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**Headquarters units**

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**Narrative**

**Annexes**

**[1-29 Feb 1964]**



## PART I

## COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 2/64

Cross out addresses which do not apply.

To : ~~Under-Secretary of State (WOC), War Office.~~~~Under-Secretary of State (AMD 1), War Office.~~OIC Mil History Records. Section DSD  
AHQ CANBERRA

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature)

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

## PART II

Army Form C2119

**SECRET**

ORIGINAL

~~DUPLICATE~~Strike out where  
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**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation HQ AUST ARMY FORCE FARELF

From 1 FEB 64

To 29 FEB 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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Narrative (AF C2118)

Enclosure Numbers

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

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\*Only to be included during operations.

†Cross out whichever is not applicable.



### 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" and will be destroyed after the completion of the document. It will be prepared and disposed of as

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

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

nade and orders given.

ary of the day's fighting, including company movements.

of the commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organisa-

## NOTES

1. *Definition of Operational Period.*—The term “operational period” means the period of time during which the vessel is engaged in the operation of the fishery.

- (a) the period between a declaration of war and
- (b) any period spent in a theatre of operations
- (c) any period when engaged in any form of m

2. The War Office or headquarters concerned will be notified.

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

(continued on back cover)



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

## DISPOSAL

### During Non-Operational Periods

13. *Formation Headquarters* will forward the original Commanders Diary annually as at 31st December to reach the War Office Records Centre (through Headquarters Field Records where applicable) as soon as possible after 1st January of the following year. The duplicate will be retained in formation headquarters.

14. *Units* will NOT render a Commanders Diary.

### During Operational Periods

#### 15. ORIGINAL COMMANDERS DIARIES

- (a) *Formations and units in the UK* will forward diaries monthly by the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to the War Office (WORC for reports other than medical, AMD 1 for medical reports).
- (b) *Formations and units overseas* will forward diaries monthly by the seventh day of the succeeding month to the OIC Field Records for onward transmission to the War Office.

16. **DUPLICATE COMMANDERS DIARIES.** These will be clearly marked as duplicates and will NOT be sent with the originals. They will be forwarded within two months as follows:—

- (a) *Units in the UK*  
To the OIC parent record office.
- (b) *Formation Headquarters in the UK*  
To OIC Central Clearing Wing, Infantry Records, Exeter.
- (c) *Units Overseas*  
To the OIC Field Records for onward transmission to parent record office.
- (d) *Formation Headquarters Overseas*  
To the OIC Field Records for onward transmission to the OIC Central Clearing Wing, Infantry Records, Exeter.

## SECURITY

17. Documents concerned with future operational planning will be listed on AF C2118 and placed in a separate AF C2119. All details will be filled in and the cover will be clearly marked in red:—ANNEX Z—OFFICERS ONLY. It may be convenient to group the papers by annexes.

18. Supplementary diaries will be forwarded in accordance with the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence to the War Office (WORC). The inner envelope will be clearly marked:—

TOP SECRET  
ANNEX Z to

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

From..... to.....(Dates)

19. The duplicate supplementary diaries will be despatched as in paragraph 16 as soon as receipt of the originals has been acknowledged.

## NOTES

1. *Definition of Operational Period.*—The term “operational period” for the purpose of this instruction, means:—
  - (a) the period between a declaration of war and the official end of hostilities;
  - (b) any period spent in a theatre of operations;
  - (c) any period when engaged in any form of military operation.
2. The War Office or headquarters concerned will be responsible for instructing units to submit Commanders' Diaries where the conditions of the unit's employment make this necessary. Wherever possible the beginning and end of the period will be clearly stated. Notwithstanding the above, on the outbreak of global war all units and formations which are not at the time submitting these reports will start compiling them with effect from M day and will thereafter render them in accordance with paragraphs 15 and 16.



# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION HQ AUST ARMY FORCE FARELF

COMMANDING OFFICER Brig F.R. EVANS, OBE

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 FEBRUARY 1964

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SINGAPORE	01		HQ 17 Div Signal Ops 6 received stating THAI/MALAYA Border Operations requirement existed for three companies 3 RAR to be deployed 19 Feb - 5 Apr 64.	
"	02	2000	Arrival of Col O. ISAACKSON, MC, DMI AHQ, for attendance at Tripartite Intelligence Conference at HQ FARELF 5-12 Feb 64.	
"	02	2115	Departure of G1 D.D. MAITLAND, RAMC, DAH elect AHQ for MELBOURNE.	
"	03		Comd Monthly Report 12/63 forwarded to AHQ CANBERRA.	H1
"	03		Programme for visit of Col W.A. BUNTING, D Qtg, AHQ to FARELF 4-11 Feb issued vide our 30/2/52 of 3 Feb 64.	H2
"	03	0900	DMI calls on Comd.	
"	03	1000-1130	Comd attends UK Joint Services Instructional Team presentation.	
"	04	1835	Arrival of Col W.A. BUNTING D Qtg.	
"	04		AHQ advised of draft directive issued by C-in-C FE for deployment of forces in anti-CT operations on THAI/MALAYA Border.	
"	05		3RAR advise CO 3RAR, Lt Col A.B. McDONALD, MC to attend briefing for anti-CT operations from Comd 2 Fed Inf Bde on 5/6 Feb 64.	
"	05	0700	Arrival of Mr HIND Director of ASCO for visit to MALAYA 5-19 Feb 64.	
"	05		Tripartite Intelligence Conference 5-12 Feb 64 begins at HQ FARELF.	



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UNIT/FORMATION HQ Aust Army Force

MONTH AND YEAR FEB 64

COMMANDING OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
TERENDAK	06	0800-1540	SC 'A' Capt N.E.W. GRANTER liaison visit to 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp TERENDAK	
"	06	0800-	Maj J. LEWIS, DAQMG to TERENDAK and SEREMBAN accompanying Col W.A.	
"	07	1500	BUNTING, D Qtg, AHQ.	
SINGAPORE	07		HQ Aust Army Force Routine Order 57-59 issued.	H3
"	08		HQ FARELF Instruction No.1 for SEATO Exercise AIR BOON CHOO to AHQ for information.	H4
"	08		Our signal A12 advises AHQ of redesignation of THAI/MALAY Border anti-CT operational force.	H5
"	08		Our GS Instruction 1/64 issued to units of Aust Army Force .	H6
"	09	2000	Australian Defence Assistance Team arrives ex AUSTRALIA en route KUALA LUMPUR for discussions with Malaysian Ministry of Defence.	
KUALA LUMPUR	09		Comd joins Australian Defence Assistance Team for their discussions with Malaysian Ministry of Defence 10-12 Feb and 18-20 Feb 64.	
SINGAPORE	10	1000-1200GH	Deputy Comd attends UK Joint Services Instructional Team Presentation at HQ FARELF.	
"	11		Comd's Monthly Report 1/64 forwarded to AHQ CANBERRA.	H7
"	11		Our 149/3/4 to Aust Army Force units clarifying SVETS programme.	H8 (on original only)
"	11		Programme for visit of Col R.P. WOOLLARD, D Sigs, AHQ, issued vide our	H9



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MONTH AND YEAR Feb 64

COMMANDING OFFICER .....

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SINGAPORE	11	1930GH	Departure of Col W.A. BUNTING, D Qtg for PERTH.	
TERENDAK	12	1100 - 1500GH	Col M.H. GERARD, US Military Attache to AUSTRALIA visits 3 RAR under HQ Aust Army Force arrangements accompanied by Capt W. HOFFMAN SC 'Q'.	
SEREMBAN	12	0800 - 2100GH	Deputy Comd and PRO to SEREMBAN for FARELF Rugby Championships.	
SINGAPORE	12	1700 GH	Comd returns from KUALA LUMPUR Defence Aid Discussions.	
"	13		Public Holiday - Chinese New Year.	
"	14		Public Holiday - Hari Raya Puasa.	
"	15		Standown.	
"	16	2000GH	Arrival of Col R.P. WOOLLARD, D Sigs AHQ for visit to MALAYA/SINGAPORE 16-25 Feb 64.	
"	17		Force Routine Order Serial 1 issued.	H10 (on original only)
"	18	0905GH	Col K.R.G. COLEMAN, MC, Maj J.H. LEWIS, and MAJ C.D. WHEELDON depart for SAIGON for observer visit to VIETNAM 18-27 Feb 64.	
"	18	0700GH <sup>9</sup>	Comd to KUALA LUMPUR for further attendance discussions Aust Defence Aid to MALAYSIA 18-20 Feb.	
"	20		3RAR advise they are under operational control of 2 Fed Inf Bde for anti-CT operations on MALAY/THAI Border as at 20001 GH.	
"	20		Programme for visit of Chaplain General (RC) J.A. MORGAN issued vide our	H11



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MONTH AND YEAR FEB 64

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Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SINGAPORE	20		HQ FARELF advised of Aust Army Force assistance to RHTU on mobilisation.	H12
20 "	20		3RAR requested to provide training increment for RHTU on mobilisation vide our 133/4/3.	H13
"	20		Officers promotion examinations topics promulgated vide our 224/4/4.	
"	21		Our 119/1/1 to AHQ advising action taken for employment of 3 RAR on Border Operations.	H14
"	21	2220GH	Arrival of Chaplain General (RC) J.A. MORGAN.	
"	24	0615GH	Departure of Col R.P. WOOLLARD, D Sigs AHQ for SEATO Conference BANGKOK.	
"	26	0800GH	Maj W.J. SLOCOMBE, GS02, to 3 RAR on Border Operations 26/27 Feb.	
"	27		Minute on reorganisation within the Headquarters issued by Deputy Comd.	H15
"	27		Our 22/1/16 to AHQ advising UK reinforcement to EASTERN MALAYSIA.	H16
"	27	1300GH	Return of Col K.R.G. COLEMAN, MC and Maj C.B. WHEELDON ex observer visit to VIETNAM.	
"	29	1300 GH	Maj J. LEWIS returns ex observer visit to VIETNAM and liaison with AATTV.	



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Enclosure 141 to  
Comd Aust Army Force FARELF  
Diary 2/64

Quote in reply

36/5/4

HQ Aust Army Force  
FARELF  
SINGAPORE

3 Feb 64

COMMANDER AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE FARELF  
MONTHLY REPORT 12/63 - DEC 63

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

Period

1. This report covers the period 1 - 31 Dec 63.

Attachments

2. The following annexes are attached:-

- Annex A - The Statistical State of the Force as at  
31 Dec 63.  
Annex B - The Accommodation state as at 31 Dec 63.  
Annex C - List of outstanding correspondence to and  
from Army Headquarters as at 31 Dec 63.  
Annex D - Australian Army Personnel in BORNEO during  
the month of Dec 63.

Unit Activities

3. 3 RAR. No major training activities took place during  
the month.
4. The CO and RMO attended a Senior Officer's Health Day  
conducted at TERENDAK by the FETC School of Health. Fourteen  
personnel also attended one day health courses conducted by the  
FETC School of Health in TERENDAK.
5. 102 Fd Bty. The arrival of all members of 102 Fd Bty,  
issue of stores, and organisation of the Battery following the  
relief of 103 Fd Bty, was completed by 23 Nov 63, and training  
commenced on 25 Nov.
6. A battery deployment exercise was conducted during the  
period 9 - 14 Dec 63 following an earlier troop exercise in late  
Nov 63. One command post exercise took place on 18 Dec 63. All  
gun numbers were requalified to Class 3 level during the period.
7. Battery personnel attended the following courses:-
- a. Unit Emplaning Officers Course. One officer and  
one Warrant Officer trained in SINGAPORE.
  - b. FAC Refresher. Both Troop Commanders attended a course  
under RAF arrangement at ASAHAN on 13/14 Dec 63.
  - c. Battery Air Loading and Testing Teams. Six teams are  
now trained (one per gun).
  - d. Navigation. Day and Night navigation exercises have  
been held in conjunction with troop and battery  
exercises.

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8. 2 Fd Tp. The Troop as part of 11 Indep Fd Sqn RE is allocated to Operation CROWN, an airfield construction project near MUKDAHAN in THAILAND. 11 Indep Fd Sqn RE will be responsible for the initial site preparations for the project and is expected to be in THAILAND for at least three months. The Squadron Advance Party, including an element of 2 Fd Tp, departed from SINGAPORE for BANGKOK by LST on 29 Dec 63.

9. Prior to preparing for departure for Operation CROWN, the Troop spend one week on a troop jungle exercise in the KONGKOL area for acclimatisation purposes after relieving 4 Fd Tp on 15 Nov 63.

10. A meeting was held on 30 Dec 63 at this Headquarters to review the establishment and equipment table of 2 Fd Tp, in order to resolve current stores and equipment problems referred to in previous reports. OC 2 Fd Tp and HQ FARELF representatives were present. The recommendation of the meeting was for the Troop to be established and equipped on the same basis as the other two troops of the squadron, with a small increment for purely Australian administration. 2 Fd Tp will submit a recommended establishment and equipment table to this Headquarters.

#### Command

11. Brig F.R. EVANS, OBE arrived in the theatre on 2 Dec 63 and assumed command of Aust Army Force FARELF vice Brig D. VINCENT, OBE on 6 Dec 63. Brig VINCENT departed by ship for the UK on 14 Dec 63.

12. Calls by Brig F.R. EVANS, OBE have been made on the Australian High Commission in KUALA LUMPUR and SINGAPORE, all major headquarters in MALAYA and SINGAPORE and to all Australian units in MALAYA and SINGAPORE.

13. Department of External Affairs withdrew the diplomatic privileges of the Australian Army Commander on change of command.

#### Aid to the Malaysian Army

14. Enquiries have already been made regarding proposed Australian assistance to Malaysian Forces. Advice of any relevant information on this subject would be appreciated.

#### Amah's Dispute

15. AHQ approval (incl finance authority) has been received for the implementation of the scheme for individual employment, rather than War Office employment of domestic servants. The date of inception of the scheme in MALAYSIA is still not firm but is expected to be 1 Apr 64 further advice will be provided when available.

16. The finance authority recently given does not provide the soldier with sufficient money to pay the servant at the current theatre agreed rate of pay. In addition, several restricting limitations have been included which are considered not to be a Force requirement. A further submission on these aspects will be made to AHQ.

#### Visitors

17. During the month the following visits were made from the Headquarters:-



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- a. Brig F.R. EVANS, OBE; introductory calls to Aust High Commission, all major Headquarters in MALAYA/SINGAPORE and all Australian units in MALAYA/SINGAPORE during the period 3 - 21 Dec 63.
- b. Maj K.P.R. CAREY; liaison visit to AATTV reviewing area allowances during the period 5 - 19 Dec 63.

18. Maj H. HATTON, DMO & P(L/AW) Army Headquarters discussed FARELF integration of light aircraft with this Headquarters during a one day (6 Dec 63) stopover en route to the Exercise AIR BOON CHOO Planning Conference in BANGKOK.

Future Activities

19. Orientation visits to SOUTH VIETNAM. These will recommence on 7 Jan 64 for officers of the Force. Three officers will visit SOUTH VIETNAM every two weeks from the 7 Jan 64.

20. Border Operations. A request for the use of 3 RAR on the MALAYA/THAI Border Operations may be anticipated. The requirement will be for a tactical headquarters with 2/3 companies for a period of two months possibly from Feb/Mar 64.

21. AHQ Draft Adm Instr 2/63. A review of this draft instruction will be undertaken during Jan 64. The draft instruction with our comments will be passed to HQ FARELF for concurrence before return to Army Headquarters.

22. Operation CROWN. The main body of 2 Fd Tp will arrive at the construction site at 7 Jan 64. Brig EVANS will visit the site on 21 - 23 Jan 64 in the company of the Chief of Staff, HQ FARELF.

*FR Evans*  
Brig  
Comd Aust Army Force FARELF

Distribution

AHQ CANBERRA	(7)
GOC-in-C FARELF	(1)
GOC 17 Div	(1)
Comd MALAYA Area	(1)
Comd 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp	(1)
Comd's Diary	(2)
File	(1)

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STATE OF AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE IN FAR EAST  
PART I MILITARY

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

<u>POSTED STRENGTH</u>			
SINGAPORE	44*	98*	142
MALAYA	97	1047	1143
TOTAL	141	1145	1285

\* Posted strength for SINGAPORE includes 1 WO1 filling Offr posting (84 Svy Sqn).

<u>DEFICIENT SINGAPORE</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>OR</u>
AUST STAFF AND REGT APPTS	1	1
MISC AUST DETS		1
201 SIG SQN		2
TOTAL	1	4

<u>DEFICIENT MALAYA</u>		
208 Sig Sqn		7
3 RAR		4
102 Fd Bty		2
28 OFP		1
32 Dental Unit		1
Misc Aust Dets	1	
Aust Staff and Regt Appts	3	
TOTAL	4	15
TOTAL FARELF	5	19



SURPLUS SINGAPORE

HQ Aust Army Force  
(1 Offr to return to Aust on  
completion handover, 1 OR  
supernumerary to establishment)

OFFR

OR

1

1

Aust Staff Appts  
(OR filling Offr vacancy)

1

Aust Fd Cash Office  
(1 OR to return to Aust on  
completion of handover)

1

Aust Staff Appts GHQ  
(1 Offr to return to Aust on  
completion handover)

1

Misc Aust Dets  
(1 Offr attached to BMH SINGAPORE  
for training)

1

TOTAL

3

3

SURPLUS MALAYA

28 Bde Pro Unit  
(1 Offr to return to Aust on  
completion handover)

1

Aust Staff Appts JWS  
(1 Offr to return to Aust on  
completion of handover)

1

TOTAL

2

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TOTAL FARELF

5

3

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	8	11
THAILAND	7	5	12
LAOS		2	2
VIETNAM	15	14	29
TOTAL	25	29	54

NOTE:- These figures do not include Military Attaches or their staff.

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ACCOMMODATION - MALAYA/SINGAPORE AS AT 31 DEC 63

Location	Rank	Army owned Married Quarters	Permanent Hirings		Private Hirings		Unaccommoda- ted living in hotels	Total Accn	Families awaiting C/R to M/L/YA	Remarks
			Houses	Flats	Houses	Flats				
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
SINGAPORE	Offr	4	28	4	1	1*	-	38	-	*Paying Excess Rental
	OR	1	77	2	-	-	-	80	-	
JOHORE BAHRU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	OR	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	
TERENDAK/ MALACCA	Offr	22	28	-	10	-	-	50	-	Authority for 1 private hiring all- otted but not yet obtained
	OR	188	94	-	13	-	-	295	6	
SEREMBAN	Offr	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	
	OR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KUALA LUMPUR	Offr	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	OR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
PENANG	Offr	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	
TOTAL		215	236	6	24	1	-	482	6	



PART 2 DEPENDANTS

	<u>WIVES</u>	<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SINGAPORE	116	248	364
KUALA LUMPUR	2	4	6
SEREMBAN	3	7	10
MALACCA	356	689	1045
JOHORE BAHRU	4	4	8
PENANG	1	2	3
KLUANG	1	2	3
TOTAL	483	956	1439
HONG KONG	10	18	28
THAILAND	14	18	32
VIETNAM	1	6	7
TOTAL	25	42	67
TOTAL FAR EAST	508	998	1506



OUTSTANDING CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM  
ARMY HEADQUARTERS - DECEMBER 63

1. Correspondence from AHQ Outstanding

Ser	HQ Aust Army Force Reference	Subject and Summary
(a)	(b)	(c)
1	<u>G Branch</u> 169/1/2 of 23 Dec 63	Visit of Pacific Islands Regiment sergeants on exchange to Gurkha Rifles. Request advice Pay and Allowances for PIR Sergeant
2	132/3/20 of 13 Dec 63	Integrated Personnel. Request for provision of Corporal Clerk RAE for duty with GSO2 RE(Int) RE HQ FARELF.
3	234/2/1 of 31 Dec 63	AATTV - Status of Forces Agreement. Request for clarification of the Agreement in relation to Australian Personnel of AATTV
4	UNCLAS Trg 16 of 18 Dec 63	Reciprocal Training between 3 AASO FARELF and RAASC Air Supply Establishment. Request advice if RAAF able to lift AASO personnel and charges involved.
5	CONFD G2 of 27 Dec 63	Security Classifications. Request for clearance to TOP SECRET for Sgt B. STOKES, AATTV.
6	<u>A Branch</u> UNCLAS A5 of 5 Dec 63	Hotel Expenses - 3102 Col F.P. SERONG, AATTV. Request for reimbursement of hotel expenses for family of Col SERONG in SINGAPORE during his visit to AUSTRALIA in Apr/May 62



(a)	(b)	(c)
7	UNCLAS A4 of 6 Dec 63	Recruiting Publications. Request for 12 copies of Army Recruiting Public- ation No 28 and Adjutant General's Publication No 27
8	CONFD A5 of 23 Dec 63	Grant of General Service Medal - BORNEO. Request for grant to Australian personnel who have served in BORNEO
9	<u>Q Branch</u> UNCLAS Q13 of 10 Dec 63	Army Newspaper. Request for air movement of this publication to SINGAPORE

2. Correspondence to AHQ Outstanding

NIL



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Annex 'D' to Comd Aust Army  
Force FARELF Monthly Report  
12/63

AUSTRALIAN ARMY PERSONNEL IN  
BORNEO DURING - DEC 63

KOTA BELUD	17544	Maj D.H. YEATS HQ SINGAPORE Base Area	16 - 18 Dec
KUCHING	17058	Capt D.S. BELL 656 Lt Ac Sqn	16 Dec 3 months
SIBU	17069	Lt K.R. SCHLYDER 1/7 GR	1 - 31 Dec
KUCHING - BRUNEI - LABUAN	337576	Maj E.N. CONDER 201 Sig Sqn	9 - 11 Dec
KUCHING - LABUAN	18010	Maj C.J. CATENACH 201 Sig Sqn	9 - 11 Dec
KUCHING	53746	Cpl S.A.F WATSON 201 Sig Sqn	26 Dec - 2 Jan
LABUAN	31801	Sgt G.M. BENNETT 201 Sig Sqn	29 Nov - 16 Dec

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PROGRAMME FOR VISIT OF COL W.A. BUNTING,  
AUSTRALIAN DIRECTOR OF QUARTERING,  
TO MALAYA AND SINGAPORE 4 - 11 FEB 64

Attached is the programme for the visit of Col W.A. BUNTING, Director of Quartering, Australian Army, to MALAYA and SINGAPORE during the period 4-11 Feb 64.

  
Maj  
GSO2 Aust Army Force FARELF

Distribution:-

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PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT OF COL W.A. BUNTING,  
AUSTRALIAN DIRECTOR OF QUARTERING,  
TO MALAYA AND SINGAPORE 4 - 11 FEB 64

<u>Ser-</u> <u>ial</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
<u>Tue 4 Feb 64</u>			
1.	1835	Arrive SINGAPORE Airport on Flight BA 721.	1. Met by Maj J. LEWIS DAQMG HQ Aust Army Force FARELF. 2. Aust Army Force car. 3. Accn at Goodwood Hotel.
<u>Wed 5 Feb</u>			
2.	0900	Call on Comd Aust Army Force FARELF Brig F.R. EVANS, OBE.	Car at hotel at 0850hrs.
3.	0930	Call on Col G(Qtg) HQ FARELF. Col W.R. POTTER, MBE, ED	Accompanied by Lt Col R. SUTTON, MVO, Deputy Comd Aust Army Force.
4.	1000	Call on Chief of Staff HQ FARELF Maj Gen W. ODLING, CB, CBE, MC	Accompanied by Brig EVANS.
5.	1030	Discussion on quartering matters HQ Aust Army Force. (Aust Treasury Representa- tive K.J. WESTCOTT, present from 1130hrs).	
6.	Afternoon	Free.	
<u>Thu 6 Feb</u>			
7.	0800	Depart SINGAPORE Airport for MALACCA on Flight ML 004.	1. Accompanied by Maj J. LEWIS, and Maj V. SVANBERG, DAQMG (Qtg) HQ FARELF. 2. International Health Cert. required. 3. Maj LEWIS in possession of air tickets. 4. Car to call at Goodwood Hotel for Col BUNTING at 0700hrs.



<u>Serial</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
8.	0855	Arrive MALACCA Airport. By 28 Bde car to TERENDAK.	
9.	0945	Call on Comd 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp. Brig R.B. DAWSON, DSO.	
10.	1000- 1030	Call on AA&QMG TERENDAK Garrison. Lt Col C.E. KNIGHT, MBE.	
11.	1030- 1130	Morning tea then inspec- tion 3 RAR lines. CO 3 RAR - Lt Col A.B. McDONALD, MC.	
12.	1130- 1230	Inspect works projects and tour camp under arrangements HQ TERENDAK Garrison.	DCRE MALACCA Maj. R. ANDERSON
13.	1230- 1400	Luncheon 3 RAR Officers Mess.	
14.	1400- 1700	Inspect works projects	<u>NOTE:</u> Maj SVANBERG departs at 1530 for MALACCA Airport. HQ Aust Army Force car reports to HQ 28 Bde (Capt FORD) at 1500hrs.
15.	1700	Depart TERENDAK for SEREMBAN.	1. Accompanied by Maj LEWIS. 2. Aust Army Force car.
16.	1830	Arrive SEREMBAN	Accn HQ MALAYA Area Offrs Mess. (Driver at ORs Mess).
17.	Evening	Free	
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	<u>Fri 7 Feb</u>		
18.	0800- 1030	Call on Officers HQ MALAYA Area.  Meet:- AD Lands Lt Col G.J. SHERGOLD DWO D. SYKES, Esq., Garrison Comd/ADST Col O.J. DEGNAN, OBE	Accompanied by Capt B. WILSON, SC(Qtg) HQ MALAYA Area.



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<u>Serial</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
19.	1030	Depart for TERENDAK by road .	
20.	1200	Luncheon - Officers Beach Club	Driver lunches' at 3 RAR.
21.	1330-1530	Visit works projects.	
22.	1530	Depart for MALACCA Airport.	Aust Army Force car.
23.	1640	Depart MALACCA Airport for SINGAPORE on Flight ML 035.	
24.	1730	Arrive SINGAPORE.	Aust Army Force car to Goodwood Hotel.
25.	2000 for 2030	Attend Dining-In Evening at RASC Officers Mess	1.Tropical Mess kit. 2.Car at Goodwood Hotel at 1945hrs.
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<u>Sat 8 Feb</u>			
26.	0930-1100	Discussion at HQ Aust Army Force	Car at Goodwood Hotel at 0920hrs.
27.	1100-1200	Call on DST HQ FARELF Brig W.M.E. WHITE, OBE, ADC.	
28.	Afternoon	Free.	
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<u>Sun 9 Feb</u>			
29.		Free	
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<u>Mon 10 Feb</u>			
30.	0900-1220	Inspect Aust hirings in SINGAPORE.	1.Car at Goodwood Hotel at 0900hrs. 2.Accompanied by Maj D.A.NEWMAN, DAD Hirings, HQ Aust Army Force FARELF.
31.	Afternoon	Reserved.	

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<u>Serial</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
	<u>Tue 11 Feb</u>		
32.	Morning	Final discussions HQ FARELF and HQ Aust Army Force as desired.	
33.	Afternoon	Free.	
34.	1930	Depart SINGAPORE Airport for PERTH on Flight AI 116A.	1. Car at Goodwood Hotel at 1800hrs. 2. Assisted by HQ Aust Army Force Movement Staff.

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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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STAFF DUTY OFFICER

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).

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.J.	SLOCOMBE
2 Mar 64	-	9 Mar 64	:	Maj	J.H.	LEWIS
9 Mar 64	-	16 Mar 64	:	Maj	D.A.	NEWMAN
16 Mar 64	-	23 Mar 64	:	Capt	W.G.	HOFFMAN
23 Mar 64	-	30 Mar 64	:	Maj	C.	MALONEY
30 Mar 64	-	6 Apr 64	:	Capt	P.R.	SHEKLETON

58.

ANNUAL MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

1. Annual medical examinations for Aust Army personnel will be carried out at the MI Centre TANGLIN from 18 Feb 64 to 24 Feb 64 inclusive. Lists showing names and times of reporting will be notified by memo.

2. Transport will be provided from Gate 10 to ferry personnel as required.

59.

CAR PARK - GATE 2

With effect from 1 Feb 64, Gate No 2 and Sherwood Road (left of Pedestrian Crossing) car parks will be closed and alternative car parking space will be available in the area adjacent to Gates No 6 and 7.

*G. J. Grant* - Capt  
Adm Offr Aust Army Force FARELF

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HQ Aust Army Force  
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SINGAPORE

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Army Headquarters  
CANBERRA

SEATO EXERCISE AIR BOON CHOO

1. Attached is HQ FARELF Exercise Instruction No 1 relating to SEATO Exercise AIR BOON CHOO, for your information.
2. Approximately thirty Australian Army personnel of 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp will participate in the exercise and ten will visit the exercise as observers for a period of three days. Final figures will be advised shortly.

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Comd Aust Army Force FARELF Brig

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REF AUSTARM 119/1/1 OF 6 FEB 64. ACTIVE SERVICE MALAYSIA.  
HQ PARLEF TODAY ADVISED THAT 17 GURKHA DIVISION OPERATIONAL  
FORCE CEASED TO EXIST ON 1 FEB 64 AND IS REDESIGNATED THE  
MALAYSIA/THAILAND BORDER SECURITY OPERATIONAL FORCE. REQUEST  
EXISTING DECLARATION BY GOVERNOR-GENERAL BE REVOKED AND  
NEW ONE MADE TO COVER THIS REDESIGNATION. 3 RAR MOVE  
TO BORDER OPERATIONS ON 19 FEB 64 BUT WILL BE ON WAR  
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HQ AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE GENERAL STAFF  
INSTRUCTION 1/64 - ARA OFFICER ORIENTATION  
VISITS TO SOUTH VIETNAM

General

1. This instruction replaces all previous correspondence relating to the procedure of AUSTRALIAN army officer observer visits to SOUTH VIETNAM.
2. Two observer teams of AUSTRALIAN Army Force FARELF each of three army officers, will visit SOUTH VIETNAM every two weeks for a period of eight days. The visits are sponsored by the UNITED STATES Military Assistance Command VIETNAM (MACV).

Aim

3. The aims of the visits are:-
  - a. to enable officers to gain first hand knowledge of counter-insurgency warfare and observe counter-guerilla techniques and methods,
  - b. to enable officers to gain knowledge of the peoples and terrain of SOUTH VIETNAM.

Visiting officers will act as a source of intelligence wherever possible.

Allocation of Vacancies

4. Units in TERENDAK will be allocated vacancies through HQ 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp by this Headquarters. Officers serving elsewhere in MALAYA and in SINGAPORE will be nominated direct by this Headquarters. Nominations will be made by this Headquarters **one month before the proposed visit**. Nominated officers will be responsible for obtaining clearance from their respective OCs etc for the visit.

Briefing

5. Nominated officers will report to GSO2 HQ Aust Army Force for briefing at 1400 hrs on the day prior to departing for SOUTH VIETNAM. This briefing will be mainly of an administrative nature (operational briefing will take place in SAIGON). In particular observers will be instructed on the form the report which they will submit on return from the visit. (see Annex A). On completion of this briefing they will then report to JIB(A) Representative at PHOENIX PARK. Transport to and from PHOENIX PARK will be provided.

Publicity

6. The visits are to be regarded as CONFIDENTIAL, and, in particular, officers will not divulge any information about the visits to the Press or any other publicity agency.

Visit Routine

7. Observers will normally depart SINGAPORE for SAIGON by civil aircraft on a Tuesday arriving SAIGON at 1110 hours (local time), and return on the following Thursday week arriving SINGAPORE at 1310 hours (local time).

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8. On arrival at SAIGON Airport, observers will be met by the Naval/Military Attache's Assistant, S Sgt NOLAN, who will conduct observers to their accommodation. Following lunch, observers will report to the AUSTRALIAN Embassy (Address, 7th Floor, CARAVELLE Hotel). The Naval/Military Attache, Lt Col P.G. OXLEY will further discuss the visit with the observers, issue personal weapons, and introduce them to officers of HQ USMACV. A detailed intelligence and operational briefing will be given to the observers at HQ USMACV, following which, the observers will be allocated to individual ARVN (Armee Republique VIETNAM) Corps areas. Little choice may be expected in this allocation unless HQ USMACV has been adequately forewarned through this Headquarters and the Australian Embassy SAIGON. It is anticipated that visits will be restricted mainly to III and IV Corps Tactical Zones, where the majority of actions are taking place. (See Annex C).

9. During in-country travel observers will be sponsored by US Advisory Groups. The US officers are extremely co-operative and will do all they can to assist observers. It must be stressed however that observers should be prepared to use initiative during their visit in order to see all points of interest.

10. Observers will return to SAIGON by 1200 hrs on the Wednesday previous to their return. A brief initial report of their visit will be required by the Naval/Military Attache. It is normal to call on the AUSTRALIAN Ambassador, Mr HILL, prior to departure from SAIGON.

11. On return to SINGAPORE, this Headquarters will meet the observers and arrange their return to units. No debrief will take place, however, observers will submit a report of their visit in triplicate to reach this Headquarters within ten days of their return.

12. Visits by senior officers (above rank of Major) will be dealt with as individual cases and programmes will be arranged for them.

Administration

13. Personal Requirements

Each observer will be in possession of the following:-

- a. A Security clearance to SECRET level.
- b. An Official AUSTRALIAN Passport with a current SOUTH VIETNAM Entry Visa for a ten day visit.
- c. An International Health Certificate detailing current inoculation against:-
  - (i) Smallpox
  - (ii) Cholera
  - (iii) Bubonic Plague
  - (iv) Tetanus (TAB)
- d. Sufficient Paludrine, in accordance with current instructions.

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Air Travel

14. Travel to and from SAIGON will be by Pan American Airways as arranged by this Headquarters. Luggage will be restricted to 66 lbs. Civilian clothing will be worn to and from SAIGON. All in-country travel will be by UNITED STATES Army, Airforce or Marine aircraft. Uniform will be worn on in-country journeys.

Clothing

15. a. The following list is a guide to the clothing requirement for the visit:-

one lightweight suit  
one pair lightweight trousers  
sufficient civilian shirts  
three sets of greens (no shorts)  
belt, boots, bush hat, water bottle,  
haversack and poncho.

b. Dress worn in UNITED STATES Messes is informal (planter's rig) outside duty hours. Observers should carry enough basic equipment to be able to sleep out at night, less blankets which are obtainable from messes. It is the exception to sleep out during the visit. Laundry facilities in SOUTH VIETNAM are not good.

Photographic Film

16. A limited amount of 35 mm black and white film is available to observers at this Headquarters. The supply of this film should not be relied upon, but will be made available whenever possible.

Finance

17. The AUSTRALIAN Cash Office SINGAPORE will advance each observer US\$100 before departure to SAIGON, which is accountable on return to either the AUSTRALIAN Cash Office in SINGAPORE or TERENDAK. Meal and accommodation charges of up to US \$5 a day may be anticipated. Receipts should be obtained where possible.

Accommodation in SOUTH VIETNAM

18. Accommodation in VIETNAM will be in UNITED STATES Bachelor Officers Quarters and in Advisory Group Messes. Security for personal property cannot be guaranteed, however small items of value may be left at the AUSTRALIAN Embassy SAIGON.

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Weapons

19. Personal weapons will be issued by the Naval/Military Attache for the duration of the visit. Observers should be aware that no weapons can be taken into or out of SOUTH VIETNAM.

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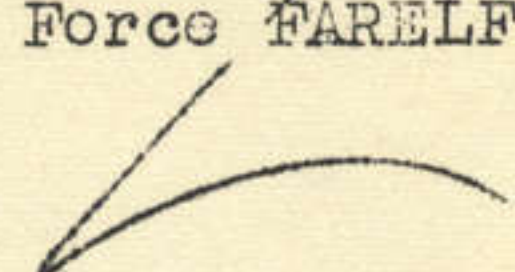
20. The following details are attached:-

Annex A : Report brief

Annex B : Vacancies allotted to July 64.

Annex C : Allotment to Corps areas to Dec 64.

28 Jan 64

  
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List A less serials 12, 13, 19, 33, 96,  
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Annex A to HQ Aust Army  
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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. 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.

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7. Para-Military Forces.
  - a. Organisation
  - b. Employment
8. Policy.
  - a. Conduct of campaigns
  - b. Politic - 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 ie anti-ambush tactics, air-envelopment tactics.

GENERAL

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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VACANCIES ALLOTTED FOR ORIENTATION VISITS  
TO SOUTH VIETNAM FEB - JUL 64

The following formation and unit vacancies are allocated for the period Feb - Jul 64: (These vacancies are liable to alteration).

4 - 13 Feb	-	28 Bde 28 Bde 28 Bde	
18 - 27 Feb	-	28 Bde HQ FARELF HQ Aust Army Force	} Lt Cols visit
3 - 12 Mar	-	28 Bde 28 Bde 28 Bde	
17 - 26 Mar	-	HQ SINGAPORE Base Area (Maj YEATS) HQ 17 Div (Maj STEWART) 28 Bde	
31 Mar - 9 Apr	-	28 Bde 28 Bde HQ Aust Army Force	
14 - 23 Apr	-	28 Bde JWS (Capt GRAHAM) HQ FARELF	
28 Apr - 7 May	-	28 Bde 28 Bde 28 Bde	
12 - 21 May	-	HQ MALAYA Area (Maj WOOLSTON) 28 Bde 28 Bde	
26 May - 4 Jun	-	28 Bde 28 Bde JWS (STAP Instr)	
9 - 18 Jun	-	28 Bde 28 Bde HQ Aust Army Force	
23 Jun - 2 Jul	-	28 Bde 28 Bde 28 Bde	
7 - 16 Jul	-	28 Bde 28 Bde HQ FARELF	
21 - 30 Jul	-	28 Bde 28 Bde HQ Aust Army Force	

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ORIENTATION AND OBSERVER PROGRAMME  
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<u>Arrival Dates</u>	<u>Corps Handling</u>	<u>Arrival Dates</u>	<u>Corps Handling</u>
4 Feb 64	III & IV	21 Jul 64	III & IV
18 Feb 64	I & II	4 Aug 64	I & II
3 Mar 64	III & IV	18 Aug 64	III & IV
17 Mar 64	I & II	1 Sep 64	I & II
31 Mar 64	III & IV	15 Sep 64	III & IV
14 Apr 64	I & II	29 Sep 64	I & II
28 Apr 64	III & IV	13 Oct 64	III & IV
12 May 64	I & II	27 Oct 64	I & II
26 May 64	III & IV	10 Nov 64	III & IV
9 Jun 64	I & II	24 Nov 64	I & II
23 Jun 64	III & IV	8 Dec 64	III & IV
7 Jul 64	I & II	22 Dec 64	I & II

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HQ Aust Army Force  
FARELF  
SINGAPORE

11 Feb 64

COMMANDER AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE FARELF  
MONTHLY REPORT 1/64 - JAN 64

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

Period

1. This report covers the period 1 Jan 64 - 7 Feb 64.

Attachments

2. The following annexes are attached:-  
Annex A - The statistical state of the Force as at 31 Jan 64.  
Annex B - The accommodation statistics as at 31 Jan 64.  
Annex C - Diagrammatic outline of FAR EAST Land Forces Order  
of Battle as at 1 Feb 64, together with the fore-  
cast of unit moves to and from BORNEO Feb - Mar 64.

GS MATTERS

3 RAR Border Operations

3. Following Department of Defence approval, HQ FARELF plan to place the major element of 3 RAR under operational command of 2 Fed Inf Bde, for anti-CT operations in the PERLIS/NORTH KEDAH area of the MALAY/THAI border, for the period 19 Feb - 5 Apr 64. A tactical headquarters with two/three rifle companies will be deployed. 1 NZ Regt are planned to replace 3 RAR on the Border for the period 6 Apr - 19 May 64.

4. Malaysian authorities desire the Aust battalion/NZ battalion to be employed rotationally on Border operations for twelve months. They will not be released for Border operations during the period 19 May - 19 Aug 64 because of 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp exercise commitments.

Request for 3 RAR Employment

5. The procedure for requesting the use of Australian Forces laid down in para 18 of the Directive for Commander Australian Army Force proved to be unsuitable for the recent request for the employment of 3 RAR on the THAI/MALAYAN border. While a Tri-service organisation existed on approach direct to AHQ by the GOC-in-C FARELF was considered satisfactory. Now, however, with MALAYSIA independent and a unified command for the FAR EAST in existence, the C-in-C FAR EAST as a member of the Malaysian Defence Council normally receives the request for military assistance from MALAYSIA. He then would make the approach to AUSTRALIA. The direct communication with AHQ should, it is felt, be used only after the use of the Australian troops have been authorised.

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Border Operations Force Title

6. HQ FARELF advised on 7 Feb 64 that the "17 GURKHA Division Operational Force" ceased to exist on 1 Feb 64 and is redesignated "The MALAYSIA/THAILAND Border Operational Force". Army Headquarters has been requested, vide our A 12 of 8 Feb 64, to revoke the existing Declaration of the Governor - General and issue a new Declaration covering the redesignation of this title of the Force. Until this is done soldiers of 3 RAR deployed on Border Operations will be on war service and not active service.

Directive for Border Operations - CO 3 RAR

7. A directive to CO 3 RAR similar to that issued to CO 2 RAR is necessary to clarify command channels while 3 RAR is committed to Border Operations, and has been requested from Army Headquarters.

BORNEO Operations

8. Although a cease-fire has been in operation along the MALAYSIA/KALIMANTAN Border since 25 Jan 64, UK reliefs and reinforcements are continuing as previously planned, less the reinforcement of one battalion from HONG KONG without replacement. The Command structure has been strengthened with HQ 5 Fed Inf Bde now commanding the EASTERN Bde Area (TAWAU and SANDAKAN Residence) and HQ 51 (GURKHA) Inf Bde Gp soon (mid Feb 64) to command the CENTRAL Bde Area (4th and 5th Division SARAWAK and SABAH less TAWAU and SANDAKAN Residencies). HQ 99 (GURKHA) Inf Bde Gp continues to command WESTERN Bde Area (1st, 2nd and 3rd Division of SARAWAK).

Operation 'DUSTER'

9. 4 Fed Inf Bde, located in SINGAPORE, have issued an Operation Instruction (Op 'DUSTER') with the aim of countering infiltration by armed raiding parties in SINGAPORE and JOHORE. Each infantry battalion of 4 Fed Inf Bde has permanently one platoon at 30 minutes notice and one company less one platoon at 4 hours notice.

FARELF ORBAT

10. The disposition of major FARELF units, less logistic elements, as at 1 Feb 64, is shown in diagrammatic outline at Annex 'D'.

Operation CROWN (see previous report para 22).

11. 2 Fd Tp RAE less a small rear party arrived at UBON on 7 Jan 64 and moved to the airfield construction site near MUKDAHAN. The troop is responsible for the construction of a hutted camp on the construction site, which at this stage involves much plant operation in dusty conditions. Hours of work are long, amenities are limited and present accommodation is tented. CRE Operation CROWN has commented favourably on the work done by 2 Fd Tp RAE.

12. Commander Aust Army Force accompanied the Chief of Staff, HQ FARELF, on a visit to Operation CROWN during 21 - 23 Jan 64. GSO 2 Aust Army Force will also visit MUKDAHAN in mid Feb (see para 10).

Re-organisation of HQ FARELF

13. Operational and planning branches of HQ FARELF are now located with HQ FAR EAST and operational elements of HQ FEAF and HQ FE Fleet. The aim of this concentration is to enable unified planning and single service planning to proceed simultaneously. The G staff officers of FARELF involved in planning intend to spend most of their



time at HQ FAR EAST and liaison with them has become less easy. The organisation is still very much experimental. (HQ Aust Army Force 133/1/2 of 4 Feb 64 to AHQ refers).

#### Re-organisation of 17 GURKHA Div

14. On 1 Feb 64 the present responsibilities of HQ 17 GURKHA Div/MALAYA Area are to be split between HQ 17 Div, a new HQ located at KLUANG, and HQ MALAYA Area located at SEREMBAN. The detailed responsibilities of these two headquarters are contained in the directives to the respective commanders, forwarded separately. The outline responsibilities are:-

a. HQ 17 Div

Training of 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp  
99 GURKHA Inf Bde Gp  
3 Cdo Bde RM

In addition HQ 17 Div will command any forces initially committed from FARELF on any future operations, similar to the BORNEO Operations.

b. HQ MALAYA Area

Administration of all formations and units in MALAYA including those under command of HQ 17 Div for training.

#### SEATO Exercise AIR BOON CHOO - THAILAND 20 - 29 Apr 64.

15. The SEATO tactical air exercise AIR BOON CHOO takes place in THAILAND during the period 20 - 29 Apr sponsored by THAILAND, US and UK. Elements of FARELF are to take part in the exercise to practice their SEATO role within the limits imposed by the exercise. These will be:-

Tac HQ 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp  
Det 656 Sqn AAC  
Det ASSU 249 Sqn  
FE Ground Liaison Group less 1 GLO  
Selected staff for Joint HQs.

This element will total approximately 200 all ranks. It is likely that approximately thirty five Australian personnel on integrated appointments of HQ 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp will participate in the exercise.

#### Visit of AHQ CGS Exercise Writing Team

16. Lt Cols J.B. WATCH and J.B. SALMON and Mr J.D. DOYLE of JIB spent one day in SINGAPORE on 30 Jan 64 en route to THAILAND for ground reconnaissance of the area covered by the 1964 CGS Exercise. While in SINGAPORE the AHQ Team called on operational branches of HQ FARELF and JIB SINGAPORE. GSO 2 Aust Army Force and Photographer Aust Army Force are accompanying the team in THAILAND.

#### Visits to and from Aust Army Force

- 17.
- a. Comd Aust Army Force visited MUKDAHAN and UBON during the period 21 - 23 Jan 64 accompanying Chief-of-Staff HQ FARELF on a visit to Operation CROWN.
  - b. Six officers of 3 RAR visited SOUTH VIETNAM on orientation visits during January. Due to the recent coup US authorities have advised that these visits will again be postponed indefinitely.
  - c. Col D.D. MAITLAND, RAMC exchange officer and designate DAH AHQ visited MALAYA/SINGAPORE during 30 Jan - 2 Feb 64.



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During his visit Col MAITLAND visited Australian units in TERENDAK and FARELF School of Health.

- d. Col W.C. BUNTING, D Qtg AHQ arrived in SINGAPORE on 4 Feb 64 for a visit to SINGAPORE and TERENDAK. He will depart on 11 Feb 64.

AG MATTERS

AATTV - Status of Forces Agreement

18. The status of members of AATTV as prescribed under UN Treaty Series Volume 185(1954) is not clear. The privileges and immunities which are generally recognised under International Law for Diplomatic Staffs are understood, but we do not know what privileges and immunities will be recognised by the South Vietnamese Government, as they are applicable to members of AATTV. Clarification of this subject was sought from AHQ in our memo 234/2/1 of 31 Dec 63, but to date no reply has been received.

Disposal of Claims in the FAR EAST

19. a. Claims Commission, War Office, through HQ FARELF, made a proposal on Inter-Governmental Mutual Waiver of Claims in Mar 61. This proposal was represented to AHQ in Apr 61. Despite further correspondence since that date the subject remains unresolved.
- b. Concern is felt with regard to a lack of clear direction by AHQ on the responsibility of the Director of Claims FE to act on behalf of the Australian Government in processing tort claims in the SE Asia area. This initially applies to 2 Fd Tp RAE, currently operating in THAILAND, 1 SAS Coy to participate in the SEATO Exercise 'LITGAS' in the PHILLIPINES and AMF personnel in HONG KONG.
- c. A submission on these two facets of Claims Disposal was made in our memorandum 76/1/7 of 31 Jan 64.

Visiting Forces Act 1963

20. To ensure that the correct disciplinary code is applied to AMF members in FARELF, it is necessary that we be advised of all disposal order action effected under section 24(1)(b) of the Act in regard of personnel posted to FARELF. A proposed procedure was submitted in our CONFIDENTIAL Signal A26 of 24 Jan 64 to AHQ. To date no advice has been received.

Emergency Leave to AUSTRALIA

21. a. Current instructions governing the grant of emergency leave, with travel at public expense, is contained in AHQ memo A25/8/27 of 20 Mar 62 (Annex 'A'). Considerable concern is felt on the application of these terms to personnel serving in MALAYSIA, in comparison to the conditions applicable to personnel serving in AUSTRALIA. It is felt that as the travel distance involved in most cases are comparable with those that could be met in AUSTRALIA, that similar conditions for the granting of travel at Public Expense could apply.

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- b. A relaxation of the current instruction affecting members in FARELF was sought in our Signal A14 of 7 Jan 64.
- c. This reference signal related to a Cpl F.C. MITCHENER who was disallowed travel at public expense even though the case was described by AHQ as being rather tragic. To date no advice has been received.

#### Change of Status of Employment of Domestic Servants (Amahs)

22. AHQ approval has been received authorising domestic servants to be employed by individual soldiers rather than by the War Department and for them to be paid by the member in accordance with a recently approved Domestic Servants Allowance. Regrettably the allowance authorised was not as requested by HQ Aust Army Force and would result in these employees receiving less pay than the statutory award. In addition, an unfair financial liability has been imposed on those members whose amahs choose to 'live in'. These anomalies require a further submission to be made to AHQ. The date of inception of the proposed is still indefinite but it is expected to be not before 1 Apr 64.

#### QMG MATTERS

##### Movement to AUSTRALIA - Costing of Sea Travel

23. The recent decision on the method to be adopted in assessing the relative costs of sea or air travel leave the service with no discretionary authority. The resultant cost to the individual places sea travel out of reach of most who would normally have travelled home this way. In certain cases hardship to the individual family is occasioned. A detailed submission on this subject will be made.

##### Rental Ceilings - Hirings

24. The changed circumstances in SINGAPORE over recent months have made it increasingly difficult to obtain houses within the rental ceilings allowed. In this regard Australian allowances fall short of UK and NZ and in the past month have resulted in the loss of four officers houses. A review of the position as at 31 Dec 63 and seeking an increase in the present ceiling is being prepared. In addition, the measures necessary to re-establish and maintain a satisfactory position have been discussed with the Director of Quartering during his current visit to FARELF.

##### NAAFI Trading Rights and Disbursement of Profits - TERENDAK Camp

25. A series of contentious papers on this subject have recently been prepared by HQ 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp highlighting certain unsatisfactory aspects of NAAFI trading in TERENDAK Camp particularly as it affects the Australian and NZ soldiers and families. These papers were submitted to the Chairman and Managing Director of NAAFI during their just concluded tour through FARELF. They will also form the basis of discussions planned to be held with the Managing Director of ASCO, Mr J. HIND, during his visit to FARELF commencing 5 Feb 65. Further submissions will be made to AHQ on this subject.



Administration of Military/Services Attaches.

26. The responsibilities of HQ Aust Army Force for the administration, particularly financial, of Australian Services Attaches in this theatre is not clear. Demands for equipment, clothing and necessities, stationery, maintenance of equipment (cameras, watches etc) are continually being received. The majority of the demands can be met but only through UK sources. As no standing, capitation, or maintenance charge is paid to the UK for these services, the problem requires investigation and issue of appropriate instructions.

Re-classification "Private Hirings" to "Australian Hirings".

27. The problem of conversion of houses currently occupied and negotiated for by individuals as "Private Hirings" permitting their official acceptance and continued administration as "Australian Hirings" by HQ Aust Army Force, is pressing, to overcome cases of financial hardship being experienced, almost without exception, by the present tenants. This is a procedural financial matter and requires concurrence only. A full case has been submitted to AHQ.

Refrigeration 3 RAR TERENDAK

28. The 500 cu ft refrigerator provided by AUSTRALIA as a "go-it-alone" project for the battalion at TERENDAK, has been condemned by both Medical and Engineers. This equipment has been in service in CANBERRA Lines, TERENDAK only a little over two years yet must now be replaced.

29. In addition one effect of INDONESIA's "confrontation" has been the substitution of deep frozen vegetables for fresh on UK Ration Scale No. 24 which forms the basis of rationing for 3 RAR. Without any deep freeze capacity combined with unserviceable refrigeration unacceptable losses of food has resulted.

30. HQ FARELF have been examining this problem but it is felt that as 3 RAR is the only battalion involved, it can be solved only at AUSTRALIA's expense. (HQ NEW ZEALAND Army Force have provided deep freeze units as a "go-it-alone" for their unit being the only other one in FARELF on Ration scale No. 24.) A submission will be made to AHQ as a matter of urgency on this subject after completion of the current investigation by HQ FARELF.

Stores Accounting - AATTV

31. Difficulty is being experienced by both HQ Aust Army Force and AATTV in arranging for an adequate system of stores accounting. Initially, except for small quantities of clothing no stores were held. However, with the recent releases of wristlet watches, light weight accommodation equipment etc, and with increasing demands for maintenance issues it is obvious that some stores accounting procedure for the unit is necessary. Arrangements made for the issue of a store account number for AATTV in order that they become a self accounting unit now appears impractical as insufficient administrative staff exist on their establishment to cope with this added responsibility. This problem, it is felt, must be determined by AHQ. A submission will be made to AHQ after a Q Branch liaison officer visits VIETNAM later this month.



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New Works - Construction of Office Block - HQ Aust Army Force.

32. HQ FARELF are currently studying our submission for the construction of headquarters and office accommodation for HQ Aust Army Force. This will conform in siting and style with the FARELF re-building plans in the TANGLIN area. The subject has been discussed with the Director of Quartering and plans, costs, timings etc will be forwarded to AHQ when known.

Works Programme - TERENDAK

33. The progress of construction of the Part 1 Works and current stage of the Part 2 and Part 3 Works Services at TERENDAK will be demonstrated to and discussed with the Director of Quartering during the current visit. A summary of these projects will be forwarded separately as a result of this visit

*N. G. Putt*  
Brig  
Comd Aust Army Force FARELF

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STATE OF AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE IN FAR EAST

PART I MILITARY

<u>ESTABLISHMENT</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SINGAPORE	43	101	144
MALAYA	99	1062	1161
TOTAL	142	1163	1305

<u>POSTED STRENGTH</u>			
SINGAPORE	43*	105	148*
MALAYA	95	1048	1153
TOTAL	138	1153	1291

\* Posted strength for SINGAPORE includes 1 WO I filling Offr posting (84 Svy Sqn).

<u>DEFICIENT SINGAPORE</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>OR</u>
AUST STAFF AND REGT APPTS	1	
TOTAL	1	

<u>DEFICIENT MALAYA</u>		
HQ 28 Inf Bde		1
208 Sig Sqn		5
3 RAR	1	6
102 Fd Bty		2
32 Dental Unit		1
Misc Aust Dets	1	
Aust Staff and Regt Appts	1	
PSD (personnel seconded for duty)	1	
TOTAL	4	15
TOTAL FARELF	5	15



SURPLUS SINGAPORE

	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>OR</u>
HQ Aust Army Force (1 OR det from 3 RAR)		1
Aust Staff and Regt Appts (1 OR filling Offr vacancy)		1
Misc Aust Dets (1 Offr attached to BMH SINGAPORE for training)	1	
201 Sig Sqn (2 OR to return to Aust on completion handover)		2
TOTAL	1	4

SURPLUS MALAYA

Aust Comp TERENDAK Camp (1 OR to return to Aust on completion handover)		1
TOTAL		1
TOTAL FARELF	1	5

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	7	14
LAOS	-	4	4
VIETNAM	15	14	29
TOTAL	25	34	59

NOTE :- These figures do not include Military Attaches or their Staff.

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	<u>WIVES</u>	<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SINGAPORE	114	258	372
KUALA LUMPUR	1	2	3
SEREMBAN	3	7	10
MALACCA	357	686	1043
JOHORE BAHRU	3	4	7
PENANG	1	2	3
KLUANG	1	2	3
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TOTAL	480	961	1441
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HONG KONG	10	13	23
THAILAND	11	21	32
VIETNAM	1	4	5
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TOTAL	22	38	60
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TOTAL FAR EAST	502	999	1501
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ACCOMMODATION - MALAYA/SINGAPORE AS AT 31 JAN 64

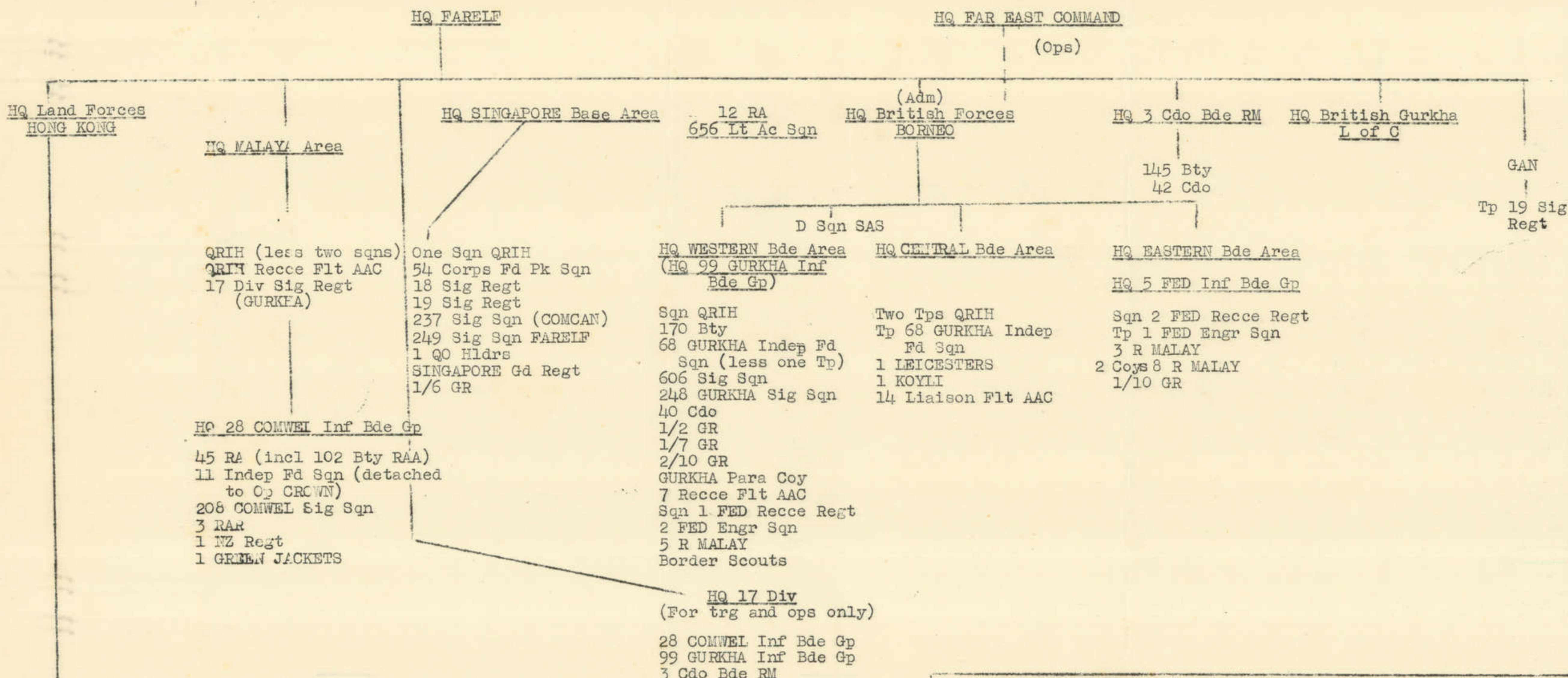
Location	Rank	Army owned Married Quarters	Permanent Hirings		Private Hirings		Unaccommoda- ted living in hotels	Total Accn	Families awaiting C/F to MALAYA	REMARKS
			Houses	Flats	Houses	Flats				
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
SINGAPORE	Offr	5	29	4	-	1*	-	39	-	*Paying Excess Rental
	OR	1	76	1	-	-	-	78	-	
JOHORE BAHRU	Offr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	OR	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	
TERENDAK MALACCA	Cffr	22	21	-	10	-	-	53	-	
	OR	188	101	-	14	-	-	303	5	
SEREMBAN	Offr	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	
	OR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KUALA LUMPUR	Offr	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	OR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
PENANG	Offr	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	OR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL		216	236	5	24	1	-	482	5	



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Annex 'C' to Commander Aust Army Force  
FARELF Monthly Report 1/64

DIAGRAMATIC OUTLINE ORDER OF BATTLE  
FAR EAST LAND FORCES  
AS AT 1 FEB 64



NOTES:

1. FUTURE MOVES

- 1 A & SH relieve 1 QO Hldrs Feb 64 (Routine relief).
- HQ 51 Inf Bde Gp to arrive ex UK to control CENTRAL Bde Area in early Feb 64 (with 247 GURKHA Sig Sqn, LAD & Pro Unit).
- 2/7 GR to relieve 1 LIECESTERS in CENTRAL Bde late Feb 64.
- 1/2 GR to be relieved by 1/6 GR ex SINGAPORE in early Feb 64. (1/2 GR to come under comd HQ SINGAPORE Base Area).
- 70 Bty (of 45 RA) to relieve 170 Bty RA in Mar 64.
- 1 RUR to relieve 2/7 GR in HONG KONG in Mar 64.
- RHQ 29 Cdo RA & 79 Bty Cdo RM arrive Mar 64.
- 1/2 GR & 2/9 GR rotate Mar 64.
- HQ British Forces BORNEO moves to LABUAN ex BRUNEI on 15 Mar 64.

2. No logistic unit shown.

3. For role of HQ 17 Div see our 31/1/35 of 24 Jan 64.

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Annex 'A' to HQ Aust Army Force  
FARELF 149/3/4 of // Feb 64

UNIT :-

- ROLL OF SVETS STUDENTS

No	Rank	Name	Teaching Institution	Course	Subjects	Date of Enrolment	Fee	R e m a r k s



Annex 'A' to HQ Aust Army Force  
FARELF 149/3/4 of // Feb 64

UNIT :-

- ROLL OF SVETS STUDENTS

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HQ Aust Army Force  
FARELF  
SINGAPORE

11 Feb 64

SERVICES VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME -  
ROLL OF EFFECTIVE STUDENTS

Reference MBI 75/3 "Vocational and Educational  
Training Scheme" -  
HQ Aust Army Force FARELF 149/3/4 of  
2 Jan 64 -

'A'

'B'

1. It is necessary that accurate records be maintained at HQ Aust Army Force FARELF of all ARA members actively engaged in Australian correspondence courses under the terms of reference 'A'.

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- b. blank schedules in the case of units where the SVETS state is not known.

3. It is requested that units referred to in paragraph 2a. above check their lists for accuracy by interviewing nominated students and ascertaining:-

- a. whether or not the member is enrolled as shown,
- b. whether or not the recorded course particulars are correct,
- c. whether or not the member intends to pursue his course(s) with the aim of presenting for public (or other) examinations at the end of 1964,
- d. the fee paid by the member for each course subject.

4. In addition, units referred to in paragraphs 2a. and 2b. above are requested to record on the unit schedule course particulars of members known to be SVETS students whose detail is not already included.

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  - (2) "enrolled but since abandoned"
  - (3) "effective student: will NOT sit exams 1964"
  - (4) "effective student: will sit exams 1964"

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~~RAAF Butterworth~~



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6. Returns will be submitted by 10 Mar 64.
7. Nil returns are required.

*A. [Signature]* Maj  
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PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT OF  
COL R.P. WOOLLARD, DIRECTOR OF SIGNALS AMF,  
TO FARELF 16 - 25 FEB 64.

The programme for the visit of Col R.P. WOOLLARD, Director of Signals Australian Military Forces, to MALAYA and SINGAPORE during the period 16-25 Feb 64 is attached.

  
Maj  
GSO2 Aust Army Force FARELF

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PROGRAMME FOR VISIT OF COL R.P. WOOLLARD,  
DIRECTOR OF SIGNALS AMF, TO FARELF 16-25 FEB 64

<u>Serial</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
<u>Sun 16 Feb</u>			
1.	Evening	Arrive SINGAPORE Airport (details to be advised)	1. Met by Maj K.J. TAYLOR. 2. Aust Army Force car. 3. Accn at Cockpit Hotel
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<u>Mon 17 Feb</u>			
2.	0900	Call on Comd Aust Army Force, FARELF Brig F.R. EVANS, OBE Personal administration as required.	HQ Aust Army Force car at hotel at 0850hrs.
3.	1000	Call on MGGS, HQ FARELF Maj Gen H.A. LASCELLES, CBE, DSO	1. Accompanied by Brig EVANS. 2. HQ Aust Army Force car at Gate 2 at 0945hrs.
4.	1020	Call on Senior Staff Officer (Signals) HQ FAR EAST Command. Gp Capt P.M.S. HEDGELAND, OBE CSO HQ FARELF present. Brig E.C.R. BLAKER, OBE.	
5.	1040	Return in CSO's car to TANGLIN. Discussion with CSO HQ FARELF during remainder of morning.	
6.	1230-1400	Luncheon with Brig BLAKER.	CSO's car.
7.	1400-1630	Signals Branch HQ FARELF.	HQ Aust Army Force car at Gate 4 at 1620hrs.
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<u>Tue 18 Feb</u>			
8.	0800	Depart SINGAPORE Airport for MALACCA on Flight ML 104.	1. Accompanied by Maj TAYLOR, 18-20 Feb. 2. HQ Aust Army Force car to pick up Maj TAYLOR at 0645hrs and Col WOOLLARD at 0700hrs.

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<u>Serial</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
	<u>Tue 18 Feb</u> (cont)		3. International Health Certificate re-quired. Tickets to Maj TAYLOR on previous day.
9.	0905	Arrive MALACCA Airport. By HQ 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp car to TERENDAK.	
10.	1000	Call on AA&QMG 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp. Lt Col C.E. KNIGHT, MBE.	Morning tea with Lt Col KNIGHT.
11.	1020- 1100	Visit 3 RAR. Discussions with CO Lt Col A.B. McDONALD, MC. Meet Regt Signals Officer Capt P.M. JEFFERY.	Tpt while at TERENDAK provided by HQ 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp.
12.	1100- 1130	Visit 45 Regt RA (incl 102 Fd Bty RAA). Meet OC 102 Fd Bty Maj B.C. FORWARD.	
13.	1130- 1230	Discussions with OC 208 COMWEL Sig Sqn Maj A.M. HEWSON. CR Sigs MALAYA, Lt Col J.R. CLINCH may be present.	
14.	1230- 1400	Luncheon with Maj HEWSON.	
15.	1400- 1430	Further discussions with Maj HEWSON if required.	
16.	1430- 1530	Tour TERENDAK Camp.	
17.	1530	Depart for MALACCA Airport.	
18.	1650	Depart MALACCA Airport for SINGAPORE on Flight ML 147.	
19.	1730	Arrive SINGAPORE.	HQ Aust Army Force car to meet at airport.

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<u>Ser- ial</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
	<u>Wed 19 Feb</u>		
20.	0800	Depart for CHANGI Airport.	1.HQ Aust Army Force car to pick up Maj TAYLOR at 0745hrs then to Cockpit Hotel. 2.Dress - jungle greens & jungle boots.
21.	0840	Report to ATIO CHANGI.	
22.	1000	Depart CHANGI for KUANTAN by RAF aircraft taking part Ex RAFFIA I	Chalk number 7A. Maj HEWSON also on aircraft.
23.	Approx 1100	Arrive KUANTAN.	Reception & tpt by HQ 28 COMWEL Bde Gp while at KUANTAN.
24.		Luncheon at HQ 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp.	
25.	Afternoon	Discussion with Comd 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp. Brig R.B. DAWSON, DSO.	
26.	"	Observe Ex RAFFIA I.	
27.	Evening	Accommodation at KUANTAN Rest House.	

Thu 20 Feb

28.	Morning	Observe Ex RAFFIA I	Light luncheon before departure KUANTAN.
29.	1220	Depart KUANTAN for KUALA LUMPUR on Flight ML 117.	
30.	1320	Arrive KUALA LUMPUR Airport.	Aust High Commission car.
31.	Afternoon	Call on Australian High Commissioner to MALAYSIA. Mr T.K. CRITCHLEY, CBE and CSO MALAYSIAN Army Lt Col E. McK. ERSKINE under arrangements Aust High Commission.	
32.	1740	Depart for KUALA LUMPUR Airport.	

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<u>Serial</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
	<u>Thu. 20 Feb</u> (cont)		
33.	1830	Depart KUALA LUMPUR for SINGAPORE on Flight ML 037.	
34.	1935	Arrive SINGAPORE Airport.	HQ Aust Army Force car to meet at airport.
	<u>Fri 21 Feb</u>		
35.	0830	Depart for CK2 (201 Sig Sqn)	HQ Aust Army Force car.
36.	0900-1200	Arrive CK2. Met by OC 201 Sig Sqn - Maj E.N. CONDOR. Meet Government Communications officer. Mr H. FLETCHER, OBE and OIC CK2 Station Mr J.S. LUCAS, MBE Visit 201 Sig Sqn Administrative Headquarters at AMOY QUEE.	
37.	1200	Depart AMOY QUEE by car for PRINCESS MARY Officers Mess	Accompanied by officers of 201 Sig Sqn.
38.	1230-1400	Luncheon at PRINCESS MARY Officers Mess. President of Corps Mess Col P.F. YEATMAN, OBE PMC Maj J.L. DONNE CO 18 Sig Regt Lt Col W.W. COCK	<i>return c/o office FARELF</i> <i>at house of Brig BLAKER</i>
39.	1400-1600	Visit CR Signals SINGAPORE, Col P.F. YEATMAN, OBE 237 (COMCAN) Sig Sqn OC Maj J.B. PRINCE.	HQ FARELF Sigs to arrange car.
	<u>Sat 22 Feb</u>		
40.	Morning	Final discussions as desired at HQ FARELF.	HQ Aust Army Force car to call at 0830 hrs at Cockpit Hotel.
	Afternoon	Free	



<u>Ser-</u> <u>ial</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
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Sun 23 Feb

41.		Free	
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Mon 24 Feb

42.		Depart for BANGKOK (Details to be advised)	
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

BRIGADIER F.R. EVANS, OBE

COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE FARELF

S I N G A P O R E.

DATE: 17 FEB 1964

SERIAL 1  
RO NO 1

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BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

1. RELIEF OF INDIVIDUAL OTHER RANKS.

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RELIEF OF INDIVIDUAL OTHER RANKS

General

1. This Routine Order will be read in conjunction with MBI 16-1 and AHQ Adm Instr 3/58 and replaces HQ Aust Army Force Routine Order No 3 which is hereby cancelled.

2. Personnel may be returned to AUSTRALIA for any of the following reasons:-

- a. completion of overseas tour, or training attachment;
- b. becoming medically unfit for service in the FAR EAST theatre;
- c. for administrative reasons - e.g. on compassionate grounds, on disciplinary grounds, for discharge etc.

3. A member who is to be returned to AUSTRALIA on completion of overseas tour will be relieved, unless an extension is approved, during the period 2 to 2½ years after his arrival in MALAYA/SINGAPORE. A member's relief is usually demanded by HQ Aust Army Force before the 2 year period has elapsed but the reinforcement will not normally arrive before this time.

4. A period of six months is then available during which the reinforcement arrives and the relief takes place. Generally, the relief will occur in the first two months after the 2 years has elapsed, but the member being relieved cannot consider himself entitled to leave MALAYA/SINGAPORE under 2½ years.

Procedure for Personnel who RTA on completion of Tour of Duty

5. Units will complete HQ Aust Army Force Form A6 (Revised) "Questionnaire and Forecast Replacement Demand" for each member who is due for relief and return to AUSTRALIA. This form is in three parts - Part 1 to be completed by the member under unit supervision; Part 2 to be completed by the unit; and Part 3 for use by HQ Aust Army Force. A copy of this revised Form is attached as Annex 'A' to this Order.

6. Units will ensure that Parts 1 and 2 of the Form are completed and forwarded in duplicate to HQ Aust Army Force four months before a member completes 2 years of his overseas tour. Where a member wishes to remain for a period over 2 but less than 2½ years and the unit is agreeable, the reinforcement demand should specify the month during which the member desires to RTA and the relief should arrive. The Forms A6 are required to reach HQ Aust Army Force no later than the twenty eighth day of the relevant month.

Extension of Tour of Duty

7. Extension of a tour of duty relates to service in excess of 2½ years in the FARELF area. There is no objection to an application for an extension of a tour of duty being made well before the 2½ years has elapsed, in fact early application is desirable. A copy of this Application Form is attached as Annex 'B' to this Order.



8. It is not necessary for an application for an extension to be made when a member wishes to remain in the area for more than 2 but less than 2½ years.

Procedure for Personnel who RTA as Medically Unfit for Service in MALAYA/SINGAPORE

9. Immediately a unit becomes aware that a member is to be returned to AUSTRALIA under unit arrangements for medical reasons it will:-

- a. in the case of a single/unaccompanied member;
  - (1) take administrative action to clear the member for movement to AUSTRALIA;
  - (2) complete and forward Form A6 to HQ Aust Army Force;
  - (3) advise AUSTARM SINGAPORE by signal of the date available to move.
- b. In the case of a married/accompanied member:-
  - (1) take administrative action to clear the member and his family for return to AUSTRALIA;
  - (2) complete and forward Form A6 to HQ Aust Army Force;
  - (3) advise AUSTARM SINGAPORE by signal date available to move.

10. Where a member is to be returned to AUSTRALIA through medical channels the unit will advise AUSTARM SINGAPORE by signal the rank and trade/appointment of the replacement required.

11. Where a dependant has been medically boarded and found to be unfit to remain in MALAYA/SINGAPORE the following action will be taken:-

- a. Application for RTA of member and his family will be submitted to HQ Aust Army Force FARELF, through normal channels.
- b. On receipt of approval for RTA, a unit will:-
  - (1) take administrative action to clear the member and his family for return to AUSTRALIA;
  - (2) complete and forward Form A6 to HQ Aust Army Force;
  - (3) advise AUSTARM SINGAPORE by signal of the date available to move and rank and trade/appointment of the replacement required.

Procedure for Personnel who RTA for Administrative Reasons

12. When a member is approved to RTA for administrative reasons, his unit will immediately:-



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- a. take administrative action to clear the member and, where necessary, his family, for return to AUSTRALIA;
- b. complete and forward Form A6 to HQ Aust Army Force;
- c. advise AUSTARM SINGAPORE by signal the date available to move.

*A. L. ...* Maj  
DAAG Aust Army Force FARELF



QUESTIONNAIRE - PMF MEMBERS FOR RETURN TO AUSTRALIA  
(to be completed in duplicate)PART 1

Army No.....Rank.....Name.....Corps.....  
Trade.....Grouping.....Unit.....  
DOB.....Date completes current engagement.....  
Whether married/accompanied.....  
Number of Children      Male.....Dates.....  
    in theatre:                      of  
                                    Female.....Birth.....

To be completed by member:

1. If current engagement expires within 12 months of RTA answer 'YES' or 'NO' to question) } Do you intend to re-engage? .....
2. If you have a house in Australia, do you  
(a) own it?..... (d) Give address (including State)  
(b) lease it?.....  
(c) rent it?.....
3. If so, can you go into the house when you return?.....
4. If you do not now own, lease, or rent a house in Australia, or can not go into it when you return, can you arrange suitable accommodation before you leave for Australia, either -  
(a) rented?.....  
(b) with relatives?.....if so, for how long.....  
    or  
(c) with friends?.....if so, for how long.....  
(d) Give address.....  
    (including state).....
5. If the answer to questions 3 and 4 is NO state what your accommodation requirement is on return to Australia.  
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6. If you own furniture, is it  
(a) in store?.....if so, where?.....  
(b) in premises let or sub-let by you?.....
7. If it is possible to post you to the State of your choice,  
(a) in which State would you like to serve?  
    First preference.....  
    Second preference.....  
(b) State any reasons for preference of State, e.g., a desire to build a War Service Home (if eligible) etc;  
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Date.....

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(Signature)



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FORECAST REPLACEMENT DEMAND AND MOVEMENT TO AUSTRALIA

(For use by Unit and HQ Aust Army Force FARELF)

PART 2

REPLACEMENT REQUIRED FOR MONTH OF \_\_\_\_\_ TRADE OR DUTY \_\_\_\_\_

ECN NO AND RANK REQUIRED AS REPLACEMENT: ECN \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_

IS A HANDOVER/TAKEOVER REQUIRED \_\_\_\_\_ IF SO FOR HOW LONG \_\_\_\_\_

IF FOR DISCHARGE STATE COMD WHERE RELEASE IS DESIRED \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERENCE OF TRAVEL (SEA OR AIR) \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTE: TRAVEL BY SEA IS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF BERTHS  
ON DATE DUE FOR RTA).

LEAVE CREDITS AS AT DATE DUE RTA \_\_\_\_\_

DOES MEMBER DESIRE TO TAKE LEAVE ON RTA \_\_\_\_\_

IF SO HOW MANY DAYS AND WHERE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF AUST LOCATED NOK \_\_\_\_\_

(FOR USE BY CARO ONLY) \_\_\_\_\_

IS OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED ON ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA \_\_\_\_\_

PART 3

FOR USE BY HQ AUST ARMY FORCE FARELF ONLY

BOOKED TO DEPART FOR \_\_\_\_\_

FLIGHT OR SHIP \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_



Annex 'B' to HQ Aust Army  
FARELF Routine Order No 1/64  
of 17 Feb 64

APPLICATION TO EXTEND SERVICE BEYOND TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS

(To be submitted in duplicate)

I.....on completing my  
(Army No) (Rank) (Name)

present tour of duty in.....  
(Unit) (Location)

on.....hereby request approval to serve a further  
(Date)

period of.....in this area.

My reasons for this request are.....

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Date of enlistment.....Residual service in current engagement

..... I have elected to re-engage on expiration of my  
(Years) (Months)

current engagement (if necessary).....

Witness.....  
(To be witnessed by an Offr)

SIGNED.....

DATE.....

RECOMMENDED  
NOT RECOMMENDED

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(CO/OC UNIT).



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Quote in Reply:-

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HQ Aust Army Force  
FARELF  
SINGAPORE.

*20* Feb 64

PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT OF VERY REV J.A. MORGAN  
CHAPLAIN GENERAL (RC) AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

1. Chaplain General the Rev J.A. MORGAN will visit MALAYA and SINGAPORE during the period 21 Feb - 4 Mar 64. During his visit he will dedicate the TERENDAK Garrison Church of Corpus Christi on Sunday 1 Mar 64.
2. He will be accompanied throughout his visit by Senior Chaplain the Rev C.Y. BANKES, Comd SCF (RC) HQ FARELF.
3. The programme for the visit is attached.

*[Signature]*  
Brig  
Comd Aust Army Force FARELF

Distribution:-

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Australian High Commissioner SINGAPORE Office  
HQ FARELF: MA to GOC-in-C  
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HQ MALAYA Area  
28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp/TERENDAK Garrison (3)  
3 RAR (2)

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Spare (3)



PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT OF VERY REV J.A. MORGAN  
CHAPLAIN GENERAL (RC) AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

<u>Ser- ial</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u> <u>1964</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
<u>Fri 21 Feb</u>			
1.	2220	Arrives SINGAPORE Airport on Flight QF 736.	1. Met by Rev C.Y. BANKES. 2. Accommodation at Goodwood Hotel. 3. Car by arrange- ments Rev BANKES.
<u>Sat 22 Feb</u>			
2.		As arranged by Rev BANKES	
<u>Sun 23 Feb</u>			
3.		Mass in Christ the King - Preaches. Dines with SINGAPORE chaplains.	
<u>Mon 24 Feb</u>			
4.	1000	Call on Comd Aust Army Force FARELF Brig F.R. EVANS, OBE	Car by arrangements Rev BANKES.
5.	1015- 1040	Meet officers HQ Aust Army Force FARELF.	
6.	1045	Call on GOC-in-C FARELF Lt Gen Sir Reginald H. HEWETSON, KCB, CBE, DSO.	Accompanied by Brig EVANS.
7.	1130	Call on Deputy Australian High Commissioner to MALAYSIA. Mr W.B. PRITCHETT.	
8.	Afternoon	Free.	
<u>Tue 25 Feb</u>			
9.	Morning	Call on Archbishop of SINGAPORE/MALACCA. Archbishop OLCOMENDY.	
10.	Afternoon	Free	

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<u>Ser- ial</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
	<u>Wed 26 Feb</u>		
11.	0800	Depart SINGAPORE Airport for KUALA LUMPUR on Flight ML 004.	HQ Aust Army Force car 0700hrs after collecting Rev BANKES.
12.	0935	Arrive KUALA LUMPUR.	Aust High Commission car.
13.	1000	Call on Australian High Commissioner to MALAYSIA. Mr. T.K. CRITCHLEY, CBE.	
14.	Afternoon	Free	
15.	1635	Depart KUALA LUMPUR Airport for PENANG on Flight ML 052.	
16.	1820	Arrive PENANG.	Overnight accommodation at Runnymede Hotel.
	<u>Thu 27 Feb</u>		
17.	0900	3 RAR officer calls at Runnymede Hotel.	
	<u>Fri 28 Feb</u>		
18.		27, 28 and 29 Feb with 3 RAR. CO - Lt Col A.B. McDONALD, MC.	3 RAR arrangements.
	<u>Sat 29 Feb</u>		
19.	1415	Depart PENANG Airport on Flight ML 147 for MALACCA.	
20.	1640	Arrive MALACCA Airport.	Met by 3 RAR officer. Accommodation by 3 RAR.
	<u>Sun 1 Mar</u>		
21.	1030	Dedicate Church of Corpus Christi.	
22.	1130	Reception for congregation in BACS TERENDAK Assembly Hall.	

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<u>Serial</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
	<u>Sun 1 Mar</u> (cont)		
23.	1230	Luncheon party by invitation of Chaplain General in 1 KOYLI Junior Ranks Club.	
24.	Afternoon & Evening	Free	

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	<u>Mon 2 Mar</u>		
25.	0900-1000	Visit 3 RAR rear party Australian members 280FP.	
26.	1005-1045	Visit 45 Regt RA (includes morning tea). CO - Lt Col R.N.W. LYDEKKER, RA	
27.	1050-1105	Visit 208 COMWEL Sigs Sqn OC Maj A. HEWSON, R Sigs Senior Aust Officer: - Capt D.I. GODDEN, R Aust Sigs.	
28.	1105-1115	Visit 28 Bde Pro Unit OC - Maj R.H. BELL, R Aust Pro.	
29.	1115-1125	Visit 28 Bde LAD OC - Capt A.G. BISHOP, RAEME.	
30.	1125-1135	Visit HQ Coy 28 Bde. OC - Maj H.C. SNELLING, MBE.	
31.	1140-1200	Visit MRS TERENDAK. CO - Lt Col M.G. JACKSON-SMYTH, RAMC. Senior Aust Officer. - Capt R. NAUGHTON, RAAMC.	
32.	1205-1225	Visit 16 COMWEL Fd Amb. CO - Lt Col B.J. MAHONEY, RAAMC. Senior Aust Officer - Maj R. RUCK, RAAMC.	
33.	Afternoon & Evening.	Tour MALACCA. Free.	

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	<u>Tue 3 Mar</u>		
34.	0930	Farewell call on Deputy Garrison Commander - Lt Col C.E. KNIGHT, MBE	

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<u>Serial</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
	<u>Tue 3 Mar</u> (cont)		
35.	0945	Depart for MALACCA Airport.	
36.	1050	Depart MALACCA Airport for SINGAPORE on Flight ML 153.	
37.	1155	Arrive SINGAPORE Airport. To Goodwood Park Hotel.	HQ Aust Army Force car.
38.	Afternoon	Free.	
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	<u>Wed 4 Mar</u>		
39.		Reserved.	
40.	2200	Depart SINGAPORE on Flight QF 732.	HQ Aust Army Force car to call at Goodwood Park Hotel at 2030hrs, after collecting Rev BANKES.
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HQ Aust Army Force  
FARELF  
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20 Feb 64

HQ FARELF: SD1

FARELF MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS -  
REQUIREMENT FOR REINFORCEMENT  
HOLDING UNIT

Reference HQ FARELF FE 89602 SD1 of 17 Jan 64.

1. The following training increment by appointment and rank, will be provided by AUSTRALIA to assist the Jungle Warfare School and FAR EAST Training Centre:-

Company Officer	Major/Captain
Company Instructor	Captain
Regimental Duty NCO	Sergeant
Assistant Instructor (2)	Sergeant
Regimental Duty NCO	Corporal
Clerk Pay	Sergeant
Clerk Records	Corporal
Regimental Police Duties	Corporal
Driver	Private

2. This increment is in addition to the one officer and two sergeants at present on the staff of Battle Wing, Jungle Warfare School.

3. One  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton vehicle will also be provided at the Jungle Warfare School.

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GSO2 Aust Army Force FARELF Maj

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HQ Aust Army Force  
FARELF  
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20 Feb 64

3 RAR

Copy to:- 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp

PROVISION OF TRAINING INCREMENT -  
REINFORCEMENT HOLDING UNIT - PLAN  
REFIT/RAMAH

Reference Australian Army Force 133/4/3 of 31 Jul 63.

1. On the assumption that the whole of the Jungle Warfare School FARELF would close down if plan RAMAH were implemented, this Headquarters had previously planned to shadow post the Australian staff of Battle Wing to the staff of the Reinforcement Holding and Training Unit (Australian Component). This staff consists of one Captain and two Sergeants.
  2. At a recent conference at HQ FARELF it was decided that Battle Wing, Jungle Warfare School would remain open if plan RAMAH were implemented. This would enable the training of reinforcements for BORNEO to continue uninterrupted.
  3. As it is desirable that the staff of the Reinforcement Holding and Training Unit be in the Theatre when RAMAH is implemented there are now two alternatives for the provision of those personnel previously shadow posted from Battle Wing:-
    - a. From 3 RAR rear party (to be replaced from AUSTRALIA with the implementation of plan REFIT).
    - b. To hold a Training Cell of one Major/Captain and two Sergeants surplus to 3 RAR establishment for immediate movement to Jungle Warfare School on mobilisation. Until mobilisation this Cell would assist 3 RAR in normal training activities and other Australian units from time to time for NCO courses etc.
- Of these two alternatives the latter appears to be preferable, subject to AHQ approval.
4. Before this proposal can be submitted to AHQ your advice is requested on the following:-
    - a. Whether the proposal is acceptable to 3 RAR.
    - b. Whether such a Training Cell could be gainfully employed before mobilisation.
    - c. Whether accommodation difficulties would arise.

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HQ Aust Army Force  
FARELF  
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21 Feb 64

Army Headquarters  
CANBERRA

MALAYSIA/THAILAND  
BORDER OPERATIONS - 3 RAR

Reference: Aust Army Force 119/1/1 of 6 Feb 64 - A  
Army Headquarters OPS 2797 of 131005K (Feb 64) - E

1. The following recent action has been taken in regard to the employment of 3 RAR on border operations:-

- a. On 10 Feb 64 the Commander-in-Chief FAR EAST instructed that a new draft Directive on the Employment of Overseas Commonwealth Forces on operations against Communist Terrorists on the MALAYSIA/THAILAND Border be prepared for approval by the Chiefs of Staff Committee and ANZAM Defence Committee. See reference 'A'.
- b. On 12 Feb 64 HQ 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp issued an Operation Instruction to 3 RAR, copy attached.
- c. A Press statement concerning the employment of 3 RAR has been submitted to the Australian High Commission, KUALA LUMPUR for release after the operations commence.
- d. 3 tracker dogs have been made available for the operations.

2. Details of medical support which will be available to 3 RAR is requested in reference 'B' will be advised when available.

*R/S*  
Comd Aust Army Force FARELF Brig

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RE-ORGANIZATION OF HQ AUST ARMY FORCE FARELF

1. Shortly a submission will be forwarded to AHQ for certain changes in the organization of HQ Aust Army Force. In the meanwhile in order to obtain improved efficiency, adjustments are required in the current organization of the Branches. The personnel changes will take effect from 4 - 9 Mar 64.

QMG Branch

2. The main changes in QMG Branch are that the Administrative Officer will come directly under the DAQMG, except for "Unit" or AG Branch matters, in which case he will deal direct with the Commander (or Deputy Commander) or DAAG respectively. The outline organization for QMG Branch is shown below:-

QMG BRANCH

DAQMG - Maj LEWIS  
Clerk (General Duties) - Sgt BROWNE

Maintenance and Movements

SC 'Q' - Capt HOFFMAN  
Clerk (Claims) - Mr NONIS

Hirings

DAD Hirings - Maj NEWMAN  
Clerk (General Duties) - Pte JUBOW  
Clerk - Mrs LOKE

Movement Control Section

Clerk Traffic - WO2 MATHESON  
Clerk Traffic (Air) - Cpl GLOSSOP  
Clerk Traffic (Sea & Rail) - Sgt LOVEGROVE  
Clerk - Mr GOMEZ

Local Administration

Administrative Officer - Capt HART  
Clerk - Mr SIM  
Orderlies - Mr MISBAH  
Mr BABAH  
Mr ASARI

Families Liaison

Regimental Duties  
NCO - Sgt BENNETT

Transport Section

Transport NCO - Cpl BARNES  
Drivers - Ptes EDWARDS, HEUSTON, STENNING, TORIBYNSKI and WUST (attached)

Automobile, Sedan, 6-str, CL - 1  
Car, Station Sedan, CL - 1  
Trucks, Utility  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton GS - 2  
Trailer, Cargo  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton, GS - 1



3. Provisional duty statements which involve changes from the current duties of the personnel concerned are attached as:-

- a. DAQMG - Annex 'A'
- b. SC 'Q' (Maint and Mov) - Annex 'B'
- c. Clerk (GD) - Annex 'C'
- d. Mov Control Section - Annex 'D'
- e. DAD Hirings - Annex 'E'
- f. Families Liaison NCO - Annex 'F'
- g. Administrative Officer - Annex 'G'

GS and AG Branches

4. Duty statements for personnel in GS or AG Branches which involve changes from current duties will be issued shortly.

5. Clerks and typists will be allocated as follows:-

- a. (i) Registry  
WO2 SIMPSON  
Clerk still to come from AUSTRALIA
- (ii) Typing Pool  
Mrs CRIBBEN  
Mrs CHAY
- (iii) Secret Register  
Cpl CUNNEEN
- (iv) Registration and Filing  
Cpl GOSSLAND  
Pte TURNOR
- (v) Public Relations  
Mr PLANITHURAI
- b. AG Branch
  - (i) Records  
WO1 PARTRIDGE  
S Sgt HUTCHISON  
Cpl STEPHENSON  
Cpl PETTINGELL
  - (ii) Education  
Mr POH

6. In order to effect the staff changes accommodation will be re-allotted as in Annex H. The renovations and remodelling of the offices shown should be completed by 5 Mar 64.

7. The timetable for changes of accommodation is attached at Annex 'J' and GS Branch will arrange the changes to telephones by 5 Mar.

27 Feb 64

*N. Suttan*

Lt Col



DUTIES OF DAQMG  
(including SC 'Q' Quartering Duties  
for the time being)

Q Maintenance

1. Q (Maintenance) policy matters, with particular reference to:-
  - a. Capitation and standing charges
  - b. Maintenance of the force - policy
  - c. Disposal policy
  - d. UK claims/Australian claims
  - e. Finance general - policy
  - f. Army estimates

Q (Quartering)

2. Quartering - SINGAPORE/MALAYA - policy.
3. Engineer Works Parts 1, 2 & 3 - programming and policy.
4. SC 'Q' Quartering duties namely:-
  - a. Quartering aspects of cost sharing TERENDAK Camp.
  - b. Supervision current contract projects TERENDAK.
  - c. Representative on committees, conferences on finance and cost sharing related to Quartering.
  - d. Engineer Works Parts 1, 2 & 3 services MALAYA/SINGAPORE including Tripartite annual works programme.
  - e. Liaison with UK Lands Dept - implement Australian policy.
  - f. Quartering MALAYA/SINGAPORE (liaison DAD Hirings).
  - g. HQ Aust Army Forces office accommodation re-building programme.
  - h. Australian recoverable assets - policy and finance.
  - j. Conservancy and water charges.
  - k. Barrack damages policy.
  - l. Water supply TERENDAK.

Q (Movement)

5. Q(Movement) policy with particular reference to relief of the Force.

Miscellaneous Aspects

6. Co-ordination of Branch staff work.
7. Supervision hirings, accommodation policy.
8. Q Branch Force Routine Orders - policy.
9. Exercise of delegations - all aspects.
10. NAAFI - profits, etc.
11. Q Investigations.
12. Contracts.
13. Civilian labour, gratuities and administration.
14. Commander's Diary - QMG matters.
15. Transport policy.



DUTIES OF SC 'Q'  
(MAINTENANCE AND MOVEMENT)

1. Understudy DAQMG.
2. Equipment issues (maintenance).
3. Disposals.
4. Barrack Damages.
5. Supplies, POL and catering - rationing.
6. Supervision FARELF of clothing scales.
7. Issues to Military Attaches including provision of movement.
8. Equipment Staff Tables (vehicle holdings only).
9. Stores and equipment.
10. Local purchases.
11. Printing and stationery.
12. Unit stores accounting.
13. Stocktaking.
14. Boards of Survey.
15. Write-Offs.
16. Equipment costing.
17. Control of Auditor.
18. Census of Stores.
19. Supervision and Control of NAAFI.
20. Telephone accounts.
21. Postal.
22. Australian claims.
23. Air Force/Naval claims.
24. MT including vehicle accidents (Q Branch aspects).
25. Contracts and contract demands.
26. Supervision of Aust Recoverable Assets.
27. Removals.
28. Relief of Force - implementation.
29. Q Branch Force Routine Orders.
30. Supervision of Movement Control Section.
31. Supervision, control, implementation of movement policy in theatre.
32. All movement of members, dependents, stores, etc by road, rail and air internal and by air and sea (external).
33. Movement aspects - reception arrangements VIPs.



DUTIES OF CLERK  
(GENERAL DUTIES)

1. Understudy SC 'Q' (Maint).
2. Issues to Military Attaches.
3. Equipment Entitlements and Issues.
4. Maintenance of Equipment Tables, clothing scales, block scales, Ordnance catalogues, price lists.
5. Maintenance of accounting instructions and MBIs.
6. Documentation of write-offs, Boards of Survey, stock-takes.
7. Census documentation.
8. Maintenance of barrack damage register.
9. Maintenance of ration scales.
10. Arrangements for local purchase of stores.
11. Checking and verification of:-
  - Medical and dental claims.
  - Contractors claims.
  - Travel claims.
  - Education and school transport claims (with Education Officer).
  - Official telephone accounts.
  - Australian claims.
12. Co-ordination of QMG Branch movement responsibilities with Movement Control Section.



DUTIES OF  
MOVEMENT CONTROL SECTION

1. Maintain master movement board showing all departures from and arrivals in SINGAPORE.
2. Maintain Commander's movement board showing details of senior officers visiting SINGAPORE.
3. Maintain a schedule of civil and service aircraft and shipping arriving/departing SINGAPORE.
4. Booking of the following:-
  - a. External and internal civil air moves.
  - b. External sea moves.
  - c. Internal service air moves through GSO II Air, 224 Group RAF.
  - d. External service air moves through HQ FEAF and/or RAAF BUTTERWORTH.
  - e. Indulgence air moves, after A Branch approval, on service aircraft through HQ FEAF and/or RAAF BUTTERWORTH.
5. Initiating all movement and staff signals connected with moves in paragraph 4 above.
6. Reception of all new arrivals by sea and air including transit passengers.
7. Departure formalities for all outgoing passengers, sea and air.
8. Arranging transport and accommodation for all personnel on move.
9. Documentation connected with all service and civil moves.
10. Preparation of costing proforma for members travelling by sea.
11. Issue of arrival briefs for important visitors.
12. Additional movement liaison arising on relief of units of Australian Army Force.



DUTIES OF DAD HIRINGS

1. Locate and arrange for inspection of houses and, if suitable, inform WD Lands Agent and HQ SINGAPORE Base District/Garrison Commander.
2. Member of Hirings Board to report on dwellings appointed and assembled by HQ SINGAPORE Base Area.
3. Assist WD Lands Agent to prepare schedule of conditions and obtain owner's signature thereto.
4. Arrange to maintain Register of Married Quarters/Hirings.
5. In conjunction with WD Lands Agent or owner arrange for repairs and maintenance of hiring and owner's chattels.
6. In conjunction with OIC Married Quarters, Camp QM, DWO/GWO arrange for maintenance of, and army stores within hirings.
7. Ensure that periodical inspections of all hirings, including houses, are carried out.
8. Assist WD Lands Agent to hand back hirings to owners, agreeing dilapidation claims.
9. Supervise activities of Family Liaison NCO.
10. Arrange for attendance of Aust representative at march in/out of families.
11. Maintain Australian housing list.
12. Be responsible for detailed allocation Quarters/Hirings to Australian families.



Annex 'F'

DUTIES OF  
FAMILIES LIAISON NCO

1. He will be responsible to DAL Hirings.
2. Visit families during the first day in SINGAPORE after arrival in the theatre and issue "Arrival Brief for Families".
3. Supervise the initial administrative requirement of families.
4. Arrange for the move into new accommodation including transport and take-over of quarters, furniture and household effects to scale.
5. In conjunction with SC 'Q' (Maintenance and Movements) arrange delivery of members' heavy baggage to new quarters.
6. Prepare the necessary correspondence on behalf of DAD Hqs for the move into new quarters.
7. Prepare aspects of family liaison letters as required covering matters of policy and general information affecting families.
8. Throughout the period of the stay in SINGAPORE effect the necessary domestic administration as required including repairs to and maintenance of quarters.
9. Issue "Departure Brief" at the time member is officially warned of return movement to AUSTRALIA.
10. Supervise march-out administration up to the time family go to the hotel in transit for return to AUSTRALIA, or up to the time SC 'Q' (Maintenance and Movements) takes over family for embarkation or emplaning direct from quarters, as the case may be.
11. During any period of vacation of quarters ensure that the quarters are safeguarded and that any repairs and maintenance required are executed.
12. As directed, he will assist MQAS MALACCA in these liaison duties as they affect Australian families resident or on movement to or from destinations in MALAYSIA.



DUTIES OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Directly responsible to the DAQMG except on A matters or those matters concerning the Headquarters as a unit.
2. Local administration for HQ Aust Army Force (including integrated officers on HQ FARELF and HQ SINGAPORE Base Area) including pay but excluding the maintenance of records.
3. Act as Quartermaster for the HQ Aust Army Force stores account.
4. Maintain register of Australian recoverable assets.
5. OC troops for HQ Aust Army Force other ranks.
6. Fire Officer HQ Aust Army Force.
7. Control of HQ Aust Army Force transport.
8. Process the engagement and administration of servants while they are employed by HQ Aust Army Force.
9. Carry out the duties of:-  
Regimental Property Officer.  
Secretary/Treasurer Regimental Institute.  
Petty Cash Account Holder.
10. Arrange social functions for families as directed e.g. Childrens Christmas Party.



DIAGRAMMATIC LAYOUT - HQ AUST ARMY FORCE

GS BRANCH
LEGAL OFFR PA TO COMD
COMD
D COMD
DAQMG
DAD HGS FAMILY LIAISON NCO

EDN	RED CROSS	PR
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(Hut to be re-  
modelled to  
provide individual  
offices)

(Building to be remodelled)

GENERAL OFFICE	TYPISTS	PEONS
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(Office to  
be re-  
modelled  
and made  
secure)

Q Store		
ADM OFFR	'Q' OFFICE	TPT OFFICE

TPT LINES -  
Q STORE

MOVTS	SC 'Q' MAINT & MOV	RECORDS DET	DAAG
Q CLERK	SGT CLERK		SC 'A'



HQ AUST ARMY FORCE  
ACCN CHANGES TIMETABLE

SER	DATE	TIME	BRANCH/ PERSONNEL	FURNITURE TO MOVE					REMARKS
				Tables	Chairs	Cupboards	Filing cabinets	Book- cases	
1.	Wed 4 Mar	1200 - 1300	Edn	1 from each of present Q and Edn office	1 revolving 2 plain	1	1	2	
2.	Thu 5 Mar	0800 - 0900	A Branch	NIL	2 revolving 1 arm	NIL	1	1	
3.	Thu 5 Mar	1600 - 1630	Q Branch	NIL	1 revolving	NIL	1	1	Incl Temp move SC Q to new DAQMG office
4.	Fri 6 Mar	0800 - 0900	Hirings	1 from present office	NIL	NIL	1	1	
5.	Sat 7 Mar	0800 - 0900	Adm Offr	2	1 revolving 1 plain	1	1	NIL	Safe to be moved to new office
6.	Sat 7 Mar	0800 - 0900	SC Q	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
7.	Mon 9 Mar	0800 - 0900	Peons	2		NIL	NIL	NIL	
8.	Mon 9 Mar	0800 - 0900	Typist pool	2 from ord room	2 from ord room	NIL	NIL	NIL	



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FARELF  
SINGAPORE.

27 Feb 64

Army Headquarters  
CANBERRA.

REINFORCEMENTS - BORNEO OPERATIONS

Reference HQ Aust Army Force 22/1/16 of 26 Feb 64.

1. Unit moves to and within MALAYSIA for operations in BORNEO are:-

- a. HQ 51 Inf Bde Gp assumed command of Central Brigade Area with effect from 16 Feb 64.
- b. 10 Flt AAC, equipped with Scout aircraft, will arrive, ex UK, in HMS BULWARK in late Mar 64 as a semi-permanent increase to the FAR EAST force levels and will remain in FARELF for the length of the present emergency. Initially the Flight will be stationed with 656 Sqn AAC at KLUANG.
- c. 79 Cdo Bty RA will also arrive in SINGAPORE on HMS BULWARK.
- d. HQ 29 Cdo RA will move by air to SINGAPORE in mid-Mar 64.

2. Following the declaration of closure of air space over EASTERN MALAYSIA to unauthorised aircraft, a LAA Bty of 12 Regt RA is at 48 hours notice to move from TAMPIN to EASTERN MALAYSIA (KUCHING). A LAA regt and an infantry battalion are at 7 days notice in the UK to fly to EASTERN MALAYSIA.

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