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"0700 hrs 1 pl ambushed 860224, destroyed 1 truck, damaged second. Sprayed trucks with LMG fire and grenades - estimate 13 Japs killed. Patrolled SOUTH down railway, brough back 4 Jap packs and left several others. No enemy seen. 1015 hrs attacked from SOUTH, SOUTH EAST and EAST by Jap Company. Enemy from SOUTH got in very close. Grenades and automatic fire returned with great effect. 4 BORs wounded, 2 slightly wounded. Mortars and MMG had good shoot. Estimate over 50 casualties inflicted during this action. I decided to withdraw as further attacks were pressed from EAST. Withdrawal successfully carried out by 1210 hrs. Bridge blown by delayed fuze on leaving. Moved to LEDAN chaung. Evacuated all wounded. Had to cancel light plane ration drop during morning and missed plane 1720 hrs LEDAN chaung by 5 minutes.

I would like to mention again Sgt Chandler commanding 15 pl, who was recommended for an award of the Military Medal during the INWA operations, who was twice wounded ~~xxx~~ during the last Japanese attack."

Total casualties during operations 9 - 12 April:-

Japanese.	Over 90 casualties.
17 & 71 Colns.	5 wounded.
	1 ~~xxxxx~~.missing.
	2 slightly wounded.

It was estimated that during the operations 9 - 12 Apr the enemy had three bns in the area SOUTH of MAWLU. On the 9th in particular there was heavy firing to the NORTH. The successful bombing and strafing of the enemy in the NANTHAYAN chaung on the 10th was the result of painstaking interrogation by Lt. Bush and Lt. Campagnac (Burma Intelligence Corps) of the various natives who had been detained, followed by a good patrol by Lt. Coakley to pin-point posns in the chaung. Natives also told a story of two British nurses who had been at NAITU (30 miles to the NORTH) since 1942.

Colns bivouaced on the 12th on the LEDAN Chaung one mile NORTH of Pt 437.

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