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1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE

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SABAH, MALAYSIA

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GRANT OF GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL 1962
WITH CLASP "BORNEO"

Reference ARO 113/64 paragraph 11.

1. Attached as Annex 'A' is a nominal roll of the members of this unit who are eligible for the grant of the subject medal.
2. Although all the members shown have completed the necessary 30 days service in this area the total length of service cannot be shown at this date.


Major
Officer Commanding

Army No	Rank	Name	Initials	Time of Service in SABAH etc
54357	Sgt	ALDRIDGE	L E	3 Dec 64
311312	Spr	ALLWOOD	H W	17 Dec 64
215150	Spr	ASH	D J	3 Dec 64
214787	Spr	AYOUB	D C	17 Dec 64
29253	Cpl	BRYAN	W J	17 Dec 64
37639	Spr	BARNETT	I R	17 Dec 64
1410892	Spr	BUDGE	R	3 Dec 64
37834	Spr	BELLINGER	R	22 Oct 64
43680	Spr	BAKER	E T	17 Dec 64
213090	Cpl	BAKER	K R	17 Dec 64
38099	Spr	BASTIN	N R	3 Dec 64
2412121	Spr	BECK	R J	3 Dec 64
61261	Cpl	BEVIS	M G	3 Dec 64
29290	Sgt	BELL	D B	17 Dec 64
242978	Loplt	BENTLEY	N E	17 Dec 64
18466	Spr	BLASZKOWSKI	H	3 Dec 64
16367	Spr	BOWEN	P J	17 Dec 64
213151	Cpl	BONTELL	R W	17 Dec 64
215304	Cpl	BANNERMAN	H C	17 Dec 64
243160	Spr	BUDD	L W	17 Dec 64
37418	Spr	BILLMAN	R L	17 Dec 64
37575	Loplt	BOADEN	T J	17 Dec 64
335139	Capt	BOLAND	M D	22 Oct 64
243100	Spr	BESTWICK	D M	17 Dec 64
37859	Spr	BUCKLEY	B R	3 Dec 64
32153	WO2	BRIERLEY	H L	3 Dec 64
215513	Spr	BRENEKE	D H	3 Dec 64
14905	Spr	BOURKE	R W	3 Dec 64
21269	Loplt	CROCKETT	I E	3 Dec 64
16693	Cpl	CHRISTIE	J D	3 Dec 64
16864	Spr	CULLEN	I R E	17 Dec 64
15056	Pte	CHENERY	W E	3 Dec 64
1410862	Spr	CACHIA	P M	3 Dec 64
17957	Spr	COTTRELL	J W	17 Dec 64
17587	Spr	COOLBURRA	G W	17 Dec 64
18498	Spr	COTTER	J R	3 Dec 64
51867	WO2	COUGHMAN	W K	9 Dec 64
35361	Cpl	COUSINS	B P	7 Nov 64
214772	Spr	CLAMPETT	L W	3 Dec 64
54778	Spr	CHAPMAN	D J	17 Dec 64
43256	Spr	COLMER	L R	22 Oct 64
213387	Spr	CALIGLIERI	R	3 Dec 64
36708	Cpl	CLARKE	C J	9 Dec 64
35999	Spr	CARROL	R J	17 Dec 64
5411402	Cfn	CONNEL	R E	3 Dec 64

Army No	Rank	Name	Initials	Time of Service in SABAH etc
214933	Spr	COOK	D	17 Dec 64
29754	Sgt	CONNOR	P B	3 Dec 64
215311	Spr	COOPER	A R	17 Dec 64
13850	Cpl	CREVEY	P	Jun 64
215439	Spr	COLEMAN	A S	17 Dec 64
1200030	Spr	CAMPBELL	C M	17 Dec 64
16717	Cpl	DREWS	R	17 Dec 64
214727	Spr	DENNIS	C B	Jun 64
310640	Sgt	DIX	H J	7 Nov 64
61503	Spr	DUNKIN	B G	3 Dec 64
210883	WO2	DUNN	D	7 Nov 64
214843	Loplt	EDDY	J C	17 Dec 64
17046	Capt	ERNST	A C	17 Dec 64
213042	Spr	EYLES	W S	3 Dec 64
210361	Spr	ELMES	E C	3 Dec 64
214909	Spr	FORSYTH	R L	3 Dec 64
29753	Cpl	FRANCIS	R H	3 Dec 64
42788	Cpl	FIRTH	D E	3 Dec 64
16427	Spr	FOGARTY	E J	22 Oct 64
15945	Cpl	FERGUSON	A Mo	3 Dec 64
42239	Loplt	GILES	I	3 Dec 64
311176	Sgt	GILL	T E	7 Nov 64
243196	Cfn	GRACIE	K B	3 Dec 64
214407	Loplt	GALLAGHER	W R	17 Dec 64
58745	Spr	GOODALL	D B	17 Dec 64
18690	Spr	GOODING	D W	3 Dec 64
36980	Spr	GABRIEL	M R	12 Jan 65
15835	Cfn	GRIFFIN	T W	17 Dec 64
2412159	Spr	HOWITT	P W	17 Dec 64
215302	Spr	HENNESSEY	D W	3 Dec 64
48602	Cfn	HELPS	V R	3 Dec 64
5411363	Spr	HUTTON	J D	3 Dec 64
54921	Spr	HOBBOCKS	P	17 Dec 64
43323	Spr	HARFORD	B J	3 Dec 64
214751	Spr	HART	P C	17 Dec 64
36182	Spr	HOLLAND	R A	12 Jan 65
54749	Spr	HOEK	R G	17 Dec 64
37843	Spr	HOBBS	W A	17 Dec 64
1535	WO1	JONES	H J	7 Nov 64
4410693	Spr	JONES	G C	17 Dec 64
54783	Spr	JAMES	D J	3 Dec 64
37312	Pte	JELLY	P J	9 Dec 64
214170	Pte	JESSEP	F W	Jun 64
43301	Spr	JONITA	A	3 Dec 64
10377	Spr	JAMES	D A	17 Dec 64

Army No	Rank	Name	Initials	Time of Service in SABAH etc
18476	Spr	KING	J F	17 Dec 64
213078	Spr	KENDALL	L D	17 Dec 64
43480	Spr	KELLEHER	D M	3 Dec 64
41650	Sgt	KELLY	J F	7 Nov 64
37465	Cfn	KIDD	L R	17 Dec 64
54569	Spr	KIRKBY	G D	3 Dec 64
54552	Spr	KERMODE	K R	3 Dec 64
54383	Sig	LANE	A W	3 Dec 64
37713	Cfn	LEDDICK	D E	17 Dec 64
214276	Spr	LEGGE	C J	3 Dec 64
37673	Spr	LEBUSQUE	H A	3 Dec 64
1410285	Spr	LUTON	L H	3 Dec 64
27984	Capt	LATHAM	K	7 Nov 64
1410891	Spr	LAUDER	B A	3 Dec 64
213316	2Lt	MOLLER	J I	12 Jan 65
214770	Spr	MASON	T G	Jun 64
214606	Spr	McPHERSON	R D	3 Dec 64
54608	Spr	Mc DONALD	A E	17 Dec 64
242865	Sgt	MYERS	M D	17 Dec 64
14486	Cpl	MORRIS	B E	3 Dec 64
215475	Spr	MILLS	K	17 Dec 64
212988	Cpl	McDOUGALL	R J	7 Nov 64
58691	Spr	MATHERS	R H	3 Dec 64
18646	Spr	McILROY	T I	3 Dec 64
13053	Cpl	McLACHLAN	C W	3 Dec 64
21874	WO2	MARTIN	D	3 Dec 64
5411253	Spr	MALLARD	F	17 Dec 64
213655	Spr	MASON	J W B	Jun 64
19984	Spr	MURRAY	W A J	3 Dec 64
1200038	Spr	MORRISON	W C	3 Dec 64
36087	Spr	McCALLUM	D R	17 Dec 64
18213	Spr	MITCHELL	R F	17 Dec 64
6410127	Spr	MILLHOUSE	B K	3 Dec 64

Army No	Rank	Name	Initials	Time of Service in SABAH etc
242504	Sgt	MOLLER	N L	3 Dec 64
214785	Spr	McNEVIN	G C	22 Oct 64
243148	Spr	McINERNEY	W F	17 Dec 64
15474	Spr	MARSHALL	L E	22 Oct 64
28927	Capt	MARSH	I L	3 Dec 64
17983	Spr	McGRATH	M	17 Dec 64
17617	Spr	MURRAY	W P	Jun 64
6572	Sgt	NEWELL	T A	17 Dec 64
213264	Pte	NORRIS	A R	17 Dec 64
311474	Spr	O'CONNELL	R	3 Dec 64
57041	Maj	PARAMOR	R L	4 Dec 64
5411297	Cfn	POWELL	A E	17 Dec 64
16925	Lopl	POLETTI	J W	17 Dec 64
214896	Spr	PENDERGAST	J H	17 Dec 64
18582	Lt	PHILLIPS	R J	3 Dec 64
18409	Spr	PROMSE	L	17 Dec 64
18360	Spr	PHILLIPS	R M	3 Dec 64
18650	Spr	PROUDFOOT	W J	17 Dec 64
210728	Ssgt	PIOLI	J P	31 Jan 65
16726	Sig	PAYNE	B C R	Jun 64
16535	Spr	RICHARDS	K W	Jun 64
28088	Ssgt	READ	R C	17 Dec 64
311064	Lopl	RICHARDS	T M	7 Nov 64
5410234	Lopl	ROCKLIFFE	R J	17 Dec 64
14705	Sgt	RILEY	K V	17 Dec 64
43477	Spr	ROGERS	D A	17 Dec 64
214838	Lopl	RENDALLS	L C	3 Dec 64
4410525	Spr	RIGNEY	B	17 Dec 64
22893	Cfn	RAYNER	L P	3 Dec 64
18620	Spr	ROBERTSON	R M	17 Dec 64
13709	Sgt	ROGERS	W E	7 Nov 64
29430	Spr	ROONEY	M J	3 Dec 64
18676	Spr	ROBERTS	G L	17 Dec 64
4410412	Lopl	RYAN	J P	3 Dec 64

Army No	Rank	Name	Initials	Time of Service in SABAH etc
43721	Spr	ROPER	D L	17 Dec 64
4410683	Spr	SCHULTZ	T J	3 Dec 64
242802	Cpl	SANT	B W	17 Dec 64
215536	Spr	SMITH	R A	17 Dec 64
243257	Spr	SULLIVAN	P J	3 Dec 64
213001	Cpl	SHEPHERD	S R	3 Dec 64
242621	Cpl	SAUNDERS	B	17 Dec 64
235156	Capt	STEWART	R W	17 Dec 64
215501	Spr	SAILLARD	D	3 Dec 64
42957	Spr	STEWART	W	3 Dec 64
37782	Spr	SHERRIFF	A	17 Dec 64
16838	Spr	SOLOMON	R A	17 Dec 64
28207	Cpl	SAMUELSON	M C	7 Nov 64
42392	Spr	TAYLOR	B E	3 Dec 64
54658	Spr	THORBURN	R G	17 Dec 64
214649	Cpl	TANTI	E J	14 Nov 64
4428	Sgt	HODGE	L G	22 Oct 64
5411244	Spr	THOMAS	E G	17 Dec 64
43491	Spr	TUGWELL	A R	17 Dec 64
342552	Sgt	TOY	B R	3 Dec 64
15877	Lt	TOMKINSON	K W	17 Dec 64
17750	Spr	THERKELSEN	A P	3 Dec 64
18464	Spr	URAEOPA	K W	3 Dec 64
51184	Bgt	VAN OORAN	J D	3 Dec 64
215357	Spr	VELMEYER	P J	22 Oct 64
5410426	Spr	WARREN	I	3 Dec 64
61325	Lcpl	WARN	S	17 Dec 64
54806	Spr	WOOD	J L	3 Dec 64
54810	Spr	WILSON	G J	17 Dec 64
215455	Spr	WILKINSON	D	3 Dec 64
17593	Spr	WEST	A G	17 Dec 64
43461	Spr	WILLIS	B	17 Dec 64
14367	Cfn	WILKINSON	J H	17 Dec 64

Army No	Rank	Name	Initials	Time of Service in SABAH etc
14157	Cpl	WALTON	S J	22 Oct 64
54501	Spr	WATTS	N D	3 Dec 64
44106/B	Spr	WALDEN	O F	17 Dec 64
5411121	Cpl	WALLIS	R K	17 Dec 64

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE LIAISON STAFF
FORTNIGHTLY LIAISON LETTER NO 12/65
PERIOD ENDING 4TH MARCH 1965

GENERAL

1. 1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE completed the movement of their base camp from Keningau to Sook on 28th February 1965.
2. Capt M.S.Keane, Aust LO designate, arrived Brunei 23rd February 1965. It is intended that the handover/takeover between Capt Howes/Capt Keane be completed by 8th March 1965.
3. Visits were made to HQ Land Forces Borneo and Det 3 AASO Labuan on 25th February 1965 and to 1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE on 2nd March 1965.
4. A separate Chronology of Events will be maintained for 1 (Aust) SAS Sqn.

G MATTERS

5. 1 (Aust) SAS Squadron Main Body disembarked Brunei 26th February. They are now sharing the Tutong Training Area with 1 (NZ) Ranger Sqn (RE).

A MATTERS

6. S/Sgt Charles RAMC from FMed Labuan visited 1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE on 2nd March and completed a check of medical kits. As a result of his visit indents for replenishment were initiated.

O MATTERS

7. Two 2,000 gallon bulk storage tanks for holding Diesoline and MT Gas have been installed at the new camp location of 1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE.

A. R. Howes

(A. R. Howes)
Capt
for Comd

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COMMANDER'S DIARY - FEB 65

1. Herewith Commander's Diary for 1 Pd Sqn Gp RAE for the month of February 1965.
2. It is requested that this unit be advised if the content of the last three diaries is as required. The inclusion of Central Brigade INTSUMS is queried in particular. There is a great deal of effort involved in reproducing them with the limited unit resources available, and if these documents are already provided through other sources permission is requested to delete them from future diaries.


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AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE LIAISON STAFF
FORTNIGHTLY LIAISON LETTER NO 13/65
PERIOD ENDING 22ND MARCH 1965

GENERAL

1. Visits were made to HQ Land Forces Borneo, Det 3 AASO and 97 OMP on 10th March 1965.
2. Maj Lewis DAQMG HQ Aust Army Force visited HQ Central Brigade on 5th March 1965.

G MATTERS

3. On 18th March 1965 a conference attended by Brigade Staff Officers, the Officer Commanding 1 (Aust) SAS Sqn Maj A.B. Garland and Capt I.G. Gollings was held for the purpose of dealing with the deployment of 1 (Aust) SAS Sqn.

A MATTERS

4. A report on the duties of the Australian Liaison Warrant Officer was submitted to HQ Land Forces Borneo on the 19th March 1965.

Q MATTERS

5. DADOS and Capt L.G. Peter RAACO visited 1 Field Squadron Gp RAE at Sook 8/10 March 1965.
6. Proposals by 1 Fd Sqn RAE affecting Q aspects of handover to the relieving unit have been received by HQ Central Brigade. Recommendations by this headquarters to HQ Land Forces Borneo have been initiated.



M.S. Keane
Capt
for Comd

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1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE
PO KEWINGAU
SABAH MALAYSIA

27 Mar 65

HQ RAE 1 Div

REORGANISATION IN THE ARA - PERSONNEL

Reference HQ RAE 1 Div 1133/4/1 dated 26 Feb 65.

1. Attached as Annex A (1 Fd Sqn) and Annex B (Det 20 Fd Pk Sqn & Incremental Personnel) please find Nominal Roll of Personnel as requested.
2. The requirements as laid down in Para 5 (b) will be forwarded on completion.


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Annex A to 1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE
132/3/6(2) of Mar 65

NOMINAL ROLL

REF NO	RANK	NAME	PRESENT POSTED TRADE	OTHER TRADES	1ST PREFERENCE OF TRADE	2ND PREFERENCE OF TRADE
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(h)
5411244	Spr	E THOMAS	Driver	Driver Op Cl 3 FE Cl 3	Driver	FE
243100	Spr	DM BESTWICK	Plant Fitter	FE Cl 2 Dvr Cl 3	Plant Fitter	-
214785	Spr	GC McNEVIN	Storeman Tech	Clerk Tech Cl 2 Fd Engr Cl 3	Clerk Tech	Storeman Tech
16925	Lcpl	JW POLETTI	Storeman Tech	FE Cl 3	Storeman Tech	FE
16427	Spr	EJ FOGARTY	Clerk Tech	Storeman Tech Cl 3 FE Cl 3	Clerk Tech	Storeman Tech
16717	Cpl	R DREWS	Clerk Tech	FE Cl 2 Storeman Tech Cl 2	Clerk Tech	Storeman Tech
213001	Cpl	SR SHEPHERD	FE		FE	
21874	WO 2	D MARTIN MBE	FE (SSM)	Fitter & Turner Cl 3 Air Dispatcher Asst/Instructor Radiation Detection	SSM	FE
215475	Spr	K MILLS	FE		FE	
41650	Sgt	JF KELLY	GD Clerk		GD Clerk	
42788	Cpl	DE FIRTH	Clerk GD	FE Cl 2	Clerk GD	FE

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(h)
16838	Spr	RA SOLOMON	Plant Op	Fe Cl 3 Driver Class 3 Wireless Op Cl 3	Plant Op	
37834	Spr	R BELLINGER	Plant Op	Dvr/Op Cl 3	Plant Op	Dvr/Op
5410234	Lcpl	RJ ROCKLIFFE	Plant Op	Dvr Cl 2 Crane Op Cl 111	Plant Op	Crane Op
15945	Cpl	A FERGUSON	Plant Op	Dvr Cl 11 FE Cl 2	Plant Op	Dvr
29430	Spr	MJ ROONEY	Plant Op	Dvr/Op Cl 2 FE Cl 3	Plant Op	Dvr/Op
214787	Spr	DC AYOUB	Plant Op	Dvr/Op Cl 3 Pd Engr Cl 3	Plant Op	Dvr
242978	Lcpl	HE BENTLEY	FE	Carp & Joiner Cl 2 FE Cl 3 Clerk Pay Cl 3	Carp & Joiner	FE
214751	Spr	PG HART	Plant Op	FE Cl 3 Dvr Cl 3	Plant Op	
37673	Spr	HA LeBUSQUE	Plant Op	FE Cl 3 Dvr Cl 3	Plant Op	Dvr
265311	Spr	AR COOPER	Dvr	Dvr Cl 3 FE Cl 3	FE	Dvr
2412121	Spr	RJ BECK	FE	Dvr Cl 3	FE	
14486	Cpl	BE MORRIS	Dvr	Dvr/Op Cl 3 FE Cl 2	Dvr	FE
13709	T/Sgt	WE ROGERS	VM NCO	Dvr Cl 1 Dvr/Op Cl 2 Projectionist Cl 1 FE Cl 11	Dvr	FE

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(h)
37859	Spr	BR BUCKLEY	Dvr	FE C1 3	Dvr	FE
54608	Spr	AE McDONALD	Dvr/Op	FE C1 3 Dvr C1 3	Dvr Op	FE
214606	Spr	RD McPHERSON	Dvr/Op	FE C1 3	Dvr	FE
43461	Spr	D WILLIS	FE	Dvr C1 3	Dvr	FE
18213	Spr	RF MITCHELL	Dvr/Op	FE C1 3 Dvr C1 111	Dvr/Op	FE
15474	Spr	LE MARSHALL	Dvr/Op	Dvr C1 3 FE C1 3	Dvr	FE
213655	Spr	JWB MASON	FE	Dvr C1 3	DVR	FE
43721	Spr	DL ROPER	Dvr C1 3	FE C1 3 Dvr/Op C1 3	Dvr/Op	Dvr
214276	Spr	CJ LEGGE	Dvr C1 3	Dvr/Op C1 3 FE C1 3	Dvr/Op	FE
17957	Spr	JW COTTRELL	Dvr/Op C1 3	FE C1 111 Dvr C1 3	Dvr Op	FE
5411363	Spr	JD HUTTON	Dvr C1 3	FE C1 3	Dvr	FE
215158	Spr	PJ ASH	FE		FE	
214838	Lcp1	LC RENDALLS	FE		FE	
18464	Spr	KW URMEOPA	FE		FE	
29754	Sgt	PB CONNER	FE (Tp Sgt)	Fireman C1 2 Dvr C1 2	FE	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(h)
215513	Spr	DH BRENNKE	FE		FE	
17617	Spr	WP MURRAY	FE		FE	
214727	Spr	BG DENNIS	FE		FE	
18466	Spr	H BLASZKOWSKI	FE		FE	
215455	Spr	D WILKINSON	FE		FE	
18360	Spr	RM PHILLIPS	Dvr	FE C1 3	FE	Dvr
37418	Spr	RL BILLMAN	FE	Coach Trimmer C13 Dvr C1 3	Coach Trimmer	Dvr
214407	Lop1	W GALLAGHER	FE	Sten Tech C1 3 Clerk Tech C1 3 Dvr C1 3	FE	Clerk Tech
54806	Spr	J WOOD	FE		FE	
1410862	Spr	PM CACHIA	FE		FE	
42957	Spr	W STEWART	FE		FE	
29753	Cpl	R FRANCIS	FE		FE	
215501	Spr	D SAILLARD	FE		FE	
1200038	Spr	WC MORRISON	FE		FE	
43381	Spr	A JONITA	FE		FE	
19984	Spr	VAJ MURRAY	FE		FE	
214909	Spr	RL FORSYTH	FE	Hygiene Dutyman	FE	
13850	Cpl	P CREEVY	FE	Dvr C1 111	FE	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
214933	Spr	D COOK	FE		FE		
43256	Spr	L COLMER	FE		FE		
17750	Spr	A THERKELSEN	FE		FE		
18498	Spr	JRE COPPER	FE		FE		
4410412	Lcpl	JP RYAN	FE		FE		
1410891	Spr	BA LAUDER	FE		FE		
13053	Cpl	CW McLACHLAN	FE	Refrig Mech Cl 2 Driver Cl 3	FE		Refrig Mech
37639	Spr	I BARNETT	FE	Proj Cl 3 Stevedore Cl 2	FE		
18690	Spr	DW GOODING	FE	Plumber & Pipefitter Cl 2	Plumber & Pipefitter	FE	
215536	Spr	HM SMITH	FE		FE		
54749	Spr	RG HOEY	FE		FE		
17593	Spr	AC WEST	FE		FE		
214843	Lcpl	JC EDDY	FE		FE		
18620	Spr	HM ROBERTSON	FE	Plumber & Pipefitter Cl 2	Plumber & Pipefitter	FE	
43491	Spr	AR TUGWELL	FE		FE		
311312	Spr	HW ALLWOOD	FE		FE		
43323	Spr	BJ HARFORD	FE		FE		
4410525	Spr	B RIGNEY	FE		FE		
18476	Spr	J KING	FE		FE		

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(h)
242621	Cpl	B SAUNDERS	FE	Carp & Joiner	Carp & Joiner	FE
38099	Spr	HR RASTIN	FE		FE	
18409	Spr	L PROWSE	FE		FE	
18377	Spr	DA JAMES	FE		FE	
17567	Spr	CW COOLBURRA	FE		FE	
37575	Lcpl	TJ BOADEN	FE		FE	
213151	Cpl	HW BOWTELL	FE		FE	
29290	Sgt	DB BELL	FE	Veh NCO Dvr Cl 2 Projectionist Cl 2 Crane Op	FE	Projectionist
54778	Spr	DJ CHAPMAN	FE		FE	
54810	Spr	GJ WILSON	FE		FE	
1200030	Spr	CM CAMPBELL	FE		FE	
2412159	Spr	PW HOWITT	FE		FE	
16535	Spr	KW RICHARDS	FE		FE	
1410285	Spr	IH LUTON	Stmn/Tech	P&RT Clerk/Tech Cl 2 Dvr Cl 3 FE Cl 3	Stmn/Tech	P&RT
61325	Lcpl	S WARR	FE	Carp & Joiner Cl 3	Carp & Joiner	
18646	Spr	TI McILROY	Veh Mech	FE Cl 3	Veh Mech	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(h)
54658	Spr	RG THORBURN	FE		FE	
210728	Sagt	JP PIOLI	SQMS	Dvr/Op Cl 2 FE Cl 2 Stun Tech Cl 2 Clerk Tech Cl 2 Unit Fire NCO	SQMS	
16650	Spr	WJ PROUDFOOT	Plant Fitter	Veh Mech Fitter & Turner Refrig Mech	Plant Fitter	Veh Mech
6410127	Spr	BK MILLHOUSE	FE		FE	
5411253	Spr	P MALLARD	Dvr	FE Cl 3	FE	Dvr
210361	Spr	EC ELMES	FE		FE	
4428	Sgt	IG HODGE	FE	Plumb & Pipefitter Cl 3	FE	Plumb & Pipefitter
36980	Spr	MR GABRIEL	Draughtsman		Draughtsman	
242802	Cpl	BW SAHT	FE	Carp & Joiner Cl 2 Stun Tech Cl 2	FE	
214770	Spr	TG MASCH	FE		FE	
54921	Spr	P HORROCKS	FE	Dvr Cl 3	Dvr	FE
54783	Spr	DJ JAMES	FE	Dvr Cl 3	Dvr	FE
16367	Spr	PJ BOWEN	FE	Paint & Dec Cl 3	FE	Painter & Decorator
214896	Spr	JH PENDERCAST	FE	Dvr Cl 3	FE	
215439	Spr	AS COLEMAN	FE		FE	
35999	Spr	RJ CARROLL	FE		FE	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
43480	Spr	DM KELLSHER	Dvr	FE Cl 3	Dvr	FE
54552	Spr	KR KERMODE	Dvr	Radio Op Cl 3 FE Cl 3	Dvr	FE
17983	Spr	M McGRATH	Dvr	FE Cl 3	Dvr	FE

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Annex A to 1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE
132/3/6(2) of Mar 65

NOMINAL ROLL

REGT NO	RANK	NAME	PRESENT POSTED TRADE	OTHER TRADES	1ST PREFERENCE OF TRADE	2ND PREFERENCE OF TRADE
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(h)
5411244	Spr	E THOMAS	Driver	Driver Op C1 3 FE C1 3	Driver	FE
243100	Spr	DM BESTWICK	Plant Fitter	FE C1 2 Dvr C1 3	Plant Fitter	-
214785	Spr	GC McNEVIN	Storeman Tech	Clerk Tech C1 2 Fd Engr C1 3	Clerk Tech	Storeman Tech
16925	Lcpl	JW POLETTI	Storeman Tech	FE C1 3	Storeman Tech	FE
16427	Spr	EJ FOGARTY	Clerk Tech	Storeman Tech C1 3 FE C1 3	Clerk Tech	Storeman Tech
16717	Cpl	R DREWS	Clerk Tech	FE C1 2 Storeman Tech C1 2	Clerk Tech	Storeman Tech
213001	Cpl	SR SHEPHERD	FE		FE	
21874	WO 2	D MARTIN MBE	FE (SSM)	Fitter & Turner C1 3 Air Dispatcher Asst/Instructor Radiation Detection	SSM	FE
215475	Spr	K MILLS	FE		FE	
41650	Sgt	JF KELLY	GD Clerk		GD Clerk	
42788	Cpl	DE FIRTH	Clerk GD	FE C1 2	Clerk GD	FE

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
54501	Spr	HD WATTS	P1 Op	Stevedore Cl 3 Driver Cl 3 FE 3	P1 Op	
212691	Lapl	IE GROCKEFT	Dvr Cl 2	FE Cl 1	Dvr	FE
213042	Spr	WS EYLES	Plant Op	Crane Op Dvr Cl 3 FE Cl 2	Plant Op	
37843	Spr	WA HOBBS	Plant Op Cl 3	Saw Doctor/Sawyer FE Cl 3	P1 Op	Saw Doctor/Sawyer
16864	Spr	IRE GULLEN	P1 Op	Crane Op Cl 3 FE Cl 3 Driver Cl 3	P1 Op	
28207	Cpl	MC SAMUELSON	P1 Op	Dvr Cl 1 FE Cl 2	Plant Op	
36087	Spr	DR McGALLUM	P1 Op	FE Cl 3	P1 Op	
36182	Spr	BA HOLLAND	P1 Op	Dvr Cl 3 FE Cl 3	P1 Op	
51104	Sgt	JD VAN OORAN	Stam Tech	Clerk Tech Cl 1 FE Cl 2 Clerk Pay Cl 3 Projectionist Stam Tech Cl 1	Clerk Tech	Stam Tech
4410648	Spr	GF WALDEN	Elec Mech		Elec Mech	
43477	Spr	DA ROGERS	Engine Hand I/C	Dvr Cl 3	Dvr	
215367	Spr	PJ VELDMYER	Stam Tech	Clerk Tech Cl 3 FE Cl 3	Clerk Tech	Stam Tech

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
58745	Spr	DB GOODALL	Blacksmith		Blacksmith	
342552	Sgt	B TOY	Ass C of W (Mech)	Plant Fitter Cl 11 Veh Mech Cl 11 Proj Cl 2 P & T Cl 1	Ass C of W (Mech)	Plant Fitter
311474	Spr	R O'CONNELL	Welder		Welder	
243257	Spr	PJ SULLIVAN	Clark Tech	FE Cl 3 Clerk GD Cl 2 Crane Op Cl 3	Clerk GD	
54569	Spr	GP KIRKBY	P1 Op	Dvr Cl 3 FE Cl 3	P1 Op	
3410426	Spr	I WARREN	P1 Op	Dvr/Op Cl 1 FE 1	Plant Op	
42239	Lsgl	I GILES	P1 Op	Dvr Cl 2	Plant Op	
213078	Spr	LO KENDALL	P1 Op	Dvr Cl 3 FE Cl 3	Plant Op	
1535	WO 1	HJ JONES	Plant WO	Asst Instr Plant SME (PRA)	Asst Instr Plant SME (PRA)	RSM
4410683	Spr	TJ SCHULTZ	Batman	Welder (Elec) Cl 3 Welder (Oxy-Acet) Cl 2 FE Cl 3	WELDER	

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1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE
PO KENINGAU
SABAH MALAYSIA

29 Mar 65

HQ RAE 1 Div

REORGANISATION IN THE ARA - PERSONNEL

Reference HQ RAE 1 Div 1133-4-1 dated 26 Feb 65 (CONFD).

1. Attempts have been made to produce information as requested in para 5(b) of the reference. It is clear, however, that no useful information other than that already supplied in accordance with para 5(a) can be given, because no records of the current situation in 25 Fd Tp are held here.
2. Some errors or omissions occur in Annex A to 1 Fd Sqn 132/3/6(2) of 24 Mar 65:
 - (a) 28088 Sgt RC READ and 214905 Spr RW BOURKE are not listed even though they are posted to 1 Fd Sqn. They are in hospital at the moment and their records are with them. Both are posted as FEs.
 - (b) Spr GABRIEL, a Draughtsman Architectural, should be shown in Annex B as he is posted to 1 Fd Sqn Increment.
3. Certain observations are made on Annex A to the reference:-
 - (a) First reinforcements are listed under the column "OLD" in some trades but not in the case of FE Sgt which should read 4. This listing of first reinforcements implies withdrawal of the cancellation of these postings (AHQ 334/R1/1 of 7 Oct 64).
 - (b) Clerk Tech should read 2 under "OLD".
 - (c) Clerks GD are not shown at all; there are two on the old establishment, and it is assumed there will be at least 2 on the new.
 - (d) Vehicle Mech is not shown; there is one on the old establishment.
 - (e) It is assumed that the Tp Sgt FE is to be retained even though the OLD and NEW are both shown dashed. If this is so it is inconsistent with Drivers who are numbered but unchanged.

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Annex M To Commanders Diary

ANNEX NO	SUBJECT	ISSUING HQ	DATE TIME
1	Letter 119/1/7(4) "Clothing and Equipment etc"	Unit	31 Mar 65
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1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE
PO KEMINGAU
SARAWAK MALAYSIA

31 Mar 65

HQ Aust Army Force FARELF

Copy to
HQ 51 Gurkha Inf Bde Gp

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT
RELIEF OF AUSTRALIAN FIELD SQUADRON IN BORNEO

Reference HQ Aust Army Force FARELF 205/1/60 of 22 Mar 65.

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order:-

Observations on the points made in the reference are in the same

Annex A

- (a) No problem.
- (b) Agreed.

Annex B

It is considered desirable to bring a minimum amount of clothing of one uniform in case of need in transit. This suggestion is made without knowledge of movement details and orders of dress for particular stages, but even if civilian clothes are to be worn throughout there are several stages in BORNEO where a hold up could occur occasioned by weather. The extra shirts are not essential it is agreed, but they are neater in appearance than the bush jackets and are used by this Unit as No 1 dress for guards & picquets. The extra shorts are considered necessary as this item of clothing is used at almost all times. Three pairs are insufficient when allowance is made for the speed with which they become dirty in this type of work and the vagaries of weather which affect the turnover of the laundry.

Annex C

It is agreed that withdrawal of items of personal equipment involves work, but not an impractical amount. The alternative is unnecessary movement of gear which will involve weight restrictions by air and/or time wasted by sea. Posting Orders are not yet issued for the 73 men not normally with 1 Fd Sqn but it can reasonably be assumed that a large number will go to non Field Force Units. If the policy still stands of withdrawing this equipment from members leaving Field Force the only feasible place to do it is BORNEO, as it will be extremely difficult to get in AUSTRALIA with members going straight on leave and then to new Units, and heavy baggage arriving at some unpredictable time. Withdrawal of weapons, it is understood, will happen, and other simultaneous withdrawals will not really be difficult. It is not understood how re-issue of sleeping gear after six months continual use "cannot be considered". Certainly items will have to be laundered by the Dhobi but there will be time for this if the relief is staggered as it was in Dec 64. This in fact is what happens in AUSTRALIA when blankets are reissued after years of continual use. If this is not accepted

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by the staff it follows that the gear is unfit for further use and write-off action will have to be taken.

2. Whatever the decisions on the above points are, the provisions of AHQ Adm Instr 6/64 Para 422 would appear to require review.


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1 Fd Sqn Cq RAE

Annex⁰ To Commanders Diary

ANNEX NO	SUBJECT	ISSUING HQ	DATE TIME
1	Comlandbor Liaison Letter No 61	CRE	27 Feb 65
2	Comlandbor Liaison Letter No 62	CRE	6 Mar 65
3	Road Progress Report for CRE Comlandbor	UNIT	6 Mar 65
4	Road Progress Report to CRE Comlandbor	UNIT	13 Mar 65
5	Comlandbor Liaison Letter No 63	CRE	12 Mar 65
6	Road Progress Report to CRE Comlandbor	Unit	21 Mar 65
7	Comlandbor Liaison Letter No 64	CRE	20 Mar 65
8	Road progress Report to CRE Comlandbor	UNIT	28 Mar 65
9	Comlandbor Liaison Letter No 65	CRE	26 Mar 65
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CRE LAND FORCES BORNEO LIAISON LETTER NO. 61

PERIOD 15 - 21 FEB 65

PART I - HQ COMLANDBOR

Visits

1. Major W.J. HUMBLE RAE (SOE Int HQ FARELF) arrived on 19 Feb 65 for an orientation tour of the BORNEO Territories.

PART II - FIELD

2. A 50ft SS Bailey Bridge was constructed during the night of 16/17 Feb 65 at BAU to replace the existing timber bridge which had collapsed.
3. Ferguson 203 tractor has been sent down river from LONG AKAH by longboat.
4. A consolidated list showing deployment and tasks is attached at Annex 'A'.

PART III - WORKS

5. Sitrep not yet received.

PART IV - RESOURCES

FRUNEI

6. L cpl CORMIE has been admitted to MRS with a broken bone in his foot.
7. Three additional 40HP OBM's and 20 rolls of PBS were despatched to TAWAU.

KUCHING

8. Holding of CGI reduced to NIL stock. This item is also scarce in the local market.
9. REME Workshops 3 Cdo Bde have accepted responsibility for repair of OBM's in MLIWEST Bde area. A small scaling of spare parts has accordingly been issued to them.

/PART IV - EQUIPMENT

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PART V - EQUIPMENT

10. Nothing to report.

(J.F. ALLEN)
Lieutenant Colonel
for General Officer Commanding

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 68 Gurkha Indep Field Sqn
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 3 Tp, 11 Indep Field Sqn RE
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Annex 'A' to 17 Div 5110 Engr
dated Feb 65

ENGINEER DEPLOYMENT (FIELD) AS AT 21 FEB 65

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
1	EAST	1 Engr Sqn Fed Engrs	1	TAWAU	BERGOSONG Resettlement Scheme	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Main road, two side roads and playing field/LP complete.2. Second road requires extensive fill over boggy ground.3. Culvert under construction.4. Plant will start move from SEBATIK on 19 Feb.
2					Sp Tasks	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Access road to 4 Sup Pl in Bde Area completed.b. Clearance or approaches to WALLACE Bay airstrip started.c. Anti-grenade wire netting at 5 Tpt Coy completed.d. Offrs Mess extension in SAWMILL Camp completed.e. Repairing of damaged jetty at SAWMILL Camp completed.f. Concreting new fitter's bay for OBM's in SAWMILL Camp completed.g. Defence posts in SAWMILL Camp and in 5 Tpt Coy area 80% complete.

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> h. Improvement to 5 RMR access road started. j. Gate for 1 SIR completed. k. Searchlight for 1 SIR installed. l. Removal of anti-grenade wire netting at Rest House completed. m. Internal electrical wiring for ORs living accn 80% complete. n. Reclaiming swamp in SAWMILL Camp continues. o. Strengthening bank for both ammo and explosive dumps in Bde Camp completed.
3			3	Camp WELD	TAWAU - SEMPORNA Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward clearance to 400yds. 2. Survey not yet complete. 3. Serviceability rate of D8's low (50%).
4					Camp Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minor camp works in progress
5		9 Indep Para Sqn	2	TAWAU	IMAM Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Field sections employed on LS construction and extension. 2. Rear details employed on minor camp works.

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
6	CENTRAL	1 Field Sqn Gp RAE	-	KENINGAU	SOOK - SEPULOT Road	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Earthwork</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Topsoil stripping to 6.82 miles. b. Formation level to 6.27 miles. 2. <u>Surfacing</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complete to 2.82 miles. 3. <u>SOOK Camp</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Camp site 80% complete. b. Water point installed. 4. <u>General</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Weekly return raft crossings 152. b. Ferry cable replaced 19 Feb.
7		69 Gurkha Indep Field Sqn	A	LONG AKAH	TEP Airstrip	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shoulder and drains complete to 600ft. 2. PSP laid to 1427ft (100%). 3. <u>Windsock</u> mounting improved.
8					Access Track	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Existing bridge removed. 2. Concrete footings for new bridge poured. 3. Bridging timber now on site.
9			B	SERIA	-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Withdrawn to SERIA for necessary admin prior to redeployment.

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
10			9 (PANDARUAN Sec)		PANDARUAN Resettlement Scheme	1. Water pipe trench 90% complete.
11			C (Fwd Loq Wks Sec)		Sp Tasks	1. Take over from B Tp complete.
12			Park Tp	SERIA	Minor Works	1. MT park and Guardroom completed.
13	WEST	3 Engr Sqn Fed Engrs	1	BALAI RINGIN	TEP Airstrip	1. <u>Clearance</u> a. Site - 100%. b. Approaches - 70%. 2. <u>Earthwork</u> a. Formation - 20%. b. Drainage - 25%. 3. <u>General</u> a. Sufficient PSP pre-positioned for emergency use.
14			2	Kg KOHOM	Maintenance TEBAKANG- TEBEDU Road	1. Maintenance in present condition uneconomic. 2. Re-shaping and re-surfacing in progress.
15.					TEBEDU-PADAWAN Link Road	1. Surfacing now at 3,300yds (300yds/wk). 2. No other change in sit.

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
16			3 (2 Secs)	BALAI RINGIN	Bde Sp	1. <u>Battalion HQ Camp</u> a. Plumbing - 90%. b. Carpentry - 80%. c. Camp Roads - 40%.
17			3 (1 Sec)	PANG AMO		1. <u>Water Supply</u> a. Stores on site. b. Work in progress. c. Pumps not yet arrived.
18				LUNDU	TEP Airstrip	1. <u>Clearance</u> a. Airstrip area - 100%. b. Approaches - 95%. 2. Drainage - 90%. 3. Surfacing - 65%. 4. ETC 5 weeks.
19	WEST	11 Indep Field Sqn RE	3	BAU	PEJIRU-STASS Road	1. Revised yardage is as follows:- a. Forward clearance 5000yds. b. Pilot trace 1833yds. c. Rough formation 1833yds. d. Final formation 1700yds. e. Surfacing 1670yds.

SERIAL	BDE	Sqn	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
20					TEP Airstrip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Surfacing and drainage work only during the week. 1. Strip clearance - 95%. 2. Approach clearance - 40%. 3. Runway earthwork - 45%. 4. Drainage - 10%. 5. PSP now positioned on site for emergency use.
21	MIDWEST	68 Gurkha Indep Field Sqn				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sitrep not yet received.

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PERIOD 22 - 28 FEB 65

PART I - HQ COMLANDBOR



Visits

1. Brigadier D.C. CAMERON, CBE, visited the headquarters and CENTRAL Bde 23 - 25 Feb 65.

Handover

2. Major G.W.A. NAPIER RE assumed the appointment of GSO 2 RE vice Major A.A. JULIUS RE wef 1 Mar 65.

PART II - FIELD

3. Financial approval for the SIMANGANG MRT airstrip project has not yet been received.
4. A consolidated list showing deployment and tasks is attached at Annex 'A'.

PART III - WORKS
(as at 24 Feb)

5. A Clerk of Works is on detachment with MPBW at both KUCHING and SIBU.

BRUNEI Town

6. BOLKIAH Camp

- a. Phase I Additional grassed areas and shrub planting now in progress. Tarmacadam areas are being completed.
- b. Phase II Septic tank is now nearing completion. Remaining sites will be available shortly for erection of Officers and Sgts Mess hutting accommodation.
- c. Phase III Connection of water mains across road almost completed. Overhead power line to be ready within the next two weeks.

Other Works

7. LIMBANG

Work to improve Storm Water drains has been ordered on PWD LIMBANG. Acceptance of lowest tender for foul drainage scheme awaited. Improvements made to water supply and purification in camp.

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8. KENINGAU

PWD ready to start work on new hutting and improvements in existing camp. Funds awaited from MPBW SINGAPORE.

Visits

9. Brigadier D.C. CAMERON, CBE, visited BRUNEI and SERIA on 24 Feb 65 and met members of the BRUNEI Works Section Staff and RE Resources detachment. He was accompanied by Lt Col J.F. ALLEN RE, CRE BORNEO.

Future Works

10. None forecast.

PART IV - RESOURCES

BRUNEI

- 11. a. L cpl CORMEI now on light duties.
- b. Repair of Launch complete.

KUCHING

- 12. a. 400tons of PSP received.
- b. 10 OBM consigned to BRUNEI were delivered.
- c. 30 assault boats c/w OBM brackets received.
- d. 6,000ft Aquathene tubing received.

PART V - EQUIPMENT

13. A new battery for the POLARIOD automatic camera has been received, and the camera is now functioning. It is intended to investigate the copying of prints by conventional photographic methods.

G.W.A. Napier

(G.W.A. Napier)
Major PE
for General Officer Commanding

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Annex 'A' to 17 Div 5110 Engr
 dated 6/11 March 1965

ENGINEER DEPLOYMENT (FIELD) AS AT 28 FEB 65

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
1	EAST	1 Engr Sqn Fed Engrs	1	TAWAU	BERGOSONG Resettlement Scheme	1. Task complete. 2. VOR eqpt and veh to be recovered.
					Sp tasks	1. As per para 2.
2			3	Camp WELD	TAWAU-SEMPORNA Road	1. <u>Earthwork</u> a. Forward clearance to 2900ft. 2. <u>Drainage</u> a. Michigan 280 undergoing ditching trials.
3		9 Indep Para Sqn	2	TAWAU	Sp Tasks	1. Field Secs employed on LZ construction and extension.
4					Camp Works	1. <u>IMAM Camp</u> a. Minor camp works in progress
5	CENTRAL	1 Field Sqn Gp RAE	-	SOOK	SOOK-SEPULOT Road	1. <u>Earthwork</u> a. Topsoil stripping to 6.96 miles. b. Formation level to 6.82 miles. 2. <u>Surfacing</u> a. complete to 3.15 miles. 3. <u>Drainage</u> a. 6 ARMCO culverts completed.

REL	EDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
						4. <u>General</u> a. (1) SOOK Camp 85% complete. (2) Move into camp complete. b. Possible quarry site in area 7 mile awaiting FWD investigation. c. Survey to top of WITTI range.
		69 Gurkha Indep Field Sqn	A	LONG AKAH	TEP Airstrip Access Track	5. <u>Airstrip</u> a. ETC two weeks. 1. Complete. 1. <u>60ft Bridge</u> a. 30% complete. 2. <u>30ft Bridge</u> a. 5% complete.
			B	SERIA	MELIGAN TEP Airstrip	1. <u>Move</u> a. Adv party 1 Mar 65. b. Main body 6 Mar 65. 2. <u>Plant at TENOM</u> a. Ferguson 203 Tractor. b. Trans atlas grader attachment. c. Elevator.

SERIAL	BDE	Sqn	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
9			C	LIMBANG	PANDARUAN Resettlement Scheme	1. Water tank 90% complete. 2. Road surfacing 65% complete.
10					Bde Sp	1. <u>LONG PASIA</u> a. Ration store under construction. 2. <u>LONG SEMADO</u> a. Water supply system rectified. b. Additional basha under construction. 3. <u>BA KELALLAN</u> a. Complete.
11	WEST	3 Engr Sqn Fed Engrs	1	BALAI RINGIN	TEP Airstrip	1. <u>Clearance</u> a. Site 100%. b. Approaches 80%. 2. <u>Earthwork</u> a. Formation 40%. b. Drainage 25%.
12			2	Kg KOHOM	Maint TEBAKANG-TEBEDU Road	1. Re-shaping and re-surfacing in progress.
13					TEBEDU-PADAWAN Link Road	1. Rough formation to 4,200yds.
14			3	BALAI RINGIN Camp(1 sec)	Bde Sp	1. <u>Bn HQ Camp</u> a. Camp works 90%.
15				PANG AMO (1 sec)		1. Work complete 2. Pump not yet arrived.

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
16				NIBONG		1. <u>Water Supply</u> a. Pers and stores in transit.
17				LUNDU	TEP Airstrip	1. ETC 4 weeks. 2. a. Site clearance 100%. b. Approach clearance 50%. c. Runway formation 70%. d. Drainage 50%. e. Surfacing 30%. 3. Suitable now for emergency use only by SRT.
18		11 Indep Field Sqn RE	3	BAU	BAU-STASS Road	1. NIL progress as total effort diverted to airstrip.
19					TEP Airstrip	1. Site clearance 100%. 2. Approach clearance 40%. 3. Runway formation 60%. 4. Drainage 20%.
20		68 Gurkha Indep Field Sqn	B	Kg DUYOH	PEJIRU-SERABEK Track	1. Forward clearance PEJIRU-DUYOH complete. 2. Construction of flyover bridges for move of plant in progress.

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
21			C	TEBEDU	TEBEDU TEPOI Track	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clearance to Kg SEJIJIK. 2. Topsoil stripping 800yds. 3. Rough formation 600yds.
22	MIDWEST	68 Gurkha Indep Field Sqn	A	SIMANGGANG	MRT Airstrip	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clearance of tree stumps and drainage only in progress.

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BRAVO (.) 5 MAR 65 (.)

CHARLIE (.) 27 FEB 65 TO 5 MAR 65 (.)

DELTA (.) ROAD KERINGAU TO PENSIANGAN (.)

ECHO (.) LOCATION M^SOLTAG ANNEX A TO 1 FD SQN 36/5/118(2) OF 30 JAN 65 (.)

FOXTROT (.) STADIA TRAVERSE OF NEW ALIGNMENT OVER WITTI RANGE COMPLETED (.) TRACE SHOWING PROPOSED ROUTE TO THE SUMMIT SHALL BE DESPATCHED TODAY (.) FOOT BEGGE OF BRIDLE PATH AS FAR AS SEPULOT HAS BEEN COMPLETED (.) REPORT BEING PREPARED (.)

GOLF (.) J4 PLUS 4000FT ALONG NEW ALIGNMENT (.)

HOTEL (.) J4 PLUS 3000 FT (.)

JULIET (.) H2 (.)

KILO (.) LOCATION OF ALL CULVERTS SHOWN ON TRACE MENTIONED FOXTROT ABOVE (.)

LIMA (.) WEARING STRIPS SOOK BRIDGE 50 PERCENT COMPLETE (.)

MIKE (.) AIRSTRIP 75 PERCENT COMPLETE (.)

PAPA (.) FERRY (.) RETURN TRIPS 204 (.) ARMY VHS 43 (.) CIVILIAN 298 (.) CAMPSITE 90 PERCENT COMPLETE (.) ALL CONTRACTORS COMPLETED EXCEPT ONE (.) UNIT MOVE TO SOOK CAMP COMPLETED (.)

QUEBEC (.) SICKNESS CAUSED LOSS 45 DAYS (.)

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 TRANSPORTER U (.) TWO DOZERS U (.) SCRAPERS GROUNDED AWAITING INVESTIGATION INTO
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ALPHA (.) 1 FD SQN GP RAE (.)

BRAVO (.) 12 MAR 65 (.)

CHARLIE (.) 6 MAR TO 12 MAR 65 (.)

DELTA (.) ROAD KENINGAU TO PENSIANGAN(.)

ECHO (.) LOCATION MOSAIC ANNEX A TO 1 FD SQN 36/5/11 S (2) OF 30 JUN 65 AND 36/5/11 S (3) OF 8 MAR 65 (.)

GOLF (.) INCOMPLETE TO JJ6 (.) ADDITIONAL CLEARING UP TO THIS POINT STILL REQUIRED TO GIVE SUFFICIENT SUN ON ROAD (.)

HOTEL (.) JJ3 (.)

JULIET (.) H2 PLUS 1000 FT (.)

KILO (.) 24 INCH AT G9 PLUS 2000 FT (14000 FT) (.)

LIMA (.) SOOK BRIDGE COMPLETE (.)

MIKE (.) AIRSTRIP COMPLETE (.) HAS BEEN INSPECTED BY SAWAK AIR CHARTER (.) FIRST LANDING DUE 16 MAR 65 (.) INDEMNITY SIGNED (.) DETAILS IN MEMO ON WAY (.)

PAPA (.) FERRY (.) RETURN TRIPS 266 (.) ARMY VENS 66 (.) CIVILIAN 261 (.) ALL CONTRACTORS COMPLETE AT SOOK CAMP (.) MAGAZINE 90 PERCENT COMPLETE (.) PWD DRILLING CREW ARRIVED TO TEST DRILL PROPOSED QUARRY SITES (.)

QUEBEC (.) SICKNESS CAUSED LOSS 45 DAYS (.) RAIN 68 POINTS NIGHT 10 MAR CAUSED

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NO LOSS WORK (.) HEAVY RAIN NIGHT 11 MAR 65 FORCED WORK TO STOP FOR 12 MAR (.)
 CHAIN SAWS UNABLE TO COPE WITH CLEARING BECAUSE POOR MECHANICAL CONDITION (.)
 APPROVAL LOCAL PURCHASE NEW MACHINES HAS BEEN REQUESTED (.)
 SIERRA (.) ONE MICH U (.) TWO DOZERS U (.) THREE OLIVERS U (.) SCRAPERS STILL GROUNDED
 (.) P AND H U (.) ONE TRANSPORTER U (.) TWO UNIMOG U (.) TWO LANDROVERS U (.) TWELVE
 TIPPERS U (.) FOUR TRUCKS CARGO U (.)

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PERIOD 1 - 7 MARCH 1965

PART I - HQ COMLANDBOR

1. Planning and preparation of the heavy lift and heavy drop to MELIGAN is in progress.

PART II - FIELD

2. Financial approval for SIMANGGANG MRT Airstrip project has not yet been granted. The GOC has reiterated his reasons for placing this task at the top of the priority list for the BORNEO Territories.

3. A consolidated list showing deployment and tasks is attached at Annexure 'A'.

PART III - WORKS

4. Next sitrep due 15 March 65.

PART IV - RESOURCES

BRUNEI

5. a. Lcpl CORMIE now has his leg in plaster.

KUCHING

6. a. 6000 sheets of CGI received from EBI.
b. Main issues during the week have been timber and water supply stores.

PART V - EQUIPMENT

7. The requirement for an Alaskan Chain Saw Mill for use in forward areas has been reviewed. Action is now in hand to obtain this equipment for further evaluation.

(G.W.A. Napier)

(G.W.A. Napier)
Major RE
for General Officer Commanding

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68 Gurkha Indep Field Sqn

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Annex 'A' to 17 Div 5110 Engr
 dated 17 March 1965

ENGINEER DEPLOYMENT (FIELD) AS AT 7 MAR 65

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASKS	REMARKS
1.	EAST	1 Engr Sqn Fed Engrs	1	TAWAU	Sp tasks	1. Work on coast water dam at WALLACE BAY continues. 2. Dml of trees for A Bty Fed Arty at BERGOSONG, SEBATIK completed. 3. Const of Hovercraft pad at SAWMILL Camp completed. 4. Const of Hovercraft raft at KALABAKAN in progress. 5. Const of Hovercraft pers office and stores. 6. Const of Engr Resources store completed. 7. Re-const of SAWMILL Camp perimeter fence in progress. 8. Reclaiming swamp in SAWMILL Camp continues.
2.			3	Camp WELD	TAWAU-SEMPORNA road.	1. <u>Earthwork</u> a. Forward clearance to 1250 yds. b. Formation level 100 yds. 2. <u>General</u> a. Br site on Sg BARU surveyed. b. Minor camp works on progress.
3.		9 Indep Para Sqn	2	TAWAU	Sp tasks	1. 5 and 6 Sec employed on LS construction and extention. 2. 4 Sec employed on minor works in IMAN Camp.

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
5.	CENTRAL	1 Field Sqn Gp RAE	-	SOOK	SOOK-SEPULOT road	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Earthwork</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Topsoil stripping to 7.75 miles. b. Formation level to 7.56 miles. 2. <u>Surfacing</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complete to 3.25 mile. 3. <u>General</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Camp works 90% complete. b. Return ferry trips 284.
6.		69 Gurkha Indep Field Sqn	A	LONG AKAH	Access track	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Earthwork</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 5% complete 2. <u>Bridging</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 60ft bridge 55% complete. b. 30ft bridge 10% complete.
7.			B	MELIGAN	TEP Airstrip	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heavy drop plant to start 8 Mar.
8.			C	LIMBANG	PANDARUAN resettlement Scheme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water tank 95% complete. 2. No road work due to heavy rain.
9.					Sp tasks.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>LONG SEMADO</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Det employed construction of one basha, sedimentation tanks and jungle range. 2. <u>LONG PASIA</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Basha under construction. 3. <u>LONG BANGA</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Water supply point under construction.
10.						
11.						

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
12.	WEST	3 Engr Sqn Fed Engrs	1	BALAI RINGIN	TEP Airstrip	1. <u>Clearance</u> a. Site 100% complete. b. Approaches 85% complete. 2. <u>Earthwork</u> a. Runway formation 73% complete. 3. <u>Drainage</u> a. 25% complete.
13.			2	Kg KOHOM	TEBEDU-PADAWAN Link road	1. <u>Surfacing</u> a. 3250 yds (100 yds per week). b. No other work.
14.					Maint TEBAKANG- TEBEDU Road	1. Resurfacing of first 3 miles complete.
15.			3	BALAI RINGIN (1 Sec)	Sp tasks	1. <u>Bn HQ Camp</u> a. Complete.
16.				NIBONG	Water supply	1. Work in progress.
17.				LUNDU	TEP Airstrip	1. <u>Clearance</u> a. Site 100% complete b. Approaches 50% complete. 2. <u>Earthwork</u> a. Formation level 70% complete b. Drainage 50% complete. 3. <u>Surfacing</u> a. Complete to 30%.

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
18.	WEST	11 Indep Field Sqn	3	BAU	BAU-STASS road TEP Airstrips	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nil progress. 1. <u>Clearance</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Site 100% complete. b. Approaches 40% complete. 2. <u>Earthwork</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Formation level 65% complete. b. Drainage 30% complete. 3. <u>General</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dismantling of large chimney in progress.
19.		68 Gurkha Indep Field Sqn	B	Kg DUYOH	PEJIRU- SERABAK track.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward clearance to Kg DUYOH. 2. Pilot trace 1000 yds. 3. Rough formation 800 yds.
			C	TEBEDU	TEBEDU-TEPOI track	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward clearance complete to BATANK KAYANG. 2. Pilot trace to 1200 yds. 3. Rough formation 800 yds 4. Final formation 10 yds. 5. Surfacing 5 yds.
20.	MIDWEST		A	SIMANGGANG	MRT Airstrip	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nil progress. 2. Recce for improvements to ENKILILI road carried out.

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DELTA (.) ROAD KEMINGAU TO PENSIANGAN (.)

ECHO (.) LOCATION MOSAIC ANNEX A TO 1 FD SQN 36/5/118(2) OF 30 JAN 65 AND 36/5/118(3) OF 8 MAR 65 (.)

GOLF (.) STILL INCOMPLETE TO JJ6 (.) FIVE TROOP DAYS SPENT ON THIS TASK DURING PERIOD (.)

HOTEL (.) NO CHANGE (.)

JULIET (.) NO CHANGE (.)

KILO (.) 24 INCH PLACED G4 PLUS 500 FT (.) HALF 30 INCH AT H7 PLUS 300 FT (.) TWIN 30 INCH AT G5 (.) FLOODS CAUSED DAMAGE TO B2 GMM B4 EKE PLUS 500 FT GMM F6 AND G5 (.) PWD HAS UNDERTAKEN REPAIRS TO B2 AND B4 PLUS 500 FT (.)

MIKE (.) AIRSTRIP HAS NOT YET BEEN USED DUE TO BAD WEATHER (.) FORECAST FIRST LANDING FOR 23 MAR (.)

PAPA (.) FERRY (.) RETURN TRIPS 01 (.) ARMY VEHIS 14 (.) CIVILIAN

07 (.) MAGAZINE COMPLETE (.) TEST DRILLING FOR QUARRY SITE

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STILL IN PROGRESS (.) WAGON DRILL AND CRUSHER HAVE ARRIVED KENINGAU (.)

QUEBEC (.) SICKNESS CAUSED LOSS 43 DAYS (.) NO PLANT WORK DUE TO RAINFALL

OF 843 POINTS EVENLY DISTRIBUTED OVER PERIOD (.) FLOODING HAS

CAUSED DAMAGE TO SEVERAL CULVERTS AND SECTIONS OF ROAD (.) WATER

LEVEL REACHED LEVEL OF DECKING OF SOAK BRIDGE BUT CAUSED

NO APPARENT DAMAGE TO IT (.) CLEARING ~~AT~~ WITTI RANGE CONTINUED

(.) UNRELIABILITY OF CHAIN SAWS HAS CAUSED EMPHASIS TO BE PLACED

ON USE OF CROSS-CUT SAWS AND EXPLOSIVES (.)

SIERRA (.) FOUR ROVERS U (.) TWO TRUCKS CARGO U (.) TEN TIPPERS U (.)

ONE MICH U (.) TWO DOZERS U (.) TWO OLIVER U (.) SCRAPERS STILL

GROUNDED (.) TWO UNIMOG U

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CRE LAND FORCES BORNEO LIAISON LETTER NO. 64

PERIOD 8 - 14 MAR 65

PART I - HQ COMLANDBOR

Visits

1. Col J.R.E. HAMILTON-BAILLIE, MC, Colonel Airfield Construction MOD (Army) paid a four day visit to East Malaysia. He saw the first heavy drop at MELIGAN on 8 Mar 65.
2. GSO 2 RE visited 1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE 8th - 9th Mar 65.

Courses

3. Sgt SCOTT (Int Sgt) ran a three day Claymore and Booby Trap course for 11 GORDONS stationed at KOTA BELUD from the 8 - 10th Mar 65.

PART II - FIELD

MELIGAN Airstrip

4. The heavy drop of engineer plant into MELIGAN was 85% successful. This is 25% greater than forecast by the RAF.
5. A consolidated list showing deployment and tasks is attached at Annex 'A'.

PART III - WORKS

Strength

6. No change.

BRUNEI Town

7. a. Phase II
 - (1) WO's and Sgts Mess started. Other progress maintained.
- b. Phase III
 - (1) 7 Quarters handed over from contractor wef 5 Mar 65. Electrical connection holding up occupation till 17 Mar 65.

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Other Works

8. a. LIMPANG
(1) Work started on drains.
- b. KENINGAU
(1) Warrant for work with PWD JESSELETON and work can now start.

Admin Inspection

9. Comd CENTRAL Brigade will hold the unit admin inspection on Friday 19 Mar 65.

Detached - Casualties

10. Major C.F. DAVIS RE - EMH SINGAPORE
WOII T.A. CLARKE RE - EMH SINGAPORE

PART IV - RESOURCES

BRUNEI

11. a. Preparation of stores for 5 airdrops.
- b. The det was visited by Maj Gen W.C. WALKER, CB, CBE, DSO, retiring Director of BORNEO Operations.
- c. The full quota of Summerfield Track has now arrived.

KUCHING

12. a. Ten FARELF filters were received from EBI.
- b. Patterson Water Trailer issued to 3 Engr Sqn Fed Engrs. 3 Engr Sqn will train operators from 2 Para Bn.
- c. Main issues this week were timber and water supply equipment.

PART V - EQUIPMENT

13. Nothing to report.

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(G.W.A. Napier)
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Annex 'A' to 17 Div 5110 Engr
dated 27 March 1965

ENGINEER DEPLOYMENT (FIELD) AS AT 14 MAR 65

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
1	EAST	1 Engr Sqn Fed Engrs	1	TAWAU	Sp Tasks	1. <u>General Tasks</u> a. Work on construction of water dam at WALLACE BAY continues. b. Construction of Hovercraft raft at KALABAKAN 85% complete. c. Construction of office and stores for Hovercraft personnel completed. d. Reconstruction of Sawmill Camp perimeter fence completed. e. Construction of vehicle wash-down ramp for 5 RMR completed. f. Wood work in workshop continues. g. Reclaiming swamp in Sawmill Camp continues.
2			3	Camp WELD	TAWAU-SEMPORNA Road	1. <u>Earthworks</u> a. Forward clearance 1490yds (240yds per wk). Work hampered because of average of only one D8 on the road. b. Formation 300yds (200yds per wk). c. Surfacing NIL. d. Culverting at 350ft peg now complete. 2. <u>General</u> a. Camp WELD. Camp improvement. 3. <u>Plant</u> a. There are nine items of plant VOR either awaiting spares or being overhauled.

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
3	EAST	9 Indep Para Sqn	2	TAWAU	Sp Tasks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>General</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Section 4. Employed on minor works in IMAM Camp. b. Section 5. Construction of LS and 105mm Gun Positions. c. Section 6. Construction of LS and 105mm Gun Positions.
4	CENTRAL	1 Field Sqn Gp RAE	-	SOOK	SOOK-SEFULOT Road	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>General</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wearing strips SOOK bridge complete. b. Airstrip complete. First landing due 16 Mar 65. c. Return ferry trips 266. 2. <u>Earthworks</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Formation level to 7.75 miles. b. Surfacing complete to 3.63 miles.
5		69 Gurkha Indep Field Sqn	A	LONG AKAH	Access Track	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Bridging</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bridge 60ft long 90% complete. b. Bridge 30ft long 10% complete. 2. <u>Earthworks</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Earth moving 40% complete. 3. <u>Plant</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. One D4 working, One D4 under repair.
6			B	MELIGAN	TEP Airstrip	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Heavy Drop</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Heavy drop completed. b. Recovery of heavy drop items under way.

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
						2. <u>Air Lift</u> a. Air lift by Belvedere going well. b. Crusher at TENOM. c. TENOM cut off from TOMANI by floods.
7			C	LIMBANG	PANDARUAN Resettlement Scheme	1. <u>PANDARUAN Road</u> Slow progress due to weather.
8					Sp Tasks	1. <u>LONG BANGA</u> Showers and cookhouse finished.
9						2. <u>LONG SEMADO</u> Finishing off two Bashes.
10						3. <u>LONG PASIA</u> Supervising construction of Basha.
11	WEST	3 Engr Sqn Fed Engrs	1	BALAI RINGIN	TEP Airstrip	1. <u>Clearance</u> Approaches and obstacles 90% (5% per wk). 2. <u>Earthworks</u> Runway formation 73% (No progress). 3. <u>Drainage</u> 40% complete. Heavy rain (15% per wk).
12			2	Kg KOHAM	TEBEDU-PADAWAN Link Road	1. <u>Clearance</u> Forward hand clearance to 6700yds. 2. <u>Surfacing</u> No progress.
13					Maint TEBAKANG- TEBEDU Road	1. Resurfacing to mile 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ complete.

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
14			3	BALAI RINGIN	Sp Tasks	Camp structures complete 5 Mar 65.
15				NIBONG	Water Supply	Work completed 8 Mar 65.
16				LUNDU	TEP Airstrip	No progress due to bad weather.
17		11 Indep Bn Sqn RE	3	BAU	BAU-STASS Road	1. a. No progress on road. b. Quarry, road maintenance continues. c. Construction of crusher site.
					TEP Airstrip	EDC 15 May 65. Depending on final surfacing. Progress very slow due to heavy rain.
18		68 Gurkha Indep Field Sqn	B	Kg DUYOH	PEJIRU-SERABAK Track	1. a. No plant progress due to heavy rain. b. Culverting and bridging continues. c. Forward hand clearance continues.
			C	TEBEDU	TEBEDU-TEPOI Track	1. No plant progress due to heavy rain. EDC 15 Jul 65.
19	MIDWEST		A	SIMANGANG	MRT Airstrip	Progress NIL

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~~GOLF (.) ALMOST COMPLETE TO JJ6 (.)~~

~~HOTEL JJ4 (.)~~

~~JULI (.) H3 + 1000'~~

~~KILO (.) REPAIRED TO F6 AND G5 COMPLETE (.)~~

~~MIKE (.) AIRSTRIP USED SUCCESSFULLY 23 MAR 65 (.)~~

~~PAPA (.) FERRY (.) RETURN TRIPS 262 (.) ARMY VEH 43 (.) CIVILIAN 211 (.) QUARRY SITE SELECTED 1000 FT ALONG OLD BRIDLE PATH FROM J2 (.) CLEARING HAS COMMENCED (.) CRUSHER CANNOT YET CROSS PENGALAN RIVER (.)~~

~~QUEBEC (.) SICKNESS CAUSED LOSS 57 DAYS (.) CLEARING SLOW DUE TO SHORTAGE OF CHAIN SAWS AND NO EXPLOSIVES (.) CHAIN SAWS SERVICEABILITY VARIED DURING PERIOD FROM MAX FOUR TO MINIMUM NIL (.) SMALL AMOUNTS OF RAIN KEPT GROUND WET AND CAUSED MINOR DELAYS (.) PLANT LOST SOME TIME IN DE BOGGING (.) TIPPERS HAVE BEEN SHUTTERED TWO DAYS DUE TO WET ROADS (.)~~

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SIERRA (.) AVERAGE TWO HOVERS U (.) NINE TIPPERS U (.) TWO CARGO U (.) ONE MICH U (.) TWO
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PERIOD 15 - 21 MAR 65

PART 1 - HQ LAND FORCES BORNEO

1. a. CRE visited engineer units in EAST Bde 22/23 Mar.
- b. GSO 2 RE visited EAST Bde 16/18 Mar and WEST Bde 21/23 Mar.
- c. Capt Lopez OC Tac HQ 11 Engr Sqn visited LABUAN on 24 Mar on his way to 69 Gurkha Indep Field Sqn at SERIA.

PART 2 - FIELD

MELIGAN Airstrip

2. The BELVEDERE lift of plant was completed on 19 Mar. The MSP are due to arrive in LABUAN on 27 Mar.

Hovercraft Trials

3. The SRN 5 Hovercraft are now based on Sawmill Camp, TAWAU using the PSP pad and office and store constructed by 1 Engr Sqn.
4. The landing stage at KALABAKAN is ready for use.
5. Annex A is a consolidated list showing deployment and tasks.
6. Bad weather has held up work on many projects.

PART 3 - WORKS

7. Next sitrep due 28 Mar.

PART 4 - RESOURCES

BRUNEI Detachment

8. Nothing to report.

KUCHING Detachment

9. The stocktaking team from SINGAPORE arrived on 17 Mar.

PART 5 - EQUIPMENT

10. Trials on the first batch of FARELF filters show that they are not as successful with the ALCON pump as hoped. The limitations on its use are:
 - a. A clean source or presedimentation must be used.
 - b. Two stage pumping must be used.
 - c. Frequent cleaning of the candles is necessary.

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11. Trials continue.

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Annex 'A' to 17 Div 5110 Engr dated 26th March 1965.

ENGINEER DEPLOYMENT (FIELD) AS AT 21 MARCH 1965

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
1.	EAST	1 Engr Sqn Fed Engrs	1	TAWAU	Sp Tasks	} Sitrep not received.
2.		..	3	Camp WELD	TAWAU-SEMPORNA (5 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles)	
3.		9 Indep Para Sqn	2	TAWAU	Sp Tasks	
4.	CENTRAL	1 Field Sqn Gp RAE		SOOK	SOOK-SEPULOT (5 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles) Road	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earthwork - No change. 2. <u>Drainage</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2 ft ARMCO at 0.67 mile. b. Twin 30" ARMCO at 0.81 mile. c. Minor damage to existing culvert due to heavy rain. 3. <u>General</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Airstrip not yet test landed. b. 81 return ferry trips. c. Proving quarry site in progress.
5.		69 Gurkha Indep Field Sqn	A	Long AKAH	Access Track(1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Bridging</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 60 ft bridge complete. b. 30 ft bridge 15% 2. <u>Earthwork</u> 55% 3. <u>General</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. All civil labour discharged due to lack of funds.
6.			B	MELIGAN	TEP Airstrip	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Movements</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Heavy drop and heavy lift complete. 2. <u>Earthwork</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Topsoil stripping 10%.

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7.			C	Forward Locs	Sp Tasks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Long BANGA</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cookhouse and showers complete. 2. <u>Long PA SIA</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. AAC camp complete. b. Future intentions to rebuild 2/7 camp in standard hutting. 3. <u>Long SEMADO</u> Offrs/NCO hutting under construction.
8.				LIMBANG	Resettlement Scheme	<u>PANDARUAN</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Little progress in road surfacing. b. Pipe laying for distribution circuit in progress.
9.	WEST	3 Engr Sqn Fed Engrs	1.	BALAI RINGIN	TEP Airstrip	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Clearance</u> Approaches and obstacles 100% (15% per week) 2. <u>Earthwork</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Runway formation 75% (2% per week) 3. <u>Drainage</u> 50% complete.
10.			2	Kg KOHOM	TEBEDU--PADAWAN Link Road (12 miles)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Clearance</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hand clearance to 7350yds. (650yds/week). b. Topsoil stripping to 5000yds (3000yds/week). 2. <u>Earthwork</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rough formation 3960yds (1960yds/week) b. Final formation level 3650yds (1910yds/week). 3. <u>Surfacing.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complete to 3330yds (1650yds/week)
11.					Reconstruction of TEBAKANG--TEBEDU Road	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No progress. 2. Experiments in progress to test various types of surface and methods of laying. 3. A second stone crusher is being installed in the quarry.

SERIAL	BDE	SQN	TP	LOCATION	TASK	REMARKS
12.			3		Sp Tasks	1. <u>PADAWAN</u> a. 1 Sect on continuous road maint. 2. <u>SEMATAN</u> a. Water supply tasks complete. 3. <u>BALAI RINGIN</u> a. Water purification project. 4. <u>LUNDU</u> a. Supervision of TEP airstrip construction. b. ETC 2 weeks.
13.		11 Indep Field Sqn RE	3	BAU	TEP Airstrip	1. Clearance of approaches 75% (15% per week) 2. Runway formation 70% (5% per week) 3. Drainage - no progress.
14.					PEJIRU-STASS Road (11 miles)	1. Quarrying and road maint only during week.
15.		68 Gurkha Indep Field Sqn	B	Kg DUYOH	PEJIRU-SERABEK Track	1. No earthwork due to heavy rain. 2. Bridge and culvert construction in progress.
16.				TEBEDU	TEBEDU-TEPOI Track	1. No earthwork due to heavy rain. 2. Bridge and culvert construction in progress.
17.	MIDWEST		A	SIMANGGANG	Sp Tasks.	

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AnnexP..... To Commanders Diary

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1	Signal Q2 of 070256Z to CRE Comlandbor	Unit	070256Z
2	Progress report - Road Keningau to Sepulot - trace	Unit	
3	Signal A1 of 10 Mar 65. to Austarm	Unit	10 Mar 65
4	Letter 10/2/8S(3) to Central Bde and CRE Comlandbor	Unit	13 Mar 65
5	Letter 119/1/7S(3) to HQ Aust Army Force	Unit	14 Mar 65
6	Secret Signal A1 of 190200Z to MilcommandMelbourne	Unit	190200Z
7	Secret Sig CEF77 of 192315Z	700 Sig Tp	192315Z
8	Letter 35/1/12S, Route recce report of bridle path between Wittti Range and Sepulot by Maj PARAMOR	Unit	21 Mar 65
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 FLAT TOPS FOR B AND C VEHICLES IN ORDER OF DOLLARS 500 (.) SECOND (.) B VEHICLES
 AND LIGHT C VEHICLES CAN BE EVACUATED FROM SOOK TO TENOM WITH MODERATE EFFORT OVER
 SIXTY MILES OF DIFFICULT ROADS (.) THIRD (.) COST IN TERMS OF EFFORT IS PROHIBITIVE
 WHEN APPLIED TO INERT TRACKED TRACTORS TD 18 (.) FACTORS ARE (.) BIRD ALPHA (.)
 MACHINE WEIGHS 18 TONS (.) IT SHOULD BE OFFLOADED AT EACH OF SIX BRIDGES CLASSED 16
 AND BELOW, WINCHED AROUND BYPASS AND RELOADED ON LOW LOADER (.) WINCHING ALSO
 NECESSARY ACROSS PEGALAN RIVER (.) BRAVO (.) OUR LOW LOADERS ARE NOT SUFFICIENTLY
 RELIABLE TO UNDERTAKE THE HEAVY WORK (.) THEY ARE TIRED MACHINES USED FOR TRANSPORTING
 LIVE MACHINES US WHICH CAN DISMOUNT UNDER THEIR OWN POWER ON HILLS (.) CHARLIE (.)
 THIS UNIT CANNOT AFFORD TO ALLOCATE SUCH EFFORT IN TERMS OF MACHINES AND MANPOWER
 AT THE EXPENSE OF MORE IMPORTANT WORK (.) FOURTH (.) PWD NOR CONTRACTORS HAVE RESOURCES
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1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE
PO KENINGAU
SABAH MALAYSIA

7 Mar 65

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CRE 1 Div

PROGRESS REPORTS ROAD KENINGAU TO SEPULOT

Reference 1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE 36-5-11(2) of 30 Jan 65 para 2(f).

1. Enclosed as Annex A please find a trace, the main purpose of which is to show the exact location of the new route up to the top of the WITTI Range.

2. Shown on the trace are:-

- (a) Additional reference points between J2 and J7,
- (b) Location and sizes of culverts,
- (c) Location of airstrip and helipad,
- (d) 1000 foot marks and mileposts.

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1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE
PO KENINGAU
SABAH

13 Mar 65

Central Bde

SOOK AIRSTRIP

Reference Map JESSLTON 1:250,000.

1. A low standard light aircraft strip has been established approx 1 mile EAST of SOOK at grid ref 0068. It is formed, compacted and drained, but, being unpaved, it will probably be unusable in wet weather. It's dimensions are:

Length 1600 ft,
Width 50 ft,
Overrun (each end) 200 ft.

2. It is hoped that this strip will serve a function for medevac cases, and also that it will be used by charter aircraft flying in rations twice weekly. To this latter end a pilot from the charter company has inspected the strip and signed an indemnity, a copy of which is attached.

3. A copy of the indemnity has been sent to CRE Comlandbor.


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10/2/85(4)

1 Pt Sqn Cpl RAE
PO KENINGAU
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3. Central Brigade have also been given a copy of the indemnity. A request for RAF recognition has been made through that HQ.


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FILE NO: 119/1/73(3)

1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE
PO KENINGAU
SABAH MALAYSIA

14 Mar 65

HQ Aust Army Force (2)

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Central Bde

VOLUNTEERS FOR FURTHER TOUR OF DUTY IN SABAH

1. When this Unit came to SABAH in Dec 64 some postings were filled by members from 7 Fd Sqn Gp RAE who had volunteered for another six months tour. These transfers helped overcome a shortage of personnel in various trades/employments.
2. Anticipating that a shortage still exists, and difficulty may be experienced in filling relief vacancies, this Unit has called for volunteers for a further tour. A detailed list is shown at Annex A. All members listed have submitted written applications which are held in this Unit.


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NOMINAL ROLL OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE APPLIED TO REMAIN IN SABAH

NUMBER	RANK	NAME	UNIT/SUB UNIT	POSTING	REMARKS
37418	Spr	RL BILLMAN	1 Fd Sqn	Field Engineer	
54810	Spr	GJ WILSON	1 Fd Sqn	Field Engineer	
17617	Spr	WP MURRAY	1 Fd Sqn	Field Engineer	
13850	Cpl	P CREEVEY	1 Fd Sqn	Field Engineer	————— Currently on 2 ND Tour
43323	Spr	BJ HARFORD	1 Fd Sqn	Field Engineer	
35361	Cpl	BP COUSINS	Det 651 Sig Tp	OKR	
214170	Pte	FW JESSEP	AACC Att 1 Fd Sqn Gp	Cook	————— Currently on 2 ND Tour
311176	Sgt	TE GILL	AACC Att 1 Fd Sqn Gp	Cook (Sgt)	
22893	Cfn	LP RAYNER	1 Indep Fd Sqn Wkaps	Vehicle Mechanic	
243196	Cfn	KB GRACIE	1 Indep Fd Sqn Wkaps	Vehicle Mechanic	
4410648	Cfn	GF WALDON	1 Indep Fd Sqn Wkaps	Electrical Mechanic	

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ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT

OF BRIDLE PATH

BETWEEN

WITTI RANGE AND SEPULOT

by

57041 Maj R L PARAMOR

DATES OF RECCE: 26th - 28th February 1965

RECCE REPORT

GENERAL

1. A reconnaissance by foot of the bridle path from the WITTI Range to SEPULOT, in SABAH, was undertaken by a recce party from 1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE during the period 26 - 28 Feb 65. This period covered the walk from SOOK to SEPULOT; the return was made by aircraft.

AIM

2. The aim of the recce was;
- (a) to establish the location of the bridle path on aerial photographs.
 - (b) to gain general technical information on the route as a guide for this unit and relief units.

REFERENCE POINTS

3. Reference throughout this report is to mile posts established along the track by the JAPANESE in WW II. This is considered desirable as the posts are firmly located and can be used for future reference. Mile 0 is at KENINGAU and SEPULOT is Mile 80, though the following factors have varied, or will vary, the total distance between these two places.

- (a) Realignment between KENINGAU and SOOK has reduced the mileage to SOOK from 27½ to 26.
- (b) An error was made when the posts were established, and in one mile the figure jumps from 40 to 42. This post is shown as M41/42 on relevant traces.
- (c) *Further* realignments will undoubtedly alter distances further.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

4. A detailed route description is attached as Annex A.
5. Annex B attached contains a series of photographs designed to give an overall concept of the route.
6. Comment can be made on the following;
- (a) Soil types. Silty clay and clay are the only soils encountered. Rock (sandstone) first appears at M54½, and is much in evidence in the gorge M64 - 71.
 - (b) Drainage. This will be critical up to about M60, with severe marshy conditions M46 - 48½. Areas of silty clay will be very difficult to work when wet, and drainage should be a priority task. The ground, unfortunately, offers little relief. Plates 4, 5, 6 and 7 are pertinent.
 - (c) Streams etc. crossings. Culverting will successfully cater for most crossings. At some places natives were able to indicate maximum stream levels, such as M45½ (Plate 6). In this case, after heavy rain, the track would be cut for a distance of 30 yards, and it is probable that many other crossings would be the same. Experience on the SOOK plains, an area of similar relief, has been that rises are due to a build up throughout the whole natural drainage system,

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and flows are never very great. The probable answer is construction of culverted causeways over large streams. It is not uncommon for the track to cross the same stream several times in a few hundred yards; realignment to obviate these cases may be possible. Six to eight culverts per mile is the estimated commitment up to M60. It is considered that a bridge would be desirable over the S. TAMPUSISON (see Plate 12) and at M54 $\frac{1}{2}$; there are several other crossings which are marginal cases.

- (d) **Vegstation.** Light to heavy jungle occurs throughout with some cleared areas near settlements. The track is well kept up to M45 with 30 feet clearing at ground, with the canopy often nesting above (see plate 5). Thereafter it deteriorates with considerable secondary growth, and the cleared width gradually narrows. With a generally NORTH-SOUTH alignment, considerable clearing for drying of the road will be necessary, and equipment used should be able to cater for trees up to 6 feet in diameter.
- (e) **Resources.**
 - (i) Timber is plentiful, though no milling facilities exist.
 - (ii) Sand occurs in S. NABAWAN in several locations downstream from M66 but bank conditions would make it difficult to extract.
 - (iii) Gravel occurs in the NABAWAN in increasing quantities downstream from M64, but extraction would be difficult. Most streams crossed after this point contain boulders in varying quantities, some of which would yield sufficient to feed a crusher. (See Plate 14). Rock could be quarried almost anywhere after M63. It is mainly sandstone, with some igneous intrusions. The only proven rock before this is the WITTI Range.

CONCLUSION

7. The reconnaissance enabled a reasonably accurate plot of the bridge path on the aerial photo mosaic. The trace of the track held by some addressees was made by office interpretation and is in error in some places. An amended trace will be issued.

8. As far as future work on the project is concerned the emphasis will be initially on drainage and then on earthworks. The latter will involve staggering effort unless an alternative route to the gorge (M64 to 71) can be found. It is recommended that search be made for suitable ridges to follow, accepting if necessary steep grades to get onto them. This, of course, would obviate massive side hill cut in solid rock, and having to deal with steep, narrow reentrants. If this is not possible, a one way road with passing places may be acceptable.


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21 Mar 65

DETAILED ROUTE DESCRIPTION

- M36½ DEVILS PASS on ^{crest} west of WITTI RANGE. Track then descends quickly in side hill cut (much rock) with awkward hairpins at each resurtrant. See Plate 1.
- M37½ Track levels out into NABAWAN valley. Road realignment over WITTI RANGE rejoins track. Soil is silty clay. Medium clearing. Drainage will take considerable effort, many small stream crossings. Track well maintained, cleared 30 ft at ground level. See plates 2,3,4 & 5.
- M40 NABAWAN. A few ^{Small} mere hampongs off the track. In this area some rubber, rice & tapioca. Some clearings in jungle.
- M43½ Kampong KALAS.
- M45½ See ^{PLATE} photo 6.
- M46 Maintenance of track visibly deteriorates. Still mainly 30 ft wide, but much waist high secondary growth.
- M46 Marshy conditions, some sections in corduroy for hundreds of yards. Some mangrove seen. See Plate 7.
- M48½ Out of severe marshy conditions.
- M50 Kampong TAKAL. Track maintenance poor.
- M50½ S NABAWAN on right. First significant earthworks required on undulating country, mainly light to medium side hill cuts with some realignment possible. First signs of rock. See Plates 8 & 9.
- M53½ Vegetation becomes less dense to PANDEWAN.
- M54 PANDEWAN. See Plate 10.
- M54½ Major stream crossing, probably bridge. Track becomes 10ft wide, surrounding hills start to close in.
- M54½ Evidence of rock. Secondary growth very thick. Mainly side hill cut with some realignment possible.
- M57½ See Plate 11.
- M58½ TATALUAN, a small settlement.
- M59 Track into small local valley, quite flat with consequent drainage problems. Some corduroy.
- M61½ Major water crossing (S TAMPUSISON). Bridge considered desirable, though a ford does exist. See Plate 12.
- M62½ Track closes to river bank. River 20 yds wide, and quite shallow, with evidence of 8 - 10 ft rise. Track 15 - 20 ft above river.
- M63½ Small gravel deposit in river. Banks ^{make} extraction difficult. Creeks crossed by track start to show evidence of rock.
- M64 Track follows river into gorge. Considerable gravel in river, still difficult to extract. See Plate 13

.../2. M65

- N65 Major stream crossing, 60 ft timber foot bridge, much rock exposed. River 2' deep flowing swiftly over rapids.
- N66 Track continues in severe side hill cuts with many awkward reentrants. Much rock. Realignment highly desirable.
- N66½ Gorge opens up for a short length. Some sand in river, access difficult.
- N67½ MATIKU (consisting of 1 rest house only). 60 ft bridge. Out of gorge.
- N68 Track reenters gorge.
- N70 River deeper, about 50 ft wide. Much massive rock in hill and river. More rapids.
- N70½ Track 80 - 100 ft above river. Severe rapids in ^{river} rapids.
- N71½ Track 150-200 ft above river on sheer unstable slope, then veers away from river.
- N72 Steady decline. Track is often 5 ft platform with sheer 200 ft drop.
- N73½ See Plate 14.
- N78 Still side hill out with awkward reentrants.
- N79 Vegetation less dense, some clearings.
- N80 SEPULOT. See Plates 15 & 16.



PLATE 1

Typical hairpin bend on re entrant - N364



PLATE 2

Track through flat country - N 364



PLATE 3

Typical jungle clearing



PLATE 4

Hand drainage along track about M38



PLATE 5

Typical vegetation up to
about M 50.

PLATE 5



PLATE 6

Small stream M45 $\frac{1}{2}$, typical of many
encountered. Water comes up to
horse's hooves after heavy rain.

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PLATE 7

View of a marshy area M46 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Corduroy here for 300 yds.
Worst areas M46 - 49.

PLATE 8

Typical undulating country
M51 $\frac{1}{2}$.



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PLATE 9

S. NABAWAN at M52 $\frac{1}{2}$. River on right of
track 30 feet wide. Rock exposed low
in bank.



PLATE 10

PANDEWAN looking NORTH. M54.



PLATE 11

Track at M57 $\frac{3}{4}$, typical of this area.
Some rock in side hill cut.



PLATE 12

Crossing S. TAMPUSISON M 61 $\frac{1}{2}$.
River 15 feet below banks,
20 feet across. Ford 50
yards upstream. Much rock
exposed.



PLATE 15

SEPULOT (M80) looking SOUTHEAST.
S. TALANKAI seen on left.



PLATE 16

SEPULOT airstrip from RAF Base looking NORTH WEST.
In middle distance is confluence of S. TALANKAI
and S. NABAWAN (PANAWAN). Rivers abnormally low.



PLATE 13

Severe side hill out M6 $\frac{1}{2}$. Rock exposed, vertical face about 12 feet. Photo looking NORTH, river on left. Typical throughout river gorge.



PLATE 14

Watercourse crossing at M7 $\frac{1}{2}$. Size of boulders indicated by soldier.