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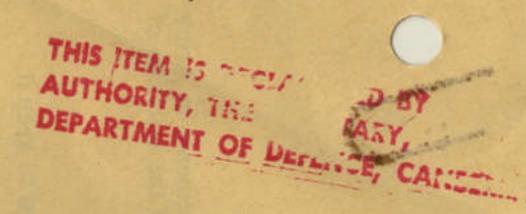
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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

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From 1 APR	69	To30	APR 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 Supplementary Diary" of the formation and ting the document. It will be prepared and disposed of as
- The duplicate supplementary diaries will originals has been acknowledged.

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ade and orders given.

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- ry of the day's fighting, including company movements.
- 1. Definition of Operational Period.—The term "operatf the commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organisa-
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 - (b) any period spent in a theatre of operations
 - (c) any period when engaged in any form of r
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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 APR 69 to 30 APR 69 (Dates)

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

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- 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 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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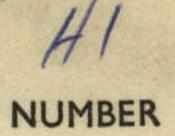
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- 1. OP NOMINATIONS
 - A. SPEARHEAD. 10 GR.
 - B. RING FENCE I. 1/2 GR.
- 2. SINGAPORE . NTR
- 3. WEST MALAYSIA. THAI/MALAY BORDER. AS A RESULT OF FOLLOW UP ACTION TO CONTACT REPORTED IN SITREP 13/69 AN OLD CT CAMP WAS FOUND AT QZ 743496. THE CAMP COULD ACCOMMODATE 20-30 PERSONS AND WAS VACATED RECENTLY.
- 4. EAST MALAYSIA. NTR.
- 5. HONG KONG. PERIOD 28 MAR 4 APR 69.
 - A. GENERAL. REFERENCE SITREPS 8/69 AND 11/69. MISSING YACHTS. TWO
 OF THREE YACHTS WHICH WERE SEIZED ON 16 FEB WERE RELEASED ON 3 APR. AMERICAN
 YACHT STILL HELD, TOGETHER WITH TWO AMERICAN NATIONALS.
 - B. MILITARY
 - (1) FRONTIER DEPLOYMENT. 2/7 GR FRONTIER BN, 1/6 GR FRONTIER RESERVE BN.
 - (2) INCIDENTS. NIL.
 - C. CIVIL. PICNICS. NINE COMMUNIST PICNIC PARTIES RANGING FROM 30-300 PERSONS HELD IN MT DURING WEEKEND 29/31 MAR.
- 6. UNIT MOVES. NIL.

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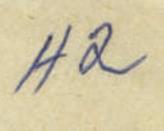
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- OP NOMINATIONS
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- 2. SINGAPORE. NTR.
- WEST MALAYSIA. THAI/MALAY BORDER. ON 21 MAR A THAI PATROL OPERATING
- IN THE SURVEY PADI AREA 20 MILES SOUTH OF NARATHIWAT WAS AMBUSHED BY 7 CTs.
- A MEMBER OF THE THAI BORDER PATROL POLICE (BPP) AND A THAI HOME GUARD WERE KILLED IN THE CLASH AND THEIR WEAPONS WERE REMOVED BY THE CTS.
- 4. EAST MALAYSIA. ONE PGRS SURRENDERED TO SECURITY FORCES AT ENTEBU GR 93940102 FIRST DIVISION SAWAWAK ON 5 ADR.
- 5. HONG KONG. PERIOD 04-11 APR. FRONTIER DEPLOYMENT. 2/7 GR FRONTIER BN, 1/6 GR FRONTIER RESERVE BN.

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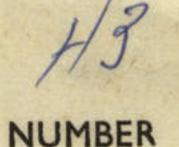
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- A. SPEARHEAD. 10 GR.
- B. RING FENCE I. 1/2 GR.

2. SINGAPORE.

- A. ON 21 APR ABOUT NOON AT THE GOLD & SILVERSMITHS UNION LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF BRAS BASAH AND NORTHBRIDGE ROAD A LARGE CROWD GATHERED WHEN COMMUNICT SLOGANS AND A LARGE PICTURE OF MAO TSE TUNG WERE DISPLAYED ON THE BUILDING. THE UNION PREMISES WERE BARRICADED.
- B. INITIAL ATTEMPTS BY THE POLICE TO GET THROUGH THE BARRICADES TO REMOVE THE SLOGANS AND PICTURE FAILED RESULTING IN THE POLICE REINFORCEMENT UNIT BEING CALLED OUT.
- C. QUICK REACTION BY THE AUTHORITIES KEPT THE INCIDENT DOWN TO ONE OF A MINOR NATURE. THREE ARRESTS WERE MADE.
- 3. THAI/MALAY BORDER. BELATED REPORT. STATES THAT ON 14 MARCH APPROX 30 CTS ATTACKED A UNIT OF THE THAI DEFENCE CORPS (A FORM OF HOME GUARD) AT A VILLAGE IN THE WENG DISTRICT. FIRING LASTED FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS BEFORE THE CTS WITHDREW. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES ON EITHER SIDE.
- 4. EAST MALAYSIA. NTR.
- 5. HONG KONG. PERIOD 11 18 APR.
 - A. GTERAL. EIGHT COMMUNIST PICNIC GROUPS RANGING FROM 80 TO 300 PERSONS WERE REPORTED IN NEW TERRITORIES. ONE HOAX BOMB REPORTED.

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- B. BORDER. TWO MINOR INCIDENTS OF STONING THE PRIMARY FENCE PATROL HAVE OCCURRED, ONE BY MAINLAND CHINESE WORKING THEIR FIELDS INSIDE BT ON 15 APR, ONE BY FARMERS AND CCA FROM CT ON 16 APR. THESE ARE THE FIRST STONING INCIDENTS SINCE 5 MAR 69.
- C. DEPLOYMENT. 1/6 GR FRONTIER BN. 1/7 GR FRONTIER RESERVE.

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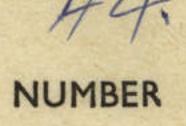
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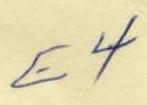
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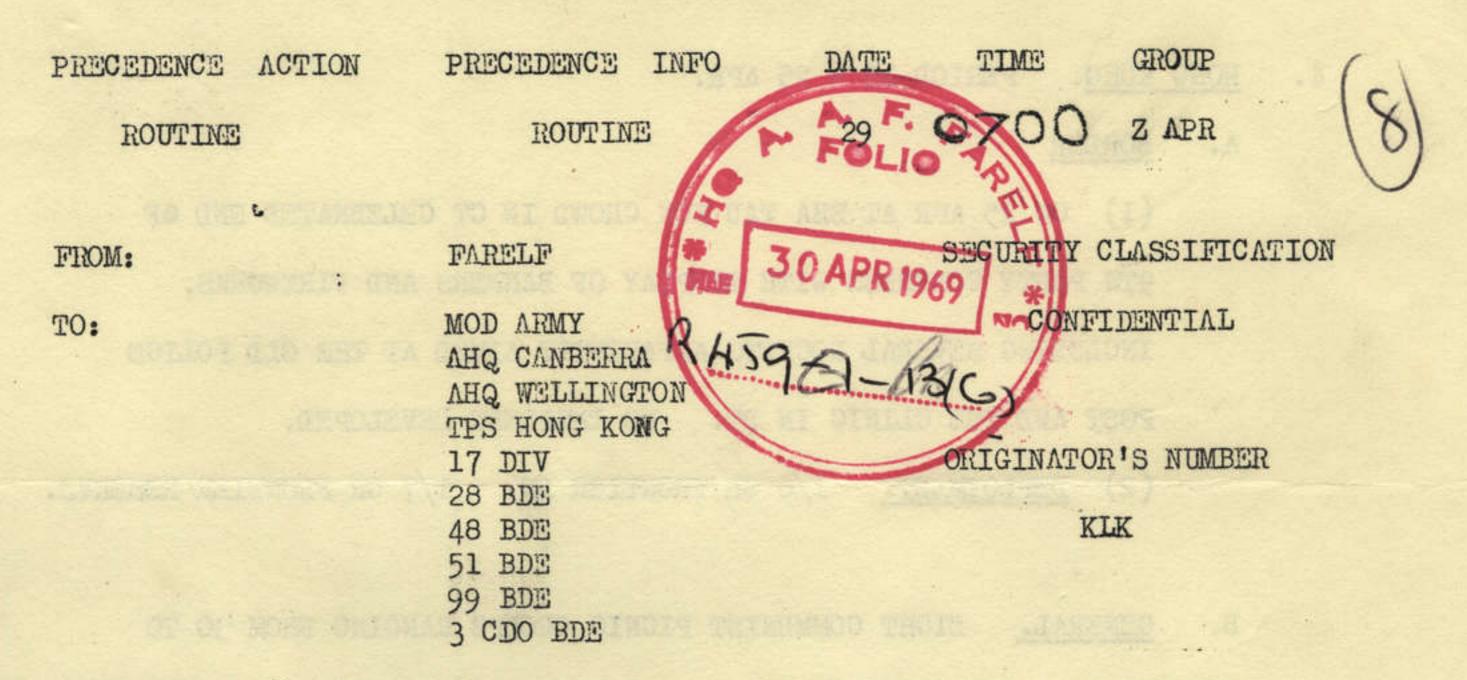
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- 2. SINGAPORE. NTR.
- 3. MALAYSIA
 - A. THAI/MALAY BORDER
 - (1) ON 18 APR AT QZ 077091 PLATOON OF PFF WITH THAI BPP FOUND AN OLD CT CAMP WHICH WAS VACATED A YEAR AGO.

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- (2) ON 19 APR AT BATU MELINTANG POLICE STATION ONE MALE CT SURRENDERED TO POLICE.
- B. PENANG. ON 24 APR IN JELUTONG AREA ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GEORGE
 TOWN, ONE MALAY WAS KILLED AFTER A CLASH WITH A GROUP OF CHINESE PAINTING
 BOYCOTT SLOGANS. LATER, ONE CHINESE WAS ASSAULTED AND SERIOUSLY INJURED.
 A CURFEW WAS IMPOSED ON THE AREA AND SUB UNITS OF MALAY FORCES MOVED
 ACROSS FROM THE MAINLAND. MOST RECENT REPORTS STATE THAT THE SITUATION
 IS CALM SO FAR AND THERE HAS BEEN NO NECESSITY TO RESTRICT MOVEMENT OF
 SERVICEMEN AND FAMILIES.

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4. HONG KONG. PERIOD 18 - 25 APR.

BORDER

- (1) ON 25 APR AT SHA TAU KOK CROWD IN CT CELEBRATED END OF 9TH PARTY CONGRESS WITH DISPLAY OF BANNERS AND FIREWORKS, INCLUDING SEVERAL ROCKETS APPARENTLY AIMED AT THE OLD POLICE POST AND THE CLINIC IN BT. NO INCIDENT DEVELOPED.
- (2) DEPLOYMENT. 1/6 GR FRONTIER BN. 1/7 GR FRONTIER RESERVE.

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