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To: Ministry of Defence (ARC).

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1. I enclose Commanders Report (AF C2118) as indicated a Part II.

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) (W. I. MOTROW, OBE)

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation HQ AAF FARELF From 1 SEP 68 To 30 SEP 68

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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, organisation 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 will be made daily on AF C2118, 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 in the Field", Chapter 2, Section 7.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

4. A Commanders Diary will be made by commanders of all formations.

During Operational Periods (see note 1)

- 5. A Commanders Diary will be made 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 will consist of:-
 - (a) Cover (AF C2119).
 - (b) Index as printed on cover.
 - (c) Narrative (AF C2118).
 - (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 will 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 will be included.
- 8. The annexes will 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, the relevant papers should be grouped as annexes starting at B.
 - 9. Documents concerned with future planning for operations will form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET ing the document. It will be prepared and disposed of as
- 19. The duplicate supplementary diaries will originals has been acknowledged.

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12. The narrative will supplement and connect the annexes but need not give a precis of them.

DISPOSAL

During Non-Operational Periods

- 13. Formation Headquarters will forward the original Commanders Diary annually as at 31st December to reach the Army Records Centre (through Headquarters Field Records where applicable) as soon as possible after 1st January of the following year. The duplicate will be retained in formation headquarters.
 - 14. Units will NOT render a Commanders Diary.

During Operational Periods

- 15. ORIGINAL COMMANDERS DIARIES
 - (a) Formations and units in the UK will forward diaries monthly by the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to the Ministry of Defence (ARC for reports other than medical, AMD 1 for medical reports).
 - (b) Formations and units overseas will forward diaries monthly by the seventh day of the succeeding month to the OIC Field Records for onward transmission to the Ministry of Defence.
- 16. DUPLICATE COMMANDERS DIARIES. These will be clearly marked as duplicates and will NOT be sent with the originals. They will be forwarded within two months as follows:—
 - (a) Units in the UK

To the OIC parent record office.

(b) Formation Headquarters in the UK

To OIC Central Clearing Wing, Infantry Records, Exeter.

(c) Units Overseas

To the OIC Field Records for onward transmission to parent record office.

(d) Formation Headquarters Overseas
To the OIC Field Records for onward transmission to the OIC Central Clearing Wing, Infantry Records, Exeter.

SECURITY

- 17. Documents concerned with future operational planning will be listed on AF C2118 and placed in a separate AF C2119. All details will be filled in and the cover will be clearly marked in red:—ANNEX Z—OFFICERS ONLY. It may be convenient to group the papers by annexes.
- 18. Supplementary diaries will be forwarded in accordance with the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence to the Ministry of Defence (ARC). The inner envelope will be clearly marked:—

TOP SECRET ANNEX Z to

Commanders Diary of HQ Aust Army Force FARELF (formation or unit)

From 1 Sep 68 to 30 Sep 68 (Dates)

19. The duplicate supplementary diaries will be despatched as in paragraph 16 as soon as receipt of the originals has been acknowledged.

NOTES

- 1. Definition of Operational Period.—The term "operational period" for the purpose of this instruction, means:—
 - (a) the period between a declaration of war and the official end of hostilities;
 - (b) any period spent in a theatre of operations;
 - (c) any period when engaged in any form of military operation.
- 2. The Ministry of Defence or headquarters concerned will be responsible for instructing units to submit Commanders' Diaries where the conditions of the unit's employment make this necessary. Wherever possible the beginning and end of the period will be clearly stated. Notwithstanding the above, on the outbreak of global war all units and formations which are not at the time submitting these reports will start compiling them with effect from M day and will thereafter render them in accordance with paragraphs 15 and 16.

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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

Army Form C 2118

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	27	0831Z	TRG 4554 UNIT WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 28 SEP 68	H4
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- CHUNG WAH SCHOOL (.) DELEGATION OF 7 STUDENTS PROTESTED AGAIN AGAINST CLOSURE OF SCHOOL ON 3 SEPTEMBER (.) AVERAGE OF 50 - 70 STUDENTS CONTINUE TO VISIT THE SCHOOL DAILY (.)
- A. WEST MALAYSIA (.) ON 3 SEPTEMBER PFF FOUND 2 CT CAMPS IN WENG DISTRICT (.) ESTIMATED THAT BOTH CAMPS HAD BEEN ABANDONED TWO YEARS AGO (.) A CT FOOD DUMP WAS FOUND IN YAHA DISTRICT AND FIVE HOME MADE MINES WERE RECOVERED NEAR BETONG (.)
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1. HONG KONG (.) PERIOD 6 - 13 SEP (.)

A. ON 10 SEP 33 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN 4 JUNKS WERE ARRESTED AT CHEUNG CHAU (.)

- B. CHUNG WAH SCHOOL (.) THREE HUNDRED POSTERS PROTESTING AGAINST CLOSURE OF THIS SCHOOL FOUND ON HONG KONG ISLAND (.) STUDENTS AND TEACHERS CONTINUE TO VISIT SCHOOL PREMISES (.)
- MAURITIUS (.) 3 11 SEP (.) THERE HAVE BEEN NO COMMUNAL/INDUSTRIAL INCIDENTS CONNECTED WITH THE INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION (.) LOCAL POLICE PLEASED WITH IMPROVED SITUATION AND LESS PESSIMISTIC THEN BEFORE (.)
- WEST MALAYSIA (.) ON 5 SEPTEMBER A COMBINED MALAYSIAN/THAI PATROL CONTACTED 5 TO 7 CTS AT GR QY 8720 (NORTH OFBETONG) SHOOTING LASTED 3 MINUTES (.) CTS FLED NORTH WEST. FOLLOW UP FOUND RESTING PLACE FOR 10 - 15 CTS AT QY 854215 (.) NO CASUALTIES (.)
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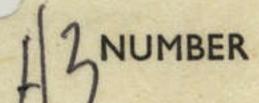
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SITREP AS AT 230001 SEP (.)

- HONG KONG (.) PERIOD 14 20 SEP (.)
 - A. STUDENTS AND WORKERS CONTINUE TO VISIT CHUNG WAH SCHOOL (.)
 - B. ANTI BRITISH SLOGANS AND POSTERS WERE FOUND IN LO FU NGAM RESETTLEMENT ESTATE IN KOWLOON (.) THEY WERE OBLITERATED WITHOUT INCIDENT (.)
 - C. FIVE LEFT WING PICNIC PARTIES WERE REPORTED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES (.) THE LARGEST GROUP WAS 500 (.) SOME MEMBERS WERE WEARING MAO BADGES (.)
- MAURITIUS (.) PERIOD 12 20 SEP (.)
 - A. COMMUNAL INCIDENTS NIL (.)
 - INDUSTRIAL (.) VERY QUIET (.) SMALL STRIKE BY DOCK RICE WORKERS OVER PURELY INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE (.) THE GENERAL LEVEL OF FEELING AND BEHAVIOUR ON THE ISLAND HAS BEEN QUIET (.)
- WEST MALAYSIA (.) A CT BASE TWO TO THREE MONTHS OLD WAS FOUND ABANDONED AT QZ 610094 WEST OF BATU MELINGTANG (.)
- EAST MALAYSIA (.) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PGRS SURRENDERED IN THE FIRST DIVISION OF SARAWAK, TWO TO SECURITY FORCES AT GUMBANG ON 10 SEP AND TWO OTHERS TO THE POLICE AT TEBEDU ON 12 SEP (.) ONE STEN GUN, THREE RIFLES AND NEARLY THREE HUNDRED ROUNDS OF AMMO WERE RECOVERED (.)
- OP NOMINATIONS PERIOD 23 29 SEP (.)
 - A. SPEARHEAD (.) 10 GR, PENANG (.)
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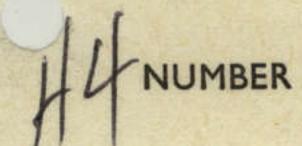
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- 1. HONG KONG (.) PERIOD 20 27 SEP (.)
 - A. TWO HOAX BOMBS WERE FOUND ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND ONE IN NEW TERRITORIES (.)
 - B. TWO JUNKS WHICH HAD BEEN ESCORTED OUT OF COLONY WATERS ON 10 SEP
 WERE ARRESTED OFF CHEUNG CHAU WITH 18 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ON BOARD (.)
 - C. SOME ANTI-BRITISH SLOGANS WERE FOUND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON 26 SEP (.)
- 2. MAURITIUS (.) PERIOD 20 25 SEP (.)
 - A. COMMUNAL (.) SITUATION REMAINS QUIET (.)
 - B. INDUSTRIAL (.) SEVERAL VERY SHORT STRIKES WERE REPORTED IN DOCKS
 BASED UPON INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (.)
- 3. EAST MALAYSIA (.) ADVANCE PARTY OF 9 RMR ARRIVED IN SANDAKAN ON 21 SEP (.)
 REMAINDER OF BATTALION ARE DUE TO ARRIVE BY THE END OF SEP (.)
- 4. OP NOMINATIONS PERIOD 30 SEP 6 OCT (.)
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