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Headquarters units

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Narrative

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[1-31 Jul 1969]

PART I

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. R707-2-1G

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To : ~~Ministry of Defence (ARG)~~

~~Ministry of Defence (AMEM)~~

OIC Mil Hist Sec Records.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) *W. S. Batten*

Appointment (OC Unit or Senior Staff Officer)

Received 13/8/69

PART II

SECRET

Army Form C2119

ORIGINAL

~~DUPLICATE~~

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE FARELF

From 1 JUL 69 To 31 JUL 69

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Narrative (AF C2118)

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- J Administrative orders and instructions received
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PART III

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. It will be prepared and disposed of as the document.

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

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giving place names as well as map references), establishment,

ade and orders given.

ry of the day's fighting, including company movements.

of the commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organisa-

NOTES

1. *Definition of Operational Period.*—The term "operational period" shall mean:
- (a) the period between a declaration of war and the end of hostilities;
 - (b) any period spent in a theatre of operation;
 - (c) any period when engaged in any form of hostilities.

2. The Ministry of Defence or headquarters concerned shall be responsible for the compilation of the diary. The conditions of the unit's employment make it necessary to state clearly. Notwithstanding the above, the time submitting these reports will start compilation in accordance with paragraphs 15 and 16.

f of potential importance.

alties to officers, men and equipment.

equipment captured.

it was employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

eness and to save work as much information as possible will be issued and received, routine returns, etc. All annexes will be given. time of receipt or despatch will be given.

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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 HEADQUARTERS AUST ARMY FORCE FARELF (formation or unit)

From 1 JUL 69 to 31 JUL 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.

UNIT/FORMATION HQ AUST ARMY FORCE FARELF

COMMANDING OFFICER BRIG W.J. MORROW

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PRECEDENCE ACTION	PRECEDENCE INFO	DATE	TIME	GROUP
ROUTINE	ROUTINE	08	0835	Z JUL

FROM FARELF SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

TO MOD ARMY CONFIDENTIAL

AHQ CANBERRA
AHQ WELLINGTON
TPS HONG KONG
SINGADIST
17 DIV
28 BDE
48 BDE
51 BDE
99 BDE
3 CDO BDE

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

KLK



SITREP NO 25/69 AS AT 070001 Z JUL

1. OP NOMINATIONS 7 - 13 JULY

A. SPEARHEAD 40 CDO, RM

B. RING FENCE I 1/2 GR

2. SINGAPORE NTR

3. WEST MALAYSIA

A. GENERAL SITUATION. VIOLENCE HAS OCCURRED IN KUALA LUMPUR AND PARTS OF MALACCA AND PERAK. THE REMAINDER OF WEST MALAYSIA HAS BEEN FREE OF MAJOR INCIDENTS.

B. INCIDENTS.

(1) KUALA LUMPUR. ON 5 JULY IN CHOW KIT AREA THREE YOUTHS WERE ATTACKED BY GANG, BELIEVED TO BE CHINESE. ONE YOUTH, A POLICE TRAINEE, DIED OF HIS INJURIES. CASES OF ARSON AND ASSAULT CONTINUE TO BE REPORTED AND THE SITUATION IN KUALA LUMPUR REMAINS TENSE.

(2) MALACCA. DURING NIGHT 30 JUN/1 JUL AT ALU GAJA FOUR KILLED AND TWO INJURED DURING INCIDENT AT A RUBBER ESTATE.

(3) PERAK. ON 4 JULY NEAR BAGAN DATOH SIX DEAD WERE FOUND IN BURNT HOUSE.

C. CURFEWS. CURFEW TIMINGS ARE 0100 HRS TO 0500 HRS IN ALL STATES, LESS TRENGANNU, PAHANG AND JOHORE, WHICH ARE CURFEW FREE. HOWEVER, IN SENTUL PASAH AREA KUALA LUMPUR, CURFEW TIME IS 1800 HRS TO 0600 HRS AND GRIK AND KROH AREAS NEAR BORDER, CURFEW TIME IS 2100 HRS TO 0600 HRS.

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4. EAST MALAYSIA. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED BUT REPORTS OF UNEASINESS RECEIVED.

5. HONG KONG. PERIOD 27 JUN - 4 JUL

A. BORDER DEPLOYMENT. 1 DWR FRONTIER BN. 6 GR FRONTIER RESERVE.

B. BORDER INCIDENTS. ONE FIREWORK ROCKET INCIDENT AND ONE STONE THROWING INCIDENT OCCURRED ON 1 AND 2 JULY RESPECTIVELY.

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G INT (3) - 1 EACH FOR DA DJAKARTA AND DA MANILA

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FROM FARELF

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TO

MOD ARMY
AHQ CANBERRA
AHQ WELLINGTON
TPS HONG KONG
SINGADIST
17 DIV
28 BDE
48 BDE
51 BDE
99 BDE
3 GDO BDE

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ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

KLK

SITREP NO 26/69 AS AT 140001 Z JUL

1. OP NOMINATIONS. PERIOD 14 - 20 JUL.

A. SPEARHEAD. 40 CDO, RM.

B. RING FENCE I.

(1) 14 JUL - 1/2 GR.

(2) 15 - 20 JUL - 40 CDO, RM.

2. SINGAPORE. NTR.

3. WEST MALAYSIA.

A. GENERAL SITUATION. NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS. SITUATION REMAINS TENSE IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALACCA AND PARTS OF PERAK.

B. CURFEWS. CURFEW TIMINGS IN PERLIS, KEDAH, PERAK, SELANGOR, NEGRI SEMBILAN, MALACCA AND KELANTAN ARE 0100 HOURS TO 0500 HOURS. PENANG TIMINGS ARE 0100 HOURS TO 0400 HOURS. CERTAIN JUNGLE AREAS AROUND GRIK AND KROH ARE UNDER 24 HOUR CURFEW.

C. THAI/MALAY BORDER. BELATED REPORT ON 25 JUNE, EIGHT MILES SOUTH EAST OF BETONG, THAI/MALAY PATROL CLASHED WITH GROUP OF CTs. ON 26 JUNE TWO THAI MEMBERS OF THE JOINT PATROL RETURNING FROM THE AREA WERE FIRED ON. ONE THAI WAS WOUNDED. PATROL LATER DISCOVERED A CT CAMP UNDER CONSTRUCTION (CAPABLE OF HOLDING BETWEEN 100 AND 150 PERSONS.

/4. EAST MALAYSIA.

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4. EAST MALAYSIA. NTR.

5. HONG KONG. PERIOD 4 - 11 JUL.

A. BORDER DEPLOYMENT. 6 GR FRONTIER BN. 2/7 GR FRONTIER
RESERVE.

B. BORDER INCIDENTS. SHA TAU KOK AREA: ON THREE OCCASIONS
DURING THE PERIOD STONES WERE THROWN, MAINLY BY SMALL BOYS, AT
POLMIL PATROLS AND MIL VEHS. ON 7 AND 9 JULY SMALL NUMBER OF
FIREWORK ROCKETS WERE DISCHARGED AT POLMIL POSTS IN BRITISH
TERRITORY: NO INJURIES OR DAMAGE.

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TO ARMY CANBERRA		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED 3
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UNIT WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 19 JUL 69 . 107 FD BTY RAA .

SA PRACTICE CMM JUNGLE NAVIGATION EX . 2 FD TP RAE . MINOR SP TASKS CMM

UNIT STAND DOWN AFTER EX JUMPING WALLABY . 1 RAR . UNIT DEPLOYED

TO KLUANG ON 11 JUL TO ASSIST IN SEARCH FOR TWO LOST GURKHA SOLDIERS CMM

UNIT STAND DOWN 12-16 JUL CMM UNIT LOADING TRIALS 17-18 JUL

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FROM FARELF

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AHQ CANBERRA
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17 DIV
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3 CDO BDE

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ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

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SITREP NO 27/69 AS AT 210001 Z JUL

1. OP NOMINATIONS. PERIOD 21 - 31 JUL
 - A. SPEARHEAD. 40 CDO, RM.
 - B. RING FENCE I.
 - (1) 21 TO 25 JUL - 40 CDO, RM.
 - (2) 26 TO 31 JUL - 1/2 GR.
2. SINGAPORE. NTR.
3. WEST MALAYSIA.
 - A. GENERAL SITUATION. NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS. SITUATION STILL REMAINS TENSE IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALACCA AND PARTS OF PERAK.
 - B. CURFEWS. CURFEW TIMINGS IN PERLIS, KEDAH, PENANG/WELLESLEY, PERAK, SELANGOR, NEGRI SEMBILAN, MALACCA AND KELANTAN ARE 0100 HOURS TO 0400 HOURS. CERTAIN AREAS AROUND GRIK AND KROH REMAIN UNDER 24 HOUR CURFEW.
 - C. THAI/MALAY BORDER. ON 29 JUN IN THE BUKIT KAYA HITAM AREA IN NORTHERN KEDAH/PERLIS APPROX TWENTY CTs BUMPED A MALAYSIAN PATROL. AFTER A BRIEF EXCHANGE OF FIRE CTs WITHDREW IN THE DIRECTION OF SADAQ. THIS INCIDENT IS THE FIRST EVIDENCE OF INCURSION SOUTH OF THE THAI/MALAY BORDER SINCE THE RECENT DISTURBANCES IN WEST MALAYSIA STARTED.

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/4. HONG KONG.

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4. HONG KONG. PERIOD 11 - 18 JUL.

A. BORDER DEPLOYMENT. 6 GR FRONTIER BN. 2/7 GR FRONTIER RESERVE.

B. BORDER INCIDENTS.

(1) ON 14 JUL AT MAN KAM TO LORRY DRIVER, SUPPORTED BY TWELVE COOLIES FROM COMMUNIST TERRITORY, DAMAGED THE MAN KAM TO ROAD BARRIER AND PUSHED SENTRY BOX INTO A FIELD.

(2) SHA TAU KOK AREA: FIREWORK ROCKETS WERE FIRED ON THREE DAYS DURING THIS PERIOD, A TOTAL OF 26 ROCKETS. ONE STONE THROWING INCIDENT WAS REPORTED.

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UNIT WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 26 JUL 69 . 107 FD BTY RAA .

SMALL ARMS PRACTICE CMM JUNGLE NAVIGATION EX CMM SPORTS DAY WITH 10 BN

ROYAL MALAY REGT . 2 FD TP RAE . CONST OF MALACCA POLICE BUILDING

OFFICES CMM PREPARATION FOR HANDOVER/TAKEOVER STOCKTAKE CMM BLOCK

LEAVE . 1 RAR . ALPHA AND BRAVO COYS AT ASHAN RANGE CMM SP COY

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SITREP NO 28/69 AS AT 280001 Z JUL

1. OP NOMINATIONS. PERIOD 28 JUL - 4 AUG.

A. SPEARHEAD.

(1) 28 TO 31 JUL - 40 CDO, RM.

(2) 1 TO 4 AUG - 10 GR.

B. RING FENCE I.

(1) 28 TO 31 JUL - 1/2 GR.

(2) 1 TO 4 AUG - 42 CDO, RM.

2. SINGAPORE. NTR.

3. WEST MALAYSIA.

A. GENERAL SITUATION. NO SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS, SITUATION LESS TENSE BUT AREAS KUALA LUMPUR, MALACCA AND PARTS OF PERAK REMAIN SENSITIVE.

B. CURFEWS. NO CHANGE FROM SITREP NO 27.

4. HONG KONG. 18 TO 25 JUL.

A. BORDER DEPLOYMENT. 2/7 GR FRONTIER BN. 1/7 GR FRONTIER RESERVE.

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/B. BORDER INCIDENTS.

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B. BORDER INCIDENTS.

(1) SHA TAU KOK. STONES THROWN AT POLMIL PATROLS ON TWO OCCASIONS. FIREWORK ROCKET DISCHARGED AT POLICE POST ON 18 JUL, NO DAMAGE OR INJURIES.

(2) FIVE COMMUNIST PICNIC GROUPS RANGING FROM 70 TO 200 PERSONS REPORTED IN NT ON 20 JUL.

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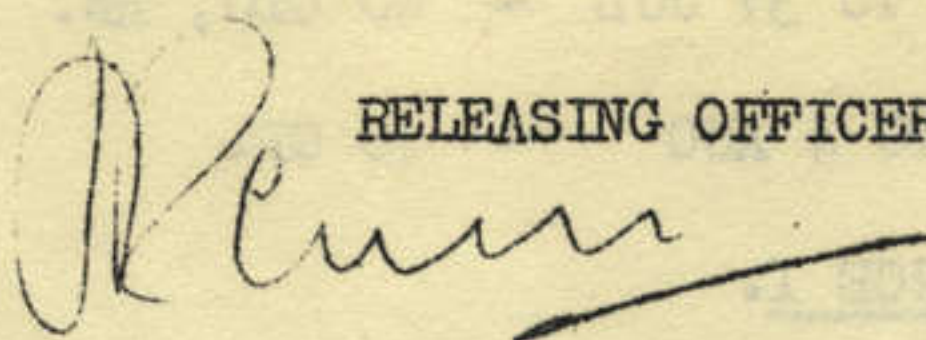
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