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Part 2

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'A' Fd Bty RAA
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16 Mar 59

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1. SIT

a. En Forces

With the arrival of Independence political and industrial unrest may manifest itself at any time.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) The primary responsibility for dealing with internal disorder rests with the civ police assisted by the Federation Armed Forces.
- (2) AUST tps may NOT be used for IS except :-
 - (a) that they have the collective right of self defence at all times
 - (b) that they may be used to protect AUST families and instls.
- (3) A comp force under the GAR COMD PENANG is responsible to protect svc lives and property on PENANG ISLAND, elms of 'A' Fd Bty RAA are incl in this force.

2. MSN

a. IS Sit - PENANG ISLAND

- (1) Provide a det to be placed under comd GAR COMD PENANG for IS duties on PENANG ISLAND.
- (2) Est comms on the GAR COMD net.
- (3) Secure camps occuppies by the Bty on PENANG ISLAND and at BUTTERWORTH.

b. IS Sit in any other loc

Secure all camps occupied by the Bty in that loc

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3. EXECUTION

a. IS Sit PENANG ISLAND

(1) PENANG Det

(a) Org

Sig Offr (Det Comd)
Sgt Tech Stmn (2ic)
Bdr 2) selected by det
Gnrs 17 incl one cook) comd from
and two ops) unmarried OR

(b) Control Ops

Det will be under comd GAR COMD PENANG.

(c) Tasks

Att as Anx 'A'.

(d) Mov

On receipt of the order BENGAL GUARD ALERT PENANG

- (i) the det will proceed by unit veh to CHURCH ST PIER (one GMC). Det Comd will arrange a priority pass with the OCPD BUTTERWORTH.
- (ii) the det will transfer at CHURCH ST PIER to an IS prepared veh provided by HQ PENANG GAR.
- (iii) the det will proceed to MINDEN BKS - det comd will report to GAR ADJT.

(2) Bty less PENANG det

- (a) On receipt of the order BENGAL GUARD ALERT PENANG living in pers will NOT leave camp without the approval of the Bty Capt. All ranks will be warned that they must take great care NOT to provoke any members of the civ population. Standing Orders for Gds and Sentries will continue to apply.
- (b) Any tp engaged on ops will remain on ops.
- (c) Any tp occupying an op camp will remain in the area of th op camp.
- (d) Veh mov on PENANG ISLAND will be reduced to essential tasks only - each veh will carry a min of two armed escorts.

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(e) Married pers

(i) Orders for the mov of heads of families and protection of property will be issued separately.

(ii) Civ cars will NOT be used on PENANG ISLAND

(f) Whenever members of the Bty travel on a ferry a min of two armed escorts will be incl.

b. IS Sit BUTTERWORTH Area

- (1) The Bty Capt or in his absence the senior offr in camp will ensure the security of the camp.
- (2) On receipt of the wng order Police Security Green from the OCPD BUTTERWORTH living in pers will NOT leave camp without the approval of the Bty Capt. All ranks will be warned that they must take great care NOT to provoke any members of the civ population. Standing Orders for Bks Gd and Sentries will continue to apply and in addition the gd will be mtd by day.
- (3) Any tp engaged on ops will remain on ops.
- (4) Any tp occupying an op camp will remain in the area of th op camp.
- (5) Veh mov in BUTTERWORTH will be reduced to a min essential tasks only - each veh will carry a min of two armed escorts.
- (6) The PENANG det will be prepared to move at $\frac{1}{2}$ hr notice.
- (7) Civ cars will NOT be used in the BUTTERWORTH area.
- (8) Whenever members of the Bty travel on a ferry a min of two armed escorts will be incl.
- (9) Reports and Records of Events will be maint in accordance with Anx 'B' att.

c. IS Sit in any other loc

- (1) The senior offr will ensure the security of the camp in that loc.
- (2) On receipt of the wng order Police Security Green from the local OCPD all tps will be confined to camp and all ranks warned that they must take great care NOT to provoke any members of the civ population.
- (3) Towns affected by the IS Sit will NOT be entered except for essential details under escort and then only if NOT forbidden by local orders.
- (4) Any tp on ops will remain on ops.

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- (5) Tps at BUTTERWORTH and other dets of the Bty not in the IS area will continue to op as normal.

4. ADM and LOG

a. PENANG Det

(1) Tpt

- (a) One truck 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton GMC 6x6 will move the det to CHURCH ST PIER.
- (b) Dvr will be in possession of ferry warrants (return undated) and will obtain the priority pass from the det comd.
- (c) One truck 3 ton will be provided by OC Indep Tpt Pl PENANG to move det from CHURCH ST PIER to MINDEN BKS.

(2) Rats

- (a) Det comd will draw 24 hr rat packs, for twenty one (21) pers for five days, prior to mov.
- (b) These rats will NOT be consumed unless ordered by HQ PENANG GAR.
- (c) Rats will be delivered by the Bty to the PENANG det for as long as the sit permits.

(3) Dress

- (a) By day - 3A plus fd dressing
- (b) By ni - 3B plus fd dressing
- (c) Change of clothing for five days will be carried together with toilet gear, eating utensils, bedding and water bottles.

(4) Arms and Ammo

- (a) Comd and 2ic - Pistols plus 30 rds
- (b) OR - Rifle No 5 plus 50 rds

(5) Eqpt and Stores

Att as Anx 'C'

(6) Families Conc and Wng Order Certificate

- (a) Att as Anx 'D'
- (b) Det comd will take one copy of this certificate for each married family in the AYER ITAM area.

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b. Bty less PENANG Det

NO change

5. COMD and SIG

a. IS Sit PENANG ISLAND

(1) IS HQ Contingent Police HQ PENANG

(2) Tele Max use will be made of existing tele circuits.

(3) Wrls

(a) 'A' Fd Bty will op the control on the PENANG GAR COMD net.

(b) Frequency will be issued by 28 COMWEL Bde Sig Sqn.

(4) Wrls Diagram

Att as Anx 'E'

(5) Reports

Det Comd will report to GAR IS HQ by wrls every hr.

(6) Code Names

BENGAL GUARD ALERT PENANG
BENGAL GUARD PUMA PENANG
BENGAL GUARD TIGER PENANG
BENGAL GUARD LION PENANG
BENGAL GUARD STANDDOWN PENANG

b. IS Sit in any other loc

No change unless ordered by Bde IS HQ or local GAR COMD.

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Maj RAA
Comd 'A' Fd Bty RAA

ANXs

PENANG Det - Tasks	-	A
Reports and Record of Events	-	B
PENANG Det - Eqpt and Stores	-	C
Families Concand Wng Order Certificate	-	D
Wrls Diagram - PENANG	-	E

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A Tp	1
B Tp	2
BHQ	3
28 COMWEL Indep Inf Bde Gp	4
GAR COMD PENANG	5
Bty Capt	6
Sig Offr (Det Comd)	7
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TASKS OF PENANG IS DET

Serial	Code Name	Action by IS Det	Remarks
1.	BENGAL GUARD ALBAT PENANG	Proceeds to MINDEN BKS and reports to GAR ADJT.	Must be prepared to move from CHURCH ST PIER to AYER ITAM if necessary. List of families and families conc and wng certificates to be obtained from Bty Capt prior to departure from BUTTERWORTH
2.	BENGAL GUARD PUMA PENANG	Proceeds to AYER ITAM for protection of families. If escorts for heads of families are ordered by the GAR COMD the det comd will ensure that ferry and bus tpt vehs carrying pers to and from place of duty are guarded. A min will be two armed men per veh. Heads of families will NOT use pte cars.	Det Comd reports in posn to GAR COMD
3.	BENGAL GUARD TIGER PENANG	Deploys to protect families. Confidence patrols may be necessary if families morale is shaken.	

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Serial	Code Name	Action by IS Det	Remarks
4.	BENGAL GUARD LION PENANG	Evac AYER ITAM' settlement to MINDEN BKS. The Det Comd will ensure that heads of families sign a Families Conc and Wng Order Certificate as shown in Anx 'D'.	
5.	BENGAL GUARD STANDDOWN PENANG	Tps standown. Return to BUTTERWORTH	As ordered by GAR COMD

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Anx 'B' to 'A' Fd Bt⁺ RAA

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REPORTS AND RECORD OF EVENTS

1. SITUATION

- (a) The fol will be reported to 17 Gurkha Div/OCLF, Bde IS HQ and main Bde HQ immediately they occur by tele or OP IMMEDIATE signal in clear :-
 - (1) States of readiness at which units are put and changes therein.
 - (2) Any deployment of tps from normal sta for the purpose of standing by and their return to sta.
 - (3) Any loan of vehs and other stores and eqpt to civ power or Fed Army Units.
 - (4) Incidents in which tps have opened fire.
- (b) Bde IS HQ issues daily sitrep as at 0600 hrs daily.

2. RECORD OF EVENTS

- (a) A diary will be kept by all HQs down to Coy/Sqn or equivalent from the moment an IS alert is received and all details will be noted as follows :-
 - (1) Time of all events
 - (2) Detail of events
 - (3) Action taken by Army/RAF/RAAF
 - (4) Results of the action
 - (5) Time of the action
 - (6) No. of rds fired and No. of empty cases collected.
- (b) Cameras will be carried and photographs of any action will be taken whenever possible. Use will be made of private cameras from within the unit sources if WD cameras are not held.

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Anx 'C' to 'A' Fd Bty RAA

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PENANG DET - EQPT AND STORES

1. The fol eqpt and stores will be drawn from Q Store prior to departure for PENANG :-

- 1 x Mug Tent and Pegs
- 1 x Hydro Burner
- 1 x Stands Baffle
- 1 x Kettles Camp Oval
- 2 x Dishes Baking
- 2 x 4 Gal Kero
- 1 x Milk Can
- 1 x Maul
- 2 x Tables 6ft GS
- 4 x Forms GS
- 2 x Lamps Africano
- 2 x Forks Cook
- 2 x Knives Cook
- 2 x Spoons Serving

2. Stores will be loaded under the supervision of the 2ic IS Det.

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Anx 'D' to 'A' Fd Bty RAA

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FAMILIES CONC AND WNG ORDER CERTIFICATE

Notes :

1. GAR COMD, PENANG will issue this order to the head of each family (or his wife) if possible at least two hrs before the family is moved to a place of safety.
2. The head of the family (or his wife) will sign either Certificate A or B on the reverse of this form.
3. The duplicate copy will be retained by the head of the family (or his wife)

To :(Name of head of family)
(Address
(Unit

1. A serious IS Sit. exists. You and your family may be in danger.
2. A mob colm will call at your house at (hrs) to escort you and your dependents to a place of safety.
3. In this place of safety you will be fed on Army rats. If you have any young children you should bring baby food.
4. You may bring only one suitcase per person.
5. If you are living in hired accn you must continue to pay your rent even while in a place of safety or you will not be entitled to unaccomodated rates of LOA.
6. You will be kept in a place of safety for the shortest possible time.

..... GAR COMD
PENANG

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Duplicate copy (to be retained by the head of the family or his wife)

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PENANG

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CERTIFICATE 'A'

I understand this wng order and my family will be ready
to move at the time ordered

Date

Time

.....
Head of family (or wife)

CERTIFICATE 'B'

1. I have been warned that a serious IS Sit exists.
2. I realise that if I do NOT move into a place of security
now, I can NOT expect to be rescued later. (Because neither
tps nor tpt will be aval)
3. I do not wish myself/my wife/my family to be moved to
a place of safety.
4. I accept full responsibility for what may befall me/us.

Date

Time

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Head of family (or wife)

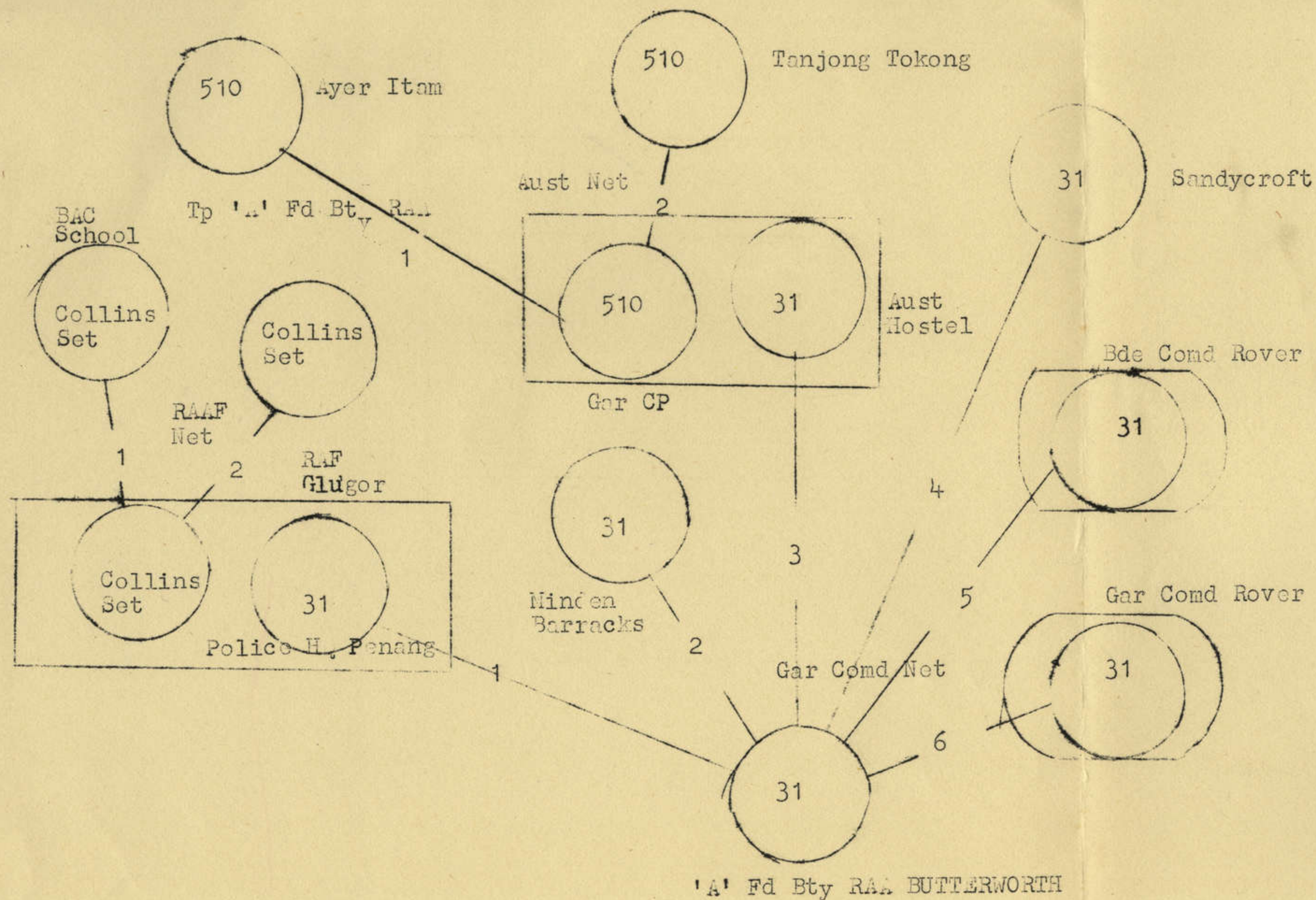
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Annex 'E' to 'A' Fd Bty RAA

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Provision of wrls op and veh	
Station Control Remaining sets	Gar Comd Net 'A' Fd Bty 28 COMWEL Bde Sig Sqn
All Sets	Aust net 3 RAR
All sets	RAAF net HQ RAAF Base

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