



# Destination: Malaya

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A History of 2 Field Troop Royal Australian Engineers 1963–1965





*Sapper Harry Atkinson drilling rocks in a quarry formed from a gold mine at Bau, Sarawak, 1964. Drawing by Dennis Adams (1914-2001), commissioned by Alan Hodges in 1979 from a photograph he took in Bau. Dennis Adams was a prolific WW2 war artist. The Australian War Memorial has over 350 of his drawings, paintings, illustrations and sculptures. Other works include the bronze Royal Australian Regiment Memorial in Regimental Square, Sydney and the bronze memorial to the Royal Australian Corps of Signals at Watsonia in Victoria.*

**Front cover photo top:** Loading a Commer tipper with laterite under the chinaman at the Free Thai airstrip. Cpl John Bending oversees proceedings while Spr Ian Tibbles advises Spr Alan Morris driving the dozer. Operation Crown, March 1964.

**Front cover photo bottom:** L to R: Sappers Les McNamara, Darryl Hess, Peter Matthews, Gary Plumb, Trevor Reece and Bob Rawson. Exercise Raven, July 1964, Asahan Training Area, Malacca State.

**Rear cover photo:** Spr Darryl Hess leading the bucket brigade of concrete carriers during the construction of a stairway from Commonwealth House, the home of the Commander of 28 Commonwealth Brigade, to the beach 1964.