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"A" B. H. Barnett

This is the Diary marked A  
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Arthur BARNETT at the time  
of swearing his affidavit.  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1946  
Before me

R. S. Hetch

A Commissioner of the Supreme  
Court of Victoria for taking affidavits

DATE

EVENT

1 MAR 43

Unit strength and distribution of personnel  
as at 0900 hrs.

	OFFRS	QRS	TOTAL
SIGNAL LINES (CHANGI)	8	224	232
H.Q. 27 INF. BDE	2	4	6
SINGAPORE GAOL		1	1
OVERSEAS (PARTY A, B, JAPAN & CAPT. PATERSON)	23	336	359
HOSPITAL (A.G.H.)		21	21
2 CON DEPOT		7	7
DETACHED - CONCERT PARTY		5	5
MOBILE LDY.		2	2
FORESTRY GP.		2	2
H.Q. A.I.F.	1	1	2
WITH 2/20 BN.	2	72	74
A.G.H.		1	1
	<u>36</u>	<u>676</u>	<u>712</u>

1015 hrs. Weekly revisionary course for second group of H.C.O's commenced. Capt Barnett of, Lieut May + R.S.M. Cunningham instructors.

1900 hrs. Warning Order received to the effect that Gardening Party would no longer be required from Signals - 2/10 8th Regt + 2/15 7th Regt. supplying full quota. Signal would provide permanent stump grubbing party and wood party to service the Brigade.

Rations received today for Unit (232 all ranks)  
Sugar 8 lbs, Tea 3 lbs 12 oz., Oil 12 lbs 8 oz.,  
Rice Puluhanga 6 lbs 12 oz., Rice Flour 24 lbs.,  
Zougary 14 lbs, Salt 2 lbs 8 oz. Rice is still  
being received at rate of 15½ oz per man per  
day, with 7 oz per day extra for personnel  
in Gardening Party.

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2 MAR

C.O. saw C.R.E. regarding re-organization within the Unit.

1345 hrs. C.O. & Adjt attended C.R.A. conference. (As from 0001 hrs today, Army personnel all come under C.R.A. - who relinquishes command. Technical side which reverts to unit - and Regt come under command of H.Q. R.A.A.). Matters arising therefrom

Information regarding Garden Party passed on to personnel of the Coy after I.T.A. dress parade

2015 hrs. Warning Order that 5 Signals Officers have to report at Conference House Camp at 1100 hrs  
3 Mar. received. Officers nominated by H.Q. A.I.F. were Lieut Mansfield, Sawley, Anderson, Conway, Harrison

3 MAR.

As from 0001 hrs today, unit appointments are as follows:-  
C.O., Capt Stahl 2 1/2 Coy & P.M.  
Capt Barnett, Offr. 1/2 Technical Training & Post Adjt.  
Lieut Stewart, Sport & Entertainment Offr. Lieut  
Sawley, Ofc H.Q. Coy, Lieut Mansfield, Ofc 1 Coy  
(Garden Party) Lieut Conway, Ofc 3 Coy Lieut  
Anderson, Ofc 4 Coy Lieut Harrison. Detached  
with 2 Coy Lieut Ray (Ofc) & Lieut Harrison.

1100 hrs. 5 Offrs reported at Conference House. They were questioned about course in Australia & were back in time for lunch.

1300 hrs. Information from H.Q. R.A.A. that signals Garden Party would be retained and number to be supplied each day would be increased to 10 Offrs & 49 G.R.S.  
Sport. Baseball V.A.A.S.C. Tent 12 to 1. Basket Ball Offr & Capt & 2800 Regt. Mon 13 Mar 41  
Signin Russell G.A. & Signin Parker transferred to Forestry Group.

2000 hrs. Talk by Padre Pearson on "Central Europe".

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3 MAR 25 lbs Herring received. Issue 4 days at 1/2 oz per man.  
4 MAR Sudden boy increased to 1 Offr + 72 GRs. Increase made up from volunteers. Boy accommodation re-allotted to conform.

5 MAR. Salt wine increased from 5 to 20 grams per day per man.

Weather - excellent. Hope is uncertain.  
1830 hrs. Night's Conference. Acting therefrom:-  
Immediate return of No of Personnel + Offrs by name, who have NOT had Malaria or Dysentery. It is anticipated that this is in connection with a warning order received that some movement of A.I.F. troops north will take place on MAR 10. [4 Offrs 172 GRs]  
Immediate return of personnel fit for Singapore Working Party also required [6 Offrs 31 M.CO. 120 MEN].  
Return of all blankets + mosquito nets required by 2000 hrs 6 MAR.

2000 hrs. Talk by Lewis Bobb Stone, 2 Shushus, on "World Polo and Hollywood".

2245 hrs. Coy Comdr. asked to have return of all personnel, showing fitness classification and whether they have had dysentery or malaria, to Unit H.Q. by 0930 hrs 6 MAR.

6 MAR. 0845 hrs. Wood trailer party reported at No 2 Base. We are responsible for providing party to move large trailer for wood all day, from new cutting area off Tampines Rd. to area within P.O.W. perimeter as indicated by Forestry Offr. Trailer party is 1 Offr + 25 GRs.

Morning: C.O. + 2 1/2 went through boy returns and made up list of personnel who could proceed North

1230 hrs. C.O. discussed matter with C.R.F. and G.H. Over allotment 60 GRs in party of 25 Offrs + 2500 GRs.

Anticipated date movement commences 15 MAR.

All nominated personnel will have to have malarial test, possibly soon. 8 MAR.

Sign personnel att to Forestry Sp. will move with L. of C. Area units.

Parcel will be known as FORCE.D - Overland Party.

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6 MAR.  
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In view of re-organization within P.O.W. Camp the Signals will cease to supply Garden Party as from 8 MAR..

Sport cricket v A.G.H. Took 37 to 3 for 110 (dec.)  
Unit allotment of 28 men for A.I.F. concert.

Rumours are very strong that there is a lot of mail at the Changi post, and personnel are over there working it for distribution.

7 MAR.

0815 hrs. Particulars of move north, and names of 60 nominated personnel, promulgated to men on check parade.

1050 hrs. C.O.'s Inspection Parade Compulsory Church Parade and march past C.R.A.. At the Church Parade Lt-Col. McEachern announced officially that there are 12 bags of mail, estimated at 60,000 letters, at the Changi post for A.I.F. troops.

1730 hrs. Information received that Signals will NOT now be supplying any personnel for FORCE.D., and that we shall be continuing to supply 10 off- + 49 QRS daily for the Garden Party.

Cricket. A.I.F. v 18 Div. A.I.F. 224. 18 Div 6 for 120  
- rain. Capt. Payne at Unit's rep.

8 MAR.

0845 hrs. Capt. Hall left for post to attend to sorting of mail for Unit's personnel. He estimates there are about 3000 letters for Signals. It is NOT known at present if the I.S.A. is going to read all letters before they are forwarded for distribution.

1010 hrs. Arrangements made for Capt. Olive Payne to see Regim Hall (Detention).

Sport. Cricket v 22 Pde. Lost.  
2030 hrs. Unit's night at A.I.F. concert.

DATE	EVENT
9 MAR	<p>0845 hrs. Sgt. Hall left for post to continue with letter sorting.</p> <p>1400 hrs. C.O. + Adjt attended the bomb. conference. Matters arising therefrom :- Sorting of mail should be completed in from 3 to 7 days. 100 A.I.F. and 100 Reg. letters have been given to I.S.A. as "junk letters" for purposes of checking in an endeavour to have complete check of the whole 200,000 letters raised; Pay - I.S.A. parties entitled to pay at "heavy" rates; In future, offer on salt water party will be doubled; Lt. Harrison to A.G.H. with probably rheumatism.</p> <p>1430 hrs. Urdu classes commenced at Pde H.Q. Capt Stahl &amp; Barrett attended</p> <p>Sports. Basketball. Offer + bye ✓ 2/15 Mar Team. Lost 22 to 7.</p>
10 MAR	<p>0845 hrs. Sgt. Hall to post to complete letter sorting. I.S.A. still intend to censor all letters. One letter received today for Sgt. Morrison. The first member of the Unit to be so fortunate.</p> <p>Sports. Baseball ✓ 2/9-10<sup>th</sup> Rd. Won. Lost 14 to 2.</p>
11 MAR	<p>Wood Party (10 offrs 25925) morning and afternoon.</p> <p>1900 hrs. Word received that I.S.A. State A.I.F. troops took vegetables from I.S.A. garden last night. I.S.A. will deal immediately themselves with any men caught outside the wire. Hospital payments will be paid by A.G.H. for pay from today.</p>
12 MAR	<p>1100 hrs. Final T.A.B. inoculation for any personnel who have NOT already had it</p> <p>50 letters received for this personnel.</p> <p>2000 hrs. Lecture "The Grenadier Guards" by Capt Walker of the Suffolk Regt.</p>
13 MAR	<p>Morning Wood Party (10 offrs 25925), Guard at No 3 base (10 offrs 9925), Salt Water Party (2 offrs 4925) Garden Party (10 offrs 49925) supplied by Regt. out of Unit strength of 7 offrs + 224925.</p>



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14 MAR	<p>Advanced Party of Force D left Changi.  1130 hrs. Voluntary C. of E and O.P.D. Church Parade.  No C.O's inspection parade as Unit supplied Gardening Party (normal) and Wood Party.  Buses. A.I.F. V 18 Dir. at 18 Div Padang. 18 Dir 77.  A.I.F. 141. Unit Rep. Capt. Burnett.  Signals are now attached to Tech. Regt under Lt-Col. Wright</p>
15 MAR	<p>Wood Party, morning and afternoon.  Signals allotment of Salt Water personnel increased to 6  Signal Post finished electrician duties at gas. United <del>Monday</del>  Day received for period 1-10 Mar. A.I.F. deducted  1 day's pay. W/O's 25 cents M.C.O.s 15 cents other duty  personnel 10 cents + no duty personnel 2 1/2 cents, a day.</p>
16 MAR	<p>Morning Wood Party and 7 I.R.s to assist Artz in  afternoon. 10 I.R.s on wiring party near  Changi spol.  0945 hrs. Special party of 10 I.R.s + 4 I.R.s Tech w/o 2  Training to A.G.H.  1530 hrs. Comd. Tech. Regt's conference in  connection with re-shuffle as result of move of  FORCE D. Signals allotted Bdy 14, Bdy 15  and Attack Unit near M.I.R.. Personnel from  square (att 2/20 Br.) will re-join Unit.  C.O., Capt. Stahl, protested that we were  to be known as a signal Coy of the Tech  Regt. The Unit's identity was being lost.  He later discussed the matter with C.R.E. who  was going to take it up with H.Q. A.I.F.  There will be no I.F.A. Check Parade until  19 MAR.</p>
17 MAR	<p>1930 hrs. Coy Comd's conference with 2/c and  allotment of quarters to Coy defined.  Movement to new quarters will be  effected tomorrow. No movement before  1200 hrs. Bays to be vacated to be empty  by 1430 hrs. No move into new quarters  until 1500 hrs.  2000 hrs. Unit lecture by Flight-Lt Mc Cabe  on <del>the importance of the Unit's</del>  <del>the importance of the Unit's</del></p>

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17 MAR 1100hr Party of 1 N.C.O & 9 O/Rs to supply Co. to assist in unloading rice (29 truck loads arrived)

1200hr Movement to new Bldg commenced. Unit vacated 4 flats of Bldg 16. To facilitate Unit's adm., 3 + 4 boys are going to be combined as from completion of move. When personnel from square return tomorrow (18 MAR.), Unit organization will be:-

	C.O.	Capt. J. B. Stahl
	2 1/2	Capt. B. A. Burnett
Plt + Q.M.		Lieut. W. V. May
Asst. Plt + Q.M.		Lieut. A. W. Stewart
+ Tech. Plt.		
O/C H.Q. Coy		Lieut. B. Mansfield
O/C 3 Coy		Lieut. K. Anderson
2 1/2 3 Coy		Lieut. Harrison (Hospital)
O/C 2 Coy		Lieut. G. Bourley
+ Asst. + Int. Comm. off.		
2 1/2 2 Coy		Lieut. H. Henderson
O/C 1 Coy		Lieut. R. Conway
		(Borden Coy)
	R.S.M.	W/O D. B. Cunningham
C.Q.M.S. (A/R.Q.M.S.)		S/Lt. P. Climpson

Movement, with exception of 2 Coy, completed during the afternoon.

Rumours are already current that another party (Force E) of 3000 will be moving shortly. It is rumoured too that a party of 450 O/Rs. will shortly be proceeding to Japan.

18 MAR

Wood Party (1972, only) morning + afternoon 1000hr. Map has taken from Signal. Borden Party personnel therein returned to Bldg 14. No 2 Coy moved from Barracks Square during the morning. Had evening meal with Unit. Disposition of personnel at Kitchens now

No 3 Coy Kitchen	- Officer, Sgt.	No 3 Coy	(
No 2 Coy Kitchen	- U.H.P.	No 2 Coy	(
No 1 Coy Kitchen	- No 1 Coy	(Borden Coy)	(

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2000 hrs. Unit lecture by Capt. G. Lewis  
on "The A, B, C of Brine".

19 MAR.

Wood Party (1000-2500 hrs) morning & afternoon  
A.S.C. Supply Party 1000-3000 hrs (2000 hrs being supplied by R.A.E.)  
General settling in in new quarters.  
Capt. Lewis when commenced manufacture of  
disinfectant from Berrie's root.

1600 hrs. Further 50 odd letters arrived.

1930 hrs. Conference board. Tech. Regt. attended  
by C.O. & Sgt. Matters arising therefrom:-  
No latrines to be closed or new ones opened  
without reference to Regt. Hygiene Officer, Maj. Rogers;  
No bays or stacks etc. to be demolished without  
reference to C.R.E.; Boots - limited supply of  
material for repair available; All un-audited  
paybooks to be forwarded Comd Regt for audit;  
There are NO permanent lights on no duties. Men  
must attend 19.1.R. at least once a week.

Request of I.N.C.O. + 600 hrs (all light duties) detailed  
for A.I.F. wood detail - hours duty 2000 hrs - 0800 hrs - NOT  
required - for 4 1/2 hrs duty.  
The from 0801 hrs today. Unit organization  
is as set out on 17 MAR.

20 MAR

Wood party (1000-2500 hrs) all day

21 MAR.

1100 hrs. C.O.'s inspection. Then Church Parade.  
Those NOT desiring to attend, marched to  
Concert Hall, broke off, then marched back  
to Unit lines.

1600 hrs. Hockey A.I.F. v B.G.H. Lost 6-0. Capt. Malt  
playing for A.I.F.

Wood party all day

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22 MAR	<p>Wood party all day            Balance of Unit attended A.I.F. concert            Brown making "factory" dis-infectant factory (collected from service truck), Pailon and Post Polish factory, located in appropriate quarters. Sgt. Lavinson 12.            Start made on spraying quarters with dis-infectant to get rid of bugs on account of up. Unit Stewart taken over 2 day.</p>
23 MAR	<p>Wood party (1000 25 921) in morning. Half wood party in afternoon.            Further 50 letters received.            News from all letters is collated by Cpl. P.K. Smith and a pressie is placed on Unit's signal board.            1430 hrs. Adjt. attended Regt. Comdr conference</p>
24 MAR	<p>News received from H.Q. A.I.F. stating Regt. would continue as a Unit (i.e. we would NOT lose our identity by becoming only a big. boy of the R.A.A. Regt.)            1530 hrs. All officers attended a lecture by Lt. Col. Blason on "The Plain River Battle" in A.I.F. concert hall</p>
25 MAR	<p>Full wood party in morning. Half wood party in afternoon</p>
26 MAR	<p>Further 50-60 letters received.            Rumours state that an additional batch of letters has arrived at stamp job.            1700 hrs. Pay, covering period 11-20 Mar., received. Allowment same as for last period.            1500 hrs. Sport. Hockey v H.Q. 27 Pde. Lost 1- nil.</p>

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27 MAR	<p>Wood party in morning  1115 hrs. Warning of further working party of 500 A.I.F. to be ready for move tomorrow  1300 hrs. C.O. attended Regt. H.Q. Our quota of party 25 GRs - no officers. Total party, A.I.F., 500 including 20 officers.  Further bundle of letters received.</p>
28 MAR	<p>0600 hrs. Reveille for Force E. Balance of day's rations carried on man. Another day's rations taken in bulk by Party G.M.. Information indicates party in morning by boat to a place not previously inhabited by P.O.W.s. Climate is similar to Singapore. Food will be better than here, but still no meat. Estimated time of travel, two days.  0725 hrs. Party under A/C.S.M. Cummings marched out of unit lines.  0800 hrs. Party left Barrack square by truck.</p>
29 MAR	<p>1130 hrs. Voluntary beach parade C.G.E &amp; O.P.D. No 1 Coy (Barden Party) made up to full strength from 2 &amp; 3 Coy.  Portion of Wood party and another brushwood Party (10 off 10 GRs) required in afternoon.  I.T.A. issued one signature per man today.  20 quanta per day of Rice Polishing mill, in future, (on from 1 APR 43) to be on I.T.A. issue. Rice is reduced to 430 quanta per day per man as from 1 APR. 43.</p>
30 MAR	<p>In compliance with orders from Regt. H.Q., four officers (Lieut. Stewart, Hendon, Conway, Madson) moved into Bldg 14.  1315 hrs. About 200 letters arrived  Wood party in afternoon  1415 hrs. Capt. Shearing, S.C (A) L of C. H.Q., called to discuss availability return  1700 hrs. Comd. 2nd Regt.'s conference attended by Capt. Shearing, Lieut. H. H. King. Rations arriving therefore.</p>

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30 MAR  
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2nd Regt. Comd's conference: -  
 Vegetable issue today ( ) in for 14 days; Parade  
 on Troop Day - details later; Day for April Officers  
 for March) Lt. Col + Major's adm. comd., 70 cents per day,  
 Major 60, Capt 50, Lieut 40, W/O 30, N.C.O 20,  
 O/R 10 cents per day, No baker 2½ cents per day;  
 Regt. Comd. will lay down minimum contrib. to  
 Unit's amenities: Local eggs 15 cents - imported eggs only  
 9 cents, endeavour being made to purchase latter;  
 Regt. funds, balance sheet to be sent to Regt. H.Q. by  
 3rd of each month; No posts in Unit area to be set down;  
 War diary notes to be sent Regt. H.Q. by 1200 hrs on 1st of each  
 month under following headings: Training, Sport, Education  
 & Entertainment, Lectures, Relations & Accommodation,  
 Relations with I.F.A., Morale & Discipline, Health  
 & Hygiene, Spiritual & general.

31 MAR

1030 hrs. Instruction received from C. of C. H. Q. that  
 all men over 50 (number actually on gardening  
 work) would have to be shown as available  
 for other duty on availability return. This is  
 NOT in accordance with original arrangement made  
 by Capt Stahl with Lt. Col Balleghan, and Capt  
 Stahl, therefore, immediately made a strong  
 protest.

1430 hrs. Trailer party to Transport Concert Party  
 "props" to A.G.H.

### Summary for March:

Morale & Discipline of the Troops is good.  
 Good weather has kept up their spirits.  
 Unit Harrison has been in A.G.H. since 9 MAR.  
 and Lieut Grouley & Mansfield have been no  
 duty from, respectively, 2 MAR (exp) & 31 MAR (Hons).  
 Movement of Troops towards the end of the month  
 revealed the no. of lectures arranged and sports  
 activities of the men.

The N.C.O.s who attended the course at the beginning of the month profited by their weekly revisionary training, and, as a result, movement of Unit parties around the area improved.

The contributions by the men enabled the American Fund to purchase additional food to supplement the I.F.A. rations, and all hickens were able to turn out palatable food.

The movement of two parties from Changi — Force D of 2500 men on 6-11 MAR and Force E of 500 men on 28 MAR (we only had personnel in the latter party and then only 25 GRCs) — meant that, in addition to our Bandaging Party of 50 men daily and our D.R. service throughout the A.I.F. Area, Signals were called on regularly for trailer parties. All thoughts of any training had, therefore, to be abandoned. The personnel under Unit Reg, who were quartered in Parkside Mess and at 2/20 Bn, rejoined the Unit on 18 MAR, we having vacated our 4 flats in Hdy 16 and taken over Hdy 15 + 14 on 17 MAR. Our numbers, approx 300, did NOT allow of any space to be allotted as mess rooms; although the men were NOT too crowded — there being about 32-35 to a flat. Bays were re-organized to reduce no. of bay clerks etc. required and to reduce no. of kitchens necessary. The wood issue would permit of only 3 kitchens <sup>being</sup> used, the coffee and bath coming from the men's mess.

Our experience with regard to sickness within the Unit during the month was favourable. The main trouble has been eye complaints due to vitamin deficiencies. Men suffering are usually on light duty or no duty which considerably reduces our available man power for trailer parties. The light duty personnel have been used in making brooms, manufacturing of disinfectant from disinfectant, and the spraying of quarters. Best polish was also made from palm oil + soap.

The outstanding event of the month was the receipt of mail from Australia. From 10-31 MAR approx 400 letters were received for Unit personnel at Changi. The letters were dated from June 42 to early August 42 & news was received of Capt. Pope, Capt. Firth, Lieut Lawson, Capt. Fawcett, Capt. Gray, Capt. Henry, Major Morley, Major, Sniffen, Nicholas & Newton. All are apparently safe in Australia.

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1 APR.

Wood party in morning. Portion of party in afternoon.  
Unit strength and distribution of personnel as  
at 0900 hrs:-

	OFFERS	GRS	TOTAL
SIGNAL LINES (GHANGI)	9	264	273
H.Q. 27 INF. BDE	2	3	5
SINGAPORE GAOL		1	1
OVERSEAS (PARTY A, B JAPAN, CAPT. PATERSON'S + FORCE E)	23	361	384
HOSPITAL (A.G.H.)	1	21	22
2 COAL DEPOT		8	8
DETACHED - A.I.F. CONCERT PARTY		5	5
MOBILE LDY		2	2
FORESTRY GP		8	8
H.Q. A.I.F.	1	1	2
A.G.H.		1	1
R.A.A (TECH. H.Q.)		1	1
	<u>36</u>	<u>676</u>	<u>712</u>

1415 hrs. Sport. Cricket v 2 Co Depot. Lost.  
2030 hrs. Letter by Padre Guchworth "Tour of Europe  
by Cambridge Crew 1935".  
Unit Ranfield "No Duty" for four days

2 APR.

Wood party in morning, and afternoon  
1400 hrs. Capt. Noble who paraded to Lt. Col. Fraser,  
Command C.I.C.H.Q., in connection with Unit Garden Coy.  
Although we have to send out 50 men each day for  
gardening, we are only allowed 50 in our essential  
duty return - despite the fact that gardeners were  
promised one day a week off in addition to Wednesday  
& Sunday afternoons and Command A.I.F. has already  
approved of our organized gardening by of 100/- x 72 Gns.

2000 hrs - 0800 hrs. Tour of duty for personnel of  
I.H.C.O. + 6 GPs on R.I.F. Wood Dump. Duty  
can be performed by "eye carrier" and "light  
duty" personnel. Signals provide request from  
Korika until night of 8/9 APR. incl.



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3 APR. Heavy rain cancelled morning Wood Party. New hockey against Medical Group in afternoon.

1930 hrs. One Ogr (Lieut Mansfield) + 11 OGRs visited the show "Dancing Years" at Palladium (A.G.H. Area)

4 APR. 1110 hrs. C.D.'s parade, then personnel marched to Concert Hall where those NOT deservin' of attending Church Parade fell out and moved back to Unit lines. The Church Parade was voluntary. Signals number was 2 Ogrs + 43 OGRs in attendance - the Garden Party and a Wood Party being on duty.

Sport. A.I.F. played 18 Div, Malaya Comd + Southern Area cricket. A.I.F. 5 for 227 (dec). 18 Div etc. 63.

Lieut Harrison returned from A.G.H.

5 APR. No 3 Coy relieved No 2 Coy of Camp D.R. duties Wood Trailer party.

6 APR. Wood Trailer party.  
2 Electricians - Signon Bampfitt + Briggs - to go on I.T.A. duty (only req'd for 1 day)

2000 hrs. Unit talks by Capt. B. Bawring (2/29 Am) on "The Battle of New".

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7 APR

Supplementary rations issued by A.I.F. as from today are:-  
 P. canisters -  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz per man per day -  $3\frac{1}{2}$  oz issued each 7 days.  
 Tinned veg -  $\frac{1}{2}$  " " " " - daily issue  
 Fresh veg - 1 " " " " -  $3\frac{1}{2}$  oz. Weds. & Saturdays  
 Rice Pdt. (Proffelsko) 1 oz per man per day - 7 oz Monday  
 " " (Gusnie) - under medical instruction.

8 APR

Wood Parkin

1430 hrs. Capt. Stahl & Burnett visited personnel in A.G.H.

1700 hrs. Information received that a party of 7000, including 3300 A.I.F., would be moving North in about a week's time. Lt. Col. G.H. Stapp would command the A.I.F. party. He wanted Capt. Stahl on his staff Capt. (A)

1945 hrs. Capt. Stahl attended conference at H.Q.

27 Bde. Indications are there will be approx 5000 & 180 men from Signals in the party. All men to be fit, or nearly fit.

9 APR

1000 hrs. Capt Stahl and Reginald Chapman marched out to H.Q. 27 Bde - Capt. Stahl to be S.C. (A) for Force F. Capt. B.A. Barnett took over command of Signals.

Wood party in morning

1645 hrs. Spoke Dick Zinner. Offer v A.R.S.C. Offer.

1715 hrs. Lt. Buckley attended conference at H.Q. 27 Bde. Return of no. of men available for Force F requested. No information about the number of men required from Signals yet available.

2000 hrs. Talk by Capt. Kinder on "Malayan Police and Crime".

Reginald Griffiths and Reginald Monfar marched in from Mobile Laundry, to which Eric & May have been attached for some months.

10 APR.

No from today D.R. service in the A.I.F. area reduced to D.R.L.S. Only 14 C.O. + 3 QRS required + they will be on duty at H.Q. A.I.F. In view of this reduction in personnel (26 to 8 daily) H.Q. L. of C. gave us a second wood trailer party this morning. Unit is also supplying 11 QRS for arrival R.A.A. with a third trailer, as well as supplying a squad of 1 Officer + 5 QRS at 1030 hrs.

Good supply of greens received from Unit Garden. Most. Basket-balls. Officer + R.A.A. Officer. Tent.

11 APR.

1000 hrs. Information received that 5 Signal Officers, Capt. Barnett, Linn & May, Stewart, Anderson and Henderson, will be proceeding north with Force F.

1030 hrs. All Group 2 (light duty) personnel re-classified as only fit, or nearly fit, will be moving with Force F.

1130 hrs. Voluntary church parade at Concert Hall.

1300 hrs. S.R. 2. (Major R. J. Bridgford) and Capt Hamilton (Doctors Regtals - from Southern Area) to lunch

1500 hrs. Capt Barnett attended conference in connection with Force F. No definite figures yet available. Signals will form one Coy in a bn commanded by Major Parry (A.A.S.C.) It is anticipated Force will commence to move on 17 or 18 APR. There will be 12 trains, one per day, each carrying 580 or 590 troops. All personnel will be treated for Dysentery + Malaria. They will also be vaccinated and inoculated against cholera + plague prior to departure. Indications are that we shall be moving to an unfurnished hatted camp about 5 days train journey from Singapore. All clothing you will be taken.

1900 hrs. Voluntary church service in Unit lines.

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12 APR. Rice issue increased by 50 lbs per day per man from Unit reserve.

Wood further morning + afternoon.

Information received that FORCE "E" had gone to Kuching, Borneo.

Note from C.R.E. stating that A.G. had directed 10 fit men from Signals will be left at S'hangji. These will include Sgt. Trefleton, Arthur Hor., and Signer Ohlmerger.

13 APR. Wood further morning + afternoon

1600 hrs. Capt. Burnett + Lieut. May attended conference at Regt H.Q. re Signals allotment of men for Force F in 219, comprising all fit (less 10), all class 2, and 7 of class 3 personnel. Signals will move in Train 4 - possibly on 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> APR. I.J.A. want return of no. of men without mosquito nets (1), blankets (1) + uniforms (1).

1900 hrs. After I.J.A. check parade, personnel concerned warned for move. Class 3 personnel had to be re-classified to enable 7 to be selected. Farewell message of Lt. Col. S. Allynham read, and good wishes etc. of Lt. Col. Fisher, passed on to troops.

1930 hrs. Advice received that troops moving north would be vaccinated, inoculated, and tested for malaria at 1400 hrs, 14 APR., on Barrack Square.

14 APR

Nominal rolls for medical Dept prepared.

1000 hrs. Capt. Burnett + Lieut. May attended conference of Services Bn staff at House 42. Major Perry advised that latest information stated Force F was to be divided into 7 camps of 1000 men. If this were so, our newly formed Bn would be disintegrated on arrival at our destination and Units att to Bn of 27 Bde.

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Indications are that feeding on route is good; but that drinking water has to be carefully watched. Only sufficient containers to feed them will be carried loose. The remaining cooking gear should be crated - if possible. Lieut Lusk (2/10 Bin.) will be ast. to sign on arrival at destination. 1300 hrs. Capt. Hamilton (Doctors Regt.) for lunch.

1400 hrs. Parade of Unit's personnel moving north on Barrack Square for inoculation (cholera), vaccination and malaria test.

1830 hrs. Lieut Lusk for mess.

15 APR

1000 hrs. Capt. Burnett lectured Officers House (Lt-Col Oaker's party) on Comm. - Advantages and Dis-advantages.

1430 hrs. Parade of Unit's personnel moving north on Barrack Square for glass rod (dysentery test) and inoculation (plague).

Two wood parties in morning.

3 men of Northern Dept to A.G.H. with dysentery { Lt. Gledhill  
Capt. Jackson  
Capt. Gledhill }

16 APR

Two wood parties in morning

1330 hrs. Capt. Burnett & Capt. Lieut May visited A.G.H. & saw the 25 Signal personnel. There were 6 men in dysentery ward. Most of the others were up cases.

2000 hrs. J. Lee had a "get together" to celebrate their "break up" and Signalman Marsh's birthday. He is SO on 20 APR 43.

Two men re-joined Unit from Forestry Group { Sgt. Russell  
+ Parker }

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17 APR. 1000 hrs. Warning Order that, if last night's I.T.A. order that all A.I.F. personnel have to move first is put into effect, signals may have to leave Barrack Square at 0400 hrs tomorrow.

1030 hrs. Two more men to A.G.H. with suspected } A/Asst. Major  
Kemp  
with H.P.  
legionary

1400 hrs. Information received that signals would be moving on train 1 - i.e. 18 APR.

1430 hrs. Conference of Officers at H.Q. 27 Bde. addressed by Lt. Col. <sup>Haffer</sup> Parke leaves Barrack Square at 0400 hrs. <sup>assemble on Barrack Square at 0230 hrs.</sup> 26 Rly trucks on trucks. 22 all tanks per train truck.

Books working all day and up to 2230 hrs preparing food for men to carry.  
Cooking gear then dismantled and a fatigue party of personnel remaining in charge took party's allotment to trucks at supply depot.

18 APR. 0100 hrs. Reveille. 0130 Breakfast. 0200 hrs. Fall in. Party of 5 officers & 215 Q.R.S. moved to Barrack Square and were loaded into trucks' loads (alphabetically) by Sr. H.Q. staff in evening train. I.T.A. trucks arrived fairly well on time - there were 24 of them for 600 men their gear & all cooking gear for the force - and party proceeded in convoy to Singapore. Each train load had its own medical supplies. There were 26 men to a railway truck. Trucks were small, metal, & completely closed in except for two sliding doors in the centre one on each side. It was impossible for all men to lie down at one time and tall men could not stand up straight. There were no conveniences of any description.  
0650 hrs. Train left Singapore. An I.T.A. Sgt. and about 15 quacks were in charge of the party. Lunch, rice and vegetable stew was served at dinner about 1500 hrs. Men had opportunities to purchase bananas & pineapples en route but were prevented from doing so in many instances by I.T.A. quacks. The absence of conveniences meant that at every stop, men were relieving themselves at the side of the train, irrespective of where it was.

19 APR. 0300 hrs. Meal at Kuala Lumpur. Trip continued as for previous day with men taking every opportunity of washing themselves at engine supply points. A few men were hit by quacks for getting out of the train before permission was given.

20 APR - 21 APR. Still proceeding north in train

22 APR. 1100 hrs. Arrived at BANGKONG in Thailand and de-train. Party moved to field camp about 2 1/2 miles from station and there all men received their I.T.A. number which was to be their identification for the next 10 days. All gear had to be carried to the camp. This meant two trips back to the station for cooking gear.

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- 22 APR. It was learnt too, that the men now had a long march in front of them and the only gear that could be taken was that which could be carried. This was quite contrary to information given at Changi. Men immediately began to let-go and sell anything that was not absolutely essential. Officers' messes and cooking gear could not be taken. There were left stacks and W/O Allen (Engineer) was left behind to look after the gear and endeavour to get it transferred to our final destination. The time of departure was originally given as midnight, but this was subsequently changed to 24 hours later. After the evening meal, the men had an impromptu concert & then a night's good sleep.
- 23 APR. Men continued to reduce amount of kit.  
1200 hrs. Train load No 2, including Lt-Col. Kaffer Capt. Stahl & Capt. Hardacre, arrived. Their experiences had been similar to ours.  
2230 hrs. Fall in for train No 1. 2330 hrs I.F.A. check.
- 24 APR 0030 hrs. Party moved off on start of 24 kilo-meter march. March table was 40 min march, 20 min rest. Hot water was provided after about 10 miles. Destination was reached at about 0930 hrs. We had to provide our own cooks to prepare meals (breakfast, rice & a small piece of dried fish had been carried on the men). Men welcomed a swim in nearby river. They were also permitted to trade with natives and concerned large quantities of eggs, coffee etc. to supplement rice & stew. In view of the strenuous nature of the march and the possibility that it was to continue for several days, men were allowed to consume the reserve ration they had brought from Changi.  
2130 hrs. Fall in. 2230 hrs. Move off on next stage of march. Distance approx 25 miles. Hot water was provided after about 14 miles and men had an hour's rest. At our doctors' said there were 42 men who were too sick to proceed. This number the I.F.A. reduced to 10. The others had to march. Here too we were fortunate enough to hire a hand cart to transport the medical gear which had been carried by the men on the previous night. At the halfway halt, the sick were again inspected and the I.F.A. allowed another 6 or so to be transported.
- 25 APR 0930 hrs. Arrived at halt No 3. Only covering was one shelter for cooks, 2 A.P., & office. All of us slept in open or under trees. Men were permitted to swim in river about 1 mile away, proceeding there in organized parties under I.F.A. guard.  
Night spent at this camp - KANCHAN BURI.
- 26 APR 0930 hrs. Train load No 2 personnel arrived.  
1400 hrs. Our party proceeded to I.F.A. hospital about 3 kilometres away where we received blood test, deputy test (fever) and two inoculations (cholera & fever).  
2130 hrs. Fall in for next stage of journey - approx. 20 miles. During this stage we left the good roads and proceeded along bush tracks. At halt No 3, medical stores had been broken up and given to individuals with the exception of 2 ponies. This made carriage much easier.
- 27 APR 0900 hrs. Arrived at halt No 4. Best camping spot to date right on river with facilities to purchase from natives. (? TISOR)

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| 27 APR. | 2100 hrs. Fall in, check & then start on next stage - approx 22 kilos. Hot water at halfway house, and horse rest.   |
| 28 APR  | 0830 hrs. Arrived at halt No 5, about 1/4 mile from river. Policy was adopted of getting men with sore feet etc. into the look house to enable them to obtain a few days rest. No experience is needed for cooking plain rice and a stew consisting of onion and a little whitebait. Independent swimming was permitted & men were allowed to trade with natives. Prices were getting higher, however, and variety of goods very limited. Night 28-29 Apr. spent at this halt. |
| 29 APR  | 0730 hrs. Train load No 2 arrived.<br>1930 hrs. Fall in and start on next stage - approx. 24 kilos. Water at halfway house and an hour rest. Fortunately up to this stage we have had no rain during our march & marching at night is much preferable to marching in the heat of the day. We had a two hours rest and a sleep just before dawn.  |
| 30 APR  | 0830 hrs. Arrived at halt No 6, TARSO. This is a big base camp and here we met Capt. Newton and a number of D. Force. As usual, rucks & sick personnel were left by us.<br>1930 hrs. Fall in and start on next stage - another 20 kilos. Hot water & rest at halfway house.  |
| 1 MAY   | 0630 hrs. Arrived at halt No 7. Spent the day resting. No natives with whom to trade. It was in flat country, by small creeks.<br>1900 hrs. Fall in, check, and again onwards. Nobody left at this camp. Just after we started, it rained heavily. Track was very muddy & slippery and going was bad. After about 8 kilos found another D. Force camp with Lt. Col. R. C. Barber in charge.  |
| 2 MAY   | 0530 hrs. Arrived at halt No 8 & spent 2 hours sitting on road waiting to be checked. This site is near another large camp. The rivers in the river about 1 kilo away, but opportunity for local purchases were few. Camp was named KENSIOKE. Spent night 2/3 MAY here.  |
| 3 MAY   | 0530 hrs. Train load No 2 arrived.<br>1900 hrs. Fall in, check, move off. After about 5 kilos we passed another D. Force camp with Lt. Col. Barber in camp. Halting after about 10 kilos halted for 1 hour. It rained & we proceeded in heavy rain. Track very slippery, steep, and dark. Progress for next hour extremely hard & slow.  |
| 4 MAY   | 0830 hrs. Arrived at halt No 9. Camp near creek & plenty of trees for shelter. Good evening walk. Kindly white meat was allowed to every man. Only a few shops. Day spent resting. 1930 hrs. Fall in and moved off on next stage.  |
| 5 MAY   | 0830 hrs. Arrived at halt No 10. Near creek over which many soldiers were building a bridge. Good evening walk. Kindly white meat was issued to every man. Only a few shops. I.T.A. guards spirit. 20 officers allotted to 1 Kent. Men in open. Good swimming in river 100 yards off. Day spent resting. Terko at 2030 hrs. Night 5/6 May spent at this camp. No opportunity for private purchase.   |



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| 6 MAY  | 0830 hrs. No 2 party arrived. Light Row 419 km crashed. Their office (approx 26) also allotted 1 tent. 1900 hrs fall in and proceed on next stage. Rain and heavy spring for portion of journey.   |
| 7 MAY  | 0830 hrs. Arrived at halt No 11 - about 2 kilometres beyond SANK(L)BURI which is 207 kilometres from BAN PONG. Were given 3 meals here instead of usual 2, and for evening meal 1 small tin of whale meat was issued to every 10 men. Only a mouthful but very acceptable. The neighbouring creek was shallow but good for washing. Two supplies of chloride of lime were ordered and orders were issued that in future all drinking water had to be boiled. Men rested during the day. 1900 hrs. Fall in. The next stage is 26 kilometres, so we then hold. After marching about 5 kilos, halted outside camp where Napolski's help. were in residence. Their food during that time had been rice + onion + whitebait stew, with no opportunity for barter purchases. |
| 8 MAY  | 0530 hrs. Arrived at halt No 12 - TARRA ROMPAT. It could not have been more than 20 kilos from TARRACON, our last halt. Men slept till 0800 hrs. Then tented. This camp appears to be an I.S.A. store centre. Good swimming in river 150 yards away. Men also collected large clams in stream and supplemented their diet. Lt. Ed. Harris, bond E. Ford visited Major Perry and put him in the picture regarding his activities. Spent night 3/4 MAY here.   |
| 9 MAY  | 0800 hrs. No 2 party arrived. No 1 party was warned to be prepared to move at any time during day. R.C. and C. of E. Church parades were arranged for 1600 hrs, but these had to be cancelled owing to an I.S.A. tent being called at that time. 1930 hrs. A party of 700, consisting of 253 of No 1 party - which had been re-organized into units in place of companies of men - been two consecutive hundreds - and 447 of No 2 party fell in and moved off on next stage. We were told this stage was to be only 10 kilometres. After marching for about 16 kilometres we were given 3 hours rest, then march continued. Only a very limited supply of water was available.  |
| 10 MAY | 0930 hrs. Arrived at halt No 13 - KONKOITA - approx 24 kilos from TARRA ROMPAT. Men were left sitting in the sun by the river until after lunch (1230 hrs). No swimming was permitted. Then party moved to new-roofed huts. A limited number of tents were supplied to provide covering. Officers & men were very cramped. Good swimming in river 50 yards away but no opportunity for local purchase. It was anticipated this was to be the base camp. Tea or coffee here by this time became most precious. None is supplied by I.S.A. whose other rations are unchanged. Men spent night 10/11 here.  |
| 11 MAY | 1000 hrs. Warning order that signals, less 16 rooks Major Lowe (Surgeon) + Major Greenberg (butman to Lt. Ed. Harris) would be prepared to move at 1230 hrs. Distance 7 kilometres. Tents, bridge building 1300 hrs. Signals (68/hrs and 99/hrs), Capt Mills (19/0) + one med. orderly left camp. 12 of our sick personnel were transported by truck. 1600 hrs. Arrived destination. Settled in roofless huts. 3 tents checked to provide partial covering. 2300 hrs. Party of 2/6 hrs passed through.   |
| 12 MAY | 0930 hrs. Started work. 3 parties provided viz. 2 Officers + 29 GRS, 2 Officers 29 GRS, 2 Officers 25 GRS. Other personnel 600 hrs 6, R.S.M., (Gygiene) Sgt, Rich S, R.M.O., Med Ord. Lunch 1330 - 1530 hrs. Men finished work 2045 hrs.   |

Party 1 included 120/hrs.

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13 MAY	Information in that bridge approx. 70 feet is to be finished in 5 days. Balance of 21:00 hrs + 2000 hrs for the parade through. 0900 hrs. Started work. Parkies reduced to 2000 + 25 GRs, 2000 + 15 GRs, 2000 + 21 GRs owing to increase in sickness + extra assistance for cooks. Men worked until 2015 hrs with 1 1/2 hrs. rest in middle of day. Dinner, arranged, 2030 hrs. 2200 hrs. Balance of 4:30 hrs passed through.
14 MAY	Parkies unchanged. Lt. Capt. Bennett, now Capt MURIMBA regarding better food for men and also requested only 1000 hrs. be allowed to each party. People in sick bay at Nether is now 18. 2:30 hrs. Balance of 2:30 hrs, dinner + 2:49 hrs. passed through. Capt. Abuhl was with party. He had to return to TARSO from KENSIORRE with bad eyes, but was now with party No 6 + pushing forward.
15 MAY	Sick now 21. Work further unchanged, with exception that only one officer per party was sent out.
16 MAY	Shell on bridge. Sick 25. Rations - rice + their own stores. Balance of No 1 Party + No 2 Party moved up from KONKOTTA owing to cholera scare. Shipping Unit quarters cancelled night work, we were supposed to do.
17 MAY	Sick still mounting. Now 31. Mostly diarrhoea + beri-beri. 2:30 hrs. All Unit personnel again unharmed against cholera. News was received today that there was cholera in 2:30 hrs camp up river. 10 cases 1 death. Three vectors - Major Hunt, Major Brown + Capt Hendrie - sent forward.
18 MAY	Men on bridge working until 2045 hrs. A hard afternoon finding & cutting logs.
19 MAY	Roving back - setting logs for decking of bridge. Afternoon half holiday. Capt Anderson off alone for last few days. One officer loaned 2:19 hrs. All officer resting. About 45 men sick.
20 MAY	Shell on bridge. Same no off colour. Men still rice onion stew but men getting green + losing a little private nothing. Wet night. Not men for last 3 hrs also.
21 MAY	Rain during afternoon.
22 MAY	Wet all day. Miserable working conditions. Officer not rigid by 7:59.
23 MAY	Main wet. A lot of men had no dry clothes to wear but they were generally cheerful. In view of rains work ceased at 1745 hrs. Still setting timbers for a new bridge + clearing scrub around creek.
24 MAY	No work in morning owing to wet state of ground. A/RSM reported spirit of unrest among some of the men. 2:10 hrs. Club parade + men addressed by Lt Col Kappeler on duties of escape.
25 MAY	0900 hrs. SX 7592 Lt Col Miller & Co. VX 3279 Lt Regim Bennett M.C. in and SX 7320 Regim Brown & staff from Worham Parade. Matter reported to I.F.A. Fire in morning. Rain during afternoon. Men working until 2020 hrs.
26 MAY	0745 hrs. All party placed in quarantine owing to a suspected cholera case. 0845 hrs. official. Men died. No working further.
27 MAY	Still in quarantine. In there was no work, men reduced to 1000 (rice boiled twice, which reduces quantity) + the same then on about. 1900 hrs. Second man from 2:30 hrs died.
28 MAY	0710 hrs. I.F.A. sent men with uncooked rice in a bag. They did not touch him, but they said there would be no treatment until he was up. 0830 hrs. Member parade for inspection by I.F.A. sent. Went but inspection looking for food.
29 MAY	1500 hrs. Breakfast on man admitted quilt. 1800 hrs. lunch. 2200 hrs. Evening meal. Still in quarantine + Rations of equal + men water. Very little salt in food. A few decent food have been caught recently + green - looked like a banana palm have been popular. Amount still very meagre but men for a short time during the day has enabled men to do some sleep out. Information in that trucks and bopped all along the road. Our sick figures today 2000 (Anderson + Henderson) 43 GRs no duty, 12 GRs left duty, 13 GRs in Hospital. All of these are dysentery or diarrhoea, fever, beri-beri, or tropical ulcers. Three men shot + the two British soldiers volunteered as orderlies in dysentery + cholera wards.
30 MAY	Another death today from cholera (210 Engineer). I.F.A. have forbidden working swimming + fishing in the creek. All water must be prepared by hand. 0930 hrs. Capt Hendrie set out for No 3 Camp, 16 miles further on, on road for Lt Col Kappeler. 1030 hrs. O.P.D. and R.C. Church services - 1730 hrs. All dysentery cases concentrated in one hut. 1900 hrs. Information that for next four days, we will receive one (1) bag of rice for all troops (about 700) + then will be served in two weeks. 15 bags of rice received, but only 2 weeks - 1130 hrs + 1230 hrs.
MAY	15 0830 hrs. NX 5175 from MORRISON. admitted to cholera ward.

Unit Nos. increased No 122.

Ed Howard off alone

DATE	EVENT	OFFERS	NO DUTY	LIGHT DUTY	DETACHED
1 JUN	Health check of 120 signals at TAIMONTA THAILAND HOSPITAL	42	10	27	2
	Lieut Anderson still in dengue fever isolation, Lt. Stewart fever, signal messengers improved. Lt. May walked to KONKOITA for Capt Miller.				
2 JUN	Wet. One boy of 24 yrs had YAK. Still on 2 meals a day - gruel & thin, very thin. New supplement by banana stalks.				
3 JUN	Lt. Anderson returned to tent lines. Stewart & Morrison both improve.				
4 JUN	Wet 3 0900 hrs. Informed that all fit men had to go out to work today. I.T.A. has decided that cholera precautions no further necessary. Total party 235 - 9 offers + 226 92s (4 boys offers + 22 92s). Working men to receive 3 meals a day & more dry rice. Task - removing mud from approaches to bridges up to 3 miles from camp & replugging with crushed soil. It was an extremely difficult work along seriously muddy road to the job. Then continuous rain practically made the work impossible. First heat may not did not get back to camp until about 2:00 hrs. Jobs killed yak, gave us the best milk of season. On approach to (I.T.A. camp) received 22 lbs. Wet again but still working for the night. Task making & leveling road. Rain made it impossible to complete work in time. Another cholera case (Singapore). Morrison definitely on the mend. With Lt. Stewart & Lt. Anderson. Warning order that all fit men would be moving to another camp - carrying gear & packs - 10 kilometers from here. Out of 271 men in line, only 44 had they could make the trip.				
6 JUN	Wet. 1000 hrs. Work leveling road. 12:15 hrs. All men recalled to camp for another paper for task (glass rod). Capt Barnett took of fever. Movement of fit men postponed a day. Lt. Stewart O.K. More yak.				
7 JUN	Wet only in morning until it rains. Afternoon off in view of movement. Unit did well (privately) in yak killing by I.T.A. Our personnel to move 44 offers + 1 92s. Offers: Capt. Harbord, Lieut. May, Stewart & Henderson.				
8 JUN	1045 hrs. Party moved out. Yaks carts carried packs & cooking gear. Work received from party passing through that Vx 32432 began 5:15 pm 8.7.5. had did somewhat back along the road. Main party left him at BANGONG, suffering from serious trouble. Both personnel had been back on 3 meals a day - plain rice & very watery "shew" - since 6 JUN.				
9 JUN	Dried morning. Signal Mahony went to camp 4 with party of 4, to bring back yak. At afternoon. Midday meal - gruel only. No shew. Wet afternoon two yaks - one fit, one offered - shared men. Dried 2:30 hrs men died of malaria. A fine day. The first heavy rain for some time. 1400 hrs. Men returned with 5 yaks. Information received that fit party the marched out on 8 JUN had proceeded on to NICKAYE - base of camp & above - 21 miles north. All personnel from this camp to move on shortly.				
11 JUN	Another fine day. Men here still on 3 meals a day with occasional yak shew. Warning order that 2 offers + 68 92s, all fit will be moving on carrying gear.				
12 JUN	0945 Lieut. Anderson & Brindley (Eng) with 68 92s marched out carrying gear, midday meal, 23 lbs dry rice per man (ration water & small midday meal 1300 hrs) three cooking containers, & 3 packs been made & ends (The I.T.A. insisted these packs be carried despite the fact that the men are in a weakened state. At the last moment, each man was given a blanket to carry. Signal personnel in the party were 1 offer (Lieut. Anderson) and 22 92s.				
	0100 hrs Vx 43916 MILLER M.S. transferred to cholera isolation. He died later in the day at 1645 hrs here at TAIMONTA THAILAND. He had been ill with dengue fever for some time - in fact he had not been really well since we left Chungi.				
	1000 hrs. Capt Rowling & 14 92s, including 3 signal, left for KONKOITA to collect sugar & coffee for us - so they will be back by I.T.A. over here. 1815 hrs. Party returned with sugar & coffee (mostly for the offers) & I.T.A. clothing.				
	Signal today, but not till afternoon. Signal personnel at present at TAIMONTA 1 offer (Capt Barnett - fit) and 22 92s. 7 fit, 9 light duty, 17 no duty, 10 dengue isolation, 1 cholera isolation and 6 other hospital cases. Morrison (cholera) still improving.				
13 JUN	Signal Miller promoted. Another cholera case (Singapore). Camp again placed in quarantine. Yaks gave us 15 1/2 lbs milk, 4 eggs & 6 lbs of coffee. Able May 10 1/2 lbs milk, 1 egg, 2 meals of gruel.				

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- 14 JUN Fine until about 1800 hrs. Work & spare party. No one health improving.
- 15 JUN Party of 20 (2 signa) to KONKOIDA. Collected 7 lbs of 24 - 25 lb cans of Mungas rotten seeds, some recovered by us. Warning order that further party of 20 (2 signa) + 50 (2 signa) - fit men - moving on tomorrow. 9 signa in party.
- 16 JUN 0950 hrs. Party under Capt. Surlwin moved out carrying tents, Jap gear & rations for 2 days. Signal personnel left at TAMONTA now TAMONTA now TAMONTA (Capt Burnett, fit) and 40 (2 signa) (2 signa) no duty, 13 light duty, 13 hospital, 4 cooks).
- 17 JUN Fine morning, just afternoon  
1900 hrs. Capt. Surlwin (A.M.C.) arrived back from NICKAYE with Quinine. He reported that the Thaffe & party were camped 1 kilometer from NICKAYE and were under 3 hours notice to move back to TAMARUMPET along 50 mile track. Their track of bridge building & road making is NOT nearly half complete. Reason, shortage of rations.
- 18 JUN Information that all our party, 700 strong originally, will be moving back. No definite date of our departure. Japa state, strongly, that we shall all shortly be returning to Malaya.
- 19 JUN Fine most of day, 1230 hrs. Lt. Col Thaffe arrival. Remainder of his party 40 of strong & well laden with tents & rations kept arriving until about 1700 hrs. They spent night 19/50 here. 14 signa were kept behind at hospital at NICKAYE. There are 50 Japa (Capt Henderson, Capt. Stewart & Henderson & Anderson) & 51 (2 signa) in this party. They had been better off than us for rations, rice averaging about 1 lb per man per day with plenty of fish. Additional rice could also be bought. We are now down to 1100 lbs per man per day - i.e. 100 lbs. 1st signa of spirit & time to day. Office, brought some rice from the party & Capt Burnett was speaking the situation.
- 20 JUN 1015 hrs. Lt. Col Thaffe's party moved out for KONKOIDA. Party of 180 returned in the afternoon to heavy night storm.  
1500 hrs. Warning order that all of our party would be moving back to KONKOIDA tomorrow. Many wish will have to be carried.  
As a result of our purchases from their other party, we had adequate means today. Personnel from departing vehicles (11) moved back to their lines today.
- 21 JUN Revelli 0745 hrs. Breakfast 0815 hrs. Japa check gear packed & party camped land ready to move by 1100 hrs. Approx 150 men from Lt. Col Thaffe's party, arrived from KONKOIDA to assist in transport of our gear & seek personnel. Only one of our men beyond YINAH reached on schedule. Signa MORRISON could walk with assistance. Party eventually left at 1300 hrs & completed arrival at KONKOIDA by about 1700 hrs, situated 7 kilometers from. Rain after we had proceeded about halfway made back track very slippery.
- 22 JUN 0900 hrs. All fit men of both parties (182) returned to TAMONTA to collect Japa stores. Most loads were too heavy for men not 100% fit. Were, after Japa abundance, party had to be carried. Heavier party would have provided. Japa wanted on a narrow dirt track. Would not let weight drop out after first trip, with exception of 13. Replenishment of 45 men obtained second car, even heavier than first, and a heavy shower just before we left TAMONTA made track very difficult. Capt Burnett's tent & Henderson were of these parties. Last man arrived back at KONKOIDA signa being responded by additional volunteers over final kilometer, at 2245 hrs. Two land traps knocked up when men.
- Information received that of R.S.M. Robinson with a force dead a week ago.
- 23 JUN 0900 hrs. Another party of fit men to TAMONTA (then some under legs taken 4/19) to search among tracks of Japa tracks & 1 staff car. All day back.  
Information received that complete party would be moving back another 8 kilometers tomorrow. Lt. Col Thaffe & Signa Swinburn would be returning to NICKAYE and Lt. Col Bond would be in command of our personnel.
- 24 JUN 0700 hrs. Revelli. 0800 hrs. Breakfast. Party ready to move by 0900 hrs. All our back was already & missing. Last man moved out at 1100 hrs. Rain made road extremely difficult to march at new camp about 1700 hrs. Party had to move back. Party under Capt Henderson went back to pull out Japa stores carrying Japa journal gear. Japa arrived at midnight & said we must be sent back to their main (2 signa 25 905) The eventually arrived back about 0800 hrs on 25 June having legs catch still about 2 kilometers from here.
- 25 JUN 0700 hrs. Revelli. Order to move fit men to TAMARUMPET & seek another 8 kilometers (approx 1 way) suspended owing to non arrival of Japa carts. Men were all packed in anticipation of move but at 0945 hrs. Men back in cancelled and all fit & light duty ordered back to assist in movement of these carts.  
1130 hrs. All men who could walk & carry gear ordered to move to next camp 7 1/2 miles away. Japa party sent back to carry tools & Japa gear to their camp. They set out about 1545 hrs & arrived back up to early hrs of 26 June. Party with gear left about 1930 hrs. Rain made last 2 miles of Japa track bad. Men slept in open. Another Japa man died of cholera.

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26 JUN Another cholera death (2 fig) early this morning. Party remaining at this camp (approx 200) started to move off from KRION KRIE (?) at 0930 hrs. Men could not carry all their loads so left them by bundles. Fewer anticipated party would only be moving 7 1/2 miles but they were sent straight through to TARRARUMPET. Track was very bad & wet in afternoon. Several men could NOT make distance & sleep by side of track. All straggled further (8) except 1 got through, but men had a terrible lot & only made the grade because of assistance sent out from first party. Some loads dumped after 3 1/2 miles & a number more at half way point. At TARRARUMPET there was no camp, beds & work men sleep in open. Lost Mills & 4 7/8 (cholera cases) left KRION KRIE. Sign stopped, below Lt. Col Pond, 200 yds party re-organized as follows:

27 JUN c.o. Lt. Col Pond 2 1/2 May Party, P.M. Camp Kemp, High Capt Barrett, Engineers & hospital were combined under Capt Hardacre in one party. Hospital strength, excluding Capt Barrett & office 9 RC Several cases of cholera developed after the extremely difficult march. Hospital further admitted.

Party of 230, fit & light duties, sent out without breakfast to 7 1/2 mile camp, to collect tools.

28 JUN 1500 hrs. Party of 50 had to move to river while away to carry rice. Some trips were necessary & it became increasingly difficult to obtain relief. Some difficulty of removing materials to the river in some days ago, but now were a much day. Rice house of J.S.A. approx 11 hrs for men per day. Men working carrying loads for small bridge & leveling road. Party of 20 RC went back to collect remaining loads - 5 signals on track. Light duties sent for collecting bamboo for tent flooring & for carrying ration (vegetables) from river to 1/2 mile camp. Men permitted to trade with vendors on long way & could purchase quality melacca, pepper, tobacco. No trading at night camp. Road wet & slippery. Further cases cholera suspected - no sign. Capt Miller arrived back from KRION KRIE at 2100 hrs.

29 JUN 21st Hotel 104. 20 men under Capt Henderson went back for final load of loads. Capt Mariani gave permission for 10 hrs to go across to Kampong with J.S.A. collect water. Further 4 office, soap & quinine melacca for P.M. sent for fit men - road leveling. Men were dismissed early - about 1700 hrs. Light duties still collecting bamboo & food. Another cholera death - 9th man 249 hrs.

30 JUN [Being message 242 hrs + me - Run, Douglas, beam, account, happen - account, quinine melacca & soap] Total fit 103, 100 men on road. Further purchases of quinine melacca, Kampong. Water. Permission of further move in 1 day time. Capt Anderson admitted dependent award. He has been off column for some time.

1 JUL 0700 hrs. Serious orders that all fit & light duties would be moving back tomorrow. Men not well remain. Approx is that 350 men (at 0700 hrs) & remainder 270 still stay. 1215 hrs. Lt. Col Pond saw Capt Mariani. All men must eventually move under few days. Sunday men will be allowed to take party. 1300 hrs. Party early 3 days rest for journey - 15 kilometers to TAKANON on 3 stages of office & hiker.

1900 hrs NX #1485 Sign TASKER 3 died of cholera at Cameron Park, Thailand. Sign given in 449 blanked today. Only 287 were required but they wanted me take the lot.

2 JUL 0830 hrs - 1st party taken organized. 0915 hrs Party of 356 (office, Capt Hardacre & Lt. May & 98 9 RC) moved off very heavily loaded. 272 all hiker left at Cameron Park (TARRARUMPET) under May Party. Party moved approx 7 miles on dry track, then loaded & moved on. Heavy rains were starting in progress, it would have been impossible to men handle whatever it is to be topped with will be transported by barge as indicated by sign.

2035 hrs Pitched camp for night after walking 11 miles. High fog. Mariani & quartermaster by arrangement. 1000 hrs. Rained on. The fact that we had only 12 hiker to go over a 1/2 mile suspension bridge. Pitched camp on hill of TAKANON. No hiker. No hiker but above the food track. Capt MURRAY informed Lt. Col Pond we would be here for 2 months working on the railway. Rumours were strong at all camps on route that all Europeans would be out of Thailand by the end of the month and the railway completed by British labour. On arrival at camp late, all hiker started setting up tent at 1430 hrs. May Party all fit men required as carrying party. 1500 hrs. Lt. Col Pond called. He is camp load hospital camp 2000 hrs. Capt. Barrett, Mariani & Lt. May moved with May Party (day and night) at night camp. Best meal since heavily changed and plenty of it. - Rice & veg soup, meat & noodle & green, jam down.

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4 JUL

0900hr. All full men (100) to work. Lt-Col. P. saw Capt. Munnomen who stated all left each week also works. Then party (55) moved off with Capt. Harlowe about 1030hr after much flanking of a ditch by a Japs. Tachoo then latrine at a new Jap camp adjoining the area. 1930hr Capt Cowing & Capt Barnett went with Lt-Col P.A. Finlay (Suffolk Reg) 1/2 hr later.  
Today, no duty men had to work around the new clearing streets, waiting bamboo staying etc for tent.

5 JUL

new timetable. Men have to work 12 hr a day. Fall in 0800 hr & return to camp about 2030hr or when they complete a set track. One group of 4 men have to make 1/4 m<sup>2</sup> section of earth per day, or party of 2 carry 250 loads of earth. Work on the railway ceasing. Light duty men waiting around new Jap camp. 154 hrs in the south house.  
1600hr. Personnel from Lammao Park began to desert in. Party of 225 arrived during the afternoon. 48, with 42 new personnel, & only new legs at Lammao Park. Light duty personnel there are Lt Col Anderson, Signon Morrison, Signon S. Harlowe. This party of 225 legs on 4 Jul & had afternoon trip. A majority of them unfit. They carried stick, cooking gear etc.

6 JUL

195 ft & light duty personnel out to work. No duty men building fence around area. Latrine job & fouled. 30 duty personnel have to attend to all camp latrine. Signals strength as present as follows. Offer (incl Capt Barnett) 6. Feb 4 no duty 2 (Anderson at Lammao Park & Harlowe). JRS. That light duty no duty (incl men left at Lammao Park).  
2000hr. Further spare not best tomorrow. When men will NOT go out until after 1st, but must dig new latrine & clear up camp area before then.

7 JUL

0830hr Jap men started on latrine. Light duty on clearing my lines.  
1000hr. Feared not best for cholera. Total no. (500) O.K. at first count. 1200hr Working men moved onto 16 str of early morning count. Capt MURIKAWA came down to camp & told Lt-Col. P. he had been about figures & searched all other cases. He was satisfied they could NOT work.  
First cholera case in this camp today.

8 JUL

Interference by several I.T.A. privates in clearing my working parties considerably delayed departure of working. Left this morning in same latrine as Jap men. Lt-Col P. had to talk to Capt MURIKAWA out to 1st. He promised to keep light duty personnel informed on future losses to master of improved ration & standard, get us into of such to suit bamboo.

9 JUL

195 all ranks to work today. No duties chairman up camp & signon latrine 1900 hr. Signon (aka H) died of cardiac bear. Over. He was a first cholera case. 2100hr. Capt MURIKAWA gave Capt Barnett authority to speak to Lammao Park through authorized channel vendor.

10 JUL

Two more deaths this morning - Pte Webster & Galloway 219 - both Malacca. Another cholera case (Pte) Av. Information through Capt Malles that Signon O'Brien (legs as TANKAWAYE) was in serious condition with cardiac bear. A further 2 deaths this afternoon - Pte Allen (Malacca) & Harvey (cholera) - a bad day. 1730hr. Two bodies cremated on one pyre. 1330hr. Further spare not best for all personnel. 1600hr. Signon K. hood who had been legs at camp some weeks back passed through. He reported to Signon M. Harmon (H force) had died and that Signon Markin A.H. (also H force) was NOT expected to live. 2115hr. Lt-Col P. and Capt Barnett saw Capt MURIKAWA. He was most affable & listened to our requests for meat, rice, salt, & change of Malacca currency. We were given favourable hearing on all counts. Rations are improving. Plenty of rice (about 2 1/2 m<sup>2</sup> per day per man) an excellent supply of vegetables & bread food. Also 2 lbs of coconut oil & 3 cans of fruit tinning. Keys at store. We understand the latrine is for use.

11 JUL

Wet morning after wet night. Only 118 JRS (See B3, light duty 35) available for work out of 546. Cholera case still very increasing & a further "Dear Red" tent for all ranks lost 1300hr.

12 JUL

A quarantine. No movement out of camp area without I.T.A. authority. Men working on railway at camp boundary and without about 1. T.A. supervisor orders. Offer 2 1/2 m<sup>2</sup> rice 32 1/2 m<sup>2</sup> vegetables some rice for man per day. I.T.A. changed Malacca currency to Jap dollars for dollar.  
Cholera NOT abating. Last combat with many heavy rain early. Men working until 2200hr. on railway. Another death (Baker 1st Jap).

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23 JUL	1700 hrs. Personnel whose cholera test was positive re-tested. In test from 3 men went into one test tube, then most re-testing of 63 men all of whom have their isolated. Sigs personnel concerned Capt. Bennett, Sgt. Easton.
24 JUL	1100 hrs. Work on railway stopped by Capt. MURAYAMA because men to complete bamboo flooring for tent - difficulty was collecting bamboo - bamboo - bamboo - bamboo. Capt. M. completely finished it. All of the work should have been done in first few days as this tent, but no reports were allowed after one last march to all gas and light duty. Personnel had to go out to work rest day. Three signals to cholera isolation tent. Capt. Henderson, Sgt. O'Brien and Sgt. Carter. A bad day. Sigs health generally in fair. One officer just moved this morning to raised platform.
15 JUL	A fine morning. Men concentrating on tent cleaning & clearing & additional area for cholera isolation. There are now 32 patients isolated. Hospital patients progressing satisfactorily. Henderson working about 1500 hrs men - fit and light duty - colder started work on Railway. Worked until 2000 hrs. St. Col. Pond off - colder
16 JUL	0800 hrs. Work again. 20 men allowed for work at cholera isolation. Capt. Curran NOT receptive to requests for meat. All tent flooring finished but men have to be employed. Sigs tent admitted to cholera ward. Condition poor. 1900 hrs. got another cholera test - opera tent - all ranks. Some work tested by Capt. MURAYAMA for purity in each.
17 JUL	Capt. Curran would not let part of left duty forest tent in cholera area. All must work on railway. Officer for patient over laboratory job. Two more signals to cholera hospital. Capt. Henderson & Sgt. O'Brien. Only very few men (Korean - 18) fit for working tent today. Wet day but no rain from north. New Korean patient taken over from SHINAHARA's party who set out for NEEHONG. Extra ration of food for workers.
18 JUL	Wet morning. Total working on railway & open 103 hrs. Cooks, Sgt. O'Brien & Matsuo NOT well. Capt. MURAYAMA would not allow part of forest tent in cholera area & creating of tent. Capt. Mills would all ARMC personnel to cholera area & get information on stable personnel (including 4th & 5th units & Sigs tent) to look after hospital in area. 40 men (9 groups of 4) to be at hospital for cholera (opera tent). No signals.
19 JUL	0800 hrs. SX 7019 Sigs. SEXTON. J. died of cholera at TARTANON, THAILAND. He has cholera patient (signals) in the hospital.
20 JUL	Only 63 hrs fit for work. Instruction received from Capt. MURAYAMA that we had to supply 130 hrs and 8 officers. No duty personnel were paraded by Capt. and Capt. M. Mills indicated those most fit to make up number. Neighboring tracks have been down 20 feet & work has to be moved. Encourage for rice cooking, rice and - work heavier. 1600 hrs. Further request from J.P.A. of no. of men who would NOT be able to work within a month. They are to be sent back to hospital at BAN BURI.
20 JUL	Apr. day. 121 hrs at work & office. Three more men (all 40) died of cholera during early morning. Continuation at isolation area very bad & no fit or light duty personnel allowed to work in morning. Workers sent lunch & tea out & were informed they would have to work through lunch until rest had finished. They were eventually knocked off at 2145 hrs. J.P.A. provided rest - the first for open - for work done on morning & lunch for workers. 1600 hrs. Further cholera test for 45 suspected carriers. Results not until at laboratory.
21 JUL	Workers & office 100 hrs. New tent - clearing yard and cutting water to surface. 1110 hrs. All men called back to camp. All tents vacated & sprayed by J.P.A. with disinfectant. The Capt. MURAYAMA announced working with fit, light duty & heavy work areas. Sigs staff 1800 hrs. All fit & light duty personnel in camp again. Tent for cholera (opera tent). Information that party had to move up to THORARRUMPE & to bring back tent & camp with who can move tent down & return 2300 hrs. Order cancelled later. Has rumors that fit men will move to new camp about 200 yds away - in a yard yard. 50 men sent in afternoon to clear area early morning to railway road. Another cholera death (Capt. Lloyd - Para 10) during afternoon. Sigs hospital 76 admitted to cholera ward.
22 JUL	Only 50 workers required. Tent - clearing yard yard. 1200 hrs. Further cholera test for fit and light duty personnel. All Sigs in cholera isolation progressing satisfactorily.
23 JUL	Wet. Conditions bad. All fit & light duty personnel working on yard yard. Still in bad condition. 1200 hrs. Men allowed on fit & light duty tent further cholera test. 1700 hrs. All no duty personnel & men in isolation & hospital tested for cholera. Sigs tent admitted to cholera ward. 1300 hrs. Three men arrived from KRIEN KRIE - 2 had cholera & only carrying patients out of 4.
24 JUL	Very wet. Mission still raining. Two cooks allowed to operate fit tent. 0150 hrs. NX 60147 SIGMN O'BRIEN T.W.R.P. died of cholera at TAKANON, THAILAND. All fit & light duty again working on railway line (2000-2300 hrs). 1030 hrs. Capt. Bennett saw Capt. MURAYAMA regarding portable tent. No tent set out yet, but after results of cholera test, say nothing definite but only for workers - 2000 hrs - 0.2. without referring to tent - 2000 hrs - well - will improve tent for BAN BURI - 2000 hrs - 4.4. get down - now available - cover for repairing tent - small area of available.

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25 JUL 0630 hrs. 1700 hrs. Wagon received that party of 90 sick men would be moved down to Ramesh in bus to WYNSEA (railhead near TARRUM) leaving at 0900 hrs 26 JUL. Personnel selected by Capt. Kelle included 11 signala - Sgt Brennan, Sgt Bailey, Robinson, Smith, Taffey, Clappan, 3 tank drivers, 2 N. C. O. Bampf & Sgt. Matthews & Capt. Howard. All party upon receipt for cholera (Glaxo Red).  
Time of departure taken about 1400 hrs and then 0730 hrs.  
Duties building sleeping at new area. Men moved after news.

26 JUL 0630 Ravelle. 0745 Party of 3 officers & 67 GRS moved off. Coach still over road bridge. All who could had to cross by railway bridge. Others, including 4 stretcher cases taken across by boat.  
Further forwarding of all "unfit" men.  
Officers built double berths along in fit area & slept after mess.  
Signala stretcher patients still progressing adequately. 2 further cholera deaths (Col. H. G. 1 2/29)  
Water taken only on 2 meals today

27 JUL 2000 hrs. 54 GRS fit for work. Capt. MARYAMA ordered 1000 gals + 150 men out. All fit & light duties from "unfit" area (including cholera carriers in isolation) and 17 no duty from fit area ordered out. (Just enough). "Unfit" men including stretcher & stretcher orderlies still on 2 meals only. Capt. MARYAMA would NOT listen to proposal of "unfit" area being definitely excluded, but could only supply 1000 gals and 106 men.

28 JUL 0930 hrs. Double cholera tent for all fit men in "unfit" area. Cookhouse complete shipped to fit area. Capt. Bennett received excellent teaching from 2 Kotan guards for referring to them as "KOREANS".  
Baker loaded & left tent with supplies in unit kitchen supplies from infirmary tent.  
Task for all parties - fit, light duties & officers - 450 batches.  
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Balance of men's pay made up from Officer & Red personnel. The remainder \$552.30 went into Unit Ammunition Fund. This administered by C.O. Full particulars promulgated to men by paying officer - also fact that we had no stock of period covers by men's pay!

It was decided that IN FUTURE -

1. All duty personnel in camp receive same rate of pay as workers
2. Contribution will be required from men for pay, sick & to general messing fund to be administered by C.O.
3. It is anticipated contribution of Officer & Red personnel would run hospital
4. Pay will be paid on basis of days worked by men, but some money will be made up to sick men who have done no work.



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- 1 AUG. Year's strength at present at TAKANODON 4 offrs (Capt. Barnett + Harshaw and Lewis, Kim + Henderson) + 769 GPs - 209 taken in "fit" area. Remains "infected" area. General health of "fit" personnel poor.  
Began cholera diarrhoea all with cholera. Other cholera patients, two Henderson began to call Albert Stewart. Signy Hospital isolated as a carrier 1345 hrs. NX 1043 <sup>1st</sup> signy MAHONEY J.S. died of cholera at TAKANODON, THAILAND.  
Good supply of water obtained unobtainable from pump tower & c... 500 offrs included - some of them the best of "fit" before offer to our hospital patients.
- 2 AUG. Men employed on railway about 3 miles from camp. Two wet morning & night. Roads very muddy & slippery. River again in flood - above previous high level. Men had to cross precarious railway bridge on way to & from work. Men NOT allowed off until after dark. Long time, began to ER fell off today about 15 feet. 2 substantially not seriously injured.  
Further limited supplies stopped.  
NX 1043 2144 Signy J.A. No cholera ward
- 3 AUG. Again very wet. Capt. A. Morrison arrived at there being only 300 offrs + 90 GPs fit to work on railway. He ordered that 200 men be sent out tomorrow. This information conveyed also by Lt. A. Quinn, Lt. AOKI. He said too that work with now "fit" men on railway would be done in 1 week (Aug 10). Then we will move to NICK PINE, leaving Capt. MARUYAMA here, and then to Bangkok. - I wonder!!!
- 4 AUG. Remains with 7 offrs 125 GPs, including about 70 heavy sick. Expressing concern many out following on a day drawn out cholera illness.  
Capt. A. obtained permission from I.S.A. doctor here to send two men - Lewis & Baker and one Redford - to England camp, 16 miles away for operations. Capt. MARUYAMA appeared. He also approved of Capt. Barnett taking parties to his camp to collect lantern stores. He also recalled some number of men for work tomorrow. Last men finished work in River near west camp still raining. Officers lay to move then back.  
Further cholera supplies obtained from Harrow Road.  
Two more deaths from cholera today, both 2/19
- 5 AUG. 6 offrs + 166 men to work (including 5 camp doctors). Capt. MARUYAMA complained of small number & in afternoon asked for 50 more men. Twenty supplied including a party of 22 men who were standing by a cholera party. Capt. Barnett, Capt. Miller and Capt. MARUYAMA at 1745 hrs. Reporting to me, to move 2 sick men to England camp. Capt. Miller also pointed out our position regarding supply men. Capt. Miller the visited England camp. Found rest up by I.S.A. carrier.
- 6 AUG. Men for work on railway 5 offrs 158 GPs. Capt. W. Ordensche last night & about 4/15 did NOT get back to camp until midnight. - He men having to work until after 2300 hrs. Lewis DOBIE & the RYDIAK came to England camp in late afternoon. Road wet & slippery (A. many very wet). Carriers brought out supply of lantern stores.  
NX 2126 began rather on L.A. to cholera ward. Capt. Henderson has touch of fever.
- 7 AUG. Fine - at least. 5 offrs 144 GPs to work on railway. Capt. Barnett reported men completely fit to work. Capt. MARUYAMA who did NOT show any relevant observation. Two yaks killed today. Some meat for the troops - at least.  
Large party of cooks, dusted & English troops still packing through many Mats.  
1700 hrs. Capt. MARUYAMA reported to Capt. Barnett about small ho of officers going to work.  
Another cholera death - one Redford 2/19 - making 56" death out of original 700.
- 8 AUG. 3 offrs 135 GPs to work on railway. Heavy rain, men still going out. Today, all men were in before it was quite dark, i.e. by 2245 hrs. Two more yaks killed today.  
Another fine day. 3 men (2/19 & 2/20) to England camp at 3 miles away.
- 9 AUG. Fine. 8 offrs 137 GPs to work. Yaks slow & fine weather certainly improve morale of men & offrs. 1700 hrs. Capt. Barnett informed by Capt. MARUYAMA that all men who did NOT go to work tomorrow would parade at 0900 hrs. in railway cutting for inspection.  
2/19, 2/20, 2/21, 2/22, 2/23, 2/24, 2/25, 2/26, 2/27, 2/28, 2/29, 3/1, 3/2, 3/3, 3/4, 3/5, 3/6, 3/7, 3/8, 3/9, 3/10, 3/11, 3/12, 3/13, 3/14, 3/15, 3/16, 3/17, 3/18, 3/19, 3/20, 3/21, 3/22, 3/23, 3/24, 3/25, 3/26, 3/27, 3/28, 3/29, 3/30, 3/31, 4/1, 4/2, 4/3, 4/4, 4/5, 4/6, 4/7, 4/8, 4/9, 4/10, 4/11, 4/12, 4/13, 4/14, 4/15, 4/16, 4/17, 4/18, 4/19, 4/20, 4/21, 4/22, 4/23, 4/24, 4/25, 4/26, 4/27, 4/28, 4/29, 4/30, 5/1, 5/2, 5/3, 5/4, 5/5, 5/6, 5/7, 5/8, 5/9, 5/10, 5/11, 5/12, 5/13, 5/14, 5/15, 5/16, 5/17, 5/18, 5/19, 5/20, 5/21, 5/22, 5/23, 5/24, 5/25, 5/26, 5/27, 5/28, 5/29, 5/30, 5/31, 6/1, 6/2, 6/3, 6/4, 6/5, 6/6, 6/7, 6/8, 6/9, 6/10, 6/11, 6/12, 6/13, 6/14, 6/15, 6/16, 6/17, 6/18, 6/19, 6/20, 6/21, 6/22, 6/23, 6/24, 6/25, 6/26, 6/27, 6/28, 6/29, 6/30, 7/1, 7/2, 7/3, 7/4, 7/5, 7/6, 7/7, 7/8, 7/9, 7/10, 7/11, 7/12, 7/13, 7/14, 7/15, 7/16, 7/17, 7/18, 7/19, 7/20, 7/21, 7/22, 7/23, 7/24, 7/25, 7/26, 7/27, 7/28, 7/29, 7/30, 7/31, 8/1, 8/2, 8/3, 8/4, 8/5, 8/6, 8/7, 8/8, 8/9, 8/10, 8/11, 8/12, 8/13, 8/14, 8/15, 8/16, 8/17, 8/18, 8/19, 8/20, 8/21, 8/22, 8/23, 8/24, 8/25, 8/26, 8/27, 8/28, 8/29, 8/30, 8/31, 9/1, 9/2, 9/3, 9/4, 9/5, 9/6, 9/7, 9/8, 9/9, 9/10, 9/11, 9/12, 9/13, 9/14, 9/15, 9/16, 9/17, 9/18, 9/19, 9/20, 9/21, 9/22, 9/23, 9/24, 9/25, 9/26, 9/27, 9/28, 9/29, 9/30, 10/1, 10/2, 10/3, 10/4, 10/5, 10/6, 10/7, 10/8, 10/9, 10/10, 10/11, 10/12, 10/13, 10/14, 10/15, 10/16, 10/17, 10/18, 10/19, 10/20, 10/21, 10/22, 10/23, 10/24, 10/25, 10/26, 10/27, 10/28, 10/29, 10/30, 10/31, 11/1, 11/2, 11/3, 11/4, 11/5, 11/6, 11/7, 11/8, 11/9, 11/10, 11/11, 11/12, 11/13, 11/14, 11/15, 11/16, 11/17, 11/18, 11/19, 11/20, 11/21, 11/22, 11/23, 11/24, 11/25, 11/26, 11/27, 11/28, 11/29, 11/30, 12/1, 12/2, 12/3, 12/4, 12/5, 12/6, 12/7, 12/8, 12/9, 12/10, 12/11, 12/12, 12/13, 12/14, 12/15, 12/16, 12/17, 12/18, 12/19, 12/20, 12/21, 12/22, 12/23, 12/24, 12/25, 12/26, 12/27, 12/28, 12/29, 12/30, 12/31
- 10 AUG. Fine. 8 offrs 125 men to work on railway. At 0900 hrs. remainder evacuated by Lt. AOKI who packed out only 1 offr (Capt. Baker) & 15 GPs from office 2200 hrs. + sent them back to work. The Redford died at England camp & was buried in England cemetery. Lt. Ed. Ord. Capt. Barnett & Baker & Wallace attended ceremony. Two more men (2/19) died there. One more (2/19) at TAKANODON. A bad day. Some workers did not get back to camp until 2330 hrs.  
Signy Redford A.W. to cholera ward. Other Signy long all right.
- 11 AUG. Fine morning. 8 offrs 114 men to work on railway. Many men not in until 2230 hrs. 1700 hrs. I.S.A. doctor asked Capt. Miller to supply number of 150 men who should be evacuated to WNYEA.
- 12 AUG. Fine. 6 offrs 98 men only fit for railway work. 1000 hrs. Capt. MARUYAMA turned out remainder of camp. Personally examined them & sent out a further 9 offrs and 68 GPs. Most of these men were malariated, diarrhoea, fever, loss of appetite, loss of weight. Some were diarrhoeal, NOT fit. Tent - carrying pack. Men working on railway. In morning, small stream originally going to work, Capt. A. recalled killing of yaks today. Therefore no meat.

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- 13 AUG. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 1600 hrs 192 men to work on railway. This included many no duties. Fish and light duties working on cutting drifting stone. No duties nearer long way back. Both parties out for evening meal. Absolute assurance that latter party would be returning to camp. This party eventually kept at work until 0225 hrs on 14 Aug. Other party working until nearly 0300 hrs on 14 and back in camp just before 0400 hrs. Capt MARRUYAMA and Capt Barnett told men would be working late for next 3 days. When asked by Capt Barnett if they would have a holiday for long work, he said he could not guarantee it. They could then have a long rest. Captain bought 1000 eggs today @ 2 cents. 500 @ Hospital.
- 14 AUG. In view of late night only men preparing work for blasting had to report at 0830 hrs. Remainder at 1000 hrs. The personnel working on rock cutting today. Finished work about 1200 hrs. No. of personnel for WYNIEA reduced to 90 - the best of our best - which unfortunately eliminated all signals except beyond Point M.D. & Sampson. Probable date of movement 16 AUG.
- 15 AUG. The major, Sgt H.D. died during night 14/15 Aug. following cholera illness. In view of fact that railway cutting has to be finished today, 200 men were asked for & they had to be at the job at 0830 hrs. Therefore, available & brought food at 0630 hrs. Men supplied on railway 1100 hrs 175 GRS. Number to be transferred to WYNIEA tomorrow increased to 30. Other work reports included - beyond Point, Newburg, Collins and Turnbull. Total 7 offers (no signals) 72 GRS. 1630 hrs Lieut J.A. DOBBIE (R.A.E.) died at English camp, following operation for removal of fluid from lung, at TAKUNUN.
- 16 AUG. Men working on railway home at 2245 hrs. 0640 hrs. Party for WYNIEA moved off to river. 0900 hrs. Capt MARRUYAMA advised Capt Barnett that 200 feet men do not know where they are coming from - have to be taken to camp 2 kilometers north of here. Only personnel gear will be taken by men. No tents. Cooking gear must be transported by horse. Only 7 offers 139 men fit for railway work. Capt M. inserted on another 30 who had to go out. Promised light work but working on railway with other party.
- 1100 Lieut DOBBIE buried at English cemetery. Funeral attended by Lt Col Pond Capt Barnett & Padre Kelly.
- Personnel remained at TAKUNUN now 17 offers 380 men - signals 4 offers (including Lieut Henderson still isolated in cholera area) and 90 GRS. 2300 hrs Capt M. advised party would not move tomorrow - probably 18 AUG.
- Men on railway working until nearly 0300 hrs. Continued with extra for 3<sup>rd</sup> successive night. One small boy disappeared 2 men. Ravellie for night driller at signal. Others 0945 hrs & 44 report to I.T.A. camp at 1100 hrs. I.T.A. campmen took over tenting duties. Men working until 2230 hrs and home by 2330 hrs. 2345 hrs. Advice received that many party to be reduced to one hundred. Remainder to complete cutting here then to move. Tents in new locality (2 kilometers from here) will take about 1 week. The men return.
- 17 AUG. 0900 hrs. 4 offers 72 GRS reported for work here on railway. Other party of 4 offers (Capt Head, Capt Henderson, Lieut May, Lieut Dawson) of 1000 hrs and 357 GRS moved to new site. Reconnoitered - spot back. Cooking gear transported by river. Only personnel gear carried. 14 light duty men at their best - others to work on railway immediately. Sgt Johnston (2/29th) died after prolonged illness. 2100 hrs. Pay received Officers \$2805.00 (3 notes, including that in respect of 3 offers who went to WYNIEA on 16 AUG.) Medical Underlie \$322.00 (adjustment made in respect of 9 men who have NOT yet shown original Red Cross certificates, and who therefore the I.T.A. will NOT recognize as entitled to special allowances), GRS \$417.90 - representing pay due for period 21 JUL - 31 JUL 43 (incl.). It was mentioned, too, that the 1895.80 received on 30 JUL was in respect of period 21 JUN - 20 JUL 43. The reason given that men had received no money for period 18 APR - 20 JUN was that "how men had run away, therefore no money". Men worked until 2100 hrs today.
- 18 AUG. 0900 hrs. 4 more men reported to Capt Lloyd's party. Working here on railway 3 offers 54 GRS 1900 hrs. Bought 1.5 blankets by day's purchase. Lt Col Pond & Capt Barnett visited other camp (Tookin). Men worked until 2100 hrs today. Rain spelt very dry.
- 19 AUG. 3 offers 93 men to work on railway. Capt M. & Jefe helping remove land slide in cutting "Apodo". Men paid on following basis:

Category	Rate	Men	NCOs	W/Os	Medical Underlie	Other	Total	Notes
Light + stone	\$25.00	per work						
Food	\$17.50							
Medical Underlie					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1st Lt Jefe \$100.00</li> <li>2nd Lt Jefe \$90.00</li> <li>3rd Lt Jefe \$80.00</li> <li>4th Lt Jefe \$70.00</li> </ul>			
Other								
Men		93						
NCOs			3					
W/Os				10				
Working 1 day	\$1.00	93					\$93.00	
Working 2 days	\$2.00	40					\$80.00	
Working 3 days	\$3.00	50					\$150.00	
Working 4 days	\$4.00	50					\$200.00	
Working 5 days	\$5.00	50					\$250.00	
Working 6 days	\$6.00	50					\$300.00	
Working 7 days	\$7.00	50					\$350.00	
Working 8 days	\$8.00	50					\$400.00	
Working 9 days	\$9.00	50					\$450.00	
Working 10 days	\$10.00	50					\$500.00	
Working 11 days	\$11.00	50					\$550.00	
Working 12 days	\$12.00	50					\$600.00	
Working 13 days	\$13.00	50					\$650.00	
Working 14 days	\$14.00	50					\$700.00	
Working 15 days	\$15.00	50					\$750.00	
Working 16 days	\$16.00	50					\$800.00	
Working 17 days	\$17.00	50					\$850.00	
Working 18 days	\$18.00	50					\$900.00	
Working 19 days	\$19.00	50					\$950.00	
Working 20 days	\$20.00	50					\$1000.00	
Working 21 days	\$21.00	50					\$1050.00	
Working 22 days	\$22.00	50					\$1100.00	
Working 23 days	\$23.00	50					\$1150.00	
Working 24 days	\$24.00	50					\$1200.00	
Working 25 days	\$25.00	50					\$1250.00	
Working 26 days	\$26.00	50					\$1300.00	
Working 27 days	\$27.00	50					\$1350.00	
Working 28 days	\$28.00	50					\$1400.00	
Working 29 days	\$29.00	50					\$1450.00	
Working 30 days	\$30.00	50					\$1500.00	
Working 31 days	\$31.00	50					\$1550.00	
Working 32 days	\$32.00	50					\$1600.00	
Working 33 days	\$33.00	50					\$1650.00	
Working 34 days	\$34.00	50					\$1700.00	
Working 35 days	\$35.00	50					\$1750.00	
Working 36 days	\$36.00	50					\$1800.00	
Working 37 days	\$37.00	50					\$1850.00	
Working 38 days	\$38.00	50					\$1900.00	
Working 39 days	\$39.00	50					\$1950.00	
Working 40 days	\$40.00	50					\$2000.00	
Working 41 days	\$41.00	50					\$2050.00	
Working 42 days	\$42.00	50					\$2100.00	
Working 43 days	\$43.00	50					\$2150.00	
Working 44 days	\$44.00	50					\$2200.00	
Working 45 days	\$45.00	50					\$2250.00	
Working 46 days	\$46.00	50					\$2300.00	
Working 47 days	\$47.00	50					\$2350.00	
Working 48 days	\$48.00	50					\$2400.00	
Working 49 days	\$49.00	50					\$2450.00	
Working 50 days	\$50.00	50					\$2500.00	

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- Total required to pay men on their basis (covering period 21/7/43 - 31/7/43 inc)  
 \$434.40 Difference \$16.50 + difference in pay for Red Rubber \$143.00 +  
 pay for Eddie Kellacott, \$52.50, made up from officers' contributions to American  
 Fund.
- Men back in camp by 2200hr today. Rumour still current that we shall return  
 to Hong when railway is through.  
 15 original carriers in malaria isolation returned to No Duty area.
- 21 AUG 70 men on railway 300ft 66 9RS. Additional 40 men especially Capt M. Sgt AOKI  
 paraded remaining men in camp and picked out 24 who were sent out to work.  
 To the first time, some consideration was given to no-bookers & men with bad feet  
 today. Capt M. pulled them off parade & sent them on a sit down job helping  
 with station.  
 Lt Col Pead + Capt Kelly visited other camp - 1100hr to 2000 hr. Work production  
 good but much to be done. Work very hard. Rabbits - race (about 30% for 100m), fash, meet  
 & sing in night + day.
- 22 AUG Party here still on railway (300ft 77 9RS). Left Painsat worked other camp. Bamboo  
 stools are popular part of their diet. Capt AMARUYAMA informed Capt Painsat this morning  
 it was improbable any more men would move to other camp.  
 2300hr. Information received that it was necessary to send evening meal out  
 to working party as the men would be working until 0200 hr. "Kellie" men  
 went out, men finished at 10 minutes after meal. Men returned to camp  
 around 0030hr. Men received "present" of hot coffee, continued milk (we  
 travel on small tin between two)  
 About 150 ponies received for working men. 70 to be sent to other camp.
- 23 AUG Work here 300ft 82 9RS. Additional party of 30 men called for an afternoon  
 to carry ration from house to job store. Information says these stores are  
 milk + cigarettes - to be presents to Kambelham from Japanese Government  
 when home about 2210 hr.
- 24 AUG Fine morning. 300ft 80 9RS to work. Full of dirt on cutting level. Lint Kellie half  
 buried the floor. Men seriously injured. Jobs will be possible to give men. Men  
 working until about 2400hr. 4000ft (from job camp - King Painsat through Capt Painsat)  
 to go then at 0400hr. Arrangements made to transport through Capt Painsat for Sgt  
 Kambelham (R.D.C.) to be transferred to hospital.
- 25 AUG Fine morning. 200ft 78 9RS to work. Left Painsat spoke to Capt AMARUYAMA regarding transport  
 + recent sickness. Foot received today. Left 19 proceeding NICKAYE today. We shall be  
 moving in 30 days back to TAIMONTA probably. Capt M will look over job camp site down  
 his trip. Only 10 men will move earlier than that. Each man will remain here until  
 transported to BANGONG. Our work, coming from to be transported by train  
 0345hr with Capt AMARUYAMA + Sgt AOKI arrived at Capt MENTILAW. Transport to Infirmary Hospital.  
 Men worked until 2400hr. Rain + wind about 2300hr. Men sent back to station  
 Railway reached cutting about a half hour south of TAKANUM.
- 26 AUG 200ft 80 9RS to work on railway. Sgt AOKI brought 300ft + 31 9RS down by house from  
 TAMARUMPET. Sgt Anderson + Sgt Mullen in party. Later very ill and has been  
 1030hr. Party of 40 men passed through. In party were three transferred from Pearce  
 Hospital, Smith, Boulton + several other jobs. They gave us news that the  
 following personnel of the boat had died: 2nd Lt John Baynes, R. Hanson, Walker  
 Chambers and Koster at - South of their original 35. Destination of party  
 seems to be KRIEN KRIE or KONKODD.  
 2300hr. Sgt MURK fell off railway bridge. Dropped about 25 feet + fairly  
 seriously injured.
- 27 AUG 200ft + 74 9RS to work on railway. Permission obtained to take back to Infirmary  
 camp 1400hr. Jobs possible for evaluation down the river completed by  
 Japanese doctor. 80 selected. Malaria tested (of 100) in afternoon. 12 signals  
 included Sgt Thompson, Sgt Ingleton, Kuller, Brown, Sgt Harman, Larkin, Albert, Hampton  
 Kuller, Sheppard + Bell. Kuller in hospital, ill.
- 28 AUG Kuller injury had dislocation of hip. Relieved by Major Pemberton (C.O. Infirmary Base Hospital  
 Camp 2).  
 1600hr Sgt Kambelham died at Infirmary Hospital.  
 Information received to the effect that all jobs men will move back to TAIMONTA probably on 7/9/43
- 29 AUG 1200hr. Kuller had suspension by I.S.A. Very thorough. 1020hr Capt Painsat attended  
 Kambelham funeral at Kuller cemetery.  
 1315hr. NX 2019 SIGMN MULLEN E.G. died at TAKANUM, THAILAND from Beri Beri.  
 Buried in our small cemetery.  
 1700hr. WYNNE party standing by ready to move.

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30 AUG	1700 hrs. Reginald Kirk brought back from Infirmary Hospital. 14 replace began messengers in WYNIEA draft Men washed until 2330 hrs brought
31 AUG	0545 hrs. Arrived for WYNIEA party. 0700 hrs Party moved to barge. Signals now remaining at TAKANON 500ft (James Handacre, May Andrew Henderson) and 59 9RS. Lunt's truck down bay for 9RS auto moved on path, at 1413 (3 Monday, complete) Indication are that all personnel except 30 will have to move back to KON KODDA or TAMONTA ON 3 SEP 43.
1 SEP	0830 hrs. Capt Barnett saw Capt MARYAMA regarding more fuel & light duty will move first (3 or 4 kg) and may take up day. Additional fuel required would have to be carried. Fuel will make on 5 kg. Food will be provided at staging camp. Permission was granted for some carbon rags to be transported by barge with cooking gear and kitchen. Request was made for Lt. Col Pond to travel by barge (D.K.H. can) All other men to be taken down & returned Japanese lines 200ft 66 9RS to work on railway. Home by 2130 hrs. Quiet day - fine. 2000 hrs. Information received from Korean guard that 60 men would remain here - 30 heavy with 12 shotguns 14 light with 2 cookers, 2 medical orderlies - & they would move to KONKODDA were recovered.
2 SEP	Fine, A Holiday. Arrived 0745 hrs. Further information received that 60 men remain here, 100 men more on 3 SEP (these will be light with) & remaining 60 men on 5 SEP. Lt. Col Pond, & 3 9RS will travel with gear on barge. Men's kitchen will also be carried if required. 1830 hrs Lt. Col Pond, Capt Mello & Capt Barnett stood with Capt Ford at Infirmary 2000 hrs Tenko.
3 SEP	Break but no rain. 0900 hrs 600ft 9RS moved off under Capt Barclay. Movement to be very slow. 2 boxes of fuel carried as reserve rations. 1000-319RS to work on railway. Half holiday at camp & then away
4 SEP	to work on railway. Packing etc in preparation for move tomorrow. Approx transport of goods for barge. 3 cases of which, 2 shotguns, 24 lbs of biscuits taken as kitchen stores.
5 SEP	0600 hrs. Arrived. Fork struck & taken with general gear to barge. Lt. Col Pond and 2 9RS travelling by barge. 0830 hrs 300ft (Capt Waidersham, Barnett & Baker) and 61 9RS left by road for TAMONTA. 500ft (Capt Young, Lunt, Anderson, Henderson, Handacre and Pond) and 55 9RS - all left with no delay - left at TAKANON. Included in this party were 9 signals - 600ft 7 9RS (Lt. Henderson, Anderson, Capt Young, Baker & W. Handacre, James B. Smith, Stewart, Stewart & Lunt) Marching party made TAMARUMPET by 1700 hrs & here spent the night. Only fuel off truck pair (only railway, road) tank & tractor very bad. Our party were hoisted in a stop loss, Capt Handacre party, which had left their camp about 0900 hrs were camped in tent - filthy & inadequate for their 99 men
6 SEP	Moved off from TAMARUMPET at 0900 hrs. Joined in with Capt Handacre party. Made KRIEN KRIE about 1730 hrs (24 miles). Track very bad - wet & muddy. Billed by people of D Force. Weather good
7 SEP	Moved off from KRIEN KRIE at 0900 hrs. Made KONKODDA (9 miles) for lunch then TAMONTA (further 12 miles) for night camp in a hut shared by 100 men. Dark during the day for the most part, darkness particularly from KON KODDA onwards. Camp up the with Capt Barclay's party. Some party now 14 00ft 27 9RS. Signals 300ft - 52 9RS (Capt Barnett, Handacre, Lunt, May)

DATE EVENT

8 SEP 0724 hrs Recall. 0750 Terhar. Men working on clearing area for new camp site. 1000 hrs bamboo & carrying poles from large (Ramin) office 1 1/2 hrs away. Coy strength as at 0750 1100 hrs (high temp) 300 men 77 725 (Ramin 200 52 725)

200 hrs (low temp) 200 men 61 725  
 200 hrs (B+C Coy) 200 men 54 725  
 400 hrs (H.Q. Coy) 400 men 62 725 (departs 1000)  
 Medical 200 men 18 725

9 SEP 72 900 carrying stores etc from river. 75% clearing site for new camp & carrying bamboo. 1000 hrs. Sudden cholera heat (fever rod), malaria blood heat & cholera outbreak. Men guarded much by 2030 hrs

10 SEP 300 hrs today - 20 725 carrying stores from river, 20 725 clearing, 112 925 bamboo carrying & heat building. Information this morning from MORRYAMA that in future all carriers etc. will be carried by him. NOT direct by personal of Capt MORRYAMA staff. He advised also that Lt Col Kuffe had moved on from NICKAYE, formerly RIF Hospital Camp. Men in from work by 2030 hrs

11 Sep Work further 1000 hrs bamboo 2000 hrs railway, OKAMURA collected rice ration of rice from permanent recharging in camp. 0600 hrs 1000 hrs for NICKAYE on car being brought

12 SEP 165 men requested by me could only supply 153. Malaria & foot sores & ulcers main illnesses. It looks as if we shall be moving from this double-decker camp to a new site which we are sharing with families. To our new camp in about 4 or 5 days. Work on railway etc NOT resumed

13 SEP 4000 hrs 180 men to work on railway & bamboo cutting. 1400 hrs 1000 hrs 1000 hrs returned from NICKAYE. 1000 hrs 1000 hrs. Information that Capt Stahl arrived at new camp in Burma. Lt Col Kuffe at old camp. System supplies clearer than at TARKONUN and goods generally bought. He also brought back gift from U.S.A - 1 1/2 tons of white chocolate, 2179 packets of cigarettes (100 per pack), 40 lbs condensed milk, and 3 tons of mung bean. Supermarket distributed at rate of 7 packets per man. Pay sheet for officers & medical arrived today

14 SEP 4000 hrs 150 men to work on railway & bamboo cutting. Part of 20 (4000 hrs 1000 hrs) started clearing new camp area. Work not in afternoon. Later party sent home then recalled by Capt M. Group of tent articles from outside platform to study case down center. All men in from work by 2015 hrs

15 SEP 155 trucks on railway. 1500 hrs men on new camp area. Plans of work created by Burmese. Lt Col Prudley & 6 725 arrived from TARKONUN

16 SEP 0900 hrs Work further on road. Capt Carmichael to NIEKE to collect for work etc & medals. Railway between TAIMONTA & NIEKE repaired & rest on road. Many hours at about 1000 hrs. Still a lot of work to be done. 1800 hrs. Lt Col Kuffe arrived at NIEKE from old camp (2 1/2 hrs work). He has received a note from Major Jacobs (A Force). This force has been well treated. Capt Stahl is in Burma as Adjutant Force West Camp. The following personnel are also at this West Camp: Sgt Kawarata, Wally, Cook, Hayes, 1000 hrs, Sgt Bradford, Hill, Cairns, Lowe, Lee, Lee, Welch, Minson, Williams, H., Wroughton, Brandy, Pearson, others & several others. The following signal personnel have died: Lt Col Donald 3/8/43, Cpl Sorey 14/3/43, Sgt John 27/8/43, Sgt Lister 15/8/43, Sgt Hunt 2/8/43, Sgt Roberts 3/8, Sgt Bradford, Sgt Williams R. W/O J Smith R.S. (A Force) Major Jacobs is at APPERON. Lt Col Nixon & Giddings are at A Force Road Camp in Burma. Capt Mann is at TANBAZARAN

17 SEP Working further on road

18 SEP Capt MARUYAMA inspected work with view to increasing work figures. Only 7000 hrs taken. Capt Carmichael received pay as follows:  
 Officers \$ 550.00 (August) - Rates 1000 & above \$ 50.00 (9), Lunch \$ 40.00 (10)  
 Aid Cash \$ 129.00 (August) - " 1000 \$ 20.00, 2000 \$ 20.00, 7000 \$ 10.00, 10000 \$ 9.00  
 of Rs Period 11/5/43 to 20/6/43 \$ 3021.15  
 " 1/8/43 to 31/8/43 \$ 1657.80  
 " 1/9/43 to 10/9/43 \$ 425.70 Grand Total \$ 6104.65

Capt Stahl  
 to NIEKE  
 Hospital  
 Camp

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## EVENT

18 SEP

Received from NIEKE an excellent 1500 lbs log. Bennett returned back TAIMONITA  
Party on railway waiting until midnight in rain.

19 SEP

Very wet. Working parties 127 + camp construction 12.  
Pay for all ranks as follows:

TAIMONITA		Members		TARKUNUN	
Officer	exp + above	\$ 280.00	\$ 120.00	Officer (1 Sgt 1 Const)	\$ 170
	rank	\$ 210.00	\$ 70.00		
	Order	\$ 30.00	(210 from Amal, 120 from Amal)		
Medical	Exp 20	\$ 11.00	\$ 22.00		
Order	Exp 1	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00		
	Exp 1	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00		
	Exp 13	\$ 7.50	\$ 97.50		
	Platoon (7 days @ 200)		5.40		
			143.90		
			Members \$ 5.10		
					Med. (1 Sgt 1 Const) Order \$ 30

TRs Pay Period 11 May 48 - 20 June 48

W/Os \$ 8.50, N.C.Os \$ 6.00, PTEs \$ 5.00

## TAIMONITA

W/Os 4 \$ 34.00  
NCOs 46 \$ 276.00  
PTEs 210 \$ 1050.00

Distributed

## TARKUNUN

NCOs 6 \$ 36.00  
PTEs 41 \$ 205.00

Distributed to Capt Jessup

## NIEKE etc

NCOs 7 \$ 42.00  
PTEs 54 \$ 270.00

Held in Amal

## WYNIEA

W/Os 3 \$ 25.50  
NCOs 37 \$ 222.00  
PTEs 170 \$ 850.00

Held in Amal

\$ 3010.50

Balance to Amal

19.65

\$ 3021.15

Pay for August and 1-10 Sept. distributed in respect of days worked and  
sold some today in for distribution on 20 Sep

Project	And Received	Paid TAIMONITA	TARKUNUN	WYNIEA	AMENITIES
1-31	\$ 1657.80	\$ 1133.95 (incl. Amal)	\$ 102.25		} 378.68
Sept 1-10	\$ 425.70	\$ 417.90	35.75 (incl. Amal)		

20 SEP

170 men sent for railway. Could supply only 165. Wet day. All men in from work by 2030 hrs. 3 AM 4 TRs working on new bank with an afternoon. 2 Hooker. Information received that party would be moving to new camp site tomorrow morning immediately after breakfast.

21 SEP

0830 hrs. Party moved to new area. Water runoff but no rain. Approx 1000 lbs each of sheets. In only about 120 lbs for work, MORIYAMA (found) parcelled out 7 tent bits, additional 30 lbs with VL 45954 Lt Col CHITTY G.N. died at TAIMONITA from pneumonia.

22 SEP

0750 hrs TENKO. 160 men sent to work included 30 heavy each. Lt Col. Tammara and sent 3 letters to NIEKE with log POXI for purchase southern supplies. Working for work house completed - the first decent evening (at least) since leaving 4 camp.

23 SEP

During night 21/23 about \$80.00 stolen from rank. No rain but working party fell on 21 0830 hrs. Some delay while Capt endeavored to make list from 158 (including off from the bank) \$160. This afternoon, 114 lbs to Capt Jessup and \$79.00 given to 1.7 A guard to take back to TARKUNUN.

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24 SEP	140 men to work. 4 Hospital Outlets + some extra heavy sick pulled out to make up party. 1300 hrs. Lunch killed + Lt. B. Thompson returned from NIEKE with \$2300.00 work cash in supplies. 100 lbs of gold carried up from river during afternoon.
25 SEP	141 men to work. Balance of camp supplies transported from river. All communications were restored. On small ferry, men to obtain on agreed shore. ROSEMAN had meeting of C.O. about 2030 hrs and told them we had to supply 170 tomorrow. Capt Barnett saw ROSEMAN who was adamant (he stated that all medical orders were valid) and all Officers except C.O. Capt. Baker + A.O. must work. Lt. M. (Merritt) then saw Lt. TAYLOR. He said the same number as yesterday would suffice and allowed us to retain medical orderlies, but he said that work must be completed in a day - implying that there must be some work done even if men had to work both day and night. He also instructed that men be sent to HONKOIDA tomorrow to bring back 15 yaks. This must also be made for latrine + drinking water must be passed through the filter. Men must be quartered at night + in early morning. Light vet. therefore, made 2300 hrs - same as I.T.A. yaks which was stored in the mud near Capt. Harlow's working party, killed. I.T.A. + Barnett took most of the meat. Capt Baker's party of 40 men working until 0030 hrs on 26/9 Duty completely finished day for tonight
26 SEP	150 men to work. 0900 hrs. Two men left for HONKOIDA to bring back yaks. Returned at 2000 hrs with 15 yaks. Another fine day 1500 hrs. Short service held in camp. No work available tomorrow (2 days forward) as usual. 2000 hrs. (about 100 men) working until 2300 hrs 2200 hrs. Lt. M. informed Capt Barnett (i) All I.T.A. officers must be satisfied by ALL ranks of working, only 7% party salute; (ii) No rain between Capt. Baker (2300 hrs) + Bennett (0730 hrs)
27 SEP	140 men to work. Another fine day. Lt. AOKI arrived back from NIEKE + stated definitely we shall be returning to CHANGI, as soon as railway is completed. Last out of three working parties is completed. Signal
28 SEP	132 men to work today. Still fine. 1500 hrs. Lt. A. Schaller (2nd) died from pneumonia, malaria + dysentery. On night killed today - we received frame only for 2 days. Men in food unit by 2000 hrs. "Back to back" very difficult, secretary of an estate, dist. middle of October
29 SEP	128 men to work. Lt. MILLS beaten up by Lt. AOKI. Weather fine. I.T.A. started to dig out tomorrow
30 SEP	150 men to work. Improvement due to fine weather and yaks. Some camp supplies (3 tons yaks + malaria) obtained from local hunting. Funds previous - left + sold from HARADA All workers in by 2130 hrs.
1 OCT	Signal strength as follows: TAIMONTA - 3 yaks 51 925. TARKUMU - 2 yaks 7 795. 142 all ranks to work today. Signal NOT too well - 2 yaks + 1 ton + 1 ton Two parties working until 0230 hrs on 2/10 - a work night too. Sweet coffee put on ground tomorrow for all workers
2 OCT	130 all ranks to work. News received that NX 27065 Lt. STEWART J.C. had died at TARKUMU on 23 SEP 43 (2) from dysentery (3) + debility (4) + malaria (5). Duty day. Lunch coffee for all men. Capt Baker + 2092 hrs working until 0200 hrs on 2/10/43
3 OCT	130 all ranks to work. Fine day. All men in by 2100 hrs. Rumour that work will be completed in 2 days
4 OCT	124 all ranks to work. Lt. Barry (2/9) died of pneumonia. Fine day. Work finished 2030 hrs. Rumour as you are now to KAMBURIE + stay there for a few days before moving back to CHANGI and - railway work for our later quarters in 3 days
5 OCT	131 all ranks to work. Another fine + hot day following cold night. Men in by 2030 hrs
6 OCT	130 men to work. 0830 Capt Barnett left for NIEKE to collect pay for period 11-30 SEP.
7 OCT	Domestic received that all personnel of our party now at NIEKE and beyond had been paid at their respective camps for period 11 MAY - 30 SEP 43.
8 OCT	130 men to work. 1915 hrs. Capt Barnett returned for NIEKE. Men finished approval of barbery and all in by 2030 hrs. News that NX 60553 Lt. SOLOMON J.C. died at Lt. Col. Haffa's camp on SEP 43. 5/9

9 OCT

0830 hrs. Glass rod + blood slide for all men. 0900 hrs 188 men to wash with  
 powder that only for men - about 100 - would be required from tomorrow onwards  
 pay day for all ranks. Amounts received from NIEKE were as follows:-  
 Officers \$ 550.00 Aid Orderlies \$ 177.00 plus \$ 21.00 in respect of orderlies  
 without Red Cross certificates (14 pl, 14 pl, 2 pl at heavy work rate),  
 Of Rs \$ 846.10 (including \$ 21.00 in respect of Aid Orderlies)

Payments made as follows:-

Officer	TAIMONTA		\$	\$
		2 Capt @ \$ 35.00	\$ 70.00	
		7 Lieut @ \$ 20.00	\$ 140.00	
		Padre (balance)	\$ 20.00	\$ 510.00
*	TARKUNUN	1 Capt @ \$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	
		3 Lieut @ \$ 40.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 170.00
				\$ 630.00
		Balance to amenities (TAIMONTA)		\$ 170.00
				\$ 850.00

M. Medical  
 Orderlies

	TAIMONTA		\$	\$
		2 Capt @ \$ 11.00	\$ 22.00	
		1 Sgt @ \$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	
		Padre @ \$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	
		1 4pl @ \$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	
		13 pl @ \$ 7.50	\$ 97.50	\$ 148.50
*	TARKUNUN	1 Sgt @ \$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 70.00
		1 4pl @ \$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 178.50
				\$ 19.50
		Balance to amenities (TAIMONTA)		\$ 198.00

Other Ranks

	TAIMONTA		\$	\$
		1 Coy	\$ 218.70	
		2 Coy	\$ 169.80	
		3 Coy	\$ 150.50	
		4 Coy	\$ 87.65	\$ 726.95
*	TARKUNUN		\$ 93.50	\$ 93.50
		Balance to amenities (TAIMONTA)	\$ 25.65	\$ 846.10

\* Forwarded to Capt Jervis 13 OCT 43 (Total \$ 293.50 less \$ 150 for medical TAIMONTA)  
 Total contribution to amenities (TAIMONTA) \$ 215.15

All men finished wash at 2000 hrs. Wash not adequate  
 Return instructions of all men with serviceable boots (18) shorts (75) and shirts (60)

10 OCT

113 all ranks to wash in readiness. No "kitty heavy"  
 As all men beyond NIEKE had been paid for food Roy - Jone, it was decided to grant a bonus  
 of \$ 50.50 to all men (incl. Aid Orderlies) at TAIMONTA (259) TARKUNUN (46) and  
 WINTERA (206). 1800 hrs Capt Jervis came to see me about the new + improved situation. Would  
 NOT say whether or not there was to be killed, no would be put in permission to buy a rifle  
 from the new stores. He said we would have to supply 200 men tomorrow & were able that  
 was impossible. He also said all his officers would have to wash

11 OCT

114 all ranks (70 Officers) to wash. Other sick personnel cleaning up around camp,  
 about one hour + a half + a quarter. Railway work finished 2000 hrs

12 OCT

120 all ranks (700 pl) to wash. 1000-1100 hrs. 1500-1700 hrs same.  
 Railway personnel ending cutting adjacent to camp. In by 2030 hrs. Food still nice (5% of fuel) +  
 wash (allow of fuel + potatoes)

13 OCT

127 all ranks (500 pl) to wash in readiness. 0900 hrs Capt Jervis + 9 pl to NIEKE to collect " presents"  
 respectively. 1000 hrs (400 pl + 300 pl) of gas heating on demand. 1930 hrs. 2240 packets of rations (10)  
 and a large supply of toilet paper received. 2000 hrs. 2000 hrs. 2000 hrs. 2000 hrs. 2000 hrs. 2000 hrs.  
 personnel. Hope, obviously had a number of visits today +, with Capt Jervis, they all make

14 OCT

153 all ranks (600 pl) to wash. 0835 Report received that the Padre + Crawford had NOT  
 slept in their beds. Sgt ROY appeared search + no were found had to go to a  
 toilet camp 4000 ft away. They went there last night to sleep. Common rumor for their  
 letters + were packed up. Parents' requests would be made for all men in the camp.  
 Information on these will later be distributed to " churchmen".  
 Home washing until 2030 hrs



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EVENT

- 15 OCT 122 all ranks (6000) to work. Railway line passed over camp at 1015 hrs. High, heavy fog. Lumber, sugar, beans, kumara, kumara, kumara. Sgt party in A force construction party. Information received that SGT CROOK CPL MANSON SIGMN BOCKFORD had died. MAJOR JACOB SGT GAVL SIGMN CLARKE as being about 15 miles north of here. 1000 43 men of our party being taken for ballast today. 4 men went. Major Hunter caught by NIPS taking sweet potato outside Q77. Also "gone over". Women home by 2030 hrs.
- 16 OCT 123 all ranks (6000) to work. Information received that SIGMN OAKESHOT and SIGMN HUNTER, I. (both of A force) had died. A man finished work at 1930 hrs.
- 17 OCT 130 all ranks (6000) to work. Most prevalent diseases (malaria, dengue fever) and diarrhoea. Information received that SIGMN DALE (M die) had died. 1800 hrs. There is illness on hospital. 2130 hrs. Construction work at hospital patient staffed by Sgt & MURRAY. 2 men danger "broken up" and orders received that there must be no more or supply in that line (Or two sections, usually, one section have come over at night and asked Sgt Barrett to get construction to camp).
- 18 OCT 138 all ranks (6000) to work. OSGT Order re messes & campy passed on to troops. Men on by 1930 hrs. No ration supplies could be purchased today and as a result, supplies could not supply quite make for breakfast as it had been done for about last 10 days. Sweet coffee at night can be prepared for another nights. Food in shell and - rice, mussels, etc.
- 19 OCT 135 all ranks (6000) to work. 1000 hrs & 4000 hrs to NIEKE - for boat - to collect broken chairs, etc. Lunch had to be carried to men then returning (2 pieces for railway). Party arrived back camp by 1900 hrs. 4 men killed today - 1 dead for about 20 days. Weather - cool nights but after noon, 4000 hrs. ordered all men to camp to make fly, ants & hill 10 feet per day.
- 20 OCT 135 all ranks (6000) to work. Another party of 100 men & 4000 hrs to NIEKE. Lt Col Pone NOT permitted to make that night party. Lunch carried to men. Party home by 1830 hrs. heavy carried back today. Breakfast lunch provided at NIEKE by natives. Tentmen supplies very scarce here.
- 21 OCT 128 all ranks (6000) to work. More than 2000 volunteers for NIEKE party. Lunch back over & done by 1900 hrs. Yoko killed today - 1 dead for about 20 days. Weather - cool nights but after noon, 4000 hrs. ordered all men to camp to make fly, ants & hill 10 feet per day.
- 22 OCT NIEKE party returned to KONKOIDA at 1800 hrs. Balance of workers leaving 4000 hrs 68 70. NIEKE party loaded part on train, travelled to UPPER KONKOIDA, outside washed back. Home by 1700 hrs.
- 23 OCT 127 (6000) to work. 1900 2700 gear cutting. Weather still good. Yoko killed today.
- 24 OCT 120 (6000) to work. Party of 2000 68 70. At KONKOIDA carrying gear. 1900 2000 gear cutting. KONKOIDA party carried down hills about etc. Today's task milk, bread, fruit, some coffee part. A. YATA went to TAMARUNIPAT to purchase construction materials for an.
- 25 OCT Holiday. Ceremony of launching up railway near KONKOIDA, 1300 hrs. "Beauty" 1344 lbs of cigarettes, butabara 44 packets for men. Present of 2000 lbs of coffee, 2000 lbs of sugar, 2000 lbs of rice & HARADA.
- 26 OCT 129 (6000) to work. Two parties. Rain day.
- 27 OCT 125 (6000) to work. Two parties. 0600 YASTA arrived back from TAMARUNIPET with crates supplies 54 tons of biscuits, 2 bags of sugar, 96 lbs of milk, 96 lbs of fat (Price each \$1.75 per tin). \$150.00 per bag. \$2.75 per tin. Meat made to hospital, boys & officers. One bag of sugar purchased from someone to provide sweet meal for men in morning & sweet coffee at night. Supplies carried up by Sgt ROSE for camp & yoko. Some new tools.
- 28 OCT 127 (6000) to work. Two parties. One of 100 (6000) took lunch - sleeping party at KONKOIDA, yoko, etc., back etc. Other party working in quarry. Fine day.
- 29 OCT 128 (6000) to work. Carrying party to KONKOIDA. Small party, in quarry. 0815 hrs. Sgt Barrett to NIEKE for pay. Pay received \$797.15, overtime \$96.55. Total \$893.70. Information received that TARKANOON party now at KAMBURIE tomorrow. Nominal total of all our personnel as at 1 NOV 43 required at NIEKE NOT later than 5 NOV 43. The following additional reports have been received (E force personnel) VX 57090 by Sgt ALBERT C.M. Malara, 28/9/43; NX 44812 Sgt CARR R.W. 28/9/43; 1/9/43; NX 55686 Sgt DENNEEN W.E. 28/9/43. This makes 29 hours deaths of our F-FORCE party.
- 30 OCT 123 (6000) to work. Carrying party to KONKOIDA. Small party, in quarry. Pay day. P.O. approved off hours of \$0.25 per cell men at TAMARUNTA to be paid out of biscuits. Boy balloons (which balloons) were as follows:
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| 1 boy (79)           | \$ 244.35        |
| 2 boy (64)           | \$ 186.50        |
| 3 boy (54)           | \$ 163.00        |
| 4 boy (63)           | \$ 203.50        |
| TARKANOON            | \$ 66.40         |
| Balance for American | \$ 29.95         |
|                      | <b>\$ 893.70</b> |
- Remember that this party will be moving to NIEKE on 6 days time.
- 31 OCT No further road work. All workers personnel at KONKOIDA (16) or NIEKE (4). A number of men have finished at 0800 hrs & off working in town, work and back party to avoid wind & rain. 1030 hrs. "Beauty" 1500 lbs of 450 lbs of cigarettes (15 lbs for men) and 13 tons of sugar & etc. Party did NOT go to KONKOIDA - only 200 lbs of sugar for work. 1000 hrs. Sgt AMARU YAMA and En Sgt DENNEEN left for KONKOIDA. The air mail bags with our goods & 12 lbs of sugar. Sgt Barrett & TARKANOON party moved down to KAMBURIE.

**DATE** **EVENT**

1 NOV. Holoban - we thought. 40000 lbs within parts of 96 lbs & 20 lbs to carry stones. From day before, personnel at this camp over 300 lbs & 50 lbs. Most (both here), including Brownworth & Jones (absent) in hospital. Several deaths, only four. 32 men with Lt. Col. Kaffel at KUNJ SANKURAI. Total deaths of dead personnel in F. Force 29. Others, a further 19.

2 NOV. YATA arrived back from TARKUNDON with 50 lbs. supplies. Holoban. Only 4 men to KOKKIDA. Advance received from Lt. Col. ADK. That all men would shortly be returning to KAHNSI. Later changed to form only with such remaining at KARIBURI.

3 NOV. 0900 hrs. Taku. Pickmen & me out. broken off. Remainder collected bamboo for shelter (under I.T.A. instructions) under 115 hrs. 1130 hrs. Party of 100 lbs. & 49 lbs. requested to move immediately. After lunch, all men to be taken. The men to be fed. Instructions are that party will move to KOKKIDA in a wooden boat. We shall pick them up at water. 1330 hrs. Capt. Howland & 49 lbs. (incl 3 legs) reached. 1500 hrs. Longy. Parade in accordance with Lt. Col. order. Other party of 10 blacked out in river. Only adequate supply of genuine left. Reported requests recently have NOT produced results yet.

4 NOV. Holoban. 1000 hrs. 4 men to KOKKIDA. They brought lunch 1.5A. shoes and 48 bottles of genuine. We received 16. Holoban information for men from Lt. Col. NIEKE, and we were straight to KARIBURI, in about 5 days time. Pk. Rose (1/19/42) died.

5 NOV. Holoban. 1300 hrs. Party started to return back from KOKKIDA. 1305 hrs. Lt. Col. ADK. advised all men move to NIEKE tomorrow. With men here to be carried. About home 0900 hrs. Instructions have to be made for next day's work.

6 NOV. 0700 hrs. Traveller. 0905 hrs. Party started to move out. 26 men carried on what ever. 5 men remained to load up for on train. The other had to be carried. First man started at NIEKE at 1620 hrs. Last started at 1700 hrs. in 2245 hrs. after receiving additional assistance from NIEKE personnel. On arrival at NIEKE all NIP blankets had to be handed in. The water started with them. 2115 hrs. Party of 80 lbs. & 59 lbs. - first man - made on to 2A camp (11 miles). Another party of 427 lbs. moved about to 2A camp. Instructions are that the latter party and the rest of the 80 lbs. & 132 lbs. will remain here until we next leave. In the party for 2A camp were 2 lbs. (Hawland & Rose) and 12 lbs. Remaining at NIEKE 100 lbs. (Barrett) & 39 lbs. Lt. Col. Kaffel (1/19/42) died. Other such personnel are not being considered. Their trial of yesterday. The quarters had. Too close to be seen and smells, though.

7 NOV. Remainder of 2A camp. (A FORCE) dead recently. 2115 hrs. Party received as follows: Expenses for Oct \$630.00, Nov. October \$157.00, QRS for period 2.10.42 \$6.11.43 (incl) \$572.35.

8 NOV. Payments made as follows -

<u>Officer NIEKE</u>	4 caps + shoes @ \$35.00	\$140.00	
	3 lunch @ \$30.00	\$90.00	
	Padre (balance)	\$20.00	\$250.00
* <u>No2 CAMP</u>	4 caps @ \$50.00	\$200.00	
	4 lunch @ \$40.00	\$160.00	\$360.00
<u>AMENITIES HOSPITAL NIEKE CAMP</u>	3 coffee @ \$15.00	\$45.00	
<u>UNIT FUND</u>		\$30.00	\$70.00
			<u>\$680.00</u>
<u>A. Medical</u>	<u>NIEKE</u>	1 Apt @ \$11.00	\$11.00
<u>Orderlies</u>		1 Apt @ \$10.00	\$10.00
		Padre \$10.00	\$10.00
		19 lbs @ \$9.00	\$9.00
		90 lbs @ \$7.50	\$67.50
			\$107.50
* <u>No2 CAMP</u>	1 Apt @ \$11.00	\$11.00	
	40 lbs @ \$7.50	\$30.00	\$41.00
<u>AMENITIES - UNIT FUND</u>		\$8.50	
			<u>\$157.00</u>
<u>Other Rank NIEKE</u>	<u>Supply Party</u>	Transport \$86.75	Fuel \$3.95
	<u>Other</u>	\$191.70	\$7.30
			\$26.00
			\$45.15
<u>No2 CAMP</u>		\$235.90	\$2.20
<u>TARKUNDON</u>		\$55.00	-
		\$290.95	\$12.45
<u>AMENITIES - UNIT FUND</u>		\$6.60	\$111.75
			<u>\$493.75</u>

\* Train for Lt. Col. DILLON today for delivery  
 1000 lbs. I.T.A. check found. Hours for washing and mending will be in future 0800-0930.  
 1700-1830 daily.  
 General fatigue around camp. 46 men now in hospital. 1100 hrs. Party ADVANCED village

DATE	EVENT
9 NOV (over)	Passed camp of A Force personnel. Now Major Jacobs left back, left Jacobs began moving Harry Wells, Abraham, Mangrove, Johnson T., Alfy Macey, left Helmsworth. Death of 4th Black on 5 OCT 43 confirmed. Also died from MCINERNEY R.A. on 16 OCT 43.
10 NOV	Men on general camp duties. 1430 hrs. 2nd Lt Paul + Capt Barrett with few left to check for A force (11 beds). Personnel of our party then settled on comfortable. Left 1st Lt. on Malacca. Several to be moved night during which Lt. Lt. Bilton announced that 400 men from that camp would start moving north on 16 NOV.
11 NOV	Broken Lt. Lt. Paul + Capt Barrett left for NIEKE. 1050 hrs. Another 500 from A force. Information received that NX 71324 began WRIGHTSON D.C. died of dysentery + Beri Beri, on 24 OCT 43 and NX 25777 began HOBBS J.E. died of Beri Beri, dysentery + Malassa, on 3 NOV 43 at Burma Hospital (TANBAYA HOSPITAL).
12 NOV	Tuesday, 1070. 250 GRS on bus building. Information that 100 from this camp will move north on 16 NOV 43 on an advance party. Information received that NX 35234 began BRYCE died on 20 OCT of malaria and NX 4283 began NEWBERRY F. died on 21 OCT of Beri Beri at KAMBURIE HOSPITAL.
13 NOV	No available men working. Information that party moving north will be 1000 commanded by Lt. Lt. Kuff. Personnel of 2nd Lt. 2nd Lt. R.A. will, where possible, remain behind. Our NIEKE team will supply 1000 + 300 GRS and take over camp duties here in place of Lt. WINGS personnel. 10 signatures with Kuff meeting north from here.
14 NOV	Left + received back after 2 months absence (27 Dec 42). The team that (2/19/43) had.
15 NOV	1030 hrs. 1500 GRS + 250 personnel at night Depot returned to camp today. 0600 hrs. T.A.D. information today, all personnel camp duties should be done by our party or by personnel not moving in fact party.
16 NOV	From. Advance party of 23 moved to station about 1030 hrs. Returned to camp 1700 hrs. AOK tomorrow. Begin work seriously all open.
17 NOV	Party of 20 left up + down to station. 1030 hrs. Party of 20 wanted to be ready to move at 1300 hrs. Returned to camp by 1700 hrs. Party increased to 20 again. 1900 hrs. Will move to station. Board train at 015 hrs (17 NOV). Train NIEKE about 0945 hrs. X this party was 100% malaria + 50% dysentery.
18 NOV	Wednesday, 1830 hrs. Reported party of 400 were arriving at station from 2nd camp + we may have to shelter them tomorrow. We should not have 200 (including 200 GRS) and find 200. 200 personnel at station ready to move.
19 NOV	Party still at station waiting to move all day. Fed from our camp. Left early morning 20 NOV. 0400 hrs. 2000 men, including 2nd Lt. Paul, 1st Lt. Mace, + GRS of Baguette. The station (2/16) died.
20 NOV	0400 hrs. Hamburg's party moved to railway station. We will receive party of 50 may be required from here at short notice. 1030 hrs. Party of 1075 + 50 GRS detailed for work. Departed from station about 1500 hrs. 1545 hrs. 470 GRS arrived from 1st camp. 208 left immediately for station. Remaining 242 remained here until 2300 hrs. Then moved to station to board train due to leave 0700 hrs. (17/11)
21 NOV	0x 0240 began MART F.H. died at NIEKE of Beri Beri dysentery after long illness. 1130 hrs. Party of 1000 arrived from 2nd camp. Quartered here. 20 transferred to 2nd camp permanent patients. 1900 hrs. Party of 2000 arrived from Burma Hospital on my truck. Left at station. Fed by us until + morning. All well.
22 NOV	5th day 1100 hrs. Received advice 600 from 2nd camp + 200 from Burma Hospital would be passing through at 1900 hrs. We have to prepare during night breakfast + two beverages meals for night party. 1200 hrs. Real for 600 men to station. 2030 hrs. Train will not be in until 2300 hrs. by which time all meals must be ready. We ready by 2300 hrs.
23 NOV	0930 hrs. Party of 400 from 2nd camp arrived at station. Burma party will arrive at 1000 hrs. 0920 hrs. 124 fed men from 2nd camp will be left with us. 39 hours rest 200 men to go on train. 0230 hrs. Another 31 left with left with us. 1530 hrs. Another 41. Mail order left with us. Afternoon. Our men started to receive food, some morning, some night. 2000 hrs. Left 1st + 2nd camp out. 2330 hrs. Left progress + 119 GRS men out.
24 NOV	Party of 20 moved out towards at 1100 hrs. (Still at station next morning). 2030 hrs. Left station and 100% marched out leaving an entire 66 permanent diseases (fed men) only.
25 NOV	0030 hrs. Received 200 from Dambaya. 1000 hrs. 1000 hrs. 1530 hrs. Party arrived from Dambaya. Fed. Then moved on 0600 hrs. Left station party fed. 1130 hrs. Party arrived from Dambaya. Fed. Then moved on 2100 hrs. Party of 10 required to move. 2200 hrs. Party cancelled on another party of 207 from 2nd camp arrived at station. 27 men quartered by us. Remaining 120 moved on at 0730 hours + morning after being fed by us. Weather. Very cold night, warm days.
26 NOV	Further movement from up road (Dambaya + Kani Amburue). Left 0600 hrs. forward through. 12 hrs. Left camp.
27 NOV	More men from Kani Amburue arrived including NX 6822 began HOLLOWAY R.F. 1900 hrs. Information received that NIEKE had to be taken through. Subsequently 20 men were ordered to clear up. 1930 hrs. Personnel moving marched to station. Boarded train at 2230 hrs. Left NIEKE at 0730 hrs on 28 NOV.
28 NOV	On train - 29 to truck. 1100 hrs. Arrived BRENKARIE. Left about 1930 hrs.
29 NOV	0400 hrs. Arrived BRENKARIE. 700 hrs. Left about 1700 hrs. Arrived KAMBURIE at 2130. Left
30 NOV	1100 hrs. Arrived TARSO. 700 hrs. Left about 1700 hrs. Arrived KAMBURIE at 2130. Left out at Hospital camp. Remainers marched to first camp.

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1 DEC	Looking west.
2 DEC	Lt. W. Haffke and 500 grs marched out - destination Singapore - about 1200 hrs. 400 grs by personnel in party. New 544 Henderson and Lewis May. Information that NX 29700 bygn SMITH M.D. and NX 56912 bygn HUNTER R.M. had died at KAMBURIE HOSPITAL.
3 DEC	0815 hr. Capt Barnett informed that U.S.A. had ordered he was to remain at KAMBURIE until new party marched out. Capt Stahl appointed Registrar of Hospital.
4 DEC	1620 hrs. Capt Stahl & Capt Barnett marched out to Hospital on Repticon + Q.M. 1200 hrs. at Hospital there are about 30 Squads from 'F' Force + 'H' Force. Officers there at the moment are Tech. Hurdell, Anderson, Henderson & Sweeney. Capt Conway, Parker & Mansfield recently went back.
5 DEC	Bygn Corey & bygn O'Donoghue on dangerously ill list. Food here good but unpalatable, when supplemented by canned supplies (Copp 10 for \$1.00, sugar, peanut butter, potato etc.)
6 DEC	VX 23632 bygn GOREY T.I. died at KAMBURIE HOSPITAL following long illness.
7 DEC	1800 hrs. 'F' Force personnel warned they would all be moving within next 3 days. Capt Sweeney and 16 grs of Squads affected.
14 DEC	'F' Force will be moving due next few days. Capt Stahl & Capt Barnett remaining at KAMBURIE. Bygn O'DONOGHUE dangerously ill. Weather - fine day, cool nights.
15 DEC	VX 65733 bygn O'DONOGHUE P.C. died of dysentery, illness. 'F' Force personnel started to move to Singapore.
18 DEC	Move to Singapore completed. Plans of Hospital for old first camp started. Capt Barnett dangerously ill. Total number legs in Hospital 200 grs (Stahl + Barnett) and 26 grs.
19 DEC	Capt V. Lawton died.

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25 Jul 43  
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 31 Aug 43

1 FEVER Regard all fever of unknown origin (i.e. having excluded a severe skin infection with swollen tender glands, tonsillitis, dysentery) as malaria and treat as such.  
Give Quinine 27 grains daily or Helmin 3 tablets daily until fever has subsided for 2 successive nights.  
If adequate stocks treat for 7-10 days.  
Severe vomiting is due to malaria, not to quinine - big atelmin - otherwise infection of quinine is - hydrochloride is necessary.

2 DIARRHOEA Watery stools - blood and mucus with or without fever indicates dysentery.  
Frequent copious stools - like plain rice water - cholera.  
Treatment of diarrhoea as such - nil - beyond rest to prevent debilitation.  
NOTE Ordinary diarrhoea (sometimes blood) may be a somewhat symptom of malaria.

DYSENTERY - With blood & mucus - no fever - water  
With blood & mucus with fever - give 4 tabs. Sulfapyridine (17 x 3 698)  
Repeat in 8 hours if no improvement.  
or 1 teaspoonful of sodium salts every 2 hours for 4 doses then 4 hourly.  
Give fluids + + + to drink. Do not allow tongue to become dry.

4 CHOLERA Profuse, frequent rice water stools  
Vomiting - cramps in abdomen legs - eventually wrinkled dehydrated skin. NO fever (except rarely).  
Treatment. Little can be done without i.v. salt solution  
Small quantities frequently of salty fluids - e.g. broth, but will probably vomit.  
In absence of medical aid the main thing to do is to prevent spread of epidemic.  
Isolate individual  
Isolate contacts  
Burn stools in roaring fire or red hot coals  
Boil all drinking water  
Boil food containers - e.g. check that root food does NOT go into river washed baskets.

5 DIPHTHERIA Recognize by yellowish-greyish membrane on tonsil or pharyngeal area or soft palate.  
Isolate. Rest 5 weeks  
Isolate immediate contacts.

6 BERI BERI Oedematous (swelling) type - rest until swelling of legs (which "pits" on pressure) and swelling of face & abdomen subsides, then light work to see if swelling recurs.  
Don't make a man with signs of beri beri do heavy work for his heart is in a similarly waterlogged condition in late stages.  
Heart failure may be occasionally the first symptom of beri beri - generally commencing with increasing distress of respiration on working, then even walking (not actually exerting) proffers easily but more having awareness of the difficulty of respiration & the weakness.

BERI BERI  
(Contd.)

of the need for a greater respiratory effort) ---  
This continues to become worse & collapse.  
No duty in early stages. Complete rest on back in later stages.

Beri Beri Paralysis Treatment - Rest. If absent for long  
period from medical help do not allow paralyzed muscles  
to be stretched continuously in one position by offering  
muscle - prevent by splinting  
e.g. If muscles which lift the foot are paralyzed do  
not allow the muscles which bend the foot down to help  
it permanently bent down.



Prevent "foot drop"

Treatment of Beri Beri as a whole  
Rest (Karmite for serious heart cases only)

Rice & dieting  
Eggs, meat, heart, liver, kidney, beans, peas, cowpeas - peanut

General Remarks on Treatment of prolonged fever -

In first 2 or 3 days loss of appetite can be ignored  
ample fluids required to keep tongue moist.  
After 2 or 3 days, however, the patient must be compelled  
to start eating (force him to eat) & gradually increase.  
This will apply particularly to typhus fever.

7 TYPHUS

Prolonged fever 7-14 days with long convalescence  
Dewer does not respond to quinine.

There may be an "erash" (like the dark rash which  
terminates a vaccination reaction) on the leg or body  
at the side of a limb (if mice born typhus)

The rash varies in extent - sometimes no rash  
No specific treatment at all. General nursing and  
feeding.

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