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Australian Army commanders' diaries

Headquarters units

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

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Annexes

[1-31 Jan 1964]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 1/64

Cross out addresses which do not apply.

To: Under-Secretary of State (WORO), War Office.

Under-Secretary of State (AMD 1), 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) [Signature] Brig

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

RECEIPT FORM

(To be detached and returned by recipient)

Please return to this address:

HQ Aust Army Force FARELF c/o GPO SINGAPORE

I hereby acknowledge receipt of:—

Army Form C2118 JAN 64 (Month and Year)

Signature [Signature]

Date

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MAJ. A. TEBB

MEMBER

ARMY HISTORICAL RECORDS

REVIEW TEAM

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation HQ AUST ARMY FORCE FARELF

From 1 JAN 64

To 31 JAN 64

This record has been reviewed and declassified by the authority of the Department of Defence (Army Office) Date: 12/7/93

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PART III

COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

1. The aim of a Commanders Diary is to provide data on which to base future improvements in Army training, equipment, organisation and administration, and to furnish historians with a record of the activities of units and formations in operational and non-operational periods in peace and in war.

GENERAL

2. *Entries will be made daily* on AF C2118, each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.
3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties in the Field", Chapter 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 Supplementary Diary" of the formation originating the document. It will be prepared and disposed of as shown in paragraphs 17, 18 and 19 below.

CONTENTS

10. The diary will contain:—
 - (a) Changes in command, location (giving place names as well as map references), establishment, equipment and organisation.
 - (b) Information received, decisions made and orders given.
 - (c) Where applicable, a short summary of the day's fighting, including company movements.
 - (d) Opinions and recommendations of the commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organisation and morale.
 - (e) Progress of defensive works.
 - (f) Weapon state.
 - (g) Weather and ground conditions, if of potential importance.
 - (h) Major causes and number of casualties to officers, men and equipment.
 - (j) A note of all prisoners and enemy equipment captured.
 - (k) A statement showing how the unit was employed in the time not accounted for. The type of training, etc., should be specified.
11. In order to ensure accuracy and completeness and to save work as much information as possible will be included in annexes consisting of copies of documents issued and received, routine returns, etc. All annexes will be referred to in the column provided and the time of receipt or despatch will be given.

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12. The narrative will supplement and connect the annexes but need not give a precis of them.

DISPOSAL

During Non-Operational Periods

13. *Formation Headquarters* will forward the original Commanders Diary annually as at 31st December to reach the 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

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 JAN 64

COMMANDING OFFICER Brig F.R. EVANS, OBE

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SINGAPORE	01		Half staff only worked.	
	02		Our 217/3/8 to Services Attache BANGKOK requesting administrative arrangements to be made for visit of AHQ CGS Exercise writing team to THAILAND.	
	03		HQ FARELF, Aust Def Rep and Aust JIB Rep informed of visit to THAILAND of AHQ CGS Exercise writing team vide our 217/3/8.	
	04		Formal clearance granted by AHQ and THAI authorities for 2 Fd Tp RAE to depart for THAILAND on Op CROWN vide AHQ OPS 129 of 040808Z.	
	06	1430 GH	Initial weekly staff conference held.	H1
	"		Maj W.J. SLOCOMBE ^{became} becomes GSO2 vice Maj C.M. JOHNSON, MC.	
	"		Monthly Report 11/63 submitted to AHQ.	H2
	07	0905 GH	Capt L. HALL and J. CAMPBELL and Lt V. MURPHY, all of 3 RAR depart for SAIGON on Orientation visit.	
	"		Routine Orders 51 - 52 issued.	H3
	08	0900 - 1500 GH	Liaison visit by Maj J.D. STEWART, MC, DAQMG 17 Div to HQ Aust Army Force.	
	09	1200 GH	Liaison visit by Lt Col A.B. McDONALD, MC, CO 3RAR to HQ Aust Army Force.	

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MONTH AND YEAR..... JAN 64

COMMANDING OFFICER.....

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SINGAPORE	09	1430	Initial discussion of AHQ Adm Instr 2/63 held by Deputy Comd and Grade 2 officers (This continued for two hours each day until 28 Jan 64)	
	10	1100 GH	Visit by Maj V. SINGH, Indian Army, currently attending QUEENSCLIFFE Staff College as student.	
	"	1500 GH	Col McDONALD CO 3 RAR departs.	
	11		Routine Order No 53 issued.	H4
	11		Amendments to Force Routine Orders vide our 31/1/12.	H5
	"		Final group of 11 successful Force OCS applicants departed for 1964 January intake.	
	13	1100 GH	Comd Attended High Commissioner's monthly meeting.	
	14	1000 GH	Weekly staff conference held.	
		0930 GH	GSO2 attended HQ FARELF conference discussing alteration of role of JWS in the formation of a FARELF RHTU on mobilisation.	
	"	2000 GH	Capt C.M. PETERS Aust Int Corps returned to SINGAPORE after a months attachment to Special Branch Police HQ KUCHING, BORNEO.	
	15	2000 GH	Arrival of Capt J.S. ROWE Aust Int Corps ex AHQ for six months attachment to HQ British Forces BORNEO as GSO3 Int.	

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MONTH AND YEAR..... JAN 64.....

COMMANDING OFFICER.....

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SINGAPORE	15	0900 - 1500 GH	Visit of Maj ^L S.H. EYLES, DAA & QMG HQ 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp to HQ Aust Army Force.	
"	"	1257 Z	Our Trg 3 to AHQ requesting permission for Maj W.J. SLOCOMBE GSO2 to visit THAILAND in conjunction with AHQ Team 31 Jan - 17 Feb 64.	
"	16	1300 GH	Cpts HALL and CAMPBELL and Lt MURPHY return ex SAIGON on orientation visit.	
"	18.		Commutation of rations for 3 RAR approved by HQ Aust Army Force.	
"	20	0900 GH	Weekly staff conference.	H6
"	"		Our 30/1/3 issued detailing the report required of officers returning from Orientation visits ex VIETNAM .	H7
"	21	0905 GH	Maj V. HARRIS, Capt P.M. JEFFERY and Capt G.S. PRATT depart SINGAPORE for SAIGON on Orientation visit.	
"	"	1230 GH	Comd departs for THAILAND to visit Op CROWN in company of C of S HQ FARELF.	
"	22		Receipt of HQ FARELF OPS 3 of 210435 Z stating that FEDERATION authorities have requested C-in-C FAR EAST for Bn HQ and 2/3 coys of 3 RAR to be deployed on THAI/MALAYAN border Ops in KEDAH/PERLIS at earliest.	
"	23		AHQ advised vide our G 21 that C-in-C FAR EAST has requested consent for deployment of 3 RAR on Border Operations in early 64 through BDLs on 22 Jan 64.	

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MONTH AND YEAR..... JAN 64

COMMANDING OFFICER.....

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SINGAPORE	23	2105 GH	Return of Comd ex visit to Op CROWN in THAILAND.	
	24		Our 22/1/64 to AHQ advising of future BORNEO reinforcements by UK.	
	27		AUSTRALIA Day holiday.	
	28		THAIPUSAN local civilian holiday.	
			HQ FARELF A/Q Conference held 28 - 30 Jan.	
	29	0700 GH	Arrival of Col D.D. MAITLAND, RAMC, en route to become DAH AHQ on exchange.	
	"	1030 GH	Col MAITLAND called on HQ Aust Army Force.	
	"		SA/SGN/41/64 of 21 Jan received detailing likely corps areas to be visited by Force officers on orientation visits.	
	"	2005 GH	Arrival of Lt Cols J.D. WATCH and J.D. ^R SALMON and Mr J.B. DOYLE, AHQ CGS Exercise writing team, for one day stopover en route to THAILAND for ground recce.	H8
	30		Our 119/1/27 to AHQ advising of wellbeing of 2 Fd Tp RAE on Op CROWN.	
	"	2100 GH	Departure of AHQ CGS Exercise writing team for BANGKOK with Maj W.J. SLOCOMBE GSO2 and WOII DUNKLEY Photographer HQ Aust Army Force.	
	"	0900 - 1500 GH	Col D.D. MAITLAND and Capt N. GRANTER, SC'A', visit Aust units of 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp	

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

MINUTES OF STAFF CONFERENCE
HQ AUST ARMY FORCE
1430 HOURS MONDAY 6 JAN 64

<u>Present</u>	Comd	DAQMG
	Deputy Comd	Financial Representative
	GSO2	GSO 3
	DAAG	PA to Comd

REMARKS

ACTION BY

Introductory Remarks by Comd

1. The Comd stated that weekly conferences would be held to enable an exchange of information between Branches and assist co-ordination within the Headquarters.
2. The future method of command within the Headquarters would be direct from the Comd to heads of branches. There will be no chief of staff system. Instead the Deputy Comd will be kept informed on all matters, but will particularly watch policy aspects and long term projects. Specialist officers may see the Comd because of the break up of responsibilities within Branches. All
3. Current delegations should be investigated to ensure that they are held at the correct level and not causing unnecessary delays. All
4. Correspondence to a higher Headquarters will be signed by the Comd and Deputy Comd. Routine Branch correspondence to HQ FARELF Branches and subordinate units may go over Branch signature. All
5. Liaison visits with own units of the force should be programmed. G

G, A And Q Briefs

6. Heads of Branches then briefed the Comd on current and future activities within their Branches. Items of policy are listed below.

Review of Estb TET, and Accn Requirements for the Headquarters

7. The organisation of the Headquarters will be reviewed under the co-ordination of the Deputy Comd with a view to determine future manpower, equipment and accommodation. Deputy Comd

Adm Instr 2/63

8. Army Headquarters have requested a review of their draft Adm Instr 2/63. This is a combination of AHQ Adm Instr 3/58 and AHQ Finance Instr 459 and requires review by all Branches. The first discussion will take place on Friday 10 Jan 64. On the review being completed, HQ FARELF should be requested to approve our draft. The document will have little value unless recognised by HQ FARELF. All

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Relief of Force Report

9. DAQMG is co-ordinating a final report on the 1963 relief. This will be forwarded to Army Headquarters on completion the assist as a guide to any future relief by air.

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Handling of Correspondence

10. In future inward correspondence will go direct to heads of Branches before filing. It will be the responsibility of heads of Branches to brief the Comd and Deputy Comd.

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All

Branch Activities Requiring Completion

11. The following further matters are currently being actioned by Branches:-

a. GS Branch

- (1) December Monthly Report
- (2) December Diary.
- (3) Visit of AHQ Team to Thailand.
- (4) Report on Exercise KANGAROO HOP
- (5) Reorg of 2 Fd Tp RAE.

b. AG Branch

- (1) Vietnam Allowances report.
- (2) Dental charges to dependants investigation
- (3) Review of instruction on discipline on War Service in MALAYA.
- (4) Clearance of Visiting Forces Act with HQ FARELF.
- (5) Children's education allowances review.

c. QMG Branch

- (1) Visits of Director of NAAFI and Manager of ASCO.
- (2) Claims review - Aust troops in THAILAND.
- (3) Administrative responsibilities to Attaches to be reviewed.
- (4) Grading of hotels in SINGAPORE.
- (5) Review of clothing block scales.
- (6) Payment of Amahs.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Quote in reply
36/5/4

HQ Aust Army Force
FARELF
SINGAPORE

6 Jan 64

COMMANDER AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE FARELF
MONTHLY REPORT 11/63 - Nov 63

Reference AHQ Directive to Commander Australian Army
Force FARELF of Aug 63.

General

1. This report covers the period 1 - 30 Nov 63.

State of Force

2. Attached as Annex A is the statistical report covering the state of the Force during the period.

Accommodation State

3. Attached as Annex B is the accommodation statement as at 30 Nov 63 as requested by AHQ 55/441/120 of 6 Sep 63.

103 Fd Bty RAA

4. A farewell parade was conducted by the battery on the 6 Nov. Brig D. VINCENT, OBE attended.
5. The relief by air of 103 Fd Bty and the fly-in of 102 Fd Bty proceeded with the arrival and departure of charter flights 10 - 12 inclusive on 12, 14 and 17 Nov respectively.
6. After a short settling in period members commenced acclimatization training and area familiarization.

4 Fd Tp RAE

7. The relief of 4 Fd Tp RAE and the fly-in of 2 Fd Tp RAE was completed with the arrival and departure of charter flights 11 and 12 on 14 and 17 Nov respectively.
8. Acclimatization training has commenced.

3 RAR

9. Two major training activities were conducted by the battalion and an inspection was completed on vehicles and communication equipment during the period.
10. The following exercises were conducted:-
 - a. Exercise "ZIG-ZAG TWO" - A mobilization exercise from 18 - 22 Nov 63 which involved the movement and concentration of 3 RAR to the NEE SOON staging area in SINGAPORE and a move by air, on airportable scales to KUANTAN representing a forward overseas airfield.
 - b. Exercise "KANGAROO HOP" - Originally named "WHITE ROSE" this exercise was planned for 1 KOYLI. As 1 KOYLI

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were scheduled to proceed to BORNEO. 3 RAR took over the renamed exercise which was conducted in rain forest country near KUANTAN from 23 - 27 Nov 63. During this exercise 3 RAR were practised in operations in jungle against an insurgent force. The live enemy were provided by 1 NZ Bn.

11. During this exercise the battalion used pack transport in the form of Timor ponies for the first time. This aspect will be the subject of a separate report.

12. 3 RAR can now be considered to be acclimatized and very fit. The very creditable condition of the battalion was remarked upon by observers who attended Exercise "KANGAROO HOP".

Ceremonial

12. 3 RAR participated in Remembrance Day ceremonies at TERENDAK on 10 Nov 63 attending drum head ceremonies conducted by 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp. On the same day 3 RAR band provided music for HQ 17 Gurkha Division parade and drum head service at SEREMBAN. The battalion was also represented at the HARI BUNGA Poppy Day ceremonies at MALACCA on 10 Nov 63.

Inspections

14. Unit vehicles, communications equipment and instruments were the subject of REME inspection 11 - 15 Nov 63. The report is not yet to hand from 17 Gurkha Div.

Visitors

15. The following visitors were received by this HQ during the period:-

3 - 5 Nov 63	Col S.C. GRAHAM, DMI, AHQ en route BANGKOK.
4 - 17 Nov 63	Lt Col D.V. GOLDSMITH, Lt Col R. FOULKS Malayan allowances investigation team.
12 - 14 Nov 63	Lt Col I.B. FERGUSON and family en route BANGKOK - reposting.
13 - 17 Nov 63	OCS Selection Board Col S.T.G. COLEMAN, OBE Lt Col F.J. HARTRIDGE Lt Col A.J. AFLECK
15 - 19 Nov 63	Brig V.E. DOWDY, OBE, DST, AHQ
18 - 19 Nov 63 (Overnight)	Maj C.R. HOOK, R Aust Sigs, AHQ en route UK - Aust.
18 Nov 63	Messrs L.B. STRINGER and J.D. MASON Auditor Generals Department CANBERRA. (To audit accounts Aust Army Force, RAAF and Commonwealth agencies 18 Nov - 20 Dec 63)

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Orientation Visits SOUTH VIETNAM

16. Advice has been received from the Office of the Military and Naval Attache SAIGON that orientation visits will be recommenced from 7 Jan 64. For administrative reasons MACV/MAAG VIETNAM has advised that the party visiting will be restricted to three officers not exceeding the rank of major. Special arrangements can be made for visits by more senior officers as individual cases and special clearances and programmes will be arranged for such tours.

Health

17. On 25 Nov SINGAPORE Island was declared a cholera infected area. All persons travelling from or to SINGAPORE/MALAYA by any means are required to produce current evidence of inoculation (International Health Certificates) until further notice. All Australian members and families are immunized.

W. G. ...
Brig
Comd Aust Army Force FARELF

Distribution

AHQ CANBERRA	(7)
GOC-in-C FARELF	(1)
GOC 17 Gurdiv/MALAYA Area	(1)
Comd 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp	(1)
Comds Diary	(2)
File	(1)

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STATE OF AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE
IN FAR EAST AS AT 30 NOV 63

PART I MILITARY

<u>ESTABLISHMENT</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SINGAPORE	42	99	141
MALAYA	98	1062	1160
	<u>140</u>	<u>1161</u>	<u>1301</u>

POSTED STRENGTH

SINGAPORE	44*	101*	145
MALAYA	98	1054	1152
	<u>142</u>	<u>1155</u>	<u>1297</u>

*Posted strength for SINGAPORE includes 1 WOI filling Offr Posting (84 Svy Sqn).

The above figures include 1 Salvation Army and 3 Red Cross Representatives

DEFICIENT SINGAPORE

	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>OR</u>
Misc Aust Dets		1
Aust Staff Appts	1	
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

DEFICIENT MALAYA

HQ 28 Inf Bde Gp		1
HQ 28 Inf Bde Gp Pro Unit		1
3 RAR		7
102 Fd Bty		3
28 OFF		1
32 Dental Unit		1
Misc Aust Dets	1	
Aust Staff Appts	1	
Total	<u>2</u>	<u>14</u>
Total FARELF	<u>3</u>	<u>15</u>

SURPLUS SINGAPORE

	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>OR</u>
HQ Aust Army (1 Offr and 1 OR, return Aust on completion handover 1 OR supernumary to Estab)	1	2
Aust Staff Appts (OR filling Offr posting 84 Svy Sqn).		1
Misc Aust Dets (1 Offr attached to BMH SINGAPORE for training)	1	
201 Sig Sqn (1 Offr to return to Aust on completion of handover)	1	
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SURPLUS MALAYA

HQ 28 Inf Bde Gp D & E Pl (3 ORs to return to Aust on completion handover)		3
208 Sig Sqn (1 OR to return to Aust on completion handover)		1
103 Fd Bty (1 Offr to trans to HQ Aust Army 1 OR to return to Aust)	1	1
Jungle Warfare School (2 Instr to return to Aust on completion handover)	1	1
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Total	2	6
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Total FARELF	5	9
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Personnel outside SINGAPORE

Personnel are also serving in the following FAR EAST countries:-

	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HONG KONG	3	9	12
THAILAND	7	5	12
LAOS		2	2
VIETNAM	16	15	31
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Total	26	31	57
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NOTE:- These figures do not include Military Attaches or their staff.

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PART II DEPENDANTS

	<u>WIVES</u>	<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SINGAPORE	115	244	359
KUALA LUMPUR	1	2	3
SEREMBAN	4	9	13
MALACCA	350	684	1034
JOHORE BAHRU	5	5	10
PENANG	1	2	3
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Total	476	946	1422
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HONG KONG	10	16	26
THAILAND	9	15	24
VIETNAM	1	4	5
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Total	20	35	55
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TOTAL FAR EAST	496	981	1477
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Annex 'B' to Commander Aust Army
Force FARELF Monthly Report 11/63
(36/5/4)

ACCOMMODATION - MALAYA/SINGAPORE AS AT 30 NOV 63

Location	Rank	Army owned Married Quarters	Permanent Hirings		Private Hirings		Unaccommoda- ted living in hotels	Total Accn	Families awaiting C/F to MALAYA	Remarks
			Houses	Flats	Houses	Flats				
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
SINGAPORE	Offr	4	29	4	1	1*	-	39	-	*Paying Excess Rental
	OR	1	72	2	-	-	-	75	-	
JOHORE BAHRU	Offr	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	OR	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	
TERENDAK/ MALACCA	Offr	22	28	-	9	-	-	59	-	Authority for 6 priva hirings all otted but r yet obtaine
	OR	188	94	-	9	-	-	291	9	
SEREMBAN	Offr	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	
	OR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KUALA LUMPUR	Offr	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	OR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
PENANG	Offr	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	
TOTAL		215	234	6	19	1	-	475	9	

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Enclosure H3 to HQ Aust Army Force
FARELF Comd's Diary 1/64

Comd Diary

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT COL R. SUTTON, MVO

DEPUTY COMMANDER

HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE FARELF

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51. ADDITIONAL REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

1. Routine Order Part I No 50 of 19 Dec 63 is amended as follows:-
- a. Para 1 Delete:
Stamp Account Checker : Maj C. MALONEY
 - b. Para 1 Delete: Receiver of Public Monies.
Insert: Accounting Officer.

52. STAFF DUTY OFFICER

1. The officers listed below will mount duty on the dates shown. During the tour of duty the officer will carry out the tasks as enumerated in Instructions for Staff Duty Officer HQ Aust Army Force FARELF 35/1/2 of 12 Nov 62 (copy to all officers).

13 Jan 64	-	20 Jan 64	:	Maj	B.	VIRTUE
20 Jan 64	-	27 Jan 64	:	Capt	K.A.	PATTERSON
27 Jan 64	-	3 Feb 64	:	Capt	G.L.	HART
3 Feb 64	-	10 Feb 64	:	Capt	B.W.	GILLMAN
10 Feb 64	-	17 Feb 64	:	Capt	N.E.	GRANTER
17 Feb 64	-	24 Feb 64	:	Maj	K.P.	CAREY
24 Feb 64	-	2 Mar 64	:	Maj	W.	SLOCOMBE


Capt
Administrative Officer
HQ Aust Army Force FARELF

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT COL R. SUTTON, MVO

DEPUTY COMMANDER

HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE FARELF

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53.

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AS
COMPANY COMMANDER

1. In addition to his other duties set forth in Headquarters Australian Army Force FARELF Standing Orders the Administrative Officer is appointed Officer Commanding Headquarters Troops.

2. In this capacity he will perform the duties of a Company Commander as regards all members of Headquarters Australian Army Force FARELF below the rank of Captain and under the Deputy Commander will be responsible for the discipline of those members.

R Sutton
Lt Col
Deputy Commander
Aust Army Force FARELF

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Quote in Reply:
31/1/12

HQ Aust Army Force FARELF
SINGAPORE

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AUST ARMY FORCE FARELF ROUTINE ORDERS
AMENDMENTS

1. The following amendments to Aust Army Force FARELF Routine Orders are notified:-

a. LEAVE AND LEAVE TRAVEL (Travel Warrants) Serial
5 Routine Order No 9.

(i) DELETE paragraphs 19 and 20,
and

(ii) INSERT new paragraph 19 and 20 below:

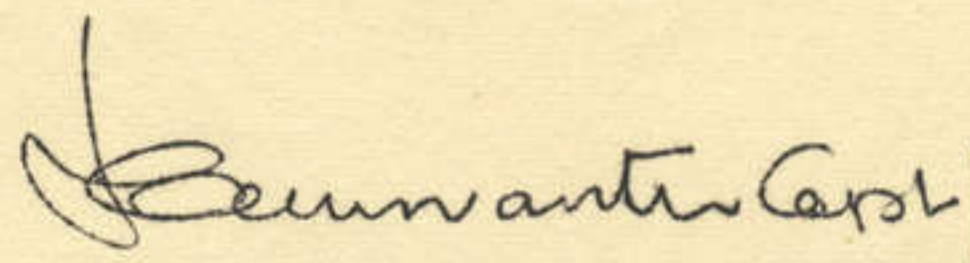
"Travel Warrants

19. Members may be granted a free return travel warrant twice each year to visit leave destinations within the territories of the Federation of MALAYA (excluding the Border Areas of MALAYA as defined) and SINGAPORE.

20. Members wishing to proceed on leave beyond the territories of the Federation of MALAYA and SINGAPORE will comply with the provisions of paragraph 15 of this Routine Order.

(iii) In paragraph 21, add new sub-paragraph "f" as follows:

"f. Certain areas or destinations within the territories of the Federation of MALAYA or SINGAPORE may be restricted as leave destinations from time to time. These restrictions will be advised in Routine Orders as they occur. Travel warrants will not be issued to areas or destinations so restricted."


Maj
DAAG Aust Army Force FARELF

Distribution:

List 'C' less 67

Quote in Reply:-

30/1/3

HQ Aust Army Force
FARELF
SINGAPORE.

20th Jan 64

REPORT BRIEF -
ORIENTATION VISIT TO SOUTH VIETNAM

1. Orientation visits to SOUTH VIETNAM can provide a source of information to AUSTRALIA of great importance. The information not only provides a much required general intelligence on SOUTH VIETNAM but is also of assistance in formulating anti-guerrilla training doctrine.
2. Accordingly reports submitted by observers should be as **detailed and accurate** as possible and **WILL** arrive at this Headquarters within ten days of the observers return from VIETNAM.
3. Information which should be reported on is attached as Annex 'A'. This information will be advised to observers before departure for VIETNAM at the briefing by this Headquarters.


Brig
Comd Aust Army Force FARELF

Distribution:-

28 Bde
3 RAR
102 Fd Bty
201 Sig Sqn
Spare (20)

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REPORT BRIEF -
OBSERVER VISITS TO SOUTH VIETNAM

Where possible observers should comment on the following:-

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1. Personnel
2. General strength and organisation.
 - a. Regular troops, strength, distribution
 - b. Regional forces, strength, distribution
 - c. Popular forces, strength, distribution
3. Command, Staff and Administration.
4. Intelligence.
 - a. Organisation for intelligence.
 - b. Battle intelligence.
 - c. Secret police, commissions, etc.
5. Regular Forces
 - a. General organisation.
 - b. Equipment.
 - c. Use of Heavy weapons
 - d. Communications in the field.
 - e. Administration.
 - f. Firm bases.
 - g. Morale.
6. Tactics and Training.
 - a. Major operations.
 - b. Planning and reconnaissance.
 - c. Command and control.
 - d. Night operations.
 - e. Anti-aircraft defences and tactics.
 - f. Assembly and deployment.
 - g. Tactics in all phases of war.
7. Para-Military Forces.
 - a. Organisation.
 - b. Employment.
8. Policy.
 - a. Conduct of campaigns.
 - b. Political - military policy.

9. Reactions in any operation viewed.
10. Place in the Community.
11. Psychological warfare.

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12. As for above plus details of Scientific Research and Development with regard to new equipment and tactics i.e. anti-ambush tactics, air-envelopment tactics.

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13. Civil and Military Transport and Communications.
 - a. Air.
 - b. Road.
 - c. Rail
 - d. Water
14. Military Geography
 - a. Terrain
 - b. Climate
 - c. Military Engineering resources.
15. Economic conditions.
16. Public Health measures.
17. Army Marked Maps and Documents.
18. Any other comments.

NOTE:- Observers should state their own opinions and not just present a factual report. Where possible reports should be illustrated by photographs.

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WORK CONFERENCE

20 JAN 64

REMARKS

ACTION BY

Comd

Correspondence and liaison must be followed up. Lists to be made of correspondence sent out during the month and correspondence which must be replied to.

ALL

D Comd

2/63 Adm Instr still under review.

D Comd saw Col BEAL, NAAFI Manager, on 16 Jan. Talked mostly about stocks held and traders' rights in TERENDAK. Col BEAL will discuss these points further with the Garrison Commander while in TERENDAK.

Re-draft of establishment has been drawn up and will be promulgated to members of the Headquarters for their comments.

ALL

Clerks must bring to the attention of heads of branches anything of a priority nature.

GS

BORNEO Ops maps will be set up sometime this week.

AHQ have issued an Adm Instr on Op CROWN.

3 RAR Border Ops

3 Offrs from 3 RAR are going to VIETNAM tomorrow. 3 more in February.

File number must go on all signals before they are sent out. Proper use must be made of P/A and B/F on Staff Action Slips.

ALL

A

VIETNAM allowances submitted to CANBERRA.

QMG

Water tanks. FARELF clearance came through on Saturday. Cost exceeds Commander's delegation by \$200.

Refrigerators are badly needed by 3 RAR.

Application of disposal of claims in THAILAND.

Employment of Amahs. Answer from AHQ has been received. Now awaiting finance letters on rates of pay.

Finance Rep

Allowances for people in THAILAND. Married members get allowances, but unmarried and married unaccompanied do not.

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PROGRAMME FOR VISIT OF ANG CGS
EXERCISE TEAM TO SINGAPORE
THU 30 JAN 64.

The following programme has been arranged for Lt Colss
J.R. WATCH and J.R. SALMON and Mr J.W. DOYLE for their stay in
SINGAPORE on Thu 30 Jan 64.

<u>Ser-</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
	<u>Wed 29 Jan 64</u>		
1.	2005	Arrive SINGAPORE on Flight QF 735.	1. Met by Maj W.J. SLOCOMBE. 2. Aust Army Force car. 3. Accn at Goodwood Park Hotel.
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	<u>Thu 30 Jan</u>		
2.	0830	Call on Comd Aust Army Force Brig F.R. EVANS, OBE	Aust Army Force car at hotel at 0820hrs.
		Visit administration takes place.	
3.	0945	Call on CE HQ FARELF Brig J.H.S. BOWRING, OBE	Accompanied by Lt Col R. SUTTON, MVO Deputy Comd Aust Army Force on all calls.
		Discuss Engr Int of THAILAND and 11 Fd Sqn RE activities. (Maj A. STEEL, GSO2 Engr Br present).	
4.	1030	By car to PHOENIX PARK.	Car at Gate 4 at 0915hrs.
5.	1045	Call on MGCS HQ FARELF Maj Gen H.A. LASCELLES, CBE, DSO. Present: Col Ops HQ FARELF Col W.C. SMITH, CBE Col Q HQ FARELF Col W.E. BROOKS, MC Col Q Mov HQ FARELF Col N.M.H. WALL, OBE, MC	
6.	1100- 1200	Individual discussions with above officers as required.	

<u>Serial</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
7.	1200	Lt Cols WATCH and SUTTON to LIEN WAH to purchase tape recorder.	Lt Col SALMON and Mr. DOYLE return to hotel.
8.	1400- 1500	Call on Aust Rep JIB Lt Col P. GREEN (rtd)	Car at hotel at 1345hrs.
9.	1500	Return to HQ Aust Army Force. Final administration aspects.	
10.	1600	Call on Aust Def Rep MALAYA/ SINGAPORE. Col R.A. HAY, MBE.	
11.	1830	Depart hotel for SINGAPORE Airport.	Car to call first for Lt Col SUTTON at 1815hrs.
12.	2000	Depart SINGAPORE for BANGKOK on Flight QF 737.	
