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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
 0 The document will be prepared and disposed of as follows:

19. The duplicate supplementary diaries will originals has been acknowledged.

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

nade and orders given.

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

NOTES

1. *Definition of Operational Period.*—The term “operational period” shall mean the period of time during which the vessel is engaged in the service of the Government, and shall include the time spent in the service of the Government, whether the vessel is engaged in the service of the Government or not.

- (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 mi

2. The War Office or headquarters concerned will be responsible for ensuring that if the conditions of the unit's employment make this necessary, the reasons will be clearly stated. Notwithstanding the above, the War Office or headquarters concerned will not at the time submitting these reports will start them in accordance with paragraphs 15 and 16.

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Qualities to officers, men and equipment.

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 iments issued and received, routine returns, etc. All annexes
 time of receipt or despatch will be given.

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

DISPOSAL

During Non-Operational Periods

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

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

During Operational Periods

15. ORIGINAL COMMANDERS DIARIES

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

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

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

SECURITY

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

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

TOP SECRET
ANNEX Z to

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

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

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

NOTES

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

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION HQ Aust Army Force
FARELF
COMMANDING OFFICER Brig F.R. Evans OBE

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MONTH AND YEAR July 1964

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SINGAPORE	01		AHQ advised vide our G2 of method and date of forwarding ARA officer promotion examination index numbers from BANGKOK to AUSTRALIA.	
	01		Forwarded to AHQ a copy of HQ FARELF instruction on the command and control of 111 LAA Bty RAA in MALAYA under cover of our 119/3/1.	
	01		Forwarded to AHQ two copies of HQ FARELF report on Troop Trial of 81 mm Mortar OML101 under cover of our 207/1/1.	
	01		AHQ requested vide our 227/4/1 for provision of additional training pamphlets.	
	02		Forwarded to AHQ a copy of HQ FARELF report on trials to modify a standard L1A1 rifle to fire automatic, under cover of our 205/1/42.	
	02		Requested Aust Commission KUALA LUMPUR vide our Legal 20 to forward to AHQ a copy of Malaysian Internal Security Act 1960.	
	02		Emplaned Maj WJ SLOCOMBE for AUSTRALIA on reposting ex GS02 HQ Aust Army Force.	
	02		Deplaned Capt GJ FITZGERALD, 102 Fd Bty; Capt DS DAWSON HQ 28 Bde; Capt CJ MAYHEW 3 RAR ex visit to VIETNAM.	
	03		Issued instruction that all future visitors to VIETNAM will wear uniform while travelling.	
	03		Requested Aust Military Attache SAIGON vide our G5 for approval for ABC journalist Lachlan SHAW to accompany Aust PR team to visit VIETNAM on	

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SINGAPORE	03		17 July for three weeks.	
	03		AHQ advised vide our G4 of nomination of 2410267 Sgt AJ BAXTER as volunteer for AATTV.	
	04		Requested Defence Representative Aust High Commission SINGAPORE vide our 31/1/18 to comment on proposals for Commonwealth Assistance to Federation Forces in Counter Infiltration Operations.	
	04		Issued instruction vide our 232/3/1 on Language Training RAAF School of Languages 1965.	H1
	06		Forwarded under cover of our 30/1/4 to AHQ copies of Capt VAN GELDER's report on VIETNAM visit.	
	06		Deplaned 3167 Brig E LOGAN Engineer in Chief AMF ex AUSTRALIA on visit.	
	06		Emplaned Colonels GOLDSMITH and ISAKSSON for AUSTRALIA ex visit.	
	06		Requested HQ FARELF vide our 232/3/2 for vacancies for Aust personnel on Instructor Shallow Water Diving Course.	
	06		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 207/1/1 copies of HQ FARELF Trial report on the "ACROW" tool.	
	07		Forwarded under cover of our 119/1/27 to AHQ a copy of the minutes of an Operation CROWN meeting held on 26 Jun 64.	

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SINGAPORE	07		Requested AHQ vide our Legal 2 to provide a copy of MML 1941 for 7 Fd Sqn RAE.	
	07		Forwarded HQ FARELF under cover of our 30-1-2 a copy of AHQ 433/SD of	
			17 Jun 64 advising the procedure for co-ordination of visits to and from	
			the British and United States Armies.	
	07		Emplaned Maj A ARGENT 3 RAR; Capt SR GERAHTY 201 Sig Sqn (Overseas) and	
			Capt IS FISHER HQ Aust Army Force for observer visit to VIETNAM 7-16 Jul 64.	
	08		AHQ advised vide our 119/2/66 of the Public Relations Policy for Australian	
			Troops serving in BORNEO.	
	08		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 26/1/6 a copy of HQ FARELF memo dealing	
			with the Redesignation of Royal Artillery Units.	
	08		Advised 7 Fd Sqn Gp RAE vide our 119-2-15 of the policy regarding carryover	
			of ARL credits in this theatre.	
	08		Deplaned Col WHITEHEAD ex DJAKARTA for reposting to AUSTRALIA.	
	08		Embarked Capt J CAMPBELL ex 3 RAR and Capt KM McDONALD ex 201 Sig Sqn	
			(Overseas) on SS HIMALAYA for reposting in AUSTRALIA.	
	08		Deplaned Capt A HODGES ex AUSTRALIA for posting to 2 Fd Tp RAE.	
	09		Advised AHQ vide our 133/4/10 of recent major unit moves of UK Forces in	
			this theatre.	

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SINGAPORE	09		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 119/1/5 a copy of the 15th meeting of the SABAH State Security Executive Committee.	
	09		Advised AHQ vide our 133/3/3 of location of all Aust units and personnel serving in FARELF.	
	09		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 30/1/4 copies of report on VIETNAM visit by Maj WA WOOLSTON.	
	09		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 119/2/8 copies of SITREPS from Aust Liaison Officer in JESSELTON dealing with the deployment of 7 Fd Sqn RAE.	
	09		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 119/1/35 copies of HQ FARELF report on Water Supply Equipment - BORNEO.	
	09		Advised all Aust units in FARELF vide our 31-1-29 of New Vehicle Unit Serial Numbers for Standard Pentropic Division and Combat Support Group.	H2
	09		Emplaned Capt MMI ROONEY for AUSTRALIA ex visit to 201 Sig Sqn (Overseas).	
	09		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 160-1-3 a Staff List of 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp and TERENDAK Garrison.	
	09		AHQ advised vide our G3 of details of Capt VK VADIVELOO's service in VIETNAM in reply to AHQ A13938 of 060143Z Jul 64.	
	09		AHQ requested vide our G12 on behalf of Malaysian Ministry of Defence for	

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SINGAPORE	09		details of 1965 Staff College Course QUEENSCLIFFE.	
	10		AHQ requested vide our G1 for confirmation of details of Tractor wheeled multi-purpose, UNIMOG.	
	10		3 RAR advised vide our G4 to despatch blackout curtains for tent 11 by 11 feet to Army Headquarters MELBOURNE ASP.	
	10		HQ FARELF advised vide our G27 of detail of AHQ SD 14105 of 7 Jul 64 referring to replacement of DAQMG and AA and QMG appointments on HQ FARELF.	
	10		HQ 28 Bde requested vide our 194-5-2 to forward copies of stock sheets from last stock take to assist in preparation of Equipment Tables for Units on AMF ORBAT.	
	10		Emplaned Capt JS ROWE ex service in FARELF for reposting in AUSTRALIA.	
	12		Embarked Col FT WHITELOW on THORSGARRD for reposting AUSTRALIA.	
	13		Advised 1/7 GR that approval received for Lt IR GLANVILLE as having qualified in TAC 1 requirement for promotion, vide our G1.	
	13		Requested AHQ vide our G2 for comments on proposal that AATTV personnel returning to AUSTRALIA remain in SINGAPORE for short period to brief Aust units on their experience in VIETNAM.	
	13		Advised AHQ vide our G3 of proposed programme for MGA FARELF while in	

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SINGAPORE	13		AUSTRALIA for CGS exercise 1964.	
	13		Forwarded to AHQ vide our G4 a request from AATTV SAIGON for films on Jungle Warfare.	
	13		AHQ requested vide our G8 to advise amended dates for AHQ Troop Trial Machete 13 inch.	
	13		Deplaned Capt WJ GREGG ex AUSTRALIA en route to AATTV.	
	14		AHQ advised vide our Q11 details as required by AHQ Q13847 of 3 Jul 64 regarding hirings for 111 LAA Bty.	
	14		AHQ advised vide our A14 of comments on Provisional Staff College List 1965.	
	14		Forwarded AHQ under cover of our 234/1/9 copies of HQ FARELF memoranda on New System of Staff Training.	
	14		Advised HQ FARELF vide our G26 that the posting of DAQMG quartering HQ FARELF will not be filled by Aust on termination of current incumbent.	
	14		Forwarded AHQ under cover of our 119/2/8 a SITREP from the Aust Liaison Officer in JESSELTON.	
	14		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 30/1/4 copies of report on visit to VIETNAM by Capt GJ FITZGERALD.	

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SINGAPORE	15		7 Fd Sqn advised vide our SD1 of amendment to Directive to Officer Commanding 7 Fd Sqn.	
	15		Forwarded AHQ under cover of our 234/1/11 a copy of proposed training programme 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Gp for the period Jan-Jul 65.	
	16		Issued instruction on "Requirements for Promotion of Australian Regular Army Officers Qualifying Tactical Courses, Relaxation of Requirement on Medical Grounds"	H3
	16		Advised 3 RAR vide our G4 of personnel selected to attend 30/65 Officers Qualifying Course.	
	16		Advised 3 RAR vide our G5 of approval for visit of Honorary Colonel 5 to 12 Aug 64.	
	16		Advised 3 RAR vide our G9 of amended trial dates of User Trial Machete 13 inch.	
	16		Emplaned Lt Col J MARSH for AUSTRALIA ex visit.	
	17		AHQ requested vide our G3 for approval for attachment to 2 War Dog Training Unit to count as qualifying course for Group 6 Military Skills.	
	17		Requested AHQ vide our SD15 for copies of establishment 11/242/4 (TE-P) 7 Fd Sqn RAE.	

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SINGAPORE	17		Requested AHQ vide our G26 for allocation of two additional vacancies to HQ FARELF for 1964 CGS Exercise.	
	17		Requested 7 Fd Sqn RAE vide our 119/2/12 for information on financial arrangements KENINGAU and KUAMUT projects.	
	17		Emplaned Aust Public Relations team under Capt BW GILLMAN for SAIGON.	
	17		Emplaned Capt WCJ GREGG ex AUSTRALIA for posting AATTV.	
	18		AHQ advised vide our A1 of details of numbers eligible for Repatriation Benefits BORNEO in reply to AHQ A14745 of 15 Jul 64.	
	18		AHQ advised vide our Trg 2 of preliminary details for reintroduction of training visits to FARELF by CMF officers.	
	18		AHQ requested vide our G3 for advice on possibility of BRUNEI students being accepted for attendance at future OCS intakes.	
	18		AHQ advised vide our G4 of action taken with regard to proposed RAR/R MALAY alliance.	
	18		AHQ advised vide our SD9 of names and units of Aust personnel at present in BORNEO.	
	18		AHQ requested vide our Trg 12 for clearance for Aust officer with UK Battalion to serve in BORNEO with that Battalion (Overseas Training	

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SINGAPORE	18		Schedule 64/65 Serial 9).	
	18		Forwarded AHQ under cover of our 119/1/5 a copy of the minutes of the 18th meeting of the SABAH State Security Executive Committee held on 10 Jul 64.	
	18		Forwarded AHQ under cover of our 30/1/4 a copy of report on VIETNAM visit by Capt CJ MAYHEW.	
	18		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 117/1/13. Weekly Intelligence Summaries 56, 57 and 58 by Royal Malaysia Police SARAWAK, Headquarters Special Branch.	
	20		AHQ advised vide our G1 of classification of Annex B Monthly Liaison Letter 5/64 in reply to AHQ Q14959 of 170500Z Jul 64.	
	20		AHQ advised vide our G2 of our receipt of papers for 1964 CGS Exercise.	
	20		AHQ advised vide our SD14 of date of commencement AHQ User Trial 7/64 Switches Combination Booby Trap, by 3 RAR.	
	20		HQ FARELF requested vide our 33/1/3 for staff clearance for Public Relations team to visit BORNEO over period 10-20 Aug 64.	
	20		3 RAR advised vide our 232/3/2 of approval for two students to attend HQ FARELF Instructor Shallow Water Driving Course in September.	

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SINGAPORE	20		Advised 111 LAA Bty and 7 Fd Sqn RAE of periodical returns and reports to be submitted.	
	20		Emplaned Commander Aust Army Force for visit to 7 Fd Sqn BORNEO.	
	21		Public Holiday.	
	21		Emplaned Maj I.R.J. HODGKINSON 3 RAR; Maj D.E. WISE HQ Aust Army Force, and Capt K.E. PETERSEN 28 Bde Pro Unit for observer visit VIETNAM 21 - 30 Jul 64.	
	22		Island wide curfew imposed as a result of civilian rioting in city.	
	22		AHQ advised vide our Ops 14 of current IS situation in SINGAPORE.	
	23		Skeleton staff only working at HQ Aust Army Force due to IS situation.	
	23		45 RA advised vide our G1 of approval for Lt K.P. HALL to serve in BORNEO with 176 Lt Bty.	
	23		AHQ advised vide our Ops 2 of IS situation in SINGAPORE.	
	23		Deplaned Commander Aust Army Force ex visit to BORNEO.	
	24		AHQ advised vide our SITREP number 3 of current IS situation in SINGAPORE.	
	25	0212	AHQ requested vide our G10 for decision on purchase of CARL GUSTAV RCL.	
	25		AHQ (MELBOURNE) requested vide our G5 for information on manufacture of	

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SINGAPORE	25		Tents CP 11 feet by 11 feet.	
	25	0834	AHQ advised vide our Ops 21 of current IS situation in SINGAPORE.	
	25	0848	AHQ advised vide our G 9 HQ FARELF request to BDLs CANBERRA for 3 RAR to be used in border operations.	
	25	0849	AHQ requested vide our G 10 for decision on attendance of two additional officers from HQ FARELF at 1964 CGS Exercise.	
	25		AHQ advised vide our 117/1/12 of progress on collation of Engineer Intelligence - THAILAND as requested by AHQ 31/441/25 dated 7 Feb 64.	
	27		AHQ advised vide our G 5 of progress on HQ FARELF User Trial on Hessian Supply Parachutes.	
	27		AHQ advised vide our SD 8 of details of proposed overseas training for Lt COADY during his attachment to HQ FARELF.	
	27	0727	Advised Australian Units in theatre of AHQ policy not to recruit replacements for AATTv from soldiers serving in MALAYSIA.	
	27		AHQ advised vide our SD 18 of outline itinerary for visit by Honorary Colonel RAR to MALAYA 5-12 Aug 64.	
	27		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 31/1/40 two copies of Chief Engineers Technical Instruction No R5.	

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SINGAPORE	27		Forwarded to 7 Fd Sqn under cover of our 132/3/41 a copy of establishment 11/242/4(TE-P).	
	27		Advised Trials Units for User Trial 32/63 Smock Tropical Lightweight of amended trial dates, vide our 207/5/2.	
	27		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 117/3/3 a copy of Minutes of a Conference held at HQ FARELF 7 May 64 - Operation GRANITE, for inclusion as Annex 'A' of 7 Fd Sqn Gp Commanders Diary dated 25 Jun 64.	
	27		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 117/1/13 a copy of Royal Malaysian Police SARAWAK, Headquarters Special Branch, Weekly Intelligence Summary Number 59.	
	27		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 119/1/38 Copy No 21 of BM2 to CB 2403 Ops of 23 Jul 64 dealing with the protection of TERENDAK Garrison.	
	27		Disembarked Lt Col L.B. SWIFTE on ss "ARCADIA" ex AUSTRALIA en route to BANGKOK.	
	28	0906	AHQ advised vide our G 17 of 7 Fd Sqn SITREP for week ended 25 Jul 64.	
	28	0924	AHQ advised vide our Ops 16 of current IS situation in SINGAPORE.	
	28		AHQ requested vide our SD 6 to advise details of proposed visit to MALAYSIA of Col HONEYSETT and Lt Col BOGLE.	

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SINGAPORE	28		AHQ requested vide our G 14 to supply an additional twelve copies of AHQ 846/R1/1 of 23 May 63 for training of Aust Units in FARELF.	
	28		AHQ requested vide our SD 19 for advice on visit by AG to BORNEO.	
	28		HQ FARELF advised vide our 133/4/5 of AHQ decision with regard to Unit Light Aircraft in FARELF.	
	28		AHQ advised vide our 217/3/8 of return of classified documents on CGS Exercise 1964.	
	29		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 119/2/11 a list of Australian personnel in BORNEO since 8 Dec 62.	
	29		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 232/3/1 a nominal roll of applicants for language training 1965.	
	29		Advised units vide our SD 20 of proposed visit to SOUTH EAST ASIA by Adjutant General AMF in late Sep 64.	
	29		Advised Army MELBOURNE vide our SD 15 of details of proposed transport for 32 Dental Unit in reply to AHQ SD 54193 of 21 Apr 64.	
	30		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 217/3/8 a copy of the HQ FARELF report on Engineer Reconnaissance of NORTH EAST THAILAND.	
	30		Advised HQ FARELF vide our 205/1/36 of AHQ decision on purchase of	

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SINGAPORE	30		CARL GUSTAV 89 mm RCL.	
	30		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 133/4/11 a copy of minutes of the first meeting of the FARELF Operational Requirements Committee held on 24 Jul 64.	
	30	0839Z	Advised AHQ vide our SD5 of change in name of airfield at MUKDAHAN.	
	30	1051Z	AHQ advised of Aust Army Force requirement for Liaison Officer in BORNEO, vide our SD11.	
	30		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 117/1/13 a copy of Royal Malaysian Police SARAWAK Headquarters Special Branch Weekly Intelligence Summary No 60.	
	30		Forwarded to AHQ under cover of our 133/1/11 copies of Ministry of Defence (UK) letter dealing with the effect of the recommendations of the Committee of War Office Organisation on the QMG's Department.	
	30		AHQ advised vide our G7 of date of despatch of Trial report on switches, combination, booby trap.	
	30		Deplaned Maj K.J. WHYTE GSO2 DMI AUSTRALIA.	
	30		Aust Public Relations team returned from VIETNAM.	
	31	0415Z	AHQ advised vide our GS4 of amendments to AHQ GS Instruction 11/64	

Annex H1 to Comd
Aust Army Force FARELF
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Quote in Reply:-

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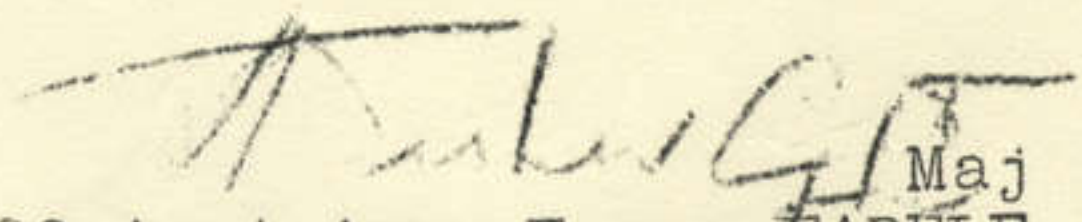
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LANGUAGE TRAINING - RAAF SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES 1965

1. Applications are required for the following courses to be conducted during 1965:-
 - a. No 14 Chinese (Kuo Yü): 11 Jan - 3 Dec 65
 - b. No 11 Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia): 11 Jan - 3 Dec 65
 - c. No 5 Vietnamese (Tieng Vietnam): 11 Jan - 3 Dec 65
 - d. No 1 Thai (Phasa Thai): 11 Jan - 3 Dec 65
 - e. No 9 French: 11 Jan - 18 Jun 65
 - f. No 10 French: 28 Jun - 3 Dec 65
2. Nominal rolls of applicants (Annex 'C' to ARO 27/64) will be forwarded to HQ Aust Army Force by 27 Jul 64. A minimum education level of Intermediate is required.
3. Members not selected on previous application may re-apply.
4. Details of the Selection Board will be notified later.
5. Students who successfully complete a course, excluding the French courses, will be eligible for language bounty and will be given 3 months further in job training in MELBOURNE on completion of the course. Successful OR students from the French courses may be considered for employment as clerical assistants in the offices of Services Attaches in SE ASIA.
6. A successful student from the Chinese course may be selected for further training abroad.
7. OR students who qualify will most probably be required for intelligence duties on completion of the training.


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NEW VEHICLE UNIT SERIAL
NUMBERS FOR STANDARD
PENTROPIC DIV AND CSG

Reference: Part 1 of Annex J to Standing Orders
for Vehicle Operation and Servicing
- 1961
AHQ A325/1/872 of 29 Sep 60

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-B

1. To provide for organisational and ORBAT changes since the issue of the references, the serial numbers listed at Annex A are to be adopted forthwith for Divisional and Combat Support Group units.

2. Serial Numbers for other units will be issued later. An appropriate amendment will be made to reference A when reprinted.

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UNIT SERIAL NUMBERS FOR
A STANDARD PENTROPIC DIV & CSG

Unit	Serial No:	Remarks
<u>DIV</u>		
HQ Div	}	
HQ TF		
HQ RAA		
HQ CRAASC		
HQ RAAOC		
HQ CRAEME		
Sig Regt (a)	40	(a) Except for sig tps allotted to units which will adopt the Serial number, on a white and blue background, of the unit to which attached.
Armd Regt	41	
Recce Sqn	103	
Fd Regt	42	
Fd Regt	43	
Fd Regt	44	
Fd Regt	45	
Fd Regt	46	
Loc Bty	47	
HQ RAE	40	
Fd Sqn	21	
Fd Sqn	22	
Fd Sqn	23	
Fd Sqn	24	
Fd Sqn	25	
Fd Pk Sqn	49	
Inf Bn	55	
Inf Bn	56	
Inf Bn	57	
Inf Bn	58	
Inf Bn	59	
Int Unit	50	
Lt Ac Sqn	51	
Tpt Coy	70	
Tpt Coy	71	
Tpt Coy	72	
Fd Amb	75	
Fd Amb	76	
Fd Amb	77	
Ord Coy	83	
Wksp Stores Secs (b)		(b) Stores secs RAAOC use the serial number on the ORD coloured background, of the EME unit to which attached.

Unit	Serial No:	Remarks
Lt Ac Sqn Wksp (c)	-	(c) Serial number of Lt Ac Sqn with EME background
Inf Wksp	88	
Inf Wksp	89	
Inf Wksp	90	
Tpt Coy Wksp) (d)		(d) Tpt coy wksps and LADs, except inf div sig regt LAD, adopt the serial number on the EME coloured background, of the unit to which attached. The div sig regt LAD w will use serial 95 on the EME background.
LAD's		
Cash office	78	
Pro Coy	79	
Post Unit	80	
<u>CSG</u>		
Recce Regt	103	
APC Regt	105	
Atk Regt	107	
Fwd Del Tp	109	
Med Regt	113	
LAA Regt	114	
LAA Bty	115	
SAGW Bty	115	
SSGW Bty	116	
Loc Bty	117	
Amph Obsn Bty	118	
Fd Regt	119	Not being a div unit
HQ Engr Gp	121	
Fd Engr Regt	123	
Plant Sqn	124	
Fd Pk Sqn	125	
Sig Sqn	134	
ASSU	136	
Sig Tps (e)		(e) Sig tps use the serial number, on the sigs background, of the unit to which they are attached.
Inf Bn	155	
SAS Coy	157	
Cdo Bn or Coy	159	
FS Sec	165	
Tpt Coy (GT)	171	
Tpt Coy (Tipper)	173	
RAEME Wksp/LADs (f)		(f) Will use the serial number, on EME background of the unit to which attached.

BACKGROUND COLOURS FOR USE WITH UNIT
SERIAL NUMBERS ON VEHICLE SIGNS

Serial	Corps	Authorised Background Colour
1	RAAC	Red and yellow diagonal
2	RAA	Red and blue horizontal
3	RAE	Blue
4	R Aust Sigs	White and blue horizontal
5	R Aust Inf (except Cdo Units)	Red
6	Cdo Units	Green
7	RAASC	Blue and yellow diagonal
8	RAAOC	Red, blue and red vertical
9	RAEME	Blue, yellow and red horizontal
10	R Aust Pro	Provost units only, Black and red diagonal

NOTES

1. All other Corps and non-corps units will use a black background.
2. The size of vehicle signs is described in Standing Orders for Vehicle Operation and Servicing.
3. Serial numbers will be painted on signs in white except for R Aust Sigs units which will use red figures.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION OF
AUSTRALIAN REGULAR ARMY OFFICERS
QUALIFYING TACTICAL COURSES
RELAXATION OF REQUIREMENT ON MEDICAL GROUNDS

Reference Promotion Manual Chapter 2.

1. The requirement for promotion to Captain (all corps) includes attendance at a practical tactics course, TAC 1, at the Infantry Centre (for R Aust Inf) or the Jungle Training Centre for all other Corps other than those prescribed. By their very nature such courses involve a proportion of field work with a degree of risk of injury for those attending who are not medically Class 1.
2. As a general rule an Officer should be Class 1 before attending such courses however, if he is temporarily unfit he should await a later course and if his Head of Corps considers it warranted he may be granted Provisional Rank.
3. In the case of the officer who is medically Class 2, and who is considered suitable for continued employment in his own Corps, Head of Corps can recommend that he be granted an exemption from the requirement TAC 1 on the grounds of his medical restriction preventing him from successfully completing the course. Such a recommendation should be supported by the command DDMS as to whether the officers medical condition warrants any relaxation of the requirement.
4. Notwithstanding this every attempt should be made to enable the officer to attend the TAC 1 course providing no risk of further injury is involved.
5. This relaxation would normally apply to Corps who are able to employ such officers successfully.
6. This instruction will be repromulgated as an amendment to the Promotion Manual Part 1 Chapter 2 Section 8.

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ANNUAL CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS - OFFICERS

References: MBI 124/61 Sec 20 - 'A'
AMR & O, paras 1261-1269 - 'B'

Introduction

1. To assist Originating and Superior Reporting Officers in the task of compiling Annual Confidential Reports for ARA officers, the aim and requirements are outlined below.

Aim of Report

2. (a) To determine an officer's:-
 - (i) effective use to the Army;
 - (ii) fitness for continuation in his existing appointment; and
 - (iii) fitness for future appointments and promotion.
- (b) To assist:-
 - (i) in planning an officer's career;
 - (ii) an officer to judge his own standing and progress in the eyes of his superiors.

Reporting Officers

3. It is essential to the success of the form that reporting officers both original and superior should:-
 - (a) be fully aware of the aim of the report;
 - (b) exercise the greatest care filling it in;
 - (c) ensure that all remarks made on the form provided are in the handwriting of the officer making the remarks;
 - (d) allow subject officers ample opportunity to study the reports made upon them and particularly, to note any weaknesses recorded therein; and
 - (e) where possible point out to the subject officer ways and means whereby he may overcome any weaknesses recorded in the report.

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4. If an officer feels that, because of the shortness of his acquaintance with a subject officer, he is unable to make an adequate report and if he is aware of another officer who would be better qualified to make the report, it will be his responsibility to send the report to that officer for him to originate. In these circumstances, the originating officer will arrange for the addition of comments by the appropriate superior reporting officer (if any) and for despatch of the completed reports as appropriate.

Subject Officers

5. It is important that officers reported upon should understand the aim and significance of the report.
6. It is necessary that the answers to questions in the various parts of the form should be given concisely. They should contain sufficient information, to enable the appropriate staff officers who examine the report, to determine the suitability of the subject officer for employment in staff or regimental appointments and the grades of such appointments.

Additional Instructions

7. An officer who originates a report, including any special report called for, will, if practicable, personally show the report to the subject officer and obtain his initials thereon. If this is impracticable he will arrange for the report to be initialled by the subject officer before it is forwarded to the superior reporting officer. If the subject officer is no longer in a posting within the Command etc concerned, the report will be forwarded to HQ Aust Army Force FARELF through the superior reporting officer.
8. The form does not provide for initialling by the subject officer after the report of the superior reporting officer. This is because it is realised that a second or, perhaps, a third, initialling is often administratively impracticable in the time available. However, in all cases where a superior reporting officer (including the head of corps) makes comment, adverse or otherwise, which differs materially from that of the originating officer, the superior reporting officer will be responsible that the report is forwarded for initialling by the subject officer through those officers who have also reported on him.
9. In those cases where the subject officer has, in successive years, served under the same CO and the same superior reporting officer, and, in both these officers' opinion there is no change in respect of the information recorded in the previous report, the parts of the form so affected may be endorsed "No change from previous report". Where a change occurs in the superior reporting officer, the report will be completed in full.
10. When compiling information in the AAF A26, should the reporting officer be unable to answer any question contained in Part IV, an entry should be made in the appropriate column that the answer is not known.
11. An officer who is unfavourably reported upon may, should he so desire, submit representations, not amounting to an official complaint under AMR 19A concerning the report, at the time of its being rendered. Such representations will

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accompany the report and will receive consideration when the report is being considered by superior reporting officers. However, the originating reporting officer is not to further comment on any such representations.

12. An officer who so desires, may submit, to accompany his confidential report, a confidential signed statement showing the locality in which he would prefer to serve in his next appointment, subject to the exigencies of the Service. Such a statement should show the reasons in sufficient detail to enable proper consideration to be given to his preference. It is important for the well-being and morale of the Army as a whole, that any factor of this nature be made known. However, completion of para 6 of the AAF A26 will meet the requirements in most circumstances.

Modification to Form AAF A26

13. Attention of reporting and superior officers is invited to the fact that attendance at either Staff College or RMC of S in the future will be highly selective and recommendations given in Annual Confidential Reports will materially assist the Selection Committee in their determinations.

14. Hence, until stocks of revised AAF A26 are available, the following detail will be added to the space immediately below Section (1) to Part IV for officers of the rank of substantive Captain and above who have not yet been selected for Staff College or RMC of S.

- " (m) (i) Does he wish to attend Staff College?.....
(ii) Does he wish to attend RMC of S?.....
(iii) If so, do you recommend his attendance?....
(iv) Any other comments
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