

**Transkrip Arsip WO 203/2455 Surat Nomor 02271 (tertanggal 2 November 1945) berisi  
Keterangan (Awal) Kapten Laughland dan Kapten Smith**

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CIP 121353

From AFNEI BATAVIA  
To SACSEA  
[...?] ALFSEA  
No 02271

TOO 020115  
TOR 020440

2 Nov 45

FIRST CIPHER PART

Personal from Christison for Mounbatten

Reference your SAC 27137 of 010419.

Only details at present are available of MALLABY incident are in press report from SURABAYA as follows:

“Brigadier AWS MALLABY murdered in car by Indonesians yesterday while attempting arrange truce. Two of three British captains with him escaped by exploding grenade diving into nearby canal wading swimming five and a half hours down to Naval base. They are captains TL LAUGHLAND of Jordan Hill GLASGOW and RS SMITH Bromley KENT. With three captains Brigadier left his besieged HQ IN (with?) Indonesian party leaders. They proposed visit all positions where British troops still resisting Indonesians to arrange both sides hold fire pending further negotiations. First point was International Bank where British company 120 strong surrounded. Indonesians became very excited hostile. Party leaders with us NO use. Mob leaders overruled them. Indonesian forced one captain from car took him away. That last we saw of him. Remainder of us disarmed and forced into back of car. Firing started between lines. We crouched in car hoping NOT to be hit. Indonesians came beside our car fired four shots through window. We thought Brigadier hit. He crouching on knees with head between hands. He said nothing some time. Then he spoke and we know he was alive. We all lay or sagged as if dead. There was coat under me. Indonesians came and pulled it away. After some time firing died down and we

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SECOND AND LAST PART

Heard Indonesian moving away from area but two men came to car. Brigadier SPOKE asked to be taken to party leaders. One man shot him and he died instantaneously. We lay still we prepared hand grenades kept hidden in trousers pocket. The two Indonesians had ducked down. They reappeared fired one shot. I threw grenade. Don't think it went outside car. Ther[e] was terrific explosion we thought must be injured. Found we alright. Jumped from car ran to canal 20 yds away saw car on fire. Obviously grenade killed men. Inside canal bank were screened. We swam sometimes hid by barges pontoons till dark then swam on further. We walked little away then came to burning junk warehouses near bridge leading into naval base. Swam under one mass of burning tibers. Out troop challenged but too deep to hear. As they opened fire CAPTAIN SMITH got small flesh wound in arm otherwise unhurt. Called troops said who we were. They helped us ashore. Before we left Brigadier told correspondent at this Headquarters quote If any us get killed splash it all over world unquote. Full details follow after arrival of eye witness being flown from SURABAYA to BATAVIA. Following action being taken.

FIRST. My announcement to INDONESIANS in my 02252 of 311530 addressed ALFSEA in which I stated unless Indonesians who committed crimes of unprovoked attack and murder surrendered I intended bring whole weight of Land Sea and Airforces to crush them.

SECOND. Build up SURABAYA of 5 Div to be complete to five Battalions plus one SQN 11 CAV by 3 Nov.

THIRD. Following HM ships available at SURABAYA by 3 Nov to take 4000 women and children to BATAVIA. SUSSEK BULOLO four Destroyers two LST.

FOURTH. When above evacuated GEN MANSERGH after briefing by me will arrive by 3 Nov and clear up situation and make all possible arrests.

FIFTH. Press hand out agreed by DENING quoted VERBATIM in my 02253 of 311615 to ALFSEA.

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