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[1-31 Mar 1968]

PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted)
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### COVERING LETTER

Reference No. R707-2-1G

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 PEARSO

COMD HQ AAF FARELF

(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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# COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation HQ AAF FARELF

From 1st March 1968

To 31st March 1968

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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# 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 an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters. tarting at B.

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### 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.
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UNIT/FORMATION HQ AAF FARELF

MONTH AND YEAR...

MARCH 1968

COMMANDING OFFICER BRIG CMI PEARSON OBE MC

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
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68 MAR

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TO:

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SITREP AS AT 040001Z (.)

### ENEMY (.)

#### MAURITIUS A.

(1) HOUSE BURNING, INTIMIDATION AND ASSAULT ON INDIVIDUALS CONTINUES (.) A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF FAMILIES CONTINUE TO LEAVE BOTH MUSLIM. AND CREOLE QUARTERS IN PORT LOUIS FOR FEAR OF TROUBLE IN THE TOWN PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE (.)

- (2) ON 2 MARCH KSLI PATROL ARRESTED THE LEADER OF THE PRINCIPAL MUSLIM GANG.
- (3) THE OPINION OF THE KSLI COMMANDER IN MAURITIUS IS THAT TENSION IS LIKELY TO INCREASE DURING THE COMING WEEK AS INDEPENDENCE APPROACHES (.)
- OWN TROOPS (.)
  - MAURITIUS (.) SECURITY FORCES ARE NOW FULLY COMMITTED IN PORT LOUIS AND HAVE PREVENTED ANY MAJOR INCIDENTS (.)
  - OPERATIONAL NOMINATIONS (.)
    - (1) SPEARHEAD 2/1- GR
    - (2) RING FENCE I 40 CDO RM
    - (3) MELBY 42 CDO RM
  - UNIT MOVES (.) C.
    - (1) THE ADVANCE PARTY OF 200 HOVERCRAFT TRIALS SQN RCT ARRIVED 3 MAR 68 FROM UK. THE MAIN BODY ARRIVE NEXT WEEK (.)
    - (2) 42 LT AD BTY RA AND 132 MED BTY RA LEFT SINGAPORE FOR UK (.)
  - VISITORS TO FARELF (.) MAJ GEN ANDERSON, SIGNAL OFFICER IN CHIEF CONTINUES HIS TOUR OF UNITS IN FARELF.
- NEXT SITREP WILL BE SENT TUESDAY 12 MARCH 1968. 3.

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SITREP AS AT 120001 Z (.)

ENEMY (.)

A. MAURITIUS (.) SITUATION IN PORT LOUIS IS QUIET WITH SPORADIC CASES OF ARSON AND OCCASIONAL ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIVIDUALS (.) ON TWO OCCASIONS, 6 AND 8 MARCH, EXPLOSIONS HAVE BEEN HEARD BUT THEIR SOURCE NOT DISCOVERED (.) ON 6 MARCH SF FOUND TWENTY-THREE MOLOTOV COCKTAILS IN AN UNOCCUPIED CREOLE HOUSE AND NINE MORE TOGETHER WITH OTHER OFFENSIVE WEAPONS ON WASTE LAND IN PLAINE VERTE AREA, A SUBTRB OF PORT LOUIS (.) DESPITE RUMOURS TO THE CONTRARY NO WIDE SPREAD VIOLENCE HAS BROKEN OUT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE, CELEBRATED TODAY (.)

- RODRIGUES (.) IT WAS REPORTED DURING THE WEEK THAT PLANS WERE AFOOT TO PULL DOWN THE MAURITIUS FLAG WHEN IT IS RAISED ON OFFICIAL BUILDINGS DURING INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS (.)
- WEST MALAYSIA/THAILAND BORDER (.) ON 1 MARCH SF FOUND A FAULTY GENERATING SET IN AN EMPTY HOUSE AT QZ 037528 NORTH OF KG TO, YALA PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN THAILAND (.)
- D. EAST MALAYSIA (.) SARAWAK THIRD DIVISION (.) A LOCAL RESIDENT REPORTED SIGHTING TWO CAMPS FOR FIFTY PERSONS ON 1 MARCH AT SG KATIBAS GR 162087, APPROX TWENTY MILES SOUTH WEST OF KATIBAS IN SONG SUB-DISTRICT (.)
- OWN TROOPS (.)
  - A. MAURITIUS (.) BN TAC HQ AND C COY 1 KSLI ARRIVED IN MAURITIUS 9 MARCH (.) SF ARE CARRYING OUT INTENSIVE PATROLLING BOTH IN PORT LOUIS AND IN URBAN AREAS (.)
  - B. OPERATIONAL NOMINATIONS (.)
    - (1) SPEARHEAD 2/10 GR (.)
    - (2) RING FENCE I 40 CDO RM (.)
    - (3) MELBY 42 CDO RM (.)
  - C. UNIT MOVES (.)
    - (1) B SQN LG WHICH HAS BEEN TRAINING IN THE ASAHAN RANGE AREA WILL BE COMPLETE IN HONG KONG BY 14 MARCH LESS THE ASSAULT TROOP WHICH IS REMAINING BEHIND TO TAKE PART IN EXERCISE TROOPERS DILEMMA (.) C SQN LG LEAVES FOR SINGAPORE BY LSL 16 MARCH (.)
    - 51 FIELD SQUADRON (AIRFIELDS) RE (.) THIS UNIT WILL BE COMPLETE IN (2) UK BY 16 MARCH LESS THE REAR PARTY WHICH LEAVES AT THE END OF MARCH(.)

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D. VISITORS TO FARELF (.)

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- (1) MAJOR GENERAL ANDERSON, SIGNAL OFFICER IN CHIEF RETURNED TO UK 7 MARCH (.)
- (2) GENERAL SIR ALAN JOLLY, QUARTER MASTER GENERAL, BEGINS HIS VISIT TO SINGAPORE, WEST MALAYSIA AND HONG KONG THIS COMING WEEK (.)

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SITREP AS AT 18001 Z (.)

### ENEMY (.)

- A. MAURITIUS (.) INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS 12 MAR TOOK PLACE WITH ONLY MINOR INCIDENTS (.) SITUATION DETERIORATED NIGHT 17/18 MAR WHEN TWENTY HOUSES BURNT AND ONE MOTOR CYCLIST STABBED TO DEATH (.)
- B. RODRIGUES (.) NTR (.)
- C. WEST MALAYSIA/THAILAND BORDER (.) OP SAWASDEE (.) ON 11 MAR JOINT SF ARRESTED MALE CHINESE SUSPECTED AS CT FOOD SUPPLIER AT KILO 21 BETONG/ YALA ROAD (.)
- D. EAST MALAYSIA (.) SARAWAK SECOND DIVISION (.) ON 11 MAR SUB UNIT OF 2 R MALAY KILLED ONE ENEMY IN AMBUSH AT ULU KAONG GR 039295 FIFTEEN MILES WSW OF SIMANGGANG (.) ENEMY FLED WESTWARDS; ONE STEN, FOUR MAGAZINES, AMMO AND EMPTY PACK RECOVERED (.) FOLLOW UP ACTION TOOK PLACE (.)
- OWN TROOPS (.) 2.
  - A. MAURITIUS (.) B COY 1 KSLI RETURNED TO TERENDAK 15 MAR (.)
  - B. OPERATIONAL NOMINATIONS (.)
    - (1) SPEARHEAD 2/10 GR (.)
    - (2) RING FENCE I (.) 40 CDO RM UNTIL 21 MAR THEN 1 KSLI FROM 22 MAR TO 11 APR PLUS ONE COY 2/2 GR (.)
    - (3) MELBY (.) 42 CDO RM (.)
  - C. UNIT MOVES (.)
    - (1) 51 FD SQN (AIRFIELDS) RE LESS REAR PARTY COMPLETE IN UK (.)
    - (2) BN HQ AND TWO COYS 2 R ANGLIAN RETURNED TO UK FROM EX WILLOUGHBY (.)
  - D. VISITORS TO FARELF (.) GENERAL SIR ALAN JOLLY LEAVES WEST MALAYSIA FOR HONG KONG WED 20 MAR (.)

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SITREP AS AT 250001Z (.)

1. ENEMY (.)

- A. MAURITIUS (.) THE NIGHT CURFEW REMAINS IN FORCE AND CONTINUES TO BE

  EFFECTIVE (.) CP INTENDS TO KEEP IT OPERATIONAL UP UNTIL AT LEAST END

  OF MONTH (.) MINOR VIOLENCE AND ARSON CONTINUES BUT IN THE MAIN OUTSIDE

  CURFEW HOURS (.) THERE ARE SOME SIGNS OF PEACE MOVES BETWEEN COMMUNITIES

  BUT IT IS THOUGHT THAT THIS MAY TURN OUT TO BE A PLOY TO GET CURFEW

  LIFTED (.)
- B. RODRIGURES (.) NTR (.)
- C. WEST MALAYSIA/THAILAND BORDER (.) ON 19 MAR 68 TEN TO FIFTEEN CTS

  REPORTED TO HAVE COLLECTED FOOD AT QY 8730 NEAR BT LATA PAPALANG (.) CTS

  BELIEVED TO HAVE MOVED INTO NORTHERN PART OF BALING DISTRICT, KEDAH, IN

  GENERAL AREA QY 8732 (.) OLD FOOTPRINTS FOUND ON 12 MAR 68 NEAR KG

  LEGONG POSSIBLY CONNECTED WITH THIS REPORT (.)
- D. EAST MALAYSIA (.)
  - (1) SARAWAK FIRST DIVISION (.) ON 14 MAR 68 POLICE FIELD FORCE AND SPECIAL BRANCH FOUND SCO HIDEOUT IN PEPPER PLANTATION AT KG BERADAU 16 MILESTONE KUCHING/SERIAN ROAD (.) SCO DOCUS, EXPLOSIVE POWDER, MEDICINE, BINOCULARS AND COMPASS RECOVERED (.) THREE CHINESE INCLUDING ONE FEMALE ARRESTED AT NEARBY SIBURAN NEW VILLAGE GR 943051 IN CONNECTION WITH THIS HIDEOUT (.)
  - (2) PHILIPPINE CLAIM TO SABAH (.) MALAYSIANS HAVE ARRESTED TWENTY-FOUR MEN BELIEVED TO BE FILIPINO ON PULAU BANGGI (APPROX 7°17'N 117°12'E) FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO MALAYSIA (.) SEVENTEEN PISTOLS, ONE SHOT-GUN AND QUANTITY OF AMMO AND EXPLOSIVES WERE TAKEN FROM THE GROUP (.) INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS (.) EARLIER REPORTS FROM MALAYSIANS INDICATE EXISTENCE OF TRAINING CAMP FOR GUERILLAS ON SIMUNUL ISLAND (4°53'N 119°50'E) (.)
- 2. OWN TROOPS (.)
  - A. MAURITIUS (.) A COY 1 KSLI ARE EARMARKED IF REINFORCEMENT IS CARRIED OUT (.)

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- B. OPERATIONAL NOMINATIONS (.) EFFECTIVE FROM 25 MAR 68 (.)
  - (1) SPEARHEAD (.) 2/10 GR PENANG (.)
  - (2) RINGFENCE I (.) 40 CDO RM, SINGAPORE (.)
  - (3) MELBY (.) 40 CDO RM (.)
- UNIT MOVES (.) C SQN LG HAVE RETURNED TO SINGAPORE (.)
- VISITORS TO FARELF (.)
  - (1) MAJ GEN LEASK, DIRECTOR OF ARMY TRAINING, VISITS 25-27 MAR (.)
  - (2) MAJ GEN THOMAS, DIRECTOR OF COMBAT DEVELOPMENT AND ACDS (OR) (DESIGNATE) VISITS 28 MARCH - 3 APRIL.

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