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Enemy infantry and tanks maintained heavy pressure throughout the day yesterday on the Lower-Perak front. At one point his tanks succeeded in penetrating our defences.

Our forces have been withdrawn to the south of Slim River. We have suffered some losses in guns and transport.

In the Selangor area there are indications of some enemy infiltration eastwards.

Otherwise the situation remains unchanged.

There is nothing to add to yesterday's report from the Pahang area.

Further reports from Klang state that there were a few casualties from the enemy air raid on Tuesday.

In the early hours of this morning our aircraft carried out an attack on the aerodrome at Gong Kedak. A number of high explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped on the target, but accurate observation of the result was prevented by low cloud.

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