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Australian Army commanders' diaries

Headquarters units

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

Narrative

Annexes

[1-28 Feb 1970]

PART I

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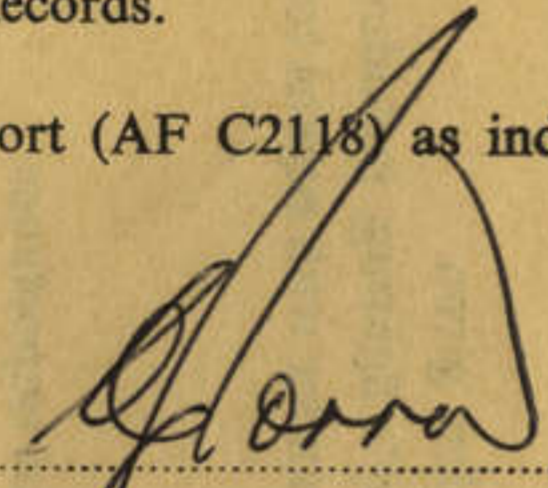
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To : Ministry of Defence (ARC).
Ministry of Defence (AMD1).
OIC Mil History Sect Records.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature)  Brig
Appointment Commander AAF FARELF
(OC Unit or Senior Staff Officer)

Ref 23/3/70

PART II

Army Form C2119

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation HQ AUSTARMY FORCE FARELF

From 1 Feb 70 To 28 Feb 70

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Narrative (AF C2118)

Enclosure Numbers

ANNEXES

- *A Duty Officer's Log to
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- C Operation orders and instructions issued to
- D Operation orders and instructions received to
- *E Sitreps issued 1 to 4
- F Orders of battle and location reports issued to
- G Intelligence reports and summaries issued; Appreciations made to
- H Administrative orders and instructions issued 1 to 4
- J Administrative orders and instructions received to
- 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.

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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.....(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 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.

MESSAGE

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To ARMY CANBERRA		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION AND SPECIAL HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS RESTRICTED	
Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER TRG 694	

UNIT WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 7FEB 70.

108 FD BTY RAA. POST EXERCISE MAINTENANCE CMM 100% CHECK OF STORES CMM BTY COMDS INSPECTION CMM METHOD OF INSTRUCTION TRAINING CMM 3 FEB VISIT BY MINISTER FOR THE ARMY CMM 4-7 FEB UNIT STANDOWN.

2 FD TP RAE. CONTINUE UNIT TRAINING PROGRAM IN NEE SOON AREA.

1RAR. UNIT PROMOTION AND SPECIALIST COURSES CONTINUE CMM A COY TO CONDUCT FD TRG CMM B COY FIRING IN SOUTH JOHORE CMM CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM CONTINUES CMM CEREMONIAL GUARD PROVIDED FOR VISIT OF MINISTER OF THE ARMY CMM PLANNING FOR EX KNUCKLEDOWN 16-26 MAR 70 NOW IN EX FINAL STAGES CMM TRACKER DOG CASIUS II DIED 31 JAN AT JWS POST MORTEM RESULTS TO BE FORWARDED.

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Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER TRG 996	

UNIT WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 14 FEB 70.
 108 FD BTY RAA. PREPARATION FOR CONDITION AND REPAIR INSPECTION CMM FIRE
 DISCIPLINE LECTURE CMM CONDITION AND REPAIR INSPECTION CMM STALWART DEMONSTRATION
 2 FD TP RAE. SECTIONS TRAINING WITH 1RAR COYS.
 1 RAR. A AND C COYS TO CONDUCT HELI TRG 19-20 FEB CMM A COY TO CONDUCT FD FIRING
 ULU TIRAM 18-20 FEB CMM CIVIC PROGRAM CONTINUES CMM B COY HELIBORNE EX BREAK
 IN TO BE HELD JWS 24-27 FEB CMM ARMY COMD FARELE LT GEN SIR PETER HUNT KCB DSO
 TO VISIT 1RAR ON 2 MAR 70

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To ARMY CANBERRA		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION AND SPECIAL HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS RESTRICTED	
Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER TRG 998	

UNIT WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 21 FEB 70.

108 FD BTY RAA. FOO PARTY SUPPLIED FOR C COY 1 RAR EXERCISE CMM SMALL ARMS PRACTICE AT BUKIT TIMAH CMM INTER TROOP SPORTS CMM 2ND CLASS GUNNERS TESTS CMM SURVEYORS CONTINUATION TRAINING.

2 FD TP RAE. UNIT TRAINING.

1 RAR. CONDUCTING TRACKING TRG AT JWS CMM C COY CONDUCTING FFD TRG SOUTH JOHORE CMM CIVIC PROGRAM CONTINUES CMM B COY TO CONDUCT HELIBORNE ASLT INTO AREA 19 AT JWS ON EX BREAK IN 24 FEB TO ENGAGE NZ PL ACTING AS EN CMM COY WILL HAVE HELIBORNE EXTRACTION UNDER PRESSURE ON 27 FEB CMM PLANNING FOR EX KNUCKLE DOWN 16-27 MAR NOW COMPLETE

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To ARMY CANBERRA		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION AND SPECIAL HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS RESTRICTED	
		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER TRG 1125	

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UNIT WEEKLY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 28 FEB 70.
 108 FD BTY RAA. PE TESTS CONDUCTED CMM OFFICER TRG CMM SURVEY/SIGNAL/NAVIGATION EXERCISE CONDUCTED CMM FIRE SUPPORT LECTURE FOR 1RAR CMM ONE FO PARTY COMPLETE FOR 3 CDO BDE EXERCISE AT BRUNEI CMM EX ENDING 9 MAR 70.
 2 FD TP RAE. UNIT TRAINING AND SP FOR 1 RNZIR ON TRENTHAM MEET.
 1RAR. A COY CONDUCTED RANGE PRACTICES 23-25 FEB AT ULU TIRAM CMM B COY CONDUCTED RANGE PRACTICES EX BREAK IN 24-27 FEB IN PANTAI FOREST RESERVE CMM UNIT PROMOTION COURSE CONCLUDED 25 FEB CMM CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM CONTINUES CMM 20 MEMBERS IN GUARD OF HONOUR FOR BRIT HIGH COMMISSIONER AT SEREMBAN 27 FEB.

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FROM: FARELF SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

TO: MOD ARMY SECRET

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

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ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

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SITREP NO 5/70 AS AT 020001Z FEB.

1. OP NOMINATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) PERIOD 2-8 FEB.

A. SPEARHEAD. 1/2 GR.

B. STANDBY. 40 CDO RM.

2. SINGAPORE. NTR.

3. WEST MALAYSIA.

A. GENERAL. NO INCIDENTS.

B. CURFEWS. NO CHANGE FROM SITREP NO 4/70.

4. THAI/MALAY BORDER. (SECRET).

A. ON 4 JAN THAI POLICE RAIDED A HOUSE IN KAMPONG BALA IN THE WENG DISTRICT WHERE SIX MALAY CTs WERE HOLDING A PARTY. CTs ESCAPED BUT FIVE SUPPORTERS WERE ARRESTED. APPARENTLY IN RETALIATION FOR THIS RAID, TEN CTs OPENED FIRE ON A NEARBY POLICE POST THE FOLLOWING NIGHT. NO CASUALTIES.

B. ON 9 JAN A JOINT THAI/MALAYSIAN POLICE PATROL CLASHED WITH AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CTs TWELVE MILES NW OF WENG. NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE.

C. ON 12 JAN ABOUT SEVEN PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE CTs ATTACKED FOUR GUARDS PROTECTING A VILLAGE TEN MILES WEST OF GOLOK IN THE WENG DISTRICT. NO CASUALTIES.

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D. ON 13 JAN A THAI MUSLIM CT ARMED WITH A RIFLE AND SIXTY ROUNDS SURRENDERED IN YALA, SOUTH THAILAND. HE STATED THAT HE FOUND JUNGLE LIFE TOO HARD.

5. EAST MALAYSIA.

A. ON 10 JAN MALAYSIAN SECURITY FORCES CLASHED WITH EIGHT MEMBERS OF PARAKU III IN THE KALAKA DISTRICT OF THE 2ND DIVISION. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES ON EITHER SIDE.

B. ON 13 JAN SOME MALAYSIAN POLICEMEN IN A PRIVATE CAR WERE AMBUSHED IN THE SARIKEI DISTRICT OF THE 3RD DIVISION. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

6. HONG KONG. (RESTRICTED). 23 - 30 JAN.

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

B. INCIDENTS. ON 25 JAN TWO COMMUNIST PICNIC GROUPS RANGING FROM 40 TO 50 PERSONS TOOK PLACE IN NT.

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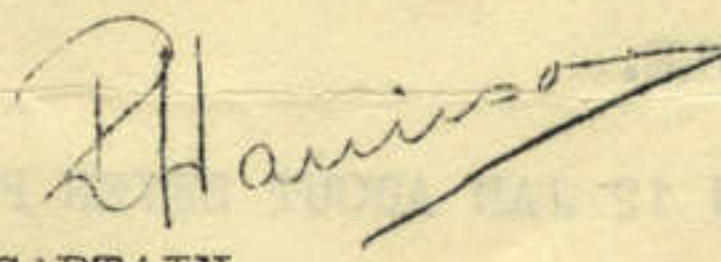
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FROM: FARELF

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

TO: MOD ARMY
AHQ CANBERRA
AHQ WELLINGTON
TPS HONG KONG
SINGADIST
17 DIV
28 BDE
48 BDE
41 BDE
3 CDO BDE

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SITREP NO 6/70 AS AT 090001 Z FEB.

1. OP NOMINATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) PERIOD 9 - 15 FEB.

- A. SPEARHEAD. (1) 9 - 10 Feb - 1/2 GR
(2) 11 - 15 Feb - 42 CDO RM
B. STANDBY. 40 CDO RM.

2. SINGAPORE. NTR.

3. WEST MALAYSIA.

- A. GENERAL. NO INCIDENTS.
B. CURFEWS. NO CHANGE FROM SITREP NO 4/70.

4. THAI/MALAY BORDER. (SECRET). ON 11 JAN 13 CTS ATTACKED A HOUSE OCCUPIED BY MEMBERS OF A VILLAGE DEFENCE CORPS IN THE WENG DISTRICT OF SOUTH THAILAND. AFTER AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE THE CTS WITHDREW. NO CASUALTIES.

5. EAST MALAYSIA (SECRET).

- A. ON 19 JAN MALAYSIAN SECURITY FORCES CLASHED WITH THREE ARMED AND UNIFORMED TERRORISTS ABOUT THIRTY MILES SOUTH OF KANOWIT IN THE 3RD DIVISION. ONE TERRORIST WAS KILLED.
B. ON 20 JAN AT ULU JIH IN THE KANOWIT DISTRICT TWO IBANS ARMED WITH SHOTGUNS KILLED ONE TERRORIST WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE KANOWIT BRANCH OF THE SARAWAK UNITED PEOPLES PARTY.

6. HONG KONG. (RESTRICTED). 30 JAN - 6 FEB

- A. BORDER DEPLOYMENT. 1/7 GR FRONTIER BN.
6 GR FRONTIER RESERVE.
B. INCIDENTS. NTR.

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FROM: FARELF

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SITREP NO 7/70 AS AT 17090001 Z FEB.

1. OP NOMINATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) PERIOD 16 - 22 FEB.

A. SPEARHEAD. (1) 16 - 19 FEB - 42 CDO RM
(2) 20 - 22 FEB - 40 CDO RM

B. STANDBY. (1) 16 - 19 FEB - 40 CDO RM
20 - 22 FEB - 1/2 GR.

2. SINGAPORE. NTR.

3. WEST MALAYSIA.

A. GENERAL. NO INCIDENTS.

B. CURFEWS. NO CHANGE FROM SITREP NO. 4/70.

4. THAI/MALAY BORDER. NTR.

5. EAST MALAYSIA (SECRET). ON 25 JAN MALAYSIAN SECURITY FORCES CLASHED WITH FOUR ARMED AND UNIFORMED TERRORISTS IN THE SARIKEI DISTRICT OF THE 3RD DIVISION. A HOME-MADE SHOT GUN, CARTRIDGES AND DOCUMENTS WERE FOUND. NO CASUALTIES.

6. HONG KONG (RESTRICTED) 6 - 13 FEB.

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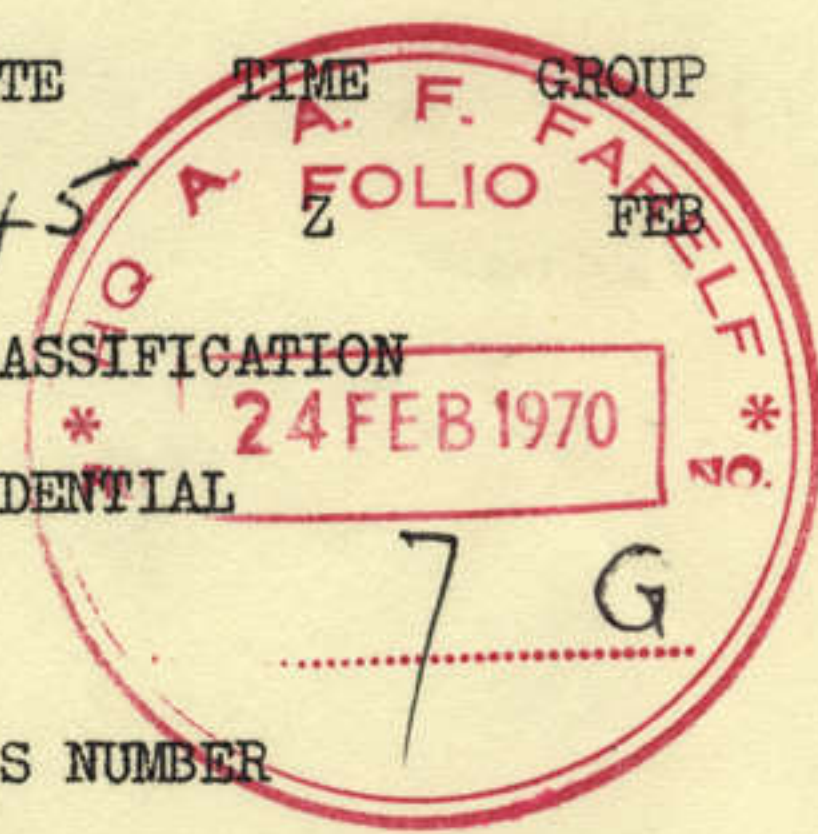
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SITREP NO 8/70 AS AT 2309001 Z FEB.

1. OP NOMINATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) PERIOD 23 FEB - 1 MAR.
 - A. SPEARHEAD. 40 CDO RM
 - B. STANDBY. 1/2 GR.
2. SINGAPORE. NTR.
3. WEST MALAYSIA.
 - A. GENERAL. NO INCIDENTS.
 - B. CURFEWS. NO CHANGE FROM SITREP NO 4/70.
4. THAI/MALAY BORDER. NTR.
5. EAST MALAYSIA. NTR.
6. HONG KONG (RESTRICTED) 13-20 FEB.
 - A. BORDER DEPLOYMENT. 2/7 GR FRONTIER BN.
1/7 GR FRONTIER RESERVE.
 - B. INCIDENTS. ON 14 AND 15 FEB AT SHA TAU KOK STONES WERE THROWN AT MILITARY VEHICLES BY CHILDREN. NO DAMAGE.

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