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Headquarters units

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**Item: Headquarters Australian Army
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Narrative

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[1-31 Mar 1964]

PART I

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 3/64

Cross out addresses which do not apply.

To : Under-Secretary of State (WORC), 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) [Signature] Brig

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

Handwritten notes: v. sent 28/7/64

PART II

SECRET

MAJ. A. TEBB
MEMBER
ARMY HISTORICAL RECORDS
REVIEW TEAM

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DUPLICATE } Strike out where not applicable

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation HQ Aust Army Force FARELF

From 1 Mar 64 To 31 Mar 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)

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J Administrative orders and instructions received
K Administrative reports and bulletins; ammunition returns; field strength returns
*L Standing orders issued
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

†NIL
†RETAINED
†Despatched to

*Only to be included during operations.
†Cross out whichever is not applicable.

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PART III

COMMANDERS DIARIES
INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

GENERAL

2. Entries will be made daily on AF C2118, each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.

3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties in the Field", Chapter 5, Section 1.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

4. A Commanders Diary will be made by commanders of all formations.

During Operational Periods (see note 1)

5. A Commanders Diary will be made in duplicate by:—

- (a) Commanders of all formations.
- (b) Each branch of the staff at formation headquarters commanded by a Brigadier or above.
- (c) Heads of services not below the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.
- (d) Personal staffs and officers holding special appointments.
- (e) Unit commanders.
- (f) Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies will consist of:—

- (a) Cover (AF C2119).
- (b) Index as printed on cover.
- (c) Narrative (AF C2118).
- (d) Annexes as shown in the Index.

7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes will be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer will be included.

8. The annexes will be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an Annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, the relevant papers should be grouped as annexes starting at B.

9. Documents concerned with future planning for operations will form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" marking the document. It will be prepared and disposed of as

19. The duplicate supplementary diaries will be made when the original has been acknowledged.

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

made and orders given.

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" is defined as:
 - (a) the period between a declaration of war and the end of hostilities;
 - (b) any period spent in a theatre of operations;
 - (c) any period when engaged in any form of military operations.

2. The War Office or headquarters concerned will be responsible for the conditions of the unit's employment make this note of potential importance. It will be clearly stated. Notwithstanding the above, or in addition, the type of duties to officers, men and equipment. If any equipment captured.

that was employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

business and to save work as much information as possible will be given. All annexes 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

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 Mar 64COMMANDING OFFICER Brig FR EVANS OBE

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SINGAPORE	02	0456Z	AHQ advised of HQ FARELF domestic servant policy vide our Q4	H1 (Original)
	02		AHQ requested for clearance for Aust instructors at JWS to move to BORNEO on an 8 day orientation visit in early Apr 64.	
	03		Officers Qualifying Course 29/64 details promulgated vide our 163/2/2	H2
	03	0900GH	Capt KA PATTERSON GSO3 HQ Aust Army Force; Capt KH JACKSON 3 RAR; Lt RL GUEST 3 RAR to VIETNAM on an orientation visit 3-12 Mar.	
	03		Capt NEW GRANTEE SC'A' to TERENDAK on liaison visit.	
	05		3 RAR advised Lt D BRIAN accidentally killed while on patrol during border operations, and AHQ advised.	
	06		Annual BRA Exercise held for FARELF Arty units at ASAHAN Range 6-8 Mar 64.	
	07		Comd and DAAG Maj KPR CAREY attend funeral of Lt D BRIAN 3 RAR at TERENDAK	
	09		Routine Orders 63-64 issued.	H3 (Original)
	09		DADSR Maj KJ MAXWELL to THAILAND to visit R and D agencies 9-19 Mar.	
	11		SO3 Edn Capt PR SHEKLETON to TERENDAK on liaison visit.	
	12	2005GH	Arrival of Maj Gen JS ANDERSEN, CBE, Comd 1 Div and Brig K MACKAY, MBE, DMO&P AHQ for discussion HQ FARELF and HQ FAR EAST 13 Apr 64 prior to attendance at SEATO Conference BANGKOK.	

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SINGAPORE	12	2005GH	Arrival Col TG TRAINOR DRA and Mr CARTWRIGHT WRE for discussions on ETP 16 system with FEAF and BRA FARELF, prior to attending an ETP 16 conference in LONDON.	
	12		AHQ requested vide our Q5 for mail box facilities for AATTV detachments.	
	13		Appointment and promotion of ARA officers promulgated to the Force vide our 160/3/2	H4
	14		HQ FARELF advised of AHQ purchase policy regarding WOMBAT and 81 mm mor.	H5 (Original)
	14		OCS selection procedure promulgated to the Force vide our 160/1/1	H6
	16		Amendment No 1 to GS Instr 1/64 issued	H7
	17	0900GH	Maj JD STEWART, MC DAQMG 17 Div; Maj DH YEATS DAQMG HQ SINGAPORE Base Area and Lt CA SWAIN 3 RAR to VIETNAM for Orientation visit 17-26 Mar 64.	
	18		AHQ advised of major points of HQ FARELF A/Q Conference vide our 25/2/5	H8 (Original)
	18		AHQ 18/441/18 of 11 Mar 64 received (JPC Report 92/63) requesting advice on repatriation of families to AUSTRALIA from MALAYSIA.	
	19	1900GH	Return of DADSR ex THAILAND visit.	
	20		Monthly Report 2/64 to AHQ vide our 36/5/4	H9
	21		HQ FARELF advised of proposed Australian Overseas training attachments vide our 234/1/8A	H10

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SINGAPORE	21	0900GH -1200GH	Comd attends HQ FARELF conference discussing the possible deployment of HQ 17 Div to BORNEO	
KUALA LUMPUR	23	0800 - 1700GH	Comd to Australian High Commissioner's monthly meeting.	
SINGAPORE	23		AHQ advised of War Office policy regarding the formation of a G(Operational Requirements)Branch in HQ FARELF vide our 133/4/11.	
	23		Capt VD VADIVELOO RAADC attends Asian Dental Congress as ARA representative.	
	24		Comd to 3 RAR SIK 24-26 Mar 64	
	24	0800GH- 1230GH	DADSR Maj JK MAXWELL attends UK GPMG demonstration at JWS.	
	24		DAD Hirings Maj D NEWMAN to TERENDAK and KUALA LUMPUR on liaison visit	
		24-31 Mar		
SIK	25	SIK	Maj Gen JS ANDERSEN, CBE Comd 1 Div; Brig K MACKAY, MBE DMO&P AHQ; Lt Col ANDREW AHQ visit 3 RAR 25/26 Mar 64	
	25		GSO3 Capt KA PATTERSON attends HQ FARELF conference discussing deployment of HQ 17 Div to BORNEO.	
	26		Routine Order 67-68 issued.	H11

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UNIT/FORMATION HQ Aust Army Force FARELF

MONTH AND YEAR Mar 64

COMMANDING OFFICER Brig FR EVANS, OBE

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SINGAPORE	27		Good Friday	
	28		Military Holiday	
	29		Easter Day	
	30		Easter Monday	
	30	2005GH	Arrival of Lt G SKARDON and Sgt MB WATERS SAS Coy for 4 month detachment	
			with ³ Cdo Bde RM	
	31		Deputy Comd. Lt Col R SUTTON, MVO, to 3 RAR SIK 31 Mar - 3 Apr 64	
	31	0900GH	Capt NEW GRANTER SC'A' HQ Aust Army Force; Capt JV LOFTHOUSE GSO3 Trg	
			HQ 28 Bde and Capt EJ O'DONNELL 3 RAR to VIETNAM on orientation visit	
			31 Mar - 9 Apr	

Enclosure H 1 to
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STAFF MESSAGE CONTROLLER
29 FEB 1964
HQ FARLEY

DOMESTIC SERVANTS MALAYSIA. YOUR MEMO OF 17 DEC 63. FIRST. FROM RECENT DISCUSSIONS HQ FARLEY IT IS LIKELY THAT UK WILL CHANGE TO INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT OF DOMESTIC SERVANTS FROM INCLUDING 1 APR. A LETTER FROM THE COMMAND SECRETARY TO MR ZAIDI OMM PRESIDENT OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT CIVIL STAFF ASSOCIATION OMM WHICH SET OUT THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SERVICEMEN'S ANAHS WOULD BE PAID HAS NOT YET BEEN REPLIED TO. AS MR ZAIDI MAY REQUIRE ANOTHER THREE WEEKS TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL OMM THE CHANGE TO INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT MAY BE DEFERRED TILL LATE IN APR. SECOND. THE LETTER OFFERED AN EX GRATIA PAYMENT FOR ANAHS PROVIDED THEY HAVE COMPLETED TWELVE MONTHS CONTINUOUS SERVICE OR EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGGREGATED SERVICE WITHIN THE TWO YEARS BEFORE THE CHANGE OVER AND PROVIDED NO SERVICE BEFORE A BREAK OF SIX MONTHS OR MORE IS NOT RECKONABLE. THE PAYMENT IS TO BE AT THE RATE OF TWO WEEKS PAY FOR EACH COMPLETE RECKONABLE YEAR. THIRD. WHILST ONLY TWO WEEKS EX GRATIA PAYMENT HAS BEEN OFFERED COMMAND SECRETARY HAS ASSESSED THE UK BILL ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF BEING REQUIRED TO PAY THREE WEEKS EX GRATIA PAYMENT AS A FINAL INDUCEMENT FOR ZAIDI TO AGREE TO THE TERMS OFFERED. FOURTH. IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR US TO CONFORM TO THE EX GRATIA PAYMENT

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IF WE DO THE APPROXIMATE COSTS WILL BE. ALPHA. SINGAPORE. \$47880 FOR THREE WEEKS OR \$31,920 FOR TWO WEEKS. BRAVO. TER, WAK ETC. \$105,210 FOR THREE WEEKS OR \$70,140 FOR TWO WEEKS. CHARLIE. THE TOTAL WOULD BE \$153,090 (EA22,513) FOR THREE WEEKS OR \$102,060 (EA15,009) FOR TWO WEEKS. FIFTH. AT PRESENT AN INCREASE IN PAY FOR COOKS AND A GENERAL PAY INCREASE ARE LIKELY IF SERVANTS CONTINUE TO BE EMPLOYED BY THE SERVICES. BY CHANGING TO INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT THIS INCREASE WILL BE AVOIDED. FOR AUST ARMY FORCE THIS WILL REPRESENT A SAVING OF \$113,400 (EA16,675). THUS IF THE EX GRATIA PAYMENT IS TO BE FOR THREE WEEKS THE FINAL BILL WOULD BE EA5,838. IF THE EX GRATIA PAYMENT IS TO BE FOR TWO WEEKS WE WOULD HAVE A FINAL SAVING OF EA1,666. SIXTH. REQUEST APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR EX GRATIA PAYMENTS. ONCE DECISION IS FIRM AS TO THE PERIOD INVOLVED AND DATE OF CHANGE OVER TO NEW SYSTEM WE SHALL ADVISE DETAILED PARTICULARS SO THAT FINANCIAL AUTHORITY MAY BE ISSUED

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HQ Aust Army Force
FARELF
SINGAPORE

3 Mar 64

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO PRESCRIBED CORPS -
OFFICERS QUALIFYING COURSE 29/64
(OTHER RANKS) 17 JUL - 28 AUG 64

Reference: MBI 124/61 Part 6

General

1. An Officers Qualifying Course will be conducted at JTC from 17 Jul - 28 Aug 64 for 24 selected NCO applicants for appointment to commissioned rank in the ARA. A second course will be conducted later during the 1964/65 Training Year, and selection for both these courses will be completed by 1 Jul 64.

Applications - Form of Submission

2. Applications from eligible members will be submitted in duplicate on AAF A28 (application for a Commission in the Regular Army) to reach HQ Aust Army Force by 1 May 64.
3. The Commanding Officer of the applicant will include his recommendation on the AAF A28 together with a statement, if appropriate, that he would accept the applicant as an officer in his unit.
4. A completed AAF K1 Part IV (Commanding Officers Report) should be completed and attached to each copy of the AAF A28.
5. Two 8" x 6" full face photos of the applicant will be forwarded with the completed application. These photos must include the applicants number, rank and name on the front of the photo.
6. Photo copies of other documents may be attached to the application if it is considered that these documents would be of assistance to the Selection Boards, eg. Army Course Reports. Where photo copying facilities are not available, the original document should be forwarded to this headquarters for processing and subsequent return to units.

Selection Procedures

7. FARELF applicants will be interviewed by a Selection Board in SINGAPORE and the applications of those considered suitable will be forwarded to AHQ.
8. At a later date, applicants who are recommended by the Selection Board will undergo final selection procedure under AHQ arrangements.
9. Further details of selection procedure arrangements will be advised in due course.

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Conditions

10. The conditions applicable to applicants are contained in MBI 124/61 Part 6. The following guide is given in amplification of sub-paragraph 109 (b) of the MBI:-

- a. The desired educational standard is the Victorian Leaving Certificate or equivalent. (This includes GCE 'O' level in four subjects one of which will be English).
- b. Special cases may be made for members who have not reached that educational standard provided they have:
 - (1) A sound military record.
 - (2) Satisfactory results from Army Schools and Courses.
 - (3) The Intermediate Certificate (English being a compulsory subject) or the Army First Class Certificate.

Previous Applications

... 11. Attached at Annex 'A' is a list of FARELF applicants either selected or under consideration for attendance at 29/64 Officers Qualifying Course 17 Jul - 28 Aug 64. It is advised that further applications are not required from these applicants.

Future Applications

12. It is intended to seek applications for Officer Qualifying Courses once each year, in the first half of the year. Therefore, applications will be accepted up to 1 May 64 for the 1964/65 Training Year and will not then be required again until 1 May 65 for the 1965/66 Training Year.

Daumantur Maj
DAAG Aust Army Force FARELF

Distribution:

List 'A' plus 18, 69, 77, 78, 83,
84, 87 - 94 (incl) 101 and 106

Internal

Adm Offr

APPLICATIONS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED - FARELF

1. Selected to attend 29/64 Officers Qualifying Course

210091 WO2 M. MATHESON RAE MC Gp

2. Under consideration for 29/64 Officers Qualifying Course

1772 WO2 N.J. O'BRIEN RAA RTA 14 Nov 63 to
1 Fd Regt

213238 Cpl A.R. FOLBIGG R Aust Sigs RTA 7 Dec 63 to
1 Div Sig Regt

310897 Sgt P.A.W. BROOK R Aust Inf (Subject to
gaining Army
First Class
Certificate)

22424 WO2 B.J. SULLIVAN R Aust Inf AATTV for
reposting to
1 RAR ETD Mar 64

14449 SGT H.J. NICHOLS Aust Int
Corps RTA 6 Jan 64 to
101 Wrls Regt

14249 T/WO2 R.E. ROONEY AATTV for
reposting
201 Sig Sqn
S Comd Det
ETD May 64

25066 SGT S.T. SMEATON RAAOC RTA 22 Dec 63 to
3 BOD

Cond Diary

*Enclosure 113 to
Cond Aust Army Force
Diary 3/64*

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT COL R. SUTTON, MVO

DEPUTY COMMANDER

HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE FARELF

S I N G A P O R E.

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RO No 63 to 64.

9 Mar 64.

63.

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 63 (copy to all officers).

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
6 Apr 64 - 13 Apr 64	:	Maj B. VIRTUE
13 Apr 64 - 20 Apr 64	:	Capt K.A. PATTERSON

64.

ADMINISTERING COMMAND

During the absence of the Deputy Commander, from HQ Aust Army Force, between 4 Mar 64 and 11 Mar 64 inclusive, the GSO2 will perform the duties of CO as normally exercised by the Deputy Commander. He will represent the Commander, during his absence, on any Force matters arising during the period

G. G. G. G. Capt
Adm Offr Aust Army Force FARELF

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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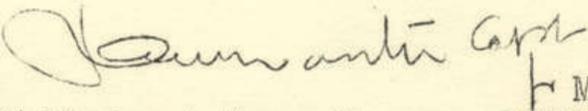
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HQ Aust Army Force
FARELF
SINGAPORE

13 Mar 64

APPOINTMENT AND PROMOTION OF OFFICERS

- ... 1. Attached hereto for your information is Schedule No 1/64 showing some important appointments, promotions and changes which have been approved for the period ended 28 Feb 64. While most appointments, promotions etc have taken effect or are about to take effect, some of the changes in the more senior appointments will not be implemented until later.
2. The appointment, promotion etc, marked \emptyset will remain confidential until the Minister makes a press statement or they have been promulgated in the Commonwealth of AUSTRALIA Gazette whichever is the earlier.


Maj
DAAG Aust Army Force, FARELF

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List 'A' plus serials 18, 28,
35 and 55

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Rank and Name			Present Posting	New Posting
Lt-Col	W. A.	BRYDIE	AHQ Pool of Lt-Cols	GSO1 Office of Scientific Adviser AHQ
Maj	J. A.	HALLETT	DAD Tn HQ 1 Port Comd	CO 6 Engr Stores Regt. Promotion to T/Lt-Col
Maj	E. K.	ROWLES	OC 7 Fd Sqn	∅ AQMG (Qtg)/CRE HQ PNGML. Promotion to T/Lt-Col
Col(T/Brig)	H. G.	OGILVIE, ED	Comd RAA 3 Div	Promotion to Brig
Lt-Col	K. V.	ROSSI	CSTU S Comd	CO 15 Fd Regt
Lt-Col	L. M.	CUTCLIFFE, ED	CO 2 Fd Regt	GSO1 (Increment) hq 3 Div
Maj	L. J.	NEWELL	2 Fd Regt	CO 2 Fd Regt. Promotion to Lt-Col
Lt-Col(T/Col)	G. M.	SWAN, MBE, ED	CO 2 RVR	Promotion to Col
Lt-Col	H. J.	FRENING	CO 13 Fd Regt	CSTU C Comd
Maj	D. G.	POPE, ED	13 Fd Regt	CO 13 Fd Regt. Promotion to T/Lt-Col
Lt-Col	C. J.	MILLER, ED	CO 2/14 QMI	CSTU N Comd
Maj	B. G.	RANKING	CSTU N Comd	CO 2/14 QMI. Promotion to T/Lt-Col
Maj	J. D.	ASHTON	CSTU S Comd	ADDS HQ S Comd. Promotion to Lt-Col
Col	J. B.	ROBERTS, MBE, ED	Comd 1 RWAR	Comd CSTU W Comd
Lt-Col	K. D.	HOWARD, ED	Dep Comd 1 RWAR	Comd 1 RWAR. Promotion to Col
Maj	J. W.	LOW	CSTU W Comd	Dep Comd 1 RWAR. Promotion to Lt-Col
Lt-Col	B. G.	DAVIES	Comd CSTU W Comd	Relinquish Comd CSTU W Comd
Maj	K. E.	GALLARD	Exch Offr NZ	∅ GSO1 HQ W Comd. Promotion to T/Lt-Col
Lt-Col	I. C.	HALLIDAY	C of S HQ W Comd	∅ AA & QMG HQ W Comd
Lt-Col	F. A.	LILIER	CO 3 CCS	∅ CO 3 Gen Hosp
Col	D. D.	MAITLAND, OBE	UK Exch Offr	∅ MO 2 Gen Hosp att for duty DMS, AHQ
Maj	J. G.	MONAGHAN	JTC	∅ AATT Vietnam. Promotion to T/Lt-Col.
Lt-Col	W. R.	ARTIS, ED	CSTU E Comd	∅ Secd Dept of External Affairs as UNMO KASHMIR
Maj (T/Lt-Col)	J. M.	DOYLE	Lt Col (Operating) HQ 8 Rly Gp	∅ CO 8 Rly Gp

Rank and Name			Present Posting	New Posting
Capt	W.H.	TAIT	RMO (ACMF) HQ N Comd	∅ Consulting Psychiatrist HQ N Comd. Promotion to T/Lt-Col.
Chap (3rd Cl)	R.W.	SMITH	Snr Chap (UC)(ACMF) HQ 3 Div	∅ Snr Chap (UC)(ACMF) HQ S Comd. Classification of Chap 2nd Cl
Lt-Col	G.J.	CUMMINS	CRAEME 1 Corps Tps	∅ Cmdr (ACMF) HQ 1 CRAEME Comm Z
Maj	N.E.	CORNISH, MBE, ED	OC 6 MC Trg Gp (MC)(ACMF)	∅ AQMG & CO 6 MC Trg Gp (MC)(ACMF). Promotion to T/Lt-Col
Maj	K.D.	NEVILE, MBE	SORE2 DES AHQ	∅ Transfer to ACMF. DDLS (ACMF) DES AHQ
Brig	J.C.	NEWBURY, CBE, ED	UL (Gen List)(ACMF) W Comd	∅ To R of O
Maj	C.J.	BENSON	DADMS (ACMF) HQ W Comd	∅ CO 7 Fd Amb. Promotion to Lt-Col
Maj(T/Lt-Col)	P.P.	SMITH, MBE	CO & COO 1 Base Veh Dep	∅ Promotion to Lt-Col
Lt-Col	D.R.O.	COWEY	TSO1 OMA (Washington)	∅ Supt Proof Estb DAI AHQ
Maj(T/Lt-Col)	T.	TONKIN	Supt Proof Estb DAI AHQ	∅ TSO1 OMA (Washington)
Maj(T/Lt-Col)	I.G.G	GILMORE	CRA RAE 1 Div	∅ Att OMA (Washington) attendance 1964/65 Course & Staff College Fort Leavenworth. At conclusion apptd. TSO1 OMA (Washington)
Maj	E.S.	SWINBOURNE	OC 17 Const Sqn	∅ CRE RAE 1 Div. Promotion to T/Lt-Col.
Lt-Col	A.E.G	STRONG	AHQ Pool of Lt-Cols att JTC	∅ att AAS (UK) attendance JSSC. At conclusion be posted to DS Staff JSSC.
Maj(T/Lt-Col)	J.J.	SHELTON, MC	AAG DPA AHQ	∅ AHQ Pool of Lt-Cols
Maj	K.W.	LATCHFORD	att AAS (UK)(Exch Offr)	∅ AAG DPA AHQ. Promotion to T/Lt-Col
Maj	K.J.	O'NEILL	GSO2 HQ 1 Div	∅ Promotion to T/Lt-Col and posted to AHQ Pool of Lt-Cols prior to secondment to Dept of Defence as Service Attache Cambodia
Lt-Col	G.O.	O'DAY	GSO1 (SD) HQ E Comd	∅ Secd Dept of Defence as Services Attache South Vietnam
Lt-Col	C.R.	RHEAD	Exch Offr (ACMF) 2 RQR	∅ Dep Comd (ACMF) 2 RQR
Maj	H.B.	GAFFNEY	Regt Duty 2 RQR	∅ Exec Offr (ACMF) 2 RQR. Promotion to T/Lt-Col

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Rank and Name			Present Posting	New Posting
Lt-Col	D.S.	BLACK	CSTU E Comd	∅ ADEME HQ Comm Z
Maj	G.C.	ATKINSON	16 Const Regt (SR)(ACMF)	∅ Comd 16 Const Sqn (SR)(ACMF). Promotion to T/Lt-Col
Lt-Col	I.D.	CAMERON	AQMG (Qtd) HQ E Comd	Col (Qtg)/CE HQ E Comd. Promotion to T/Col
Maj(T/Lt-Col)	J.H.	MARSH, MBE	AQMG D Maint AHQ	Promoted Lt-Col
Maj(T/Lt-Col)	J.	WHITELAW	GS01 HQ 1 Div	Promoted Lt-Col
Maj(T/Lt-Col)	G.B.	MCLEAN	Instr Army Comp ASU	Promoted Lt-Col
Maj(T/Lt-Col)	L.J.	JEWSON	ADST DST AHQ	Promoted Lt-Col
Maj(T/Lt-Col)	J.C.J	LAUGHLIN	CO 1 Port Comd (E Comd)	Promoted Lt-Col
Maj(T/Lt-Col)	V.L.	ROWE	Inspr D of O & M AHQ	Promoted Lt-Col
Maj(T/Lt-Col)	R.D.	WHITE	Secd Dept External Affairs THAILAND Base Wksp Project	Promoted Lt-Col
Maj(T/Lt-Col)	W.C.	FLOOD	CAC AHQ	Promoted Lt-Col
Col(T/Brig)	A.E.	ROSS, OBE	DQMG AHQ	Promoted Brig
Col(T/Brig)	V.E.	DOWDY, OBE	DST AHQ	Promoted Brig
Maj(T/Lt-Col)	N.F.	SAKER	AD Inspn AIB E Comd	∅ Promoted Lt-Col
Maj(T/Lt-Col)	N.E.	SWAN	SGO 2 BOD att MGO AHQ	∅ Promoted Lt-Col
Lt-Col	S.P.	WEIR, MC	AQMG HQ S Comd	∅ DDMO, AHQ. Promotion T/Col.

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HQ Aust Army Force
FARELF
SINGAPORE

14 Mar 64

HQ FARELF SD2 (2)

FARELF EQUIPMENT DEPLOYMENT

Reference: FE 18802 SD2 of 20 Dec 63
FE 78502 SD2 of 21 Dec 63

Army Headquarters 60-441-251 of 25 Feb 64
is subtended:-

" It is confirmed that AUSTRALIA will
purchase six 81 mm mortars and hire
four WOMBATS from the second production
order".


Maj
GSO2 Aust Army Force FARELF

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Quote in Reply:

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HQ Aust Army Force
FARELF
SINGAPORE

14 Mar 64

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES
OFFICER CADET SCHOOL PORTSEA
JUL 64 AND JAN 65 ENTRY

Reference MBI 124/61 Parts 3 and 15	-	'A'
Conditions of Entry and Service 1964/65	-	'B'
RMC and OCS	-	

Selection Procedures

1. It is proposed to conduct AHQ Selection Board proceedings in FARELF during May 64 for candidates for the Officer Cadet School PORTSEA, Jul 64 Entry.

2. Candidates who, by reason of current educational qualifications, etc, are not eligible for this entry, but who may have the necessary qualifications in time for Jan 65 Entry, should be encouraged also to make application. Selection procedures for candidates so effected will be undertaken during May 64, however, selection will be conditional on gaining the appropriate qualifications by Jan 65. In this way, it is considered that one visit this year by the AHQ Selection Board to FARELF will meet service requirements.

3. Further details concerning AHQ Selection Board visit to FARELF in May 64 will be advised.

Closing Date for Applications

4. The closing date for applications for the Officer Cadet School is 3 Apr 64.

5. Applications will be forwarded through normal channels to HQ Aust Army Force FARELF, on AAF A140 (Parts I and II). These forms are available on request from HQ Aust Army Force.

Form of Submission

6. Each applicant is required to furnish an application for entry on the prescribed forms. These forms, together with associated documents, are as follows:-

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| a. AAF A140
(Parts I & II) | Application for Admission to the Officer Cadet School. | To be completed by the candidate and, if under 21, by his parent or guardian (see also paragraph 9 below). |
| b. AAF A140
(Part III) | Commanding Officers Report on an Applicant for Entry to the Officer Cadet School. | To be completed by the candidate's Commanding Officer (as appropriate). |

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- c. A certified extract of birth entry.
- d. Certificate(s) of education, showing subjects passed and, if applicable, marks obtained at the prescribed examinations.
- e. Three personal references. More may be submitted if desired.
- f. Two 6" x 8" full face photographs (without headdress) of the applicant. These photographs should contain the applicant's Army Number, Rank, Initials and Name in block letters on the bottom front of photograph.
- g. Personal measurements of applicant. Form attached at Annex 'A' hereto.

7. Units are requested to ensure all above documents are assembled and forwarded by safe hand, or registered mail (as applicable), by the due date.

8. All personal documents are kept in safe custody until the necessary information has been recorded. They are then returned to the candidate, or his parent, or guardian, by registered post.

Consent of Parent or Guardian

9. When applicants are under the age of 21 years, they require the consent of parent or guardian in Part II of application. In such cases the following action should be taken:-

- a. One form (AAF A140), forwarded by fastest means for parent's/guardian's signature and return to unit before submission to this Headquarters.
- b. One form, completed in Part I, with an annotation that parental consent is being obtained.

Conditions of Entry

10. Above reference 'A' has been printed and will be distributed within FARELF after receipt from AHQ CANBERRA.

11. Pending receipt of the above publication, Annex 'B' attached will serve as an outline guide to qualifications for entry.

Promulgation

12. It is requested that addressees arrange for the widest possible promulgation of details relating to eligibility and form of application for entry to the Officer Cadet School.

Commander Capt Maj
DAAG Aust Army Force FARELF
hr

Distribution:

List 'B' plus 18, 83, less 85.

Copy for info:- 85

Annex 'A' to Aust Army
Force FARELF 160/1/1
of 14 Mar 64

PERSONAL MEASUREMENTS OF
APPLICANT FOR OFFICER CADET SCHOOL PORTSEA
JUL 64/JAN 65 ENTRY

Army No.....Rank.....Name.....Unit.....

a. Height.....ft.....ins

b. Weight.....lbs

c. Chest (normal).....ins

d. Waist.....ins

e. Neck.....ins

f. Size of hat.....

g. Length of leg (inside measurement, i.e., groin to ankle)
.....ins

h. Length of arm (measured from centre of back to
wrist with arm raised and bent)
.....ins

j. Boot/shoe size.....

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

OFFICER CADET SCHOOL PORTSEA

1. General qualifications for entry to Officer Cadet School PORTSEA are as follows:-

- a. Nationality. The candidate must be a natural born or naturalized British subject who is entitled to permanent residence in AUSTRALIA. In other cases an application will be accepted only if an assurance is given that the candidate will approach the Department of Immigration with a view to being granted naturalisation or permanent residence.
- b. Age limits. Candidates should have reached the age of 19 years and be under the age of 23 as follows:-
 - (1) On 31 Dec 64 for Jul 64 Entry, i.e., be born on or before 1 Jan 42, and 31 Dec 45.
 - (2) On 30 Jun 65 for Jan 65 Entry, i.e., be born on or before 1 Jul 42, and 30 Jun 46.Applicants outside these age limits may be accepted if especially recommended.
- c. Educational Standards. Candidates must have passed in English and four other subjects, excluding craft subjects at Intermediate or equivalent certificate standard.

A higher educational standard is desirable and candidates are advised that it is necessary to attain the Leaving Certificate (or equivalent), before becoming eligible for promotion to Lieutenant.
- d. Marital Status. It is desirable, but not essential, that candidates be unmarried. At the Officer Cadet School, married cadets are required to live in barracks.
- e. Medical Standard. Each candidate must be assessed by a medical officer as being Class I physically.
- f. Height. Minimum of 5 ft 2 ins.
- g. Emotional Stability. Must be assessed as being able to withstand physical and mental stress associated with combatant duties under all types of climatic conditions.
- h. Mental Capacity. Must be assessed as having the necessary ability, and propensity to become an efficient Officer in the Australian Regular Army.
- j. Dental. Must be dentally fit.

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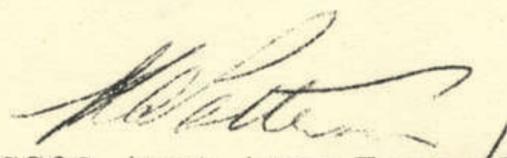
HQ Aust Army Force
FARELF
SINGAPORE

ARA OFFR ORIENTATION VISITS TO
SOUTH VIETNAM

Reference HQ Aust Army Force GS Int 1/64.

The above reference is amended as follows:-

- Para 10 : Delete Mr HILL; insert Mr ANDERSON
- Para 13 : Delete 13 c. (iv).
Add new subpara 13 e. "Sulphur tablets.
These may be issued by HQ Aust Army Force".
- Para 15 : Delete - "belt, water bottle and poncho"
from subpara 15 a.
- Delete - "less blankets which are
obtainable from messes".
from subpara 15 b.
- Add - "Lightweight sleeping equipment
may be issued by HQ Aust Army Force,
FARELF to officers from other than from 28
COMWEL Inf Bde Gp".


Maj
GSO2 Aust Army Force FARELF
16 Mar 64

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As for reference

LIST A LESS SERIALS 12, 13, 19, 33, 96
PLUS SERIAL 90 AND AUST REP J 1 B
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HQ Aust Army Force
FARELF
SINGAPORE.

18 Mar 64

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA.

HQ FARELF A/Q CONFERENCE
28 - 29 JAN 64.

Attached are the agenda and minutes of the HQ FARELF Conference held 28/29 Jan 64. Brief notes on the discussions of interest to AUSTRALIA are as follows:-

- Serial 2. Dissatisfaction in Air movement, resulting from long waiting for sea baggage to catch up, was aired and 'Q' were asked to investigate and report.
- Serial 4. In principle AUSTRALIA is against extension of credit to individuals, this however is difficult to apply in an area such as TERENDAK where credit is extended to all other members of the camp. The objection to using the Army as a debt collector for NAAFI was expressed, but it was felt to be acceptable in view of the advantages to the individual. Because credit is a normal feature of civilian life, it was felt that the credit facilities should remain but that the units would have to exercise some control over the debts of their individuals.
- Serial 11. After much discussion the meeting was in favour of replacing the term "Other Rank" by "Soldier."
- Serial 21. This is an insurance scheme designed to meet the financial needs of a widow immediately after the death of her husband before the estate has been settled.
- Serial 23. AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND do not share in CSE shows. The subject is being re-examined.
- Serial 26. This is the result of automation.
- Serial 28. The effects of keeping teenage children of soldiers in overseas stations was discussed.
- Serial 30. AUSTRALIA is having difficulty in getting NAAFI accounts paid.

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Serial 31. This trial was unsuccessful and will probably be repeated.

Serial 34. The maintenance of theatre stores was the subject of much discussion. Maintenance of unit stores was felt to be satisfactory.

Serial 36. Until recently FARELF has been living off clothing equipment etc accumulated during operations and during the Emergency. This is now expended and holdings are at about the authorised scale.

Serial 44. This is "Red Star" in reverse. Designed to get certain types of equipment back to base quickly.

Serial 46. An attempt is to be made to give recognition to the fact that if the Army requires wives and children to live in out-of-the-way places it also is responsible for taking them to recreational and shopping centres.

Serial 52. Inter-service agreement on the policy to be adopted has not yet materialised. War Office policy has been stated.

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Comd Aust Army Force FARELF

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HQ Aust Army Force
FARELF
SINGAPORE

20 Mar 64

COMMANDER AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE FARELF
MONTHLY REPORT 2/64

Period

1. This report covers the period of Feb and in some aspects relates to matters occurring up till the date of signature.

Attachments

2. The following annexes are attached:

- Annex 'A' - The statistical state of the Force as at 29 Feb 64.
- Annex 'B' - Accommodation statistics as at 29 Feb 64.
- Annex 'C' - Revised diagrammatic outline of FAR EAST Land Forces Order of Battle as at Mar 64, together with the forecast of unit moves to and from BORNEO Mar-Apr 64.
- Annex 'D' - Visits by staff of HQ Aust Army Force FARELF.
- Annex 'E' - Visits to FARELF by Australian Officers.
- Annex 'F' - Australian children attending BAC schools.

PART I - GS MATTERS

3 RAR Border Operations

3. General

3 RAR was committed to operations on the MALAYSIA/ THAILAND Border after approval was given by the Minister for Defence in late Jan 64. Battalion Headquarters, three rifle companies and elements of Support Company deployed in accordance with 3 RAR Operation Order 1/64 on the night 20/21 Feb (Aust Army Force 119/1/1 of 22 Feb refers). 3 RAR came under operational control of 2 Fed Inf Bde with effect from 0001 hrs 20 Mar and Battalion Headquarters opened at SIK CAMP (5° 49'N, 100° 44'E) at 2330 hrs 20 Mar.

4. Operations

It was apparent after the first two days patrolling that most of the activity in Area 'A' was likely to be in D Coy area. Accordingly, on 24 Feb elements of Sp Coy commanded by OC Mortar Pl were deployed in the SOUTH of D Coy area in a blocking position. During the first week of operations the following contacts were made:-

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- a. An abandoned staging camp, either for CTs or border-crossers, containing insignificant articles of Thai origin was found in D Coy area.
- b. One Thai smuggler was arrested and handed over to police at PADANG BESAR. (100° 19' E; 6° 40' N).
- c. One armed unidentified man was fired on in D Coy area on 24 Feb. He was dressed in a green jacket, civilian trousers and hockey boots. Follow-up was negative.
- d. On 26 Feb a C Coy patrol found a stores dump containing Communist propaganda documents, dictionaries, clothing and spare parts for a Sten SMG and .303 rifle. Special Police estimate that the dump was 2-3 years old but had been visited within the past 2-3 months.
- e. Also on 26 Feb a D Coy patrol arrested 3 smugglers. The fourth member of the smuggling party escaped in a car with the loot.

Since 26 Feb no contacts have been made.

5. Visitors to Border Area

- a. GS02 Aust Army Force during period 25-27 Feb.
- b. Chaplain General (RC), The Very Reverend J.A. MORGAN during 27-29 Feb.
- c. Commander Aust Army Force during period 3-5 Mar.

6. Casualty

Lt BRIAN was accidentally killed on 5 Mar.

7. Re-deployment

In the period 6-10 Mar the following re-deployment occurred:

- a. On 6 Mar Sp Coy to WEST half of Area 'C'.
- b. On 8 Mar C Coy to EAST half of Area 'A'.
- c. A Coy was to re-deploy in the EAST half of Area 'C' during night 10/11 Mar.

8. Progress Reports

A further summary of operations will be given in Report 3/64.

9. Border Operations Forces Title

Following the cessation of "17 GURKHA Div Operational Force" on 1 Feb 64, we requested, in our 119/1/1 of 6 Feb 64 and our signal A12 of 8 Feb 64, the revocation of the existing declaration by the Governor-General concerning active service within this force, and the preparation of a new instrument to cover the redesignated "MALAYSIA/THAILAND BORDER SECURITY Operational Force". To date no reply to this request has been received.

Directive for Border Operations - CO 3 RAR

10. On 12 Feb AHQ advised that the existing directive to CO 2 RAR would apply to CO 3 RAR for border operations pending the issue of a new formal directive following an ANZAM Committee meeting this month. This new directive has not been received as yet.

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BORNEO Operations

11. Changes in command and movement of units since the last report are reflected in Annex 'C' attached.
12. On 18 Mar HQ FARELF issued a warning order to 17 Div to be prepared to move to BRUNEI to establish a Land Force Command to be known as COMLANDBOR. The headquarters is to be operational not before 8 Apr.
13. Australian personnel in BORNEO during Feb 64 were:
- | | | | |
|------|------|--------|---------------------------|
| Capt | D.S. | BELL | from 22 Dec 63; remaining |
| Lt | D.A. | FORMBY | from 16 Jan 64; remaining |
| Capt | J.S. | ROWE | from 22 Jan 64; remaining |
| SSgt | R.G. | BURNS | 10-22 Feb |
| Maj | E.N. | CONDER | 26-28 Feb |

FARELF ORBAT

14. The disposition of major FARELF units, less logistic units, as at 12 Mar is shown diagrammatically at Annex 'C'.

Operation CROWN

15. 2 Fd Tp RAE is currently engaged on the construction of the permanent hutted camp including the erection of steel framed pre-fabricated structures, timber structures and general concrete work. In addition, plant operations have been employed in airfield and access road construction.
16. Particulars of construction progress is shown below:
- a. L of C BANGKOK to Site
All stores used for the strengthening of bridges have now been recovered. No further work required.
 - b. Hutted Camp
ROMNEY Huts for REME Wksps 100% complete.
Construction of water tanks and towers 100% complete.
OR deep trench latrines 100% complete.
Camp access roads. 100% complete.
Concrete floors for kitchens 100% complete.
R & F Kitchen and dining hall structure 90% complete.
CR ablutions 100% complete.
 - c. Free Thai Airfield
Approach road 100% complete.
Airstrip ETC 1 Apr (3,500 ft strip).
 - d. CROWN Airfield
Tree clearance - main runway 45% complete.
Access road to airfield from camp 80% complete.
Parking areas - shaping formation, cut and fill 11% complete.
 - e. Water Supply
Drilling team reached 300 ft without finding the required quantity of water. Boring has commenced at a new site.
 - f. Cold Stores
200 Cu Ft cold store on loan to RAAF UBON was to be dismantled 4/5 Mar and re-erected at Camp Site as a larder. 4/.

17. Copies of the minutes of meetings held at HQ FARELF concerning Operation CROWN and copies of notes of PSOs meetings which also refer to Operation CROWN continue to be forwarded to AHQ.

18. In our SD 17 of 10 Feb we advised that C-in-C FAR EAST could be expected to request the early use of Australian section of 16 COMWEL Field Amb for approximately two months in rotation with UK sections. It is understood that this request has not yet gone to AUSTRALIA.

Visit of Australian Defence Mission

19. The Australian Defence Mission which visited KUALA LUMPUR from 9 Feb included Commander Aust Army Force and the Australian Defence Representative.

VIETNAM Orientation and Observer Programme

20. Teams which have visited SOUTH VIETNAM on the orientation and Observer Programme which began again in February included:

a. 18-27 Feb

Col K.R.G. COLEMAN
Maj C.D. WHEELDON
Maj J.H. LEWIS

b. 3-12 Mar

Capt K.A. PATTERSON
Capt K.H. JACKSON
Lt R.L. GUEST

102 Fd Bty RAA

21. Exercises

Exercises conducted during February included:

- a. A battery field firing exercise at ASAHAN Range 10-13 Feb. The exercise involved predicted fire with the aid of Meteor supplied by the Meteor Section, 45 Regt RA.
- b. A 3-day watermanship exercise using assault boats in TEREENDAK Camp area.
- c. Two battery command post exercises.

22. Officers

Capt D. QUINN was detached to 70 Bty RA (45 Regt RA) 18 Feb for movement to BORNEO as a Troop Commander. He is likely to remain in BORNEO for four months.

23. Equipment

On 27 Feb our signal Arty 16 advised AHQ of defects in the muzzle brakes of 105 mm L5 Howitzers. The defects were found to be within the permitted tolerances and a temporary ban on firing was lifted. 102 Bty report on the defects has not yet been received but will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Trials of Equipment

24. Boots, GP

AHQ User Trial Instruction No. 1/1964 was issued in the

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theatre on 4 Mar. The trials are to be conducted over a 6 months period from the time of issue of the boots, by the following units;

3 RAR
102 Fd Bty RAA
2 Fd Tp RAE
Australian instructors on the staff of JWS

The boots have been received from AUSTRALIA and should be issued shortly.

25. Smock, Tropical, Lightweight

AHQ User Trial Instruction No. 32/63 was issued by groups in the theatre on 23 Jan, and 6 Feb. The trials are to be conducted over a 3 month period from the time of issue of the smocks by the following:-

SINGAPORE, SOUTH VIETNAM, THAILAND ETC

HQ Aust Army Force
AATTV
2 Fd Tp RAE
201 Sig Sqn
Services Attaches

TERENDAK

Australian personnel on HQ 28 COMWEL Inf
Bde Gp
Australian officers with QRH
102 Fd Bty RAA
Aust Component 208 COMWEL Sig Sqn
(Inf Bde Gp)
3 RAR
Australian officers with 656 Sqn AAC
Aust Component 16 COMWEL Fd Amb
Aust Component 28 OFP
Aust Component 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp
Pro Unit
Australian instructors at JWS

The smocks have not yet been received from AUSTRALIA.

AATTV Re-deployment

26. During the week 16-22 Feb the Vietnamese unilaterally closed down the Civil Guard Training Centre at HIEP KHANH. This forced the temporary re-deployment of 3 officers and 5 NCOs of AATTV to US Special Forces training units within 1 Corps sector.

27. Comd AATTV is currently examining in conjunction with MACV the re-grouping of AATTV at one of the four centres at which AATTV is currently represented.

Establishment for HQ Aust Army Force

28. Since the promulgation of establishment Aust VIII/30/2(PE) for HQ Aust Army Force, notified in AROs of Sep 62, an effort has been made to cope with the ever increasing workload of the Headquarters with the staff approved but this has proved to be too difficult. Certainly a restriction was lifted (AHQ 21/441/41 of 13 Nov 63) on 3 Clerks/typists but this in itself is not sufficient. Whilst all

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Branches have suffered through lack of staff it is in QMG Branch that this is most felt. A revised establishment will be proposed shortly.

Equipment Table for HQ Aust Army Force

29. Since the promulgation of Lower Equipment Table AAF 451/1 of October 55 the equipment required for HQ Aust Army Force has been gradually built up by issues from FARELF and by the local procurement of essential items of equipment. The correct holdings still do not represent the complete requirement for the headquarters and the approval of a revised establishment would most certainly mean an increase in equipment for the Headquarters (see paragraph 28 above).

30. In view of the deficiencies signal SD 14 requested approval for some essential equipment which are required. This request was disallowed by AHQ SD 4679 of 6 Mar. A revised equipment table is currently being produced but as its final form is dependent upon AHQ decision on our proposed new establishment we should like to re-open the subject. This will be dealt with in separate correspondence.

Review of Expenditures

31. Our estimated requirements under Division 509 for maintenance for the period Mar/Jun 64 were forwarded in Aust Army Force 79/1/4 of 9 Mar 64.

Draft AHQ Administrative Instruction 2/63

32. AHQ 371/R17/2 of 20 Dec 63 requested comments on the draft AHQ Administrative Instruction 2/63 by 14 Feb 64.

33. As so many matters required detailed examination a new draft is being prepared and will be forwarded to AHQ as soon as possible.

PART II - AG MATTERS

AATTV - Status of Forces Agreement

34. Clarification of the Status of members of AATTV as prescribed under UN Treaty Series Volume 185 (1964) has not been fully resolved.

35. AHQ 6/441/166 (DIA) of 20 Feb partially answered our enquiry, but until the Department of External Affairs has furnished further advice, it appears that a clear appreciation of the status of AATTV personnel is not possible.

36. As a Status of Forces Agreement has not been negotiated with SOUTH VIETNAM and AATTV personnel are being considered within the terms of this UN Treaty a clear determination of their status and any attendant issues is essential. AHQ action to facilitate this matter would be appreciated. Paragraph 18 of Monthly Report 1/64 refers.

Disposal of Claims in the FAR EAST

37. In Monthly Report 1/64, concern was expressed at the 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 Asian area. A submission of this, and on allied subject of Inter-Governmental Mutual Waiver of Claims, was made in our memorandum 76/1/7 of 31 Jan.

This concern initially related to 2 Fd Tp RAE personnel, currently operating in THAILAND, AMF personnel in HONG KONG and 1 SAS Coy, to participate in the SEATO Exercise 'LITGAS' in the PHILLIPINES during 12 May - 10 Jun.

39. Since the last Report, certain issues have arisen which reinforce our request for AHQ to effect a speedy resolution of this problem. These issues are:

- a. The Defence Representative, SINGAPORE, has received a brief from Department of Defence requesting him to investigate the British policy for claims disposal for Exercise 'LITGAS'. The information on this subject was gained from the Director of Claims FE and was for use at a Claims conference in MANILA.
- b. AHQ Instruction 841-R14-4 of 25 Feb on Exercise 'LITGAS', in particular paragraph 7, states that "the appointment of a Claims Officer, to accompany 1 SAS, is under consideration. The duties of this officer, if appointed, may be combined with those of Administrative Officer, MANILA".
- c. HQ NZ Army Force advise that the NEW ZEALAND Government has authorised the Commissioner of Claims FE to represent for them on claims disposal arising from NZ personnel operating in THAILAND.

40. Our request for the Director of Claims FE to be authorised to extend his responsibilities to act as the agent for the Government of AUSTRALIA beyond the current geographical limits of MALAYSIA, to include the FAR EAST Theatre, if approved by AHQ would then provide the following;

- a. A common representation for UK, NZ and Australian personnel operating in THAILAND.
- b. Cover for AMF personnel in HONG KONG.
- c. A common representation for UK and Australian personnel participating in operation 'LITGAS'. (NZ policy on this Exercise is not known at this stage). This would remove claims disposal problems from the Defence Representative in MANILA, or, the officer under consideration in the AHQ Instruction 841-R14-4 of 25 Feb.

41. An incident has now occurred in THAILAND where a civilian boat, valued at 5,000 Ticals, has been sunk. Our signal A15 of 12 Mar refers. As no claims disposal facilities exist, the matter has been referred to the Australian Embassy BANGKOK.

42. However, still remaining as a separate issue, would be the subject of the Inter-Governmental Mutual Waiver of Claims referred to in paragraph 37 above. This subject has been outstanding since 1961.

Visiting Forces Act 1963

43. The procedures to be employed under this act, to ensure the application of correct disciplinary codes to AMF members in FARELF, has not been promulgated by AHQ.

44. A suggested procedure was submitted in our CONFIDENTIAL signal A26 of 24 Jan to AHQ, as advised in Monthly Report 1/64.

45. Reinforcements arriving in FARELF since the introduction of the Act, who are to be subject to UK Military Law, appear not to have been covered by Disposal Order action implemented by AHQ or CARO, as appropriate. Hence, resolution of procedures is requested as soon as possible so that outstanding Disposal Order actions can be effected by the responsible agencies.

Emergency Leave to AUSTRALIA

46. In Monthly Report 1/64 a request was repeated for a relaxation of the terms prescribed for emergency leave to AUSTRALIA with travel at Public Expense. Currently, conditions for this leave are given in AHQ memo A251/8/27 of 20 Mar 63. In general, we sought approval for similar conditions to those operative for emergency leave within AUSTRALIA, based on the premise that comparable travel distances could be involved.

47. Further signal requests for advice have been forwarded to AHQ, the latest being our A23 10 Feb. To date no reply has been received.

Change of Status of Employment of Domestic Servants (Amahs)

48. The latest advice to AHQ on this subject was advised in our signal Q4 of 2 Mar.

49. A meeting between the WDCSA and Comd Sec FARELF took place at SINGAPORE on 17 Mar. The intention of this meeting was to examine new WDCSA counter-proposals to the stated conditions of service of Amahs and the method of implementation of the new scheme.

50. This meeting resulted in a "walk-out" by the Comd Sec. The Comd Sec subsequently visited the UK High Commissioner in KUALA LUMPUR but no details are available to date.

Review of Malayan Allowances

51. A review of Malayan Allowances was carried out in MALAYA/SINGAPORE by a joint AHQ/Treasury team during Nov 63. To this date no interim or final advice has been received on the progress of this review and/or results thereof.

Service of Sentences of Imprisonment or Detention in MALAYSIA

52. Our 147/1/1 of 28 Feb invited attention to the fact that the Combined Military Establishment SINGAPORE, which will receive for sentence, soldiers convicted by Australian Courts Martial in FARELF, has not been approved by the Governor-General as a "place of detention" and that action should be taken to seek the Governor-General's approval of CME.

Officer Casualty - 3 RAR Border Operations

53. 29720 Lt K.J. BRIAN D Coy 3 RAR died at 1445 hrs 5 Mar. His death followed what appears to have been an accidental discharge of his own Owen Machine Carbine. This accident occurred whilst Lt BRIAN was leading a small patrol close to the MALAYSIA/THAILAND border. Lt BRIAN was buried at the new Military Cemetery TERENDAK on 7 Mar.

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54. A Court of Inquiry has been convened and the findings of this Court will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Allowances Review - AATTV

55. In accordance with Army CANBERRA AP564 of 13 Jan, an examination of allowances granted to members of AATTV, has been completed. A submission to AHQ CANBERRA, requesting a review of these allowances, is being forwarded.

Annual Medical Examination

56. An Annual Medical Examination was conducted for all AMF personnel in SINGAPORE during the period 18-24 Feb by Capt J.V. WELLS, RAAMC.

57. The examination revealed that the general health of members examined was good. A small percentage were referred for further medical treatment. X-Ray examinations are still to be effected.

Visit by Chaplain-General J.A. MORGAN

58. Chaplain General the Rev J.A. MORGAN visited MALAYA and SINGAPORE during the period 21 Feb-4 Mar.

59. During his visit, Father MORGAN, accompanied by Senior Chaplain the Rev C.Y. BANKES, Comd SCF (RC) HQ FARELF, visited all Australian units, including 3 RAR, presently on border operations. On 1 Mar, Father MORGAN dedicated the TERENDAK Garrison Church of Corpus Christi.

Refund of Home Saving Charges

60. Financial Administrative Instruction No 451 paragraph 147 allows for a refund of home saving charges for children attending British Army Boarding Schools at the rate of 7/10 per day for the first child and 7/1 per day for each additional child during periods of school holidays, providing the child or children return home and are not accommodated at the boarding school.

61. Our Signal A12 of 22 Feb requested confirmation that the intention of this paragraph could be extended to include those periods when the child or children are admitted to a hospital, or are convalescing at home after an illness or for any similar occasion when a child is not accommodated by boarding school.

62. No reply to our A12 of 22 Feb has been received.

Change in Appointment - Maj J.D. YOUNG, RAE

63. AHQ 63/2/40 of 20 Nov 63 appointed Maj J.D.B. YOUNG, RAE as SORE 2(Mov) SINGAPORE Base District vide Maj R.S. FRANCK, RAE.

64. Since his arrival, Maj YOUNG has been performing the duties of DAD (Mov) 3 HQ FARELF, by direction of Col Q Mov HQ FARELF. This change is apparently due to a proposed re-organisation of Q Mov Branch of HQ FARELF.

65. HQ FARELF (SD) have been requested to determine whether Maj YOUNG will continue in this appointment, but to date no satisfactory answer has been received.

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Active Service - Declaration by the Governor-General

66. Our memo 119/1/1 of 6 Feb and Signal A12 of 8 Feb advised that the 17 Division Operational Force ceased to exist on 1 Feb and was re-designated as the MALAYSIA/THAILAND Border Security Operational Force. Hence, the existing Declaration made by the Governor-General on 25 Nov 60, which placed personnel serving with the 17 GURKHA Division Operational Force on de jure active service, is redundant. Paragraph 6 of Monthly Report 1/64 also refers.

67. The references requested AHQ accept action to revoke the existing Declaration and prepare a new instrument accordingly. Until this new Declaration has been effected, AMF personnel posted for duty on Border Operations, cannot be posted for active service. This initially affected 3 RAR who commenced Border Operations on 19 Feb.

68. A consequential effect of this has occurred with the death of Lt D.J. BRIAN, 3 RAR on 5 Mar while on duty in the Border area. Lt BRIAN is currently recorded as having died while on war service.

Payment of Child Food Allowance - 15944 Pte L.P. JUBOW

69. On 28 Sep 63, Pte L.P. JUBOW, HQ Aust Army Force FARELF, married an Asian, Miss IRENE TAN WAI LIN. At the time of the marriage Miss TAN was the mother of three illegitimate children.

70. As soon as he was married, Pte JUBOW undertook legal adoption procedures for the three children. However, though the SINGAPORE Adoption Ordinance provides for an application to be made by Pte JUBOW, there are certain legal procedural difficulties which have caused the Adoption Orders to be deferred until Pte JUBOW turns twenty-five. This will not occur until 30 Aug.

71. As Pte JUBOW has assumed responsibility for the maintenance and education of these children, a request for payment of child allowance in respect of these three children, as a special case, was made in our J/2/19 of 11 Jan.

72. Army CANBERRA signals A3373 of 19 Feb and A3735 of 24 Feb advised that a special allowance under MFR 34 was being sought and the decision of the Minister and Treasury was awaited. Since that date, no further advice has been received, except AHQ A5656 of 19 Mar stating that the matter is still under consideration.

Services Attaches - Disciplinary Powers

73. The question recently arose whether the Services Attache VIENTIANE, LAOS had any disciplinary powers over two AMF members who were performing temporary duty at the Australian Embassy, VIENTIANE.

74. "Standing Instructions for Services Attaches, 1960" was issued on the authority of the Secretary Dept of Defence with the concurrence of the Secretary Dept of External Affairs and Section II paragraph 12 of this classified document provides:-

"Subject to the overall control of the Head of the Mission he (Services Attache) - commands all service personnel junior to himself appointed or attached to his office, and is thus responsible for their discipline".

75. Notwithstanding this paragraph it appears that the Services Attache VIENTIANE is not a Commanding Officer for the purpose of discipline under the AMR as he has never been so appointed.

76. On 8 Feb 64 Legal Officer Aust Army Force FARELF mentioned this matter in a letter to ADLS Army Headquarters CANBERRA. It is understood that the latter officer has referred to DPS (D) the question of possible action under AMR 66(5) to appoint the Services Attache a CO.

EDUCATION

77. CEOs Headteacher's Conference 26-28 Feb

The following are notes on important developments which affect children's schooling in FARELF.

a. New Schools in SINGAPORE

- (1) The Intermediate Secondary School catering for children in the first two years of their post-primary education will begin to function on 16 Sep. The headmaster will be Mr. P. CROFT, present head of the secondary modern school. The school will be attended by all eligible children regardless of their secondary selection test results. Housed in the present ALEXANDRA Grammar School buildings, the Intermediate school will be known as BOURNE School SINGAPORE. The possibilities of air conditioning parts of the building are being investigated.
- (2) The new Senior Secondary School at PASIR PANJANG will be handed over by the contractor on 28 Jul and will open on 16 Sep. The headmaster will be Mr H.J. WHEELER, present head of ALEXANDRA Grammar School. The school, which is to be known as St JOHN's School SINGAPORE, will cater for all eligible children of third form age/ability and over, regardless of whether they have been previously classified as "modern" or "grammar" school students. St JOHN's will be air conditioned, allowing a morning and afternoon session day to be worked. A mid-day meal service will be provided for approx 1 dollar per meal.
- (3) KINLOSS House will undergo alterations during Jul-Sep to enable available boarding places to be increased from 100 to 130.
- (4) Four new boarding houses built adjacent to St JOHN's should be ready for occupancy in Jun 65 provided there are no contract complications. From the time the new houses are taken over by St JOHN's pupils, KINLOSS House will revert to being a boarding house solely for pupils of BOURNE School SINGAPORE.

b. New School at TERENDAK

It is thought that the new comprehensive school at TERENDAK will be handed over in Dec and ready to open in Jan 65. The headmaster, Mr N. BUCKLEY will transfer from BOURNE School KUALA LUMPUR with about two thirds of his staff in the period Dec 64/Jan 65. This new comprehensive school, catering for secondary studies up to and including GCE 'O' level, will be known as SLIM School TERENDAK. It will be air conditioned, allowing a morning and afternoon session day to be worked. A mid-day meal service will be available. Present RAEC staffing plans include places for two teachers recruited in AUSTRALIA, on specialising in history and geography and the other in commercial subjects. This will be the subject of a submission which will be forwarded to AHQ shortly.

c. The Certificate of Secondary Education

Examinations for the award of the UK Certificate of Secondary Education will be introduced for the first time in 1965. The CSE will be a "lower order" certificate issued to children of secondary modern calibre who pass nominated subjects at the end of their course of secondary education, ie. when they are approx 16. The certificate will not be issued on the authority of the British Ministry of Education which for this purpose will delegate examining powers to regional boards of selected secondary teachers. It is not thought at present that the certificate will have validity in Australian terms.

d. Clinic and Child Guidance Centre

It is planned that an educational psychologist and a psychiatric social worker will be appointed to open a clinic and centre in Sep. These child specialists will assist parents and teachers of children with marked learning and/or behaviour problems.

e. Language Laboratory

Plans are under way for the opening at St JOHN'S SINGAPORE of a fully equipped language laboratory.

f. Acceleration in the Secondary School

New regulations governing the accelerated promotion of carefully selected secondary school children will shortly be promulgated by CEO. Two most important factors will be:

- (1) the child's mental ability to cope with higher studies.
- (2) His social maturity.

g. Programmed Learning

The ALEXANDRA Grammar School experiment is described in the body of the report on the conference, forwarded to DAE on 14 Mar. Should the experiment be successful it is hoped to employ programmed learning methods in easing the assimilation of newly arrived secondary school children. The aid will be to use machines programmed to cover any child's specific subject weaknesses, thus enabling him to "catch up" with his age/ability group and subsequently to join them on equal terms. The development is full of promise for Australian children.

78. School Statistics

Attached as Annex 'F' is an analysis of the children of ARA members as at 18 Mar, who are attending BAC Schools in FARELF area including HONG KONG.

79. Administration of Discipline

The publication "Administration of Discipline on War Service in MALAYA" proposed and distributed by HQ Aust Army Force for the assistance of COs and staff officers has been revised and copies of the draft will be circulated for comments. AHQ will be provided with a copy for comment if necessary.

PART III - QMG MATTERS

Movement to AUSTRALIA - Costing of Sea Travel

80. In paragraph 23 of Monthly Report 1/64 it was stated that a detailed submission on assessing the relative costs of sea and air travel would be made. Before completing this the matter will be discussed with the Director of Movements who is to stop-over at SINGAPORE on return from BANGKOK on approximately 26/27 Mar.

Rental ceilings

81. Our review of rental ceilings as at 31 Dec 63 was forwarded to AHQ in 1/3/5 of 3 Mar. The recommendation included the application of a graduated scale of rental ceilings according to rank structure and the proposal that a number of houses be procured in the next financial year. Paragraph 24 of Monthly Report 1/64 refers.

NAAFI Trading Rights and Disbursement of Profits - FERENDAK Camp

82. The contentious question of NAAFI trading rights and disbursement of profits was mentioned in paragraph 25 of Monthly Report 1/64. Before writing further on this subject it is requested that a copy of the report, if such is produced, by Managing Director ASCO on his visit to FARELF be forwarded for study as he dealt with these subjects. Aust Army Force signal Q12 of 19 Feb refers.

Administration of Military/Services Attaches.

83. The question of the responsibility of Aust Army Force for the Administration of Attaches was mentioned in Monthly Report 1/64, paragraph 26. This will be the subject of separate correspondence.

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

84. The need for the re-classification of "Private Hirings" to "Australian Hirings" was pointed out in Aust Army Force 1/3/5 of 21 Jan. The matter was mentioned also in Monthly Report 1/64. No reply has yet been received from AHQ.

Refrigeration - 3 RAR, FERENDAK

85. Although the requirement for refrigeration for 3 RAR mentioned in paragraphs 28-30 of Monthly Report 1/64, has eased during the period of border operations, the need will occur with the return of 3 RAR to FERENDAK in early April. A paper on this subject will be forwarded as soon as discussions with HQ FARELF are completed.

Stores Accounting - AATTV

86. The difficulties concerning AATTV stores accounting which were referred to in paragraph 31 of Monthly Report 1/64 were discussed by Comd AATTV and DAQMG Aust Army Force during the recent visit of the latter to SOUTH VIETNAM on the Orientation and Observer Programme. This matter is still under discussion with Comd AATTV.

2 RAR Laundry Account

87. Following the submission (155/1/3) of 2 Oct 63 to AHQ on overpayments to the laundry contractor for 2 RAR a directive has been received from the Paymaster-in-Chief (486/R1/1 undated) that action will be taken to recover \$M4236.75 from Mhd RAFIQ.

88. Whilst this has been done there are several aspects of the whole case on which advice has not yet been received. This matter was raised in a DO letter to the DAG (DO/E/19) of 12 Mar.

WILES Cooker for Operation CROWN

89. Aust Army Force signal Q17 of 7 Feb requested the provision of a 2-wheeled WILES Cooker for the troops in MUKDAHAN. The cooker arrived at UBON on 4 Mar and is in service.

Commander's Residence

90. In Aust Army Force Q15 of 19 Feb AHQ was advised that a house had been leased for a year at \$1100 per month as temporary accommodation for Comd Aust Army Force.

91. The question of building a house on WD land as an alternative to a hiring is being discussed with HQ FARELF. A submission to AHQ will be forwarded shortly.

Accommodation for HQ Aust Army Force

92. Aust Army Force 1/2/1 of 3 Mar proposed that a new block for the Headquarters should be erected in the general area of our present location. AHQ signal Q5205 of 13 Mar indicated that Inter-departmental approval would not be obtained before 20 Mar.

93. Provided we receive an affirmative answer by 31 Mar, our building can still be included in the contract to be arranged for Jun 64. If approval is not received by 31 Mar a separate tender would have to be called and it is possible that extra expense in the cost of building may occur.

Claims for Reimbursement - Storage and Cleaning of Furs

94. Our memo 76/1/10 of 3 Feb requested an examination of an anomaly existing under MBI 150 - 2 regarding the storage of furs at departmental expense.

95. Some firms practise a procedure wherein furs accepted for storage, which have been dry-cleaned under arrangements by the member, are again dry-cleaned to the satisfaction of the storage firm. In addition, some firms require the furs to be insured, before acceptance for storage can be effected. The MBI 150 - 2 does not allow for reimbursement for these unavoidable charges to affected members.

96. Army CANBERRA Q Mov 4274 of 2 Mar 64 advised that the matter was being investigated, but no further advice has been received.

R. Sutton Lt Col
Brig
Comd Aust Army Force FARELF

Distribution

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

STATE OF AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE IN FAR EAST

PART I - MILITARY

<u>ESTABLISHMENT</u>	<u>OFFRS</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SINGAPORE	43	103	146
MALAYA	98	1062	1160
TOTAL	141	1165	1306

<u>POSTED STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFRS</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SINGAPORE	43*	107*	150
MALAYA	98	1041	1139
TOTAL	141	1148	1289

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

<u>DEFICIENT SINGAPORE</u>	<u>OFFRS</u>	<u>OR</u>
Aust Staff and Regt Appts	1	
TOTAL	1	

<u>DEFICIENT MALAYA</u>	<u>OFFRS</u>	<u>OR</u>
HQ 28 Inf Bde Pro Unit		1
208 Sig Sqn		5
3 RAR		11
102 Fd Bty		2
2 Fd Tp		1
32 Dental Unit		1
16 Fd Amb		1
Aust Staff and Regt Appts	1	
TOTAL	1	22
TOTAL FARELF	2	22

SURPLUS SINGAPORE

	<u>Offrs</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 ORs to return to Aust on completion handover)		2
TOTAL	1	4

SURPLUS MALAYA

HQ 28 Inf Bde Gp (1 OR to return to Aust on completion handover)		1
Aust Staff and Regt Appts (1 Offr to return to Aust on completion handover)	1	
TOTAL	1	1
TOTAL FARELF	2	5

PERSONNEL OUTSIDE MALAYSIA

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

	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HONG KONG	2	10	12
THAILAND	7	7	14
LAOS		2	2
VIETNAM	15	14	29
TOTAL	24	33	57

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

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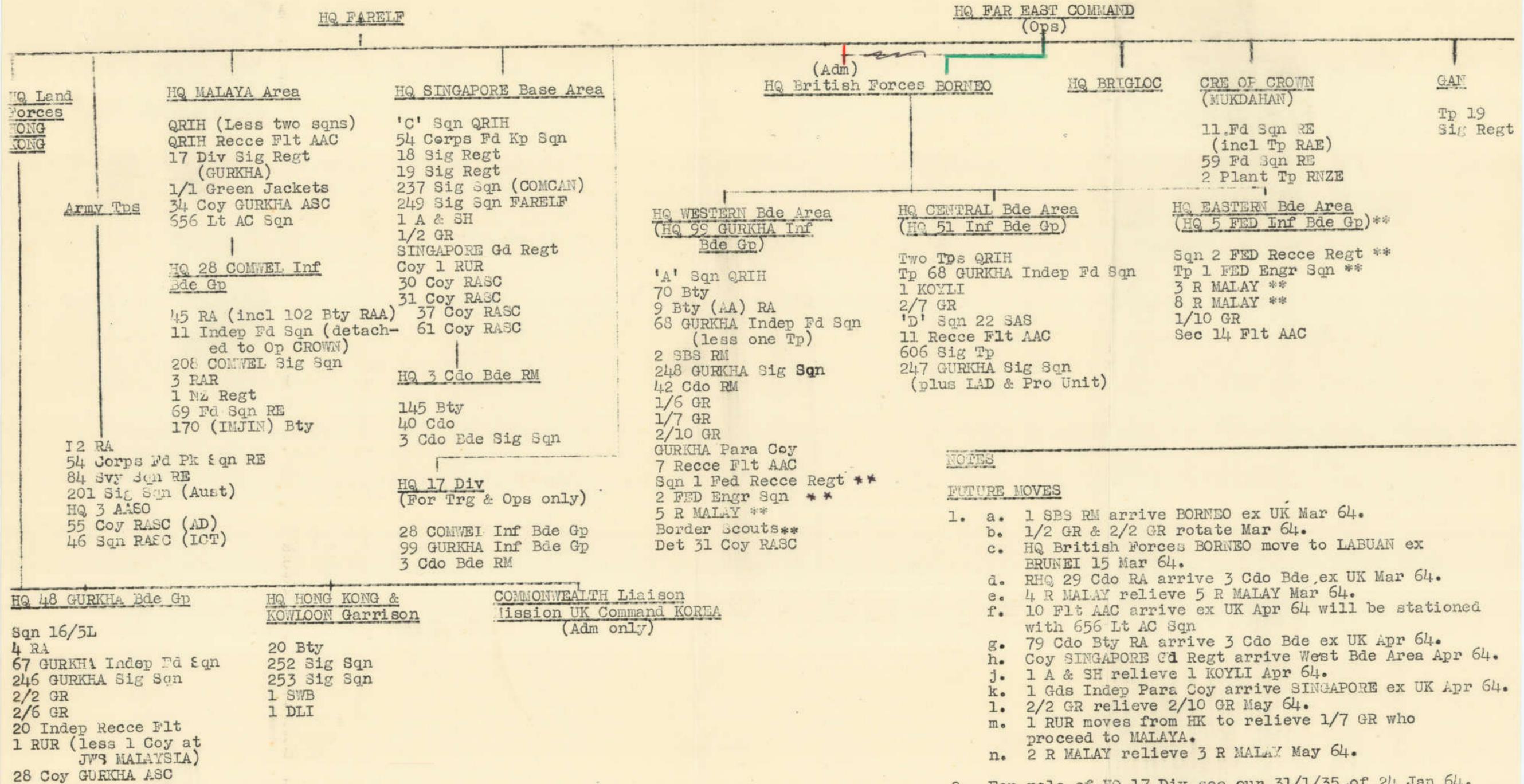
PART II - DEPENDANTS

	<u>WIVES</u>	<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SINGAPORE	116	259	375
KUALA LUMPUR	1	2	3
SEREMBAN	3	7	10
MALACCA	357	688	1045
JOHORE BAHRU	3	4	7
PENANG	1	2	3
KLUANG	1	2	3
	<hr/> 482	<hr/> 964	<hr/> 1446
HONG KONG	11	16	27
THAILAND	11	20	31
VIETNAM	1	2	3
	<hr/> 23	<hr/> 38	<hr/> 61
TOTAL			
TOTAL FAR EAST	<hr/> 505	<hr/> 1002	<hr/> 1507

ACCOMMODATION - MALAYA/SINGAPORE AS AT 29 FEB 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	75	1	-	-	-	77	-	
JOHORE BAHRU	Offr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	OR	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	
TERENDAK MALACCA	Offr	22	21	-	10	-	-	53	-	
	OR	188	101	-	14	-	-	303	4	
SEREMBAN	Offr	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	
KLUANG	Offr	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	
KUALA LUMPUR	Offr	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	OR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
PENANG	Offr	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	
TOTAL		216	235	5	24	1	-	481	4	

DIAGRAMMATIC OUTLINE ORDER OF BATTLE
FAR EAST LAND FORCES
AS AT 12 MAR 64

NOTESFUTURE MOVES

- 1 SBS RM arrive BORNEO ex UK Mar 64.
 - 1/2 GR & 2/2 GR rotate Mar 64.
 - HQ British Forces BORNEO move to LABUAN ex BRUNEI 15 Mar 64.
 - RHQ 29 Cdo RA arrive 3 Cdo Bde ex UK Mar 64.
 - 4 R MALAY relieve 5 R MALAY Mar 64.
 - 10 Flt AAC arrive ex UK Apr 64 will be stationed with 656 Lt AC Sqn
 - 79 Cdo Bty RA arrive 3 Cdo Bde ex UK Apr 64.
 - Coy SINGAPORE Gd Regt arrive West Bde Area Apr 64.
 - 1 A & SH relieve 1 KOYLI Apr 64.
 - 1 Gds Indep Para Coy arrive SINGAPORE ex UK Apr 64.
 - 2/2 GR relieve 2/10 GR May 64.
 - 1 RUR moves from HK to relieve 1/7 GR who proceed to MALAYA.
 - 2 R MALAY relieve 3 R MALAY May 64.
- For role of HQ 17 Div see our 31/1/35 of 24 Jan 64.

** MALAYSIAN Army. NOT under FARELF

VISITS BY HQ AUST ARMY FORCE STAFF FEB-MAR 64

Name	Appt	Place	Reason	Left S'pore	Return S'pore
Maj J. LEWIS	DAQMG	HQ MALAYA Area, SEREMBAN 28 Bde, MALACCA	Accompany D Quartersing	6 Feb 64	7 Feb 64
Capt N.E.W GRANTER	SC 'A'	28 Bde, MALACCA	Accompany Col D.D. MAITLAND DAH (designate)	30 Jan 64	30 Jan 64
Brig F.R. EVANS	Comd	KUALA LUMPUR	Accompany Aust Defence Mission	10 Feb 64 18 Feb 64	12 Feb 64 20 Feb 64
Miss J. CHAPPLE	Red Cross Supt	3 RAR	Liaison Visit 3 RAR	11 Feb 64	13 Feb 64
Capt W.G. HOFFMAN	SC 'G'	28 Bde	Accompany D. ASCO	12 Feb 64	13 Feb 64
Lt Col R. SUTTON Capt B.N. GILLMAN	Deputy Comd PR Offr	HQ MALAYA Area, SEREMBAN " " " "	With HQ FARELF Rugby team.	12 Feb 64	13 Feb 64
Maj J. LEWIS	DAQMG	SOUTH VIETNAM	Orientation Visit	18 Feb 64	29 Feb 64
Maj D.A. NEWMAN	DAD Hirings	HQ MALAYA Area, SEREMBAN	Hirings Board	24 Feb 64	25 Feb 64
Maj W.J. SLOCOMBE	GSO2	3 RAR (SIK)	Liaison Visit, Border Ops	26 Feb 64	28 Feb 64
Brig F.R. EVANS	Comd	3 RAR (SIK)	Liaison Visit, Border Ops	3 Mar 64	5 Mar 64
Capt K.A. PATTERSON	GSO3	VIETNAM	Orientation Visit	3 Mar 64	12 Mar 64
Capt N.E.W GRANTER	SC 'A'	28 Bde, /HQ MALAYA Area	Staff Liaison	6 Feb 64	7 Feb 64
Maj K.J. MAXWELL	DADSR	THAILAND - VIETNAM	ORUFE Liaison	9 Mar 64	19 Mar 64
Capt P. SHEKLETON	Edn Offr	Aust Edn Centre MALACCA	Liaison - Edn Offr	11 Mar 64	13 Mar 64

Annex 'E' to 36/5/4
of 20 Mar 64

VISITS TO FARELF BY AUSTRALIAN OFFICERS - FEB/MAR 64

NAME	FROM	Arrive SINGAPORE	Depart SINGAPORE
Lt Col J.R. WATCH	AHQ	29 Jan 64	22 Feb 64
Lt Col J.R. SALMON	AHQ	29 Jan 64	22 Feb 64
Col C.H.Mc. ISAKSSON	AHQ	2 Feb 64	11 Feb 64
Lt Col N.P. MADDERN	AHQ	3 Feb 64	11 Feb 64
Col W.A. BUNTING	AHQ	4 Feb 64	11 Feb 64
Mr A. HIND	AHQ	5 Feb 64	15 Feb 64
Col R.P. WOOLLARD	AHQ	16 Feb 64	5 Mar 64
Col T.G. TRAINOR	AHQ	12 Mar 64	14 Mar 64
Maj Gen J.S. ANDERSEN	AHQ	12 Mar 64	14 Mar 64
Brig K. MACKAY	AHQ	12 Mar 64	14 Mar 64
Mr R. CARTWRIGHT	WRE	12 Mar 64	14 Mar 64

AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN ATTENDING BRITISH SERVICE CHILDREN'S
SCHOOL IN FARELF

SCHOOL STATISTICS

1. SINGAPORE

a. INFANT

ALEXANDRA	4
PASIR PANJANG	6
TANGLIN	11
RAF SELETAR	23
TOTAL	<u>44</u>

b. JUNIOR

ALEXANDRA	13
PASIR PANJANG	16
JWS	-
RAF SELETAR	24
TOTAL	<u>53</u>

c. PRIMARY

NEE SOON	1
TOTAL	<u>1</u>

d. SECONDARY

ALEXANDRA GRAMMAR	34
RAF CHANGI GRAMMAR	3
ALEXANDRA MODERN	3
RAF SELETAR MODERN	11
TOTAL	<u>51</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>149</u>

2. MALAYA

a. PRIMARY

TERENDAK	129
SEAVIEW	80
SEREMBAN	1
MAJEDEE	1
KLUANG	1
TOTAL	<u>212</u>

b. SECONDARY

BOURNE	28
SLIM	-
GRAND TOTAL	<u>28</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>240</u>

3. HONG KONG

a. INFANT

VICTORIA	1
WHITFIELD	1
TOTAL	<u>2</u>

b. JUNIOR

MINDEN ROW	1
TOTAL	<u>1</u>

c. SECONDARY

ST GEORGES	1
TOTAL	<u>1</u>

GRAND TOTAL	<u>4</u>
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4. ANALYSIS

TOTAL SINGAPORE	149
TOTAL MALAYA	240
TOTAL HONG KONG	4
GRAND TOTAL	<u>393</u>

TOTAL PRIMARY	313
TOTAL SECONDARY DAY PUPILS	38
TOTAL SECONDARY BOARDERS	42
GRAND TOTAL	<u>393</u>

Enclosure H10 to
Comd Aust Army Force
FARELF Diary 3/64

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Quote in Reply:-

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HQ Aust Army Force
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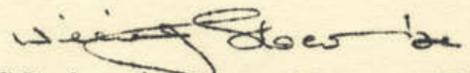
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AUSTRALIAN ARMY OVERSEAS TRAINING ATTACHMENTS

1. Attached as Annex 'A' are extracts from the Overseas Training Schedule 1964/65 relevant to FARELF.
2. It is requested that approval be granted for the proposed attachments/exchanges.
3. Detailed briefs on the training required will be forwarded when received from Army Headquarters.
4. It will be noted that serial 9 proposes the exchange of two infantry officers instead of one infantry and one artillery as in previous years. It is desired that the LPIR/1/7 DEO GR exchange continue and in addition an officer from one of the mainland RAR battalions exchange with an officer from a UK FARELF battalion. It is possible that Army Headquarters will desire the artillery exchange to recommence in 1966.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
9.	R Aust Inf	2 Capts/ Lts	-	Exchange	To enable junior offrs to obtain experience in UK units and to main- tain an exchange between PIR and 7 DEO Gurkha Rifles	17 (UK) Gurkha Div, FARELF	Attachment 12 months	12	Jan 65	Restricted to single offr

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
16.	Any	1 Capt/ Lt	-	Attachment	To train an Army Fixed Wing pilot as a fixed wing flying instr	RAF MANBY Central Flying School, RAF, MANBY,UK AAC Cen- tre. Ac Fac- tories, RN and RAF stations Lt Ac Sqn FARELF	Pre CFS training piston PROVOST Conversion 4 weeks Flying Instructor's Course piston PROVOST 18 weeks Att as instr 20 weeks Visits during att to AACC 1 week Attachment 12 weeks	12	Jul 64 Apr 64	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
43.	Aust Int Corps	Officer or NCO		Attachment	Advanced training in Chinese (Mandarin) and associated Intelligence procedures	HQ Land Forces HONG KONG	To be attached to G(Int) staff and associated agencies 12 months	12	Feb 65	Reserved for a graduate of RAAF School of Languages

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
47.	RAE	1 Lt	-	Attachment	To provide tech trg in all aspects of tn in a South East Asian Theatre	10 Port Sqn RE Far East MC Sqn	(a) Steve- doring, lighter- age and port maint trg in a tropical climate. Con of indigen- ous labour 18 months (b) Experience in con of freight and personnel mov by air, sea & rail 6 months	24	Jul 64	

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

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DEPUTY COMMANDER

HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE FARELF

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67. SINGAPORE BASE AREA - LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT 1964

1. The tournament will be held from 11 Apr 64 to 16 May 64.
2. Entries will NOT be accepted after 1200 hrs 4 Apr 64.
3. Details of tournament are as follows:-

a. Eligibility

- (1) All Army personnel (male or female) on the strength of a formation or unit, including HQ Far East Command and HQ FARELF, administered by SINGAPORE Base Area.
- (2) Family members of the above, provided they permanently reside in South JOHORE or on SINGAPORE Island or the surrounding Islands.

b. Events (None Handicapped)

- (1) Gentlemen's and Ladies Singles
- (2) Gentlemen's and Ladies Doubles
- (3) Mixed Doubles
- (4) Inter-Regimental Doubles (any pair belonging to the same Regiment or Corps)
- (5) Veterans Singles and Doubles (open to eligible men over the age of 45)

c. Entry Fees

- (1) Officers and their dependants - \$1.00 for each player for each event.
- (2) Other ranks and their dependants - 50¢ for each player for each event.

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- d. (1) Entries will be submitted on forms available from Chief Clerk HQ Aust Army Force, Orderly Room, to

Major E.H. GULLIVER RAASC
HQ FARELF (S & T)
Tel: 2801 Ext: 2268

It is essential that telephone numbers be included for each competitor.

- (2) The correct fee must accompany all entries (cheque or postal order made payable to "ARMY SPORTS FUND"). Entries submitted without fee will be returned to sender.
- (3) Tennis Representative will consolidate entries and fees where possible.

e. Playing Locations

- (1) The finals will be played either at HQ FARELF (Sherwood Road courts) or TYERSALL Courts.
- (2) Matches and locations will be arranged between competitors at their mutual convenience.

f. Timings

Deadline dates by which each round must be completed will be published with results of the draw. The committee reserves the right to eliminate competitors who have NOT completed a match by time notified.

g. Draw and Rules of Play

These will be issued as soon as possible after 4 Apr 64.

h. Prizes

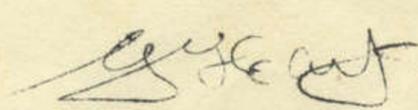
Prizes will be awarded to finalists.

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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 63 (copy to all officers).

30 Mar 64 - 6 Apr 64	:	Capt P.R. SHEKLETON
6 Apr 64 - 13 Apr 64	:	Maj B. VIRTUE
13 Apr 64 - 20 Apr 64	:	Capt K.A. PATTERSON
20 Apr 64 - 27 Apr 64	:	Capt B.W. GILLMAN
27 Apr 64 - 4 May 64	:	Capt N.E. GRANTER
4 May 64 - 11 May 64	:	Maj W. SLOCOMBE
11 May 64 - 18 May 64	:	Capt G.L. HART

 Capt
Adm Offr Aust Army Force FARELF

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