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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

2nd Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
c/o GPO PENANG

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2 RAR WAR DIARY

Enclosed is original copy of 2 RAR WAR DIARY for August 1957.

Allyn Bell
Lt Col
Comd 2 RAR

MONTH AND YEAR ... August 1957

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WAR DIARY

ARMY FORM C 2118
UNIT 2 RAR
COMMANDING OFFICER JG OCHILTREE Lt Col

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REFERENCE TO APPENDICES
B'WORTH	1 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 632 OR. Weather overcast with rains during day and ni. Mov of 2 RAR tps to BUTTERWORTH in progress. Tac HQ SG SIPUT closed down at 011200 hrs.	
B'WORTH	2 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 632 OR. Weather overcast with intermittent rains. Re-conc tps 2 RAR cont.	
B'WORTH	3 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 632 OR. Weather cloudy with slight rain late afternoon. Re-conc cont.	
B'WORTH	4 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 632 OR. Weather heavily overcast with hy rains during day and ni. Sp coy less aslt par pl moved to KOTA TINGGI FTC for trg for maj warfare in sp wpns. Aslt par pl moved to KLUANG for maj warfare trg.	
B'WORTH	5 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 632 OR. Weather overcast with rains during day and ni. Re-conc cont.	

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UNIT 2 RAR
COMMANDING OFFICER JG OCHILTREE Lt Col

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REFERENCE TO APPENDICES
B'WORTH	6 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 633 OR. Weather overcast with intermittent rains. 2 RAR re-trg as per schedule	
B'WORTH	7 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 633 OR. Weather overcast with hy winds and rain during the day. 2 RAR re-trg cont	
B'WORTH	8 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 633 OR. Weather hot and cloudy with slight rain late afternoon. 2 RAR re-trg cont	
B'WORTH	9 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 633 OR. Weather hot and overcast. lt rain during morning and ni. 2 RAR re-trg cont	
B'WORTH	10 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 633 OR. Weather fine and hot. 2 RAR re-trg cont	
B'WORTH	11 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 633 OR. Weather hot and cloudy. 2 RAR re-trg cont	
B'WORTH	12 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 633 OR. Weather fine and hot. 2 RAR re-trg cont	

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ARMY FORM C 2118
UNIT 2 RAR
COMMANDING OFFICER JG OCHILTREE .. Lt Col

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REFERENCE TO APPENDICES
B'WORTH	13 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 633 OR. Weather fine and hot. 2 RAR re-trg cont	
B'WORTH	14 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 633 OR. Weather fine and hot. 2 RAR re-trg cont	
B'WORTH	15 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 633 OR. Weather fine and hot. 2 RAR re-trg cont	
B'WORTH	16 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 633 OR. Weather fine and hot with slight rain late afternoon. 2 RAR re-trg cont	
B'WORTH	17 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 633 OR. Weather fine and hot during the day with tropical rainstorms at ni. 2 RAR re-trg cont	
B'WORTH	18 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 633 OR. Weather fine and hot during day and some rain early ni. 2 RAR re-trg cont	

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ARMY FORM C 2118
UNIT 2 RAR
COMMANDING OFFICER JG OCHILTREE Lt Col

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REFERENCE TO APPENDICES
B'WORTH	19 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 631 OR. Weather fine and hot. 2 RAR re-trg cont.	
B'WORTH	20 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 631 OR. Weather fine and hot. 2 RAR re-trg cont.	
B'WORTH	21 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 631 OR. Weather fine and hot. CO 2 RAR left for KOTA TINGGI to visit 2 RAR tps in re-trg maj warfare. 2 RAR re-trg cont.	
B'WORTH	22 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 631 OR. Weather fine and hot with hy tropical rain-storms during ni. 2 RAR re-trg cont.	
B'WORTH	23 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 631 OR. Weather fine and hot with some rain late afternoon. 2 RAR re-trg cont.	
B'WORTH	24 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 631 OR. Weather fine and hot. 2 RAR re-trg cont.	
B'WORTH	25 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 631 OR. Weather hot and overcast with rains during ni. 2 RAR re-trg cont.	

MONTH AND YEAR August....1957...

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WAR DIARY

ARMY FORM C 2118
UNIT 2 RAR
COMMANDING OFFICER JG. OCHILTREE Lt Col

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REFERENCE TO APPENDICES
B'WORTH	26 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 631 OR. Weather hot and fine. Hy rain during ni. 2 RAR re-trg cont. CO 2 RAR returned from KOTA TINGGI.	
B'WORTH	27 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 631 OR. Weather hot and fine. 2 RAR re-trg cont.	
B'WORTH	28 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 631 OR. Weather hot and overcast. Elms 2 RAR conc HOBART camp in view of ex 29 sep. 2 RAR re-trg cont.	
B'WORTH	29 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 631 OR. Weather hot and cloudy. One day ex by elms 2 RAR in conjunction with elms 28 COMWEL bde sigs and KDG in HOBART area. Ex supervised by brig PM MOORE DSO MC.	
B'WORTH	30 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 631 OR. Weather fine and hot. 2 RAR guard took part in the Ceremonial Lowering of the Flag at PENANG. 2 RAR re-trg cont.	
B'WORTH	31 Aug 57	Eff str 31 Offrs 631 OR. Weather fine and hot. 2 RAR band played at a Proclamation of MERDEKA Ceremony at PENANG. 2 RAR re-trg cont.	

Appx 'A' to War Diary Aug 57

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

Lt Col J G OCHILTREE

COMMANDING

2nd BATTALION

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial 26
para 134

6 Aug 57
BUTTERWORTH

RULE FOR SAFETY No 7

I never leave or give a charged
weapon

134. PETS

1. All Families living on PENANG are reminded that it is their responsibility to register dogs and pets at Garrison Headquarters PENANG and that the Number, Rank, and Name of the owner should be attached to the animal's collar. In order that an up-to-date register can be maintained, all dogs and pets will be registered not later than Fri 8 Aug 57. This cancels any previous registration.
2. Any pets found not registered after 8 Aug 57 are liable to be destroyed. All owners of pets are requested to co-operate in this matter.

Wm Ramsay
Capt
Adj t

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT COL J G OCHILTREE

COMMANDING

2nd BATTALION

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial 27
Paras 135-
136

21 Aug 57
BUTTERWORTH

RULE FOR SAFETY NO.7

I only load when ordered
and never another man's weapon

135. CIVIL DEBTS (26/1)

1. 2 RAR RO 131/57 of 26 Jul 57 para 1 states:

"A member shall not, without just cause or excuse, refuse or fail to pay on demand any debt lawfully due and owing by him to a civilian in MALAYA/SINGAPORE."

2. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of the above order, cases are continuing to come to notice of members not meeting their financial obligations to civilian traders.
- (b) Such transactions are normally matters for determination between the member and the trader and no army action is taken to ascertain whether a member has any unpaid accounts.
- (c) However, with the departure of 2 RAR from MALAYA, planned for Oct 57, a number of applications have been made by tradesmen seeking army assistance in having members honour their financial obligations. In this regard, it should be clearly understood that failure to pay a lawful debt will adversely affect the prestige of AUSTRALIA in general and the Australian Army in particular.
3. All ranks are notified, therefore, that in the event of application for assistance in settling unpaid accounts being made to the Battalion the member concerned will normally be charged with an offence under this order.

136. PROMOTION EXAMINATION : AUG 57 (224/4)

The undermentioned candidate qualified in Subject B AACC by examination at BUTTERWORTH on 7 Aug 57.

1/2991 TCpl SKAINES R K

H. Bluestein
* Capt
Adjt

S E C R E TAN APPRECIATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE FOR
APRIL 1957

1. The total of terrorist eliminations for this month is rather below average. The number of terrorist-inspired incidents has fallen also; and though a larger proportion of them were "major", only two were aggressive.
2. In the "Freedom News" published in Singapore, the MCP has commented on the Reid Constitutional Report. It has taken the opportunity to encourage public demand for the cessation of the "shooting war" and recognition of the MCP.
3. In this report, reference is made to the views written by the late YEONG KWO (Vice Secretary-General of the MCP) on the fate of the MCP's armament in the event of a negotiated "peace". He suggests that these weapons should not be surrendered as they are the property of the "Malayan People in their fight for national independence." It should be stressed that this is not an authoritative policy statement. It is believed to be Yeong Kwo's personal views, probably intended for CHAN PENG's consideration. It is not known whether Chan Peng ever received them.
4. There is a further example of an MCP district, that is a target for major Security Force operations, attempting to obtain supplies from an area outside the Government's blockade. This is the case of the 5th MCP District in South Perak, the target of Operation "Parchment", apparently obtaining bulk supplies from the neighbouring district of Telok Anson.
5. In Penang further trouble occurred in Chinese Middle Schools at the beginning of April 1957. Students in three schools staged demonstrations in protest against the expulsions that took place last November in consequence of indiscipline in the CHUNG LING High School. In consequence of these new demonstrations the schools were closed prematurely and further expulsions were ordered. Subsequently, certain Chinese men of social position have encouraged the students to oppose the disciplinary measures. The former include members of the ANG BIN HOAY Secret Society, and four of them have been appointed by the GEORGETOWN MCA to serve on a committee that is to investigate the trouble in these schools.
6. Some of the expelled students have formed themselves into an executive committee that is seeking support from political parties, trade unions and from schools in other parts of the Federation. They are believed to have won considerable sympathy and opposition to Government. There may be further demonstrations when the schools re-open in Penang and elsewhere. These developments, particularly the canvassing of adult support bear a significant resemblance to the build-up by the Singapore Chinese Middle Schools Students Union before the "show-down" in Singapore in October 1956.
7. There is an increasing tendency for Communist Front Organisations in Europe and China to invite organisations in Malaya to send delegates to various functions abroad. Recently, the Malayan Trade Union Congress has been invited to send representatives to the May Day celebrations in PEKING: The National Union of Transport Workers has been invited to send delegates to a Trade Union International in BUCHAREST sponsored by the World Federation of Trade Unions; and an Indian resident of Penang has received communications regarding the forthcoming Sixth World Festival of Youth to be held in MOSCOW.

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TERRORIST ACTIVITY - Statistical Notes for
April 1957

TERRORIST ACTIVITY

1. There has been an overall fall in terrorist activities this month. The number of major incidents, however, has risen, but is still below the low average level of the past year.

Statistics

	<u>April</u>	<u>March</u>
2. (a) Incidents	20	29
Major incidents	5	2
Aggressive incidents	2	3
Attacks on Security Forces	14	18
Attacks on estate and mining property	-	1
Sabotage of telecommunications	1	-
(b) Security Force contacts	27	31
Terrorists killed	16	24
" surrendered	6	13
" captured	3	2
Ranking terrorists eliminated	3	5
(c) Security Forces killed	2	-
" " wounded	3	9
Civilians murdered	1	1
Security Force nett gains in arms	11	42
Security Force nett gains in ammunition	586 rds	1524 rds
(d) Ranking terrorists eliminated were:		
District Committee Secretary	-	1
District Committee Member	-	1
Branch Committee Secretary	-	1

The following corrections have been made in the above figures for March:

Incidents	-	29	instead of 28
Security Force contacts	-	31	instead of 32
Ranking terrorists eliminated	-	5	instead of 7
Security Force nett gains in arms	-	42	instead of 41
Security Force nett gains in ammunition	-	1524	instead of 1464.

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S E C R E TAN APPRECIATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE FOR
MAY 1957

1. The total of terrorist eliminations for the month is a slight improvement on the figures for April, but, at an average of one terrorist per day, remains slightly below the average of 32 per month during the first five months of this year. (The monthly average for the whole of 1956 was 39 eliminations). A heartening feature has been the elimination of 9 terrorist leaders, three of them of State Committee rank. Most terrorist leaders are men with pre-Emergency experience of Communist Subversion, and thus are the very men whom the present MCP policy of Conservation of Strength is designed to preserve for the fresh Political Campaign of Subversion which is the principal aim of the Party.
2. The killing of State Committee Secretary, AH FUTT, leaves only two SCMs in Selangor. The centre of the State now is nearly clear of terrorists, and most of the hard core is based on the hilly BUKIT CHERAKA Forest Reserve flanking the coastal plain. Pre-Emergency, AH FUTT had been the leading figure in the MCP-dominated trade union at the Malayan Collieries.
3. The killing of TAN FUK LEONG by aerial bombardment may presently ease the situation in north Negri Sembilan. His inspiring leadership of the 3rd Independent Platoon has been the major factor in the preservation of MCP influence in the north of the State and on the borders of Selangor. We know from experience that the elimination of a senior leader has little apparent effect on the morale of his followers, but the plain fact is that only one Deputy Platoon Commander survives. It appears that at present, elements of the platoon are deployed on static Min Yuen duties to reinforce the gravely weakened personnel of three MCP districts, in this role, a platoon becomes non-offensive and is more vulnerable.
4. A most interesting development has taken place in the KULIM area in South Kedah. Two SEPs have informed us that nearly fifty terrorists of the 5th MCP District organisation quietly slipped away from their areas in February, 1957, and, led by their District Committee Secretary and all other ranking terrorists in the District, have been engaged on a march towards the Thai frontier beyond north Kedah. It is believed that the party must now have crossed the frontier. A small number of terrorists, all guides or couriers, were left behind in 5th District. The SEPs did not know the reason for the move. Our interim view is that this move may be in conformity with the policy of Conservation of Strength. KULIM has been subjected to considerable Security Force pressure, though we had not thought that the situation of the CTO was precarious. We cannot be sure whether it is intended that the terrorists should return to re-occupy the area, but this seems doubtful, and steps are being taken to eradicate the supporting Masses Organisation in the district.
5. In PENANG, the students have continued to receive much adult support for their undisciplined activities that are so closely modelled on the example of the Singapore Chinese Middle School Students Union. This support comes not only from labour unions and from the Labour Party of Malaya and the Socialist Youth League, it comes also from the active encouragement of a number of prominent Chinese citizens of outward respectability. The committee of the GEORGETOWN MCA that made an unofficial investigation of the disorder at the beginning of April, has produced a report that is biased heavily in favour of the students. There are clear indications that some of these citizens are consciously following the United Front line, and are seeking, probably for political reasons, to increase their personal popularity amongst left-wing students. But there is no indication from where they get their direction of inspiration.
6. The struggle is developing on the lines of direct opposition to Government's Education policy and defiance of Government's encouragement of those who are prepared to maintain proper discipline in the schools.

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7. Elsewhere, schools are fairly quiet. However, there is a continuing tendency by left-wing trade unionists to develop close relationships between students and Labour. A new development here is the plan to place selected Chinese Middle school students in official positions in labour organisations.

8. Plans are being advanced for resuscitating the secret Industrial Workers Group of Malaya. This organisation was active in the middle of 1956, when, under the leadership of the fiery V. DAVID, it was plotting to win control of the moderate Malayan Trades Union Congress. It was discouraged by the action taken by the Singapore Government against the Middle Road Group of unions which were its inspiration. After lying low for a period, it intends now to convene a meeting of left-wing leaders. Meanwhile, all is not well within the MTUC itself; recently the Negri Sembilan division adopted a resolution urging the parent body to withdraw from the non-communist International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. It is believed that left-wing influence within the division has become dominant.

TERRORIST ACTIVITY - Statistical Notes for May 1957

TERRORIST ACTIVITY

1. There has been a sharp rise in the number of ranking terrorists eliminated this month. The elimination of SCS, AH FUTT, leaves only two other high-ranking terrorists (SCM's) in Selangor.

Statistics

	<u>May</u>	<u>April</u>
2. (a) Incidents	19	20
Major Incidents	5	5
Aggressive Incidents	2	2
Attacks on Security Forces	14	14
Attacks on Estates and Mining Property	-	-
Sabotage of Telecommunications	1	1
(b) Security Force Contacts	25	28
Terrorists Killed	19	16
Terrorists Surrendered	8	6
Terrorists Captured	3	4
Ranking Terrorists Eliminated	9	3
(c) Security Forces Killed	-	3
Security Forces Wounded	3	4
Civilians Murdered	1	1
Security Forces Nett Gains in Arms	17	11
Security Forces Nett Gains in Ammunition	1335	586
(d) Ranking Terrorists Eliminated were:		
1 State Committee Secretary		
2 State Committee Members		
1 District Committee Member		
5 Branch Committee Members		

The following corrections have been made in the above figures for April:

Security Force Contacts	-	28	instead of	27
Terrorists Captured	-	4	instead of	3
Security Forces Killed	-	3	instead of	2
Security Forces Wounded	-	4	instead of	3

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AN APPRECIATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE FOR
JUN 1957

1. The number of eliminations of terrorists this month is only 18 - compared with an average of 32 per month during the first five months of the year. It is not thought that this disappointing figure is significant, though it does underline the fact that the terrorists are having success in their general policy of avoiding casualties and in their policy of withdrawing temporarily or permanently from an area subjected to major food denial operations.
2. There is no fresh information that throws light on the reason for the withdrawal of nearly all the terrorists from the KULIM area of South Kedah. There are indications that the party of nearly fifty has crossed the extreme northern part of the frontier into Thailand. A recent appreciation of terrorist strength shows that more than 25% of the remaining terrorist strength of the MCP is now, either within Thailand or operating so close to the frontier that it can withdraw quickly in the event of attack. Though local Thai officials are co-operative, the movement and composition of Malaya's own Security Forces inside Thailand is so limited, and the lack of Emergency Regulations permits such close co-operation of the local populace with the terrorists (and such domination of the former by the latter), that it is not possible to deal effectively with these well-armed units.
3. There has been virtually no change in the pattern of MCP terrorist activity and of subversion. The main manifestations that have been described in appreciations of the last three monthly reports remain current and unchanged.

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TERRORIST ACTIVITY - Statistical Notes for June 1957

TERRORIST ACTIVITY

1. There has been a large decrease in the number of terrorists eliminated, from 31 to 18. There were no really important terrorists eliminated during the period under review.

RECRUITMENT

2. The CTO recruitment figures for the first 6 months of 1957 were:

(a) Definite recruitment	-	13
(b) Probable recruitment	-	5
(c) Number of recruits eliminated	-	3

Total elimination suffered by the CTO during the same period was 181.

STATISTICS

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Major Incidents	3	5
Aggressive Incidents	2	2
Attacks on Security Forces	19	14
Attacks on Estate and Mining Property	-	-
Sabotage of Telecommunications	-	1
(b) Security Force contacts	28	25
Terrorists killed	14	19
Terrorists Surrendered	2	9
Terrorists Captured	2	3
Ranking Terrorists eliminated	2	9
(c) Security Forces Killed	3	-
Security Forces Wounded	5	3
Civilians Murdered	-	1
Security Force Nett Gains in Arms	25	15
Security Force Nett Gains in Ammo	847	1336
(d) Ranking Terrorists Eliminated were:		
1 Branch Committee Secretary		
1 Branch Committee Member		

The following corrections have been made in the above figures for May:

Terrorists Surrendered	-	9 instead of 8.
Security Force Nett Gains in Arms	-	15 instead of 17.
Security Force Nett Gains in Ammo	-	1336 instead of 1335.

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PRECEDENCE ACTION
PRIORITY

DATE TIME GROUP

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
SECRET
ORIGINATORS No 70/1
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FROM 2 RAR

TO A coy B coy D coy HQ coy PMC IO bnTO RP sgt

INFO Sp coy (rear details) trg offr sig offr QM RMO ch(CE) ch(RC)
RSM WO caterer

VISIT D of OPS mon 12 aug . FIRST . ETA BUTTERWORTH airfd 0945 hrs by PEMBROKE ac accompanied by ADC throughout . met by CO . SECOND . ETD BUTTERWORTH airfd 0950 hrs by hel for KROH accompanied by CO for remainder visit . THIRD . ETA KROH airfd (QY785056) 1035 hrs met by KROH DWEC reps . ALFA . D coy will secure and mark airfd wef 1015 hrs and gd hel until take off . BRAVO . B coy will arrange tpt in conjunc KROH DWEC . CHARLIE . VIP visits KROH DWEC 1040 to 1110 hrs . DELTA . visits B and D coys insps trg 1115 to 1140 hrs met by maj GL BALES OC B coy and capt TJ GRAY AOC D coy . ECHO . VIP ETD KROH 1145 hrs by hel for HOBART camp . FOURTH . ETA HOBART camp LZ (QY 276186) 1210 hrs met by maj K A PEDDLE OC A coy . ALFA . A coy will secure and mark LZ wef 1155 hrs and gd hel until take off . BRAVO . A coy and bnTO will each sup one truck 1/4 ton plus A coy scout car escort in posn LZ 1155 hrs . CHARLIE . VIP insps A coy trg 1215 to 1230 hrs . DELTA . VIP ETD HOBART camp LZ 1235 hrs for BUTTERWORTH . FIFTH . ETA BUTTERWORTH LZ (soccer fd) (VD 032722) 1305 hrs . ALFA . HQ coy will secure and mark LZ wef 1255 hrs and gd hel until take off . BRAVO . IO will control LZ . CHARLIE . VIP will proceed on ft offr mess lunch 1310 to 1400 hrs met by maj G M THIRLWELL MC PMC/OC HQ coy . all aval offr loc BUTTERWORTH present offr mess 1300 hrs . DELTA . VIP departs offr mess 1400 hrs for BUTTERWORTH airfd . bde VIP car and COs truck 1/4 ton in posn offr mess 1350 hrs . RP sgt will sup door orderlies . SIXTH . VIP ETD BUTTERWORTH airfd 1415 hrs by PEMBROKE ac for KUALA LUMPUR . SEVENTH . coys will fwd details of trg being undertaken during visit their locs to reach this HQ by 100900 hrs (aug)

L M Ramsey
Capt
Adjt

8 Aug 57

SECRETAUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCESIn reply please
quote : 222/32nd Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
c/- GPO PENANG

14 Aug 57

GD OF HONOUR FOR HRH THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER
MINDENBERG - 2 SEP 57GEN

1. 2 RAR will sup the subj requirement on afternoon 2 Sep 57.

ASSY AND TRG

2. Pers selected will conc at BUTTERWORTH Camp on morning
-
- Mon 26 Aug 57 to commence trg under the RSM initially.

COMPOSITION

3. The fol appts are promulgated:

(a) Gd Comd	--	Maj RGPS McNAMARA
(b) Gd Capt	--	Capt G S LUCAS
(c) Ensign	--	Lt A W CAMPBELL MC
(d) CSM 1st Div	-	CSM SYMONS RD
(e) CSM 2nd Div	-	CSM PRISK G
(f) Gd Sgts	-	Sgt CHERRY J Sgt SWINBOURN CH

4. Coy contributions towards the composition of the gd will be
-
- as fols:

(a)	<u>A Coy</u>	<u>B Coy</u>	<u>C Coy</u>	<u>D Coy</u>
Cpls	1		1	1
Lcpls		1		1
Ptes	31	22	32	30
Total	32	23	33	32

- (b) The above figures will enable a small
-
- res to be maint.

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION

5. Coys will fwd names of pers selected to reach BnHQ by 0900 hrs
-
- Wed 21 Aug 57.

6. In the selection of pers, it will be borne in mind, that the gd
-
- is representing the Regt and AUST on this royal occassion.

REPORTING

7. OR pers nominated will report to the RSM by 1200 hrs Mon
-
- 26 Aug 57.

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DRESS EQPT AND WPNS

8. Where practicable prior to reporting to BUTTERWORTH, pers will be in possession of the fol items in first cl condition:-

Boots AB (2 pairs)
 Puttees, green
 Hosetops, khaki
 Garter flashes, 2 RAR
 Shorts OG
 Jackets OG (in addition to shirts ceremonial issued by QM)
 Hat, KFF, incl puggaree
 44 pattern belt, frog and sling
 Gaiters, AUST
 Slacks, OG

9. The gd will be armed with No 5 rifles. It is hoped to obtain a sup of these wpns from outside the bn, to avoid the temp transfer of HQ Coy No 5 rifles to the members of the gd, and the consequent temp transfer of FN rifles to HQ Coy.

10. Metal parts of wpns normally painted, will be painted black. Tech Sgt will ensure that all bayonets and scabbards are up to ceremonial standard.

11. Coys will ensure that pers are issued with fresh sets of Regt, fmn, and AMF embellishments, while lanyards rifle green, worn by pers entitled, are in good condition.

12. Medals correctly mtd on medal broaches will be carried.

13. Offrs will carry full Sam Browne eqpt plus sword. WOs and Sgts will carry sashes inf.

ACCN

14. After reporting to the RSM on 26 Aug 57 (see para 7 above), pers will proceed to A, B and D Coy BUTTERWORTH coy lines under the senior rank present. C Coy pers will be accommodated with B Coy.

ACCN STORES AND DOCUS

15. Coys will ensure that gd pers move complete with kit, accn stores, and personal docus, as pers will not return to present coy locs on 2 Sept 57, but will remain at BUTTERWORTH until joined by A, B and D Coy main bodies on 3/4 Sep 57. C Coy pers will return to LASAH on 3 Sep 57.

16. The move of A, B and D Coy Adv Parties on 24 Aug 57 to take over coy lines and estb cook-houses prior to the arrival of the gd pers on 26 Aug 57, will be subj of separate advice.

L. J. Ramsay

Capt
Adjt

DISTR:

HQ Coy	Gd Comd
A Coy	RSM
B Coy	WO Caterer
C Coy	Tech Sgt
D Coy	Pay
Sp Coy	Post
QM	Diary (2)
Bn TO	File
	Spare (4)

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The Royal Australian Regiment
c/- GPO PENANG

21 Aug 57

SECURITY OF MILITARY CAMPS

1. It is important that adequate measures are taken to ensure the security of military camps and installations from the time of Independence onwards. While there is no indication of any increase in the threat to such installations it is only prudent to review the measures at present in force.

2. The following are some of the security measures which it may be advisable to introduce. They apply particularly to camps of a more or less permanent nature scheduled for occupation during the "Interim" period :-

- (a) Declaration of the site as a Protected Place.
The CPOs have authority to approve this measure which enables the military authority to prohibit access by civilians. Coys will apply to this HQ to have camps declared Protected Places if they think it is justified.
- (b) Institution of a system of passes for all civilians who have access to camps.
- (c) Erection of perimeter fences where practicable and where the cost is not obviously prohibitive. Barbed wire fences are acceptable.

3. Such measures should not be overdone and it should not be made to appear that we are preparing for a state of seige.

4. At the same time orders for guards and sentries should be reviewed to ensure that they conform with the law and are drafted with the right emphasis, particularly in relation to shooting (see Appx A). It is stressed that Emergency Regulations do not cover guards and sentries on normal static camps.

5. At Appx B is a list of officially gazetted Protected Places in The Bde Gp Area.

6. Appx C are Notes on the use of firearms.

L. S. Ramfay

Capt
Adjt

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Sp Coy	C Coy	File	
A Coy	D Coy	Spare (2)	

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PART I

SPECIMEN PARAGRAPHS FOR ORDERS FOR
SENTRIES IN A PROTECTED PLACE

1. When you are posted you will ensure that you understand your orders.
2. You will not quit your post without being properly relieved.
3. Your beat extends from..... to.....
4. This is a protected place and the boundaries are.....
5. You are responsible for the safety and the security of your post and of any eq~~pt~~pt/property which you are ordered to guard.
6. By day you may only use your firearms :-
 - (a) To defend yourself or any other person from death, grave injury or abduction.
 - (b) To prevent someone burning down any building.
 - (c) To prevent a person doing something which endangers life.
 - (d) To effect the arrest of someone whom you have good reason to believe is a bandit or bandit helper or who is carrying firearms or explosives illegally, after you have called him to halt three times.
7. By night you may use your firearm and shoot anyone within the protected area who fails to halt when you challenge him three times.
8. Challenge by night:-
 - (a) You will challenge anyone approaching your area.
 - (b) Before challenging you will come to the "on guard" position.
 - (c) You will challenge "Halt, who goes there?" If the person halts, "Advance to be recognised".
 - (d) If the person does not halt you will challenge again "Halt, who goes there?".
 - (e) If the person still does not halt you will challenge again "Halt, or I fire" at the same time opening and closing the bolt of your rifle or cocking your OMC.
 - (f) If the person still does not halt you will shoot at him aiming for effect.

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PART II

SPECIMEN PARAGRAPHS FOR ORDERS FOR
SENTRIES ON NORMAL GUARD DUTIES OTHER THAN IN A PROTECTED PLACE

1. When you are posted you will ensure that you understand your orders.
2. You will not quit your post unless properly relieved.
3. Your beat will extend from.....to.....
4. You are responsible for the safety and the security of your post and of any equipment or property which you are ordered to guard.
5. You may only use your firearm :-
 - (a) To defend yourself or any other person from death, grave injury or abduction.
 - (b) To prevent someone burning down any dwelling house or warehouse.
 - (c) To prevent a person wilfully doing something which endangers life.
 - (d) To arrest someone whom you have good reason to think is a bandit or a bandit helper or who is carrying firearms or explosives illegally, after you have called on him to halt three times.
6. In para 5(a), (b) and (c) you may only use your firearm while the offender is actually committing or attempting to commit the offence. If he runs away before committing the offence you may NOT shoot to kill but may shoot to cripple if you cannot effect his arrest in any other way.
7. Challenging
 - (a) You will challenge anyone approaching your post.
 - (b) Before challenging you will come to the "on guard" position.
 - (c) You will challenge, "Halt who goes there?" If the person halts, "Advance to be recognised".
 - (d) If the person does not halt you will shout or blow a whistle for the Guard Commander and will challenge again, "Halt who goes there?".
 - (e) If he still does not halt you will try to arrest him without the use of firearms.
 - (f) If the person is committing one of the offences mentioned in paragraph 5 and does not stop after your first challenge you will fire for effect.

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PART III

SPECIMEN PARAGRAPHS FOR ORDERS FOR
SENTRIES POSTED TO GUARD TRAINS AND OTHER RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK

1. When you are posted you will ensure that you understand your orders.
2. You will not quit your post without being properly relieved.
3. You are responsible for the safety and the security of your post and of the engines, rolling stocks and their contents which you have been ordered to guard.
4. You may only use your firearm :-
 - (a) To defend yourself or any person from death, grave injury or abduction.
 - (b) To prevent a person doing something which endangers human life,
 - (c) To arrest someone whom you have good reason to think is a bandit or bandit helper or who is carrying firearms or explosives illegally after you have called on him to halt.
 - (d) To prevent someone from damaging any engine or rolling stock by fire or explosion.
 - (e) To return fire directed at the train if you are so ordered.
5. Challenging
 - (a) When the train is not moving you will challenge all persons approaching the rolling stock which you are guarding.
 - (b) Before challenging you will come to the "on guard" position.
 - (c) If the person does not halt but attempts to commit any offences shown in para 4 above you will fire on him for effect.
 - (d) If the person does not halt but does not commit any offence you challenge twice more and attempt to arrest him but will not shoot to kill.

PART IV

NOTES FOR SENTRIES IN SPECIAL AREAS

Such orders should be based on Orders for Sentries on Normal Guard Duties, with the following exception :-

If it is decided that a person who does not halt when challenged three times should be arrested for searching, then the orders should instruct the sentry to this effect and should tell the sentry that he may use his firearm to effect the arrest, using the minimum force necessary for the arrest.

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Appx B to 2 RAR 12/53
of 21 Aug 57

LIST OF OFFICIALLY GAZETTED PROTECTED PLACES IN THE BDE GP AREA

1. PENANG and PW

- (a) BUTTERWORTH Camp (area occupied by 2 RAR, 105 Fd Bty RAA,
11 Indep Fd Sqn RE)
- (b) MINDEN Bks
- (c) FORT AUCHRY
- (d) GURKHA LEAVE CENTRE
- (e) BATU UBAN

2. PERAK

NIL

3. KEDAH - HOBART - is under consideration with GPO KEDAH.

Appx C to 2 RAR 122/3
of 21 Aug 57

USE OF FIREARMS

1. It is your duty at all times to apprehend bandits, even if you are off duty and in civilian clothes. For this purpose firearms may be used at any time, whether you are on duty or off duty.

(a) To defend yourself or any person from death, grave injury or abduction;

or (b) To effect the arrest of any person whom you believe to be a armed bandit or a person acting with an armed bandit, or to prevent their escape ;

or (c) To protect from fire-raising :-

(i) any building used as a human dwelling or for the custody of property

(ii) any railway rolling stock, or a motor vehicle, e.g. to stop the burning of a bus.

2. Firearms should not be used if you can achieve your object without them.

3. If you honestly and reasonably believe in the existance of the facts indicated in paragraph 1 above you can act on that belief. You will not be guilty of an offence even if that belief turns out to be mistaken.

NOTE : In any reproduction of this Appx the word reasonably in para 3 must be underlined.

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Tao HQ
2nd Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
SG SIPUT

Tele: SG SIPUT 326
Ref : 3/1 INT

An Appreciation by the Director of Intelligence
for the month of MARCH, 1957

1. By the standards of the last year the number of terrorist eliminations may be considered satisfactory. There was a sharp increase in the number of terrorist attacks on Security Forces, though only three of these were serious. This increase is not symptomatic of a new trend; indeed it is known that the MCP policy of conservation of strength remains valid.
2. There is still little success in the Federal priority operations. This may be due to two causes: (a) terrorists probably are feeding off the supply dumps that they were instructed to create in anticipation of food denial operations (b) terrorists may be acting early on the dispensation that authorises them to evacuate outside their boundaries in the face of Security Force pressure. We suffer the disadvantages of having very little knowledge of the size of the terrorists' food reserves. Further, as long as such reserves exist, the terrorists need not make contact with the Organised Masses that contain our sources of intelligence. Thus in some areas we are out of touch with the terrorists.
3. Regarding cause (b) in the preceding paragraph: there are indications in the first phase of one major operation that some of the terrorists have evacuated already, partly to an abandoned Branch Area and partly into the jungle on the boundary of a neighbouring terrorist district.
4. There are major operations in all districts that could serve the North Johore Regional Committee. Intelligence from Special Branch sources indicates that the terrorists have several contacts with Masses Organisations, in villages on which previously they relied greatly. Coupled with this, activity in the deep jungle along Johore/Pahang boundary suggests that some supplies for the Regional Headquarters may be obtained from as far afield as the Rompin River in the white area of South-east Pahang. These indications (which are vague at present) conform with the policy of taking advantage of white areas where the forces of Government may be inadequate and unvigilant.
5. There is very little in the way of events and intelligence worthy of comment. Chinese students are becoming increasingly bold in their adoption of pro-Communist China activities and their opposition to school discipline.
6. Influence from the Chinese mainland seems to be increasing. The Bank of China is issuing loans on very inadequate security, apparently to obtain influence on Chinese businessmen. It is seeking to recruit staff from amongst pupils in Chinese Middle Schools. The All-China Federation of Trade Unions has invited the Malayan Trade Union Congress to send representatives to visit China; the offer has been accepted.
7. In politics, the President of the Pan-Malayan Islamic Party, Dr Burhanuddin, has reiterated his advocacy of an alliance with Communism with the object of defeating Imperialism. Abdullah Majid, the overt Malay Communist of Singapore is proving a great help to the doctor, and so presumably is increasing his influence.

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TERRORIST ACTIVITY - Statistical Notes for March, 1957

TERRORIST ACTIVITY

1. Terrorist activity has risen sharply compared with the previous month, but is still below even the low average level of the past year. Attacks on Security Forces increased threefold, but the latter retaliated effectively, contacts improved and the number of terrorists both killed and surrendered rose appreciably.

STATISTICS

2.

	<u>March</u>	<u>February</u>
(a) Incidents	28	14
Major Incidents	2	6
Aggressive Incidents	3	-
Attacks on Security Forces	18	6
Attacks on Estate and Mining Property	1	-
Sabotage of Telecommunications	-	2
(b) Security Force contacts	32	30
Terrorists Killed	24	20
Terrorists Surrendered	13	8
Terrorists Captured	2	-
Ranking Terrorists Eliminated	7	8
(c) Security Forces killed	-	-
Security Forces wounded	9	3
Civilians murdered	1	5
Security Force Nett Gains in Arms	41	29
Security Force Nett Gains in Ammunition	1464	5983
(d) Ranking Terrorists eliminated were:		
B.C.S.	- 1	
B.C.M.	- 5	
Platoon Operational Commander	- 1	

The following corrections have been made in the above figures for February.

Security Force Contacts	-	30	instead of 29
Terrorists Surrendered	-	8	instead of 4
Ranking Terrorists eliminated	-	8	instead of 7
Security Force Nett Gains in Arms	-	29	instead of 25
Security Force Nett Gains in Ammunition	-	5983	instead of 5981.

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18 April 57

AF/2/6 Our Ref.

Subject: 13/15 Indep Platoon

1. Attached as appendix 'A' are extracts from a statement made by S.E.P. LOH SANG.
2. LOH SANG left the Pl in MARCH 56 and this should be remembered when reading these extracts.
3. 2 RAR are mentioned specifically, but is thought that S.E.P. LOH SANG CTO had no idea which unit was to be attacked until after the incident.
4. Ref. para 13. It was only after the incident in JUNE 56 that the CTs knew that the unit they ambushed was 2 RAR. The S.E.P. no doubt learned the name of the Unit in the ensuing publicity. Similarly para 13(c) can be discounted.

MAJOR
A.W.J. ANGUS
M.I.O. for D.S.B.O.

APPENDIX 'A' to ref
dated the 18 APRIL 57

Notes on 13/15 Platoon from an interrogation
of S.E.P. LOH SANG

Recorded at BTAU GAJAH on the 29 MARCH 1957.

1. The move NORTH of 15 Platoon to join 13 Platoon.

15 Platoon left 8th District to join up with 13 Platoon in SEP/OCT 1955, the reason being the shortage of food in their area.

Twelve left CTs :-

CHEN KONG	WL: 00041	
CHUK MING	WL: 00641	
LIN YU	WL: 00610	
SEOW LEONG	WL: 00582	
AH LEONG	WL: 00577	(killed 1956)
FU TAM YU	WL: 00600	(wounded A Coy amb)
YUK FONG	WL: 00617	
YEE YAU	WL: 01592	
KO KAU	WL: 00621	
HOR FOO	WL: 00861	
KEONG MENG	WL: 00622	
KAI CHAI	WL: 01550	(killed 1956)

The following CTs were left in the District to carry out MIN YUEN duties:

TSANG KANG YAU	WL: 00038	
FOOK CHAI	WL: 00142	
CHOONG SENG	WL: 01552	
AH TIM CHYE	WL: 01553	(Provisional identification as being killed in TRONOH area on the 21 FEB 57)
WONG TAM CHOY	WL: 00603	
AH NAM	WL: 00619	
YEONG LAU	WL: 00607	

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The twelve CTs moved to the SG SIPUT NORTH area and joined up with 13 Platoon at the beginning of JAN 56 LOH SANG cannot remember the route, being in the jungle most of the way, but does recall that in 9th District, they went via the SG JENALIK and the SG BEKOR areas. The party stayed some 10 plus days in the SG BEKOR area before pushing on.

2. S.C.M. CHEONG MAN'S WL:00009 lecture to them in the SG BEKOR area.

Whilst camping in the SG BEKOR area, LOH SANG states that S.C.M. CHEONG MAN came into their camp with two bodyguards one evening, stayed the night and departed next morning. Here, the SCM gave the CTs a pep talk saying that within two years they could expect peace in MALAYA (this being around the time of the projected BALING talks). The reaction of the CTs was favourable as they considered that what the SCM said was right, and their morale was raised accordingly.

3. Arrival of 15 Platoon in the SG SIPUT NORTH area.

Eventually, 15 Platoon joined up with 13 Platoon in a camp which LOH SANG stated to be situated 2/3 hours walk to the WEST of CHEMOR, situated in that area of jungle between the SG PARI and the CHEMOR pipe line. (This should be treated with reserve if ground evidence is other wise.)

Here he met the following CTs:-

LAU FONG	WL: 00040	Polit.Commissioner and also responsible for supplies.
AH KAI	WL: 00630	
SI YUEN	WL: 01595	
HIN TOK	WL: 01339	
AH YUEN	WL: 01417	
SOO CHUEN	WL: 00580	
KON SIEW	WL: 01612	
MOO SIN	WL: 01576	
AH HAR	WL: 01395	(wounded in A Coy ambush)
LAM FOOK CHEONG	WL: 00131	
FONG YEE YAU	WL: 01397	
SANG CHAI @		
LIM SANG	WL: 00146	
HON THAU	WL: 01567	(killed 1956)
KWAI MOOI (f)	WL: 01608	
CHOO CHYE (f)	WL: 01345	

4. Transfers of CTs

CHUK MING WL: 00641 was transferred to MIN YUEN duties in the SALAK area soon after he arrived at the camp and CHOO CHYE (f) was transferred also for MIN YUEN duties a short time afterwards.

5. Activities whilst LOH SANG was in the camp

The CTs did little whilst in the camp, and there appeared to be little political indoctrination. What there was, was carried out by LAU FONG and AH KWAI WL: 00630.

6. Food Supplies to the 13/15 Indep Platoon

LOH SANG states that little difficulty was experienced in obtaining food. The main supplies came from three places, SALAK, SG SIPUT and CHEMOR, the larger part coming from the latter.

SALAK area

CHUK MING WL: 00641 was responsible for supplies from this area, and would write to the platoon saying how many men would be required to carry out foodlift, the food being placed in a pre-arranged spot by the MIN YUEN. LOH SANG states that this was generally in the area of SALAK HILL".(?) The return journey to collect food from the pre-arranged spot to the camp took three days.

SG SIPUT area

AH SEONG WL: 00706 was responsible for supplying food from this area. He would arrange a date for a food collection, and the members of the platoon would go and collect. The food came from CHUK PAI LAU (S.B. say this could be anywhere in SG BULOH area EAST toward kampong) New Village () in the SG SIPUT area. Food was placed at the jungle edge. The return journey took one day and night.

CHEMOR area

LOH SANG states that a CT called CHEON CHOR probably WL: 01415 was responsible for supplying food from this area. The return journey to collect food took six hours. Food supplies were occasionally smuggled out to pre-arranged spots by workers on tapioca and vegetable plots. CHEUNG CHOR organised these workers, who brought out tins of food stuffs. If SFs were about, these tins were placed in excreta buckets, the contents of which were destined to fertilise the plots. It was considered that the SFs would not wish to explore the unsavoury contents of the buckets, and thus the workers would be safe from discovery.

7. Why 13/15 Platoon chose the area they did

The platoon moved to the area chosen because food supplies were easy to obtain, and method of supply was reasonably simple. Another reason was that there were many tapioca and vegetable plots in the area and if because of SF action, the supply system was temporarily disrupted the platoon could always feed off the tapioca and vegetable plots. LOH SANG states that the platoon, to his way of thinking, would always try to stay in the same area, and would certainly NOT move EAST of the road.

8. Efforts of the Platoon to set up a MIN YUEN Organisation in The JELAPANG area

Soon after the 13 and 15 Platoons joined together, LAU FONG sent:

AH HAR WL : 01395 (wounded A Coy ambush)
KON SIEW WL : 01612

and another CT to the JELAPANG area to endeavour to organise the Masses there, as LOH SANG stated that no MIN YUEN Organisation existed. They did not meet any workers, and returned to the camp shortly afterwards and did not go out again. LOH SANG states however, that since he left the platoon a MIN YUEN Organisation may have been set up, but he has not heard of one.

9. POLICY

LOH SANG states that LAU FONG WL: 00040 has been instructed by SCM CHEONG MAN to avoid contact with SFs as much as possible, but see para 13.

10. COURIERS

The meeting places for the exchange of documents, letters, etc between couriers was always away from the camp, these places being known only to the couriers, LAU FONG and CHEONG MAN. LOH SANG states that there was definitely communication between the platoon and CHEUNG MAN and thinks there was communication between the platoon and CHEONG CHOR WL: 00004. He states that CHEONG CHOR was situated to the N.E. of the platoon camp, where, he does not know.

11. Organisation of the Platoon

Before LOH SANG left, the platoon was organised as follows:

WL: 00040 LAU FONG Polit. Commissar armed with a carbine and grenade.
WL: 00041 CHEN KONG Pl Commander armed with a carbine and grenade.
WL: 00630 AH KAI 2 i/c armed with a carbine and grenade.

WL: 01608 KWAI MOOI (f) Nurse. Not armed (probably transferred away since LOH SANG left.

WL; 01595 SI YUEN Of Sect Ldrs rank but always followed LAU FONG around. Armed with a tommy gun and grenade.

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WL: 01339 HIN TOK	Section Ldr armed with Sten & grenade	WL: 00582 SEOW LEONG	Sec Ldr armed with sten and grenade
WL: 00861 HOR FOO	Asst Sec Ldr Jap rifle & grenade	WL: 00146 SANG CHAI	Asst Sec Ldr Tommy gun
WL: 01417 AH YOONG	Combatant MK V Rifle	WL: 00580 SOO CHUEN	Combatant American Rifle
WL: 01597 FONG YEW	Combatant MK 111 rifle	WL: 01592 YEW YAU	Combatant N/armed.
WL: 00610 LIN YAU	Combatant pump gun	WL: 00600 FOO TAM YAU	Combatant (wounded A Coy ambush) Mk V rifle
WL: 01576 MOO SIN	Combatant DB shotgun	WL: 01395 LIN YUK CHOY @ AH HAR	Combatant (wounded A Coy ambush) Tommy gun
WL: 00621 KO KAU	Combatant not armed	WL: 01612 KON SIEW	Combatant Mk 111 Rifle
WL: 01577 LEE LEONG	Combatant killed 56	WL: 00617 YOKE FONG	Combatant Mk V rifle
WL: 00131 LAM FOOK CHEON	Combatant Mk V rifle		

NOTE: WL: 00621 KO KAU was not armed because he once threw away his arms when attacked by SFs in the TRONOH area prior to the move NORTH.

WL: 01592 YEE YAU was not armed due to the shortage of weapons, LOH SANG states that this CT was weak (not a strong character).

12. Armament and repair facilities

- (a) SEP LOH SANG states that WL: 01595 SI YUEN knew how to make land mines and grenades. The latter were apparently improvised from unexploded mortar bombs found in the jungle.
- (b) Any weapons that required repair were sent by courier to YEONG CHEONG WL: 00583 of District Armoury.
- (c) LMG
LOH SANG states the following:

- (i) That he heard that 13 Platoon had two Brens but did not see them in the camp.
- (ii) That the two Brens of 15 Platoon were hidden before the move NORTH. He saw WL: 01552 CHOONG SENG and WL: 00607 YEONG LAU on the instructions of TSANG KANG YAU leave the camp to bury the guns and saw them return within an hour. The guns were first taken to pieces, greased, put in tins, and then buried. The camp at that time was WEST of the SG TUMBOH, and NORTH of the SG SENGKUANG. LOH SANG thinks that the guns were buried in that small salient formed by the converging rivers and in a place about a 1000 yards NORTH of their confluence. This area is

normally very swampy, but the guns would probably have been buried in a hummock above the level of the swamp. Query VP 7735. The reasons why the guns were buried were that there was not sufficient ammunition for them, and that their weight would cause considerable distress to men suffering from a shortage of food. The LMGs were one British Bren, and one which LOH SANG calls an "Indian type Bren" made in India, much heavier than the British pattern and possessing seven or eight gas vents on the end of the barrel. Query the Vickers Berthier.

13. Ambush carried out by 13/15 Platoon against 2 RAR in JUNE 1956

LOH SANG states that whilst in PAPAN he heard that S.C.M. CHEUNG MAN had ordered LAU FONG to carry out an ambush of SFs in particular the Australians. The reasons were as follows:-

- (a) CT morale not being what it should be, a victory over the Australians who were good fighters would boost morale exceedingly.
- (b) That the CTs were on the receiving end all the time with the corresponding loss of morale.
- (c) That 2 RAR were frequently in the area, and on occasion used the same track on their way in and out.

The CT morale after the ambush was lower than before; the CTs taking part were very angry but none dared show it openly.

CT casualties were two killed and two wounded. The wounded were:

AH HAR	WL: 01395
FOO THAN YAU	WL: 00600

14. CT Waverers

LOH SANG considers that the following members of the Platoon to be waverers, in as much as he considered it safe in grumbling to these three.

WL: 00610 LIN YU
WL: 00131 LAM FOOK CHEONG
WL: 00617 YOKE FONG

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

In reply please
quote : 222/3/2nd Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
c/- GPO PENANG

28 Aug 57

VISIT TRHs THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER
AND PRINCE WILLIAM to 2 RAR at MINDEN BKS : 2 SEP 57Ref: 2 RAR 222/3 of 14 Aug 57 - A
(Not to all addressees)GEN

1. The subj visit will take place in two parts:
 - (a) 2 RAR Gd of Honour plus Band (Composition as advised in reference A)
 - (b) Presentation of AUST Army families.

LOCS

2. (a) HRH The Duke of GLOUCESTER will insp the Gd of Honour on the Main Sports Ground at MINDEN Bks.
- (b) Presentation of members and families will take place near the Sports Pavilion MINDEN Bks.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

3. See Appx A.

PERS FOR PRESENTATION

4. See Appx B.

DRESS

5. Gd of Honour - as already promulgated.
6. (a) AUST Offrs (Duty and Guests) - Cap forage khaki
OG Safari jacket (sleeves rolled)
Medal ribbons
Cloth belt
OG trousers
Shoes, black
Canes, Regt
- (b) BR Offr Guests - BR equivalent
- (c) AUST OR Guests - Hats, KFF
OG Shirt, ceremonial
Medal ribbons
Belt, 44 pattern
OG Shorts
Hose tops, khaki
Flashes, garter
Puttees, green
Boots, AB
- (d) Lady Guests - as previously advised.
7. Coy and equivalent comds will please ensure that the above dress orders, which may vary from orders previously advised, are promulgated to all concerned.

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PREPS - ALLOCATION OF WORK

8. (a) Provision of temp br over storm drain leading to Sports fd by 1 Sep. GE PENANG
- (b) Provision of grass cutters for prep of reception area. GE PENANG
- (c) Removal of goal posts. GE PENANG
- (d) Whitewashing of Sports Pavilion steps. PENANG Gar
- (e) TC incl parking. OC 28 COMWEL Pro Unit
- (f) Provision of car door orderlies. (3 Royal Cars) OC 28 COMWEL Pro Unit
- (g) Ushers. Lt KENNEDY
Lt MEREDITH
Lt TONGE
Lt FLETCHER
- (h) Collection of dais from PWD on 1 Sep. RP Sec
- (j) Crowd control if nec. RP Sec
- (k) Collection and positioning of VIP chairs. RP Sec
- (l) Provision of tpt for Gd and Band as fols: Bn TO
- (i) to and from COMWEL Camp and BUTTERWORTH Emb Pt
- (ii) to and from GLUGOR Pier and MINDEN Bks
- (iii) Band - from MINDEN Bks to Residency, thence Ferry and return COMWEL Camp
- (m) Marking of Ground. RSM
- (n) Provision of Bouquet. Sgt FIDOE in consultation Mrs OCHILTREE

SECURITY

9. (a) Covering EAST flank, i.e. Main rd and foreshore. As arranged with OCPD GEORGETOWN.
- (b) Open ground NORTH, SOUTH and WEST of Sports fd. 20 res members of Gd posted as picquets on vantage pts (concealed as far as practicable)
- (i) OIC - Lt GOSMAN
- (ii) Wpns and Ammo - personal wpn plus 5 rds ammo carried in basic pouch worn RIGHT side.

MOV OF GD, BAND and PICQUETS

10. Sea movement to and from PENANG will be by ADC (subj to cfm):

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- (a) BUTTERWORTH Emb Pt - as nominated by 28 COMWEL Bde/NMSD
- (b) PENANG Emb Pt - GLUGOR Pier

REHEARSAL

11. There will be a full scale rehearsal on 1 Sep 57 - timings as for 2 Sep 57 - see Appx A.

ROYAL PARTY INFO

12. HRH The Duke of GLOUCESTER will be wearing civ clothes.

13. Occupants of Royal Cars

(i) Car No.1 HRH The Duke of GLOUCESTER
HRH The Duchess of GLOUCESTER
HRH Prince WILLIAM
Gazetted Police Officer.

(ii) Cars No.2 and 3

Pte Secretary	-	Maj HAWKINS
Equerry	-	Maj McDONALD
Lady in Waiting	-	Mrs HOLLAND
Capt of the Royal Flt	-	Gp Capt MITCHELL (may be present)
Detective		

L. J. Ramsay
Capt
Adjt

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VISIT TRHs THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER AND PRINCE WILLIAM
TO 2 RAR AT MINDEN BKS : 2 SEP 57

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Serial	Time	Event	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	1430 hrs	Picquets in posn.	
2.	1500 hrs	Gd of Honour at Gd Room ready to march on.	Wet weather sta - Gd Room. Gd tpt waiting area DCRE entrance rd.
3.	1500 hrs	All routes into MINDEN Bks sealed.	
4.	1500 hrs	All guests/spectators in posn.	Single lane car parking from above gd room entrance. Guests will RV with ushers at Gd Room entrance.
5.	1515 hrs	Gd of Honour and Band in posn on fd.	
6.	1520 hrs	Royal Party arrives at dais.	CO reports to HRH The Duke of GLOUCESTER, who move to dais posn. Adjt guides Royal Party to VIP seats flanking dais. Royal Cars to rear of pde - shelter under trees.
7.	1521 to 1523 hrs	Royal Salute.	
8.	1524 to 1532 hrs (approx)	Insp of Gd.	
9.	1533 to 1535 hrs	Royal Salute.	
10.	1535 to 1538 hrs	Presentation of families at dais.	Presentation of bouquet to HRH The Duchess of GLOUCESTER by Miss M OCHILTREE.
11.	1538 to 1540 hrs	Move to Sports Pavilion via steps.	All guests in families area near Sports Pavilion, stand and remain standing until departure of Royal Party. In the event of wet ground Royal Car No.1 may be used for mov in this serial.
12.	1541 hrs	Gd and Band silent march off.	Band embuss at DCRE entrance rd for Residency.
13.	1541 to 1559 hrs	Presentation of families.	Families shown at Appx B will be presented if time permits - not necessarily in the order as shown. Each family will be brought fwd in turn by the Ushers for presentation. CO 2 RAR will present each family. Wet weather sta for presentations - Sports Pavilion porch.
14.	1558 hrs	Royal Cars in posn ft of Sports Pavilion steps.	
15.	1600 hrs	Royal Party departs for Residency.	

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FAMILIES FOR PRESENTATION

1. VIP AREA

Lt Col J G OCHILTREE	- CO 2 RAR
Mrs J G OCHILTREE	
Maj P M SHANAHAN	- 2IC 2 RAR
Mrs P M SHANAHAN	
Mrs R G P S McNAMARA	- Wife of 2 RAR Gd Comd
Capt D M RAMSAY	- Adjnt 2 RAR
Maj H T ADDAMS WILLIAMS MC	- PENANG Gar Comd
Mrs H T ADDAMS WILLIAMS	

2. The above party may be augmented by 3 or 4 children.

3. Sufficient chairs, lounge for Royal Party as shown at para 13, together with chairs, lounge for the members and their families shown above, excl HRH The Duke of GLOUCESTER, CO and Adjnt 2 RAR, will be supplied by QM and positioned by RP Sec.

4. FAMILIES AREA

Maj and Mrs GEDDES	- 2 RAR
Maj and Mrs BALES	- 2 RAR
Maj and Mrs DAVIES	- 2 RAR
Maj and Mrs WARR	- 2 RAR
Capt and Mrs CARRUTHERS	- 28 COMWEL Bde Sig Sqn
Capt and Mrs LOURIGAN	- 28 COMWEL Bde OFF
Capt and Mrs EDDINGTON	- PENANG Gar
Capt and Mrs CHAPMAN	- 2 RAR
Capt and Mrs SUNDERLAND	- 105 Fd Bty RAA
Capt and Mrs HALMARICK	- AUST PR Offr
Ch and Mrs HAM	- 2 RAR
Lt and Mrs CUNNINGHAM	- 105 Fd Bty RAA
Lt and Mrs SMITH	- 2 RAR
Sgt and Mrs SOXSMITH	- 105 Fd Bty RAA
Mrs JESS	- Wife of Sgt JESS 2 RAR
Cpl and Mrs ROWEN	- 2 RAR
Cpl and Mrs EVANS	- 28 COMWEL Pro Unit
Mrs KENNEWELL	- Wife of LCpl KENNEWELL 2 RAR
Pte and Mrs FITZPATRICK	- 2 RAR
Pte and Mrs PRANDOLINI	- 2 RAR
Pte and Mrs KIMPTON	- 2 RAR
Sgt SEAL A J	- 2 RAR
Sgt SMITH F R	- 2 RAR
Cpl KENDELL J	- 2 RAR
Pte DONALD J	- 2 RAR

5. Sufficient chairs, dining will be sup by QM 2 RAR for the above party. RP sec will be responsible for the positioning, collection, and return of all chairs.

6. In addition to the above, an area is being arranged for members of HQ and Sp Coys, near to the Families Area. Sea mov will be by ADC subj to cfm that this craft is aval. Tpt requirements will be advised ASP.

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Reference: 2 RAR 222/3 of 28 Aug 57 - A

Appx B of ref A is amended in para 4 by inserting after
Lt and Mrs SMITH the following :

Miss P DAYMAN	-	Aust Red Cross
Capt H MILLS	-	RAANC
Lt A D ABBOTT	-	R/ANC

W. B. ...
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