

1945

Location and Role of BAAG and "E" group personnel in China, January 1945.

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LOCATION AND ROLE OF B.A.A.G. AND "E" GROUP PERSONNEL IN CHINA.

1. B.A.A.G.

General Role. M.I. 9 and M.I. 19.

(i) Location.

H.Q. B.A.A.G. (West) KUNMING.

Personnel.

Lt Col MILNE O.C.
Capt PHARCE)
Capt GRAVES M.I. 9
Capt WATTS)
Capt AYARD KHAH M.I. 19
Capt BOYD)
Capt MILLER) Adm
Capt GIBBONS)
Capt O'ZORIO M.O.
Capt JACK L.O.
Jem HUSSAIN M.I. 19
Sgt HINCHCLIFFE Ciphers
Sgt PANG
Att ISLD Maj HALL CAINE

(ii) Location.

H.Q. B.A.A.G. (East) KANCHOW ?

Role. M.I. 9 M.I. 19 CANTON-HONGKONG.

Personnel.

Col RIDE O.C. (on leave)
Lt Col HOOPER 2 i/c
Maj SMALL) M.I. 9
Maj COWIE)
Capt REYNOLDS) M.I. 19
Capt MOORE) M.O.
Jem MENGHA SINGH M.I. 19.

(iii) Location.

Forward H.Q. WAICHOW.

Role. M.I. 9 M.I. 19 HONGKONG.

Personnel.

Maj COOPER O.C.
Capt HUTCHISON M.I. 9
Capt POWELL) M.I. 19
Maj VAN de LINDE M.C.
Cpl TANNER
Jem KUSHI MOND M.I. 19

(iv) Location.

Forward H.Q. YANPING.

Role. M.I. 9 M.I. 19 CANTON.

Personnel.

Maj HOLMAN O.C.
Capt WHITE M.I. 9 M.I. 19
Capt LEE M.O.

*Rec on 26/1.
Handled in 1941
on 12/1/45
log*

(v) Location.

Forward Post TSING YUN (withdrawn to KONGKONG)

Personnel.

Maj URQUHART
Lt HUNT

(vi) New B.A.A.G. Personnel Attached :-

To N.Q. B.A.A.G. (East)

Maj SELINGER
Maj THESDALE
Maj STANFIELD
S/Ldr JOHNS R.A.F. Air Int.
Capt PERHAULT Canadian Embassy
M.I.9 HONGKONG.
Lt BAXTER Sigs
Lt LEE (Chinese)

With Forward HQ WAICHOW

Lt THOMAS

(vii) M.A.'s Staff CHUNGKING

Maj SURGERS
Maj DOUGLAS
Sgt SELL

2. "B" Group S.E.A. and INDIA Command.

Role. M.I.9 in S.E.A. Theatre.

(i) Location.

Adm H.Q. KUNMING.

Personnel.

Maj FORD

(ii) Location. Field HQ PAOSHAN.

Special Role. Rescue of Indian P.W. held by Japanese in YUNAN.

Personnel.

Maj BAINSFATHER.
Maj STEWART
Lt LINBU
Hav RAMANKUDDY
Sgt PARRISH

(iii) Location. Proceeding via SZEMAO - NINGPO for operations in S SHAN STATES.

Personnel.

Capt ROBINSON
P/O HALFORD WATKINS
Lt SAG GAUM
Sgt KILLOPS

BAAG War Establishment, June 1945

[AWM 9/19/11-13]

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British Army Aid Group,
KUNMING.

Ref No: G/S.

22 Jun 45.

TO :- H.B.M. Military Attache, CHUNGKING.

FROM:- H.B.A.G., KUNMING.

Subject:- H.B.A.G. War Establishment.

Your letter reference MA/200/2A of 13 Jun 45 noted and the following attempt to meet your requirements is submitted.

2. KUNMING.

* Major H.B. WILLIAMSON	-	O.C.
* Major D.R. HOLMES	-	Officer i/c "E" Sec
* Major D.R. HALL CAINE	-	pending allocation of duties
* Major J.L.C. PEARCE	-	Officer i/c "S" Sec (sick leave INDIA).
* Major H.T. COWIE	-	Officer i/c "I" Sec (on leave in INDIA).
Capt. D.J. BOYD	-	Acting officer i/c "I" Sec - possibly leaving for Civil Affairs appointment.
* Capt. J. MILLAR	-	Accounts Officer - leaves for U.K. 34 Jun 45.
* Capt. A.C. GREAVES	-	Adjutant, Quartermaster and Acting Accounts Officer.
* Capt. C. BAXTER	-	"I" Sec.
* Capt. S.H. MOORE, RAMG.	-	Cipher and M.T. Officer - due for release very shortly
* Capt. H.P.L. OZORIO, RAMG.	-	Medical Officer - expected to leave for Civil Affairs appointment shortly.
* Capt. Y.H. CHAN	-	Medical Officer - has applied for transfer to INDIA for duty as anaesthetist pending re-appointment to HONGKONG Govt Service.
* Lieut. F.L. JONES	-	2nd i/c "S" Sec.
R.S.M. HINGSCLYFFE	-	Ciphers - due to arrive shortly.
* S.S.M. RYLANDS	-	En route U.K. where he will be released.
* SGT. SMALL	-	Confidential Clerk to O.C.
SGT. HUGHES	-	Confidential Clerk and i/c Central Registry.
* SGT. JAH	-	Confidential Clerk to Adjt due to leave for U.K. mid JULY.
* SGT. BRESE	-	Q.M. Store.
* SGT. BRESE	-	"E" Sec clerk pending transfer to RAMG (EAST) or (WEST).
* SGT. BRESE	-	Clerk in "G" Sec pending transfer to Adj't's office on departure of SGT. HUGHES to U.K.
* CPL. ELLERY	-	Ciphers.
* CPL. BOOKER	-	Ciphers.

- *SJT. V. YOUNG - Awaiting possible transfer to HAINAN.
- *DVR. WELD - D/R.
One Sjt clerk to come for B.A.A.G. (EAST) or (WEST).
3. POKKEH (probably moving to HAINAN soon).
- *Lt.Col. J.D. MILNE - O.C., B.A.A.G. (WEST).
*Capt. A.B. WATTS -
*Capt. J.H. GIBBONS -
*Major G.D. JACK - On leave U.K. - probably for duty with War Zone on return.
4. YANPING.
- *Major C. MANNAN - O.C. - possibly goes HAINAN.
*Capt. G. WHITE - For YANPING.
*Capt. C.H. REYNOLDS - At KAMKONG.
*Capt. P.W. EBERTON - At YANPING.
*Capt. D. HUNT - possibly goes HAINAN.
*Capt. R. CHRY - Security work B.A.A.G. (WEST).
*Jemadar N. HUSSAIN - with Capt. REYNOLDS.
*Cpl. BUTT - W/T operator at YANPING.
5. B.A.A.G. (EAST) at HINGNIE.
- *Col. L.T. RIDE - On tour.
*Lt.Col. E.D.G. HOOPER - O.C., B.A.A.G. (EAST) - on tour.
*Major E.B. TEMSDALE - I.O. and liaison with War Zone.
*Capt. FRANCIS LEE - Adjutant and Accounts Officer.
*R.S.M. SHEATON - Ciphers.
*Cpl. PIGGOTT - W/T Operator.
*Cpl. DAVIS - W/T Operator.
6. Forward Post HOFO.
- *Capt. J. SMALL - O.C.
*Capt. A. HUNT - I.O.
7. ADV H.Q. LUNGCHUN (probably return HOYUN shortly).
- *Major A. URQUHART - O.C.
*Capt. I.M. HUTCHISON - I.O.
*Capt. PAUL THOI - Chinese Liaison Officer.
*Sjt. TANNER - Q.M. - due for repatriation soon.
*Major VAN DE LINDE - Medical Officer.
*Sahadar MERRIGA SINGH - Intention was to move overland to YANPING, MERRIGA probably for HAINAN.
*Capt. R. LEE, RANG -
8. ADV H.Q. REAR POST - PUITUN.
- *Capt. A.T. POWELL - Officer i/c Rear Stores Depot.
*Jemadar KUSHI MOHD - Available for interrogation Indians - due for leave in INDIA.
9. Forward Post - LAMPONG.
- *Capt. O. THOMAS - O.C.

10. CALCUTTA.

✓ Capt. F.W. WRIGHT - 1/3 stores for B.A.A.G.

11. CHUNKING.

× Major SUMMERS
× Major DOUGLAS
× Sjt. MARGREE.

12. NOTES.

- (1) Those marked * are Force 136 personnel on loan to B.A.A.G.
- (2) S/Sgt. GREEN is working for GSI(e) but is still not removed from B.A.A.G. W.B. A replacement to be in charge of stores at KUMING has been asked for.
- (3) Apart from Dvr WELD who is D.R., our M.T. personnel are distributed as follows :-

SJT. HILL	-	At Main H.Q. DELHI.
× SJT. BARTON	}	B.M.M. M.T. Depot KUMING
× Dvr KIMBERLEY	}	
× Dvr SUTTON	}	
× Dvr CHICKEN	-	Driver to Gen HAYES in CHUNGKING.

But our drivers will probably be required for B.A.A.G. (EAST) and B.A.A.G. (WEST) and the Commandant's recommendations are awaited.

- (4) Five W/T operators are being obtained by INMA and will ALL be required at Forward Posts, after training by "E" Company Signals who will augment our W/T operator strength by loans from their establishment. (B.A.A.G. have three "E" Company Signals personnel on loan now).
- (5) × Major R.C. COOPER is on leave in U.K. and on return may take over from Major MANNAN who is overdue for leave.
- (6) Major MINSHULL FORD still holds GSO II appointment but on transfer Major HALL GAINE will hold and now Major I.O. for "E" Sec will be obtained.

13. GENERAL.

The list Col. RIDE had in CHUNGKING was only very provisional and operational developments are bound very radically to affect disposition of B.A.A.G. personnel, as witness recent developments in HAINAN. With release and leave, both in INDIA and U.K., it is quite impossible to make a firm forecast of final dispositions.

John Williamson

Major,
O.C., British Army Aid Group, KUMING.

BAAG for Hong Kong 25/8 1945

AWM 9/19/8-10:

Prisoners of War being the responsibility of BAAG, full plans were drawn up for Hongkong operations: to fly food, clothing and medical stores for Ps/W and Internees sufficient for two weeks, and to take in the "S" Section as a skeleton Intelligence Assault Unit.

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Probable functions of BAAG PW Interrogation Section:

1. **NOMINAL ROLLS.**
Will obtain nominal rolls of:-
(a) PsW.
(b) Internees.
Will transmit these as required:-
by air mail/repatriation ship/signal? to E Gp Delhi/War Office/
DMI Canada/O.C. Repatriation ship.
2. **INTERROGATIONS.**
(a) Will ensure interrogation forms E Gp/Gen/J.1, E Gp/Gen/J.2
(as required) Form Q distributed to all Dominion PsW (NOT
Indians) in triplicate and received back correctly com-
pleted.
(b) Will distribute as instructed to:
(i) Main HQ, E Gp.
(ii) D.M.I. Country of Domicile.
(iii) File.
Note probable that copy of Form Q should be passed to
Force Commander.
(c) Will ensure each recovered PW is given an Interrogation
Certificate.
(d) Will prepare consolidated report if time permits.
3. **LIASON.**
Will maintain close liaison with R.A.P.W.I. Authorities
(as yet unknown) and Interrogating Officers of C.S.D.I.C. and
F.S.S. (Not known that these will materialize and in any case
close liaison with BAAG S Sec and H Sec will be maintained).
4. **INTELLIGENCE.**
(a) Will be ready to supply Force Commander with such mil.
intelligence on HONGKONG, KOWLOON and New Territories as
collected in Area Files. (Jap gun positions, barracks,
dispositions, etc).
(b) Will be ready to supply Force Commander/Civil Affairs
Commander with such Economic, Administration and
Miscellaneous intelligence on HONGKONG, KOWLOON and
New Territories as collected in relative files.

O.C. PW Interrogation Section,
British Army Aid Group,
Kunming.

25 Aug 45.

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To : 2.1/s.

Date: 27 Aug 45.

From: PW Section.

PW 1/1

Subject: Priorities of Bodies.

I submit the following suggested priorities for P.W. Section bodies:-

(1) INITIAL ENTRY

(a) To HONGKONG - Capt. MOORE
Major HOLMES
Major PRARCE
Major COOPER

(b) To CANTON - Major COWIE
CHU CHUN MAN.

(2) Priority A on subsequent parties to HONGKONG:

Capt. GREAVES.
Major CAREY (if available)
Capt. OZORIO
Mr. HUI MAN KAI (Interrog. Sec.)
CHENG C.K. (H Sec.)
CHENG T.C. (General duties)
HO KING (H Section)

Names are listed in order of desired priority.

(3) It is not desired that any of the men listed at (2) above should move into any occupied area until the Allied occupying force has taken over control from the enemy.

(4) May I be informed as soon as possible whether or not Major CAREY will be available for my section? You will remember that Col. Le SEILLIEUR has offered to make CAREY available and that the decision now rests with the Commandant who considers, I believe, that clearance should be sought (? from CHUNGKING) before we take over personnel from other organizations. I do not know whether this clearance has yet been sought; but an extra B.O. would be most valuable for my interrogation.

(5) ~~Week~~. May I also please be informed earliest of final decision re priorities of bodies so that I can brief my sub-sections.

(6) Disposal of spare personnel of former I Sec:

(a) Mr. WU HUI TAK - Interpreter
Mr. LEUNG CHUNG YEE (draughtsman & general duties)
Mr. CHEN TAN MAN (Japanese translator)

It is suggested that the above three Chinese civilians be attached to H.Q. Section for duties there or for reallocation as necessary, and that priorities for their movement be fixed by you.

(b) Mr. O FU SHEUNG - Translator.

Mr. O has already been offered to and accepted by S Sec. His name appears in the S Section list of priorities for movement.

Major,
O.C., P.W. Section.
G. I. (P.W.)

Copies to: Commandant, B.A.A.G.
Major J.L.C. PRARCE (To be seen by Major COWIE).

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Capt BOYS - Leave in U.K.
 Mr. CHAMBERS - CHUCKING
 Mr. DOWNING - CALUTTA
 Capt WHEAT - CHUCKING
 Sgt MARRIAGE - CALUTTA
 Mr. CRIGG - CHUCKING
 Sgt BARTON - "AM. Could be got"
 Mr. KIMBLEY - DUNST
 Mr. STOTT - Unacceptable
 Sgt HILL - DUNST
 Jem MURRAY GINGH - Unacceptable

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    A[COMMANDANT  
COL RINE] --- B[Chinese LO  
Capt. J. J. J.]
    A --- C[LO with Forces Command  
Maj. J. J. J.]
    A --- D[SIC  
Lt Col. MILNE  
HQ SNOTION  
SEN NYLANDS  
SJO KENNER]
  
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MrJ JACK - WEST ?
Capt OGDENSON - WEST
Capt POWELL
Capt HUTCHINSON } - EAST
MrJ MILLAR
Lt JONES } - KENNING
Cjt BREWSTER

