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Infantry units

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**Item: 3 Battalion Royal Australian
Regiment**

Narrative

Annexes

[17 Aug - 30 Sep 1963]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 117-3-2.

Cross out addresses which do not apply.

To : Under-Secretary of State (WORC), War Office. OIC military history
Under-Secretary of State (AMD-1), War Office. DSD
OIC Records. AHQ Canberra

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) Moberg CAPT.
Appointment Adj. 3rd Battalion
TOC Unit or Senior Staff Officer

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DUPLICATE } Strike out where not applicable

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 3 RAR

From 17 Aug 63 To 30 Sep 63.

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12. The narrative will supplement and connect the annexes but need not give a précis 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

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UNIT/FORMATION 3 RAR

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 August 1963

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col B A McDONALD MC

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
TERENDAK Camp MALACCA, MALAYA	17th	0600hrs	At 0600hrs 17 Aug 63, the operational role and title of the Australian Infantry Battalion, BCFESR passed from 2 RAR to 3 RAR and Lt Col B A McDONALD, MC assumed command from Lt Col A B STRETTON, MBE. Prior to this date, members of 3 RAR, as they arrived in the theatre, were under command of CO 2 RAR and were attached to appropriate sub-units of 2 RAR. As at 17 Aug 63, all but one "flight" (approximately 126 personnel) of 3 RAR had arrived in MALAYA, and only a similar number of 2 RAR, plus a small rear party remained, awaiting return to AUSTRALIA. Eleven officers and 158 other ranks transferred from 2 RAR to 3 RAR on 17 Aug 63, having not yet completed a normal tour of duty in MALAYA. Members of 2 RAR, who had previously been regarded as being on "Active Service" (due to the unit's not having been removed from its operational role on return from Border Operations in Jul 63) now revert to "WAR SERVICE" as for members of 3 RAR recently arrived from AUSTRALIA.	
	22nd	1906hrs	Flight 9 arrived from AUSTRALIA by Boeing 707 aircraft to SINGAPORE and Fokker Friendship aircraft SINGAPORE-MALACCA. Included in this flight was the Assistant Adjutant (Lt B D GOODWIN) who had remained in command and responsible for the administration of 3 RAR (AUSTRALIA) since the departure of the Commanding Officer, Adjutant, etc., from AUSTRALIA on 6 Aug 63. Fourteen members of 3 RAR now remain in AUSTRALIA, their movement having been deferred for various reasons, most because their wives expect babies in August and are not able to travel by air. They will move to MALAYA individually as they become available.	
	23rd	1600hrs	Officers Mess "Happy Hours" were inaugurated in MALAYA. These were a well-established Friday institution at ENOGGERA. PMC Officers Mess (Maj G J LEARY) has arranged that officers of other major units (1 KOYLI, 1 NZ, 45 RA, Bde HQ) attend and that each Friday a different mess acts as "host" unit for the "Happy Hour". The first function was very well attended and favourable comments on the value of meeting other officers in this way were general.	

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COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col B A McDONALD MC

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	28th	0845hrs	<p>A battalion parade, the first in MALAYA, was held, at which all members below the rank of Warrant Officer who transferred from 2 RAR to 3 RAR in MALAYA plus those members of 3 RAR ex AUSTRALIA who had not already received the emblems of the Distinguished Unit Citation, were presented with them by their respective Company Commanders on behalf of the Commanding Officer. The Queen's and Regimental Colours were on parade. Colour ensigns were Lts E F FELTZNER (Queen's) and Lt M. J. BINDLEY. 150 pairs of citation emblems were presented and the Presidential Citation was read by 2Lt M. W. SHEEHAN. Coys on parade were:-</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A Coy - Maj E. BOYD</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">B Coy - Maj W. P. BRODERICK</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">C Coy - Maj I. R. J. HODGKINSON</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">D Coy - Maj J. DUFF</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Sp Coy - Capt W. J. BRYDON (OC Mor Pl) in the absence of Maj J. M. CHURCH</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Admin Coy - Capt V. B. HARRIS.</p>	
	28th	1130hrs	Mr HICKS, Secretary, Department of Defence, AUSTRALIA, visited 3 RAR. Itinerary attached.	H 1 (Original Diary only)
	29th	2030hrs	CGS, Australia, Lt Gen J. G. N. WILTON, CB, CBE, DSO dined in 3 RAR Officers Mess.	
	30th	0845hrs	Lt Gen WILTON visited CANBERRA LINES. His itinerary included a briefing by CO 3 RAR,	

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COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col B A McDONALD, MC

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cTerendak Camp MALACCA, Malaya.	2nd	0800hrs	Chaplain IV Class F G HAWKES, C of E chaplain 3 RAR was transferred to 45 Regt RA in accordance with decision of Comd 28 Bde/ Comd Austarm. Ch J D BOBERG, RC and Ch J R BEDFORD, OPD remain with 3 RAR.	
	3rd	-	3 RAR Training Directive No 4/63 issued.	M.1. (original diary only)
	4th		Officers visits to SOUTH VIETNAM were cancelled until further notice due to the worsening political situation.	
	5th	1405hrs	C in C FAR EAST, Admiral Sir Varyl BERTG visited 3 RAR. 3 RAR 30-2-8 dated 30 Aug 63 refers.	H 2
	9th	0800hrs	3 RAR officers attended a 28 COMWEL Bde presentation on air sp capability in this Theatre. 3 RAR 234-1-2(5) dated 3 Sep 63 refers.	H 3 (Original diary only)
	10th	0800hrs	Advice was received from AHQ that Capt V B HARRIS, OC Admin Coy was promoted Temporary Major on 25 Jul 63.	
	11th	0800hrs	CO, Company Commanders and Staff Officers attended a briefing by Comd 28 COMWEL Bde and staff on the operational role of 28 COMWEL Bde.	
	16th		Cpts ROBERTS, RUSSELL-SMITH and JACKSON left for SINGAPORE to attend a ten day coaching course conducted by HQ Aust Army Force FARELF for examination 2 E (Military Science).	

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	16th		Dr G NEWMAN-MORRIS, Chairmain of the Australian Red Cross Society and Mrs MORRIS visited 3 RAR and stayed overnight with the Commanding Officer.	
	24th		After discussions with Ocs Coy, RMO (Maj J T DUNN) conducted a lecture-demonstrations for platoon commanders on the prevention of tropical diseases, treatment of local water, treatment of snake-bites and general health of troops in the tropics. RMO issued notes on snake-bite and its treatment. 3 RAR 93-1-7 dated 24 Sep 63 refers.	H 4 (Original diary only)
	24th		Unit "loading and lashing" teams commenced a course to train them in airportability techniques. Course will run until 27 Sep 63.	
	28th		The Australian High Commissioner, Mr T K GRITCHLEY, accompanied by Mr C MOODIE of the Department of External Affairs, visited 3 RAR. 3 RAR 30-2-14 dated 27 Sep 63 refers.	H 5

McDonald
Adj. 3rd Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment. CAPT.

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Quote in Reply:
30-2-9(2)

3rd Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
Terendak Camp
MALACCA

27 Aug 63

VISIT OF MR HICKS -
SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, AUSTRALIA
28 AUG 63

- 1. Mr HICKS, Secretary, Department of Defence, AUSTRALIA is visiting TERENDAK Garrison on 28 Aug 63. Attached as Annex 'A' is the programme for his visit to 3 RAR between 1130 and 1215 hrs.
- 2. The principal aims of this visit are to see Australian troops and the accommodation and amenities available to them.
- 3. Mr HICKS will also see an Australian officer's married quarter (Maj GJ LEARY, 3 RAR) and an Australian OR quarter (WO2 D PARSONS, 3 RAR) on the morning of 28 Aug 63 under arrangements made by MQAS.

Al Roberts Capt
for Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding

DISTRIBUTION

- A Coy (2)
- B Coy
- C Coy
- D Coy
- Sp Coy
- Adm Coy (3)
- 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp/TERENDAK Gar (4)
- CO
- 2IC
- Adjt
- RMO
- Ch C of E
- Ch RC
- Ch OPD
- Welfare Representative
- Comd's Diary
- File

PROGRAMME FOR VISIT OF SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE 28 AUG 63

Serial	Timings	Event	Responsibility	Administrative Detail
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	1130 hrs	Arrive HQ 3 RAR	Adjnt	Met Bn HQ by CO and Adjnt
2	1130-1135hrs	Briefing by CO 3 RAR	-	COs office
3	1135-1145hrs	Visit and inspect A Coy	OC A Coy	HQ, administrative and troop accn buildings. OC A Coy report to COs office 1135 hrs.
4	1145-1200hrs	Inspect (a) Junior Ranks Club (b) Kitchens (c) R&P (d) Oval (re-turfing work)	OC Adm Coy " OC Adm Coy/ RMO 2IC	Adm Coy members to be available in JRC for informal talk with Mr WICKS.
5	1200-1215hrs	Meet available officers, Chaplains and Welfare Representative.	OC D Coy	All available officers, Chaplains and Welfare Representative assemble Bn HQ 1200-hrs.

Quote In Reply:
30-2-8

3rd Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
Terendak Camp
MALACCA

30 Aug 63

VISIT OF C IN C FAR EAST - 5 SEP 63

1. The Commander in Chief, Far East, Admiral Sir Varyl BEGG, KCB, DSO, DCC, will visit TERENDAK on Thu 5 Sep 63.
- ... 2. The programme for his visit to 3 RAR is attached.
3. OCs Coy will ensure that this visit is given maximum publicity, that all soldiers know the C in C's rank and name and pay correct compliments during his visit. The C in C's car will carry a star plate bearing four stars in a horizontal line and a car pennant.

Al Robert Capt

for Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding

DISTRIBUTION

A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
Sp Coy
Adm Coy
Asst Field Cash Office
Education Officer RMAEC
28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp/TERENDAK Gar(4)
CO
2IC
Adjt
IO
Asst Adjt
RSM
RP Sgt
Officers' Mess
Sergeants' Mess
Comd's Diary
File

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS (Contd)

ESTABLISHMENT APPOINTMENT	RANK	POSTED			Name	Bn HQ
		No	Temp	Sub		
		B/F TOTALS				23
Int Duty	Pte					6
	Pte					
	Pte					
	Pte					
	Pte					
	Pte					
Orderlies	Pte					2
	Pte					
RP Duty	Pte					4
	Pte					
	Pte					
	Pte					
<u>ATTACHED</u> Clerk Pay(RAASC)	Sgt					1
TOTAL ALL RANKS INCLUDING ATTACHED						36

PROGRAMME OF VISIT C in C FE 5 SEP 63

Serial (a)	Timings (b)	Event (c)	Responsi- bility (d)	Administrative Arrangements (e)
1	1405 hrs	Arrive CANBERRA Lines	RSM	Guard turned out. Guard will NOT be inspected.
2	1406 hrs	Arrive HQ 3 RAR	Adjt	Met by CO, Adjt.
3	1408- 1415 hrs	Tree-planting ceremony	2IC IO	OCs Coy, Adjt, QM to attend. Note (a).
4	1415- 1425 hrs	Meet company officers in front of Bn HQ	OC D Coy IO	All available officers incl attached assemble in coy groups by 1413 hrs. Dress - Dress of the day. Note (a).
5	1425 hrs	Depart Bn HQ for 1 KOYLI	Adjt RSM	Guard turned out. Guard will NOT be inspected.

NOTES:-

- (a) Unit photographer to attend Serials 3 and 4 as arranged by IO. Photographs required for unit history/scrapbook.

SUPPORT COMPANY (Contd)

ESTABLISHMENT APPOINTMENT	RANK	POSTED			Name	Coy HQ	Mor Fl	Sig Bl	A tk Fl	Aslt Pnr	TOTAL	REMARKS	
		No	Rank Temp	Sub									
		B/F TOTALS					4	7	4	2	6	23	
Dvr	Cpl					1					1		
Gun Nos (Others)	Cpl								4		4		
	Cpl												
	Cpl												
	Cpl												
Mor Nos	Cpl						6				6		
	Cpl												
	Cpl												
	Cpl												
	Cpl												
Sig Inf	Cpl							5			5		
	Cpl												
	Cpl												
	Cpl												
Aslt Pnr	Pte									20	20		
	Pte												
	Pte												
	Pte												
	Pte												
	Pte												
	Pte												
	Pte												
	Pte												
TOTAL						5	13	9	6	26	59		

Note in Reply:
234-1-2(5)

43.
Combs Diary
3rd Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
Terendak Camp
MALACCA

3 Sep 63

OFFICER TRAINING - INDOCTRINATION

Reference: 28 Bde Gp Encl 18 to CB 1007(Trg) dated
16 Aug 63.

1. The period 9-12 Sep 63 is being used by HQ 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp/TERENDAK Gar for an indoctrination on the bde role for newly arrived units. Details are given in the following paragraphs.

2. Air Indoctrination

- a. Aim. To familiarize newly arrived staff and regimental officers with the Theatre air support capability and covering in outline Theatre air support policy and procedures.
- b. Location. 28 Bde Gp Presentation Hall. The route to the Hall will be sign-posted.
- c. Duration. 0800-1730 hrs 9 Sep 63 (Lunch 1240-1400 hrs)
0800-1700 hrs 10 Sep 63 (Lunch 1245-1400 hrs)
- d. Attendance. Annex 'A'.
- e. Programme. One copy posted on Officers Mess Notice Board
- f. Administration. NAAFI Coffee Service will be available at the hall on both days. Officers may return to 3 RAR Officers Mess for lunch, see tpt details below.
- g. Transport. Normal bus services from/to MALACCA area will call at HQ 28 Bde Gp at 0745 hrs and 1730 hrs on both days. Tpt will be available at the hall at 1240 hrs and at Officers Mess 3 RAR at 1340 hrs on both days to carry officers to/from lunch. Unit minibus will deliver officers from TERENDAK married quarters to Bde HQ at 0745 hrs (departing 54 Weir Avenue 0730 hrs) and collect from Bde HQ at 1730 hrs on both days for return to quarters.

3. Briefing on Bde Role

- a. Aim. To familiarize newly arrived staff and regimental officers with 28 Bde Gp role, including mobilization, move to theatre of operations, operational deployment and the system for air maintenance.
- b. Location. As for para 2 b.
- c. Duration. 0900-1600 hrs Wed 11 Sep 63.
- d. Attendance. Annex 'A'.
- e. Programme. To be issued.
- f. Administration. As for para 2 f.

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g. Transport

(1) 2 x Trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ Ton GS Depart Bn HQ 0840 hrs. CO, 2IC
Adjut, IO. Report Presentation
Hall 1240 hrs, 1600 hrs.

(2) Minibus Depart Bn HQ 0840 hrs. Coy
Comds, QM. Report Presentation
Hall 1240 hrs, 1600 hrs.

4. During the above activities, Bn HQ will be manned as follows:-

2IC (Ext 411)
Asst Adjut (Ext 408)
Orderly Officer (Ext 410)

J. Roberts Capt
for Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding

DISTRIBUTION

A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
Sp Coy
Adm Coy
Education Officer RAMEC
Asst Fd Cash Office
28 COMWEL Inf Bdd Gp/TERENDAK Gar(2)
CO
2IC
Adjut
IO
Asst Adjut
QM
TO (2)
RSM
Officers Mess (with one copy of Air Indoctrination programme)
Comd's Diary
File

Annex 'A' to 3 RAR
234-1-2(5) dated
3 Sep 63

OFFICERS TO ATTEND AIR INDOCTRINATION
9 AND 10 SEP 63

<u>Bn HQ</u>	Lt Col	BA McDONALD, MC
	Capt	AR ROBERTS
	Lt	LN HALL
<u>A COY</u>	Maj	E BOYD
	Lt	CA SWAIN
	*Lt	P DAVIES
<u>B COY</u>	Maj	WP BRODERICK
	Capt	KW RUSSELL-SMITH
	Lt	MJ BINDLEY
	*2Lt	RK PETTIT
<u>C COY</u>	Maj	IRJ HODGKINSON
	Capt	NTJ WILLIAMS
	Lt	EF PFITZNER
	*Lt	LJ KEHOE
<u>D COY</u>	Maj	JE DUFF
	Capt	EJ O'DONNELI
<u>SP COY</u>	Capt	KH JACKSON
	*Lt	RL GUEST
<u>ADM COY</u>	*Maj	JT DUNN, RAAMC
	Capt	CJ MAYHEW

* May be deleted by HQ 28 COMWEL Bde Gp if all officers cannot be accepted.

OFFICERS TO ATTEND BRIEFING
ON BDE ROLE 11 SEP 63

CO	Lt Col	BA McDONALD, MC
2IC	Maj	GJ LEARY
Adjt	Capt	AR ROBERTS
IO	Lt	LN HALL
OC A Coy	Maj	E BOYD
OC B Coy	Maj	WP BRODERICK
OC C Coy	Maj	IRJ HODGKINSON
OC D Coy	Maj	JE DUFF
Adm Comd		
Sp Coy	Capt	WJ BRYDON
OC Adm Coy	Capt	VB HARRIS
QM	Capt	CJ MAYHEW

6 Sep 63

Distribution below
-----MANAGEMENT OF SNAKE AND INSECT BITES1. Introduction

Many of the snakes in Malaya are non-poisonous. Over half of the people who are bitten by snakes develop no signs of poisoning. Even without treatment the mortality rate from snake bites is less than 5%. Much of the trouble following snake bite is due to over-anxious and improper treatment.

2. Symptoms

In Northern Malaya over 90% of poisonous bites are caused by the PIT VIPER. The Malays know it as the "ulgar Kepak". This snake rarely grows larger than 3 feet. It is a brown - red colour and has triangular markings on its back. Its head is said to be like an axe in shape although the similarity is not marked. The poison it injects affects the blood vessels. The first sign is swelling at the site of the bite. This swelling is usually obvious within a few minutes. It is safe to say that if there is no swelling at the site of the bite after one hour there is no danger of generalised poisoning. In cases of severe poisoning the swelling becomes marked within a few minutes and gradually spreads up the limb. The usual site of bite is the foot or ankle. In a bad case of poisoning the swelling will have spread from the foot to above the knee in about 4 hrs. After about 2 hours in a severe case of poisoning the patient will become giddy and thirsty, he may become very apathetic. At a later stage he may start coughing up blood-streaked sputum. The quickest time in which death will occur is 6 hours. It is possible, but very rare, that when the snake bites it injects its poison direct into a large vein. In this case death could occur within 20 mins. Under these circumstances no treatment will save the patient unless he is in hospital at the time. It is emphasised that this happens very rarely.

The Cobra causes a few cases of poisoning in Northern Malaya. Its effects are similar to the pit viper except that swelling is not so marked and it does not cause bleeding. Again the most rapid death is no earlier than 6 hours. Many of the symptoms attributed to snake poisoning are not due to the poison injected, but to the state into which a patient gets himself.

3. Scorpion

These are common in Malaya. During the day they lie hidden underneath debris such as loose stones and bark, and may be uncovered in clearing a camp site. They come out at night and feed on spiders and larger insects. They have large pinching claws and a tail which is very mobile and carries the sting. They vary in size and colour. Some reach a size of nine or ten inches. They are usually green or black in colour. Generally speaking the varieties in Malaya, although they can give a very painful sting are not dangerously poisonous. Treatment is similar to snake bites (see Annex 'A') except that if pain is severe it is often at least partially relieved by immersing the affected part in water as hot as the patient can stand. Signs of severe poisoning include drowsiness, feeling of sickness vomiting and profuse sweating. In this case inform MO urgently.

4. Spiders

Only a few species are actually dangerous to man. The tarantula is large and hairy but although its bite is painful it is not usually dangerous.

Symptoms of spider poisoning come on within ten minutes of the bite and include cramping pains which may spread over the whole body and become severe.

There is usually a feeling of sickness and excessive sweating. Treatment is as for scorpion bites. If symptoms of poisoning appear notify MO urgently.

5 Centipedes

Some grow up to ten inches in length. They have poison glands in the claws of the first legs. The bites are rarely dangerous but can cause considerable pain.

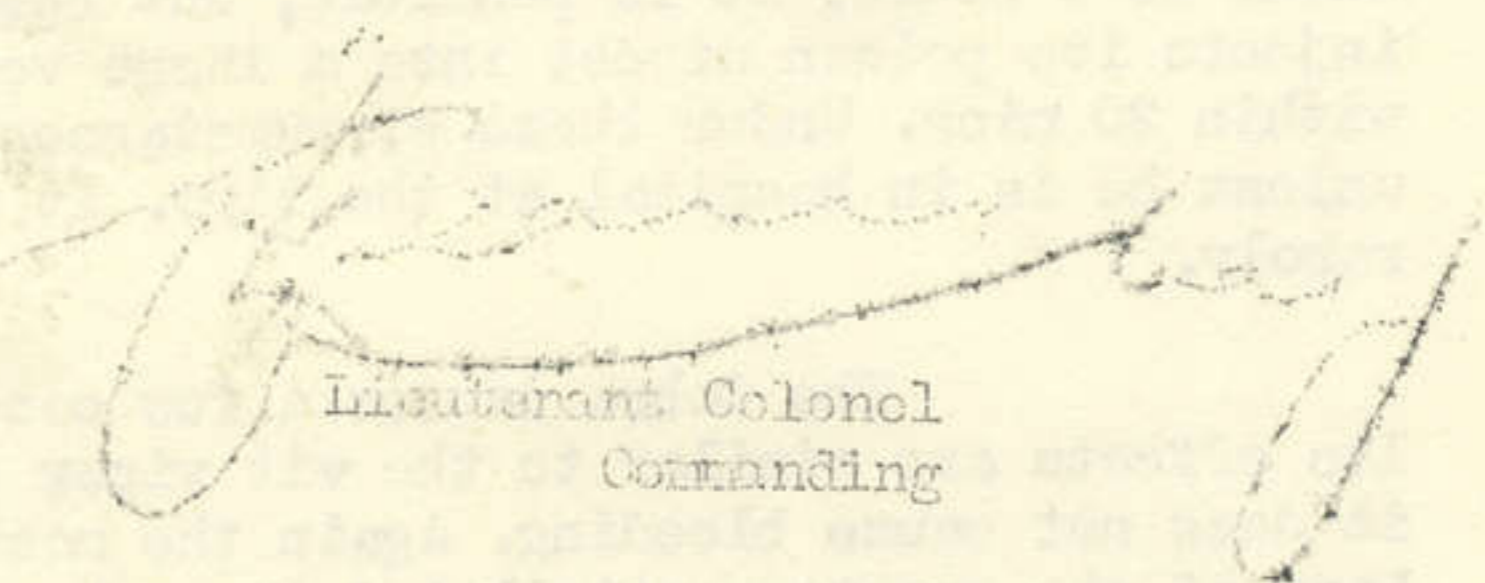
Treatment as previously.

6. Hornets

Their body may be up to two inches in length and they have an orange band around their middle. They build nests which are often on the ground. The main danger is when a man walks into a nest of hornets. He may get thirty or forty stings, usually over the face and hands. Swelling may be severe and patient may collapse with weak pulse and signs of shock. Morphine may be given to relieve pain. The patient should be rested and tabs Phenergan or benadryl given. Inform MO.

7. Treatment

Annex 'A' gives the treatment to be used in cases of snake bite. Further copies of Annex 'A' are available from Bu HQ and should be issued within days at least down to section or equivalent level.


Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding

DISTRIBUTION

List B (Spare 20) plus 150 spare copies Annex 'A'.

ANNEX 'A' TO 3 PAR 93-1-7
DATED 14 SEP 63

TREATMENT OF SNAKE BITE

1. These notes give details of first aid treatment. Specialised treatment requires hospitalisation.

- (a) Reassure the patient. Remember that very few bites will cause dangerous poisoning. Many of the symptoms of snake bite are due to fear and this should be allayed.
- (b) If there is no swelling at the site of the bite within an hour there is no danger.
- (c) Make the patient lie down and keep him quiet.
- (d) Wipe blood or fluid away from the bite and apply a clean dressing.
- (e) If possible apply a light splint to immobilise part bitten.
- (f) Give 3 codeine tablets. If pain or apprehensive is severe give $\frac{1}{2}$ gr morphine.
- (g) NEVER APPLY TOURNQUET

NEVER SLASH AT BITE OR ATTEMPT TO SUCK POISON OUT .

This will not help the patient and may cause considerable harm.

2. If poisoning is severe, ie. if there is early marked swelling at the bite, - evacuate the patient. If evacuation is not possible, medical aid should be brought to him.

30-2-14

H45

Comd George

3rd Battalion
Royal Australian Regiment
Terendak Camp

27 Sep 63

Distribution below

VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER
AND SENIOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEPT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

General

The Australian High Commissioner for Malaya, Mr T.K. Critchley and the Senior Assistant Secretary Department of External Affairs, Mr C. Moodie will visit 3 RAR at Camp Terendak on Sat 28 Sep 63. Arrival will be by light plane at Terendak Airstrip between 0845 hrs and 0900 hrs.

Dress

All pers moving in the area of Canberra lines will ensure that they are neatly dressed and pay the correct compliments as required. Dress for officers required to be present will be No 1 General duty dress, day.

Programme

The following is the programme for the visit:-

<u>Serial</u>		<u>Event</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	0845	Arrive Terendak Airstrip	CO Adjt
2	0900	Call on Bde Comd	CO
3	0930	Briefing in officers Mess	CO IO
4	0945	Morning Tea Officers Mess	Following officers to attend:- All Coy Comds RMO, QM, IO All living in Officers OC A Coy RSM GSM A Coy
5	1015	Inspect A Coy, Barrack	
		Room to be in inspection order. Lightweight eqpt to be erected in A Coy area and a soldier dressed in full eqpt to be standing by	
6	1045	Visit RAP	RMO
7	1055	Visit JRC	CO Adjt RSM
8	1100	Tour Garrison area	CO
9		Lunch officers Mess @	2IC Lt GUEST
10		Depart from Terendak Airstrip	CO Adjt.

@ will be confirmed at 1000 hrs.

[Signature]
for Lt Col
Commanding Officer

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3 RAR
STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURE
FOR
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3 RAR STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR MOBILISATION

To be read in conjunction with

- 3 RAR SOPs for Airportable Operations - A
- 3 RAR SOPs for Air Movement - B

INTRODUCTION

1. 3 RAR will be prepared to move, as part of 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp, at short notice and at airportable scales, to meet a limited war situation in South East ASIA. The Battalion will move as a Bn Gp to any area in SE ASIA where emergency deployment is ordered. Composition of 3 RAR Bn Gp is shown at Annex A.

GENERAL OUTLINE

2. The move will be carried out in five phases:

(a) Phase I PREPARATORY PHASE

Preparations to be carried out before the order to mobilise is received.

(b) Phase II MOBILISATION PHASE

Mobilisation in TERENDAK CAMP

(c) Phase III MOVE BY ROAD/RAIL TO STAGING AREA IN SINGAPORE

This will be carried out under the control of HQ 17 GURKHA DIV/OCLF.

(d) Phase IV STAGING IN SINGAPORE

Staging at NEE SOON Camp, drawing deficiencies in stores, eqpt, POL and rats. Drawing engr stores, mines and residue of ammo scales. Preparation for airlift. Marrying up with remainder of Battalion Group.

(e) Phase V EMPLANING/EMBARKATION IN SINGAPORE

This will be controlled by HQ SINGAPORE BASE DISTRICT. The move out of SINGAPORE will be carried out by an airlift. In addition to the Bde airlifts there will be a SEATAIL.

STATE OF READINESS

3. The Instructions for Operational Readiness in 3 RARSOPs for MALAYA Part V will apply. 3 RAR will be prepared to move within 48 hrs of the receipt of the order to mobilise. However, the urgency of the situation may require a move at shorter notice. These orders plan for mobilisation to be complete 5 hrs after the unit has concentrated.

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CODEWORDS

4. Codewords are as follows:

<u>CODEWORD</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
RAMAH YELLOW	"A" Day. 3 RAR will concentrate in Terendak Camp. SUEOs and Adm Advance Party move ASP. Rear link joins the unit.
RAMAH BLUE	Concentration in SINGAPORE has been ordered. Stand by to be called forward.
RAMAH GREEN	Operation has been ordered. Stand by to be called forward from staging area to emplane/embark.

PHASE I
PREPARATIONS PRIOR TO "A" DAY

5. As in 3 RAR SOP for Airportable Ops.

PHASE II
ACTION ON RECEIPT OF RAMAH YELLOW(A-DAY)

6. On receipt of RAMAH YELLOW 3 RAR will concentrate in TERENDAK Camp and prepare to move. Maximum available time for mobilisation is 48 hrs, and the unit will be ready to move at the latest by A+2.

7. Action by Orderly Officer (if Codeword is received outside working hours)

- (a) If the Orderly Officer receives RAMAH YELLOW by telephone or other means, he will immediately inform the CO, or in his absence, the 2IC, Adjt, or senior Coy Comd available;
- (b) If he receives a SECRET or TOP SECRET signal with a precedence of OP IMMEDIATE or greater, he will act as in (a) above;
- (c) If he receives a SECRET or TOP SECRET signal with a precedence of PRIORITY or ROUTINE, he will take the envelope to the 2IC or the Adjt. If these officers are not available, he will open the envelope and take appropriate action;
- (d) If RAMAH YELLOW is issued, he will, after informing the CO, personally visit all officers in TERENDAK Camp area and instruct them to return to camp. He will despatch the Orderly Sergeant to instruct likewise all other ranks in TERENDAK Camp area incl CANBERRA LINES. The Orderly Officer will arrange for nominated Key personnel at BUKIT BAHRU, SURREY PARK, UNION PARK and EDEN PARK to be informed that the unit is to mobilise and all personnel are to return to camp. Instrs for the tpt of these personnel to camp will be given at the same time. Detailed instrs Anx "D"; and
- (e) The Orderly Officer will request the duty Provost NCO to proceed to MALACCA to instruct all personnel in the town to RTU.

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8. On receipt of orders to RTU, all ranks will proceed at once to Camp. Personnel living out of CANBERRA LINES will NOT bring their cars to camp, as this will pose a problem of disposal.
9. Families and friends will NOT be allowed into CANBERRA LINES. The Guard Commander will prevent any families and friends from entering the gate.
10. If RAMAH YELLOW is received during working hours, the 3 RAR padres will tour all 3 RAP married quarters and advise families that mobilisation is taking place and that the members of 3 RAR are committed to camp until further notice. They will instruct families not to visit the camp.
11. On receipt of RAMAH YELLOW, the CO will nominate a time to be known as T hr. This will be the hour at which he considers that the unit will be sufficiently concentrated to begin mobilisation.
12. On receipt of RAMAH YELLOW, the CO will appoint a duty officer to sit by the telephone in the Adjts office (409). This will be manned 24 hrs a day; no member of 3 RAR will call the Adjt number (409), and it will be reserved for operational calls to higher HQ.

REPORTING

13. (a) ASP after receipt of RAMAH YELLOW, the duty Officer will report to HQ 28 COMWEL Bde;
 - (i) Estimated date/time that 3 PAR will be ready to move;
 - (ii) Strength of marching personnel;
 - (iii) ETD, strength and no of vehs in adm advance party, and ETA JOHORE;
 - (iv) Strength return, both on the ground and still to arrive in camp; and
 - (v) When 3 RAR is ready to move in all respects;
 - (b) ASP after receipt of RAMAH YELLOW, the QM will prepare the following returns and submit them to HQ FARLEF, HQ SINGAPORE Base District and HQ 28 Bde;
 - (i) Amount of SA and other **ammo**, mines and explosives required to bring 3 RAR up to airortable scales. DADOS HQ 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp will arrange for this to be prepared and ready for immediate issue (without indenting) to 3 RAR in the staging area by 443 BAD.
 - (ii) Return showing deficiencies in airortable scales of vehicles, weapons, equipment and clothing. See Annex "A" to 28 Bde SOP No 1 also "C" to these orders; and
 - (c) On receipt of RAMAH YELLOW, sub units will prepare information required for the returns in (a) and (b) above, and Bn HQ will call for it as required.
14. Once 3 RAR has been reported as "Ready to Move" it will be on one hour's notice to move unless otherwise ordered.

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SEQUENCE OF MOBILISATION

15. ASP after receipt of RAMAH YELLOW, the 3 RAR Administrative Advance Party will move to NEE SOON Camp. It will be comprised of pers and vehs not committed in the operation, as follows:

Asst QM (OC Adm Adv Party)
Adm Coy Sgt
WO Caterer
2 NCOs)
3 Ptes)
2 Cpl Cook) provided by OC LOB Element
4 Dvrs)
1 Veh Mech Cpl
2 Stmn
2 x $\frac{1}{4}$ ton vehs)
2 x $\frac{1}{2}$ ton tlrs) provided by MTO
2 x 3 ton vehs

The Senior UEO orderly, clerk, driver and a loading and lashing team from each of D and Sp Coys will accompany the Adv Party but will not form part of it.

16. The Adm Party will:

- (a) Take personal scales of air-portable eqpts in case they are required to join the operation;
- (b) Travel via the MUAR FERRY and YONG PENG to NEE SOON. MTO will provide ferry warrants;
- (c) Report to QM and 2IC for briefing before departure; and
- (d) Report to Adjnt NEE SOON Camp on arrival, and advise Liaison Element HQ 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp (Ops Room NEE SOON) of arrival.

17. Within camp mobilisation and sequence will be as follows:-

TIME

ACTION

- At T hour
- (a) Air-portable vehicles and drivers report to sub units;
 - (b) One runner per company report to Bn HQ;
 - (c) Pers packing commences;
 - (d) Vehicle loading commences;
 - (e) Coys submit air-portable deficiency list to QM; and
 - (f) LOB replacements to report to Coys. (Cooks and other essentials may then return to their duties temporarily.)
- By T + 1 hr
- (a) Regt sigs report to their sub - units;
 - (b) All personnel air-portable scales packed;
 - (c) A Coy to RAP for inoculations;
 - (d) B Coy collect dhoby;
 - (e) C Coy to Bn Q Store; and
 - (f) D Coy draw sig equipment.
- By T + $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs
- (a) B Coy to RAP;
 - (b) C Coy collect dhoby;
 - (c) D Coy to Bn Q Store;
 - (d) Sp Coy draw sig equipment; and
 - (e) RSM commence distribution of ammunition.

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- By T + 2hr (a) C Coy to RAP;
(b) D Coy collect dhoby;
(c) Sp Coy to Bn Q Store; and
(d) Bn HQ draw sig equipment.
- By T + 2½hrs (a) D Coy to RAP;
(b) Sp Coy collect dhoby;
(c) Adm Coy to Bn Q Store; and
(d) C Coy draw sig equipment.
- By T + 3hrs (a) A Coy draw sig equipment;
(b) Sp Coy to RAP;
(c) Adm Coy collect dhoby; and
(d) Bn HQ to Bn Q Store.
- By T + 3½hrs (a) B Coy draw sig equipment;
(b) Adm Coy to RAP;
(c) A Coy to Bn Q Store; and
(d) Bn HQ to collect dhoby.
- By T + 4hrs (a) A Coy collect dhoby;
(b) B Coy to Bn Q Store; and
(c) Bn HQ to RAP.
- By T + 5hrs (a) All paybooks made up for two (2) weeks pay by Coy pay clerks;
(b) Mob docs completed and amended;
(c) Vehicles loaded;
(d) Issues of foot powder, sterilising tablets, soap, mosquito repellent, and reserve of paludrine completed;
(e) Pers gear not required in operations packed in trunk etc ready for sealing;
(f) All clo treated with mite repellent;
(g) Medical orderlies report to Coys; and
(h) Identification markings completed. (see para 19)

NOTES

- (a) From T hr to T + 5 hrs, meal hours will be disregarded. Meals in all kitchens will be prepared by T + 5 hrs;
- (b) Coys will be paid, if money is available, after T + 5 hrs, otherwise pay will be completed in SINGAPORE. Bn Paying Officer will be 2IC Sig Pl, and he will notify coys when to collect money;
- (c) Inoculations will be completed for each coy in 30 mins, all ranks will take IHCs and AAB 83 to RAP for inoculation documentation;
- (d) RSO is responsible for arranging accn and adm of rear link;
- (e) Paybooks will be taken to Bn Q Store, if required;
- (f) No packing of non-operational unit stores, Regt or Mess property will take place until T + 6 hrs, when the CO will direct whether or not it will be left for LOB element; and
- (g) After mobilisation is complete, a few hours leave may be granted at the discretion of the CO.

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IDENTIFICATION

18. Each vehicle will be marked thus on mobilisation:
- (a) A white cross 9ins x 1in on the LEFT side of the windscreen. It will NOT be removed prior to emplaning or embarkation. This cross will ensure priority in traffic, repair and recovery;
 - (b) Circular yellow bands 26" in diameter placed on the spare wheel on the bonnet.
19. MTO is responsible for ensuring that this is done by T + 5 hrs.
20. Mobilisation Number. 3 RAR mobilisation number is 0018. It will be painted on all unit eqpt, vchs and stores by T + 5 hrs.

VEHICLE LOADING

21. Vehicles will be tactically loaded, but tailboards and canopies will NOT be removed unless ordered. Canopies will be taken on ops. All vehicles will be equipped with hessian to camouflage windcreens and head-lamps.
22. Where the scheduled load contains stores, ammo or rats which are not available, space will be left for the items, which will be collected in SINGAPORE.

DOCUMENTATION

23. See Annex C.

MEDICAL

24. In accordance with the mobilisation sequence, all ranks (incl LOB element) will be inoculated to the stage where no further inoculations are required for 3 months.

PHASE III
ACTION ON CODEWORD RAMAH BLUE
MOVE FROM TERENDAK CAMP TO NEE SOON

GENERAL OUTLINE

25. Movement will be controlled by a Mov Con HQ, to be established by HQ 17 GURKHA DIV/OCLF and HQ 28 COMMEL Inf Bde Gp.
26. On receipt of Codeword RAMAH BLUE 3 RAR will move by road or rail to NEE SOON.
27. Host unit for 3 RAR at NEE SOON is FETC.

PROVISION OF TRANSPORT

28. (a) HQ 17 GURKHA DIV/OCLF is responsible for provision of 3 RAR marching troops to entraining station if rail move is ordered;
- (b) HQ SINGAPORE Base District is responsible for move of marching troops from detraining station if rail move is ordered;

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- (c) HQ 17 GURDIV and HQ 28 COMWEL Bde are responsible for provision of transport for marching troops of 3 RAR from TERENDAK Camp to NEE SOON if road move is ordered; and
- (d) 3 RAR will provide spare 3 ton vehs to a Bde pool for moving marching parties.

ROAD MOVE

- 29. (a) The main trunk road will be used for road movement;
- (b) Route - TERENDAK Camp - MASJID TANAH - TAMPIN - GEMAS - AYER HITAM - JOHORE BAHRU; and
- 30. Other military traffic on this route will be kept to a minimum.

31.

Movement Date

- (a) Veh Flags - the first veh in the unit (or serial if a Bde movement table is in use) will fly a BLUE flag by day and show a BLUE light at night. The last veh in the unit or serial will show a GREEN flag and GREEN light likewise. A vehicle casualty will display a YELLOW flag by day and be manhandled off the road at night. The YELLOW flag is the sign for other vehicles to pass;
- (b) Density
 - (1) Packets will consist of not more than 7 vehs;
 - (2) Each packet will have a commander;
 - (3) 75 yards between vehs; and
 - (4) 5 minutes between packets;
- (c) Speed - convoy speed limits by day and night:-
 - (1) $\frac{1}{4}$ ton vehs - 35 mph main rds;
30 mph Subsidiary rds; and
 - (2) 3 ton vehs - 30 mph without trailers;
20 mph with trailers, and in SINGAPORE.
- (d) Halts
 - (1) 10 mins to the even hour for 10 mins; and
 - (2) LABIS harbour area - 1 hour.

32. Harbour Area - LABIS airfield GR 875273. POL and water will be provided.

33.

Meals

- (a) OC LOB element will provide one cut lunch for consumption en route; and
- (b) FETC will provide a hot meal on arrival.

34.

Medical

Medical facilities are available as follows:

- (a) TAMPIN - Med Centre RA (TAMPIN 94)

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- (b) KLUANG - BMH KLUANG (KLUANG 238); and
- (c) JOHORE BAHRU - MRS (JOHORE BAHRU 4096).

35. Traffic Points and Recovery Points

- (a) Traffic Point 2 - TAMPIN;
- (b) Traffic Point 3 - LABIS; and
- (c) Traffic Point 4 - JOHORE BAHRU.

Wrls comms will be available at these points.

36. Repair Facilities

- (a) TAMPIN - RA LAD RA (TAMPIN 94);
- (b) LABIS AIRFIELD - Det 58 Sta Wksp; and
- (c) JOHORE BAHRU - 10 Inf Wksp (SINGAPORE 2410 Ext 41106).

37. Guides

FETC representatives will meet 3 RAR at SINGAPORE Customs Shed at SOUTH end of JOHORE BAHRU causeway.

38. Movement Orders

These will be issued by HQ 28 Bde will include:

- (a) Number of serial;
- (b) Date/Time and Unit SP;
- (c) Date/Time in and out of LABIS harbour area; and
- (d) Date/Time at Rel P.

RAIL MOVE

39. If a rail move is ordered, 3 RAR marching troops will move by train, and the remainder in operational vehicles by road.

40. 3 RAR entraining station is TAMPIN.

41. 3 RAR will detrain at JOHORE BAHRU where guides from FETC will be available with transport provided by HQ SINGAPORE Base District.

42. Meals

All members of 3 RAR will carry one cut lunch for consumption en route. Provided by OC LOB element.

PHASE IV
ACTION IN STAGING AREA

LIAISON

43. Bde HQ will be deployed in SINGAPORE as follows:

- (a) Comd and Planning Element - HQ Farelf Ops Room; and
- (b) "G" Ops and "AQ" Ops Room - HQ SINGAPORE Base District Ops Room.

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44. 3 RAR Adm Adv Party will report the arrival of 3 RAR to the HQ 28 Bde "AQ" Ops room as follows:

- (a) Arrival of complete sub units;
- (b) Arrival of 3 RAR complete,
- (Arrival of packets is not required)

DRAWING OF DEFICIENCIES

45. All deficiencies notified to ^{Bde} HQ, as detailed in these orders will be drawn.

46. QM will liaise with Bde HQ who will nominate:

- (a) Time and Sub Dep of 3 BOD from which stores will be drawn;
- (b) Time for drawing ammo from 443 BAD;
- (c) Time for drawing vehs from 221 BVD;
- (d) Time for drawing 4 x 24 hrs rat packs per man from 55 Sup Dep; and
- (e) Times for drawing Engr and Med Stores.

47. REME SUPPORT

- (a) SINGAPORE Base District is responsible for repair and recovery whilst in SINGAPORE;
- (b) All requests for repairs will be made direct to FETC and will be supported by three copies of AFG 1045. Units will also state the amount of time available in which to carry out the repairs e.g. a unit may be flying out in 48 hours time;
- (c) Eqpt Repair. All eqpt repair work will be referred to 10 Inf Wksp direct;
- (d) Veh Repairs. Top priority will be given to Bde unit;
- (e) Time Shortage. Any vehicle or equipment which cannot be repaired in time will be sentenced BLR and an AFG 104 issued to donor unit;
- (f) Deficiencies. The AFG 1043 will be the basis for a deficiency return which will be phoned through to DADOS HQ 28 Bde, who will in turn arrange replacement; and
- (g) Recovery. A recovery control will be established by 10 Inf Wksp (Tel No 2410 Ext 41106).

ADMINISTRATION FOR AIR MOVEMENT

48. Air lifts will fly from CHANGI and SELETAR airfields.

49. Assembly areas will be established at SELARANG BARRACKS for CHANGI airfield and at EAST CAMP Drill Square RAF Station SELETAR airfield.

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50. Preparation and documentation will be in accordance with 3 RAR SOPs for Airportable Operations.

PHASE V
ACTION ON CODEWORD RAMAH GREEN

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51. On receipt of RAMAH GREEN 3 RAR will be called forward from NEE SOON to emplane.

52. Emplaning will be carried out as in 3 RAR ^{SOPs} for Airportable Operations.

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS/BREAKDOWN DURING MOVE TO AIRFIELD

53. If a vehicle breaks down during the move then all stores will be removed and placed in another vehicle in the chalk. If there is a trailer it should be towed to the Assy Area. Yellow indicating discs will be removed.

54. If an FFR vehicle breaks down the radio equipment will be removed and taken to the Assy Area.

55. Upon reporting the breakdown to either a Recovery Post or to the Assy Area arrangements will be made by HQ SINGAPORE Base District to have a replacement vehicle delivered to the Assy Area.

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<u>Serial</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action by 3 PAR</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Action by AUSTARM</u>
5	War Diary	Maintained as per SD in the Fd	Forward to Records Dept AUSTARM	
6	Medical	As per Annex C to FARELF Adm Instr 20		
7	Notification of Cas	As for HQ FARELF SOs Sec 53		
8	Storage of Private property on Army Premises	As per MBI 242-4 of 1 Sep 62	Ensure notice in accordance with MBI 242-4 par 7 is inserted in ROs	
9	Disposal of Personal Effects for Deceased, Missing and PW	As per MBI 76-1 of 1 Sep 62		Will accept action vide paras 14 - 17 of MBI

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<u>Serial</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action by 3 RAR</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Action By AUSTARM</u>
1	Disposal of docus	Ensure pers and regt docus are up to date	(a) Paybook carried on man (b) All other docus in subunit custody	
2	Part 2 Orders	Normal PORs to CARO		
3	Unallotted List (UL)	When protracted absence of a member is likely to adversely effect the efficiency of the unit, 3 RAR will recommend placing member on the UL and demand a rft. (NOTE: AUST holding policy for med cases is 90 days)	(a) Apply sig to AUSTARM for member to be placed on UL (b) Submit rft demand by sig	Arrange rft
4	Reinforcement	(a) Submit a weekly demand as at 0700 hrs each Fri by sig to AUSTARM (b) Submit immediate rft demand at any time, as required, by sig to AUSTARM	(a) Weekly demand covers all normal rft requirements, and will show totals required by ECN (b) Immediate demand should only be submitted for the urgent replacement of specialist trades and duties. This will show No, Rank and name of member and reasons for non-effectiveness, and ECN of replacement required. (c) Sig will be headed RFT DEMAND, or IMMEDIATE RFT DEMAND	Arrange rft

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Annex B to 3 RAR SOPs
for Mobilisation

POSTAL

ORGANISATION

1. (a) Postal facilities forward of the FMA will be provided by 28 COMWEL Courier and Postal Unit RE, situated near Bde HQ; and
- (b) A small postal detachment will be set up at the FMA to act as a mail regulating point and will also provide postal facilities within the FMA.

POSTAL ADDRESS

2. (a) A closed BFPO address as under will be used by personnel proceeding on operations in FARELF. The actual BFPO number will be issued by GHQ when move from SINGAPORE is imminent:

Number _____ Rank _____ Name _____

Unit _____

British Forces Post Office _____

- (b) A maximum of 4 "Change of Address Cards" (AFA2041) may be issued to each individual. The correct postal address as advised by GHQ should be inserted on each card before issue. Postage stamps are not required for these cards, which should be collected and posted in bulk under official cover to:

NCO IC 302 Postal Unit RE

c/- GPO SINGAPORE

This unit will transmit these cards onwards.

3. (a) Concessional rates of postage will apply under the same conditions in force in SINGAPORE/ MALAYA;
- (b) On departure from SINGAPORE all outgoing mail will bear UK postage stamps, which will be available from 28 COMWEL Courier and Postal Unit RE. Payment for stamps will be in the available currency at the official rate of exchange; and
- (c) Cost for an air letter or Forces Airletter at the concessional rate will be 3d sterling for the first ounce and 6d for each additional $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce

REDIRECTION

4. CG Rear Details must redirect promptly to the new address all letters and parcels received from the unit after departure and forward under official cover to:

NCO IC 302 Postal Unit RE

c/o GPO SINGAPORE

SERVICES PROVIDED

5. (a) The full range of services provided by the Forces Postal Service at the FPOs will be:
 - (i) Acceptance and distribution of all classes of mail, including registered letters and insured parcels;

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- (ii) Sale of British postage stamps; and
- (iii) Sale and encashment of British postal orders.

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6. 3 RAR Postal Cpl will collect and post mail from nominated FPOs. All postal transactions will be carried out in bulk by him, and he will be in possession of AB426 and authority to collect mail.

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Annex C to 3 RAR SOPs
for Mobilisation

DEFICIENCY RETURN

This is to certify that.....(Unit/Sub-unit)
is complete to scale laid down in 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp SOP No 4/3 RAR
SOPs in vehs, wpns, eqpt and clothing less the following:

Serial	Catalogue/Part No	Item	Qty	Reason for Deficiency (to incl whether or NOT in Wksp for repair)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

NOTE. This return will be unclassified unless it contains information
e.g. Signal crystals and frequencies, when it will be classified
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3rd Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
Terendak Camp
MALACCA

3 Sep 63

3 RAR TRAINING DIRECTIVE NO 4/63

General

1. The possibility that 3 RAR as part of the British Commonwealth Strategic Reserve will have to move to a theatre of operations in any area of South East Asia is known to all ranks. Therefore 3 RAR must be trained to the maximum efficiency in all respects to be ready for active service.

2. As the battalion is not yet ready to meet an emergency all ranks are required to devote more time than the normal working hours require to bring themselves, and thus the battalion, to the standard required.

Aim

3. The aim of this training directive is to give company commanders both general and specific directions on training activities which will be carried out during the period 26 Aug - 31 Dec 63. Within this basis company commanders will direct the training of their companies.

Training Doctrine

4. Training will be based on the doctrine contained in the following publications:-

- a. "Anti-Guerilla Operations in SE Asia - ACSEA
- b. "Anti-Terrorist Operations in MALAYA, 1958 - ATOM
- c. "Keeping the Peace" - Parts 1 and 2
- d. "IS in a City"
- e. Tactics - Inf Trg Vol IV

5. Should these publications not be held by companies they will be obtained from the Training Text Book Library. At present there are not sufficient copies available for issue to all officers therefore copies will have to be shared.

6. I want all officers to study these pamphlets now and be prepared to discuss the material contained in them during officer training periods.

7. During training full use will be made of the knowledge and techniques of jungle warfare gained by those company personnel who attended the unit instructor course at the JWS.

8. In addition to the publications listed all officers will read the report on Ex TRUMPFETER and the 28 Bde report on Ex DHANA RAJATA. Copies are available from the IO. However before doing this, the concept and conduct of the exercises will be explained at officer training periods. Discussion on the reports will take place during the officer training period.

Training Programme

- 9. Attached at Annex A is the detailed training programme for the period Sep - Dec 63. An outline of probable major exercises for the period Jan - Jul 64 is also attached at Annex B.

Officer Training

10. As far as is practical officer training will be conducted every Mon from 1600 - 1800 hrs. All officers will attend. The subjects to be covered during these periods will be issued separately. Officers will be specified to conduct certain aspects of the subject/s to be covered, however I expect all officers to be prepared to give their views on the subject/s under discussion.

Schools and Courses

11. Officers and NCOs are to attend schools and courses conducted within this theatre. Details of the type of course and the nominations required of companies is being issued separately. Company commanders are to ensure that personnel nominated to attend have the necessary qualifications in accordance with the booklet - "Courses of Instruction FARELF and other Trg Units".

Training Areas

12. The various training areas and ranges available have been detailed and passed to companies (3 RAR 234/1/1 of 26 Jul 63 refers). Companies are to submit their bids for areas and ranges to the Int Offr as already laid down. Should it not be possible for the battalion to obtain use of the training areas desired companies are to ensure that alternative training can be carried out.

Ammunition

13. Certain types of ammunition are in short supply. Practices requiring 9mm ball will, at this stage of training, be limited to firing the Annual OMC classification practices required to be completed for efficiency in this training year. Every endeavour is to be made to obtain additional 9mm training ammunition to enable all troops to fire on the jungle range course.

IS Training

14. The training for and conduct of IS operations is an important aspect of our training. Films are available from 28 Brigade sources and bids for their use are to be coordinated by the Int Officer.

Mobilization Training

15. At least two battalion mobilization exercises are to be carried out prior to Dec 63. Companies are to ensure, therefore, that the unit mobilization procedures (to be issued by 3 Sep 63) as they affect them are capable of being fully implemented at short notice. The date of the first mobilization exercise is to be notified at least two days in advance. For future exercises no warning will be given.

Battalion SOPs

16. Battalion SOPs are being re-written for use in this theatre. It is expected that they will be issued to companies by late Sep. In the interim period 3 RAR SOPs (Pentropic) will continue to be used as they affect an Infantry Battalion(TE).

Physical Fitness

17. There can be no relaxation on the standard of physical fitness to be achieved by every member of the battalion. Sport on Wednesday afternoons is a valuable adjunct to supplementing a high physical standard.

Airportability Training

18. The battalion is to be ready to participate in airportability exercises by the end of Oct 63. A unit course to train one loading and lashing team per company to be conducted during the period 9 - 19 Sep 63. Companies are to detail 1 NCO, 1 Dvr and 4 privates to attend the course.

19. Scales of airportable equipment and the loading on vehicles are to be checked prior to 31 Oct 63. The Senior Unit Emplaning Officer - OC Sp Coy - is available to assist company UEOs as necessary. Exercises are also to be carried out to practice emplaning of troops in the "mock ups" available within the Brigade.

Battalion Exercises

20. Two battalion exercises other than those arranged by 28 Brigade are to be held prior to the end of Dec 63. Dates are:-

- a. 2 - 7 Oct 63
- b. 27 Oct - 2 Nov 63

21. The aim of these exercises is to enable the battalion to:-

- a. "Shakedown"
- b. Practice day and night movement including navigation through the various types of terrain encountered in this theatre;
- c. Practice sub-units in SOPs and health (all aspects) and water discipline;
- d. Practice, to a limited extent only, the drills and procedures for all phases of war; and
- e. Obtain a high corporate standard of physical fitness.

22. It is hoped that some re-supply by air and casualty evacuation can be arranged. Because of the limited nature of the exercises there will be no participation of the support arms usually affiliated to the battalion.

Company Training

23. During company training emphasis is to be placed on:-

- a. Physical fitness;
- b. Health and Water discipline;
- c. Shooting including night shooting;
- d. Map reading and jungle navigation;
- e. Night training;
- f. Attack on fortified villages;
- g. Immediate action and battle drills;
- h. IS drills; and
- j. Camouflage and concealment.

24. The Bde fortified village is not to be used without permission of Bn HQ.
25. Every opportunity is to be taken to discuss with the troops the likely areas of operations in which the battalion could be called upon to operate in SE Asia. In addition the organization, weapons and tactics of our likely enemies are to be explained to all troops. Maps, charts etc can be made available to companies for this purpose by the IO.
26. Arrangements are being made for companies to visit the 28 Brigade Viet Cong room. Details of these visits are to be issued separately.

Company Training Programmes

27. Company training programmes are to be submitted to Bn HQ not later than 1200 hrs on the Mon prior to the week in which they will take place.

Training Records

28. Due to the reorganization of the battalion special attention must be paid to the correctness of all training records now held. Training records required to be maintained are detailed in SOs.

Administration

29. As far as possible Wednesday mornings are to be devoted to administration. Companies are to ensure that all aspects of administration are thoroughly checked during these days.

Communism

30. Company commanders are to use the notes and material issued to them in AUSTRALIA to conduct discussions, with all ranks of their companies, on the ideals of communism and the threat communism poses to the world and in particular to SE Asia. Company commanders who transferred from 2 RAR to 3 RAR will obtain these notes from Bn HQ. I shall hold a discussion with all officers on this subject prior to the commencement of company discussions.

Code of Conduct Training

31. Company commanders are to emphasize to all troops the danger of becoming a prisoner of war. The notes issued to you in AUSTRALIA are to be used as a basis for discussion on this matter. As troops must be given a definite direction in this matter I want company commanders to instil into all troops that they will only give that information required by International agreement. The danger of giving any other type of information cannot be over emphasized.
32. Each company has officers who have already attended the Code of Conduct course conducted at the School of Military Intelligence, AUSTRALIA. These officers will also be used to assist in this vital aspect of training.

Training Assistance to other Units

33. The battalion is to assist:-
- 3 Coy PASG
28 Inf Bde Pro Unit

in their training activities. Details of the form of assistance to be given these units will be detailed at a later date. However companies can expect to be called on to provide instructional assistance from time to time.

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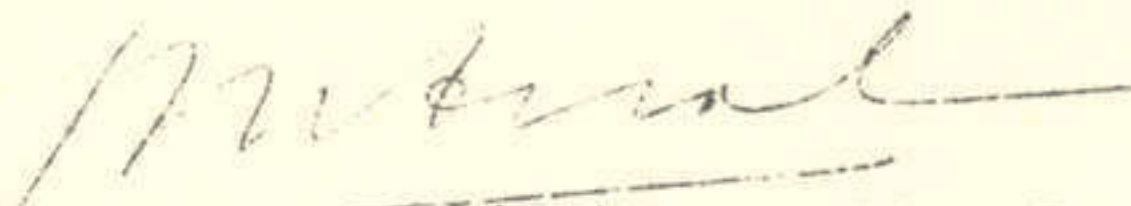
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Specialist Training

34. In addition to normal platoon training courses, specialist platoons are to devote some training time to normal rifle platoon training. Field firing is to be carried out in this period.

Conclusion

35. I realize that the goal set for this training period is high but it is attainable if training time is utilized correctly. This battalion must be prepared for all eventualities and I expect that it should not be found lacking in any respect.


Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding

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OUTLINE FORECAST OF TRAINING EVENTS AUG - DEC 63

<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>Aug - Sep</u>	Regt Sigs Course	5 weeks
<u>Sep</u>	All coys one week exercise Mobilization exercise Unit Anti-Tank course	Local trg areas 9 - 13 Sep
<u>Oct</u>	Mobilization exercise Bn exercise Bn exercise All coys one week exercise Unit mortar course	2 - 7 Oct 29 Oct - 2 Nov Local trg areas 14 - 28 Oct
<u>Nov</u>	Vehs/Comms inspection Ex ZIG ZAG Field firing Sp Coy weapons	11 - 14 Nov Airportability 18-21 Nov
<u>Dec</u>	VIOL Bn exercise	2 - 11 Dec 63

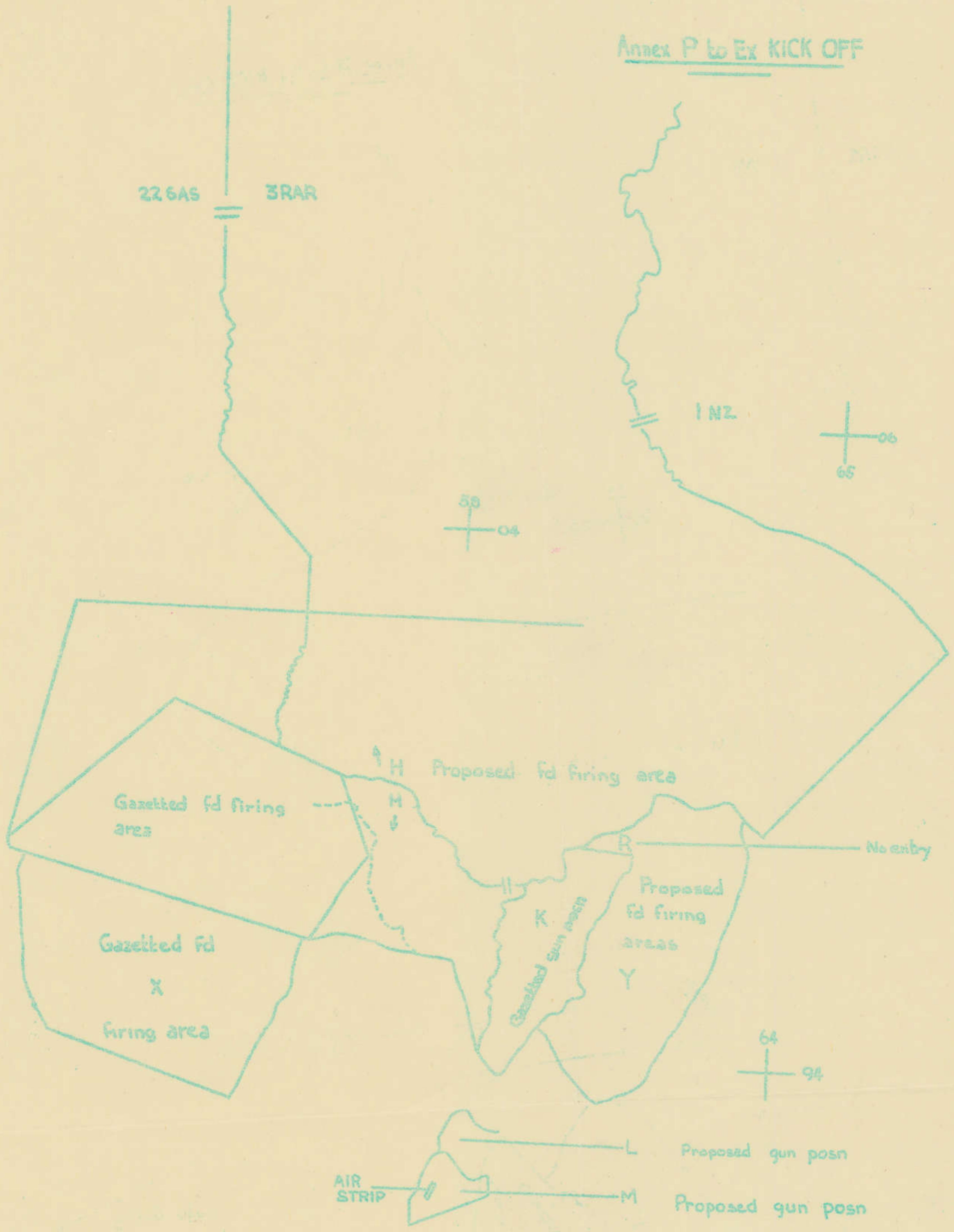
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OUTLINE FORECAST OF TRAINING EVENTS JAN - JUL 64

<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>Jan</u>	3 RAR Bn Gp Ex with MRT and SRT ac if available	Set, conducted and enemy provided by 1 KOYLI
<u>Mar</u>	Bde Gp Ex with MRT and SRT ac if available	Set and conducted by Bde HQ assisted by RHQ 45 RA. Enemy bn provided by Federation
<u>Apr</u>	SEATO CPX	Possibly only down to Bn HQ level.
<u>May</u> {	a. Bn Gp trg in BORNEO	
<u>Jun</u> {	b. Cross country tactical endurance competition	
<u>Jul</u>	Mag Joint Tac Ex (EX RAVEN)	Set and conducted by 17 Div/224 Gp RAF

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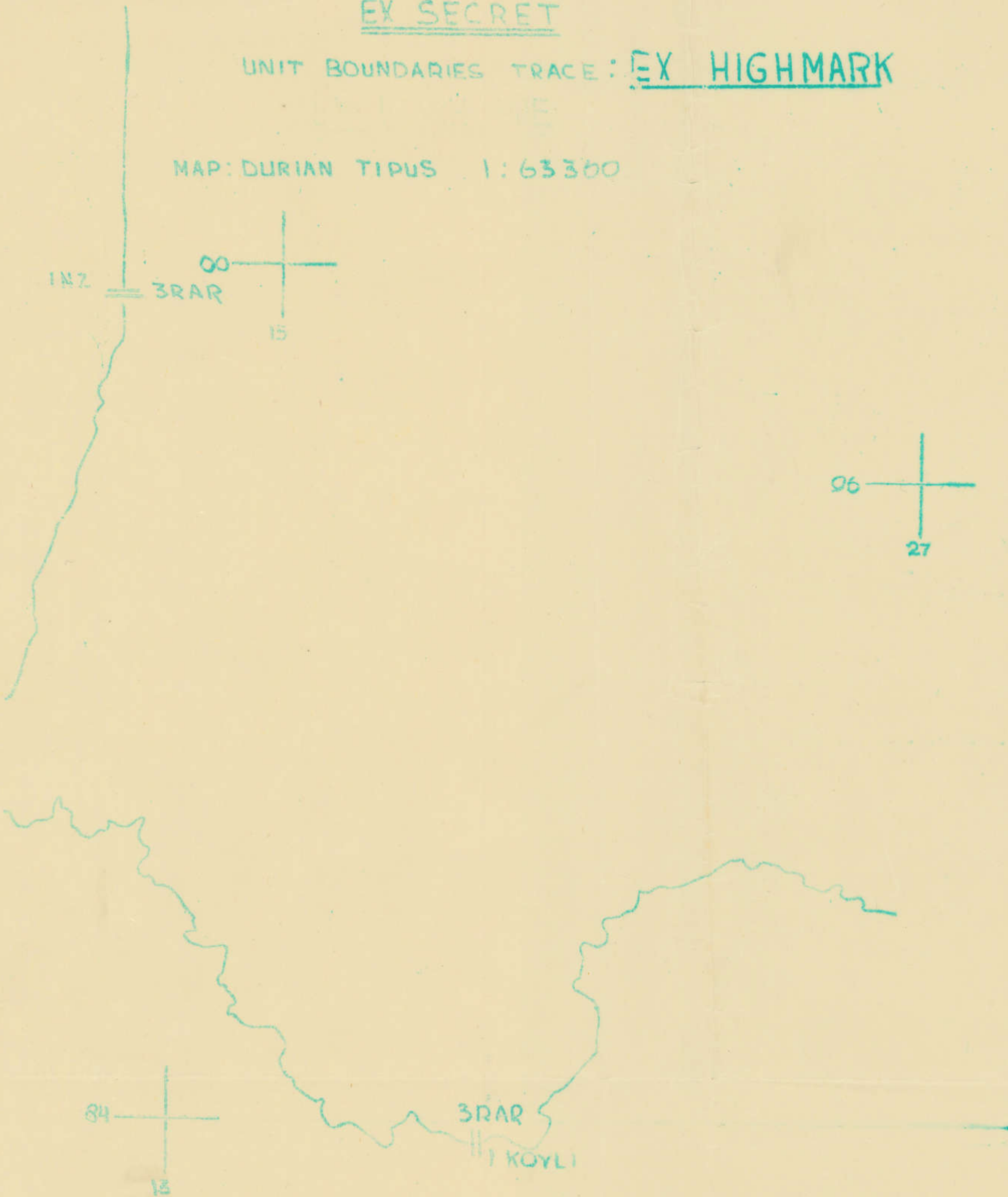
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