

Second World War Unit War Diary – William Breckenridge

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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to appendices.
Jan 1/43	Locations at this time were as follows:- R.H.Q., Sig Sec and U.R.O. - CHITTAGONG under comd 88 Ind Inf Bde. 315 Fd Bty - do- 316 " - COX's BAZAR under comd 55 Ind Inf Bde. 494 " - en route MAUNGDAW - INDIN under comd 47 Ind Inf Bde.	Copy of map Sheet C4 D/11 1" = 1 mile attached to original as Appx II. Copy of Air Photo Map, Foul Point Sheet 1 attached to original as Appx I.
5 Jan.	Major BRECKENRIDGE, O.C. 494 Fd Bty, Captain WATSON, and 4 O.Rs killed in action on MAYU PEN. Captain BUTTERWORTH, was wounded in the wrist and had to be evacuated. Captain MACQUEEN, the Bty Capt took comd and Lt. LAWRENCE and Lt. REAR were promoted to fill Captains' vacancies.	
6 Jan. 1000 and 1130 hrs. " 1233 hrs. " 1500 hrs.	494 Bty fired on LAUNGCHANG from KODINGAUK in support 5/8 Punjab. F Tp, 494 Bty, moved to SHINKALI in support I INNISK. Captain MUNDIE, arrived at 494 Bty as reinforcement.	
7 Jan. 1500 hrs.	E Tp, 494 Bty, moved from KODINGAUK to SHINKALI.	
7 Jan. CTC.	15 O.Rs despatched to 494 Bty as reinforcements.	
8 Jan.	R.H.Q., Sig Sec and U.R.O. moved by rail from CHITTAGONG to DOHAZARI and thence along the newly constructed road to COX's BAZAR where they came under comd of COMFORCE part of 55 Ind Inf Bde.	
8 Jan. 0700hrs.	494 Bty commenced Fire Plan on DONBAIK area in support I INNISK whose attack failed owing to heavy M.G. and mortar fire.	
11 - 14 Jan.	R.H.Q. and 316 Bty moved from COX's BAZAR to battle positions on the MAYU PEN under comd 47 Ind Inf Bde. R.H.Q. moved via UKHIA, RAWLI BAZAR and MAUNGDAW, the last part of the journey being along the beach to KODINGAUK. They arrived on evening of 12 Jan. Guns moved to TUMERU GHAT by road thence to MAUNGDAW by boat, finishing the journey to SHINKALI by road and beach arriving on 14 Jan.	

