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[1-31 Jan 1968]

COVERING LETTER

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Reference No.....

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C 2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) *C.M.I. Pearson*
Appointment: COMMANDER HQ AAF FARELF
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation HQ AAF FARELF SINGAPORE

From 1ST JANUARY 1968 To 31ST JANUARY 1968

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES
INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

- 1. The aim of a Commanders Diary is to provide data on which to base future improvements in Army training, equipment, organization and administration, and to furnish historians with a record of the activities of units and formations in operational and non-operational periods in peace and in war.

GENERAL

- 2. Entries are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.
- 3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)", Chapter 2, Section 12.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

- 4. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled by commanders of all formations.

During Operational Periods (1)

- 5. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled in duplicate by:
 - a. Commanders of all formations.
 - b. Each branch of the staff at formation headquarters commanded by a brigadier or above.
 - c. Heads of services not below the rank of lieutenant colonel.
 - d. Personal staffs and officers holding special appointments.
 - e. Unit commanders.
 - f. Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

COMPILATION

- 6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
 - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
 - b. Index as printed on cover.
 - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.
- 7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.
- 8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for a particular day, the cover is to be marked accordingly. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, they are to be numbered in the order of their sequence starting at B.

Annexes for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" and "SECRET" are to be marked on the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as follows:

CONTENTS

Annexes are to contain (as well as map references), establishment, equipment and orders given. Annexes are to contain the day's fighting, including company movements. Annexes are to contain the commander's orders and remarks with regard to equipment, tactics, organization and other matters of potential importance. Annexes are to contain reports of captures of officers, men and equipment. Annexes are to contain reports of equipment captured. Annexes are to contain reports of personnel employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

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COMBAT DIARIES
DISPOSAL

13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.

14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.

15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.

b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence, to AHQ. The inner envelope must be plainly marked:

TOP SECRET
ANNEX Z to

Commanders Diary of..... (Formation or Unit)

From..... to..... (Dates)

c. The duplicate supplementary diaries must be despatched as shown in Paragraph 14 as soon as receipt of the original has been acknowledged.

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8. The report is to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for a particular date, the cover is to be marked accordingly. If additional annexes are required for a particular headquarters, these are to be included.

TOP SECRET

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and to save work as much information as possible is to be included on the cover and the time of receipt or request is to be given.

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This form will be enclosed with the annexes in AF C 2119. If this is not available the cover will be prepared in manuscript.

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION HQ AAF FARELF SINGAPORE

MONTH AND YEAR JANUARY 1968

COMMANDING OFFICER BRIG CMI PEARSON OBE MC

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SINGAPORE	01	0815Z	Malaysia/Singapore Sitrep - from FARELF	E 1
	05	0725Z	Unit Weekly Report ending 6 Jan 68 - to AHQ	H1
	08	0810Z	Malaysia/Singapore Sitrep - from FARELF	E 2
	12	0742Z	Unit Weekly Report ending 13 Jan 68 - to AHQ	H 2
	16	0115Z	Malaysia/Singapore Sitrep - from FARELF	E 3
	19	0237Z	Unit Weekly Report ending 20 Jan 68 - to AHQ	H 3
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PRECEDENCE ACTION	PRECEDENCE INFO	DATE TIME GROUP	MONTH	YEAR
ROUTINE		01 08.5 Z	JAN	68

FROM: FARELF
 TO: AHQ CANBERRA
 AHQ WELLINGTON
 TPS HONG KONG
 HQ 17 DIV/MALAYA DIST
 28 BDE
 48 BDE
 99 BDE
 3 CDO BDE

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
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MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT 010001Z (.)

1. ENEMY (.)
 - A. SINGAPORE (.) NTR (.)
 - B. WEST MALAYSIA (.)
 - (1) MALAYSIA/THAILAND BORDER (.) ON 16 DEC 67 THAI BPP FOUND AN ARMS DUMP AT QT 2419 IN SADAO DISTRICT OF SOUTHER THAILAND (.) FOUR HAND GRENADES AND A LARGE QUANTITY OF ASSORTED AMMO RECOVERED (.)
 - (2) ARRESTS SINCE HARTAL 24 NOV 67, TOTAL AT 30 DEC TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FOUR (.) SECURITY SIT REMAINS QUIET (.)
 - C. EAST MALAYSIA (.) SARAWAK FIRST DIVISION (.) ON 22 DEC 67 ONE MALE CHINESE BELIEVED TO BE SCO MEMBER SURRENDERED TO SF AT SERIKIN GR 899047 (.) SUBJECT AGED SIXTY YEARS WAS FROM SILUAS GR 884042 INDONESIA BORNEO (.)
2. OWN TPS (.) NTR.

DRAFTER'S NAME P.F.A.SIBBALD
 BRANCH G (OPS)
 TEL NO 21170
 RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE *[Signature]*
 NAME P.F.A.SIBBALD
 RANK MAJOR

INTERNAL:

G (Int) (MA DJAKARTA)) NOT TO BE SIGNALLED
 (MA MANILA))

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UNIT WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 6 JAN 68 . 107 FD BTY RAA . LEAVE PERIOD . 110 LAA

BTY RAA . CONSTRUCTION OF CONFIDENCE COURSE . 2 FD TP RAE . TP ON LEAVE .

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FROM: FARELF

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MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT 080001 Z

1. ENEMY (.)

A (.) SINGAPORE (.) NTR

B (.) WEST MALAYSIA (.)

(1) LAST CURFEWS LIFTED 28 DEC 67 (.)

(2) MALAYSIA/THAILAND BORDER (.) DURING THE PERIOD 19 TO
23 DEC 67 SF DISCOVERED THREE ABANDONED CT CAMPS IN NORTHERN YALA
PROVINCE AND ONE CT CAMP IN BETONG DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN THAILAND
AT QY 904328 CMM APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES FROM LATEST CONTACT ON
19 DEC 67 (.)

C (.) EAST MALAYSIA (.) NTR (.)

2. OWN TPS (.) NTR (.)

DRAFTER'S NAME H.M. duV. LOHAN

BRANCH G (OPS)

TEL NO 2345

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NAME H.M. duV. LOHAN

RANK CAPTAIN

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To ARMY CANBERRA			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
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UNIT WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 13 JAN 68 . 107 PD BY RAA . BASIC SIGNALS COURSE CMM CMM
 LAYERS COURSE CMM IN CLEAR WATER . 110 LAA BY RAA . CONST OF OBSTACLE COURSE .
 2 PD BY RAA . ROUTINE UNIT TRG IN MISSING AREA . 8 BAR . RANGE PRACTICES ASAHAN
 CMM TRG CLOSE AREAS .

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FROM: FARELF

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TO: AHQ CANBERRA
 AHQ WELLINGTON
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ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

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MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT 150001 Z

1. ENEMY (.)

A (.) SINGAPORE (.) NTR

B (.) WEST MALAYSIA (.) ON 3 JAN 68 SF ARRESTED TWO MALE CHINESE COLLECTING SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR CTO AT QY 942094 IN BETONG DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN THAILAND.

C (.) EAST MALAYSIA (.) SARAWAK FOURTH DIVISION. ON 2 JAN 68 SF DISCOVERED A CAMP AT 113 DEGREES 59 MINUTES EAST 4 DEGREES 25 MINUTES NORTH IN MIRI DISTRICT. CAMP WAS OCCUPIED BY FOUR CTs, SOME OF WHOM APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED. INTERROGATION IS IN PROGRESS.

THIS IS PROBABLY THE INCIDENT REFERRED TO IN THE PRESS STATING THAT ONE CT WAS KILLED AND THREE CAPTURED WHEN MALAYSIAN POLICE FIELD FORCE FOUND A COMMUNIST HIDEOUT NEAR MIRI ON 2 JAN 68.

2. OWN TPS (.) NTR (.)

DRAFTER'S NAME H.M. du V. LOHAN

BRANCH G(OPS)

TEL NO 2345

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RANK CAPTAIN

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UNIT WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 20 JAN 68 . 107 FD BTY RAA . BASIC SIGS COURSE CMM GUN

LAYERS COURSE CMM BASIC DVR COURSE CMM ADV DVR COURSE AND BASIC GUN NOs COURSE .

110 LAA BTY RAA . SECT TRG CMM CONST OF OBS COURSE . 2 FD TP RAE . TP ON LEAVE

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MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT 220001Z

1. ENEMY (.)

A (.) SINGAPORE (.) NTR

B (.) WEST MALAYSIA (.)

1. CN 13 JAN 68 ONE ARMED CT SURRENDERED TO SF AT QZ 079491 NEAR KG TO YALA PROVINCE SOUTHERN THAILAND. FIRST REPORTS INDICATE HE IS FROM KULIM, WEST MALAYSIA.

2. ON 15 JAN 68 TWO THAI MUSLIM CTs SURRENDERED AT QZ 8633 WENG POLICE STATION. TWO PISTOLS AND FIFTY RDS AMMO RECOVERED. SUBJECTS NOT YET IDENTIFIED. COMMENT. LAST REPORTS OF CT SURRENDERS WERE SEP 65 AND FEB 66.

C (.) EAST MALAYSIA (.) NTR

2. OWN TPS (.) POST CROWN FORCE (.) 54 SP SQN HAS TAKEN OVER FROM 11 INDEP FD SQN WHICH IS NOW RE-ESTABLISHED AT TERENDAK.

DRAFTER'S NAME H. M. du V. LOHAN

BRANCH G(OPS)

TEL NO 2345

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UNIT WEEKLY REPORT WEEK ENDING 27 JAN 68 . 107 FD BTY RAA . BASIC SIGS COURSE
 CMM GUNLAYERS COURSE CMM BASIC DRIVERS COURSE CMM ADV DRIVERS COURSE CMM BASIC
 GUN NUMBERS COURSE . 110 LAA BTY RAA . SUB UNIT TRG . RADIO VOICE PROCEDURE
 EX CMM GUN EX INCL NI DEPLOYMENT . INF MINOR TACTICS . SECT TRG CONTINUES UNTIL
 10 FEB . GP 5 DVRS COURSE . 2 FD TP RAE . ROUTINE MAINT ON BR CONST BY TPS
 AT MASJID TANAH CMM PREP FOR EX RAMASOON CMM TP EMPLOYED ON ROUTINE SQN WORK
 AND ADMIN . 8 RAR . MOBILIZATION EX NERVE CENTRE CMM EX SHEER HELL PRECEDED
 BY EX WARM UP . VISIT BY ARMY COMD FARELF .

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TO: MOD (ARMY)
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 AHQ WELLINGTON
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MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT 290001Z

1. ~~ENEMY~~ ENEMY (.)

A (.) SINGAPORE (.) NTR

B (.) WEST MALAYSIA (.)

1. BETWEEN 18 TO 21 JANUARY 68 THAI BPP ARRESTED TEN THAI CHINESE AND FOUR THAI MUSLIMS SUSPECTED OF BEING CT SUPPORTERS. DETAINED IN SONGKHLA FOR INTERROGATION.

2. ON 20 JAN 68 FIVE THAI MUSLIMS SURRENDERED TO THAI POLICE STA AT ROE SAU. ALL ARE FROM BAN YAHOR 840329 IN KORLOK VILLAGE WENG DISTRICT. DETAINED IN WENG POLICE STA FOR INTERROGATION.

C (.) EAST MALAYSIA (.)

1. ON 17 JAN 68 ONE PGRS MEMBER SURRENDERED TO SF AT SAPIT GR 922029. ONE STEN GUN AND TWENTY FIVE ROUNDS OF AMMO RECOVERED.

COMMENT. SUBJECT PROBABLY FROM 2 REGT PGRS LOCATED CLOSE TO BORDER AREA. FIRST REPORT OF PGRS SURRENDER FOR 1968.

2. ON 19 JAN 68 SF RAIDED HOUSE AT 32 MILESTONE KUCHING-SERIAN ROAD. SHOTGUN AND SEVERAL PARCELS OF EXPLOSIVES RECOVERED.

3. ON 28 JAN 68 PLATOON OF 1 MALAYSIAN POLICE FIELD FORCE (MPFF) LOCATED A REST CAMP ABOUT 4 MILES NORTH EAST OF BAU. PLATOON OPENED FIRE AT THREE PERSONS WHO RAN AWAY WHEN CHALLENGED. ONE FEMALE KILLED BUT REMAINDER ESCAPED. FEMALE BELIEVED TO BE A MEMBER OF SARAWAK COMMUNIST ORGANISATION (SCO) WHO WENT INTO HIDING IN 1964. FOLLOW UP IS IN PROGRESS.

4. A SHELL HELICOPTER AND A ROYAL BRUNEI MALAY REGIMENT HELICOPTER ARE BEING SENT IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM STATE GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST IN WORST FLOODING SINCE 1963 ON EAST COAST OF SABAH.

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2. OWN TPS(.) AN IS SITUATION HAS DEVELOPED IN MAURITIUS AND RODRIGUES THREE MONTHS BEFORE INDEPENDENCE IS DUE(.) AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF MOUNTING VIOLENCE THE POLICE FORCE BECAME OVERSTRETCHED AND THE GOVERNOR OF MAURITIUS ASKED FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE(.) OPERATION CAVORT WAS ACTIVATED 22 JAN 68(.) ONE COY GROUP FROM 1 KSLI LEFT SINGAPORE FOR MAURIUS IN RAF C 130 HERCULES AT 222330 (.) IN ADDITION, ROYAL NAVY SHIPS WERE DIVERTED TO THE AREA TO ASSIST(.) SITUATION NOW AS FOLLOWS:

A(.) MUARITIUS(.) THE ARRIVAL OF TROOPS HAS CAUSED A NOTICEABLE LOWERING OF TENSION, ESPECIALLY IN THE CAPITAL, PORT LOUIS(.) HOWEVER, THERE ARE STILL SPORADIC OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE RESULTING IN A TOTAL OF 24 DEATHS(.) ARSON AND LOOTING FROM HOUSES EVACUATED BY MONORITY GROUPS HAS BEEN A FEATURE OF THE VIOLENCE(.) THE SITUATION IS NOW GRADUALLY RETURNING TO NORMAL AND ARRESTS OF RINGLEADERS CONTINUES(.)

B(.) RODRIGUES(.) AFTER THE INITIAL OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE THE ARRIVAL OF A NAVAL SHORE PARTY HELPED RESTORE CALM AMONGST THE SMALL POPULATION OF THIS ISLAND(.) HMS CAMBRIAN IS LIKELY TO BE RELEASED AFTER POLICE REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE IN HMS TIDEREACH ON 30 JAN 68

DRAFTERS NAME ..H.M..du.V..LOHAN.....
BRANCHG(OPTIONS).....
TEL NO2345.....
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