

Series: AWM95
Australian Army commanders' diaries

Headquarters units

Item number: 1/1/9

**Item: Headquarters Australian Army
Force, Far East Land Forces**

Narrative

Annexes

[1-28 Feb 1963]

PART I

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 2/63

Cross out addresses which do not apply.

To : ~~Under Secretary of State (WORC), War Office~~

~~Under Secretary of State (AMDC), War Office~~

OIC MIL HISTORY Records. DSD
ARMY HEADQUARTERS, CANBERRA

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature)  Brig

Appointment Comd Aust Army Force FARELF
(OC Unit or Senior Staff Officer)

24 Feb 63

PART II

Army Form C2119

SECRET

THIS ITEM IS DECLASSIFIED BY
AUTHORITY, THE SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, CANBERRA

ORIGINAL }
~~DUPLICATE~~ } Strike out where
not applicable

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation HQ Aust Army Force FARELF

From 1 FEB 63. To 28 FEB 63.

INDEX

Narrative (AF C2118)

Enclosure Numbers

ANNEXES

- *A Duty Officer's Log to
- *B Messages connected with Log to
- C Operation orders and instructions issued to
- D Operation orders and instructions received to
- *E Sitreps issued to
- F Orders of battle and location reports issued to
- G Intelligence reports and summaries issued; Appreciations made to
- H Administrative orders and instructions issued H1 to H10
- J Administrative orders and instructions received J1 to J4
- K Administrative reports and bulletins; ammunition returns; field strength returns to
- *L Standing orders issued to
- M Commander's policy and demiofficial letters to
- N Action reports (if required) to
- O Other papers, e.g., Maps and diagrams, air photos, reports from sub units to
- P Periodical summaries of operations to
- Z Top Secret Supplementary Diary

†NIL
†RETAINED
†Despatched to

*Only to be included during operations.
†Cross out whichever is not applicable.

on.....

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 5, Section 1.

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

19. The duplicate supplementary diaries will be originals has been acknowledged.

CONTENTS

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

made 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" will be clearly stated. Notwithstanding the above, not at the time submitting these reports will start them in accordance with paragraphs 15 and 16.
 - (a) the period between a declaration of war and
 - (b) any period spent in a theatre of operations;
 - (c) any period when engaged in any form of mil

2. The War Office or headquarters concerned will be res of potential importance. casualties to officers, men and equipment. equipment captured. unit was employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

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

(continued on back cover)

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 War Office 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 War Office (WORC 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 War Office.

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 War Office (WORC). The inner envelope will be clearly marked:—

TOP SECRET
ANNEX Z to

Commanders Diary of.....(formation or unit)

From..... to.....(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 War Office 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.

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

This form will be enclosed with the annexes in AF C 2119. If this is not available the cover will be prepared in manuscript.

UNIT/FORMATION HQ Aust Army Force FARELF

MONTH AND YEAR FEB 63.

COMMANDING OFFICER BRIG D VINCENT OBE

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SINGAPORE	1	1030 GH	Brig F C BARTON OBE, Comd 3 CDO Bde, visited HQ Aust Army Force to discuss forthcoming joint 3 CDO Bde/1 SAS Coy Exercise in WEST AUSTRALIA during visit of HMS ALBION.	
	4	0831Z	Aust SD1 to AHQ giving details of proposed relief of Aust Army Force 1963	H1
	5		Report 2/63 forwarded to AHQ - planning progress on Exercise DHANARAJATA	H2
	5	1015 GH	Cpts McCrawford, NE Ford, W J Brydon and D I Godden depart for observer visit to SOUTH VIETNAM 5 - 14 Feb 63.	
	5		2 RAR report on Ptes MOODY and WIERSEMA, AWOL in INDONESIA, received,	
	5		CEPO/1/29 received referring to redundancy situation of locally employed civilians of HQ Aust Army Force	J1
	6		Staff Instruction 1/63 promulgated	H3
	8		1/2/2 to GHQ referring to Aust owned office accommodation (huts 43A, 44A)	J2
	9		S/A/3 to AHQ requests RAEME mechanic assistance for 7 Recce Flight AAC	H4
	11		Exercise GABLE, an airportability exercise involving 2 RAR and Comd 1 NZ Regt <i>[held SINGAPORE ISLAND 11-16 Feb 63.]</i>	
			Comd Aust Army Force Report 12/62 forwarded to AHQ	H5
	12		AHQ A2604 of 120420Z received detailing aspects of relief of Aust Army Force	J3
	12	0845Z	G16 to AHQ listing Aust Officers serving in BORNEO	H6
	12		S07 to AHQ proposing establishment amendment for Aust Inf Bn BCFESR (Estb Aust VIII/320/1 (TE))	H7

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

This form will be enclosed with the annexes in AF C 2119. If this is not available the cover will be prepared in manuscript.

UNIT/FORMATION HQ Aust Army Force FARELF

MONTH AND YEAR

FEB 63.COMMANDING OFFICER Brig D Vincent, OBE

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SINGAPORE	14	0320Z	A9 to AHQ situation report on extradition proceedings for Ptes MOODY and WIERSEMA from INDONESIA	
	14		AHQ trg 2678 of 130040Z received in answer to our S/E/5 of 5 Feb 63 on Exercise DHANARAJATA.	
	15		114/5/1 to AATTV referring to passage of mail to SOUTH VIETNAM	
	18		W Comd W 323/27/32 of 13 Feb received giving details of 3 Cdo Bde/1 SAS Coy Exercise to be held during visit of HMS ALBION to W AUSTRALIA.	
	19	1015GH	Majors H A KLAWS, W C J GILL and W O RODGERS and Lt G E WILLIAMS depart for observer visit to SOUTH VIETNAM 19-28 Feb 63.	
	20		GHQ FE 7053/3 Trg of 20 Feb received - Far East - Schedule of Joint Service Exercises.	
	21		S/T/8 to AATTV forwarding copy of AHQ minute stating channels of communication between AHQ and AATTV	
	21		AHQ SD 3374 received proposing attachment of 40 Air Sp Pl RAASC personnel to FARELF for training.	
	21	0940Z	A12 to AHQ - situation report on extradition Ptes MOODY and WIERSEMA	H8
	21		AHQ Trg 3226 received cancelling 3 Cdo Bde/1 SAS Coy Exercise indefinitely.	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION ^{HQ} Aust Army Force FARELF

This form will be enclosed with the annexes in AF C 2119. If this is not available the cover will be prepared in manuscript.

MONTH AND YEAR Feb 63

COMMANDING OFFICER Brig D Vincent, OBE

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SINGAPORE	22		S/A/3 to GHQ stating AHQ reply on RAEME mechanic assistance to 7 Recce Flight AAC	H9
	23		165/1/1 to AHQ details possible air movement programme for relief of Aust Army Force.	
	23	0440Z	A7 to AHQ - situation report on whereabouts of Ptes MOODY and WIERSEMA	H10
	28		AHQ A/246/1/28 OF 20 FEB received - copy of trials instruction 40/62 - Operation BLOWDOWN.	
	28		HQ SINGAPORE Base District DWO/Wks/5055 received approving extension to HQ Aust Army Force office accommodation (Hut 43A)	J4
	23 28		AHQ General Staff Instruction 3/63 received giving details of relief of force.	

MESSAGE FORM

*Enclosure H1 to
HQ Aust Army Force
Comd's Diary 2/63*

NUMBER _____

FOR COMM CEN/SIGNALS USE

165/1/1

FEB 63

PRECEDENCE — ACTION	PRECEDENCE — INFO DEFERRED	DATE — TIME GROUP 04 0831 Z	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
From AUSTARM SINGAPORE To ARMY CANBERRA			PREFIX GR SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <p style="text-align: center;">CONFIDENTIAL</p> ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <p style="text-align: center;">AUST SD 16</p>
Info			

RELIEF 1963. YOUR A 1248 AND Q MOV 1195 BOTH OF 23 JAN.

FIRST. YOUR A1248 OF 23 JAN. YOUR FIRST. WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT WHILST A UNIT RELIEF WAS A PRACTICABLE PROPOSITION FOR THE 1963 RELIEF THAT BECAUSE OF CONTINUING ATTRITION SUBSEQUENT RELIEFS WOULD PROBABLY BE ON AN INDIVIDUAL RELIEF BASIS. IF THIS VIEW IS ACCEPTED AT ANQ THEN IT WOULD BE REASONABLE TO LIMIT THE UNIT RELIEF TO THOSE MEMBERS STILL REMAINING IN THE THEATRE WHO ARRIVED IN OCT 61. THIS WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF SPREADING SUBSEQUENT RELIEFS AS DEMONSTRATED IN ANNEX A OF OUR 165/1/1 OF 6 OCT. TO INTRODUCE CUT-OFFS AS IN PREVIOUS RELIEFS WOULD CONCERTINA THE NUMBERS FOR RELIEF IN 1965 WITH RESULTANT GREATER DIFFICULTY IN ABSORPTION UNDER INDIVIDUAL RELIEF CONDITIONS. WE WOULD SUBMIT THAT THE NORMAL REINFORCEMENT PROCEDURE SHOULD CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE RELIEF PERIOD SO THAT THE EFFORT IN ALL ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS WILL BE SPREAD AND THE ABSORPTION AT BOTH ENDS OF NEW MEMBERS MADE EASIER.

SECOND. YOUR SECOND. WE SEE NO GREAT DIFFICULTY IN COPING WITH THE HOUSING IN TERENDAK ONCE AN AGREED PLAN HAS TAKEN SHAPE. WE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE A FORECAST OF THE HOUSES TO BECOME AVAILABLE IN

Page _____ of _____ pages		REFERS TO MESSAGE		DRAFTER'S NAME		OFFICE		TELE No.			
		CLASSIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO									
FOR OPS. USE	R	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR	D	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR	RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK

RETURN COPY

MESSAGE FORM

NUMBER 2

FOR COMM CEN/SIGNALS USE

PRECEDENCE — ACTION	PRECEDENCE — INFO DEFERRED	DATE — TIME GROUP	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
From			PREFIX GR
To			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

TERENDAK MONTH BY MONTH DURING THE RELIEF CYCLE AND THE HIGH POINTS PRIORITY RELIEFS AND NORMAL REINFORCEMENTS COMING FWD IN TERMS OF MARRIED MEMBERS SHOULD MERELY BE TAILORED TO FIT THIS. YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT WE CANNOT GIVE DETAILED PLANS NOW IF ONLY FOR THE REASON THAT THE FINER DETAILS OF MOVEMENT AGENCIES HAVE NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. WE APPRECIATE YOUR DESIRE TO ASSIST AND CONSIDER THAT IT MAY BE ADVANTAGEOUS LATER FOR A REPRESENTATIVE FROM DPA TO VISIT THIS THEATRE. THE MOST URGENT REQUIREMENT AS WE SEE IT IS FOR THE ATTACHMENT OF A Q MOV STAFF OFFICER TO THIS HQ FOR THE PRELIMINARY PLANNING AND DURING THE ACTUAL RELIEF. TIME FOR HIS ARRIVAL SHOULD BE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE RELIEF PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED AND THE AVAILABILITY OF AIRCRAFT DETERMINED. THIRD. THE FOLLOWING LIST OF SUBJECTS OF A AND Q NATURE ABOUT WHICH WE HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IN GETTING TIMELY ADVICE DURING THE 1961 RELIEF ARE SUBMITTED FOR EARLIEST CONSIDERATION AND FOR INCORPORATION IN THE AHQ MOVEMENT INSTRUCTION. ALFA. TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCES FOR FORCE RETURNING TO AUST AND PERIOD FOR WHICH APPLICABLE. AHQ 010113 OF 22 SEP 61

REFERS.

Page _____ of _____ pages		REFERS TO MESSAGE	DRAFTER'S NAME		OFFICE	TELE No.					
		CLASSIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO									
FOR OPS. USE	R	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR	D	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR	RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK

MESSAGE FORM

NUMBER 3

FOR COMM GEN/SIGNALS USE

PRECEDENCE — ACTION	PRECEDENCE — INFO DEFERRED	DATE — TIME GROUP	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
From			PREFIX GR
To			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

BRAVO. TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION SITUATION IN AUSTRALIA.
CHARLIE. INTERSTATE LEAVE POLICY.
DELTA. REMOVAL ENTITLEMENTS OF MEMBERS ON RETURN TO AUST.
ECHO. POLICY ON WIVES WHO REFUSE TO FLY OR REFUSE TO FLY IN SAME AIRCRAFT AS HUSBAND.
FOXTROT. POLICY ON SEPARATING A FAMILY IF WIFE FOR ANY REASON MUST GO BY SEA.
GOLF. POLICY ON RTA OF PREGNANT WIVES.
HOTEL. PASSENGER CAPACITY OF BOEING 707 PLUS NUMBER OF BASSINETTES.
FOURTH. YOUR Q MOV 1195 OF 23 JAN.
YOUR ALFA. THIS SHOULD BE SUITABLE AS IT FITS IN WITH OUR STAFF CHECK SET OUT IN PART II OF OUR 165/1/1 OF 6 OCT.
YOUR BRAVO. YES. SEE REFERENCE ABOVE BUT HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PACKAGE DEAL SUGGESTED PARAGRAPH 19 HOTEL OF OUR REFERENCE.
YOUR CHARLIE. FEEL YOU HAVE MISINTERPRETED OUR REFERENCE TO MARCH OUT CAPACITY TERENDAK IN OUR REFERENCE OF 6 OCT. WE COULD ON OCCASION AND IF NECESSARY PROVIDE TRANSIT ACCOMMODATION FOR UP TO 15 FAMILIES IN SINGAPORE WITH

REFERS TO MESSAGE DRAFTER'S NAME OFFICE TELE No.

Page of pages

CLASSIFIED YES NO

FOR OPS. USE	R	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR	D	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR	RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK
--------------	---	------	------	--------	----------	---	------	------	--------	----------	--

MESSAGE FORM

NUMBER 4

FOR COMM CEN/SIGNALS USE

PRECEDENCE — ACTION	PRECEDENCE — INFO DEFERRED	DATE — TIME GROUP	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
From			PREFIX GR
To			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

SUFFICIENT PREPLANNING. HOWEVER NOTE THAT NO SUCH FACILITIES
EXIST IN MALACCA OR KUALA LUMPUR. YOU WILL NOTE THAT EVEN IF A
PACKAGE DEAL WAS USED THAT TRANSIT ACCOMMODATION IN SINGAPORE
WOULD STILL BE REQUIRED.

FIFTH, ADDITIONAL FACTORS AS FOLLOWS.

ALFA. FIRST REQUIREMENT IS FOR AIRCRAFT CONFIGURATIONS CMM
INDIVIDUAL BAGGAGE ENTITLEMENTS CMM FREIGHT CAPACITIES AND
DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL AIRFIELDS IN AUSTRALIA.

BRAVO. AFTER OVERALL PLAN HAS BEEN PROMULGATED BY ANQ WE PRESUME
THAT THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL DEAL DIRECT WITH THE COMMAND HQ
DESIGNATED AS THE MOUNTING HQ FOR THE RELIEF.

CHARLIE. THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHIPPING AND RECEPTION OF SEA
BAGGAGE BOTH WAYS.

DELTA. DESPATCHING AND ADVISE NOTICE OF AIR UNACCOMPANIED
BAGGAGE.

ECHO. POSTING AND LEAVE DESTINATION OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN THIS
THEATRE.

FOXTROT. THE EMBRACING OF A PACKAGE DEAL FOR AIR TRANSPORT TO
AND ~~A~~ ON MALACCA AS OFFERED TO SINGAPORE. WE WOULD PREFER

REFERS TO MESSAGE DRAFTER'S NAME _____ OFFICE _____ TELE No. _____

CLASSIFIED YES NO

Page _____ of _____ pages

FOR OPS. USE	R	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR	D	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR	RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK
--------------	---	------	------	--------	----------	---	------	------	--------	----------	--

MESSAGE FORM

NUMBER 5

FOR COMM CEN/SIGNALS USE

184040

PRECEDENCE — ACTION	PRECEDENCE — INFO DEFERRED	DATE — TIME GROUP	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
From			PREFIX GR
To			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

THIS AS THE POOLED RESOURCES OF QANTAS AND MALAYAN AIRWAYS WOULD BETTER SOLVE THE SINGAPORE TRANSIT PROBLEM IN TERMS OF TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION.

FIFTH. ADVANCE PARTIES SHOULD PRECEDE MAIN BODIES BY ONE MONTH. THE NEW COMMANDING OFFICER SHOULD PROCEED ON A TWO WEEKS RECONNAISSANCE INDOCTRINATION VISIT TO PARELF THREE MONTHS BEFORE HIS BATTALION DEPARTS AUSTRALIA.

SIXTH. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT WHEN D MOV HAS FIRM AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITIES TO COVER THE MAIN RELIEF MONTHS THAT IS AUGUST FOR THE BATTALION OCTOBER FOR THE FIELD TROOP AND NOVEMBER FOR THE FIELD BATTERY THAT HE OR A SENIOR STAFF OFFICER SHOULD VISIT THIS HQ FOR INITIAL PLANNING AS OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE 1961 RELIEF. THE MONTHLY FIGURES SHOWN IN ANNEX 'A' TO OUR 165/1/1 OF 6 OCT WITH A LITTLE TRANSPOSITION TO ALLOW FOR THE NEW TIMINGS FOR THE BATTALION AND THE BATTERY WILL GIVE THE OVERALL MOVEMENT REQUIREMENT IN THOSE MONTHS. WE WILL HOWEVER RESUBMIT THIS ANNEX SHORTLY BROUGHT UP TO DATE BY ACTUAL ATTRITION SINCE 27 AUG 62.

Page _____ of _____ pages		REFERS TO MESSAGE CLASSIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		DRAFTER'S NAME		OFFICE		TELE No.			
FOR OPS. USE	R	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR	D	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR	RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK

[Handwritten Signature]
LT COL

SECRET

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

*Enclosure H2 to
Comd's Diary 2/63
HQ Aust Army Force*

Quote in Reply

ADDRESS HQ Aust Army Force FARELF
SINGAPORE.

5 Feb 63.

S/E/20

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

EXERCISE 'DHANARAJTA'

Reference: Austarm S/E/5 of 23 Jan 62.

Australian Contribution (Ex Aust)

1. Attached as Annex A are the postings allocated to Australia for exercise purposes with

HQ SEATO Force/Combined Exercise HQ

HQ SEATO Field Force

HQ Base Area Command.

2. The following officer postings will not be filled,

(a) HQ SEATO FORCE - one major - Int C2 - Assistant Head

(b) HQ Base Area Command

(i) One major (Ops) - Assistant G3

(ii) One major - Assistant engineer.

3. Three other rank postings have been allocated to Australia. The position regarding the attendance of other ranks from Australia has been explained to planners. It has been forecast that there will be a critical shortage of suitable NCOs for these HQs and the provision of OR personnel from Australia in place of the postings not filled (Ref Paragraph 2 above) is recommended. The positions are as shown below and are shadow posted in Australia.

HQ SEATO Force

(a) One Cpl clerk typist. E2 (Int)

(b) One Sgt Operations NCO. E3 (Ops)

HQ SEATO Field Force

(a) One Cpl clerk typist. (C4 (Logs) Movt Branch)

Final Planning Conference

4. Current plans are that the final planning conference will be held in Bangkok on 4 Mar 63 to confirm proposals as to that date and to allow detailed briefs (Control and Umpire) to be concluded. This conference takes the place of the one planned for 15 Feb 63. Revised basic plans are now being distributed. One copy is being forwarded to AHQ by the Australian Military Adviser's Representative.

SECRET

...2

SECRET

Public Relations

5. Further to paragraph 4 of the above reference. Whilst Thai planners are still working on a proposal for national consideration it appears that their thoughts were to distribute such donations as a SEATO gift. The fallacy of this in view of non participation in the exercise of three member nations was pointed out. The further fact that donating nations may desire their contribution to be identified as a national gift rather than a SEATO one was brought to notice. US, UK and NZ opinions are not available at this stage.

6. The type of gifts which will most probably be suggested are:-

- (a) School requisites - parcels of approximate cost 5-6 BT (about 2/4 - 2/9 Aust) and containing

One exercise book
One Ruler
One or more pencils and eraser.

- (b) Medical requisites - to be provided by member nations in kind and made up into gift parcels containing:-

Aspirin, paludrine
Disinfectant
Ointment/Salves
Bandages, lint, plaster etc.

7. No indication of the quantity of gifts to various areas has been suggested. However, a population check of the area in which the Commonwealth Brigade will operate shows that at the most recent census (1958) the four major towns in the area were the centre of districts populated as under:

- (a) UBON - 100,000
(b) PYBUN MANGSAHAN - 20,000
(c) AMNAT CHAREON - 10,000
(d) MUANG SAN SIP - 5,000

8. As there are numerous smaller centres between these main four any sort of equitable distribution of gifts may well be beyond the capacity of Commonwealth participants financial wise, whilst a token distribution may well cause more resentment than good will among the 'non-receivers'. These aspects were not raised with the Thai planners who conceived the scheme and they have been again asked for a firm proposal to present to National Authorities. This request will not be pressed unless directed and the idea may die a natural death on a time basis.

Cost Sharing

9. The revised proposal for proportional cost sharing for the exercise is attached at Annex B.

10. To summarize the proportional cost % is:-

- (a) THAI - 33.8
(b) US - 59.1
(c) CW - 7.1
(d) TOTAL - 100%

SECRET

...3

SECRET

11. The recommendations of the Committee reviewing cost sharing are:-

(a) That the method of determining equitable national proportions of the Exercise Pool Expenses as derived in Method B of the enclosure be approved for this exercise.

(b) That the proportional percentage thus determined (paragraph 10 (a) - (d) above) be applied to the Exercise Pool Expenses, to become effective as of E minus 16 day of this exercise (Umpire and Control personnel arrive in the training area this day).

(c) That the Exercise Pool Expenses incurred prior to E-16 be equally shared by the Sponsoring Nations. (THAILAND and UNITED STATES co-sponsors).

FARELF Planning Team

12. A team of officers was formed in SINGAPORE on 1 Feb 63 to plan FARELF participation in Exercise "DHANARAJTA". The tasks and composition of this team is detailed at Annex C.

Exercise Deputy Director

13. GHQ has requested the provision of the Exercise Deputy Director from Australia as a UK officer from FARELF is required to fill the appointment of Deputy Field Force Commander. The Exercise Deputy Director will be of Major General rank and would require an ADC. Ideally the Deputy Director is required in Bangkok from now until the end of the exercise. Please advise if this officer could be provided by Australia.



Brig
Commander Australian Army Force FARELF

DISTRIBUTION:

ASMAR BANGKOK
ASST DEF REP, SINGAPORE
GHQ G (Trg)

Internal. 3.

SECRET

SECRET

Annex A to
HQ Aust Army Force
S/E/5 of Jan 63.

AUSTRALIAN HQ POSTINGS: EX DHANARAJTA

Exercise HQ (HQ SEATO FORCE)

E2 (Intelligence)

1. Cpl Clerk Typist E4

E3 (Operations)

2. Asst E3, Colonel
3. Operations NCO, Sergeant

E4 (Logistics)

4. Asst E4, Lt Colonel

Public Information and Guest Observers Division

5. Deputy Chief, Lt Colonel

SEATO Field Force HQ

C1 (Personnel)

6. Assistant C1, Major

C2 (Intelligence)

7. C2, Colonel

C3 (Operations)

8. Ops C3 (Assistant Unconventional Warfare) Major

C4 (Logistics)

9. Plans and Operations Officer, Lt Colonel

Movements Branch

10. Movements Officer, Major

11. Clerk Typist, Corporal

C6 Comms

12. Assistant Plans Officer, Major/Captain

Adjutant General Section

Provost Marshal

13. Asst PM, Maj/Captain.

SECRET

SECRET
SECRET

Medical Section

14. Surgeon, Colonel

Legal Section

15. Asst Legal Officer, Lt Col/Major

HQ Base Area

Supply Branch

16. Supply Officer, Major

SECRET:

SECRET

CONFIDENTIAL

Headquarters
SEATO Ground Defense Exercise
BANGKOK, THAILAND
16 January 1963

From: Senior U.S. Representative
To: Senior THAI Representative
Senior New Zealand Representative
Senior Australian Representative

Subj: Exercise Pool Expenses, Proposed Proportional Cost Shares For

Ref: (a) SEAP 4
(b) SEAP 9

Encl: (1) Derivation of Exercise Pool Expenses Proportional Share
Factor

1. In accordance with reference (a), and in preparation of Annex C (Finance) to the Exercise Support Plan, the U.S. representatives have prepared a proposal for cost sharing of common expenses that will be incurred during the exercise. Enclosure (1) contains the derivation of the cost share method and contains the recommendations for its adaptation to this exercise.
2. It is requested that you review enclosure (1) for comments and/or recommendations, and that you initiate necessary procedures for expeditious approval by your respective national commanders.
3. Subsequent to your approval of this proposal, a listing of objects of expenditure to be classed as exercise pool expenses, and the estimated approximate amounts of national exercise pool expenditure will be submitted for your consideration and approval.

G. M. DAWES
Col. USMC

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

DERIVATION OF EXERCISE POOL EXPENSES PROPORTIONAL SHARE FACTORS

1. (Chap 6, para 2.c., SEAP 4) - A percentage of the exercise pool expenditure is to be borne by each participating nation. National contributions should be in direct proportion to the number of troops being exercised and/or tons of supporting material.

2. National troops participating in this exercise have been committed as follows:

THAI -	16,241	= 67.87%	of total troops
U.S. -	6,644	= 27.77%	of total troops
C.W. -	1,012	= 4.23%	of total troops
P.I. -	32	= 0.13%	of total troops
TOTAL -	23,929	= 100.00%	of total troops

3. By a literal interpretation of paragraph 1. above, proportional shares may be computed as follows:

METHOD A - Number of National Troops Committed to the Exercise

% of cost is equal to % of troops committed or computed in paragraph 2. above.

4. While METHOD A provides a simple formula that falls within the guidance of SEAP 4, it does not reflect another form of participation - equipment and material. Such a factor might be derived by considering the amount of material and equipment required for the support of the participating national forces applied to the percentage of national troops committed to the exercise. Chapter 6 of SEAP 9 (LOGISTICAL HANDBOOK) provides several logistical factors which might be effectively utilized in the determination of a suitable cost share formula.

a. Initial equipment deployed by SEATO forces is listed as 1.5 tons per man deployed. This is an average figure used for planning purposes only. Individual national initial equipment tonnage factors are as follows:

U.S.	- 1.8 tons per man
U.K., N.Z., AS, FR	- 1.6 tons per man
TH, PK, P.I.	- 1.1 tons per man

b. Consumption factors for a Brigade Group/RCT are listed as 35 lbs/man/day and for COMZ troops as 42.5 lbs/man/day. These factors are also only general planning factors and do not apply to national forces. National consumption rates for a Brigade Group/RCT type unit are as follows:

U.S., U.K., N.Z., AS, FR	- 42.5 lbs/man/day
TH, PK, P.I.	- 35.0 lbs/man/day

c. These initial equipment and consumption factors, although based here on a type Brigade Group/RCT ground unit, are, in the derivation of a standard cost share formula, applicable to all forces committed, both ground air.

Enclosure (1)

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

5. Therefore, a factor that, when applied to the number of respective national troops being exercised yields an equitable percentage for proportionally sharing the Exercise Pool Expenses, is derived from multiplying the respective national initial tonnage factors by the respective national consumption factors. Thus:

METHOD B - Percent National Troops Committed Times National Initial Equipment Factors Times National Consumption Factors.

	<u>INITIAL EQUIPMENT</u> <u>SHORT TONS/11AN</u>	X	<u>CONSUMPTION</u> <u>LBS/MAN/DAY</u>	X	<u>TROOP</u> <u>%</u>	=	<u>COMPUTATION FACTOR</u>
THAI -	1.1	X	35.0	X	67.87	=	2613
U.S. -	1.8	X	42.5	X	27.77	=	2114
C.W. -	1.6	X	42.5	X	4.23	=	284
P.I. -	1.1	X	35.0	X	0.13	=	5
							<u>5016 TOTAL</u>

	<u>COMPUTATION</u> <u>FACTOR</u>	÷	<u>SUM TOTAL OF</u> <u>COMPUTATION FACTORS</u>	=	<u>PROPORTIONAL COST %</u>
THAI -	2613	÷	5016	=	52.1
U.S. -	2114	÷	5016	=	42.1
C.W. -	284	÷	5016	=	5.7
P.I. -	5	÷	5016	=	0.1
TOTAL	<u>5016</u>				<u>100.0</u>

This method of determining proportional shares of the Exercise Pool Expenses, when applied to Exercise RAJATA and to a future hypothetical field exercise conducted in the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, compares as follows:

EXERCISE RAJATA (CPX)

	<u>ACTUAL TROOPS</u> <u>EXERCISED</u>	<u>TROOP</u> <u>%</u>	X	<u>EQUIP</u> <u>FACTOR (T/Man)</u>	X	<u>CONSUMP</u> <u>FACTOR (Lbs/Man/Day)</u>	=	<u>CONSUMPTION</u> <u>FACTOR</u>
THAI -	570	50	X	1.1	X	35	=	1925
U.S. -	500	44	X	1.8	X	42.5	=	3366
C.W. -	70	6	X	1.6	X	42.5	=	403
	<u>1140</u>	<u>100</u>						<u>5694 TOTAL</u>

	<u>COMPUTATION</u> <u>FACTOR</u>	÷	<u>SUM TOTAL</u> <u>COMP FACTORS</u>	=	<u>PROPORTIONAL COSTS</u>
THAI -	1925	÷	5694	=	33.8
U.S. -	3366	÷	5694	=	59.1
C.W. -	403	÷	5694	=	7.1
					<u>100.0 TOTAL</u>

CONFIDENTIAL

EXERCISE FUTURE PHILIPPINES (HYPOTHETICAL)

	<u>TROOPS</u> <u>EXERCISED</u>	<u>TROOP</u> <u>%</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>EQUIP</u> <u>FACTOR</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>CONSUMP</u> <u>FACTOR</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>COMPUTATION</u> <u>FACTOR</u>
THAI -	6000	28.6	X	1.1	X	35	=	1101
U.S. -	6000	28.6	X	1.8	X	42.5	=	2108
C.W. -	1000	4.6	X	1.6	X	42.5	=	322
P.I. -	8000	38.0	X	1.1	X	35	=	1463
TOTAL	21,000	100.0						<u>5,074</u> TOTAL

	<u>COMPUTATION</u> <u>FACTOR</u>	<u>+</u>	<u>SUM TOTAL</u> <u>COMP FACTOR</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>PROPORTIONAL COST</u> %
THAI -	1101	+	5074	=	21.7
U.S. -	2108	+	5074	=	41.5
C.W. -	322	+	5074	=	8.0
P.I. -	1463	+	5074	=	28.8
					<u>100.0</u> % TOTAL

6. RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. That the method of determining equitable national proportions of the Exercise Pool Expenses as derived in METHOD B be approved for this exercise.

b. That the proportional percentages thus determined by applied to the Exercise Pool Expenses, to become effective as of E-16 day of this exercise (Umpire and Control personnel arrive in the training area).

c. That the Exercise Pool Expenses incurred prior to E-16 be equally shared by the Sponsoring Nations.

CONFIDENTIAL.

SECRET

ANNEX C TO HQ Aust Army Force
S/E/20 of 5 Feb 63.

General Headquarters,
FAR EAST Land Forces,
c/o GPO SINGAPORE.

BM 8 to FE 10905 Trg.

24 Jan 63.

Distribution below:-

FORMATION OF FARELF SEATO EXERCISE PLANNING TEAM

1. A team of officers will be formed in SINGAPORE as from 1 Feb 63 to plan FARELF participation in the SEATO exercise Jun 63. It will meet periodically and conduct as much of its work as possible in SINGAPORE. Some members will be required to visit BANGKOK at times to liaise with the co sponsors.

2. The tasks of the team follow:-

- a. To review as soon as practicable, our planned participation in the exercise and recommend any changes necessary as a result of our BRUNEI commitments.
- b. To assist the co sponsors in the preparation of exercise material. In principle by reviewing and suggesting amendments to material produced by the co sponsors and, in particular, by concentrating on material which directly concerns the COMMONWEALTH Brigade.
- c. To occupy essential appointments on Exercise HQ just prior to the commencement of the Exercise at a time and in appointments mutually agreed with the co sponsors.
- d. As far as practicable, to assist the co sponsors in compiling post exercise reports.
- e. To produce GHQ instructions for the exercise as required.

3. The composition of the team will be:-

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>Subsequent Ex HQ appointments</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Brig BIDWELL BRA GHQ	Deputy C of S (CW)	Team Leader
Lt Col NEWTON GSO 1 17 Div	E 3 (Ops)	Also to be deputy Team Leader
Maj JOHNSON GSO2 AUSTARM	E 3 (Ops) AIR	Currently on Ex HQ in BANGKOK under National arrangements
Maj O'DRISCOLL GSO 2 (Air) GHQ	N/A	To cover Ops (Air) require- ments in SINGAPORE because of the absence of Maj JOHNSON in BANGKOK
Maj WISEMAN DAQMG Q Ops/Plans	E 4 (Log)	
Maj (To be detailed by Sigs GHQ)	E 6 (Sigs)	

SECRET

/2....

SECRET

- 2 -

<u>Members</u>	<u>Subsequent Ex HQ appointment</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Lt Col SWIFTE ADPR AUSTARM	PR and GOB Division	Being made available mid Feb to early Mar 63 then for exercise proper.
Maj VAUGHAN-JOHNSON DADPR GHQ	N/A	To cover PR requirements in SINGAPORE during absence Lt Col SWIFTE
Maj to be detailed by 17 Div	Demonstration/Parade Division	Integrated Aust Army Officer
Offr to be detailed by Q (Mov)	Tn Board	
Maj GIBB GSO 2 (Trg) GHQ	N/A	Team Secretary/coordinator Available for duty in SINGAPORE and for visit to BANGKOK.
Mr MARTIN ACS, Command Secretariat	N/A	To cover financial aspects exercise planning in SINGAPORE. May be required to fill appointment subsequently on Exercise HQ in comptroller Division in our own interest. Not asked for by co sponsors at present.
Lt Col ROUSE AA & QMG AUSTARM GHQ	N/A	To provide liaison with AHQ CANBERRA and assist team on matters on National concern.
Maj JOPLIN DA & QMG NEWZARM GHQ	N/A	To provide liaison with AHQ WELLINGTON and assist team on matters of National concern.
Air Force representative FEAF	N/A	To effect liaison with HQ FEAF who have been requested to provide.

4. No changes in these appointments will be permitted without the express permission of the head of the team.

5. The head of the team will work:

- a. to BGS, GHQ on matters of policy
- b. to the co sponsors through the permanent liaison officer (Maj NEATH) at Exercise HQ BANGKOK.
- c. to HQ FEAF through the team RAF Liaison Officer.
- d. to AHQ CANBERRA and AHQ WELLINGTON through the team Liaison officer of each country. In addition, he will visit BANGKOK monthly to effect high level liaison with the co sponsors.

SECRET

/3

SECRET

- 3 -

6. The team secretary will provide a background brief for the team. In addition, the head of the team should liaise with Brig BOWRING who led a team to BANGKOK in Dec 62 in connection with the exercise.

It is appreciated that the formation of this team and our participation in the Exercise will place a severe strain on certain branches and units in FARELF. However our policy is to participate to the maximum extent practicable and every effort will be made to overcome the numerous problems which inevitable will arise.

John V. ...
General.
Commander in Chief
FAR EAST Land Forces.

Distribution

17 GURKHA Division/OCLF

GHQ

G (ops)	Q (Mov)
PR	Comd Sec
Arty	
Sigs	AUSTARM
Q (Ops & Plans)	NEWZARM

Info

FAR EAST Command
FAR EAST Air Force
SINGAPORE Base District

GHQ

MA/C in C	G (SD)
MA/C of S	Engr
BGS	PA/AG Coord
G (Int)	

CW Liaison Offr BANGKOK (Major NEATH)

SECRET

Enclosure H 3 to
HQ Aust Army Force
Comd's Diary 2/63

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Quote in Reply:

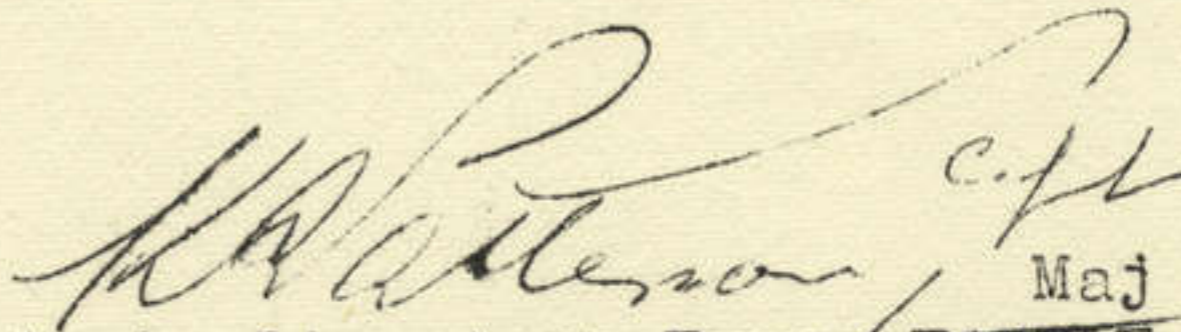
31/1/10

HQ Aust Army Force FARELF
SINGAPORE

6 Feb 63

HQ AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE FARELF
STAFF INSTRUCTION 1/63

To assist in coordination at Army Headquarters, all **signal** correspondence referring to the relief of the force will have the originators prefix AUST SD.


Maj
GS Australian Army Force FARELF

Distribution:

Comd

Dep Comd

G Branch (2)

A Branch (2)

Q Branch (3)

DADSR

DAD Hirings

Adm Offr

Legal Offr

Records


Pay

Orderly Room (2)

PR

Edn

Red Cross

Comds Diary (2) 

File

SECRET:

Enclosure H4 to
HQ Aust Army Force
Comd's Diary 2/63

S/A/3

HQ Aust Army Force

FARELF

SINGAPORE

9 Feb 63.

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA.

RAEME PERSONNEL FOR 7 RECCE FLIGHT AAC

GHQ memorandum FE 6004/1 Ops of 5 Feb 63, which refers to the possible provision of RAEME personnel for the Flight Workshop of 7 Recce Flight AAC, is subtended:

- "1. In order to meet current AAC commitments without requesting reinforcements from UK, we are planning to issue three Auster Mk 9 from theatre reserve stocks. Pilots and technical personnel are available to man these extra aircraft from 656 Squadron.
2. This will absorb the present surplus of REEME technicians, in the Squadron, which was intended to cover the introduction of the Scout later this year, whose servicing task will require these extra personnel.
3. If the pressure produced by current BORNEO Operations has not eased by the time the Scouts arrive, we shall still be in difficulty over the extra servicing manpower. DLAW has suggested that 16 Light Aircraft Squadron might now be in a position to provide RAEME aircraft tradesmen for the Flight Workshop of 7 Flight, which supports the Commonwealth Strategic Reserve Brigade. This would make the flight which already has two NZ and one AUSTRALIAN pilot, a truly integrated Commonwealth sub-unit.
4. DLAW intends to discuss this subject with Army HQ and 16 Squadron when he visits AUSTRALIA next month. You may wish to advise CANBERRA so that they have advance warning. We will find out the numbers and types of RAEME tradesmen involved in this proposal and let you know later. "


Brig
Commander Australian Army Force FARELF

SECRET:

Comd's Diary

Enclosure H5 to
HQ Aust Army Force
Comd's Diary 2/63

CONFIDENTIAL

HQ Australian Army Force FARELF
SINGAPORE

Quote in
reply:
36/5/4

// FEB 63.

COMMANDER AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE FARELF

MONTHLY REPORT - 12/62

Reference: AHQ Directive to Comd Aust Army
Force FARELF.

General

1. This report covers the period 1 - 31 Dec 62.

State of Force

2. Attached at Annex 'A' is the statistical report covering the state of the force during the period.

Training

3. a. 103 Fd Battery conducted a Subject 'B' course for first promotion from 4 - 19 Dec - All students (12) qualified in the examination held on 20/21 Dec 62.
b. The regimental Basic TARA and Basic Signallers course continued throughout December. Range practices were conducted on the 7, 10, 11, and 14 Dec. 28 Bde conducted vehicle driver tests for battery personnel on 7 Dec 62.
4. 4 Fd Tp conducted Subject 'A' and 'C' courses for first promotion and promotion to Sergeant during 3 - 17 Dec. The remainder of the month was spent on reconditioning stores and airportability practices.
5. 2 RAR stood down for annual leave from 10 Dec 62 - 7 Jan 63.

Visitors

6. Major General T S TAYLOR, MVO, MC, Deputy Chief of the General Staff visited SINGAPORE and MALAYA during 9 - 13 Dec 62. Official calls were made in SINGAPORE and Australian units in Terendak were visited.

Visits to SOUTH VIETNAM

7. Four officers visited SOUTH VIETNAM during December proceeding direct to and from SAIGON.

Malaria Incidence - 2 RAR Border Operations

8. Attached is a report on the incidence of malaria in 2 RAR while on Border Operations during Sep/Oct 62, submitted by Capt RODGERS, RMO 2 RAR (our 36/5/4 of 20 Nov 62 refers)

Distribution

AHQ CANBERRA (7)

C in C FARELF (1)

GOC 17 GURKHA Division (1)

Comd 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp (1)

Commander Australian Army Force FARELF

Comd's Diary (2)

File (1)

MALARIA - BORDER OPS 1 AUG - 10 OCT

General

1. There have been an inordinately large number of malaria cases since 2 RAR has been on Border Operations in Kedah and Perlis - North Malaya. These notes consist of the RMO's observations which it is hoped may give an insight into the problems facing units in this theatre. There can be no one cause for the high rate but is the sum of several inter-related contributing factors.

Statistics

2. See Annex III.

3. In any clinical infection one can equate the resistance of the host and the virulence of the parasite.

Resistance of the Host

4. a. Excessive fatigue
b. Food
c. Sleep
d. Physical environment
e. Associated illness
f. Suppressive or prophylactic drugs.

Virulence of the Parasite

5. In malaria this could be called "Degree of Endemicity" which is determined by a variety of related factors the most important of which are:-

- a. The prevalence in man - the reservoir
b. The species of indigenous anopheline mosquito and their abundance.
c. The presence of susceptible human population - 2 RAR
d. Local climatic, geographical and hydrographic conditions which determine the mosquito breeding areas.
e. The sensitivity or resistance of the parasite to suppressive drugs.

Resistance of the Host

6. a. A break through of clinical activity will occur in the presence of excessive fatigue. On operations, particularly following the first C.T. contact and the later C.T. camp finds, the Rifle Coys had long periods of strenuous and prolonged physical activity. Many troops were seen with minor degrees of acute fatigue.
b. Food. During the 10 weeks all Coys have existed on the British Pattern 24 hour ration pack. Most soldiers agree that these are good rations over a short period.
Disadvantages are:-

(1) Monotony. After several weeks the soldier dislikes some items he normally would accept.

2/....

- (2) The problem of bulk. Most soldiers have had to carry seven days ration into the jungle. It is ridiculous and impossible to stow there in a 1944 pattern haversack which appears to be designed for one. Consequently through this specific items all discarded. The soldier usually discards the same item from each pack. After a month or two of this the soldier develops a minor nutritional deficiency. Every soldier in 2 RAR on operations lost at least 8 lb. Some soldiers lost 2 stones.
- c. There is no lack of SLEEP whilst patrolling.
- d. Physical environment. Excessive activity in the humid lowlands in which 2 RAR were operating tends to fatigue the soldier much quicker probably through Salt lack. It also dulls the appetite. The soldiers appear much happier working in undulating terrain.
- e. The suppressive drug for 2 RAR is Paludrine. One tablet taken morning and evening throughout operations the Platoon Commanders administered this religiously - two subalterns had just been interviewed by the Bde Commander. Several soldiers admitted missing paludrine whilst on leave. These soldiers developed BT malaria. In BT malaria paludrine is a suppressive at the erythrocytic stage of schizogony - a schizonticide. In MT malaria paludrine is actually a prophylactic and must act at the preerythrocytic stage.
- f. In much the same way as excessive fatigue any acute illness can precipitate a clinical malaria. This was evident in four cases of leptospirosis.

Virulence of Parasite

7. In malaria this could be called "degree of endemicity" which is determined by a variety of inter-related factors:-

- a. Prevalence in man - the reservoir.

The RMO and Hyg inspector did a malaria reconnaissance of the area as marked in Annex 2.

Thirty five natives were examined. The spleens felt varied in size but not one was seen that was not protruding into (L) iliac fossa. Some spleens were grossly enlarged. One was so gross that the child had great difficulty in sitting.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Number Examined</u>	<u>Spleens Palp</u>
0 - 2	6	6
2 - 9	9	8
9 - 20	11	11
20 -	8	8
TOTAL	34	33

These figures are not comprehensive but are enough to say that the area was hyperendemic.

- b. A cursory inspection of the mosquitos in the area showed several species of the anopheline. All mosquitos were abundant.
- c. The new host: In the close vicinity of the area marked in Annex 2 A.B.C. and elements of Sp, D and BHQ had camps at various periods. See Annex I. Indeed A Coy was camped 400 yards from the kampong at one stage. As can be seen by the graph (Annex I) each

3/....

coy developed MT or clinical malaria within the incubation period of being in this specific area (10 - 13 days). Those troops who did not go into this area did not get MT malaria with one exception.

- d. Throughout the area were thousands of buffalo wallows, stagnant pools padi, creeks. There was mosquito breeding in all of these. The area is a humid lowland area. The season was not particularly wet. (there was active mosquito breeding in pools.)
- e. Although not shown on the map there is quite a deal of old rubber in Perlis. To the north of the road on the map are old plantations. According to several Malays questioned some people in that area particularly rubber tappers were given irregular doses of paludrine. It seems probable that a resistant strain of MT malaria has been manufactured.

8. There were four cases of BT malaria in 10 weeks. Three of the soldiers admitted to the RMO that they had missed paludrine for a few days whilst on leave. Control is difficult when soldiers have an alcoholic bout for 7 days. (see Annex III)

Summary

9. There is a resistant strain of malignant Fertian malaria in the northern part of Perlis State. This resistant strain as well as nutritional deficiency and physical fatigue seems to be the main cause of the high rate.

10. A second cause is the missing of paludrine during leave periods mostly up to one week.

Recommendations

11. RMO recommends that whilst on operations chloroquine tabs. weekly be given as well as daily paludrine. This was suggested in March 1962 but refused by medical authorities. This would not detract anything from the discipline of the soldiers or their confidence in paludrine. Since the first four or five cases of malaria the soldiers have had almost a menace for taking paludrine mainly I suspect to disprove my ascertations that "paludrine will suppress malaria". They are convinced now that paludrine will not stop MT malaria especially when they see their platoon commanders and NCO succumbing. Chloroquine would also ensure that soldiers going on leave for up to a week had adequate care. Many soldiers are now buying chloroquine at the local chemists shops.

12. These notes are intended to excuse the Bn for the high rate of malaria.

(Sgd) W.O. RODGERS RMO
2 RAR

TOTAL MALARIA - 1 AUG - 10 OCT

COY	A	B	C	D	SP	ADM	BHQ
CLINICALS MALARIA	5	-	-	2	-	-	-
CASES MT	7	6	5	-	2	1	1
CASES BT	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
RELEASE	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
COMBINED WITH OTHER DISEASE	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CASES	12	8	6	2	2	1	1
TOTAL CONFIRMED NEW CASES	8	8	5	-	2	1	1

CONFIDENTIAL:

Annex A to
HQ Aust Army Force
36/5/4 of Feb 63.

HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE FARELF REPORT

DEC 1962 - No. 12/62

GENERAL

1. This report covers the period 1 - 31 Dec 62.

STATE OF THE FORCE

2. The state of the force during this period was as follows:-

<u>Establishment</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Singapore	44	111	155
Malaya	98	1066	1164
<u>Posted Strength</u>			
Singapore	44	103	147
Malaya	93	1073	1166

3. The above figures include one Salvation Army and three Red Cross Representatives.

4. The location of families in Singapore/Malaya as at 31 Dec 62 were:-

	<u>WIVES</u>	<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SINGAPORE	101	211	312
PENANG	1	1	2
SEREMBAN	9	21	30
MALACCA	338	680	1018
JOHORE BAHRU	4	3	7
TOTALS -	<u>453</u>	<u>916</u>	<u>1369</u>

CONFIDENTIAL

MESSAGE FORM

Enclosure #6 to
HQ Aust Army Force
Cond's Diary 2/63

S/D/11

NUMBER.....

FOR COMM CEN/SIGNALS USE

S/D/11

Feb 63

PRECEDENCE — ACTION ROUTINE	PRECEDENCE — INFO DEFERRED	DATE — TIME GROUP	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
From AUSTARN SINGAPORE			PREFIX GR
To ARMY CANBERRA			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SECRET:
Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER 16

YOUR SD 244 G/OP 102345Z. BORNEO OPERATIONS, FOLLOWING
AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL IN BORNEO,
237612 MAJ R B FRANKS FORT COMMANDANT LANGKAT (MOV ON 30E PARCEL)
237660 MAJ R O BEACROFT GLO 17 GURKHA DIV
335112 CAPT R T WILLING HQ 3 ASSO
17063 LT R B SCHLYDER 1/7 GURKHA RIFLES
13894 LT J N O'NEILL QUEENS ROYAL IRISH HUSSARS
242725 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ LT B R SULLIVAN QUEENS ROYAL
IRISH HUSSARS.

Page _____ of _____ pages		REFERS TO MESSAGE CLASSIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		DRAFTER'S NAME K. PATTERSON		OFFICE	TIME No.				
FOR OPS. USE	R	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR	D	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR	RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK CAPT

*Enclosure H7 to Hq Aust Army Force
Comd's Diary 2/63 51017*

RESTRICTED

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Quote in Reply
S/O/7

ADDRESS HQ Aust Army Force
GHQ FARELF
SINGAPORE

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA (10)

✓ Feb 63

AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISHMENT
INFANTRY BATTALION - BRITISH COMMONWEALTH FAR EAST
STRATEGIC RESERVE - AUST VIII/320/1 (TE)
UK FE 1338/3/61 (P & W) (REGT)

Reference: AHQ SD 21841 of 240500Z Dec 62 - 'A'
Austarm S/O/7 of 21 Jan 63 - 'B'
2 RAR 132/3/4 of 12 Jan 63 - 'C'

1. Reference 'D' detailing suggested amendments to the above establishment, is forwarded herewith for Army Headquarters consideration.
2. This Headquarters agrees with the suggested amendments. It is recommended that the barracks staff increment, as detailed in paragraph eight of Reference 'C' be implemented with the other amendments.
3. No alteration has been made to the scaling of first reinforcements for the battalion. It is noted that the first reinforcement scale listed in the establishment (10 officers and 156 OR) which is based on one month's wastage at the intense rate, varies from the reinforcement scale listed at Appendix 1 to Annex B to E Comd Op Instr 2/61 of 3 May 61 (revised 10 Jan 62). The latter figures are 7 Offrs and 141 OR, based on wastage from all causes in the first month subject to replacement from AUSTRALIA. For information, the UK battalion first reinforcement scale is 6 Offr and 128 OR and that for the NZ battalion is 9 Offrs and 176 OR. Further reinforcements for these battalions are provided as required.
4. It is accepted that the battalion, if committed to operations in Plan TAFFY, will operate initially with a rifle section organisation of one corporal and six OR. This is acceptable providing the sections are reinforced to this minimum effective strength. Subsequently the rifle companies should be made up to full strength by 108 fillers by which the battalion is underimplemented.
5. Our recommendation, that the initial infantry battalion element of Plan REFIT provide first reinforcements as well as fillers (Reference 'B' refers), is applicable to the battalion as amended by Reference 'C'.
6. GHQ clearance is awaited and any GHQ comments will be advised by signal.

[Signature]
Brig
Comd Australian Army Force FARELF

RESTRICTED

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

In reply please
quote: 132/3/4

2nd Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
Terendak Camp
MALACCA

12 Jan 63

HQ Aust Army Force FARELF (14)

AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISHMENT
INFANTRY BATTALION - BRITISH COMMONWEALTH FAR EAST
STRATEGIC RESERVE
AUST VIII/320/1 (TE)
UK FE 1338/3/61 (P&W)(Regt)

Reference: Conversation DCGS/CO 2 RAR
" Comd Austarm/CO 2 RAR
MBI 81-1

1. As directed, amendments to the establishment of an infantry battalion in BCFESR are forwarded herewith. It is recommended that the establishment be amended prior to the reorganization of 3 RAR. It will be noted that the new proposal reduces the establishment to 720 a reduction of eight all ranks.
2. An endeavour has been made to make the organization as compatible as possible with its British and New Zealand counterpart. However any attempt at further standardization poses the question of disbandment of Support Company. It has been the experience of 2 RAR that the retention of a Support Company is a more efficient organization than building up Rifle Companies by attaching supporting arms. The retention of Support Companies gives the CO the necessary flexibility particularly in this theatre where because of difficulties of terrain company groups would have to be constantly broken down because supporting weapons cannot be carried across country at infantry pace. The most likely movement of mortars or anti-tank guns is by helicopter which is best organized on a battalion basis. British COs generally seem to favour the retention of Support Company and point out that the Company Group organization is dictated by external worldwide consideration of British Army policy rather than suitability for his area.
3. It is considered therefore that the conversion of the Aust battalion to a Company Group basis would result in a loss of operational efficiency. As the Support weapons etc are the same in all battalions a difference in internal organization should have no effect on the functioning of the Comwel Bde.
4. Whilst retaining Support Company some standardization can be achieved by reducing the numbers of mortars from eight to six. It has been found in exercises over the past twelve months that limitations on ammunition make six mortars the most efficient fire unit. A reduction has therefore been recommended.
5. The major organizational change proposed is a reorganization of rifle platoons to ensure that in the event of the unit being brought up to its war establishment, the increase in personnel can be absorbed in the battalion without the disadvantages of a major reorganization. It is proposed therefore that rifle platoons be organized into four sections comprising 1 NCO and 6 men. The REFIT requirement would

2/...

remain as 108 ORs. These ORs would provide two reinforcements for each rifle section plus one rifleman on Pl HQ to make up the second man on the two inch mortar. The only overall change involved would be the upgrading of one private to Cpl in each platoon (total 12 for bn) with a compensating reduction of 12 Cpls to Ptes in the REFIT increment. No overall change in manpower is involved.

6. There are weaknesses in the current establishment in the transport platoon. In this theatre the transport is run along British administrative lines and the present establishment has been unable to cope with the extra administrative burden. The running of POL accounts, FAMTO stores and the extra clerical work warrant an increase of three personnel. In addition the absence of drivers to drive the four $\frac{1}{2}$ ton prime movers in the Anti-Tk Pl and the Pioneer Pl Stores Truck has seriously hampered the operation of these platoons. However by reducing the overall number of vehicles in the battalion by nine it is possible to rectify these discrepancies without any increase in establishment.

7. Another weakness has been in the number of RAEME personnel. Because of REME policy units are expected to do far more unit repair than in Australia. A detailed case for an increase in Establishment was forwarded under cover of our 132/3/4 of 20 Aug 62. It is considered that this increase can be offset by a reduction in AACC personnel.

8. Another additional burden in this theatre is the work involved in handling Barrack Stores under the British system. The present establishment makes no provision for these additional duties and the Australian battalion is under a severe disadvantage compared with its British counterpart. Our 132/3/6 of 10 Apr 62 proposed that a Barracks increments should be provided for Canberra Lines and should comprise the following :-

One WO Class 2
One Cpl
One Clerk (Pte)

You will recall that this proposal was not approved by AHQ. Since the date of original submission experience has shown that the British requirements are even more stringent than was then envisaged and the saving in manpower will probably have/be balanced against discrepancies in the Barracks Stores Account. You may consider it an appropriate time to reopen this subject with a view to either having the personnel as a separate increment or even as part of the unit establishment to offset the proposed overall reduction of eight all ranks. No provision for this increment has been made in this submission.

9. As directed consideration has also been given to the REFIT requirement during the period until 2 RAR is relieved. It is considered that in the event of 2 RAR being committed the extra "bayonets" are required to strengthen the fighting element of the battalion. The present plan provides for the raising of an extra section in each platoon and it is considered that there should be no change to the present plan.

10. Annex A sets out the amendments in detail while Annex B gives detailed reasons to support each proposed amendment.

AB Stutton
Lt Cpl
CO

Proposed Amendment to Establishment
Infantry Battalion - British Commonwealth Far East Strategic Reserve
AUST VIII/320/1 (TE)
UK FE 1338/3/61 (P&W)(Regt)

1. Add new line and amend existing lines indicated to read as follows:-

Line	Detail	Corps Code	Employment Code	Battalion Headquarters	Administrative Company				Support Company					Four Rifle Companies(Each)				
					Company Headquarters	Medical Platoon	Quartermaster Platoon	Total Administrative Coy	Company Headquarters	Mortar Platoon	Signal Platoon	Anti-Tank Platoon	Assault Pioneer Platoon	Total Support Company	Company Headquarters	Three Rifle Platoons (Each)	Total Rifle Company	Total Infantry Battalion BCFESR
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)	(R)	(S)
47	Regimental Duty NCOs	40	752	-	-	-	1(P)	1	-	4	-	1	-	5	-	1	3	18
53	Total Staff Sergeants & Sergeants			4	1	2	4	7	1	4	2	1	1	9	1	1	4	36
63	Mortar numbers	40	581	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	5
67	Storemen (infantry)	40	819	-	-	-	(F)4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
72	Clerks (General Duties)	40	233	-	-	-	4	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5
73	Drivers	40	302	(h)1	1	1	4	6	2	3	1	4	1	11	1	-	1	22
74	Driver/Batmen	40	303	7	1	1	3	5	-	1	2	1	1	5	-	-	-	17
81	Mortar numbers	40	581	-	-	-	-	-	-	(j)18	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	18
89	Total, Rank and File			25	4	27	28	54	6	28	38	18	27	117	7	40	127	704
90	Total, Other Ranks			31	6	30	28	64	8	32	40	19	28	127	9	41	132	750

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)	(R)	(S)
91	Total, all ranks			36	7	30	30	67	9	34	42	20	29	134	11	42	137	785
94	Corporal (Postal Orderly)	23	676	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
113	Fitters (Small Arms)	78	365	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
114	Vehicle Mechanics	78	938	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
119	Pte (Cooks)	58	253				3	3	3					3	2		2	14
121A	Pte, Clerk (Pay)	90	238	(L)1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
122	Total attached			2	1	8	21	30	4	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	4	52
124	attached			38	8	38	51	97	13	34	42	20	29	138	15	42	141	837
125	Delete all details																	
128	Trucks, utility, ¼ Ton GS			5	1	-	4	5	1	4	3	-	1	9	1	-	1	23
129	Trucks utility, ¼Ton GS , fitted with stretcher frame			-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
136	Trailer, Cargo ½Ton Lightweight			6	1	2	4	7	1	4	3	-	1	9	1	-	1	26
137	Trailer, Tank Water, 80 gallon			1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	6
138	Light Machine Guns, .303 in (n)			2	-	-	3	3	1	3	-	4	4	12	1	4	13	69
140	Mortars 3-inch			-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	6
141	Rocket Launchers, 3.5 inch			1	-	-	2	2	1	3	-	-	-	4	1	1	4	23
171) 172) 174)	Delete all details																	
175	Riflemen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	27	108

Insert new note (p) and detail:-

194 (p) Performs duties as Sergeant, Regimental Institute.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISHMENT
INFANTRY BATTALION - BRITISH COMMONWEALTH FAR EAST STRATEGIC RESERVE
AUST VIII/320/1(TE)
UK FE 1338/3/61(P&W)REGT)

1. Detailed reasons to support proposed amendments in Annex 'A' are as follows:

Line	Amendment	Reasons
47.	Additional Sergeant Regimental Duty NCO in QM Platoon and delete one Sgt in Mortar Platoon	1. Required because of peculiarities in this theatre of dealings with Regimental Contractors and also the responsibility for management of Regimental Funds, Regimental Property sub account ^{etc} . There is a compensating reduction of a Mortar Platoon Sergeant which means that there is no change to the overall number of Sergeants in the unit.
63.	Reduction of Mortar Platoon by one Corporal.	1. Reduction of platoon by one section
67.	Additional two corporal storemen(Infantry) in QM Platoon	1. Both NCOs required for Transport Section. One is required to run POL accounts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. (1) During the past twelve months over 5000 issue vouchers have been raised for repayment by other than Australian units. (2) The POL point is open for minor British units for 24 hours per day during various months of the year. (3) The accountancy between components(British, New Zealand, Malay, RAR) is an additional workload. (4) Both British and New Zealand units have NCOs in charge of their POL point. b. The other NCO is required to handle FAMTO stores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Because of the British system there is a greater holding of FAMTO stores within units and is a separate stores account. (2) A detailed/ ^{knowledge} of NATO FAMTO part numbers and stores accounting is required. c. The increase in the Transport Section of two NCOs, together with the NCO driver in Support Company, gives the transport five NCOs (1 Sgt, 4 Cpls). A British battalion has a Warrant Officer, two Sergeants and four Corporals. Even after taking into account the proposed increase the Australian Battalion is still at a disadvantage compared with its British counterpart

Line	Amendment	Reason
73	Increase of four drivers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is offset by a reduction of eight driver/batmen with no increase in the number of batmen. 2. The reduction of drivers and driver/batmen has been effected/ reducing the overall number of vehicles and a redistribution to overcome deficiencies in the current establishment where some vehicles were without drivers: eg Trucks 2½ Ton (ammunition) vehicle on Bn HQ, Anti-Tank Platoon (four), Assault Pioneer Platoon (one). 3. If the driver for the prime movers in the Anti-Tank Platoon has to come from the crews, crews are reduced to one corporal and one private. This is insufficient to operate the 120-MM MOBAT. The addition of a driver to each crew is therefore essential
74	Decrease of eight driver/ Batmen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. See remarks line 73. 2. The present establishment provides for two batmen and two driver/batmen on each Rifle Company Headquarters. This appears to be an error in the current establishment.
81	Decrease of six Mortar numbers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduction of the Mortar Platoon by one section.
94	Increase Corporal Postal Orderly (RAE)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no delivery to home addresses in Camp Terendak. 2. The Postal Orderly has to handle both inwards and outwards mail of all dependents in the unit. 3. There is no civil post office in Camp Terendak, the postal orderly therefore has to handle all telegrams, money orders etc. 4. All units have found it necessary to employ an additional orderly. Because of responsibility of handling monies etc., he should be an NCO.
113	Increase of two Fitters (small arms) (RAEME)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. British system of repair throws a greater workload on unit armourers. Also in this climate there is a much greater deterioration. 2. At times it has been necessary to misemploy up to five soldiers on armourers duties. DEME (Aust) on a recent visit gave his support to this amendment.
114	Increase of two craftsmen vehicle mechanics (RAEME)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The present establishment has proved incapable of meeting the commitment. Under the British system the unit has to carry out items of repair which would normally be done in workshops. 2. On a British Establishment there are eight vehicle mechanics and one craftsman electrician. 3. Under the proposed amendment the Australian Battalion would still have two less than its British Counterpart. 4. Because of the FFR vehicles, one of the vehicle mechanics should be a craftsman electrician.

Line	Amendment	Reason
119	Decrease of six Private Cooks (AICC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A reduction of one per rifle company and two in Administrative Company is proposed. 2. The present establishment is designed to cook for a Pentropic Rifle Company which is considerably larger. Six cooks would appear to be more than adequate for Administrative Company. 3. In Camp Terendak, where cooking is on a battalion basis from one central kitchen, even a greater saving is possible, however, the proposal is based on the requirement for field conditions where each company may be required to cook individually.
121A	Increase of one clerk pay (RAAPC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The additional pay and allowances peculiar to this theatre and the volume of claims justify an additional clerk.
125	Decrease of one motor cycle.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Experience has shown no use for this vehicle in the Anti-Tank Platoon or elsewhere in the unit in this terrain.
128	Decrease of eight Trucks $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton GS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Experience has shown that one $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton vehicle per rifle company is sufficient. Also each section of mortars plus ammunition can be carried on one vehicle. However, it has been found that an extra vehicle is required in the Quarter-Master Platoon. 2. The overall result is a saving of eight vehicles.
129.	Decrease of one Truck $\frac{1}{4}$ Ton (ambulance)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One fitted $\frac{1}{4}$ Ton vehicle is sufficient. Further fittings are held to convert other vehicles if required.
136	Decrease of eight Trailers $\frac{1}{2}$ ton Cargo Lightweight	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduction of eight trailers is consequent of reduction of eight $\frac{1}{4}$ Ton Trucks.
137	Increase of one trailer tank water, 80 gallon	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Required by Battalion Headquarters and towed by the $2\frac{1}{2}$ Ton vehicle .
138	Increase of eleven LMGs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One LMG required for the fourth section in each platoon. 2. Decrease of one LMG in reduction of mortar platoon by one section.
140	Decrease of two mortars 3-in	See covering letter.

Line	Amendment	Reason
141	Decrease of one Rocket Launchers 3.5-in	1. Reduction of one in mortar platoon
171) 172) 174)	Delete all detail	1. NCOs and MG numbers now held within the unit. 2. See para 5 of covering memo
175	Increase by 36 privates	1. Compensated by decrease in NCOs and MG numbers. See lines 171, 172 and 174.

C O P Y

*Enclosure 48 to HQ Aust Army Force
Comd's Diary 2/63*

ROUTINE

210940 Z FEB 63

FM: AUSTARM SINGAPORE

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

CONFD

A/2

AHQ OPS 3249 AND AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION CABLEGRAM 107. MOODIE AND WIERSEMA.

- ONE. SOLDIERS STILL HELD ON PULAU SAMBU AN ISLAND APPROXIMATELY EIGHT MILES SOUTH OF SINGAPORE
- TWO. INDONESIAN CONSULATE SINGAPORE IS STILL AWAITING ADVICE FROM DJAKARTA.
- THREE. WE HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED BOTH SOLDIERS WELL LOOKED AFTER.
- FOUR. OTHER INFORMAL SOURCES (BRITISH OIL COMPANY) INDICATE SOLDIERS ARE IN SHELL REST HOUSE UNDER SURVEILLANCE BUT NOT CLOSE CUSTODY OF INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES. COMMUNICATION WITH THEM IS RESTRICTED. BECAUSE OF HIS NAME AND ACCENT WIERSEMA LABELLED SUSPECT.
- FIVE. AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION SINGAPORE HAVE REQUESTED ADVICE FROM CANBERRA WHETHER TO TRY TO EXPEDITE MATTER.
- SIX. WILL FORWARD SITUATION REPORT EVERY THREE DAYS OR ON ANY CHANGE IN SITUATION

C O P Y

Enclosure HQ to Hq Aust Army Force

SECRET:

Comd's Diary 2/63

HQ Aust Army Force FARELF
SINGAPORE

S/A/3

22 Feb 63.

GHQ Ops 3 (Air)

RAEME PERSONNEL FO 7 RECCE FLIGHT AAC

Reference: FE 6004/1 Ops of 5 Feb 63.

Army Headquarters signal SD 3237, answering our enquiry regarding the provision of RAEME personnel for 7 Recce Flight AAC is subtended -

SECRET SD 3237 REF YOUR S/A/3 OF 9 FEB 63. RAEME PERS FOR 7 RECCE FLT. ALL LT AC MAINT AND SERVICING FOR 16 ARMY LT AC SQN IS PERFORMED BY ATT RAAF TECH FLT. AT PRESENT NO RAEME TRADESMEN ARE TRAINED IN AIRCRAFT SERVICING. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO AHQ DLAW WAS ADVISED OF OUR INABILITY TO MEET ANY SUCH COMMITMENT.

Major
GS Australian Army Force FARELF

SECRET:

C O P Y

*Enclosure H 10 to HQ Aust Army Force
Comd's Diary 2/63*

230440Z FEB 63

ROUTINE

FM: AUSTARM SINGAPORE

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

CONF

A 7

OUR A 12 OF 210940 Z. MOODY AND WIERSEMA.

- ONE. INDONESIAN MILITARY ATTACHE SINGAPORE ADVISED AUST
COMMISSION BY LETTER DATED 22 FEB THAT MOODY AND WIERSEMA
ESCAPED FROM CUSTODY ON 20 FEB AT 0030 HRS. HE STATES
THAT THEY MAY BE ON A TANKER JANE MAERSK FLYING DANISH
FLAG ON ROUTE TO KAWASAKI JAPAN OR HORN CLIPPER BOUND
FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FLYING NORWEGIAN FLAG OR IN
SINGAPORE.
- TWO. OTHER INFORMANT CONFIRMS ABOVE AND STATES THEY HAD BEEN
MIXING QUITE FREELY WITH LOCALS ON THE ISLAND.
- THREE. PROVOST SINGAPORE AND MALAYA INFORMED.
- FOUR. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

C O P Y

COPY

*Endorse J1 to HQ Aust Army Force
Comd's Diary 2/63*

CONFIDENTIAL

C.E.P.O.
GHQ FARELF,
C/O GPO SINGAPORE.

Tel. 2801 Ext. 287.

5 Feb 63

HQ Australian Army Force,
FARELF.

Subject:- REDUNDANCY - LOCALLY ENGAGED CIVILIANS

Reference your letter 62/1/1 dated 14 January 1963.

1. It is confirmed that locally engaged civilian employees of Austarm are:-

- (a) provided through CEPO under the same terms as requirements are met in Establishments of the War Department in Singapore;
- (b) governed by the same conditions of service as W.D. employees;
- (c) included in the appropriate island-wide Seniority Rolls for promotion or redundancy purposes;
- (d) eligible for consideration for any vacancies which may occur in other Establishments for which they may be qualified.

2. With regard to the employees referred to in your letter, normal wastage, resignations, etc., have reduced the number of surplus Clerks and Typists to the extent that neither Nonis nor Sim is likely to be affected by the current redundancy exercise (i.e. up to April 1964). As far as Peons are concerned, much will depend on the number of redundant employees in other grades who have a reversion right to this one and choose to exercise it. As Misbah is one of the most junior he might be affected, in which case he would have the right to revert to his former grade and a more senior Peon would be made available for your H.Q.

(SGD)

for C.E.P.O.
(F. CHADWICK)

FC/JC

C O P Y

Enclosure J2 to HQ Aust Army
Force Comd's Diary 2/63

1/2/2

HQ Aust Army Forces FARELF
SINGAPORE

8 Feb 63

AHQ CANBERRA

(Asst Sec 'F')

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN
ARMY FORCE FARELF - SINGAPORE

Reference: Department of Army A 259/1/589 of 20 Sep 61
" " A 259/1/589 of 16 Jan 62

We have now been advised that the bill for erecting huts 43A and 44A amounting to £1379.0.6. was included in the Command Paymasters Claim No. 2. against this Headquarters and was paid in Jan 1957 less elements for Engineer Stores and 15% agency fee.

We have also had it confirmed that Hut 41A was built and paid for by Australia although this building is not at present occupied by us.

It appears that about 1956 Hut 41A was exchanged for an attap hut closer to Austarm HQ. No change of ownership was involved in this administrative arrangement.

Advice would be appreciated whether the above information has any influence upon the expression of view contained in your letter of 20 Sep 61 in respect of rental for accommodation in the new GHQ office block if this is built.

Brig
Commander Australian Army Force FARELF

C O P Y

*enclosure J3 to HQ Aust Army Force
Comd's Diary 2/63*

FROM: ARMY CANBERRA
TO AUSTARM SINGAPORE

CONFIDENTIAL: A 2604 YOUR AUST SD 16 OF 040831 Z RELIEF 1963.
FIRST. FURTHER TO OUR A 1248 OF 23 JAN PLANNING FOR THE 1963
RELIEF WILL BE BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE SUBSEQUENT
RELIEF WILL BE ON THE SAME BASIS. WE PROPOSE THAT REINFORCEMENTS
FOR THE BN WILL CEASE WEF 31 MAY AND FOR THE FD BTY AND FD TP
WEF 1 AUG 63. TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL TO NEW UNITS AND EXTENSION
OF TOUR OF DUTY WILL FOLLOW SAME PRINCIPLES AS 1961 RELIEF CMM
PROPOSAL IS THAT MEMBERS OF 2 RAR who have completed two YEARS
BUT NOT 2 AND ONE HALF YEARS IN MALAYA SHOULD RETURN WITH UNIT
AND MEMBERS OF 2 RAR WHO ARRIVE MALAYA AFTER 31 JUL 62 will
TRANSFER TO 3 RAR. DATES FOR BTY AND FD TP AND FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW. SECOND. IN VIEW OF ABOVE CAN YOU NOW
GIVE OUTLINE PROPOSAL FOR ALLOCATION OF MARRIED QUARTERS FOR
3 RAR. OTHER ASPECTS YOUR SD 16 BEING HANDLED SEPARATELY.

12/0426Z

C O P Y

Enclosure J4 to HQ Aust Army
Force Comd's Diary 2/63

Tel: 2805 Ext: 262

Ref: DWO/WKS/5055

District Works Office,
HQ Singapore Base District,
c/o GPO SINGAPORE

28 Feb 63.

G.W.O. City South (2)

Repayment Works Service - HQ Australian
Army Forces - Hut 43A Tanglin

Under the authority of GHQ FE 209712 Q(Qr) dated
11 Feb 63, approval is given for the extension of Hut 43A
by 16 ft. at a total cost of \$5,000/-.

Extension of Hut 43A by 16 ft.	\$3,640
Contgs @ 10%	364
Agency Fee @ 25%	<u>1,001</u>
Total	<u>\$5,005</u>

Say \$5,000

Please put work in hand by T.C. as a charge against
Aust Army Funds - Item No. WF 283 - 9202 Rep/6-62/63.

EO (WF)
for District Works Officer
(K.S.P. MENON).

Copy to:- Command Paymaster FARELF.
HQ Aust Army Forces FARELF
Int
Q(Qr)
D.Q.S.
Billing Clerk "B"
Wks. Clerk

C O P Y