

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE MALAYAN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1924.

In reviewing the progress in efficiency of the Malayan Volunteer Infantry, I am unable to report upon the Corps as a whole because I have not yet had an opportunity to see all the units in the four States. Many of the units which I have seen have impressed me favourably but much hard work will yet have to be done before the Malayan Volunteer Infantry as a unit is an asset of considerable military importance. As pointed out by my predecessor the difficulties encountered in training men with no previous military experience are many and various. The chief of these is the provision of suitable officers and non-commissioned officers. Suitable officers are available in many centres but it is too frequently found that no sooner do they get to know their men than they are moved in the course of civilian employment to some other place. The non-commissioned officer difficulty lies in the fact that they have little military knowledge. These difficulties are, however, appreciated and since steps have been taken to eliminate them as far as possible I do not propose to labour the point further. The State Adjutants referred to in my predecessor's last report took up their duties in the States of Perak, Selangor and Negri Sembilan during the course of the year and although it is as yet too early to gauge the results of their work with the Malayan Volunteer Infantry there is no doubt that they have made their presence felt. The Negri Sembilan Malayan Volunteer Infantry have again been very badly off for officers and had it not been for the State Adjutant who took the Corps in hand there is little doubt that it would have been in a serious condition to-day.

With regard to the administration of the Corps I am informed that compared with previous years it has been considerably improved in the States of Perak, Selangor and Negri Sembilan. The officers chiefly responsible for this improvement are the Volunteer Adjutants in the former two States and the State Adjutant in the latter. They have effected a weeding out of inefficients, the recruiting of the right type of men and an improved system of record keeping. This is all to the good and provided there is no relapse a corresponding improvement in military efficiency is bound to follow if all concerned pull their weight and pull together.

Pahang Malayan Volunteer Infantry have maintained the good standard of efficiency already established with the exception that the team entered for the Warren Shield Competition failed badly. This, however, was not due to a drop in musketry efficiency but to a set of unfortunate circumstances which necessitated a somewhat inexperienced non-commissioned officer being put in charge of the team at the last moment. The appointment of a Sergeant Instructor for Pahang has recently been approved and he should render valuable assistance to the Officer Commanding (Captain F. J. Ayris) who has been untiring in his efforts to maintain and improve the efficiency of the Corps.

A course of instruction for officers and English-speaking non-commissioned officers of the Malayan Volunteer Infantry was held at Port Dickson during August. It was organised by the Commandant, Malay States Volunteer Regiment, and his permanent staff acted as instructors. It was limited to a platoon and its object was to train non-commissioned officers as section leaders and also to teach them how to instruct their men in elementary subjects. There was a great improvement shown by the non-commissioned officers concerned when they returned to their units. A feature of this camp was a platoon from the Royal Sussex Regiment which demonstrated every morning the work to be carried out during the day.

It is expected that the linking together of the Malayan Volunteer Infantry and the Malay States Volunteer Regiment to form State Corps, which was predicted in my predecessor's last report, will soon be completed.

Up to the present no definite establishment for the Malayan Volunteer Infantry has been laid down but steps are now being taken to remedy this defect.

The past year has seen a big wave of enthusiasm for volunteering spread amongst the Chinese in Kuala Lumpur and Ipoh. Certain of the leading Chinese gentlemen have been responsible for its stimulation and if the present interest is well maintained we shall soon have good and efficient Chinese units.

Strength.—As will be observed from the table below Perak shows an increase of over 200 on last year. This is due to the resuscitation of the Chinese platoon at Ipoh and the formation of new platoons at Kuala Kangsar and the Sultan Idris Training College, Tanjong Malim.

Selangor shows a decrease of 24 this being due to the many discharges of inefficients that have been effected.

There is also a decrease in Negri Sembilan owing to "weeding out", Pahang remains about the same.

December, 1923.						December, 1924.					
		Officers.		Other ranks.				Officers.		Other ranks.	
Perak	...	8	...	364	...	...	12	...	572		
Selangor	...	7	...	510	...	...	13	...	486		
Pahang	...	4	...	220	...	...	5	...	224		
Negri Sembilan		4	...	217	...	...	2 (on active		209		
							list)				
		28		1,311							

INSPECTIONS.

PAHANG.

The Staff Officer to Local Forces visited the camp which was held at Kuantan during July. He reported favourably on this Corps—extracts from his report are as follows: "The annual camp is quite a feature in this Corps and is undoubtedly the means of keeping up efficiency and esprit de corps by providing an opportunity for the various units for Pekan, Kuantan and Kuala Lipis, to meet and work together. The administrative arrangements were excellent and particular attention was paid to the messing. I examined a large proportion of the rifles in possession and all were in good condition. The discipline was all that could be desired. Classes of non-commissioned officers were held and special instruction given in a variety of subjects. On parade the men were steady and a good standard of drill was maintained—Short road marches were undertaken after which the men showed no sign of fatigue. In an "attack" practice the non-commissioned officers gave the impression of having a good hold of their sections."

"The Officer Commanding together with his platoon commanders, Company Sergeant-Major and Senior Non-commissioned Officers are to be congratulated on the good standard of efficiency attained."

PERAK.

At Taiping on the 22nd August I saw the local platoon (No. IV) co-operating in a tactical scheme with "D" Company, Malay States Volunteer Regiment, and a Company of the Burma Rifles. The scheme did not work out well enough to provide a real test of the platoon's field-efficiency. The turn-out was satisfactory. I also saw platoons Nos. I and II at Ipoh on the 23rd August co-operating in a tactical exercise with the local Malay States Volunteer Regiment Company. Their performance was encouraging in spite of an obvious lack of knowledge and experience. Their turn-out was very satisfactory. In December I inspected the Corps in camp at Ipoh. The camp was in good order and the men well turned out. Much commendable keenness was displayed by all ranks in a small tactical exercise; but I found platoon-officers and non-commissioned officers somewhat lacking in professional knowledge. This can easily be put right by study of the Infantry Training Manual.

SELANGOR.

I took an opportunity of inspecting the Kuala Lumpur units of the Selangor Corps in October in extended order movements. More practice in the field is required.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

The following particulars are extracted from the annual reports submitted by the Officers Commanding and afford information of general interest.

PERAK.

Command.—Lieutenant Colonel C. W. C. Parr, C.M.G., O.B.E., was in command of the Perak Malayan Volunteer Infantry throughout the year with Lieutenant (Acting Captain) A. T. Newbould, M.C., as Second-in-Command until the 22nd May, 1924, when he was transferred to a station at which there was no Malayan Volunteer Infantry unit. The post of Second-in-Command has not been filled since that date. Second Lieutenant (now Lieutenant and Acting Captain) C. Rae, officiated as Adjutant.

Officers.—Commissions were granted to the following gentlemen during the year:

Second Lieutenant J. G. Crawford;
 „ „ W. F. N. Churchill;
 „ „ Wan Mohamed Ali;
 „ „ Cheah Cheang Lim.

Leave, Resignations, Appointments, etc.—

Second Lieutenant H. D. Kiddle, Officer Commanding Platoon II, was granted seven months' leave from 1st January, 1924.

Captain B. Preedy, No. I Platoon, was granted leave from 11th August, 1924, to 31st August, 1924.

Second Lieutenant A. V. Raper, Officer Commanding No. III Platoon, was granted twenty-one days' leave from 24th November, 1924, on medical grounds.

Second Lieutenant Wan Mohamed Ali, Officer Commanding No. V Platoon, was granted leave from 20th October, 1924, to 30th November, 1924, on medical grounds.

Second Lieutenant C. Rae, Officer Commanding No. I Platoon, was posted to officiate as Adjutant, Malayan Volunteer Infantry, Perak, from 1st January, 1924, *vice* Second Lieutenant H. D. Kiddle, granted leave.

Second Lieutenant J. G. Crawford was appointed Officer Commanding No. V Platoon, Malayan Volunteer Infantry, Perak, from 7th December, 1923.

Lieutenant T. S. Adams took over command of No. IV Platoon from Lieutenant (Acting Captain) A. T. Newbould, m.c., from 1st January, 1924.

Captain B. Preedy, 1st London R.F. (T.A.), was attached to No. I Platoon from 1st January, 1924.

Second Lieutenant Wan Mohamed Ali was appointed Officer Commanding No. V Platoon from 8th May, 1924, in succession to Second Lieutenant Crawford, transferred.

Second Lieutenant W. F. N. Churchill was appointed Officer Commanding No. VI Platoon from 16th March, 1924.

Second Lieutenant H. D. Kiddle was attached to No. II Platoon on his return from leave on 1st September, 1924.

Second Lieutenant Cheah Cheang Lim was attached to No. I Platoon from 20th November, 1924.

Lieutenant A. T. Newbould, m.c., was placed on the unattached list of officers on his transfer to Parit on 22nd May, 1924.

Second Lieutenant Crawford was placed on the unattached list of officers on his transfer to Kroh on 8th May, 1924.

Strength—Officers.—

Platoon I	Ipoh	...	Lieutenant (Acting Captain) C. Rae. Captain B. Preedy attached. Captain J. V. F. Macdonald attached. Second Lieutenant Cheah Cheang Lim.
Platoon II	Ipoh	...	Second Lieutenant A. B. S. Boswell. Second Lieutenant H. D. Kiddle attached.
Platoon III	Teluk Anson	...	Second Lieutenant A. V. Raper. Second Lieutenant Raja Abdul Aziz attached.
Platoon IV	Taiping	...	Lieutenant T. S. Adams.
Platoon V	Tapah	...	Second Lieutenant Wan Mohamed Ali.
Platoon VI	Kuala Kangsar	...	Second Lieutenant W. F. N. Churchill.
Platoon VII	„	...	Not yet filled.
Medical Unit,	Ipoh	...	Lieutenant C. B. H. Basley.
Co. Q. M. S.,	Ipoh	...	Boey Fook Woh.

Gross strength, other ranks, 31st December, 1923	...	...	364
Discharged, died and transferred, 1924	...	...	102
Enrolments, 1924	...	...	310
Strength on 31st December, 1924	...	...	472
Add Officers	...	...	12

584

Average strength, monthly effective—all ranks 471.25.

Other Ranks.—The gross strength of other ranks at the end of 1923 was 364. At the end of 1924 it had risen to 572. The distribution is as follows:

Platoon.	Place.	Officers.	Other ranks.
I	Ipoh	3	115
II	Ipoh, Batu Gajah and Gopeng ...	2	90
III	Teluk Anson	2	67
IV	Taiping	2	59
V	Tapah	1	46
VI	Kuala Kangsar	1	91
VII	Tanjong Malim	—	72
Medical Unit	Ipoh	1	14
Drummers	Taiping	—	18
		<hr/> 12	<hr/> 572

During the year 310 enrolments were effected while 102 were discharged and transferred.

Drills.—The average total number of drills per platoon was 82.

Percentage of attendances:

Platoon I	... ..	31 per cent.
„ II	... ..	45 „
„ III	... ..	45 „
„ IV	... ..	46 „
„ V	... ..	58.5 „
„ VI	... ..	54 „
Average	... ..	49.9 „

Musketry.—One hundred and fifty-nine men were exercised in musketry. Of these 123 appear to have fired Parts I and II of the course.

The Corps entered a team for the Warren Shield Competition, but although 6th in order of merit, at 500 yards it went more or less to pieces afterwards and finished last but one. The test is a severe one particularly for Asiatic volunteers and there is always the difficulty of arranging sufficient practice for a team which is drawn from platoons scattered throughout a large State. It is hoped that a better result may be achieved this year. Thanks are due to Captain B. Preedy, M.C., attached, for training and commanding the team.

Best Shots.—According to classification lists:

No. I Platoon	... Pte. Chiew Kai Kee.
„ II „	... L/C Mohaidin and Pte. Abdul Rahman, tie.
„ III „	... Cpl. Mohamed Yunus.
„ IV „	... Sgt. Raja Kamaralzaman and Mohamed bin Lachie, tie.

Order of Merit.—Platoon best in musketry ... No. IV.
Platoon best in drill ... „ V.

Formation of New Platoons.—Two new platoons of the Malayan Volunteer Infantry were raised during the year with the sanction of Government—one (VI) at Kuala Kangsar in May and one (VII) at the Sultan Idris Training College, Tanjong Malim, towards the end of the year.

Inspections.—His Highness the Sultan inspected the whole Corps, with the exception of the newly formed No. VII Platoon, at Ipoh on the 17th December. The appearance and steadiness of the men at this parade were praise-worthy and the handling of arms and drill good.

Ceremonial Parades.—The Corps took part in Armistice Day parade as follows:

Nos. I and II Platoons	... At Ipoh with the Malay States Volunteer Regiment, Police and Boy Scouts.
„ III Platoon	... At Teluk Anson.
„ IV „	... At Taiping with the 2/20th Burma Rifles.
„ V „	... At Tapah.

A smart Guard of Honour with band was also furnished on the return of His Highness the Sultan to Kuala Kangsar from his visit to England.

Annual Camp.—The annual camp was held at Ipoh in grounds kindly lent by Mr. Eu Tong Sen, O.B.E., from the 6th to 13th December and was a success in spite of somewhat uncertain weather.

The attendance was rather disappointing. The marching in strength being 263 only, including eight officers, but many men were unable to attend owing to their civil vocations. All who attended undoubtedly benefited by the course of instruction given, the improvement in handling of arms, drill and steadiness at the end of the week being very noticeable. Thanks are due to Captain H. T. Allwright, M.C., D.C.M., State Adjutant, and to his Staff C.S.M.'s V. C. D. Froude, D.C.M., M.M., and C. G. Clarke for their valuable assistance in instruction. Also to Lieutenant H. A. A. Howell, Assistant Staff Officer to Local Forces, who was attached for duty.

“Q” arrangements for which Captain C. Rae was responsible were very good.

General.—The Perak Malayan Volunteer Infantry have made, during the year under review, fairly satisfactory improvement in handling of arms, drill and steadiness.

I doubt whether much further progress towards a high standard of efficiency, particularly in field work, can be made until the non-commissioned officers, especially Section Commanders, are better trained and as a result possess more self-confidence and capacity to lead. The lack of efficient Section Commanders is the chief obstacle to improvement. A number of non-commissioned officers attended a non-commissioned officers camp at Port Dickson. They were well reported on and certainly derived considerable benefit from their instruction there, almost all require more training before they are able to command sections satisfactorily.

In musketry the progress is less marked though results are a good deal better than in 1923. Musketry instruction is an irksome duty which has in the past devolved entirely on the Platoon Commander. All efforts are to be concentrated on improvement in musketry this year; so better results may be expected. Further training of non-commissioned officers will also receive careful attention. It is satisfactory to record that No. I Platoon, moribund at the beginning of the year, was on 31st December over strength owing to the efforts of certain influential Chinese gentlemen of Ipoh. A visit of the Kuala Lumpur Platoon (Chinese) Malayan Volunteer Infantry had a marked effect on recruiting.

The majority of the Malayan Volunteer Infantry are keen and capable of learning, whilst the officers give liberally of their time and frequently of their money to the Corps. The general public do not perhaps realise the arduous nature of a volunteer officer's duties or the amount of his spare time, otherwise available for recreation, which he devotes to such duties. I take this opportunity of recording my gratitude to all the officers of the Perak Malayan Volunteer Infantry for their services during the past year.

SELANGOR.

Command.—Major B. J. Eaton, O.B.E., was in command until he proceeded on leave on June 24th. Captain C. J. Perkins commanded during the remainder of the year.

Officers.—The following are the officers who were on the strength on the 31st December, 1924:

Major B. J. Eaton, O.B.E. ... Officer Commanding

Captain C. J. Perkins ... Second-in-Command

Lieutenant D. H. Grist ... Adjutant

Lieutenant C. L. Chapman

Lieutenant A. N. Kingsbury, Medical Unit, from 21st November, 1924.

Second Lieutenants O. Beckett, Raja Uda (11th March, 1924), C. D. V. Georgi, O.B.E., A. Allan, Alan Loke (25th March, 1924), C. F. H. Riches (6th June, 1924), S. Ramplen Jones (5th July, 1924) and B. S. Walton (30th December, 1924).

Changes and Duties.—Lieutenant D. H. Grist, Adjutant, proceeded on leave on March 14th and was succeeded by Second Lieutenant C. D. V. Georgi, O.B.E.

Lieutenant C. L. Chapman, Officer Commanding No. VII Platoon, Klang, proceeded on leave on the 25th April, when Second Lieutenant C. F. N. Riches took over command.

Second Lieutenant O. Beckett returned from leave on July 1st and was posted to command No. VI Platoon, Jeram.

Second Lieutenant Raja Uda reported from Pahang on March 11th and was given command of No. IV Platoon, Kuala Lumpur.

Second Lieutenant Alan Loke was posted to the reorganised No. II Platoon with Second Lieutenant S. Ramplen Jones as additional officer.

Second Lieutenant A. Allan was posted to No. III Platoon. He proceeded on leave on November 30th.

For the major portion of the year there were no officers in charge of Nos. I, V and VIII Platoons.

Sergeant R. Vytialingam, who was in charge of No. I Platoon, did good work.

Second Lieutenant H. W. Foster resigned his commission on May 14th.

Strength.—The effective strength of the various platoons at the close of the year was as follows:

Platoon.	Nationality.	Location.	Strength.
I	Tamils	Kuala Lumpur	65
II	{ Chinese and Mixed }	"	{ 127
III			
IV	Malays	"	71
V	"	Bandar	38
VI	"	Kajang	41
VII	"	"	66
VIII	"	Jeram and Kuala Kangsar	57
Drums	Mixed	Kuala Lumpur and Kajang	57
Medical Unit	Tamils	Kuala Lumpur	16

The various nationalities are, therefore, Malays, 233; Chinese, 127; Tamils, 81; and Mixed, 65.

Records.—The records have been revised and brought up to date.

The total number struck off the strength amounted to 324.

The following are the details:

No.	I Platoon	Tamils	64
"	II	Chinese	37
"	III	Mixed	48
"	IV	Malays	81
Band		Mixed	12
Medical Unit			3
Nos. V to VIII (outstation platoons)			149

Training.—Parades were held every Monday throughout the first eleven months of the year but Malays were excused from attending during Ramthan (April-May).

Non-commissioned officers courses of instruction were held at the Malay States Volunteer Regiment Head-quarters by the Malay States Volunteer Regiment Sergeant Instructors from the 13th to the 27th January. Eleven non-commissioned officers (including one medical) attended; the ten Infantry non-commissioned officers obtained an average of 57 per cent. of marks, and only one failed to obtain a pass. Twenty-six non-commissioned officers attended the course arranged by the Commandant, Malay States Volunteer Regiment, at the Port Dickson Camp during August. Four were graded efficient as instructors. The Corps co-operated with the Malay States Volunteer Regiment in field schemes on four occasions and in addition a monthly scheme was arranged for the Kuala Lumpur Platoons.

The annual camp was not held since it was considered advisable to concentrate on the training of the non-commissioned officers and ensure their attendance at the combined non-commissioned officers camp.

Ceremonial Parades.—The Corps took part in His Majesty the King's Birthday parade and also in the Armistice Day parade. Guards of Honour were furnished on the occasion of the landing of Admiral Field of the Special Service Squadron and the unveiling of the Kuala Selangor War Memorial.

Musketry.—The musketry returns are disappointing. The outstation platoons owing to the absence of officers did not attempt classification. In Kuala Lumpur (Platoons Nos. I to IV) there were six marksmen II first-class shots, 12 second-class shots and 36 third-class shots.

The influx of new recruits partly accounts for the low standard but nevertheless it is found difficult at any time to get the Malays to attend range practices and still more difficult to make them proficient in aiming and firing.

Medical Section.—Major E. N. Graham (Medical Unit, Malay States Volunteer Regiment) in his report states that nearly all the members are qualified dressers. Attendances at parades and lectures are satisfactory.

Lieutenant A. N. Kingsbury has recently been commissioned and is now in charge of the section.

Expenditure.—The total expenditure was \$35,704 against a provision of \$38,422. The former sum included purchase of a motor bus at a cost of \$2,000.

General.—The outstanding feature of the year has been the resuscitation of the Chinese platoon under Second Lieutenant Alan Loke with Second Lieutenant S. Ramplen Jones as additional officer. A considerable number of ex-members of the old Nos. II and III Platoons rejoined. The platoon has made good progress and interest is marked. A motor bus was purchased for transport to the Rifle Range. This will cause a considerable saving in transport expenditure during 1925. Sergeant Instructor H. C. Ridsdale was returned to his warder's duties at the end of September after eight months service as Sergeant Instructor. Approval has been given for the engagement of another Sergeant Instructor.

The store books and records have been thoroughly investigated and are now in excellent order.

The unit entered a team for the Warren Shield Competition held at Singapore and gained fifth place out of 22 entries. This was a very creditable performance and Second Lieutenant S. Ramplen Jones who commanded the team is to be congratulated on the result.

Second Lieutenant C. D. V. Georgi, O.B.E., who was acting Adjutant for the major portion of the year, rendered valuable service and was untiring in his efforts to gain all-round efficiency in the unit.

NEGRI SEMBILAN.

Command.—From January to May, Second Lieutenant J. Jeff commanded. From June to September, Captain E. C. Denis de Vitre (State Adjutant) commanded. In September, Second Lieutenant R. T. Foster took over command.

Officers.—No. I Platoon (Seremban)—During January and February, Second Lieutenant J. M. Meade commanded. After this date no other platoon officer was available so the Officer Commanding took charge of the parades.

No. II Platoon (Kuala Pilah)—From January until early December, Second Lieutenant R. W. Cruickshank commanded.

No. III Platoon (Sri Menanti)—During the whole of the year no officer has been available for this platoon.

No. IV Platoon (Rembau)—Second Lieutenant E. T. James who proceeded on leave in January was succeeded by Second Lieutenant E. E. Pengilley.

Mr. E. E. Pengilley and Mr. R. T. Foster were commissioned during the year.

Strength.—There are now only two officers on the active list while eight are shown on the unattached list. The other ranks who number 209 are distributed as follows:

No.	I Platoon	...	Seremban	...	...	...	46
„	II	„	Kuala Pilah	...	...	...	43
„	III	„	Sri Menanti	...	...	...	59
„	IV	„	Rembau	...	...	...	61
							209

Parades.—There were 44 parades held for Nos. I, II and III Platoons and 42 for No. IV Platoon.

The number of men who attended 12 or more parades was as under:

No.	I Platoon	...	...	...	...	...	23
„	II	„	...	...	...	...	28
„	III	„	...	...	...	...	16
„	IV	„	...	...	...	...	23

This attendance is far from satisfactory.

Training.—The training has been confined to platoon training in elementary subjects. Every platoon except No. IV has done a certain amount of firing on the range but the standard was so bad that no attempt was made to fire any course.

Eleven non-commissioned officers and eight selected privates attended the special camp organised by the Commandant, Malay States Volunteer Regiment, at Port Dickson and the majority of those who attended derived real benefit from it.

Ceremonial Parades.—The unit took part in His Majesty the King's Birthday parade and the Armistice Day parade at Seremban in conjunction with "E" Company, Malay States Volunteer Regiment, and the Federated Malay States Police.

Efficiency.—The standard of efficiency is undoubtedly very low and little improvement can be expected unless and until keen officers are forthcoming to take charge of the individual platoons.

PAHANG.

Command.—Captain F. J. Ayris commanded throughout the year.

Officers.—Commissions were granted to the following gentlemen who were posted as shown:

No. I Platoon	...	(Pekan) Second Lieutenant W. A. Kirk.
„ II „	...	(Kuantan) Second Lieutenant W. H. Wood.
„ III „	...	(Kuala Lipis) Second Lieutenant Che' Mahmud.

The following officers left the State and were transferred, Second Lieutenants E. J. King Bull, Raja Uda and W. A. Kirk.

Second Lieutenant J. S. Macpherson joined on transfer from the Malayan Volunteer Infantry, Selangor. He was posted to No. III Platoon.

Strength.—The following table shows the strength of other ranks and distribution. There is a net increase of five on last year's figures.

				Officers.	Other ranks.		Band.
No. I Platoon	...	Pekan	...	1	...	68	24
„ II „	...	Kuantan	...	—	...	64	—
„ III „	...	Kuala Lipis	...	1	...	66	—
				2	...	198	24
				Total		...	244

Thirty-five recruits were enrolled during the year.

Four men were discharged as a result of being convicted for theft in the Civil Court. With regret it is recorded that three men of No. I Platoon died during the year.

An average number of 86 parades per platoon was held. One hundred and twenty-four men attended 40 drills or over and 119 fired the musketry course. The number who classified as efficient by attending 40 drills or over and obtained 60 points in musketry was 41. It will be seen from the foregoing that failure to obtain a higher number of efficient was owing to failure in musketry.

No. III Platoon obtained the highest figure of merit in musketry. Sergeant Mohamed Ali bin Tahir was the best shot amongst the Sergeants with a score of 86 and Copl. Ya'akob bin Abdul Rahman gained the Commanding Officers prize for other ranks with a score of 98. The Corps went into camp at Kuantan on the 6th July for ten days training. The nature of the camp and the work carried out can be gathered from the Staff Officer to Local Forces' report given elsewhere. Since the camp there has been a falling off in attendance at drill.

Ceremonial Parades.—On His Majesty the King's Birthday parade.

No. III Platoon and band with 50 Federated Malay States Police paraded at Kuala Lipis. A *feu-de-joie* was fired and a march past took place.

His Highness the Sultan's Birthday—The Corps 150 strong formed into three guards, carried out the ceremony of trooping the colour. A *feu-de-joie* was also fired and a march past and advance in review order carried out.

Armistice Day.—The local units took part in the parades at Kuantan and Kuala Lipis. On the occasion of the visit of His Excellency the High Commissioner to Pekan in July a Guard of Honour was furnished.

MILITARY HEAD-QUARTERS,
FORT CANNING,
18th March, 1925.

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Commanding the Troops, Malaya.