Office.
 - (e) Red identity disc and all other personal articles likely to be of a sentimental value will be forwarded by registered DR to 2 Ech (accompanied by inventory) from whence it is sent to Next of Kin.
 - (f) W3314 is rendered by Bn HQ, 1 copy to Assistant Chaplain General and 1 copy to 2 Ech.
3. EVACUATIONS TO HOSPITAL. Attention is again directed to the necessity of carrying out the correct procedure in regard to personnel who are evacuated to hospital. In spite of frequent instns obvious carelessness still occurs in some evacuations. It is the responsibility of the Coy concerned to ensure that when men leave their sub unit they are in possession of Paybook, F200, WF140, B122, Dental Card (if available) identification discs, steel helmet, rifle and equipment and ALL other belongings. It is the responsibility of the RMO to see that personnel are in possession of the correct documents, equipment and all personal gear.
The evacuation is to be reported to Bn HQ by the RAP, and by the Coy on W3011.

R. Mackenzie *Brig.*
Adj. JIXA *100* Capt

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TNG POLICY FOR NOVEMBER

1. During Nov units will study attack and defence in rubber and jungle from Coy point of view and will also carry out Bn moves. The air element will be introduced and lessons from CRETE and GREECE stressed.
2. Particular attention will be paid to the immediate counter-attack in defence and to the establishment and layout of H Qs. Skeleton Sig exercises should be carried out for the purpose of tng Sigs and H Q personnel. Protection of H Qs will be particularly regarded.
3. It is desired that each Bn have 100 men thoroughly trained in the use of the MMG. Tng in this weapon was given by units in AUSTRALIA to approximately half of this number. Tng of the balance and refresher courses for those already trained will be commenced on 1 Nov 41 and will continue until further notice.
4. Tng in A/Tk rifle and A/Tk mines will be recommenced on delivery of these weapons to units.
5. Bns will commence tng in accordance with new War Establishments recently distributed.
6. The programme of exercises for forthcoming period is att as Appx "A". Outline of Bn T E W T S will be submitted to this HQ 7 days prior to date of exercise. Bde will assist in these T E W Ts.
7. All units will arrange to conduct short refresher courses of three days' duration for N C Os during the first week in Nov. Syllabus will include weapon tng, close order drill and pl tactics. Lectures will be given on adm subjects relating to pls. An experienced offr will be placed in cmd of the course and will be assisted by several offr. For convenience the course may be run in two echelons. Syllabuses to reach Bde H Q by 1 Nov 41.
8. It is desired that on each Saturday morning in Nov a Bn parade and march be held and that Bn drill be conducted.
9. Coy treks will be commenced as soon/areas are allotted by this H Q.
10. At the present time tng of units located in their deployment areas has been interrupted by a concentration on field works in connection with the role of the A I F in MALAYA. This work is urgent, but the fact must not be lost sight of, firstly, that its nature is such that it lessens the skill and efficiency of the personnel with their weapons, and to a certain extent, their discipline, and secondly, that the mobility, battle procedure and combined efficiency of each unit is just as essential now and will most certainly be required of the unit in the near future. It is, therefore, necessary that periods of tng be allocated which will act as a corrective, and maintain unit efficiency.
11. Experience has shown that a system based on one or two days' tng each week interspersed with days of work does not give efficient results. Block periods of not less than one week should be allotted for tng, during which adequate exercises with tps can be carried out. Sub-units detached for short periods for jungle or other work will not train during these periods but will do tng in home stas.

12. Not less than 40% available time will be devoted to tng. In the case of some units this will be much greater; in others there will be a desire, due to the pressing importance of field works, to devote a smaller percentage. In the latter case Commanding officers must look well ahead to maintain a just and proper balance.

13. Units not deployed will train on a progressive syllabus that will enable them to undertake their war role at the earliest date. Units deployed will devote one week in four to corrective tng.

14. Where units are supplying sub-units for fd works they will arrange that sub-units are relieved fortnightly so that fd works may be continued and this instn complied with. Reliefs of sub-units will be arranged with this H Q.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

15. Attention is drawn to AIF Standing Order No 106(a) "The organisation of sport in the AIF MALAYA will be directed to increasing the fighting efficiency of the force by assisting to maintain high morale and physical fitness."

16. Sport at the moment is not properly organised and the best use is not being made of existing facilities.

17. Paras 106-109 will be given effect to, and Commanding Offrs are to ensure that the maximum number possible in their unit is exercised in some form of organised sport.

RANGE PRACTICES

18. Units will submit proposals for fd firing practices, accompanied by area sketch to this H Q 21 days in advance, so that arrangements may be approved.

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DATE	NATURE OF EXERCISE	TO ATTEND	PLACE OF R V	TIME OF R V	EXERCISE CONDUCTED BY	SPECIAL STUDY
5 Nov 41	Bn Exercise	2/29 Bn	To be fixed	To be fixed	Bde	Movement
8 Nov 41	T E W T	All offr's 2/26 Bn. CO's and Coy 2 1/c's of other Bns	HQ 2/26 Bn	0930 hrs	2/26 Bn	Movement. Protection.
13 Nov 41	Skeleton Sig Exercise	L Sec Sigs & all Sig Pls	Bde H Q	0815 hrs	O C Bde Sig Sec	
17 Nov 41	T E W T	CO's, 2 1/c's Coy Comds 4 Pl Comds I O, Comds H Q Pls	JEMALUANG X-Rds	0930	Bde	Defence. Counter attack.
24 Nov 41	Skeleton exercise	Bde HQ. Bn HQ's Coy HQs 1 Pl complete Arty HQ (if available)	To be fixed	To be fixed	Bde H Q	Movement and siting of H Q.
1 Dec 41	T E W T	COs, 2 1/c's, Coy Comds, 4 Pl Comds, I O, Comds HQ Pls	HQ 2/26 Bn	0930 hrs	Bde	Attack, & defence. Siting & defence of H Q.
8 Dec 41	T E W T	All offr's 2/30 Bn COs & Coy 2 1/cs of other Bns	HQ 2/30 Bn	0930 hrs	2/30 Bn	Attack
15 Dec 41	T E W T	All offr's 2/29 Bn COs & Coy 2 1/cs of other Bns	HQ 2/29 Bn	0930 hrs	2/29 Bn	Defence

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C.R.M.C. No. 40000 G (Trng).

MALAYA COMMAND TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 6 of 1941.

FORECAST FOR TRAINING (Nov - Feb).

1. A Malaya Command "Command and Staff Duties" exercise will be held from 19 - 24 Jan. The exercise will be down to Bde H.Qs and will involve the R.N., R.A.F.. and, the Civil Defence Services.
2. An exercise without troops, between syndicates representing enemy and Imperial Forces, to study the problem of the Defence of the Northern Frontier against Land, Sea and Air attack, will be directed by Comd 3 Ind Corps. The exercise will be held from 16 - 21 Feb.
3. Comd 3 Ind Corps is holding a Corps exercise with troops during the period 14 - 21 Dec, starting with a recce by 28 Ind Inf Bde on 7 Dec.
4. Comd 3 Ind Corps is arranging three exercises for 12 Ind Inf Bde Gp to be directed in the SEREMBAN area during the first three weeks of Nov.
5. Comd A.I.F. is directing a manning exercise in the MERSING area during Dec.

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN SERVICES.

6. Comds must continually study the air and naval aspect of all operations. The Commander-in-Chief, Far East, has laid down that he wishes Formation and Unit Comds of the Army to be enabled, as far as possible, to discuss the naval and air aspects of their problems with officers of the R.N. and R.A.F. For example, Naval officers can advise how the defence might take advantage of rivers and creeks to use river craft aggressively. Similarly, R.A.F. officers can, in addition to discussing problems of co-operation, explain what the enemys probable air action would be in given circumstances.
7. The Commander-in-Chief, China Station, has expressed his wish that Comds, who have no Naval officers at hand for discussing such problems, should communicate direct with his Chief of Staff, Commodore F.E.P. Hutton R.N., Naval Base, Singapore (except in the case of Singapore Fortress who, for this purpose, should communicate with Rear Admiral Malaya). Officers of the R.A.F. are easily available in all Military Areas.
8. The G.O.C. wishes Comds to give every encouragement to the development of informal talks and interchanging of experiences between the services, as a means of broadening outlook and stimulating interest. He attributes the measure of success which has attended German operations, largely, to the very close co-operation that exists between their services.

TRAINING GENERAL.

9. Most Army units in Malaya have definite defensive roles. Training for these roles can never be regarded as complete, any more than work on defences is ever complete; both are capable of constant improvement. Deception plays an essential part in modern battlecraft. Comds of all grades must continually think out how to mystify and mislead the enemy. This applies as much to defensive tasks as it does to the most active form of the offensive. The correct conduct of the defence necessitates a thorough study of the offensive. Furthermore, a constant study of the offensive is essential, since any effective form of defence must be based on the counter-stroke Tng in the attack will also:-

/(a) Afford.....

- (a) Afford scope for the development of initiative and enterprise in all ranks.
- (b) Inculcate the offensive spirit, without which victory cannot be won.

10. There is the possibility that any unit may, sooner or later, come in contact with German forces. All ranks must be so imbued with the offensive spirit that they are fitted to meet the German with confidence. German troops have shown themselves to be masters of the offensive. The weakest characteristic of the German soldier, sailor and airman is his inability to withstand determined attack or counter attack and his proved dependence on mechanical and air support. There is adequate war experience from all three services to support this statement. We must, therefore, train to exploit this weakness to our fullest advantage.

INFILTRATION TACTICS.

11. In attacks on highly organised enemy positions, the infantry are put onto their objective by the supporting arms i.e. Artillery, Tanks, Close support aircraft and Engineers. The course of the attack can only be foreseen up to the time that the initial fire plan is exhausted. Decisive results can only be obtained if the momentum of the attack is maintained and initial success is exploited. The success of this phase will depend chiefly on the skill of infantry units in infiltration. In a country, such as Malaya, where the assistance from supporting arms is likely to be limited, almost every attack will depend for success on the skill of infantry in infiltration.
12. The highest tactical test of infantry units is skill in infiltration tactics and this skill can only be achieved by constant practice so that the principles are automatically applied by all ranks.
13. The basic principle of infiltration tactics is SPEED, so that local advantage is exploited before the enemy has time to recover and dispose his reserves accordingly. The methods of applying this basic principle are summarised below:-
- (a) To get forward as far as possible.
 - (b) To move rather than to fire.
 - (c) To avoid rather than to engage.
 - (d) To fire only in order to get forward.
 - (e) When movement becomes no longer possible, to engage by fire so as to help forward other sub units.
 - (f) To report back when held up and to act as pilots to sub units in rear who continue the same process.
14. In most tactical exercises and particularly in higher formation exercises infiltration tactics are not practiced. Umpires have to control the course of the exercise by preventing or allowing movement whereas infiltration tactics are not easily controlled especially where Umpires are limited.

AIR DEFENCE.

15. This subject requires continual and active study with the R.A.F. Aircraft must be asked to co-operate by simulating attacks of various kinds, taking into account German standards of Trng and equipment. The following instructions are issued in amplification of para 5 of Malaya Command Training Instruction No. 1 of 1941 and para 1 of Malaya Command Training Instruction No. 5 of 1941:-

/(a) If troops...

- (a) If troops are confined to the road, Pls will move in open formation with one sec on one side and two secs on the other side. Adequate distance should be left between pls.
- (b) No body larger than a Pl will ever collect in one place.
- (c) At halts and in harbours vehicles and bivouacs must be dispersed under cover of trees and in shadows.
- (d) Both on the move and when halted a proportion of A.A. L.M.Gs will be detailed for protection.
- (e) Houses are NOT to be considered as protection from bombing.

Examples of lack of air-mindedness are given in Appx A.

DISPERSION AGAINST AIR ATTACK.

- 16. Dispersion and concealment are the primary means of giving effect to P.A.D. Dispersion makes command and control more difficult. This difficulty can be largely offset by good standing orders covering the action of Comds of sub units and drivers of vehicles on arrival at dispersal areas, such as bivouacs, harbours, R.Vs and assembly areas.
- 17. It will be necessary, normally, for Comds and drivers to report at a report centre automatically on arrival at a dispersal area. Furthermore, it will be necessary, in most cases, for the Comd to leave a rep at this H.Q. so that subsequent orders can be quickly transmitted. One runner can not be expected to cover large areas with a number of messages to widely dispersed sub units. Actions, in such cases as these, should be covered in standing orders.
- 18. In addition to standing orders, all ranks must be so trained that intelligent anticipation becomes second nature. The natural instinct on arrival at a destination (i.e. dispersal area) is to think the immediate task is finished, whereas it has, in reality, only just begun. Unless everyone is thinking one move ahead there is bound to be muddling and, in consequence, WASTE OF TIME.

UMPIRING.

- 19. Junior Umpires still do not realise that their job is to represent enemy fire effect to troops. The following is an extract from a monologue given by a subaltern umpire at a recent exercise. "You see the enemy over there, well they're on that ridge - never mind about them. There is an attack coming in, in about half an hour, on your left flank, but you needn't worry about that either because its going to fail".
- 20. Again umpires still paint the picture by giving information that should arrive by ordinary means, such as "Now the situation is that 15 Pl is being attacked and are holding on, 16 Pl is over there and the enemy are working round their flank".
- 21. The main duties of Junior Umpires are:-
 - (a) To tell tps where the noise of firing is coming from and where fire effect can be seen on the ground or on men (i.e. inflicting casualties).
 - (b) To pass situation reports, that would arrive, from units NOT represented in the exercise.
 - (c) When a skeleton enemy is used, to tell tps what they would see instead of what they do see.

UMPIRES AND DIRECTING STAFFS - VEHICLES.

22. During Exercises in which a real enemy is represented either in the air or on the ground it is just as essential for Umpires and Directing Staffs vehicles to be parked under cover as those of units taking part in the exercise. Frequently, on exercises, the position of H.Qs is revealed by the number of cars and vehicles, belonging to Umpires, D.S. and spectators, parked in the open. While Umpires and D.S. are not present in war, liaison officers and visitors will be. Arrangements must be made, therefore, to ensure that they and their cars keep under cover.

B. H. Robinson, Lt Col.

Singapore,
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APPENDIX A.

EXAMPLES OF LACK OF AIR MINDEDNESS FROM RECENT EXERCISES.

1. An Arty tp was sited outside a rubber plantation in completely flat and bare country. Guns were in a straight line and evenly placed. Each gun was completely covered with netting and foliage, bearing no relationship to the background. This gun position would have been immediately spotted from the air and knocked out. There were other possible sites in the vicinity and this one had obviously been chosen purely in relation to the fire task it was given.

No gunner would site his gun position in the F.D.L's on account of the vulnerability of such a position to ground attack. Unconcealed positions in rear of the F.D.L's are just as vulnerable to enemy air attack.

LESSON.

The primary consideration in siting guns is that they must be capable of remaining in action. Concealment from air observation is, therefore, essential.

2. An M.T. coln was seen out on driving instruction. The tactical aspect had been quite forgotten. The vehicle density was approaching 40 and the m.i.h. was certainly not less. Apart from the danger from enemy air action, consequent on high density, the danger of motor accidents from combining high densities and high speeds should be apparent to all.

This same coln, subsequently, was seen halted, with vehicles almost touching, on the exact spot where a formation was displaying its H.Q. call sign. The drivers were eating their dinners and neither traffic control nor air sentries were posted.

LESSON.

Vehicle density and the air threat must be introduced in the earliest stages of driving instruction so that they become second nature. If this is neglected bad habits will develop which will cost lives.

3. A Brewster Buffalo carrying out a hedge hopping recce flew straight down a road where a Coy was in occupation of a rear guard position. No fire was opened at this aircraft although it presented an easy target to two or three Bren guns.

LESSON.

Unless tps are constantly awake to the threat of enemy air action, the opportunity for engaging targets will have passed before any action has been taken. Air sentries must always be posted and a proportion of small arms must be able to come into immediate action.

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H Q 27 AUST INF BDE
TNG INSTN NO 21

TNG POLICY FOR DECEMBER:

- 1. During the first week in Dec units will practice movement incl. packing of stores and quick moves from H Q.
- 2. On 1 Dec a Bde skeleton H Q exercise will be held in JASIN District, further particulars of which will be notified later.
Personnel taking part will be as for the exercise which was to have been held on 24 Nov 41.
- 3. During the period 9/12 Dec, Tactical Exercises for all tps incl movement will be held. For this exercise it is expected that units will be at full strength for vehicles.
- 4. The remainder of the month will be spent in tng in fixed defences, construction of Pd Works and organisation of responsibilities and tasks in fixed defences.
- 5. A tactical exercise for oftrs incl C Os, Adjts and Coy Comds will be held on 29 Dec 41 in the MERSING area.
- 6. Bns will arrange to conduct tactical exercises for their own ofice in their own areas. One exercise will be held by each bn prior to the end of the year. Particulars of the exercises will be notified to Bde 7 days in advance.

MUSEMTRY:

- 7. Units will arrange to complete all practices before 9 Dec 41.
- 8. Arrangements are being made for provision of amn for practice for MMG personnel. Approval is expected and will be notified to units in due course.

FIRST AID:

- 9. Further attention will be given by units to tng all personnel in first Aid.

TACTICAL EXERCISES:

- 10. The need for maintaining a smart soldierly appearance while engaged in field works and tactical exercises is stressed. Provided the tactical situation does not prevent it, all men should be washed and shaved by breakfast time. NCOs will be instructed to insist that their men maintain their smart appearance as far as possible.

MESSAGE WRITING:

- 11. A recent exercise disclosed great weakness in message writing. Units will arrange to give further instrn to Oftrs and NCOs in message writing and will periodically conduct tests.

MALAYA COMD TNG INSTN NO 6:

- 12. This has been forwarded to units. It will be carefully studied and the information passed on to all oftrs by means of a lecture.
- 13. The comments under the heading "Dispersion against Air Attack" will be noted particularly and units which have not yet prepared Standing Orders will do so at once. Too great stress cannot be laid on the fact that all tps must be ready to meet constant air attack.

14. In this connection units will forward to this HQ a copy of their
8 Cs for War.

ORGANISATION OF H Q:

15. Units will pay more attention to developing a set procedure to
be followed in the organisation of their H Q both when stationary and
when moving. All ranks in a H Q must be allotted definite duties and
they must automatically carry these out. There should be no need for
example for many orders to be given when a Bn H Q is set up in the
field. All personnel should know their jobs and should do them.

16. It is not desired to lay down a set procedure to be followed
by all units but so that some degree of standardisation may be provided
for, it is desired that each Bn will submit to this H Q by 1 Dec 41 a
short statement and sketch showing layout and allocation of duties at
Bn H Q.

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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
0600 hrs 1 Jan Kluang	Location D' Coy Kluang D' Coy Kahang Weather fine The following attached tps under command Kluang Kahang 1 arm car 1 " Search 2 tps 2/15 Jd Regt 1 tp 4 A/T Regt	
0600 hrs 2 Jan Kluang	Weather fine Location unchanged Ang. morning anti-pura tp sold afternoon scouting	<u>SOLD</u>
1400 hrs " "	Brig Maxwell visited D. spoke to C.O. re week months. also informed him that my Lloyd had been apptd to comd a Coy at G.B.D. Brig also stated that he would approve of my Olliff being apptd 2/1c	<u>SOLD</u>
0600 hrs 3 Jan "	Weather fine Location unchanged	<u>SOLD</u>
0815 hrs " "	May K. Lloyd left unit for G.B.D. my S.O. Olliff apptd 2/1c Capt Gibson apptd comd A/T Coy	
0820 hrs " "	C.O. was adyt I.O. also a B.C. by comd at the base of Segamat, Gemas, Ranjirs Kuala Kubu Pilah Kluang. Day occupied by continuation of defensive preparations	<u>SOLD</u>
0600 hrs 4 Jan "	Weather fine	

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0600 hrs 0700 0800 0840 0845	4 Jan KLUANG location unchanged - training as per previous day Recco party returned	<u>S.H.H.</u>
0700	5 Jan weather fine - location unchanged 1 plane carrying light bomber drone 15 enemy planes bomber drone + surrounding areas - Casualties NIL Capt West to KAHANG to relieve Capt SALIER from MACNAUGHTON to A. Coy as 2/c. Training - routine throughout day.	
1130 0600 1515	6 Jan B.M. 27 Bde visited H.Q. + left 1430 hrs. Weather fine - location unchanged - training usual Brig MAXWELL visited Bn + discussed with C.O possibility of new role for Bn. This was to take over defence of KAHANG. in view thereof Brig suggested recall of Recco party from NTH.	<u>S.H.H.</u>
0815	Recco party consisting of 2/c I.O. H.Q. + D. Coy Comd also NO 3 Comd. left for area covered by C.O's party	
0600 1000 1600	7 Jan 3. Jan. Weather fine - location unchanged. Recco party returned Capt SALIER to KAHANG, Capt WEST. to KLUANG. - training usual.	<u>S.H.H.</u>
0600 0900	8 Jan Weather showery - location unchanged - Coy recalled out area for patrolling in view of Bn area being extended N of S. SEMBRONG. + as far E as S. KAHANG. D. Coy ordered to instruct troops of J.V.F in S.A. training. Training for rest of Bn usual.	<u>S.H.H.</u>

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0600 h 1100 1400 1700 9. Jan KLUANG	Weather fine - location unchanged - B + C. Corp change positions C.O. attended conference at Bde. Information recd that 27 Aust Inf Bde less 79 Bn was moving N.	
0600 10 Jan	Warning order to be ready to move at 2 hrs notice N. Patrolling continued throughout day.	S.M.A.
0600 1700 2100 10 Jan	Weather fine very wet - location unchanged Orders received to move N. C.O. issued orders to move. TENANG. Start time 0600 hrs Start line 1. mile peg rd KLUANG - AYER HITAM Order of move. A. BTR HQ Coy B. Coy. - C + D Coy to remain KLUANG KATHANG respectively.	S.M.A.
0600 1300 1700 1800 11 Jan	Bn less C + D Coy moved to 103 mile peg DUNLOP Plantation TENANG. C.O. to Bde for orders O'p RV. BULOH KASAP. Ips commences to move into position. Positions occupied. dispositions - Bn astride rd SEGAMAT - BATU ANJAN S of S. MUAR - B right - A - left HQ - left rear. Patrols (Protective) hourly intervals	S.M.A.
0600 1100 12 Jan Buloh Kasap	Weather showery. location unchanged. Occupation of positions procees B 2ch moved 106 mile peg	S.M.A.
0600 0900 13	Weather showery. location unchanged C.O., Adst, I.O, HQ A + B. Coy Comd received area up to 5 miles N of GEMAS.	S.M.A.

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1900 hrs 13 Jan 42 BULOH KASAP.	Coy of MALAY Regt attached 8 IND Bde occupies billets at Rly Str.	
2350 0600 14 Jan 0900	PL Malay Regt moved into A Corp perimeter. Weather - heavy rain. location unchanged. Coy Comd together with 2 PL Coy each rifle Coy + all PL Comd H.Q. Coy visited 2/30 pm + were shown their dispositions	<u>S.M.A.</u>
1400 0600 15 Jan 0800	Lt. ELLERMAN and his PL moved out to adopt position at LONDAN HALL. covering Eng. demolition party. Weather fine - location unchanged C. Coy Comd contacted Brig MOORESHEAD who advised he would arrange relief of C. Coy by Nooks. His instructions did not include KAHANG but Brig agreed to relieve D. Coy also.	<u>S.M.A.</u>
1400 1700 1600 1700 1730 1900	C. Coy relieved Enemy plane machine gunned Bn area. Casuarina-Nil H.Q. 8 IND Bde moved into B. Coy perimeter Indian hospital B. Coy perimeter D. Coy relieved Brit Artys took up position within Bn area.	
0100 16	C. Coy arrived + took up position right rear D. Coy arrived + left	<u>S.M.A.</u>
0600 1230	Weather fine - location unchanged Order from Bde that all civilians within radius 5000x would be evacuated + houses destroyed Task commenced immediately	
1300	C. Coy supplied working party 1/2 3d Coy for rd construction between JOHORE rubber estate + FORT. RA estate	<u>S.M.A.</u>

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1600hr 16. Jan 42 BLDH/Kasap	Bde Staff Officer ordered no further houses to be destroyed but evacuation to proceed	
1610	Bde Staff Officer instructed patrols to be sent S of Muar river in search of Paratroops.	
1630	C.O. Adj. I.O. B. + C Coy Comd visited Major Fort. Rose estates B. C. Coy Comd studied disposition of opposite numbers Major B. - intention being to relieve them morning 17 Jan. On return journey party was ambushed at 2 miles E of position.	
1800.	Patrol sent to instruct LT. ELLERMAN to blow bridge + return. Patrol advised by Major SA Coy located S of GEMAS that LT. ELLERMAN had destroyed bridge + retired.	
1815	2 formations of own aircraft. Passed overhead - later reported they had bombed rd N of GEMAS. Patrol activity - A Coy patrol to JEMENTAH Rd + along Rly line - B. Coy S side of S. MUAR for distance 5 miles in search of Paratroops. C. Coy patrolled 5 miles S.W of position - no contact with enemy.	
2200.	Rd construction party returned.	SALT
0600 17. Jan	Weather fine - location unchanged. Coy Comd conference + C.O. ordered Bn ready to move 0715 hrs.	
0745	C.O. + O. Sp left to report Div HQ - LABIS.	
0945	C.O. + O. Sp received by G.O.C. G.O.C. advised enemy had landed N of Muar Thursday afternoon strength roughly 300 + had captured Muar. He ordered Major Bn, less 2 coy. move to BAKRI recapture Muar + destroy enemy.	

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0945 hrs 17 Jan. BULAH KASAP	Yp 9 was to come under Command of 45 IND. Bde + was to have under Command 1 Bn 4 ATK Regt + 4 armoured cars ex LOYALS.	
1000	Bn less, D. Coy, under Maj OLLIFF left BULAH KASAP	
1100	Headquarters O. Sp. rejoined Bn at R.V. 1 mile N of LABIS. C.O.'s orders were to move to BAKRI - order of march - 2 armoured cars C. Coy, 1 ATK gun, B. Coy, 1 armoured car Bn H.Q., H.Q. Coy, A. Coy, 1 ATK gun, 1 armoured car. - Route YONG, PENG, - PARIT SULONG - BAKRI. Start time 100 hrs.	
1500.	Bn arrived BAKRI. C.O. to Bde. Coy Comd to R.V. there 1530 hrs. Informed by C.O. that landing had been made on Thursday + Indian Tps immediately withdrawn some 15 miles + were out of contact. C.O. ordered perimeter defence for night, astride road 101 mile peg.	
1800	Bn in position - dispositions B Coy right front C Coy left front A Coy right rear H.Q. Coy left rear 1 armoured car patrolling front was stopped by a road block approx 2 1/2 miles W. + was fired on by enemy. Coy of Indian sappers were taken in to C Coy perimeter.	
1900 hrs.	Enemy patrol advancing down rd fired on front Coy. fire returned by patrol from C. Coy following this front position heavily mortared.	
2130.	Casualties - 8 wounded Ration trucks for each Coy came front. D.R. + C Coy truck passed through position without halting. Stopped by road block. C.Q.M.S. + 1 other man killed	

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2130 hrs. 17. Jan BAKRI	D. R. Cook + wounded driver got away. truck abandoned.	
2330 - - - - - SEGAMAT	C.O. ordered A. Coy to move back to BAKRI Xmas + protect ^{at SEGAMAT} troop of 2/15 3rd Regt. O.C. D. Coy reported 27 Bde HQ + was ordered fwd to BATU ANJAM where	
0100 18 Jan BAKRI	D. Coy came under comd 2/16 Bn. A. Coy in position BAKRI Xmas.	APPEN. A. EXPERIENCES OF D. Coy while with 2/16 Bn
0600 0645	Weather fine. location unchanged. 5 light tanks advanced down rd. + engaged by fwd ask gun using HE shells without effect. Fwd gun + rear gun using HE shells destroyed all 5 tanks - no prisoners.	S.A.P.
0715	3 more tanks moved down road - 400x range - put out of action by fwd ask gun	
0930	C. Coy came under heavy automatic fire + sustained casualties. Enemy were in position in trees + must have come up during darkness. Engaged with S.A. fire + later by 3" mortars.	
0945	One carrier went fwd to silence M.G. but on jamming bickers was forced to withdraw. further attempt by 3 carriers was successful but sniping from trees could not be silenced. 2 carriers badly damaged by S.M.G	
1000	For rest of day B + C Coy patrolled well fwd + were in contact with enemy forces estimated to be 2 Bns	
1100	Rece patrol detailed contact Bde HQ - forced back at rd block approx 500x E. Bn HQ.	
	Lt CLARKE killed in effort to stack sniper. C.O. decided to get through to Bde himself + a D.R. took him (pillion riding) they reached road block - came under heavy automatic fire, both wounded. D.R. threw bike + with C.O. commenced	

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2000 hrs 2000 18 Jan BARRI	A Coy ordered one patrol INCO 1000 to contact Bde HQ This patrol did not return Bn but subsequently was learned personnel were fighting 2/19 Bn. Enemy air activity during day restricted to frequent aerial reces. Patroling - Patrols operated throughout night without contacting enemy	S.H.A.
0600 hrs 0930 1130 1330 1400- 1430 1530 1630 1750	19 Jan BARRI Weather fine - location unchanged 2 Scouts sent out to contact 2/19 Bn failed to do so. B.M. arrived Bn HQ + advised Bde HQ heavily bombed He asked for a section to accompany him in an endeavour 2 Bn of JATS who were reported to be on our right flank JATS commenced to pass through our position to link up with 2/19 Bn. In movement back they encountered heavy enemy fire + considerable numbers returned to our perimeter. Attempts made to organise them Five bombs dropped about vicinity Bn HQ no casualties B. Sctr moved to CORONATION Estate KWANG. Bombed & machine gunned from air. Enemy Artillery shelled A Coy area. J.A.T.S. suffered heavily & in their attempts to escape shelling crossed road between C + HQ Coy. Artillery then shifted to W. side of road + C. Coy sustained some casualties whilst J.A.T.S. suffered further heavy losses. Shelling lifted. Under mortar fire. Attack launched on B + C Coy - on B Coy front enemy attack repelled with heavy casualties. on C. Coy front - heavy mortar & automatic fire drove 1 PL back 500'. C. Coy counter attacked + drove enemy off for a distance 600-800' All enemy accounted for + C. Coy Comd reported positions on both fronts to C.O. Enemy shells identified as 5.9 inch.	X

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1735 hrs. 19 Jan 42 BAKRI.	C.O.'s conference - information given that 719 Pm had been trying to link up with us all day, unsuccessfully. The Pm was now ordered to cut its way back to 719 Pm travelling east side of road. Order of march. A. Bn HQ H.Q. Coy C. + B. Coy moving at 10 minute intervals Transport to move 1815 hrs.	
1815	Maj Ollitt, C.O. was killed by enemy automatic fire A. Coy which left at 1800 hrs whilst crossing open ground 300m near of original position came under heavy M.G. fire. Capt MCNAUGHTON + LT. CALVERT were killed + several Oks killed + wounded. O.C. + part of Coy became detached from main body. H.Q. Coy + Bn HQ moving further E. to skirt open ground + became entangled in a swamp forcing them further E still. LT. SHELDON killed. C. Coy detached 13 Pl under Capt WEST to attempt to bomb enemy position + clear road for transport but were unsuccessful. This Pl then followed route taken by H.Q. Coy. B. Coy followed main body of H.Q. Coy + reached 719 Pm without further casualties.	
1930	Capt MORGAN (adh) gathered parties which had arrived E + formed a body consisting of 7 Oks + 150 Oks - set off across country in direction of YONG PENG. O.C. B. Coy Capt MATHER assumed command 719 Pm consisting of B. Coy (40 Oks 100 Oks) C. Coy (30 Oks 45 Oks) A. Coy (45 Oks). Whilst organising this force at BAKRI Xmas it came under heavy M.G. fire - no casualties. The force moved inside 719 Pm perimeter + bedded down for night. 5 Carriers + 2 anti tank guns acting as rear guard remained in position until B Coy were clear of area.	S.H.H.

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1930. 19 Jan 42 BAKRI.	Atk guns demobilised. 2 carriers attempted to get past road block one being successful in getting around it the other being abandoned. Other 3 carriers demobilised. Crews together with R.M.O. 6 cookies crowded + atk personnel moved N. + following night linked up with M19 Bn.	
0600hr 20 Jan 42 BAKRI	Weather fine. Location - within M19 Bn perimeter. C.O. M19 Bn issued orders for withdrawal. A + C Coy organised as 2 Pls joined D. Coy M19 Bn moving on left of formation. B. Coy acted as rear guard. Start time 0730 hrs.	S.P.H.
0900 hrs	Enemy M.G. position on right ad held up movement approx 1 hr. finally silenced by attack under personnel leadership of LT. COL. ANDERSON	
1200 hrs	Strong road block on road with M.G.s on road block also both sides of road. Leading Coy pinned + unable to move.	
1330 hrs	LT. COOTES with remains of C Coy less Coy HQ. ordered to make way across swamp on left + through jungle to attack on flank of left M.G. position to support frontal attack by remainder D + C Coy M19 Bn.	
1415 hr	18 PL M19 Bn sent by same route as LT COOTES, as nothing had been heard of his party.	
1500 hrs	Fire commenced on left of enemy later identified as that of 18 PL + frontal attack commenced, with our A. Coy in lead.	
1530 hrs	LT. CARR Comd A. Coy when 100 Yards from enemy guns was ordered by MCO of M19 Bn to change position leading his men he was killed + very heavy automatic fire forced remainder to withdraw	
1630 hrs	Fire heard from rear of enemy position. houses out to be from LT. COOTES force	S.P.H.

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1630 hrs 20 Jan 42 BAKERI	Knowing strength of enemy he was ordered to withdraw & was not seen again	
1730 hrs	Fresh frontal attack by C. Coy 419 Bn on right & A Coy 419 Bn supported by mortars & carriers. 419 personnel reached point approx 500 enemy position but C Coy 419 & carriers were pinned 2000 short of objective withdrawal of 419 Bn personnel ordered by D. Coy	
1900	Could 419 Bn - carried out without loss after 2 enemy MG. put out of action with grenades.	
1930	C. Coy 419 Bn. attacked on right of road & drove them out. Then B. Coy 419 went through whole enemy position with bayonet & cleared out any remaining enemy. Road block cleared with axes. Stopped 2000 hrs. B 2nd endeavored to get rations through but failed	S.M.A.
0400 hrs 21 Jan 42 PARIT. SULONG BAKERI	weather fine - location 4 miles E. PARIT. SULONG	
0600	D.R has reported that PARIT. SULONG Bdr has sandbagged barrier manned by either Malai or Japanese troops.	
0730	Column reached road running N to KANKAR	
0800	recc showed bridge held by enemy. 50 men from 419 Bn detailed to assist in attack on bridge but returned to rearguard when attack on rear started.	
0900	Remainder 419 Bn acted as rearguard Capt MATHER right Capt BOWRING left. 1-25 pdr. Placed in position at rd corner when enemy attack developed from rear. Some casualties in Arty & own personnel.	
	Main attack came through scrub on left of road but was driven off by party from 419 Bn & Indians combined	S.M.A.

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<p>0900 hr 1000</p> <p>21 Jan 40 BARIT. SULONG</p>	<p>New line formed 400x E of KANKAR Xnds. 3 enemy heavy tanks penetrated road - 2 put out of action by arty & one disabled by fire from ATK rifle. During remainder of day several small attacks began on the front while attempts were made by 1/19 Bn to clear bridge. Sporadic shelling all day. R.M.O. 1/19 Bn suggested to land 1/19 Bn that wounded should be placed on trucks & moved to rd block in case Japs would allow them through. Approx 15 badly wounded cases placed on 1 amb. & 1 unpressur vehicle. Jap Comd refused to allow them through unless there was a complete surrender of the force. Vehicle retained as extra road block but during night drivers released w/akes & vehicle reached our lines. Capt LOVETT and 7 Ots wounded by shell fire</p>	
<p>1630</p> <p>1800 hr</p> <p>1930</p>	<p>3 tanks penetrated to roads & opened fire. Under this fire several enemy with automatics advanced towards position. 1 Sgt manned the gun on the road at rear of position & drove off tanks. 5 more tanks penetrated along road. One of them reaching a point only 50x ahead of 25 pdr. an A.P shell failed to blast the first tank but when H.E. used tank blown to pieces. Shells disabled at least 2 more tanks.</p>	
<p>2100</p> <p>2200</p>	<p>Capt MATHER wounded by Shrapnel & moved to R.A.P. - killed when shell blew up car in which he had been placed. B. 2ch CORONATION estate near KLUANG. All non essential transport moved to special pool.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">ENEMY TACTICS DURING NIGHT. Enemy resorted to various forms of trickery each object of affecting morale. Sounding of metal horns going etc also human whistles further speaking enemy movements</p>

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0600 hrs 22 Jan 44. PART SULONG. 0630	Weather fine - location unchanged. Enemy arty mortars + M.G. fire brought down on position - fire returned by our mortars. - Shellings continued all morning.	ENEMY tactics (cont'd). around perimeter + moved through cap + passed message to them that they could withdraw no bridge was clear
0800	3 of our aircraft dropped containers of food + medical supplies, later especially needed as stocks of morphia exhausted.	
0930	5 enemy tanks came through rubber on right of rd to within 50x of our positions. C.O. 419 Bn, decided to break contact + withdraw	
0930	C.O.'s orders to withdraw by Cap moving approx 2 miles N then E to YONG PENG. Waking wounded accompanied main party, balance wounded had to be left. Amb. made further attempt to get through but came under heavy fire + forced into river. Whole force crossed river during day + spent night in swamps near SRI SRI MEDAH. B Ech - KLWANG. but could not make contact with Bn.	S.M.A.
1700. 23 Jan YONG PENG	Weather fine - Party started to arrive at YONG PENG. move by M.T. to B Ech after reporting to Bde HQ. Other parties moved direct to G.B.D. JOHORE BARRU. B Ech moved to 4 1/2 mile peg JOHORE BARRU - hot boxes rations + cigarettes left in charge of 2/30 Bn about 2 miles from YONG PENG for the coming through	
1800	B Ech fed 192 419 Bn, 25 415 Bn Regt, 58 419 Bn.	
2130	6 P Div Sig, nearly all HQ refilled as D.A.D.O.S. Last party reached YONG PENG.	S.M.A.

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0600 hrs 24 Jan 42 1900 TOMORE BAHRU	Weather fine - location G.B.D. ^{on} temporarily stationed at G.B.D. ^{commenced} to reorganise. Small parties arrived throughout day. Total all ranks excluding B. ech. 130. G.O.C. A.I.F. ordered the Bn. to be reformed & ready to fight within 4 days. B. ech. moved to 10 1/2 mile peg & rejoined Bde A. group.	S.H.A.
0600 0930 25 Jan 42	Weather fine - location unchanged. Maj. S.A.F. POND. HQ. 27 Aust Inf Bde arrived G.B.D. & assumed command of Bn. Officers interviewed to replace casualties & officers themselves interviewed for reinforcements. B. ech. moved to 4 1/2 mile peg TOMORE BAHRU.	S.H.A.
0600 1000 1400 1800 26 Jan 42	Weather fine - location unchanged. Bn. moved to 4 1/2 mile peg - rubber estate vicinity TAMPAI village. Bn. in perimeter defence. Trng commenced - bayonet - small arms - formation & specialist training. Reinforcements continued to arrive all day. Lt J.A. RUTHERFORD ex 8/10 Bn. joined unit & apptd ADJT. following officer appointed as Coy comdr. HQ. Capt M.C. JOHNSON. A Coy Capt D.T. LLOYD. B. Coy - D.S. WEST. C. Coy Capt W.B. BOWRING (as previously). MAJ. F. HORE apptd 2/c. LT. H.F. DICK. Dist. Offr.	S.H.A.
0600 1150 1500 27 Jan 42	Weather fine - location unchanged. Trng throughout day. 1st Coy advised that D. Coy was to rejoin Bn. Capt D.T. LLOYD ex Rose Force joined Bn.	S.H.A.

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1830 hrs 0700 27 Jan 42 TAMPAI 28 Jan 42	Parade of all otrs for purpose of introduction D. Coy - strength 5 otrs 71 ORs joined Bn + took up position in perimeter Weather fine. location unchanged. Strength approx. 746 all ranks. Ing throughout morning A. Coy fired practice on J.M.F. Range TEBRAW. all ranks fired 100 x rifle, LMG, T.S.M.G.	<u>S.M.A.</u>
1230	C.O's conference + orders issued for Bn to move SINGAPORE island - order of move - B. A. BKA HQ. Coy D + C. Coy. Start time 1315 hrs.	SINGAPORE Island + J.B. Nos 3 ¹ / ₄ , 3 ¹ / ₂ , 3 ¹ / ₅ , 3 ¹ / ₆ .
1800	Bn HQ + HQ. Coy 726212 A 728224, B. 718233, D. Coy 724207	<u>S.M.A.</u>
1930 2100	C. Coy 727208. Patrolling - areas around perimeter patrolled throughout night.	<u>S.M.A.</u>
0600 29 Jan 42 YEW. TEE (726212)	Weather fine - location unchanged. Ing carried on throughout day + covered bayonet, S.A. grenades + patrol.	<u>S.M.A.</u>
1830	C.O's conference + area of ^{Bn} responsibility defined as 757235 704237 760200 707196. Coy allotted areas + ordered to patrol continuously.	<u>S.M.A.</u>
0600 30 Jan 42	Weather fine - location unchanged. Ing - bayonet patrol, sec in attack + defence. Patrolling continued - during day Coy reached areas for boats. 29 collected. 14 of these retained for own use to patrol S. KRANTI + S. PENSIANG.	<u>S.M.A.</u>
0600 31 Jan 42	Weather fine - location unchanged. Ing + patrol normal. During morning C. Coy fired on BUKIT. TIMAH range + B. Coy during afternoon. Recess of possible areas of approach	<u>S.M.A.</u> <u>S.M.A.</u>

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0600 hrs 1 Feb 42 YEW. TEE	Weather fine. location unchanged. Patrols throughout day. Ing PL in attack. During morning D. Coy fired on range B.H.Q. + H.Q. Coy during afternoon.	S.M.H.
1000. 0600 . 2 Feb 42	CO's regent BUKIT MANDAI. Weather fine. location 74120. Patrols - under C.O's orders Corp commenced to patrol each other's areas. Two standing patrols established on S KRANTI + S. PENSIANG. Ing - fuel dump programme completed. Special attention to PL in attack.	S.M.H.
2130. 0600. 3 Feb 42	Plane flew very low directly above B.H.Q. - turned + dropped two bombs on oil tanks - tank on fire. Weather dull. location unchanged. Patrol activities as usual. - Ing - PLs in attack + defence - small arms.	S.M.H.
0400 1900	Further bombing of oil tanks. 18 PL D. Coy moved to BUKIT MANDAI ref 753226 + assumed responsibility of patrolling that area.	
0600 4 Feb 42 1500	Weather fine - location unchanged. visit by Brig MAXWELL who watched C + D Coy in Ing - Ing. as usual. Patrols - all Coy activities patrolled area.	
1800	AA PLs took up fire positions on KRANTI wireless station with orders to fire on low flying aircraft attacking oil wells.	S.M.H.
0500 5 Feb 42	Attempt by enemy to bomb oil wells - bombs failed to explode.	
0600. 0445	Weather fine. location unchanged. Enemy shelled general area. Ing as usual - Bayonet assault - Patrols active	S.M.H.

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0600 hrs 6. Feb 42 YEW. TEE	Weather fine - locations unchanged Ing. recapitulation Patrols - whole Bn area patrolled throughout day Remainder of D. Coy moved to BUKIT MANDAI. PLS disposed on southern side of BUKIT MANDAI covering pipe line. Patrols of northern side conducted during night but not possible during day owing to tactical situation	
1900	Enemy heavily shelled D. Coy area HQ Coy opened out to close gap in perimeter caused by D Coy move.	<u>S.L.R.</u>
1930	Weather fine - locations unchanged.	Catholics PL from KRANJI comes etc
1945	Report from D. Coy that enemy were shelling	
0600 7 Feb 42	BUKIT MANDAI also that they had one casualty - wounded Reorganisation of Bn on basis of 4 PLS per rifle Coy put into effect. Personnel sent to D. Coy.	
1000	Enemy shelling general area - BUKIT TIMAH RA carried on throughout day.	
1400	Ing. excepting D Coy proceeded during day	
0600 8 Feb 42	Patrols active throughout day.	<u>S.L.R.</u>
1300	Weather fine - location unchanged	
1400	Enemy shelling BUKIT MANDAI continued during day	
1500	C.O.'s conference	
	C.O. 2/c Adjt. A. B. C Coy Comd. Recce of BUKIT MANDAI	
	views comm. attack role.	<u>S.L.R.</u>
	Enemy shelled region Oil Tanks	
	Reorganisation of Bn proceeded during day.	

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0045 9. Sep 44 YEW TEE	Warning Order recd that Bn to come under Comd of Aust Inf Bde.	
0330	Unit left YEW TEE village area for TENGAH aerodrome B 2ch area. JURONG. Shelled.	
0730 TENGGAH	After being directed into wrong areas, unit finally in position at TENGAH at 0800 June. C. Coy 668203 A Coy 663200 B.A.S.C 664196. B. Coy 663193 D. Coy 665188 B.M.Q. + R.A.P. 665190 M.M.G. PL covering. Rd June.	
0930	C.O. recd instructions from Comd of Bde to prepare counter attack ARM KENG	
1045	Order for counter attack issued	
1130	C. Coy (front) engaged with enemy + held off light attack by 200 enemy, estimated killed 80-90 enemy.	
1415	A Coy engaged with enemy light attack only	
1710	Order recd from Bde. Counter attack cancelled. Coy informed.	
1730	Some enemy penetration towards base of unit position. Checked by 2 PL D. Coy + mortar fire	
1830	A Coy moved across to right + dealt with further enemy penetration on aerodrome flank. C Coy withdrew 200x to fill gap in front. Unconfined report enemy penetration around ^{left} flank.	
1400	Order received from Bde Bn to withdraw to BULIM village at once.	
1415	Order to Coy Comd for withdrawal in order. B. A HQ. C + D Coy. Start time 1440 hrs. Near line to be B.H.Q. + to be passed at 1500 hrs. Front to be denied until 1450.	
1500	Near line crossed, during move air attack by enemy planes	

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1630 hr 9 Feb 42 BULIN 1745.	Occupation near position commenced under 2/c D. Coy (Centre force) engaged with enemy patrol which was driven off.	
1900.	B. Coy 685185 D. Coy 680178 A. Coy 683173 C Coy 685180 B.H.Q., H.Q., R.A.P. 682182. M.M.G.s covering front.	
1800.	1 Off D. Coy - 2/c - Capt BROWN wounded. B ech moved from JURONG Brickworks to RACECOURSE owing to shelling & on Bde orders. During night sniping & some activity from enemy was heard.	
0045 10 Feb 42 0145	C.O. recd message to report to Bde H.Q. for orders C.O. - orders for withdrawal of bn to position 1 mile or near. Bn to occupy N. S. line from 400 x S of BUKIT PANTANG RD 703193. to W. BUKIT TIMAH. Present position to be denied until after 0600 hrs.	<u>S.H.P.</u>
0330	C.O. returned to unit & sent runner for Coy Comd. there being no sig communication 2/c left to recon near position	
0415 - 0520	Orders to Coy Comd for withdrawal order of move B. H.Q. C.D. - A Coy. route BULIN village - BUKIT PANTANG LA	
0530	2/c arrived near position & recd same & formed line with ARGYLE & SUTHERLAND ^{HRS} holding rd, but not S of it.	
0535	Withdrawal commenced.	
0620	As D. Coy came to BULIN village from side rd. it was fired upon by enemy M.M.G. near bridge to W of village & was slightly disorganised. at 2 ^{two} PLS D Coy crossed rd & at request of armoured car comd covered him by spreading out. B.H.Q. & A Coy in rear of D. Coy were diverted under ADJT, C.O. respectively & led across country to new positions	<u>S.H.P.</u>

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0620 hrs 10 Feb 42 BULIN	While B. C. D + HQ Coy were moving back along line BUKIT PANTANG Rd they were machine gunned from air + forced to open out. Sgt also machine gunned	
0630	B. Coy arrived at rear position. With other Coy except A Coy. Coy disposed D. Coy right first near rd. 706190.	
	B Coy center 707188 C Coy left 710186 with HQ Coy near 708193. HQ. Subsequently moved to rear of D Coy near road to assist argylls. The enemy attacked in some force along line of the rd. with small force vicinity W. BUKIT TIMAH.	
0800	C.O with A. Coy arrived at 705175 S of Br position of which W. BUKIT TIMAH was to be the left flank but could see no sign of Br.	
0840	After search ^{to the N} + seeing no trace he contacted Maj SAGGERS Command Composite force + he reported no sign of enemy on own tps.	
0900	Argylls withdrew as they could not keep bridge over S. PENSIANGS open. C.O + I.O. moved to N + observed enemy aircraft which appeared operating along rd towards BUKIT PANTANG vicinity KEATHONG village	
0920	as Br then left alone in front position 2 1/2 ordered withdrawal straight back past open country for 1/2 mile to high ground near 12 mile peg. at KEATHONG village 7119 Central. Tps were bombed from the air on the move. Argylls were 1/2 mile further back	
0940	A. Coy had been hacked under cover with patrols out searching for enemy. One patrol Pat isolated enemy W of West BUKIT TIMAH. C.O met C.O of PUNJAB in vicinity 707179 who stated he was gone into position on line which 2/3 Br was to have occupied.	SMA

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1015 hrs 10 Feb 42 BUKIT PANTANG.	C.O. then left A Coy to assist Punjabs + went S to the SURREY + LEICESTER regts at about 706173 to ring up Bde for instructions. Could not get through so proceeded to Div HQ + reported position where he was ordered to assemble and troops filtering back.	
1145	2/1c visited Argyle + they stated stated they were withdrawing to BUKIT PANTANG.	
1200	2/1c held a conference (Cafeteria) + issued orders for withdrawal to BUKIT PANTANG area X as enemy were but passing unit. 2/1c who had previously been wounded then handed over to Capt BOWRING + went back for attention. He arranged for arms + rations to be sent first + reported matters to 27 Bde HQ.	
1225	Withdrawal commenced under 10 minutes intense air bombardment just W of X as unit went through 4/9 HYDRABADS.	
1400	Capt BOWRING met the B.M. 12 IND Bde near BUKIT PANTANG village and was informed that 2/19 Bde was now under command that Bde.	
1500	A. Coy in absence of further information for instructions + in view of heavy enemy mortar + shelling moved to rear along line of JURONG Rd	
1530.	Bn dispositions B. Coy 742196 D. Coy 748198 HQ Coy 748195 C Coy 747193 Argyle on BUKIT PANTANG + Hydrabads N of them.	
1900	A. Coy met C.O. on BUKIT TIMAH rd + were directed to area in Holland Rd. B. ech moved TANGLIN Hill on Bde orders.	
1915 1915	Capt BOWRING informed by IND Bde HQ that all food + rations now withdrawn + 2/19 Bn in front he brought all Coy into a closer perimeter nearer the Xs. Indians filtering through were followed by Japanese + heavy fighting took place.	

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2015 hrs 10 Feb 42	Japanese tanks came into centre of position - 2 destroyed.	
2130	As pressure became too great Capt BOWRING with consent of 12 IND Bde ordered Corp to withdraw. B. Coy became lost but C. D. & H.Q. Coy retired down pipe line.	
2300	C.O. reported at H.Q. (advanced) 12 IND Div + was instructed to assemble Bn stragglers + form new line, after objections to line indicated C.O. made arrangements to collect stragglers + form a line further in rear.	
2330	D. Coy reached G. B. D + subsequently attached to 12 Bde again.	S.H.P.
0100 hrs 11 Feb 42 0200	C.O. left 12 IND Div to go back + bring up balance of Bn C.O. at Div H.Q. + received orders from G.O.C to move up HOLLAND Rd, BUKIT TIMAH rd + support an attack to commence at first light.	
0300 0430	orders for move Bn left position vicinity HOLLAND rd + moved dispersed to corners Holland, Bukit Timah Rds reporting to Div H.Q. Country clear clear on way also Holland Rd clear of enemy except for few snipers + men letting off crackers.	
0600	Bn backed under cover short of rd junction + C.O. sent C.O. 18 Div recon Bn. who was advancing up rd to N. and stated 12 IND. Bde were forced back during night - arranged 12 Bn would move N on left of rd in rear of recon Bn. + would watch left rear + left flank protection. move N commenced - B. Coy fed A. Coy left H.Q. Coy rear movement clear to contact with recon Bn.	

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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to appendices.
0650 hrs 11. Feb 42	1/2 mile along rd. Sherwood Foresters passed through + advised they ordered to attack left flank.	
0930	Bn reached hill 765142 S of Reformatory Rd + watched progress of Sherwood Foresters attack on hill 765142	
1030	Bn stayed in position as Foresters retired + enemy seen on hill 400 x in front 765142 - fighting heard on flanks also on E side BUKIT TINSAK rd. Some air bombing. Bn adopted defensive positions. A Coy moved for 769144 B. Coy left for 765142 H.Q. Coy. BUKIT near 771143. Patrol from A. Coy went for to ally with but withdrew to conform to general dispositions Capt BOWRING, part of H.Q. Coy arrived + given left flank sector. C. Coy moved to left near 770142	C.O. not present.
1050	Considerable air recce + machine gunning but no bombs. also some sniping in position. only cover available along + light scout little movement possible.	
1430	Party of D. Coy moved for on left front at edge of cutting 765138 but L.M.G. fire forced withdrawal	
1530	In reply to request to be relieved during night message from G.O.C. to Staff.	
1745	Coy Command recce Bn arrived + stated he was ordered to withdraw on Cameron with all British troops to new position Raccorac rd sent patrol to R. Bde to ask for instructions	
1830	with instructions + return	

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1930 hrs 11 Feb 42	Patrol got through but LT. OLDFIELD C.O. was killed on return journey by enemy patrol.	
1900	After inspection of position, C.O. decided to withdraw as no troops on flanks of unit + could not adequately defend itself.	
1930	Orders given for Coy Comd. individuals to withdraw down BUKIT TINGAH, Holland Rd + remain under cover there for further orders. Order of withdrawal HQ B Co A Coy. Start time 2000 hrs.	
2000	HQ Coy withdrawal commenced. Rifle + L.M.G fire from direction of their route.	
2050	A Coy + rear parties of B HQ left position + before reaching Holland Rd were fired on by enemy with M.M.G + mortar which were located just of position.	
2130	not vacated about 775413. On reaching Holland Rd part of HQ Coy was found guides from A Coy stated Coy had gone further S. The party then about 30 strong proceeded under C.O. to S. meeting enemy patrol in area supposed to be part of our perimeter 781133.	S.H.H.
0100	Party backed to rest 786117.	
0300	moved to TANGLIN area arrived 0530 hrs.	
0630	C.O. reported Div HQ + given orders to reassemble Bn B ech TANGLIN Hill. Day spent in reassembly refitting + resting personnel.	
0300	Div Staff officer arrived with orders for Bn to move to FARRER rd + come under comd of Bde.	
0430	C.O. visited Div HQ + received orders that perimeter defence to be appointed + maintained.	
0600	C.O. reported to Brig VARLEY + recd orders to occupy BUKIT BESAR 796112	

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0640. hrs B Feb 42	Bn moved to assembly position + C.O + Adjt Carried out recce.	
0700 .	Orders issued for occupation of BUKIT BESAR. A Coy right foot 795113. B. Coy left foot 795110. HQ Coy right near B.H.Q. left near 797111. Position occupied all day. Some air activity - no ground house in which B. ech quartered hit by bomb no casualties.	
1000 -		
1830 .	C.O attended conference 27 Bde HQ + now Bn under comd 27 Bde	S.A.P.
0630 . 14 Feb 42	B.M. 27 Bde arrived + stated Bn to adopt position Pence Rd Hill 798107 with S.S.V.R (one Coy) under comd	
0730 .	Recce of new area by C.O. + issue of orders by Coy direct + through Adjt. B. Coy right foot 798107 A Coy left foot 799105 HQ right near 799108 B.H.Q. 799107. S.S.V.R left near 800103. G.B.D in front of position. 2/19 Bn right flank	
0830 .	Position commenced to be occupied. Enemy air activity by planes all day. Enemy ground activities observed Buona Vista area 7609 (center) Bn position occupied all day	S.A.P.
0600 15 Feb 42	Location unchanged. Enemy shelling + bombing all morning in vicinity but not in Bn area.	
1400 .	C.O at Bde conference + instructions issued that cease fire issued as from 1500 hrs on.	
1730 .	Heavy shelling Bn positions for about 10 minutes Casualties 2 killed several wounded (OKS)	
1810 1830	B. ech bombed by mortars. all firing ceased	S.A.P. and that S.A.P. comd 2/19 Bn.

- Sat - JAN 17. Coy located a mile North of LABIS.
 0600 hrs reported Div HQ for instns.
 0700 hrs - divided Coy into 4 patrols. SIPUT
 No 1 Patrol under Lieut W E SMITH situated at BUKIT SIBIT
 No 2 " " Capt J N BROWN " " " "
 No 3 " " Lieut H A DAVIDSON " " LABIS
 No 4 " " Lieut R L UREN " " CHAAR
 These patrols operated in a S Westerly direction towards the MUAR River for the whole of the day. At 2100 hrs received message from Div HQ to move the Coy to 27 Bde HQ at SEGAMAT.
- Sun - JAN 18. 0030. Arrived at Bde HQ., instructed to move Coy to North BATU ANAM where we arrived and reported to C O 2/30 Bn at 0400 hrs.
 At 0600 hrs took up a posn right forward Coy. 0630 hrs 2/26 Bn moved in and D Coy came under their comd. Under heavy mortar fire all day and night. During the night an Indian Bn who were on our right flank were heavily attacked and driven back.
- Mon - JAN 19. 0300 hrs. Ordered to withdraw Coy taking back rd by passing BATU ANAM thence down JEMENTAH Rd to the ^{junction} of MALACCA Rd. SIPUT
 1100 hrs. Picked up tpt at rd ^{junction} and was conveyed to BUKIT SIBIT where Coy rested for afternoon. 1800 hrs. Moved Coy into posn right of rd South of SEGAMAT River.
- Tue - 20 JAN. Dug slit trenches under mortar fire. No enemy sighted during day.
 1800 hrs. Moved Coy down Main Rd crossed GENUANG causeway and moved into by rd where we were picked up by tpt and then moved back to YONG PENG.
- Wed - 21 JAN. 0600 hrs. Took up posn in Bn perimeter right rear Coy.
 Patrols operating during day to right flank and rear. Warned to watch for 2/29 Bn personnel filtering through. Enemy planes active, dive bombed and machine gunned Bns posn.
- Thu - 22 JAN. In same posn with enemy, aircraft active. 1600 hrs Bn ordered to move to AYER HITAM. 1630 hrs. Moved Coy out through YONG PENG thence down main rd. for 1 mile, picked up tpt and was conveyed to a posn 2 miles West of AYER HITAM on the BATU PAHAT Rd. Coy was left forward Coy. 1900 hrs 17 Pl sent forward 1 mile to guard bridge.
- Fri - 23 JAN. Patrols forward and to our left flank. No enemy activity.
- Sat - 24 JAN. Still in same posn. A few personnel of 2/29 Bn filtered through. Still no enemy activity.
- Sun - 25 JAN. Rain. 1600 hrs. Under heavy mortar fire. 1800 hrs Ordered to withdraw to 46 mile post. 1830. Moved Coy out by passing AYER HITAM picked up tpt 2 miles down rd. 2300 hrs. Arrived at RENGAM. Bn in perimeter defence South of rd jn. D Coy right rear Coy.
- Mon - 26 JAN. 0800 hrs. Recce plane over. 1330 hrs Enemy sniping.
- Tue - 27 JAN. Enemy snipers active during morning together with heavy mortar fire.
 1400 hrs. Strong enemy attack with M G and mortar fire. 1800 hrs Bn ordered to move back and D Coy to rejoin 2/29 Bn at JOHORE BAHRU.
 1815 hrs. Moved Coy down rd for 10 miles. Had meal on way under enemy mortar fire. Picked up tpt at 2200 hrs and rejoined Bn at 0200 hrs 28/1/42. Casualties-Wounded 3.
- Tue - FEB 10. Coy in posn with Bn at BUKIT PANJANG. Right forward Coy.
 1900 hrs. Heavy concentration of enemy arty and mortar fire on Coy posn. 2000 hrs. Enemy M G opened up and three tanks came down rd. Whilst getting Coy re-organised not having received any instns from Bn, Coy Comdr moved Coy South down pipe line to ^{junction} of Holland Rd.
- Wed - FEB 11. 0300 hrs. Coy rested at Rd jn. 0600 hrs moved Coy back to B Ech. travelling on the left of the rd. 1200 hrs. Had meal and change of clothing at B Ech. 1400 hrs. Gathered all fit men and moved up FARRER Rd 4 miles to 22 Bde HQ. There re-organised Coy into 4 Pls and moved 2 miles up rd. Took up defensive posn between rd and rly with 2/4 M G Bn on left flank. In posn by 1900 hrs. Patrols operated during night. Casualties - 1 Killed.

Thu - FEB 12. 0600 hrs. Changed Pl posns. 16 & 17 Pls forward, 18 & 19 rear.
1000 hrs. Enemy attack driven off. 1700 hrs Ordered to move Coy back
to 2/4 M G. 1800 hrs joined 2/4 M G. Had meal with enemy snipers active.
2000 hrs. Ordered to move Coy back and come under comd 2/18 Bn. Casualties - 1 Offr (Lieut BEALE)
killed and 12 ORs wounded.

Fri - FEB 13. 0200 hrs. Occupied posn in rear of 2/18 Bn on left of rd.
0900 hrs Under enemy shell fire.

Sat - FEB 14. Under Mortar and Shell fire.
1500 hrs. Enemy snipers active.

Sun - 15 FEB. 1100 hrs. Ordered to move Coy back to rejoin 2/29 Bn.
1200 hrs. Moved Coy down right of rd under dive bombing and machine
gunning to 2/29 Bn, arriving there at 1400 hrs.
2030 hrs. Ordered to cease fire. Had a good nights sleep.

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Comments by CO and Additions to Unit War Diary

For period subsequent to 25 Jan 42

By way of amplification of facts set out in the War Diary and correction of some errors and points of doubt now seen to have crept into the War Diary it is desired to append the following notes as an Appendix to 2/29 Bn War Diary.

A. General Comments

When I took over the Unit on 25 Jan 42 and commenced to reform it, it consisted only of one Coy existing as a formed Unit; this was "D" Coy then detached to and under Comd 2/26 Bn. The rest of the Bn consisted only of "B" Echelon with an increasing number of men filtering back from the MUAR engagement in an exhausted state.

(1) Replacement of Casualties

The first problem to be met was the replacement of casualties. These amounted to over 500 and by arrangement with HQ AIF, 2/29 Bn was given a preferential right of selection among all 27 Inf Bde reinf's in GBD.

(a) The whole of Bn HQ was lost at MUAR and a new HQ was built up as ~~from~~ follows:-

CO	Lt. Col S A F Pond	from 27 Aust Inf Bde
2 i/c	Major F Hore	" GBD (2/29 Bn)
Adjt	Lieut J A Rutherford	" GBD (ex 2/20 Bn)
IO	" H F Dick	" A Coy
RSM	WO I R C Graham	" Adm HQ
ORS	Sjt F C Cross	" GBD (previously 27 Aust Inf Bde)

In addition it was necessary to find new clerks and 5 of the 7 members of the "I" Sec.

Only one Coy Comd (Capt W B Bowring of "C" Coy) had survived the MUAR action and new Coy Comds had to be selected. The following Offrs were selected in addition to those already mentioned in Bn HQ:-

Capt M C Johnson	from 2/29 Bn 1st reinf's as OC HQ Coy
Lieut P C Simmons	" 2/29 Bn reinf's as Sig Offr
" E R Ross Webster	" 2/18 Bn reinf's as OC Mortar Pl
" D F V Hufer	" 2/29 Bn reinf's as OC Carrier Pl

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A.(1)a) Replacement of Casualties (Contd)

1	Lieut C D J Vincent	from 2/20 Bn Reinf's as Pnr Offr
	Capt D T Lloyd	" 2/30 Bn as OC "A" Coy
	Lieut W E Metcalfe	" HQ AIF
	" J Oldfield	" "
5	" R H G Kelsey	" 2/26 Bn
	" L J Martin	" 2/29 Bn Reinf's
	" H S Archdall	" " "
	" W A L Bennett	" " "
3	" F W Nankervis	" " "
	" H D Trewin	" " "
	" E E Bale	" 2/30 Bn Reinf's
	" A Tranter	" 2/29 Bn "

This list, as it will be seen, includes 19 new Offrs for the Unit. As no suitable personnel could be found, vacancies for Capt's to comd 3 & 4 Pls were left unfilled.

(b) The replacement of casualties for the ranks was made by taking in the following numbers (approx)

220	QX Nos	Reinf's for 2/26 Bn
150	NX "	" " 2/30 Bn
100	VX "	" " 2/29 Bn
70	TX "	" " 2/29 Bn.

Of these men the Queensland personnel were better and than the others. There was a strong disadvantage in taking a mixed collection of reinf's, for troops from Q & NSW drafted to a Victorian Bn felt that they had been rather unfairly ~~was~~ treated. This was a poor start to attempting to build up a new Unit spirit.

(2) Standard of Reinforcements

(a) All of the reinf's (with very few exceptions) had arrived in Malaya on 24 Jan i.e. 2 or 3 days before joining the Unit. They were consequently:-

- (1) not acclimatized
- (2) quite ignorant of conditions in Malaya both in regard to fighting and otherwise.
- (3) in poor physical condition after some weeks at sea

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A (2) ~~(XXXX)~~ Standard of Reinforcements (contd)

(b) The tng standard reached by the ~~XXXX~~ reinf's prior to joining the Unit was very disappointing indeed and gave me very great concern.

(1) Some had sailed from Australia within a fortnight of enlisting and had had 3 days tng.

(2) A large proportion (say 20%) had never been taught bayonet tng at all, according to their own story

(3) A large number had never qualified in musketry courses.

(4) None had taken part in any exercise in Australia involving ~~more~~ more than one Pl and many had never completed Pl tng. The principles of Sec leading had not been taught to them apparently

(5) Tps had no appreciation at all of the need for dispersion in modern warfare.

(6) Tps did not appreciate the need for concealment from the Air and the avoidance of movement while in exposed positions. On the other hand some tps were so terrified at the possibility of air bombing that the sound of our own AA guns made them jump into trenches.

(7) Many reinf's had not seen a Bren LMG and none had handled the SMG or ATK rifle

(8) Some reinf's who had been a time in GBD had bad records

(9) A most serious factor was the lack of tnd specialists. GBD was unable to supply more than 3 or 4 Sigs, 6 mortar men and 4 carrier drs, all of whom required a great deal of tng to carry out their duties with any degree of efficiency.

(10) The general standard of discipline and respect for authority was noticeable only by its absence.

(3) Lack of Equipment

Owing to heavy losses at MUAR the reorganisation was commenced with no Sig equipment, no Mortar equipment, no Carriers, no MMG, a deficiency in MT, only a few LMG's and SMG's and no ATK Rifles at all.

Some of this equipment was made up fairly soon and most of it was ultimately replaced except for some Sig equipment, SMG's

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A (3) Lack of Equipment (contd)

LMG's and all AT Rifles. Only 4 Carriers were received by the Unit.

(4) Training

The GOC originally instructed that the Unit was to be ready to fight again by 28 Jan 42. Every endeavour was made therefore to carry out tng which would enable this to be done. Revision of elementary work was commenced at once but owing to the Bn being moved from JOHORE BAHRU to SINGAPORE IS it was virtually 28 Jan before any tng really commenced. The tng covered the subjects most likely to be required and embraced bayonet tng, musketry practices, LMG (both Bren & Lewis) SMG and MMG, guards and sentries, patrols and Pl in attack and defence. Tps were never sufficiently far advanced to undertake a Coy exercise and the Bn went into battle without having advanced beyond Pl tng. As NCO's had to be selected from among the reinforcements and as most Officers were inexperienced, Officers were used in tng the men and it was impossible in the time available to teach battle drill and procedure to the Officers to any adequate extent. When action was joined the men had been about 11-12 days together and hardly knew either their Officers or NCO's.

A certain amount of Sig equipment was made up by CO Sigs 8 Aust Div who made instructors ~~xxxxx~~ available to assist the Unit Sig Offr who was the only person in the Unit capable of instructing in signalling.

(5) Operational Role of Bn on SINGAPORE IS

(a) The Unit was charged with the responsibility of protecting an area bounded on the north by the east west road north of BT MANDAI, on the east by the pipe line, on the south by the rd running west from BT PANJANG village and on the west by the S PENG SIANG. This role was to be carried out in addition to tng.

(b) The task was performed by placing two Coys to the north and west of the OIL WELLS at YEW TEE and the HQ and one Coy to the SW of the oil wells with one Coy holding BT MANDAI.

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A (5) ~~(a)~~ Operational Role of Bn on SINGAPORE IS (contd)

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The whole area was covered by patrols day and night with standing patrols incl Carriers on the S PENG SIANG. As a result of the system of patrols carried out it was not possible to move the Bn without allowing at least 2 1/2 hrs to ~~xxx~~ warn the outlying Coy and the patrols. At the same time the area was so large that it could not otherwise be satisfactorily be protected.

(c) The Bn was reserve Bn in 27 Aust Inf Bde and for 8 Aust Div

(d) It has been suggested that the Bn was at one hrs notice to move but no intimation of such a fact was ever received by the Unit.

B. For the entries for 9 Feb 42 in the War Diary already submitted

it is desired to substitute the following:-

0045 hrs - Capt Wimpole LO 27 Aust Inf Bde arrived at HQ and stated that the Bn would be coming under comd 22 Aust Inf Bde and would be moving during the night towards the west coast to counter enemy landing and penetration and that 22 Bde would give instructions.

Capt Condon 2/2 Res MT was to provide tpt.

0145 hrs Maj Beale BM 22 Aust Inf Bde arrived and gave verbal orders. He stated that enemy attacks had been successful on the north of ARM KENG village and nothing was known of position on west of CHOA CHU village. 2/29 Bn was to occupy position at TENGAH rd junc just west of aerodrome with 2 Coys fwd towards Experimental Farm and 2 Coys near rd junc. CO to call at aerodrome for further information and to pick up guides. Position to be occupied by first light. No definite information could be given as to the position of other Units in the vicinity but a withdrawal was to take place.

~~0215 hrs~~ 0215 hrs Orders completed by Maj Beale.

0245 hrs Orders by CO to Coy Comds for move to TENGAH. Tpt to be provided 2/2 Res MT Coy and to be available east of KEAT HONG village to lift C A B and HQ Coys in that order

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	0245 hrs (contd)	starting at 0330 hrs and D Coy at a point where the rd from B T MANDAI met the main rd at 0345 hrs - C and A Coys would occupy fwd positions and B and D rear positions at TENGAH, as indicated by Maj BEALE. Directions by Maj BEALE for reaching positions were given to Coy Comds. Bn HQ wd be near rd junc.
	0315 hrs	Coys commenced to move out of camp to RV with MT.
	0330 hrs	CO & Adjnt moved to D Coy RV but neither D Coy nor tpt had arrived. Adjnt was left behind to meet D Coy and guide them to position
	0345 hrs	CO at KEAT HONG and found tpt there and C Coy commencing to embus. They were to debus at BULIM and then march.
	0400 hrs	CO arrived at aerodrome and met Lieut JOHNSON LO 22 Aust Inf Bde who took him to control room where British Offr told him aerodrome held by JIND inf who were reliable. Nothing much known of position of own tps or enemy. After arranging with Lieut JOHNSON to stay at the aerodrome gate and direct the oncoming Coys to their positions, CO moved on to recce Bn area
	0510 hrs	CO at point north of Experimental Farm and ascertained from tp of 2/15 X Fd Arty they were getting out at once and enemy only a few hundred yards away on north and west.
	0545 hrs	After making quick recce CO met C Coy on rd about north end of aerodrome and directed them into position on left of rd. The IO was left to guide C Coy into position on 110 feature.
	0600 hrs	As there was no sign of A or B Coys, CO returned towards BULIM and found B Coy moving past the aerodrome. They were directed to occupy a position west of the rd junc.
	0630 hrs	IO returned and stated C Coy in position and A Coy had come through aerodrome and uncertain of role. IO therefore sent fwd to put A Coy into position on 95 feature. D Coy with Adjnt reached west side of aerodrome but as ordnance svy map on which Bn was working did not show the rd running through aerodrome D Coy had got into wrong position and had to be redirected. D Coy was ordered to move back to the rd junc and cover the southern approaches to it.

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	0715 hrs	Readjustments of Unit position completed and Coys now situated as follows:- C Coy 668203, A Coy 663200, B Coy 663193, D Coy 665188, Bn HQ and RAP 665190 with Pl of 2/4 MG Coy covering the rd junc on north. In addition to 2/29 Bn a mixed AASC force under Maj SAGGERS came under comd 2/29 Bn and was in position in rear of C and A Coys about 664196.										
	0730 hrs	Enemy fire could be heard about XXXX 400 yds away on north and west but while occupying position Coys had no gd activity. Enemy planes active over position bombing and machine gunning. One bomb scored direct hit on A Tk gun at rd junc 2/29 Bn much embarrassed by Indians and Australian tps moving back through Bn position thus attracting attention from the air. These tps were quite out of control and leaderless and stated they had had enough. CO called on several parties to stop and occupy the line but they would not do so. Men were mainly from 2/19 and 2/20 Bns. One party of about 50 from 2/19 Bn was halted by the CO and it was found that an Offr (whose name was not taken) was included in it. After great difficulty the party was persuaded to occupy a position but it ultimately vacated it										
	0745 hrs	Brig TAYLOR Comd 22 Aust Inf Bde visited position and was assured that position could be held. He was informed of dispositions. He stated an attempt could be made to give arty support from 2/15 Fd Regt. No sig comn was however available to Bde HQ										
	0845 hrs	Brig TAYLOR again visited Bn HQ and gave instructions for preparation for counter attack to capture ^{and} ARM KENG village. No attack to start until he instructed.										
	1045 hrs	Orders issued in C Coy area to Coy Comds and AASC Comd for counter attack to start at Z hr and to be in 3 stages supported by arty fire.										
	1100 hrs	Our armd car fired on north of C Coy position on rd.										
	1130 hrs	C Coy engaged with the enemy and attacked by about 200 inf Attack beaten off and estimated casualties 80-90 dead.										

1900 hrs
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Frontage too wide to be adequately covered but endeavoured to do so by means of patrols. Bn had no comm with Bde except through 2/18 Bn at BULIM village.

One carrier broke down on move back to BULIM and could not be started so was abandoned.

During the night some sniping and enemy activity were heard but no attack was made.

6. EVENTS ON 10 FEB 42

1. Soon after 0001 hrs CO was called to a cfce at 22 Bde HQ. After his return from the Bde cfce at 0330 hrs runners were sent to Coys to bring in Comds for orders for the withdrawal ordered by Bde Comd. As there were no Sig comms, and Coys were very spread (up to approx 1 mile) and as the night was dark, over an hour elapsed before Coy Comds arrived. In the case of one Coy the guide became lost and the Coy Comd did not arrive until 0520 hrs.

On reaching the rearward position at about first light Maj Hore (2 i/c) found that the Argylls were not holding so far south as was expected but were only just holding the road. It was therefore necessary to place the 2/29 Bn right flank practically on the rd and this caused the Bn to be short of the point marked out for its left flank.

The move to the rear position commenced at 0535 hrs. As D Coy debouched on the main rd at BULIM they were fired on by enemy MMG. The Adjt then moved Bn HQ who were in rear of D Coy across country to the rear position and the CO went back and found A Coy who were the last to move and took them across country to WEST BUKIT TIMAH. After a vain search in that area by the CO and IO, A Coy were left to support the 6/14 Punjabis who arrived. Subsequently during the afternoon A Coy, to conform to the movement of the Punjabis and LIECES TER AND SURREY Regts withdrew along the JURONG rd through BUKIT TIMAH. As no sign could be found of the Bn in the vicinity of WEST BUKIT TIMAH it was thought essential to (a) report the position to Bde HQ and (b) ascertain if Bde knew where the missing Coys were. As no sig comm with Bde HQ was available either by line or W/T there was no means of contacting Bde HQ except by visit.

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C. 1. (contd) Events on 10 Feb 42 (contd)

CO had no DR's available with his A Coy party at WEST BUKIT TIMAH and therefore decided to go to LEICESTER and SURREY Regts to ring up Bde HQ. As there was no comm from there, CO decided to try to find Bde HQ. CO reported to HQ AIF because he did not know location of 22 Aust Inf Bde HQ which had moved from overnight position. After leaving HQ AIF, CO moved to vicinity Racecourse Rd and found Bn HQ which he ordered to move to a position near Div HQ in HOLLAND RD. CO then reported to 22 Aust Inf Bde and spoke to Bde Comd who took him back to HQ AIF where they awaited decision as to future plan. After waiting approx one hour Brig Taylor went back to his HQ and promised that if possible he would send a car to take CO to B Ech. As car did not arrive CO waited for about one hour and then obtained a ride on another vehicle to the Golf Links. On arrival there it was found that a patrol had discovered enemy activity behind the Links and under Bde orders ~~XXX~~ B Ech was moving. ~~XXX~~ CO then started to move north up BUKIT TIMAH RD and met A Coy which was resting by the rdside north of HOLLAND RD. Arrangements were made to feed them by contacting B Ech in its new location.

CO having ascertained location of B C & D Coys arranged for a vehicle to pick him up and take him to BUKIT PANJANG Xrd, but vehicle was delayed and when he endeavoured to ~~do so~~ ^{move north} after dark he was held up by automatic and mortar fire north of BT TIMAH village. However he eventually got through to 12 Ind Bde Adv HQ at about 2300 hrs and was informed that 2/29 Bn was under comd that Bde. This was the first intimation recd of this fact. After waiting for some time CO was instructed to collect stragglers and form new line at the FORD Works. CO pointed out that the position was unsuitable and arranged to occupy position 600 yds south. It was arranged that IO 12 Ind Bde should assemble stragglers and CO left about 0100 hrs the following morning to bring up balance of Bn available.

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2.	It is desired to substitute the following for the War Diary items submitted for 10 Feb 42:-					
0045 hrs	CO received message to report 22 Bde HQ for orders.					
0145	CO received orders for withdrawal of Bn to position 1 mile in rear. Bn to occupy N S line from 400 yds S of BUKIT PANJANG RD 703193 to W BUKIT TIMAH. Present position to be denied until after 0600 hrs.					
0330	CO returned to Unit and sent runners for Coy Comds there being no sig comms. 2 i/c left to receive rear position.					
*0415 -0520 hrs	Orders to Coy Comds for withdrawal, order of move B HQ C D & A Coys, route BULIM village - BT PANJANG RD. 2 i/c arrived rear position and recced same and formed line with ARGYLL & SUTHERLANDS. HRS holding the rd, but not south of it.					
0530	withdrawal commenced.					
0535	As D Coy came to BULIM village from side rd it was fired upon by enemy MMG near bridge to W of village and was slightly disorganised. Two Pls D Coy crossed rd and at request of armoured car comd covered him by spreading out. BHQ and A Coy in rear of D Coy were diverted under Adjt and CO respectively and led across country to new positions. While B C D & HQ Coys were moving back along line BUKIT PANJANG RD they WERE were machine gunned from air and forced to open out. Tpt also machine gunned.					
0620	B Coy arrives at rear position with other Coys except A Coy. C oys disposed D Coy right from near rd 706190 B Coy centre 707188 C Coy left 710186 with HQ Coy in rear 708193. HQ subsequently moved to rear of D Coy near rd to assist Argylls. The enemy attacked in some force along line of the rd with smaller force vicinity W BUKIT TIMAH.					
0630	CO with A Coy arrived at 705175 S of Bn position of which W BUKIT TIMAH was to be the left flank but					
0800						

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could see no sign of Bn and immediately moved north to wards BUKIT PANJANG RD. Some parties of LEICESTER and SURREY Regts were met but they had not seen any portions of 2/29 Bn, nor had they any contact with the enemy. A Coy was halted on the east side of WEST BUKIT TIMAH and patrols were sent out west, north west and north but no contact was made with either our own or enemy tps. Owing to the heavy going it took this party over an hour to move back to WEST BUKIT TIMAH.

After search and seeing no trace of Bn, CO contacted Maj SAGGERS Comd composite force and he reported no sign of enemy or own tps. Maj Saggars tps were disposed well to the ~~west~~ east of WEST BUKIT TIMAH.

ARGYLLS withdrew as they could not keep bridge over S PENSIANG open. CO and IO moved to N and observed enemy aircraft which appeared operating along rd towards BUKIT PANJANG vicinity KEAT HONG village.

As Bn then left alone in fwd position 2 i/c ordered withdrawal straight back past open country for 1/2 mile to high ground near 12 mile peg at KEAT HONG village 7119 central. Tps were bombed from the air on the move. ARGYLLS were 1/2 mile further back.

A Coy had been halted under cover with patrols out searching for enemy. One patrol saw isolated enemy W of WEST BUKIT TIMAH. CO met CO 5/14 PUNJABIS in vicinity 707179 who stated he was going into position on line which 2/29 Bn was to have occupied.

CO then left A Coy to assist PUNJABIS and went S to the SURREY and LEICESTER Regts at about 706173 to ring up Bde for instructions. Could not get through so proceeded to Div HQ and reported position where he was ordered to assemble any tps filtering back.

2 i/c visited ARGYLLS and they stated they were withdrawing to BUKIT PANJANG.

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2 i/c held a confce (Coy Comds) and issued orders for withdrawal to BUKIT PANJANG Xrds as enemy were by-passing Unit. 2 i/c who had previously been wounded then handed over to Capt BOWRING and went back for attention. He arranged for amn and rations to be sent for and reported matter to 27 Bde HQ.

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CO reported to HQ AIF & was instructed to collect stragglers. Withdrawal commenced under 10 minutes intense air bombardment. Just W of Xrds Unit went through 4/9 HYDERABADS.

1330

CO saw Bn HQ at RACECOURSE RD and ordered them to move to HOLLAND RD

1400

Capt BOWRING met the BM 12 IND BDE near BUKIT PANJANG village and was informed that 2/29 Bn was now under comd that Bde.

1430

CO reported to HQ 22 Aust Inf Bde and informed Bde Comd of position.

1500

A Coy in absence of further information or instructions and in view of heavy enemy mortar and shelling moved to rear along line of JURONG RD. A Coy Comd in deciding to move back was influenced also by the fact that Units on his flank had either withdrawn already or were preparing to do so.

1530

CO with Bde Comd to HQ AIF Bn dispositions B Coy 742196 D Coy 748198 HQ Coy 748195 C Coy 747193. ARGYLLS on BUKIT PANJANG and HYDERABADS N of them.

1700

CO to B Ech at Golf Links

1900

A Coy met CO on BUKIT TIMAH RD and were directed to area in HOLLAND RD. B Ech moved TANGLIN HILL on Bde orders.

1915

Capt Bowring informed by IND BDE HQ that all fwd tps now withdrawn and 2/29 Bn in front. He brought all Coys into a closer perimeter nearer the Xrds. Indians filtering through were followed by Japanese and heavy fighting took place.

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2015 hrs	Japanese tanks came into centre of position. 2 destroyed.
2230	As pressure became too great, Capt BOWRING with consent 12 Ind Bde ordered Coys to withdraw. B Coy became lost but C D & HQ Coys retired down pipeline.
2300	CO reported at HQ (advanced) 12 IND BDE and was instructed to assemble Bn stragglers and form new line. After objecting to line indicated CO made arrangements to collect stragglers and form a line further in rear.
2330	D Coy reached GBD and subsequently attached to 22 Bde again.

D. FINAL COMMENTS

1. Lack of information during the fighting on the Island proved a very serious handicap. At no stage was this Unit certain of the position of either our own or enemy tps. For example while at TENGAH it was not known that in fact there was a unit of the 44 Ind Bde south of the rd junc and in position all of 9 Feb 42.
2. The Bn was never forced to retreat by superior enemy strength, but withdrew either under orders, or to conform to movements of flanking units, or because flanking units had withdrawn and left our flanks in the air.
3. It is felt that the Unit was not in fact qualified to do the tasks required of it on the Island, and though most men did their best, there had been so little time for adequate tng that the BN had never reached the stage of being a homogeneous fighting force.
4. A regrettable feature of the short campaign was the fact that a considerable number of men ^(up to 40-50) either left the Unit deliberately or when temporarily detached, made no effort to rejoin it and spent the final days at large in Singapore.
5. The factor of tiredness of unseasoned tps was a very pressing one and it was found that most of the reinf's were, after 48 hrs without sleep, completely exhausted, though a number of the Offrs and more experienced men were still comparatively fresh after 4 or 5 days with only 3 or 4 hrs rest in the whole period. In other words untrained tps

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5. (contd) must be nursed until they are used to the demands being made on them, and to the noise and uncertainty of warfare. Discipline can overcome this ~~diffix~~ difficulty but 2/29 Bn, as re-formed, had not had sufficient time to implant any thorough discipline and the Unit's fighting ability was consequently much reduced

S.A. Bond Lt. Col

Comd 2/29 Bn AIF

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