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A Fd Bty RAA
BUTTERWORTH
MALAYA

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8 Apr 59

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WAR DIARY - A FD BTY RAA

1. Attached is ^{one} a copy of War Diary for the period
1 - 31 Mar 59 together with duplicate copy for period
1 - 28 Feb 59.

Whynan Capt RAA
Adm Comd A Fd Bty RAA

Acknowledged on 29 Apr 59.
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Month & year: MAR Apr 59

Commanding Officer: Maj P E SEDDON

Place	Day of month	Summary of Events & Information	References to Appendices
BUTTERWORTH	1	Detachment A Tp moved to "B" Coy 3 RAR for patrolling in support 3 RAR.	
SUNGEI SIPUT	2	A Tp ptl training in base.	
" "	3	A Tp patrol continue training.	
" "	4	A Tp patrol training concluded preparing for ops.	
BUTTERWORTH	5	Maj-Gen E B DeFONBLANQUE CB, CBE, DSO rep Col Comdt RA and accompanied by CRA Brig G E PECK DSO Dep - Comd 17 Gurkha Div/OCLF both met by BC & BK.	
IPOH		CPO attended Bde Comd's Conf. A Tp patrol moving to area VD 8953.	
	6	A Tp patrol now moving to area VD 9352.	
SUNGEI PATANI		Tp Comd A attended 2 FIB Bde Comd's Conf.	
SINGAPORE	7	ACPO left for messing officers course. A Tp ptl loc VD935525 patrol in VD9352-9452-9353.	
	8	A Tp patrol loc no change patrol in VD 9552-9453.	
	9	A Tp patrol loc no change patrol in VD9552-9453.	
IPOH	10	BC attended Bde Comd's Conf.	
BUTTERWORTH		Trial Adm Adm Inspection on Catering carried out by Capt G F D BURROWS AACC Catering Adviser NMSD. A Tp patrol now loc 905534 received supply drop ptl in VD 9053.	
BUTTERWORTH	11	BHQ training patrol move to PENANG Island SP VC820550 move to overnight base at VC 814572. A Tp patrol in VD 9052-9153 NTR.	
PENANG	12	BHQ training patrol in loc VC834576. A Tp patrol in VD 9151-9152 NTR.	
BUTTERWORTH		Visit by BRA Brig D WELSH DSO, BRA, GHQ FARELF	
	13	BHQ patrol return. A Tp patrol in VD 9251-9252.	
	15	A Tp patrol return. BHQ patrol move to 'B' Coy 3 RAR for training.	

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Kg KOLAN	15	B Tp in support I R MALAY Loc QY385337 from Gun Position QY367327 engaged the following targets: QY331383, 332365, 344399, 335376, 333366.	
	17 16	B Tp gun position no change engaged the following targets: QY358371 - 363366, 338387, 338374, 343363, 325371, 345358, 350370, 335364, 360360. BHQ patrol commenced training in support 3 RAR.	
SUNGEI SIPUT BUTTERWORTH	17	IS op instruction 1/59 published. Copies will be forwarded by HQ Aust Army Force FARELF.	
SUNGEI SIPUT K KOLAM		BHQ patrol continue training.	
		B Tp engaged the following targets: QY360377, 361352, 339357, 332387, 328388, 340377, 330366, 338375, 340387.	
SUNGEI SIPUT K KOLAM	18	BHQ patrol in base preparing for ops. B Tp engaged the following targets: QY337389, 327375, 30363, 344343, 347359, 344380, 345383, 330375, 341370, 339351, 345358, 341357.	
BUTTERWORTH K KOLAM	19	Annual Adm Inspection carried out by Brig H J MOGG DSO Comd 28 COMWEL Indep Inf Bde accompanied by Staff Officers of HQ 28 Bde. B Tp engaged the following tgts: QY349357, 360360, 325375, 336370, 331383, 322387, 334363, 350366. BHQ patrol to VD 886575 NTR.	
	20	B Tp engaged the following tgts: QY 317338, 344373, 342383, 323385, 347365, 344339, 359368, 343366, 340357, 331371, 346346, 341373, 335357, 348369, 343350, 354375, 354361, 346344, 315385, 320384, 330370, 342351, BHQ patrol to VD9260 NTR.	
	21	B Tp engaged the following tgts: QY326394, 365368, 348357, 339360, 343345, 324392, 325385, 347347, 339351, 338367, 345358, 339358, 331385, 347364. BHQ patrol loc VD 908596 patrolled in VD9059-9159.	
Kg KUBANG CHENOK	22	B Tp engaged the following targets from gun position QY31933 with 4.2 mortar: QY330390, 336390, 323386, 319385, 332383, 345381, 341377, 333373, From gun position QY331345 engaged targets QY325372 and 347373 with mortar. BHQ patrol loc no change Patrolled in VD9259-9260 at VD921592	

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BUTTERWORTH KG GAJAH	23	B Tp engaged the following targets from gun position QY357325 with 4.2" mortar: QY 350370, 338369, 347379, 334385, From gun position QY357325 engaged the following targets QY358353, 345344, 344354, 357368, 360361. BHQ patrol loc no change. Patrolled in VD9060-9260.	
KGKEPALA TIDUR		From New gun position QY326427 B Tp engaged the following targets: QY340350, 344349, 348357, 346372, 333372, 332361, 329388.	
MINDEN BARRACKS		Sig O, WLO, GPO A & GPO B attended Officers Promotion Examination course.	
IPOH	24	BC attended Bde Comds Conf. BHQ patrol loc no change. Patrol in VD9160-9158-9258-receive resup NTR. B Tp gun position no change engaged the following tgts: QY345368, 348362, 329388, 322356, 328369, 338352.	
BUTTERWORTH		B Tp returned ceased to be in support I R MALAY.	
TAIPING		One officer and 6 NCO's attended Small Arms Course at 1 Batt 1 NZ Regt.	
BUTTERWORTH	25	Visit by Col E G McNAMARA E D Comd Aust Army Force FARELF. BHQ patrol loc VD939602 patrol in VD9360-9260.	
BUTTERWOTH	26	BK to SINGAPORE Small Arms Course returned. BHQ patrol loc no no change patrol in VD8359-9360.	
	27	BHQ patrol loc no change Patrol in VD949-9559 at VD954950 loc resting place for four persons six months old, surrender pamphlets numbers 94 and 87 loc in rest place.	
	28	BHQ patrol loc in area VD8957.	

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SUNGEI SIPUT BUTTERWORTH	30	A Tp patrol training in base. Officers Examination course concluded members returned.	
	31	Visit by Mr Alan UNDERWOOD, Courier Mail BRISBANE accompanied by Aust PR Office. BK returned from Singapore. A Tp with two guns and two 4.2" mortars loc VD783431 in support of 3 RAR. Unless otherwise stated all targets were engaged by QF Ordnance 25 pdr.	

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Standing Orders for Ops
MALAYA

'A' FD BTY RAA

REPORT ON ARTY OPS FOR THE MONTH OF ...MAR.59....

Serial	Unit	Date	Name or type of Op	GR of Gun Posn	Unit/Fmn Sp	Type of Fire	No of Rds fired	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	
1	B Tp	15/21	Op JOMLAH	QY367327	1 FIB	HF	<u>4.2 MOR</u>	<u>3 Pr</u> 1662
2	B Tp	22	Op JOMLAH	QY319363	1 FIB	HF	160	
3	B Tp	22	Op JOMLAH	QY331345	1 FIB	HF	40	
4	B Tp	22	Op JOMLAH	QY367327	1 FIB	HF		126
5	B Tp	23	Op JOMLAH	QY357325	1 FIB	HF	200	
6	B Tp	23/26	Op JOMLAH	QY326427	1 FIB	HF		236
Total Rds							400	2024

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AMENDMENT No 11

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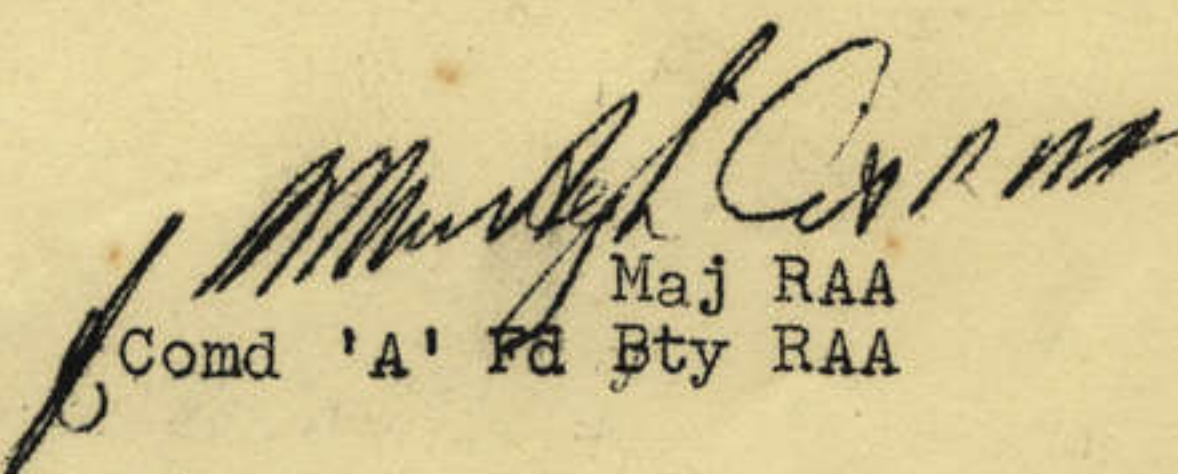
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