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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

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From 1 Mar 69		To.		31	Mar	69	

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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 ting the document. It will be prepared and disposed of as
- 19. The duplicate supplementary diaries will originals has been acknowledged.

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- 1. Definition of Operational Period.—The term "operat the commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organisa-
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 - (b) any period spent in a theatre of operation
 - (c) any period when engaged in any form of
- 2. The Ministry of Defence or headquarters concerned if of potential importance.

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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 Mar 69 to 31 Mar 69 (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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UNIT/FORMATION HQ AUST ARMY FORCE TARELF

COMMANDING OFFICER BRIG W.J. MORROW

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HONG KONG. PERIOD 21-28 FEB. 4.

> BORDER A.

> > (1) DEPLOYMENT. 1/6 GR FRONTIER BN, 2/7 GR FRONTIER RESERVE.

INCIDENTS. ON SIX OCCASIONS DURING THE WEEK PATROLS AND MILITARY VEHICLES IN THE SHA TAU KOK AREA WERE STONED. ON ONE OCCASION, 26 FEB, TWO UNARMED CCA THREW STONES BUT IN THE MAIN THE OFFENDERS HAVE BEEN YOUNG BOYS. SMALL BOYS MADE TWO UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK THE BORDER ROAD WITH PIECES OF WOOD, JUGS AND TINS AT GR KV 144962. THE INCREASE IN MINOR ACTS OF PROVOCATION FROM THE CHINESE SIDE OF THE BORDER COINCIDES WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DEFENCE POSITIONS ON THE HONG KONG SIDE OF THE BORDER.

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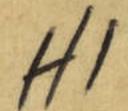
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- B. DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF QUARRY WORKERS. ON 3 MAR DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF WORKERS INVOLVED IN LABOUR DISPUTES AT GRANITE QUARRIES (SITREP NO 2/69 REFERS) WERE DISPERSED BY POLICE ACTION; 35 ARRESTS MADE.
- MALAYSIA. 3.
 - A. JOHORE BAHRU. ON 27 FEB FEDERAL POLICE RESERVE UNIT DISPERSED RIOT CONNECTED WITH LOCAL STRIKE ACTION. THREE POLICE AND THREE WORKERS INJURED. SIX ARRESTS MADE.
 - THAI MALAY BORDER. FOLLOWING INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE ON MALAY SIDE OF BORDER DUE SOUTH OF WENG VALLEY.
 - (1) ON 4 MAR AT GR QZ 650069 FOUR ARMED CTS STAYED AT LOCALS HOUSE FOR A FEW HOURS. THEY MADE ENQUIRIES ABOUT SF STRENGTHS IN BATU MELINGTANG GR QZ 6807.
 - (2) ON 5 MAR AT GR QZ 633023 TWO ARMED CTS SIGHTED BY LOCAL.
 - (3) ON 6 MAR AT GR QZ 652037 TWO ARMED CTS ENQUIRED ABOUT DIRECTION TO KAMPONG LAWAR GR QZ 6303.
- HONG KONG. PERIOD 1 7 MAR. 4.
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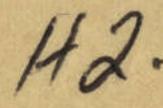
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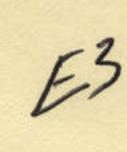
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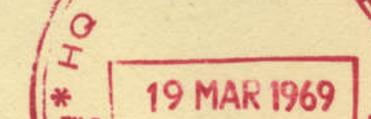
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 - GENERAL. MISSING YACHTS (SITREP NO 8/69 REFERS). RN COAST WATCHING В. STATION AT TAI O, LAN TAU ISLAND, SIGHTED SAILS AND MASTS OF THREE YACHTS SEVENTEEN MILES TO NORTH WEST. IN SPITE OF CONSIDERABLE PRESS SPECULATION OF IMMINENT RETURN OF YACHTS THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER SIGHTINGS.
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 - B. RING FENCE I. 31 MAR, 2/6 GR. 1 30 APR, 1/2 GR.
- 2. SINGAPORE. NTR.
- 3. WEST MALAYSIA. THAI/MALAY BORDER.
 - A. ON 24 MAR AT GRID Q2 728489 PFF AND BPP CONTACTED

 ABOUT ONE DOZEN CTs. FIRE EXCHANGED WITH NO CAS ON EITHER

 SIDE. SOME EQPT AND AMMO RECOVERED. FOLLOW UP ACTION TAKEN.
 - B. INITIAL UNCONFIRMED REPORTS STATE THAT ON 29 MAR IN WENG
 DISTRICT TWO PLS SF ATTACKED EN CAMP DEFENDED BY 20 30 CTs.

 1 BPP AND TWO PFF WOUNDED, ONE CT TAKEN PRISONER. UNCONFIRMED
 REPORTS STATE THAT IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE CT DEFENDERS MAY HAVE
 BEEN LEFT TO COVER WITHDRAWAL OF MAIN CT FORCE LOCATED IN THE CAMP.
- 4. EAST MALAYSIA. NTR.
- 5. HONG KONG. PERIOD 21 28 MAR.
 - A. FRONTIER DEPLOYMENT. 1/7 GR FRONTIER BN. 2/7 GR FRONTIER RESERVE.
 - B. INCIDENTS. ON 22 MAR AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT WAS FIRED ON AND WOUNDED

 BY BORDER GUARDS IN COMMUNIST TERRITORY. HE GAVE HIMSELF UP TO POLICE

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