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Annexes

[1-31 Aug 1956]

OIC Mil History Sec
AHQ MELBOURNE

Month and Year.....AUG 56.....

UNIT HISTORY

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Commanding Officer.....Maj B.L. BOGLE.....

OIC MIL HIST

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Ref to Appendices
BUTTERWORTH	1, 8, 15, 22	BC attended Sp Arms conferences at Tac HQ 28 COMWEL Indep Inf Bde	
BHQ	Aug.	Gp SUNGAI SIPUT. Arty allotment remained unchanged during the month. Bn Comds were requested to vary arty tgt areas more than had been done in the past, as the tendency had been to become too stereotyped when emp arty.	
	9 Aug	BC returned from Malayan School of Language and Method.	
	17 Aug	Brig J.F. METCALFE CBE acting GOC 1 Fed Div/Dist inspected QUEBEC LINES BUTTERWORTH.	
	27 Aug	Amdt No 1 to 105 Fd Bty RAA Barrack Standing Orders issued	Appx A attached
	29 Aug	Lt Col D.G.H. MACKIE MBE, CO 48 Fd Regt RA visited QUEBEC LINES BUTTERWORTH.	
	30 Aug	BC accompanied CO 48 Fd Regt RA on an air Recce of GURUN area. The recce proved the GURUN area to be unsuitable for arty firing practices while present cultivations existed.	
	31 Aug	Reports were received during the month that a number of CT camps in OP SHARK had been found to contain shelters constructed to provide overhead cover. This provision of overhead cover in CT camps is evidence of the harassing effect of continued shelling in OP SHARK. Further reports suggested that to avoid arty shelling CT have constructed camps within 1000 yards of the jungle/rubber edge.	

105 Fd Bty RAA BARRACKS STANDING ORDERS

AMENDMENT No 1.

SAFE CUSTODY OF ARMS

Insert new sub para (b) to para 23:-

"When in moving MT, and the vehicle commander decides it is necessary for weapons to be loaded or unloaded, as distinct from magazines charged, the vehicle will halt and sentries will point their weapons away from the vehicle whilst they load or unload their weapons."

Renumber present sub paras (b) and (c) as (c) and (d).

Insert new sub para (f) to para 25:-

"Whenever arms and ammunition are handed into safe custody the arms and ammunition certificate will be handed in at the same time."

27 Aug 56


Maj
Comd 105 Fd Bty RAA

DISTR

28 COMWEL Indep Inf Bde Gp
28 COMWEL Indep Inf Bde Sig Sqn
28 COMWEL Indep Inf Bde Ord Fd Park
BC
Bty Capt
BSM
BHQ
HQ Tp (2)
A Tp (2)
B Tp (2)
BQMS
LAD
Pay Cpl
Unit History (4) ✓
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Spares

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105 FD BTY RAA

Appx C to
105 Fd Bty RAA
Standing Orders for Ops
(MALAYA)

REPORT ON ARTY OPS FOR THE MONTH OF.....AUG. 56

Serial	Tp or Sec	Period	Name or Type of op	Area of Gun posn	Unit/Fmn Supported	Type of Fire	Result of Fire	Tac Info	No of Rds Fire
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(J)	(K)
1	A Tp	1 - 31 Aug	SHARK	VJ 905984 VD 802014 VJ 911860 VE 012029 VD 950068 VD 941006 VD 949160	2 RAR	HF	NOT KNOWN	NIL	2950 HE

2	B Tp	1 - 31 Aug	SHARK	VJ 910839 VJ 910859 VJ 961879 VJ 928908	1 RSP	HF	NOT KNOWN	NIL	3199 HE 27 SMK
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TOTAL FOR MONTH
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL 6176
37653

28 COMWEL Indep Inf Bde Gp (2)
48 Fd Regt RA
Unit History (4)

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Maj
Comd 105 Fd Bty RAA

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105 Fd Bty RAA
GPO BUTTERWORTH
MALAYA

15 Sep 56

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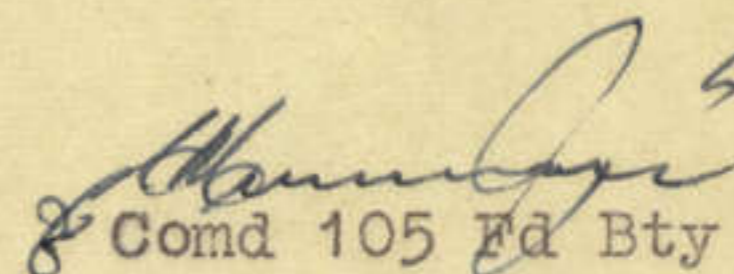
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1. The following information should be added as an amendment to the a/m report.

" 1 RSF report relating to CT Camp loc at VJ 885931 on 25 Aug states":

" Shell proof bunkers with accn for 20 - 25 had been constructed with skill:

- (i) sited behind large trees to give cover from Arty firing from gun posns in the CHEMOR area,
- (ii) headcover of basically thick logs with an efficient burster course of smaller branches and earth on Top."

 Maj
& Comd 105 Fd Bty RAA

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