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[1-30 Nov 1966]

COMMANDERS DIARY

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HQ AAF FARELF

1-30 Nov 1966

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COVERING LETTER

Reference No. R 707-2-1 (G)

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C 2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature)

W. Hanson

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Comd AAF, FARELF
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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

HQ AAF FARELF SINGAPORE

Unit or Formation

From 1 NOVEMBER 66

To 30 NOVEMBER 66

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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PART 3

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, organization 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 are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) 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 (Australia)", Chapter 2, Section 12.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

- 4. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled by commanders of all formations.

During Operational Periods (1)

- 5. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled 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.

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- 6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
 - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
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13. Original Commander's Diary. This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.

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UNIT/FORMATION HQ AAF FARELFMONTH AND YEAR NOVEMBER 1966COMMANDING OFFICER BRIG F.R. EVANS

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SINGAPORE	01		Under 459-1-4(G) CBF Borneo Weekly Int Digest 6/66 - to AHQ	E 1
			Under 31-1-64 28 COMWEL Inf Bde SOP No 5 - to AHQ	H 1
	02		Under R875-1-1(G) FARELF paper on AUST/NZ TF in Vietnam - to AHQ	E 2
			Under R459-1-11(G) DOPEM Weekly Assessment No 4	E 3
			Under 212-1-42 AAF paper on Borneo Ops Convention - to AHQ	E 4
	03		Under R220-1-1(G) Notes of HQ FARELF Staff Meeting - to AHQ	H 2
			Under R569-1-19(G) FARELF paper on Op Nominations - to AHQ	E 5
			Under 234-2-3 28 COMWEL Inf Bde Trg Directive 1966/67 - to AHQ	H 3
			Under 207-6-20 JWS report on trial of Atlas Copco Drill - to AHQ	H 4
			Under 132-3-5 FARELF paper to MOD(Army) on Integration of HQ 28 COMWEL Inf Bde with its associated minor units - to AHQ	H 5
04		Under R870-1-1(G) FARELF paper on User Trial of AN/PRC 26 - to AHQ	H 6	
05		Ops 7524 Weekly Report - to AHQ	E 6	
		Under R459-1-5(G) HQ FARELF Weekly Int Summary	E 7	
07		From FARELF - Malaysia/Singapore Sitrep as at 070100Z	E 8	
08		Under R220-1-1(G) Notes of HQ FARELF Staff Meeting - to AHQ	H 7	
		Under R459-1-6(G) Sarawak SB (RMP) Int Summary 22/66 - to AHQ	E 9	
		Under R459-1-4(G) CBF Borneo Weekly Int Digest 7/66 - to AHQ	E 10	

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	10		Under R459-1-5(G) HQ FARELF Weekly Int Summary - to AHQ	E 12
			Under R571-4-1(G) Directive to Comd British Land Forces Borneo - to AHQ	H 8
	12		Ops 7640 - Weekly Report - to AHQ	E 13
	14		Under R569-1-16(G) AHQ Plan 14/66 'Vertigo' provisional - to FARELF	E 14
	14		Under 35-1-28 Progress Report - 22 Const Sqn RAE - to AHQ	H 9
	15		Under R459-1-11(G) DOPEM Weekly Assessments 5 & 6 - to AHQ	E 15
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			Under R459-1-4(G) CBF Borneo Weekly Int Digest 8/66 - to AHQ	E 16
			Under 31-1-76 FARELF Op Instr 118 - Service Aid in the Event of Natural Disaster - to AHQ	H 11
			Under 132-3-8 HQ AAF paper on Establishment of RHU (UK) JWS - to AHQ	H 12
	16		Under R459-1-5(G) HQ FARELF Weekly Int Summary - to AHQ	E 17
	17		Under 117-1-3(G) Sarawak Special Branch Int Report - to AHQ	E 18
	18		Under R459-1-11(G) DOPEM Weekly Assessment No 7 - to AHQ	E 19
	19		Under R722-1-4(G) HQ FARELF Arms Plot 1967/68 - to AHQ	H 13
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			Under 35-1-28 Progress report 22 Const Sqn RAE - to AHQ	H 15
			Under 207-6-11 MOD (Army) reply to FARELF paper on 'Lighting in the Field' - to AHQ	H 16
			Under 10-2-14 HQ 28 COMWEL Inf Bde paper on REME Support - Army Aviation - to AHQ	H 17
	22		Under R459-1-4(G) CBF Borneo Weekly Intedigest 9/66 - to AHQ	E 23
			Under R459-1-11(G) DOPEM Weekly Assessment No 7 - to AHQ	E 24
	24		Under R870-1-1(G) FARELF G(OR&A) paper 8/66 on Equipment Requirements and Trials - to AHQ	H 18
			Under R459-1-5(G) HQ FARELF Weekly Int Summary - to AHQ	E 25
			Under 133-3-1 FARELF paper on Peacetime Layout of Commonwealth Forces - to AHQ	AHQ H 19
26	0435Z	Ops 8012 - Weekly Report - to AHQ	E 26	
28		Under R220-1-1(G) Notes on FARELF Staff Meeting - to AHQ	H 20	
		From FARELF Malaysia/Singapore Sitrep as at 280100Z	E 27	
29		Under R870-1-1(G) HQ FARELF G(OR&A) Operational Analysis Summary 1964/66 to AHQ	AHQ H 21	
		Under R459-1-11 DOPEM Weekly Assessment No 9 - to AHQ	E 28	
30		Under 35-1-28 Progress Report 22 Const Sqn RAE - to AHQ	H 22	

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1 NOV 1966

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Army Headquarters
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COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES IN BORNEO

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE DIGEST 6/66

Reference: A. HQ CBF 20762 dated 29 OCT 66

... Enclosed is a copy of Reference A, covering the period
from 22-28 OCT 66.

[Signature]
(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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HQ 1 Div
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HQ 28 INF BDE - STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOPs)

- ... 1. Attached for information and retention is a copy of 28 Bde SOP No.5.

b.

(F.J. Calvert)
Captain
for Commander

Receipt is acknowledged of SOP No.5 as per paragraph 1, above.

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HQ AAF
FARELF

2 Nov 66

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

AUSTRALIAN/NEW ZEALAND TASK FORCE - VIETNAM

1. Enclosed is a copy of a FARELF paper dealing with the above subject.


(T.R. Gibson)
Lt Col
for Commander

Enclosure: FARELF FE 7505-1-1 Trg (1) of 29 Oct 66.

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HQ Aust Army Force
FARELF
Singapore

2 Nov 66

AHQ Canberra

THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, EAST MALAYSIA WEEKLY
ASSESSMENT NO 4

... Attached is a copy of the above weekly assessment from
Headquarters East Malaysia Command, Kuching, dated 17 Oct 66.


(P.J. Galvert)
Capt
for Commander

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HQ AAF
FARLEF

2 Nov 66

Army Headquarters
CANBERRABORNEO OPERATIONS CONVENTION

1. At the Jungle Warfare School over the period 26 - 28 Oct 66, representatives of units and staffs responsible for the conduct of operations in Borneo were assembled to consider a series of papers (copies attached) summarising selected aspects of the Borneo campaign. In his final report, Commander British Forces Borneo will cover tri-service aspects of the operations and will deal in some detail with logistic matters. Therefore, the papers dealt with at the convention represent only part of the "lessons learned" in Borneo. The conference was attended by Lt Col T.R. Gibson, Deputy Commander, HQ AAF FARLEF.
2. From the outset, the conference clearly recognised that the lessons emanating from Borneo may not have application elsewhere. However, it was generally agreed that it was desirable that a record of the campaign should be established. This task is being undertaken by HQ FARLEF.
3. The attached papers do not represent formal FARLEF views. In fact, the JWS conference will result in changes and a varied presentation. However, to indicate the changes, etc., which may occur, a brief summary of the discussion on each paper follows.

Paper 1 - Intelligence

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 - a. For a variety of reasons, the intelligence organisation had local variations in the several Brigade areas/administrative divisions in Borneo. The paper describes the general situation.
 - b. The importance of language training for FIOs was stressed.
 - c. Organisation. The recommendations in the paper are those of the Borneo staffs. FARLEF (Int) informed the conference of outline details for a world wide re-organisation of British intelligence staffs and units. Greater emphasis is to be given to "Security". At all levels, security staff officers are to be introduced in addition to the staffs, etc, dealing with operational intelligence. FIOs are to be termed "FI NCOs".
5.
 - a. In certain areas of Borneo, Border Scouts had been organised in two distinct groups:-

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(1) Recco Force - lightly armed (shotguns) to undertake a more offensive role; mention was made that this element often went "game hunting" in border areas with a view to obtaining information.

(2) "Eyes and Ears" Force - termed "trackwatchers" who remained in kampong areas but reported intelligence information.

b. Training. It was agreed that a school for the training of Border Scouts was desirable. At the end of confrontation, a school was operating at Bau and conducted courses of two weeks duration.

c. Tasking. The conference generally agreed that the tasking of Border Scouts should be a responsibility of the local military commander, i.e. coy, etc., comd. He should be responsible also for administration including pay, and discipline. Frequent visits by patrols to kampongs were essential to allocate tasks and to ensure that, in some cases, the Border Scouts did the job for which they were being paid. In Borneo, however, Border Scouts were paid from funds provided by the respective State Governments - not from British military funds. Consequently, they were administered by the Police Force and some conflict of interests did occur.

d. Communications. A requirement does exist for a simple radio for communication between the kampong Border Scout and Security/Police forces. Training in the use of the radio can be given at the Border Scout school. In addition to the passage of intelligence, the radio could be used for requesting medical assistance - this would be the cover for its existence in the kampong. It was also agreed that had the frequency of border crossings/incursions increased, there would have been a much greater need for Border Scout communications.

e. The number of Border Scouts enlisted from any one area requires control.

Paper 2 - Company Base

6. a. Terminology. The following terms were suggested for this type of base:-

- Company operational base;
- Company forward operational base;
- Company firm base.

The former is used at JWS and is likely to be adopted.

b. Other types of base mentioned in discussion but not on the paper are:-

- Ambush base; Patrol base.

These types were considered to be covered adequately in existing pamphlets.

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c. Functions (para 3) - also, protection of LZs and HLPs (landing points) used for supply of company base, medevac, etc., in some cases, the base secured an airstrip.

d. Siting (paras 5 and 6) - also, at sufficient distance from the border so that should an incursion occur, cut-off parties can be positioned in time to achieve clean cut-off.

e. Defence Werks (para 7) - mention will be made of the Bowen Bunker concept which was developed in Borneo; reported separately to AHQ (AAF FARELF 4-1-1 of 24 Mar 66 refers).

f. Booby traps and mines. The Claymore was subsequently the only mine used in Borneo other than at locations which had not received this mine due to insufficient quantities being available. The Claymore was a Borneo "special", i.e. it is not a UK service mine. Standard AP mines were not used primarily because of their inherent danger to the indigenous people and to own troops. It was stated that it was essential to have positive remote control within the company base for the detonation of mines. With the Claymore this was achieved by electrical means; hazards were sympathetic detonation by lightning, radios in helicopters landing in the base, etc., for which drills were formulated.

g. Devices (para 30). The ending of confrontation prevented adequate operational experience in the use of seismic detectors. They were used however by 4 RAR and 1 RMZIR. It was agreed that these devices had considerable potential but that adequate training of operators was essential if successful readings of detected movement was to be achieved.

h. Water (para 42). The figure of 40-50 gallons per man per day was accepted as an adequate planning figure for the type of base developed in Borneo. It does exceed the normal or textbook consumption figure but allows for showering, cooking, laundry, etc. Due to the incidence of leptospirosis in Borneo, men were not allowed to bathe in streams. From morale and hygiene aspects, showering in bases became essential. It was stressed therefore that the planning figure of 40-50 g/m/d should be adopted to ensure that adequate engineer stores, etc., are procured and stockpiled to meet the requirement.

j. Breaching Trials Report (Appendix L). This report is based on limited trials but not using an actual company operational base. It was stated that if not interpreted correctly, it could give rise to excessive stores requirement for the construction of a base.

k. Sandbags. The need for an improvement in the life of sandbags still exists.

Paper 3 - VHF Communications

7. This paper deals primarily with the long range VHF communications system eventually established in Borneo. The system was successful because positions (company bases, etc.,) were static and there was little enemy interference either

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physically or by jamming. It was recognised that the need for HF communications would exist prior to the establishment of VHF re-broadcast facilities - if, in a different environment, such were possible without imposing unacceptable problems of security.

8. Comments in detail were:-

a. Para 5 - "overheating": It was stated that overheating of rebroadcast equipments was not due to tropical conditions but was due to "mis-match" of antenna and sets. Correctly set up, the equipments would work longer than twelve hours.

b. Para 8 - siting/construction. In Borneo, siting and construction of re-broadcast facilities was a Brigade signals unit responsibility. Some assistance in the construction of LPs and huts was given by engineers.

9. Summarising, it was agreed that VHF can be used in a jungle environment. For success, static positions are desirable and a degree of freedom from air/ground attack of re-broadcast facilities is essential.

10. HQ FARELF is conducting a review of the radio diagrams of the infantry battalion and other units - to incorporate unit recommendations based on Borneo experience.

Paper 4 - Artillery Support.

11. The "single-gun" concept employed in Borneo was an improvisation arising from the length of the border and the number of guns available to provide artillery support. The artillery regiment is not organised to operate on this basis and must be supplemented, e.g. in Borneo the lack of roads enabled drivers to be employed as gunners.

12. Ranging by "sound" (Para 8, last sentence) was not a method acceptable for introduction into training because of the obvious safety limitations. On the other hand, sound ranging techniques were employed successfully in Borneo on a limited scale and are being reported on separately. Only 81 VT fuzes were fired throughout confrontation; the VT effect is lost in a jungle canopy.

13. Mention was made of the new light gun being introduced in the British Army on a world wide basis in about two years time. Limitations for employment in FARELF were stated to be:

a. Not man-pack; barrel too heavy.

b. Cannot be air-lifted by current helicopters; new and larger helicopters coming into service about the same time as the gun should be able to lift the equipment.

Paper 5 - River Crossing

14. FARELF are investigating the use of:-

a. Malaysian Army improved grapnel - has strengthened tyres; fired from SLR.

b. Royal Marine cliff-climbing grapnel fired by Scheermuly rocket; lighter rope required.

15. A need to provide aids to make swimmers safe was discussed. Some points are:-

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- a. Inflatable sections of the Australian lightweight sleeping gear were used by some units.
- b. Inflatable armbands for swimmers were suggested; also "flippers".
- c. SAS (UK) life jackets ("sausage" around waist) should be given more liberal distribution.
- d. Hitachi-type radios desirable for patrol bank-to-bank communications.

16. Lightweight Rescue Boat. This appendix was not fully accepted. It was agreed that the aim should be to develop the best method of getting a man with a rope quickly across a river; limitation - the aids must be carried by a patrol; the answer is not necessarily a boat.

Paper 6 - The Mounting and Control of an Army/Air Operation Involving FGA Aircraft.

17. This paper represents a SOP evolved by West Bde and agreed by the Forward Air Commander (Kuching) and the Artillery representative. The procedures were tested on exercises but were never used operationally. Consequently, it was decided that it should not be published as a lesson learned from Borneo, but that it should now form the basis of a study by 17 Div/224 Gp RAF to evolve future drills.

Paper 7 - The Defensive Concept based on Heliborne Infantry, Borneo, 1964.

18. This concept was tested operationally. Points from the discussion were:

- a. There was little artillery support available in 1964.
- b. To achieve the flexibility required, the concept requires the construction of a large number of LPs. This required considerable initial effort and much subsequent patrolling to visit sites to cut back foliage and to ensure their security. It was stated that in one battalion area, there were 180 LPs. A few near kampong areas were maintained by the local people. Defoliants may have assisted, but it was doubted that sufficient helicopter-hours would have been available for this task.
- c. Armed Helicopters. It was stated that because of the pay-load penalty, it was unlikely that there would be a sufficient number of helicopters available in the theatre to permit their sole use in this role.

Paper 8 - Night Illumination

19. It was agreed that a limited requirement exists for improved aids to illumination at night to enable infantry to:-

- a. see and fire - defensive operations.
- b. see and move - offensive operations.

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20. The main value of such illumination was in defensive operations. However, flares were used (Tebedu incursion) to keep the enemy on the move at night and "run him to ground". In normal circumstances, Shackleton and Canberra aircraft would not be available for this task; the dropping of flares would be carried out by MRF aircraft. The existing RAF flare is not suitable for use on the ground because it is not waterproof.

Paper 9 - Organisation of Air Transport Support

21. This paper evoked criticism from RAF representatives. It was eventually agreed that any criticism arose not from the system evolved but from the lack of helicopters available for bde/bn lifts. However, the RAF pointed out that the static nature of operations in Borneo did not provide a genuine test of the joint procedures, e.g. there were never two major incursions at one time in a brigade area and the problem of operational tasking of helicopters was usually a simple one.

22. The RAF representative stated that in future there would be larger helicopters but fewer of them (see also para 13b). The additional effort for the preparation of larger lifts was obvious.

23. Helicopters utilisation was about 60% overall during confrontation. Under-utilisation always occurs with comd's recce, casevacs, VIP visits, etc.

Paper 10 - Sarbe Searches

24. This paper is in the main a reproduction of the West Bde SOP for Sarbe air search. Points of interest from the discussion are:-

- a. Sarbe MK III should be held on the scale of three per company or sixteen per battalion; test sets - one per company.
- b. The combination of Sarbe (UHF)/Walkie-Talkie (VHF) (see para 5 of Appx L to paper) may be difficult to achieve within weight limitations; as it does not constitute a RAF air/sea rescue requirement, it would become a different equipment.
- c. RAF but not AAC aircraft (Sioux, Scout, Beaver) are fitted with "Violet Picture Homer"; the latter should be so fitted.
- d. Problems of "authentication" may arise if a more sophisticated enemy is encountered.
- e. The matching of crystals sarbe set/aircraft frequently caused problems in the field.

Paper 11 - Air Supply in Borneo

25. The main limiting factor encountered was the shortage of parachutes. Early in the campaign, the parachute wastage rate was high. Despite the difficulties involved, it was essential that units gave high priority to the backloading of parachutes and associated equipments. Although this tended to conflict with helicopter availability, the success of air supply in Borneo was very much dependent on the speed of return of parachutes, etc. It emphasised the need to continue research to produce cheaper and/or expendable parachutes. (It was stated that PARELF are now having the 28 ft parachute manufactured in Hong Kong at half the UK price).

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26. Other points are:-

a. Free Drop (para 4) - terrain and proximity to border were unsuitable for a free drop. The techniques developed during the Malayan Emergency (smoke, marker balloon, etc) are still used on the Malay/Thai border. Conservation of parachutes etc had a major effect in preventing free-drops.

b. Post-drop Action (para 11) - essential for loss of stores in a peace-time accounting environment, e.g. write-off of lost NAAFI stores.

c. Adverse weather could result in a considerable backlog of effort. Further, the supply of perishables warrants further consideration. Refrigeration is required by the Air Despatch Detachment to:-

(1) Hold perishables delivered to the airhead and which may have to be held owing to aircraft, etc, delays. Insulated packaging may assist. In some cases, perishables (e.g. fish) were delivered too early - up to two hours in advance of time required.

(2) Hold perishables off-loaded from aircraft which were unable to complete a mission.

d. Considerable quantities of fuel for helicopters were dropped to company operational bases.

e. Waterproof containers (e.g. plastic bags) essential for dropping in or near swampy ground.

27. Heavy Drop (Appx 1 to Paper 11)

a. The main reason for the non-use of HSP in Borneo appeared to be that the AATDC in UK had not cleared the technical procedures required for dropping the equipments involved.

b. Within height/payload limitations, the Belvedere and Wessex may recover HSP. Careful planning is necessary as only approximately 35 minutes flying time is available before the aircraft require re-fuel.

c. DZs in Borneo were below the minimum dimensions laid down and were not suitable for heavy drop - further preparation would have been necessary.

Paper 12 - Use of Helicopters for Casualty Evacuation

28. This particular paper does not represent procedures adopted in normal circumstances but represents a SOP used for evacuating casualties which occurred on special operations. Points from the discussion are:-

a. Location of Casualty (para 13)- Barbe MK 111 is preferable to the gun. Further, in Borneo guns were surveyed in, which may not always be the case.

b. Hexamine cookers used to light LP at night.

c. ACOs and NCOs need training in the selection of LPs.

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d. The winch cable on current helicopters is about 60 feet; needs to be longer (say 200 feet) in jungle operations.

e. The "Form to Accompany Deceased" was essential to meet the export/import requirements of the various civil authorities (Sarawak/Sabah/Brunei/Singapore) which became involved in the evacuation of bodies to Singapore.

Paper 13 - Medical Aspects of a Unit's Fitness for Operations

29. This paper was written with a medical bias toward instructing future unit commander's, whose unit may move from the UK to this theatre, of the theatre medical aspects. Most unit commanders ex Borneo resented the inference that medical discipline was poor whereas actual statistics show that by comparison with other campaigns, the incidence of disease was low. It was interesting to note, however, that of the personnel hospitalised during confrontation, only 4% represented battle casualties. The medical authorities emphasised that health and hygiene discipline could have been better.

30. Points from the discussion are:-

a. Medical Intelligence. There is a definite need for medical intelligence concerning possible operational theatres. Until operations had commenced, it was not known that leptospirosis occurred in Borneo. In fact, medical authorities were of the initial opinion that it did not occur. (Note: HQ AAF FARELF copy of JIB(A) Report No 3/6/63 - Sarawak and Brunei - does not list leptospirosis as a prevalent disease).

b. Water. Problems arose because the equipment (pumps, etc) issued for filtration and purification of water were initially in short supply and subsequently not suitable for the task. The point made was that these equipments must be stockpiled during the planning stage and must be available on arrival of troops in the theatre.

c. Hygiene Officer. Most unit commanders were adamant that the RMO would be allocated hygiene responsibilities in an advisory capacity; executive action to rectify faulty matters would be implemented through normal command channels.

d. Spectacles. The requirements for a soldier in an operational area to have two pair of spectacles should be noted.

Paper 14 - Individual Water Purification

31. Further research in this matter is taking place. However, the five gallon Millbank bag has been adopted as the section kit (3 per sec) and is now being issued throughout FARELF. It performs satisfactorily.

Paper 15 - Ammunition

32. Over 100 different natures of ammunition were used in Borneo. The remoteness of company bases and use of air supply resulted in large quantities of ammunition being held forward. Figures quoted for a company base were:-

Artillery nature	- 8 tons
SAA	- 7 tons.

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33. Points from discussion are:-

a. Scales (Para 2) - developed by Borneo staffs because of the inadequacy of the previous War Office Rates. MOD (Army) has since issued more realistic rates for world-wide operations.

b. Deterioration (para 4). The four monthly inspection cycle was also a direct result of roulement whereby units changed over every four months.


Paper 16 - Canteen Credit System

Paper 17 - Financial System

34. These papers together with the supplementary paper on "Canteen Credit Payment Procedures" (attached) explain the problems of operating in under-developed areas. In particular, the handling of public monies increases the unit work-load. Two Australian Units (4 RAR and 22 Const Sqn) have separately stated the need for a Sgt RAAPC to assist in the running of imprest accounts, canteen accounts, payment of local labour, local purchases, etc.

Conclusion

35. The final report by Commander British Forces Borneo and reports by Branches/Directorates HQ FARELF are being compiled. The selected papers considered by the convention at JWS are only a part-contribution to the lessons from the Borneo campaign. At this stage, the papers do not necessarily reflect FARELF views.


(E.R. Gibson)
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for Commander

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HQ AAF
FARELF

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Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

NOTES OF STAFF MEETINGS
HELD IN HQ FARELF

... Attached is a copy of Notes of a Staff Meeting held in
HQ FARELF on *24 Oct 66*.....


(E.D. Jacobs)
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for Commander

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HQ AAF
FARELF

7 Nov 66

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

OPERATIONAL NOMINATIONS

1. Enclosed is a copy of a FARELF paper detailing units nominated to support operational plans.
2. Over the period Nov 66 - Apr 67, 4 RAR is in support of Plan ALIUVIAL, i.e. ANZAM plan designed to move a Commonwealth force into Thailand/Laos.


(T.R. Gibson)
Lt Col
for Commander

Enclosure: 1 - HQ FARELF FE 104 Ops dated 27 Oct 66.

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HQ AAF
FARELF

3 Nov 66

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28 COMMONWEALTH INFANTRY BRIGADE -
TRAINING DIRECTIVE 1966/67

1. Enclosed is a copy of the above directive.
2. Points of interest are:-
 - a. Para 4 - use of the Australian Army pamphlet - "The Division in Battle - Pamphlet No 11 - Counter Revolutionary Warfare".
 - b. Para 6 - the emphasis now being given in FARELF to training for Counter Revolutionary Warfare; amplified in later paragraphs.
 - c. Para 8b - 1 SG are now to be relieved by 1 KOSLI currently stationed in Singapore; the latter unit is not being relieved.
 - d. Para 13 - the implication that "active jungle training" may be conducted near the Malay/Thai border. The matter is still under discussion.


(T.R. Gibson)
Lt Col
for Commander

Enclosure: 1 - HQ 28 Bde CB 1607/1 Trg
of 16 Sep 66.

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FARELF

3 Nov 66

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TRIAL REPORT ON ATLAS COPCO COBRA DRILL

... Attached is the trial report from Jungle Warfare
School dated 10 May 66.


(P.J. Calvert)
Captain
for Commander

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HQ AAF
FARELF

3 Nov 66

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

INTEGRATION OF HEADQUARTERS 23 COMMONWEALTH
INFANTRY BRIGADE WITH ITS ASSOCIATED MINOR UNITS

1. Enclosed is a copy of a FARELF submission to MOD (Army) concerning the above subject.
2. Any comments you have regarding this proposal would be appreciated.


(T.J. Gibson)
Lt Col
for Commander

Enclosure: 1 - FARELF HMI to FE 36802 SD3 of 25 Oct 66.

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FARELF

4 Nov 66

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CANBERRA (3)

REPORT ON THE FARELF USER TRIAL OF THE AN/PRG 64

Attached for information and retention is HQ FARELF G(OR&A)
Report No 7/66 dated 29 Oct 66.



(P.J. Calvert)
Captain
for Commander

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TO : ARMY CANBERRA				
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WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 05 NOV 66 . A FD BTY RAA CLN INDIVIDUAL
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 MAP READING . 2 FD TP RAE CLN PROMOTION SUBJECT C COURSE CMM
 DRIVING COURSE CMM BOOBY TRAP AND MINE CHECK SEREMBAN PRIOR TO VISIT
 BY PRESIDENT USA . 22 CONST SQN RAE SEPARATE REPORT . 4 RAR
 CLN COY FIELD FIRING CMM PLATOON AND SECTIONS TAC CMM SPORT AND
 PHYSICAL TRG CMM C COY EX DIAU GERAH 1-8 NOV CMM B COY ASAHAN RANGE
 2-5 NOV CMM PROMOTION AND EDUCATION COURSES CLN VISITED BY WILSON
 SMITH COMMITTEE

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Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

NOTES OF STAFF MEETINGS
HELD IN HQ FARELF

... Attached is a copy of Notes of a Staff Meeting held in
HQ FARELF on *31 OCT 66*...

E.D. Jacobs
(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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FARELF

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HQ FARELF WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

... Attached is the FARELF Weekly Intelligence Summary
as at *28 OCT 66*

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(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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 48 BDE (HONG KONG)
 99 BDE
 3 CDO BDE RM
 LG
 95 CDO REGT RA
 6 LT REGT RA
 22 LT AD REGT RA
 17 GURKHA SIG REGT
 1 SG
 1 QUEEN'S OWN BUFFS (HONG KONG)
 1 WELCH (HONG KONG)
 2 RGJ
 1/2 GR (HONG KONG)
 2/2 GR
 40 CDO RM
 42 CDO RM
 1 KSLI
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 TRG DEPOT BDE OF GURKHAS
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MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE. SITREP AS AT 070100 Z NOV.

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ALPHA. WEST MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE.

ONE. ON 27 OCT JOHORE FISHING BOAT PIRATED BY
 INDON SPEEDBOAT 12 MILES OFF SENGGARANG.

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TWO. ON 4 NOV MARINE POLICE SIGHTED ARMED MOTOR BOAT
2 MILES OFF TG PIAI (JOHORE).

THREE. POLICE INVESTIGATING UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF 12
UNIFORMED AND ARMED MEN SEEN IN AREA BKT PALAS (PAHANG)
ON 24 OCT.

BRAVO. EAST MALAYSIA.

ONE. IN 5 MIB AREA ONE OF TWO TNKU KILLED BY SF ON
30 OCT WAS IDENTIFIED AS LT RASHID, KINABALU COY
GP LDR. APPROX FOUR IRREGULARS STILL REMAIN AT LARGE
IN MERATOI AREA.

TWO. OTHER AREAS. NTR.

SECOND. OWN TPS.

ALPHA. UNIT MOVES.

ONE. FOL COMPLETED:
HQ 99 BDE TO SINGAPORE,
1/7 GR TO 3 CDO BDE,
HQ SAS TO UK,
DET 4 NZ RANGER SQN TO JWS.

TWO. SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY 14 NOV:
BTY 49 LT REGT TO UK.

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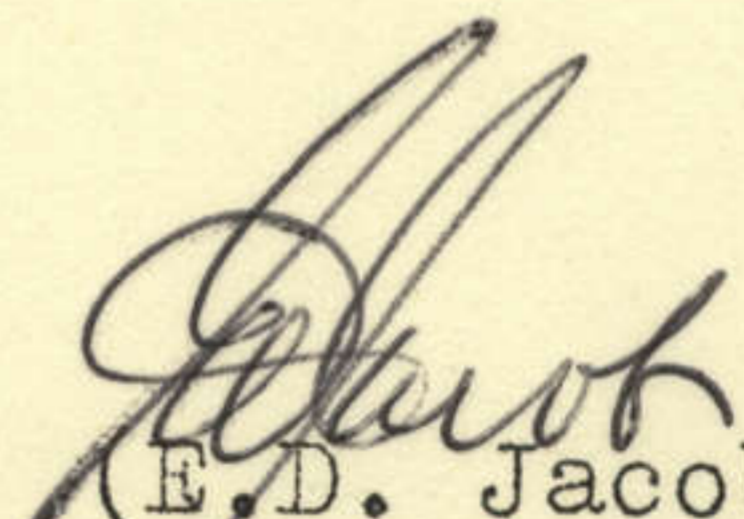
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Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

ROYAL MALAYSIA POLICE SARAWAK SPECIAL
BRANCH HEADQUARTERS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 22/66

... Attached is copy No 64 of Special Branch Headquarters
Intelligence Summary No. 22/66.


(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES IN BORNEO
WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE DIGEST 7/66.

Reference: A. HQ CBF 20762 dated 5 NOV 66.

... Enclosed is a copy of Reference A, covering the period
from 29 OCT - 4 NOV 66.

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(E.D. Jacobs)
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for Commander

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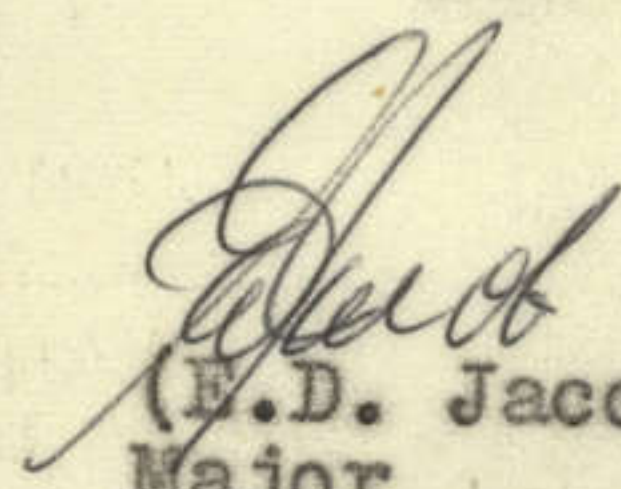
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Army Headquarters
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ENEMY ACTIVITIES STATISTICS - EAST MALAYSIA

Reference: HQ AAF R783-1-1(G) dated 12 Oct 66.

Attached for information and retention is a copy of
Headquarters Commander British Forces in Borneo CBF 20922 Int
dated 3 Nov 66.


(E.D. Jacobs)
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for Commander

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Quote in Reply:
R459-1-5(G)

10 NOV 1966

Army Headquarters
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HQ FARELF WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

... Attached is the FARELF Weekly Intelligence Summary
as at *4 NOV 66*

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(E.D. Jacobs)
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DIRECTIVE TO BRIGADIER D.G. HOUSE, OBE, MC
AS COMMANDER BRITISH LAND FORCES BORNEO

1. Enclosed is a copy of the above Directive.
2. Because of the recent changes in titles of the British Commanders in Borneo, no current Courts Martial delegation is held. As shortly the only Australian troops remaining in Borneo will be the rear party of 22 Const Sqn, some signallers, and others in miscellaneous staff, etc., appointments, it is considered that the delegation held by the Commanders FARELF and this HQ should be adequate for the remaining period.


(T.R. Gibson)
Lt Col
for Commander

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of 8 Nov 66

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FROM : AUSTARM SINGAPORE

TO : ARMY CANBERRA

STAFF MESSAGE CONTROL
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WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 12 NOV 66 . A FD BTY RAA CLN
INDIVIDUAL SPECIALIST TRG . 110 LAA BTY RAA CLN INFANTRY
AND ENDURANCE TRG CLN 6-13 NOV VISITED BY 42 LT AD BTY .
22 CONST SQN RAE CLN SEPARATE REPORT . 2 FD TP RAE CLN
INDIVIDUAL TRG .
4 RAR . PHYSICAL TRG TOWARDS BN SWIMMING AND ATHLETICS
COMPETITIONS CLN PROMOTION COURSES SUBJECTS B AND C CLN
COY EXERCISES CONTINUE CLN LT COL CHA EAST MBE ASSUMED COMD
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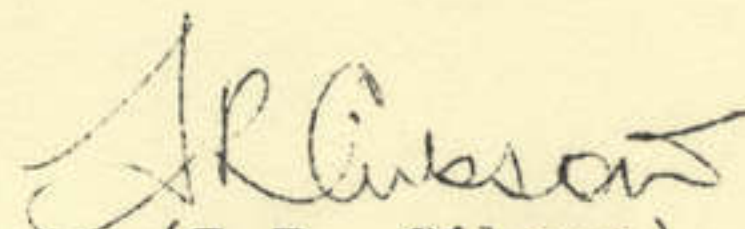
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ARMY HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL PLAN NO 14/66
PLAN "VERTIGO" (PROVISIONAL)

1. Army Headquarters, Canberra, has forwarded to this HQ a copy of their Plan Vertigo. The current plan is a revision of earlier plans and has as its mission - "To provide, move and maintain the (Australian) Army force known as Force Vertigo from Australia and South Vietnam in limited war operations in support of SEATO in a Plan 4 Situation."
2. Force Vertigo is to be initially deployed in Thailand. Australian units currently located in FARELF and which, in accordance with the AHQ plan, are to move to Thailand are:-

110 LAA Bty RAA) Both located
Bty Sect 16 LAA Regt LAD RAEME) at Butterworth
3. AHQ has advised that, in due course, the proposal to include these units on the Vertigo Orbat will be cleared through ANZAM/Far East Command channels. In the interim, it is necessary to issue instructions for 110 LAA Bty, etc., to be brought to the administrative state of readiness required by the AHQ plan. These instructions will be issued by this HQ.
4. Further advice is awaited from AHQ in regard to the actual means of movement to Thailand proposed for this unit. At this stage, therefore, please accept this letter as preliminary advice of AHQ intentions in regard to the Australian LAA Bty located in FARELF.


(T.R. Gibson)
Lt Col
for Commander

Copy to:

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HQ 17 Div/Malaya District
HQ RAAF Butterworth
110 LAA Bty RAA

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FARELF

14 Nov 66

Army Headquarters
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PROGRESS REPORT - 22 CONST SQN RAE

- ... 1. Attached for your information and retention is 22
Const Sqn RAE Progress Report as at 7 Nov 66.


(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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15 Nov 66

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA.

THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS EAST MALAYSIA
WEEKLY ASSESSMENTS NO 5 & 6

... Attached are copies of the above weekly assessments from
Headquarters East Malaysia Command, Kuching.

b
(P.J. Calvert)
Captain
for Commander

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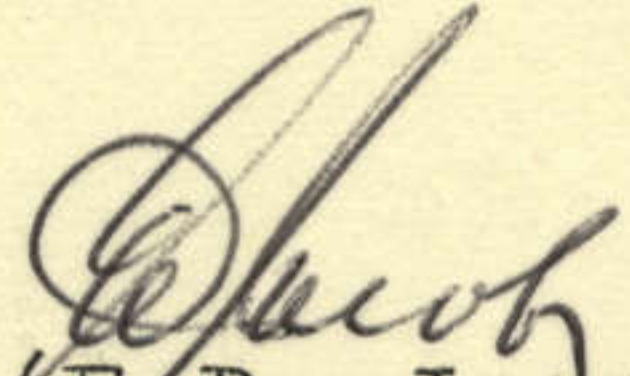
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CANBERRA

NOTES OF STAFF MEETINGS
HELD IN HQ FARELF

... Attached is a copy of Notes of a Staff Meeting held in
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(E.D. Jacobs)
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for Commander

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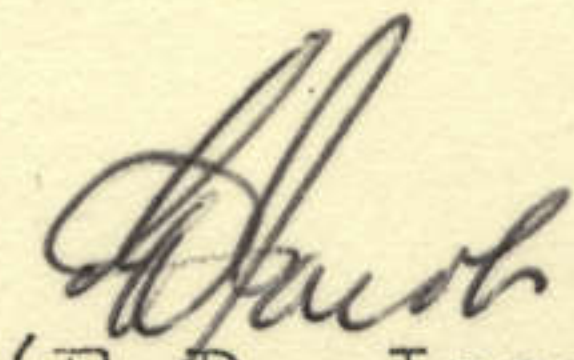
15 NOV 1966

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES IN BORNEO
WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE DIGEST 8/66

Reference: A. HQ CBF 20762 dated 12 NOV 66.

... Enclosed is a copy of Reference A, covering the period
from 5-11 NOV 66.


(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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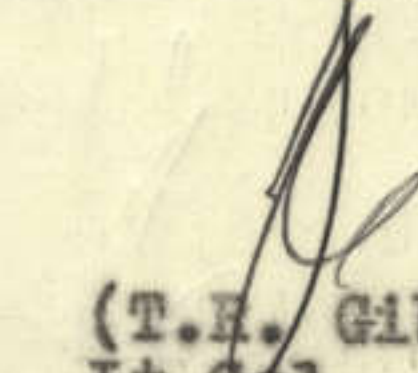
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FARELF OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 118
SERVICE AID IN THE EVENT
OF NATURAL DISASTER

1. Enclosed is a copy of the above instruction.
2. Para 3g should be noted. Two aspects are:-
 - a. Comd AAF FARELF already has authority (vide Para 22 of Directive) to approve the use of Australian troops to provide assistance to civil authorities of the Federation of Malaysia in the event of flood and other natural disasters, if requested by Malaysia. (Note - we interpret this to now also include the Republic of Singapore).
 - b. The request for use of Australian troops in these circumstances in countries other than Malaysia/Singapore is to be passed FARELF/AUSTARM/AHQ.


(T.E. Gibson)
Lt Col
for Commander

Enclosure: FARELF FE 46/104 Ops of
8 Nov 66.

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HQ AAF
FARELF


15 Nov 66

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

ESTABLISHMENT - REINFORCEMENT HOLDING UNIT (UK)
JUNGLE WARFARE SCHOOL

Reference: A. HQ AAF FARELF memo 132/3/8 of 27 Sep 66.
B. AHQ 587/R3/28 of 19 Oct 66.

1. The draft establishment for a Reinforcement Holding Unit forwarded under cover of reference 'A' is related to planning and does not contemplate a variation to the actual current scale of Australian contribution to Jungle Warfare School.
2. The Jungle Warfare School in certain circumstances reorganises as a Reinforcement Holding Unit and assumes the responsibility for processing reinforcements as shown in Annex 'B' JWS/A/11/1 of 18 Aug 66 attached to reference 'A'.
3. UK establishment FE 2147/3/66(W)(ERE) was issued without obtaining formal approval from Australia and New Zealand for appointments required to be filled by these countries. HQ FARELF have now had another look at the requirement and the draft establishment forwarded with reference 'A' is their new proposal. Comments on deletions and additions relate to a comparison of establishment FE 2147/3/66(W)(ERE) Reinforcement and Training Unit FARELF and proposed establishment for a Reinforcement Holding Unit FARELF.
4. The Australian contribution is to be increased only in the circumstances that require JWS to reorganise as an RHU and this contribution is less than that shown as the Aust Component to the Reinforcement and Training Unit FARELF.
5. HQ FARELF consider that wings should be commanded and administered by the OC of the unit being processed and that national personnel provide the instruction in each wing, supplemented as required by the RHU. For this reason the Maj (OC wing) has been deleted in the new proposal. However, this appointment can be included if required.
6. Your approval or suggested amendments to the Aust component of the proposed Reinforcement Holding Unit FARELF would be appreciated.


(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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HQ AAF
FARELF

16 NOV 1966

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

HQ FARELF WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

... Attached is the FARELF Weekly Intelligence Summary
as at ...10...NOV...66.


(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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17 Nov 66

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

SARAWAK SPECIAL BRANCH INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

- ... 1. Attached for your information is a copy of Sarawak Special Branch letter dated 7 Nov 66.


(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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FARLEF

18 Nov 66

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA.

THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS EAST MALAYSIA,
WEEKLY ASSESSMENT NO 7.

Attached is a copy of the above weekly assessment from
Headquarters Land Forces East Malaysia, Kuching, dated 6 Nov 66.

J. D. Jacobs
(E. D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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HQ AAF
FARELF

19 Nov 66

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

ARMS PLOT 1967/68

Reference: A. HQ FARELF PE 4/1202 SD 1(A) dated 16 Nov 66.

Attached herewith Ref A for your retention.

E.D. Jacobs
(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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19 Nov 66

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA.MAINTENANCE OF AFV

- References:
- A. Monthly Liaison Letter by Comd AAF PARELY No 8/66 paras 66-67.
 - B. Monthly Liaison Letter by Comd AAF PARELY No 9/66 paras 67-68.
 - C. HQ AFV SD 12416 of 10 Oct 66.
 - D. HQ AFV G.13211 of 27 Oct 66.
 - E. ANQ Canberra Q 34116 of 27 Oct 66.
 - F. HQ AFV SD 13414 of 31 Oct 66.
 - G. ANQ Melbourne Ord 72590 of 7 Nov 66.

1. The above references deal with the supply of items from PARELY sources to AFV. It seems appropriate at this stage that the problem should be restated and the procedures reviewed.
2. The Republic of Singapore is neutral in relation to the present operations in South Vietnam. Singapore has made it clear that it does not wish to become involved in any activities which imply support for the military operations of the Allies. Notwithstanding this expressed attitude, the Government of Singapore has agreed to accept US and Commonwealth servicemen from South Vietnam in Singapore on R & R leave. This agreement may have been influenced by the inflow of dollars with the servicemen.
3. Any logistic support for AFV from this area involves the processing of demands through HQ PARELY and its agencies, and the actual movement of stocks from depots of the Singapore Base most of which are located on Singapore Island. This processing and handling of stocks inevitably involves the handling of papers and addressed cases, crates, etc, by Asians who are employed within the Base.
4. HQ PARELY is agreeable to providing from British sources whatever is required by AFV, subject to current stock holdings and their own anticipated requirements. However they are anxious to ensure, as far as practicable, that the political niceties are observed and that items despatched from depots are not seen to be destined for AFV. In brief this involves vouchering to HQ AAF or 110 LAA Bty and marking cases accordingly and changing the address at Butterworth for onward movement to AFV. HQ PARELY is anxious to ensure that any of their employees cannot make political capital out of the fact that he has seen items leaving depots destined for South Vietnam, thus causing embarrassment to both HQ PARELY and the Government of Singapore.

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5. This matter was discussed with DOS during his recent visit and our understanding was that it was agreed that AFV would submit all demands direct to Australia in accordance with established procedures. If any of these demands could be more readily met from FARLEY rather than Australian sources ANHQ Melbourne was to request HQ AAF to approach HQ FARLEY and, provided the items were available, HQ AAF was to submit the necessary indents and make arrangements for movement to AFV using substitute addresses for the first stage of movement to Butterworth and for inscription vouchers raised by the supplying depot. *V*
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6. The scheme outlined above would ensure that no mention of AFV as the final destination would be evident while indents, vouchers, claims or goods are being handled by HQ FARLEY or its agencies.

7. The problems raised in detail in References A to D and F are now of no concern in establishing our future method of operation. Reference B clearly indicates the method of requesting maintenance by AFV. Reference C however is at variance with the understanding arrived at with DOS as described in paragraph 5. In this case a demand has been placed directly on FARLEY by ANHQ Melbourne indicating address for stores. Copies of this signal have been ~~received~~ by this headquarters and the consignment is being handled in accordance with paragraph 5. *refer*

8. It is requested that in future all demands placed on FARLEY in support of AFV be channelled through this headquarters.

F.R. Evans

(F.R. Evans)
Brigadier
Commander

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MELBOURNE.

HQ AFV

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To ARMY CANBERRA		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTD	
Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER OPS 7836	

19 NOV 1966
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WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 19 NOV 66 . A FD BTY RAA CLN 100 PER CENT
 UNIT STOCKTAKE CLN 40 SOLDIERS AT 4 BAR EX CLN ONE OFFR AND
 THREE OR CONWEL CONTINGENT AT MALACCA REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE .
 110 LAA BTY RAA CLN BTY COUNTER INSURGENCY TRG AND EX CLN
 PARTICIPATION AT PENANG REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY .
 22 CONST SQN RAE CLN SEPARATE REPORT . 2 FD TP RAE CLN
 PREPARATION FOR EXERCISE WINGED HAGGIS . 4 BAR CLN PL TAG
 AND SPECIALIST TRG CLN SPONSOR UNIT FOR AUST UNITS Q ACCOUNTING
 COURSE CLN BN ATHLETICS MEETING 15 NOV CLN ABC RECORDED XMAS
 MSGS FOR AUST CLN PARTICIPATION AT TERENDAK GARRISON REMEMBRANCE
 DAY SERVICES CLN 14 NOV WELCOME PDE FOR LT COL EAST MBE CLN A CEM
 B AND D COYS EX AT GEMAS

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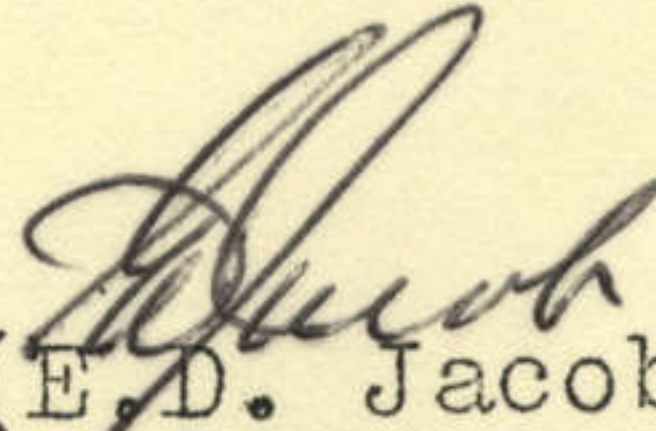
HQ AAF
FARELF

21 NOV 1966

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

NOTES OF STAFF MEETINGS
HELD IN HQ FARELF

... Attached is a copy of Notes of a Staff Meeting held in
HQ FARELF on 14 NOV '66.


(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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22 NOV 1965

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PRECEDENCE ACTION

PRECEDENCE INFO

DATE TIME GROUP

ROUTINE

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Z NOV

FROM: FARELF

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

TO : AHQ CANBERRA
AHQ WELLINGTON
TPS HONG KONG
HQ 17 DIV/MALAYA DISTRICT
SINGAREA
28 COMWEL INF BDE
48 BDE (HONG KONG)
99 BDE
3 CDO BDE

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ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

KLK

INTERNAL

G (INT) (MA DJAKARTA)
(MA MANILA)
WAR ROOM
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MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE. SITREP AS AT 210001 HRS Z NOV.

FIRST. EN.

ALPHA. WEST MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE. NTR.

BRAVO. EAST MALAYSIA.

~~ONE. 3 MIB AREA. CONTACT AT SONGKONG 906018 ON 11/12 NOV.~~

~~FOUR PGRS AND ONE TNI KILLED. SF CASUALTIES NIL.~~

TWO. OTHER AREAS. NTR.

SECOND. OWN TROOPS. UNIT MOVES.

ONE. ADVANCE PARTY B SQN LG TO HONG KONG.

TWO. 16 LT REGT TO UK CONTINUES.

THREE. GURKHA DNS TRIANGULAR MOVE. ADVANCE PARTIES

2/7 GR FROM SINGAPORE TO HONG KONG

1/2 GR FROM HONG KONG TO SERIA

2/6 GR FROM SERIA TO KLUANG.

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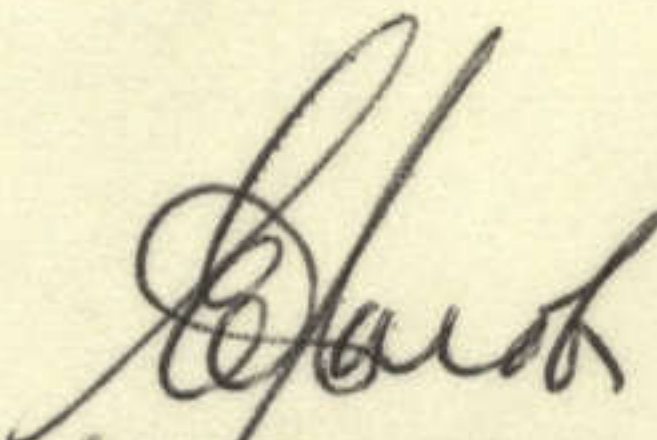
HQ AAF
PARELF

21 Nov 66

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CANBERRA

PROGRESS REPORT - 22 CONST SQN RAE

1. Attached for your information and retention is 22 Const Sqn RAE Progress Report as at 14 Nov 66.


(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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HQ AAF
FARELF


21 Nov 66

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

LIGHTING IN THE FIELD

Reference: HQ AAF FARELF 207-6-11 of 15 Sep 66.

- ... 1. Attached is a copy of MOD Q(D & T) reply to FARELF comments on "Lighting in the Field" which were forwarded under cover of the reference.


(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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10-2-14

HQ AAF
PARCEL

71 Nov 66

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CANBERRA

REME SUPPORT : ARMY AVIATION

1. Attached are 5 copies of a paper prepared by HQ 28 COMWEL Inf Bde dealing with their experiences in relation to REME support for the Army Aviation elements with the brigade.
2. It is considered that the information given may be of value when considering similar organisations in AUSTRALIA.


(J. Whitelaw)
Lt Col
for Commander

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HQ AAF
FARELF

22 NOV 1966

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Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES IN BORNEO
WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE DIGEST 9/66

Reference: A. HQ CBF 20762 dated 19 NOV 66.

... Enclosed is a copy of Reference A, covering the period from 12-18 NOV 66.

E.D. Jacobs
(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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HQ AAF
FARELF

22 Nov 66

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA.

THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS EAST MALAYSIA
WEEKLY ASSESSMENT NO 7

Attached is a copy of the above weekly assessment from Headquarters Land Forces East Malaysia, Kuching, dated 13 Nov 66.

E.D. Jacobs
(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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HQ AAF
FARELF

24 Nov 66

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA.

SUMMARY OF FARELF STUDIES, EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS & TRIALS

1. Attached for information and retention is HQ FARELF G(OR&A) Report No 8/66, Copy Nos 187, 188 and 189 dated 5 Nov 66.
2. Please acknowledge receipt of duplicate.

E.D. Jacobs
(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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HQ AAF
FARELF

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24 NOV 1966

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

HQ FARELF WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

... Attached is the FARELF Weekly Intelligence Summary
as at ... 18 NOV 66 ...

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(E.D. Jacobs)
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for Commander

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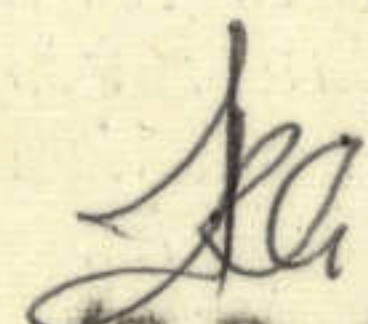
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Army Headquarters
CANBERRA.

PEACETIME LAYOUT OF COMMONWEALTH FORCES

(AS AT 1 JANUARY 1967)

1. Enclosed is copy of a paper giving peacetime locations of Army units of the Commonwealth Forces - includes units of the Singapore and Malaysian Army.
2. Any amendments will be forwarded in due course.


(T.R. Gibson)
Lt Col
for Commander

Enclosure: 1 - PARELF 1002/1 SD 1(A) of
17 Nov 66.

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Australian Services Adviser, Kuala Lumpur.

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NOV 66

PRECEDENCE - ACTION
ROUTINE

PRECEDENCE -

INFO

DATE

TIME GROUP

26 NOV 1966
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FROM: AUSTARM SINGAPORE
TO: ARMY CANBERRA

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
RESTRICTED
ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
OPS 8012

WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 26 NOV 66 . A FD BTY RAA CLN 40 SOLDIERS
ON 4 RAR EXERCISE CLN ANNUAL STOCKTAKE . INDIVIDUAL
SPECIALIST TRG . 110 LAA BTY RAA CLN INF MINOR TAC EX
LLAD EX . 22 CONST SQN RAE CLN SEPARATE REPORT . 2 TP RAE
CLN PREPARATION AND PARTICIPATION ON EX WINGED HAGGIS . 4
RAR CLN A CMM B AND D COYS ON EX AT GEMAS CLN ELMS HQ AND SP COYS
EX WINGED HAGGIS CLN PROMOTION AND EDUCATION COURSES CLN DRAFT
OF 80 PER RTA 22 NOV

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HQ AAF
FARELF
28 NOV 1966

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

NOTES OF STAFF MEETINGS
HELD IN HQ FARELF

... Attached is a copy of Notes of a Staff Meeting held in
HQ FARELF on 21 NOV 66.....

E.D. Jacobs
(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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29 NOV 1966

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HQ AUSTARM

FE 2/604 Ops

PRECEDENCE ACTION	PRECEDENCE INFO	DATE	TIME	GROUP
ROUTINE		28	940	Z NOV

FROM: FARELF

TO : AHQ CANBERRA
 AHQ WELLINGTON
 TPS HONG KONG
 HQ 17 DIV/MALAYA DIST
 28 BDE
 48 BDE
 99 BDE
 3 CDO BDE

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

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MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE. SITREP AS AT 280100 HRS Z NOV.

FIRST. EN.

ALPHA. WEST MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE.

ONE. FOUR INDONS, PART OF THREE TWO-MAN GROUPS WHO LANDED IN SELANGOR LAST JULY, DETAINED AT BATU SEMBILAN ON 20 NOVEMBER. IDENTIFIED AS MEMBERS OF 320 INF BN SILIWANGI. OUTSTANDING GROUP OF TWO MEN ARE KNOWN TO HAVE RETURNED TO SUMATRA.

TWO. INDON ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER TRAVELLING IN PLAIN CLOTHES AND UNDER ASSUMED NAME IDENTIFIED AMONGST INDON STUDENT DELEGATION IN KUALA LUMPUR 15 - 24 NOVEMBER.

BRAVO. EAST MALAYSIA.

ONE. 5 MIB AREA. TNKU OFFICER SURRENDERED TO SF AT BAKELALAN ON 22 NOVEMBER.
 SF ARE INVESTIGATING A REPORTED BORDER VIOLATION BY SEVEN EN IN AREA SOUTH EAST OF PENSIANGAN.

TWO. OTHER AREAS. NTR.

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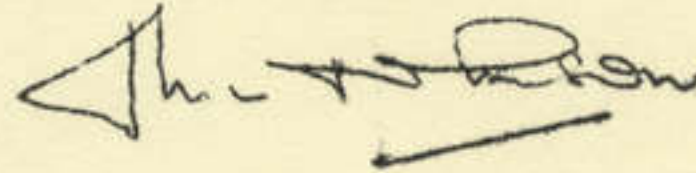
SECOND. OWN TROOPS.

ALPHA. WITH EFFECT 28 NOVEMBER HQ 99 GURKHA INF BDE BECAME
OPERATIONAL AND UNDER COMMAND SINGAPORE AREA.

BRAVO. UNIT MOVES.

ONE. 16 LT AD REGT RA MOVE TO UK CONTINUES.

TWO. TRIANGULAR MOVE OF 1/7 GR TO HONG KONG, 1/2 GR TO SERIA
AND 2/6 GR TO KLUANG CONTINUES.



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Rank *Maj*

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HQ Aust Army Force
FARELF
Singapore

29 Nov 66

Army Headquarters,
Canberra

OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS SUMMARY 1964-1966

... Attached for information and retention are three copies of HQ FARELF G(OR&A) Memo No 5/66 dated Nov 66.

E. D. Jacobs
(E. D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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FARELF
Singapore

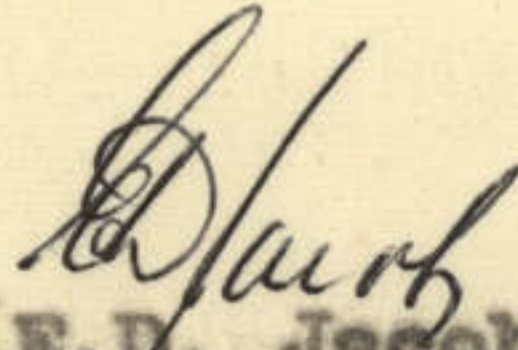
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THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS EAST MALAYSIA

WEEKLY ASSESSMENT NO 9

... Attached is a copy of the above weekly assessment
from Headquarters Land Forces East Malaysia, Kuching, dated
20 Nov 66.


(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander

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HQ Aust Army Force
FARELF
Singapore

30 Nov 66

Army Headquarters,
Canberra

PROGRESS REPORT - 22 CONST SQN RAE

... Attached for your information and retention is 22
Const Sqn RAE Progress Report as at 21 Nov 66.

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(E.D. Jacobs)
Major
for Commander