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

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Appointment COMMANDER AAF FARELF (OC Unit or Senior Staff Officer)

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE FARELF

From 1 JAN 70 To 31 JAN 70 INDEX Narrative (AF C2118)

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- Commander's policy and demiofficial letters
- Action reports (if required)
- Other papers, e.g., Maps and diagrams, air photos, reports from sub units
- Periodical summaries of operations
- Top Secret Supplementary Diary

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

CONTENTS

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

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

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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 I 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— SOFFICERS 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		(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.

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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 will be clearly stated. Notwithstanding the above, on the outbreak of global war all units and formations which are not at the time submitting these reports will start compiling them with effect from M day and will thereafter render them in accordance with paragraphs 15 and 16.

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

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION HQ AAF FARELF

COMMANDING OFFICER BRIG W.J.MORROW

MONTH AND YEAR JANUARY 1970

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0300 TO 0400 HRS. STATES PERLIS, PERAK (EXCEPT BORDER AREA), B. CURFEWS. PENANG, SELANGOR, N. SEMBILAN, MALACCA AND DISTRICT OF BANDAR BAHRU IN KEDAH.

24 HR ALONG KEDAH AND PERAK BORDER.

THAI/MALAY BORDER. NTR 4.

EAST MALAYSIA. (SECRET) ON 17 JAN MALAYSIAN SECURITY FORCES KILLED A MALE 5. MEMBER OF PARAKU AT TANJONG ENGKILO IN SIBU DISTRICT OF 3RD DIVISION.

HONG KONG. (RESTRICTED) 16 - 23 JAN.

BORDER DEPLOYMENT. 6 GR FRONTIER RESERVE

DURING THE WEEK SIX COMMUNIST PICNIC GROUPS RANGING FROM B. INCIDENTS.

50 TO 200 PERSONS TOOK PLACE IN NT.

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3. WEST MALAYSIA. (RESTRICTED)

A. GENERAL. NO INCIDENTS.

- B. CURFEWS. NO CHANGE FROM SITREP NO 38/69.
- 4. THAI/MALAY BORDER. (SECRET) ON 22 DEC THAI BORDER PATROL POLICE UNIT CLASHED WITH UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CTs NEAR MAMONG VILLAGE IN WENG AREA. NO CAS ON EITHER SIDE.
- 5. EAST MALAYSIA. (SECRET) ON 26 DEC TWO EXPLOSIVE DEVICES WERE FIRED AT POLICE STATION IN SIBU IN THIRD DIVISION. COPPER PIPES FILLED WITH EXPLOSIVES AND DETONATED BY TIME FUSES. NO CAS OR DAMAGE.
- 6. HONG KONG. (CONFIDENTIAL) 9 16 JAN.
 - A. BORDER DEPLOYMENT. 1 RWF FRONTIER BN

1/7 GR FRONTIER RESERVE

B. INCIDENTS.
ON 16 JAN

(1) SHOT FIRED FROM CHINESE TERRITORY NEAR PATROL OF 1 RWF WHICH WAS MOVING EASTWARD ALONG BORDER FENCE TOWARDS LOWU. POSSIBLY EITHER ACCIDENTAL OR WARNING SHOT. NO CAS OR DAMAGE.

(2) ON 11 JAN SIX COMMUNIST PICNIC GROUPS RANGING FROM 40 TO 300 PERSONS TOOK PLACE IN THE NT.

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 - SPEARHEAD. 42 CDO RM
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- SINGAPORE. NTR. 2.
- WEST MALAYSIA. (RESTRICTED)
 - A. ON 31 DEC MALAYSIAN POLICE RAIDED A CAMP ON A RUBBER ESTATE ABOUT EIGHT MILES NORTH EAST OF KAJANG IN SELANGOR. FOURTEEN MEN WERE ARRESTED. COMMUNIST UNITED FRONT WORKERS HAD ESTABLISHED CAMP TO PROVIDE COVER FOR COMMUNIST INDOCTRINATION CLASSES. NO EVIDENCE OF ANY MILITARY TRAINING BUT QUANTITY OF COMMUNIST LITERATURE WAS FOUND. IN JUNE 68 A SIMILAR CAMP WAS DISCOVERED ON A PINEAPPLE ESTATE IN JOHORE.
 - B. CURFEWS. NO CHANGE FROM SITREP NO 38/69
- THAI MALAY BORDER. NTR. 4.
- EAST MALAYSIA. NTR. 5.
- HONG KONG. (RESTRICTED) 2 9 JAN
 - A. BORDER DEPLOYMENT. 2 5 JAN 2/7 GR FRONTIER BN.

6 - 9 JAN 1 RWF FRONTIER BN.

2 - 9 JAN 6 GR FRONTIER RESERVE.

INCIDENTS. B.

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- (1) SIXTY PERSONS ARRESTED DURING THE WEEK AS SUSPECTED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.
- (2) ON 4 JAN SEVEN COMMUNIST PICNIC GROUPS RANGING FROM 80 TO 300 PERSONS TOOK PLACE IN THE NT.

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1. OP NOMINATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) PERIOD 5 - 11 JAN.

A. SPEARHEAD. 42 CDO RM.

B. STANDBY. 40 CDO RM.

2. SINGAPORE. NTR.

3. WEST MALAYSIA. (RESTRICTED)

A. GENERAL. NO INCIDENTS.

B. CURFEWS. NO CHANGE FROM SITREP NO 38/69.

4. THAI/MALAY BORDER. (SECRET)

A. ON 26 NOV A PLATOON OF THE MALAYSIAN ARMY OPERATING ABOUT SEVEN MILES NE OF CHANGLUN IN KEDAH MOVED A TREE WHICH WAS BLOCKING A TRACK. THIS SET OFF AN ELECTRONICALLY DETONATED BOOBY TRAP WHICH IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN INSTALLED ABOUT TWO MONTHS PREVIOUSLY: THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

- B. ON 7 DEC A THAI MUSLIM CT SURRENDERED TO THAI SPECIAL BRANCH IN WENG. HE HANDED OVER AN M3 SUB-MACHINE GUN.
- 5. EAST MALAYSIA. (SECRET) ON 8 DEC MALAYSIAN POLICE LEARNT THAT A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE BEHAVING SUSPICIOUSLY AT A SHOP OUTSIDE SIBU IN THE 3RD DIVISION. WHEN THEY SURROUNDED THE SHOP THEY WERE FIRED UPON BY A /GROUP

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GROUP OF TERRORISTS. TWO OF THE TERRORISTS WERE KILLED WHEN THE POLICE RETURNED THE FIRE AND THE REMAINING THREE CAPTURED, ONE OF THEM A WOMAN. FIVE HOME-MADE SHOTGUNS WERE RECOVERED.

- HONG KONG. (RESTRICTED) 26 DEC 2 JAN.
 - BORDER DEPLOYMENT. 2/7 GR FRONTIER BN.

6 GR FRONTIER RESERVE.

INCIDENTS. DURING THE WEEK TWENTY-ONE COMMUNIST PICNIC GROUPS B. RANGING FROM 60 TO 1000 PERSONS TOOK PLACE IN THE NT.

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