



# BUKIT CHANDU

Battle Point 226

## Reflections at Bukit Chandu

Reflections at Bukit Chandu is a World War Two interpretative centre that commemorates the battle of Pasir Panjang and Bukit Chandu, the men of the Malay Regiment who fought in it, as well as the history of Bukit Chandu itself. Housed in a bungalow that is closely connected to the site's history, the interpretative centre uses immersive experiences and contextual artefacts to present a multi-faceted look at Bukit Chandu and Pasir Panjang, while inviting visitors to reflect on our nation's wartime experience and the brave sacrifice of the soldiers.

## Public Programmes

In February and September, enjoy a range of special programmes including curator tours and talks, held in commemoration of key events that took place during World War Two in Singapore.

## School Visits

Visit and explore Reflections at Bukit Chandu with your students!

Through personal accounts and objects used by the Malay Regiment during the war, students will gain a deeper understanding about the Malay Regiment, and reflect on the courage and sacrifice they displayed in the Battle of Pasir Panjang. They will also learn more about the history of the site, which predates the war.

To make a booking, email [NHB\\_CCMBC\\_Programmes@nhb.gov.sg](mailto:NHB_CCMBC_Programmes@nhb.gov.sg) with details of your intended visit.

## Opening Hours

9.30am to 5pm (Tuesdays to Sundays)  
Closed every Monday except Public Holidays  
Last admission at 4.30pm.

## Guided Tours

Free guided tours are available on a first-come, first-served basis up to a maximum of 15 people, subject to availability of guides. Please visit our website for more information.

## Contact

[RBC@nhb.gov.sg](mailto:RBC@nhb.gov.sg)

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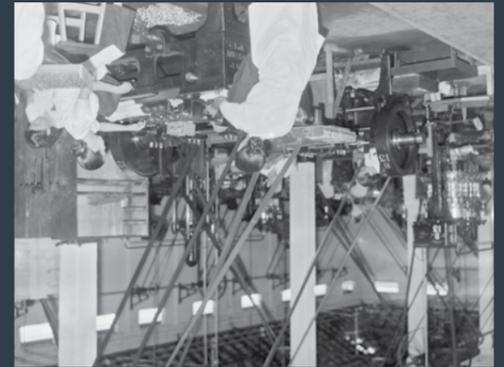
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# Visitor Guide

# REFLECTIONS AT BUKIT CHANDU



## About the Building



This bungalow was originally built in 1930 along with a group of other bungalows for senior British staff of the Opium Packing Plant. Although influenced by the style of other black-and-white colonial bungalows, the bungalow also bears distinct Art Deco elements. In the 1990s, public interest led to the bungalow being preserved and used as a World War Two interpretative centre. Reflections at Bukit Chandu opened on 15 February 2002.

Image above: Opium Packing Plant at Bukit Chandu, courtesy of the American Geographical Society Library, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Libraries (UWM).

## Support Us

Reflections at Bukit Chandu commemorates the battle of Pasir Panjang in February 1942 and the men of the Malay Regiment who fought it. Your support helps the museum to preserve and present these stories so that our current and future generations can continue to be inspired by the bravery and sacrifice of these soldiers.



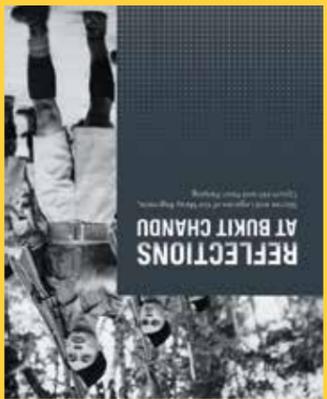
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## Exhibition Catalogue



Written by the curators of Reflections at Bukit Chandu, this catalogue and compendium offers a closer look at the history and stories of Pasir Panjang. From the history of the Malay Regiment and the Battle of Pasir Panjang in February 1942 to how Bukit Chandu (Malay for "Opium Hill") got its name, discover the rich past of the area from the early 14th century till today. The catalogue is available via the Visitor Services counter.

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# Bukit Chandu: Battle Point 226

The Malay Regiment began as an “experimental company” of 25 recruits in 1933. Within ten years, it had become a well-trained regiment of nearly 1,400 men. *Bukit Chandu: Battle Point 226* chronicles the story of the Malay Regiment from its origins to its fateful stand against the Japanese at the Battle of Pasir Panjang in 1942.

## 1 The Malay Regiment

In this section, discover the origins and formation of the Malay Regiment, from the equipment that they used to the specially designed uniform that they wore, and view pre-war footage of the regiment and war hero Lieutenant Adnan Saidi.



## 2 Into Battle

When war broke out in the region in 1941, the Malay Regiment found itself at the frontlines. This section traces the regiment’s story during the defence of Malaya and Singapore, culminating in the battle of Bukit Chandu in February 1942.



## 3 Aftermath

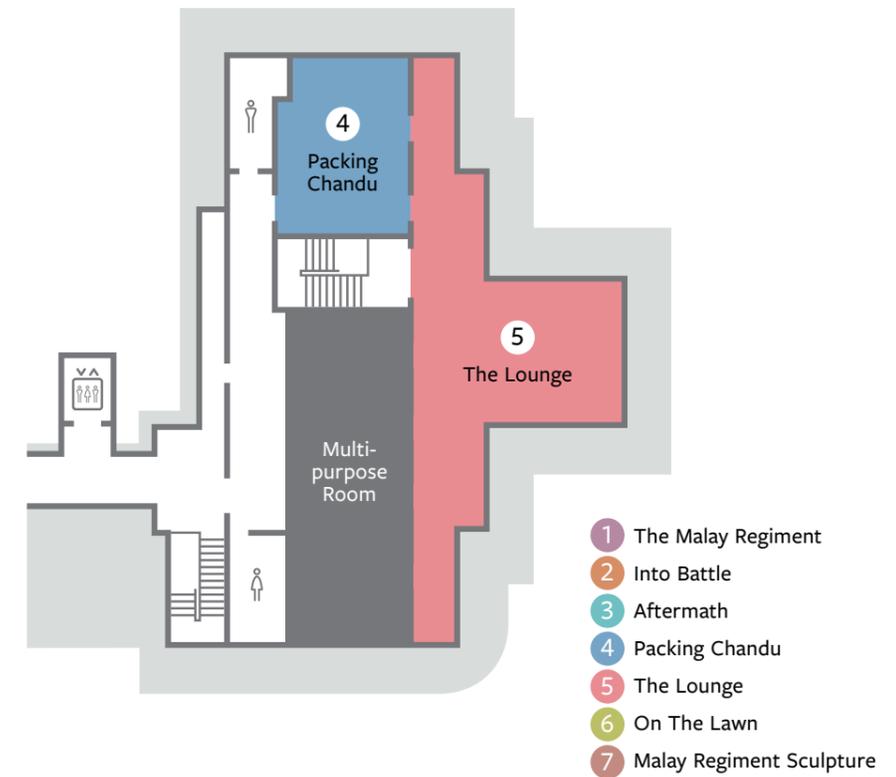
By the time Singapore surrendered, more than 100 men of the Malay Regiment had been killed in action. A number were also killed for refusing to take off their uniforms when demanded to do so by the Japanese soldiers after the surrender. This section pays tribute to these men who embodied the regimental motto, *Ta’at Setia* (“faithful and true” in Malay), to the very end.



## Level 1



## Level 2



- Visitor Services
- Lift
- Restrooms
- Baby Changing Room

## 4 Packing Chandu



Bukit Chandu, or “Opium Hill”, is named for the Opium Packing Plant which used to exist at the foot of the hill. In this gallery, learn more about the history of opium production in Singapore and life at the Opium Packing Plant, as well as the harm caused by opium addiction and efforts taken to combat it.

## 6 On The Lawn



Pasir Panjang, which means “long beach” or “long sand” in Malay, has been part of Singapore’s landscape for centuries. Through two outdoor installations, learn about the local landmark Longyamen (“dragon’s teeth gate” in Mandarin) and the pineapple plantations which used to dot this area.

## 5 The Lounge



Reflections at Bukit Chandu is housed in a bungalow that was originally built for one of the senior British officials of the Opium Packing Plant. Discover more about the building and the surrounding area in the lounge, where former occupants of the house would have enjoyed the sea breeze and the view.

## 7 Malay Regiment Sculpture



This sculpture, which depicts a mortar crew of the Malay Regiment, commemorates the soldiers’ bravery, sacrifice, and heroism during World War Two.

## Chatbot for More



Enjoy exclusive audio tours, exhibit captions in various languages and browse Reflections at Bukit Chandu merchandise on your phone with our chatbot! Listen to our audio guide, which takes you from the shores of Pasir Panjang to the last stand of the Malay Regiment. You can also check out suggestions for nearby World War Two-related sites to explore. Just scan the QR code (left) and chat away!

## General Information

The well-being of our visitors and staff remains our primary concern. To provide a pleasant experience for all and to protect our national collection, please also help us observe the following:

- No food and drinks
- No flash photography
- No videography
- Do not touch artefacts
- No bulky items
- Please speak softly
- Please attend to children

Reflections at Bukit Chandu is committed to ensuring an accessible and enjoyable museum experience for all. Speak to our visitor services officer to find out more about **our access-friendly amenities and services\*** for all!

\* All galleries and facilities are wheelchair and stroller accessible. Limited manual wheelchairs are also available at our Visitor Services counter. Exhibition captions are available in large font in English, Chinese, Malay, Tamil and Japanese on our mobile interactive platform as well.