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'A' Fd Bty RAA
BUTTERWORTH P.W.
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WAR DIARY - APR 59

1. Attached is one copy of War Diary for period 1-30 Apr 59 ✓
together with duplicate copy for period 1-31 Mar 59. ✓

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UNIT 'A'. Fd. Bty. RAA.....

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. P.E. SEDDON.

MONTH and YEAR ... APRIL 1959.....

Place	Day of Month	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LENGGONG	1		A Tp Gun posn VD 785428, Engaged 25 pr tgts VD 729458, 725445, 732448, 728433, 768484, 747481. Mor Base Plate VD 766457	ANX 'A'
IPOH	2		BC attended Bde Comd's Conference. Btp warned for Ops.	
LENGGONG			A Tp engaged 25 pr tgts VD 758483, 746436, 748433, 740444, 739457, 747471, 753475. A Tp engaged 4.2" Mor Tgts VD 757468, 767468, 752462, 748456, 747481. BC visited A Tp gun posn.	ANX 'A'
			A Tp patrol patrolled area VD 9664 NTR.	
LENGGONG	3		A Tp engaged 25 pr tgts VD 767479, 757468, 767468, 752462, 743463, 748456, A Tp engaged 4.2" Mor Tgts VD 768484, 758483, 753475, 756441, 746436, 748433, A Tp patrol patrolled to VD 9664 NTR.	ANX 'A'
TAIPING			Bty Capt attended Bde Adm Conference.	
LENGGONG	4		A Tp engaged 25 pr tgts VD 768484, 757468, 767468, 743463, 739457, 740444, A Tp engaged 4.2" Mor Tgts VD 758483, 753475, 747471, 756447, 746436, 767479, A Tp patrol no comms	ANX 'A'

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LENGGONG	5		A Tp engaged 25 pr tgts VD 748456, 767479, 747481, 752462, 728433, 725445, A Tp engaged 4.2" Mor tgts VD 756447, 748433, 743463, 739457, 729458, 748456, A Tp patrol no comms	ANX 'A'
BUTTERWORTH	6		BC commenced leave. Capt D.N. BRYAN Adm Comd.	
TAIPING			Adm Comd attended Bde Rifle Meeting Conference.	
BUTTERWORTH			BHQ patrol trg.	
ALOR STAR			CPO attended 1 Fed Inf Bde Conference.	
LENGGONG			A Tp engaged 25 pr tgts VD 767468, 743463, 767479, 747481, 739457, 757458, 740444, 748456, 728433, A Tp engaged 4.2" Mor Tgts VD 746436, 748433, A Tp patrol no comms.	ANX 'A'
			Air Portability Course completed.	
	7		A Tp engaged 25 pr tgts VD 758483, 753475, 747471, 752462, A Tp engaged 4.2" Mor Tgts VD 756447, 748433, 729458, 757468, 758483, 747471, 747481, 739457.	ANX 'A'
KG BATU LEPAN			B Tp in sp 1 Loyals deployed VJ 986791, engaged 25 pr tgts VK 030732	

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BUTTERWORTH			BHQ patrol preparing for 3 day trg patrol. A Tp patrol no comms.	
LENGGONG	8		A Tp engaged 25 pr tgts VD 768484, 732448, 725445, 728433, 740444, 767479, 767468, 752462, A Tp engaged 4.2" Mor tgts VD 756447, 746436, 748433. A Tp ceased to be in sp 3 RAR.	ANX 'A'
			B Tp engaged 25 ^{pr} tgts VK 027733, 032731, 029732, 033727, 025729, Air OP engaged tgts VK 063724, 023721, 040728, 030732,	ANX 'A'
			A Tp patrol received re-supply. Period to 2/7 Apr, patrolled areas VD 9564, 9560, 9462, 9461, 9661, 9663, 9660, 9562, 9561, NTR.	
KG BATU LEPAN	9		A Tp returned to BUTTERWORTH. B Tp engaged 25 pr tgts VK 032712, 038725, 039723, 031734, 035738. Engaged by Air OP tgts VK 040726, 034738, 035715, 029718, A Tp patrol patrolled VD 9362, 9262, NTR.	ANX 'A'
KG BATU LEPAN	10		B Tp engaged 25 pr tgts VK 036726, 037721, 023725, 025736,	ANX 'A'

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			027737, 028735, 037713, 025717, 039734, 021734. Engaged by Air OP Tgts VK 035715, 026730, 033722, 029729. A Tp patrolled VD 9560, 9662, 9661, 9660, NTR.	
BUKIT MERA			BHQ Annual Rifle Practice. BHQ trg patrol returned to BUTTERWORTH.	
KG BATU LEPAN	11		B Tp engaged 25 pr tgts VK 035738, 028733, 038725, 029732, 025729, 021734, 023725, 037713. Engaged by Air OP tgts VK 030731, 024735, 025732, 033728. A Tp patrol no comms	ANX 'A'
KG BATU LEPAN	12		B Tp engaged 25 pr tgts VK 036726, 027737, 039734, 039723. B Tp ceased to be in sp 1 Loyals. Returned to BUTTERWORTH. BHQ moved to B Coy 3 RAR, SUNGAI SIPUT. A Tp patrol returned to BUTTERWORTH.	ANX 'A'
BUTTERWORTH	13		Class III Edn Course commenced at 11 Indep Ed Sqn RE BUTTERWORTH	
IPOH	14		Adm Comd attended Bde Comd Conference.	
SUNGAI SIPUT			BHQ patrol trg in base (3 RAR).	

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SUNGEI SIPUT	15		BHQ continued trg.	
BEDONG	16		B Tp commenced Annual Range Practice.	
SUNGEI SIPUT	16		BHQ patrol prepare for Ops.	
BUTTERWORTH	17		Visit by Lt Col A.F. SWINBOURNE, Aust Planning Staff SEATO, Met by Adm Comd.	
BEDONG			B Tp range practice completed. BHQ patrol in area VD 850597 NTR.	
BUTTERWORTH	18		Lt Col A.F. SWINBOURNE inspected camp area. BHQ patrol no comms.	
	19		BHQ patrol location VD 825592. P atrolled in areas VD 8260, 8261.	
BUTTERWORTH	20		Bty Comd resumed comd ex leave. Visit by Maj Gen W.G.H. PIKE, CB, CBE, DSO, Chief of Staff FARELF. Accompanied by BM and LO 28 COMWEL Bde and MA to Chief of Staff. BHQ patrol location VD 830608, patrols in areas VD 8360, 8359.	

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IPOH			Op. GINGER officially completed.	
BUTTERWORTH	21		Visit b Maj. TURNER, RAEC Group, Officer NORTH/MALAYA Sub District. BHQ patrol location VD 841603, patrols in areas VD 8459, 8460.	
BUTTERWORTH	22		B Tp Comd departed for OKINAWA for briefing on exercise "SADDLE UP". Det of 1 Offr and 14 ORs departed for KUALA LUMPUR for ANZAC Day Ceremony. BHQ patrol location NO CHANGE. Patrols in areas VD 8361, 8362, 8461, 8462, BHQ trg patrol training in area QY 6105.	
BUTTERWORTH	23		Visit b Brig G.E. PECK, DSO, CRA 17 GURKHA Div/OCLF. BHQ patrol ceased to be in sp 3 RAR returned to BUTTERWORTH. BHQ trg patrol location NO CHANGE.	
PENANG	24		Visit by Brig E. LOGAN, DQMG AHQ.	
PENANG	25		A Tp mount Minden Barracks Gd. BHQ trg patrol returned to BUTTERWORTH. Bty less KUALA LUMPUR det parade at Minden	

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			Barracks for ANZAC Day parade. Wreaths laid by Brig E. LOGAN and Maj P.E. SEDDON. Bty Stand down at conclusion of parade.	
BUTTERWORTH	26		BHQ ^{PH} departed for LINTANG for patrols in sp 3 RAR.	
BUTTERWORTH	27		Visit by Col H.K. GILLSON, OBE, UK Joint Services Liaison Staff, CANBERRA. BHQ trg in sp 3 RAR. KUALA LUMPUR det returned to BUTTERWORTH.	
IPOH	28		BC attended 28 COMWEL Bde Comd's Conference.	
BUTTERWORTH			Area Messing Conference held in Unit Lines.	
ALOR STAR	29		BC attended 1 Fed Inf Bde Comd's Conference. BHQ patrol prepare for Ops.	
BUTTERWORTH	30		BHQ patrol moved to area VD 8157. Farewell visit by Maj N. SALTER, GSO 3 (SD) HQ AUST Army Force FARELF and Liason visit by Capt B.E. FLORENCE GSO 3 (SD) (Designate) GHQ FARELF accompanied by Maj J.F. WIGHTMAN, DST, HQ SINGAPORE	

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			Base District.	
PENANG			Bty defeated RAAF in Friendly cricket match at Minden Barracks.	

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REPORT ON ARTY OPS FOR THE MONTH OFAPR. 59...

Appx 'C' to 'A' Fd Bty RAA
Standing Orders for Ops
MALAYA

Serial	Unit	Date	Name or Type of Op	GR of Gun posn or Mor Base Plate	Unit/F _{mm} Supported	Type of Fire	No of Rounds	
1.	A Tp	1/8 Apr	Op JAYA	VD 785428	3 RAR	HF	500 HE 25 pr	
2.	A Tp	1/8 Apr	Op JAYA	VD 766457	3 RAR	HF	500 HE 4.2" Mor	
3.	B Tp	7/12 Apr	Op GINGER	VJ 986791	1 LOYALS	(HF (AIR OP	819 HE 25 pr 1057 HE 25 pr	
TOTAL								2376 HE 25 pr 500 HE 4.2" Mor

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