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Australian Army commanders' diaries

Headquarters units

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

Narrative

Annexes

[1-30 Apr 1967]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.

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) *C.M.I. Pearson*
(C.M.I. Pearson) Brig
Appointment Comd HQ AAF FARELF
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

*Receipt
sent
1/6/67*

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~~DUPLICATE~~ } not applicable

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation HQ AAF FARELF SINGAPORE

From 1 APR 67 To 30 APR 67

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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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.

COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
 - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
 - b. Index as printed on cover.
 - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - 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 are to 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 is to be included.
8. The annexes are to 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, starting at B.

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COMMA DISPOSAL DIARIES

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.

14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.

15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.

b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence, to AHQ. The inner envelope must be plainly marked:

TOP SECRET
ANNEX Z to

Commanders Diary of.....(Formation or Unit)

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

c. The duplicate supplementary diaries must be despatched as shown in Paragraph 14 as soon as receipt of the original has been acknowledged.

COMPILATION

6. Each original and duplicate copy are to consist of:

- a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
- b. Index as printed on cover.
- c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
- d. Annexes as shown in the table.

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION HQ AAF FARELF

This form will be enclosed with the annexes in AF C 2119. If this is not available the cover will be prepared in manuscript.

MONTH AND YEAR APRIL 1967

COMMANDING OFFICER BRIG C.M.I. PEARSON

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SINGAPORE	04		Malaysia/Singapore Sitrep - from FARELF	E 1
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PRECEDENCE ACTION
ROUTINE

PRECEDENCE INFO

DATE TIME GROUP
04 0510 Z APR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

FROM: FARELF

SECRET

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

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

ELK

MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE. SITREP AS AT 040001 Z APR.

FIRST. ENEMY.

ALPHA. SINGAPORE. NTR.

BRAVO. WEST MALAYSIA. THAI/MALAY BORDER. CONNECT WEEKLY

SITREP OF 280200Z MAR. THAI POLICE BORDER PATROL (BPP) WITHDREW FROM CT ENCIRCLEMENT AT 201700 GH MAR. TWO GUIDES WOUNDED. AT 231430 GH IN FOLLOW UP ACTION ONE COY PLUS BPP OVERRAN AND CAPTURED CT CAMP AT QZ 761280 CONSISTING OF NINETEEN HUTS, ONE CONFERENCE ROOM, EIGHT LMG POSITIONS, TWO SENTRY POSTS, FIVE TRENCHES AND SIXTY PANJI PITS. CTS DESTROYED CAMP BEFORE WITHDRAWING. SOME CTS BELIEVED WOUNDED. ONE BPP INJURED ON PANJIS.

CHARLIE. EAST MALAYSIA. SARAWAK FIFTH DIVISION. AT 241315 GH MAR SIX TNKU SURRENDERED AT BAKELALAN GR 524339. BELIEVED TO BE FIVE BRUNEI NATIONALS AND ONE CHINESE FROM JESSELTON.

SECOND. OWN TROOPS. NTR.

Signature

Rank

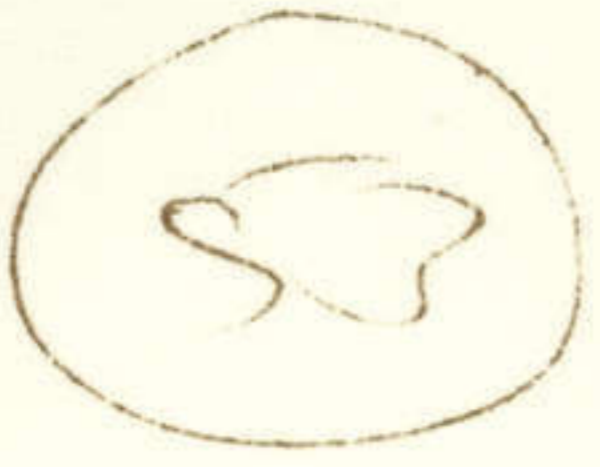
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G (INT) (MA DJAKARTA) }
(MA MANILA) } NOT TO BE SIGNALLED
WAR ROOM }

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From **ARMY CAMP SINGAPORE**

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To **ARMY CAMP SINGAPORE**

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

MESSAGE CONTROL
- 7 APR 1967
NO FARELF

UNCLAS

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

OPS 1815

Info

UNIT WEEKLY REPORT WEEK ENDING 7 APR 67 . A TO MY BAA . EX PART MOVE WITH 4 REG .
 120 LAA MY BAA . SECTION TRAINING GIVE SMALL ARMS PRACTICE GIVE WIDER PROGRESS AND
 BETTER EFFICIENT TRENDS . 2 TO MY BAA . IN SPANISH BOLDFAST AT KILANG KAHANG AIRSTRIP
 AREA . 4 BAA . BULK LEAVE PERIOD .

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FROM: FARELF	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
TO : AHQ CANBERRA	SECRET
AHQ WELLINGTON	ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
TPS HONG KONG	KLK
HQ 17 DIV/MALAYA DISTRICT	
28 BDE	
48 BDE	
99 BDE	
3 CDO BDE	

MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE. SITREP AS AT 100001 Z APR.


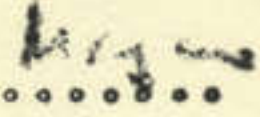
FIRST. ENEMY.

ALPHA. SINGAPORE/WEST MALAYSIA. NTR.

BRAVO. EAST MALAYSIA. SARAWAK SECOND DIVISION.

AT 301825H RMR PATROL FIRED ON BY TWO ENEMY WITH
 AUTOMATIC WEAPONS DRESSED IN JUNGLE GREEN WEARING
 YELLOW HAT BAND. BOTH ESCAPED NORTH EAST. CAMP FOR
 THREE DISCOVERED DURING FOLLOW UP ACTION 310930 H.
 FOOD AND DOCUMENTS RECOVERED.

SECOND. OWN TROOPS. NTR.

Signature 
 Rank 

INTERNAL

G (INT) (MA DJAKARTA))
 (MA MANILA)) NOT TO BE SIGNALLED
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ROUTINE

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

FROM : AUSTARM SINGAPORE

UNCLAS

TO : ARMY CANBERRA

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

OPS 1959

UNIT WEEKLY REPORT WEEK ENDING 14 APR 67 . A FD BTY RAA CMM
UNIT COURSES CMM PREPARATION FOR BDE EX 17/21 APR . 116 LAA
BTY RAA CMM INF MINOR TACTICS AT CAMERON HIGHLANDS CMM
BATTLE EFFICIENCY TESTS . 2 FD TP RAE . CONTINUE EX
SPARTAN HOLDFAST AT KLUANG KAHANG AIRSTRIP .
4 RAR . BULK LEAVE PERIOD

DRAFTER'S NAME OFFICE TEL NO:

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

JACOBS
/CCC

GS02 2672

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STAFF MESSAGE CONTROL
14 APR 1967
HQ FARELF

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ROUTINE

PRECEDENCE INFO

DATE TIME GROUP

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171009

FROM: FARELF

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

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

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

KLK

MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE. SITREP AS AT 1700Q1Z Apr.

FIRST. ENEMY.

ALFA. SINGAPORE/WEST MALAYSIA. NTR.

BRAVO. EAST MALAYSIA. SARAWAK FIRST DIVISION. INDONESIAN ARMY
MOUNTED OPERATION SAPU BERSEK AGAINST PGRS AND PERAKU IN KALIMANTAN.
OPERATION COMMENCED AT 010001H APR. TWO BATTALIONS DEPLOYED IN
SONGKONG AND MARTINUS COMPLEX.

SECOND. OWN TROOPS. NTR.

Signature

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Major

Rank

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To ARMY CAMBODIA		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	UNCLAS
Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER	006 2078

STAFF MESSAGE CONTROL
21 APR 1967

UNIT WEEKLY REPORT WEEK ENDING 21 APR 67 . 110 LIA BNY D/A G M COMPLETED INF
MINOR TACTICS AT CAMBODIA HIGHLANDS 18 APR . 2 TD TP BAE . UNIT DUTIES .
A BAR CMM SEC AND INDIVIDUAL TRG .

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DATE TIME GROUP
24 Z APR

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TO : AHQ CANBERRA
AHQ WELLINGTON
TPS HONG KONG
HQ 17 DIV/MALAYA DISTRICT
28 BDE
48 BDE
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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

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To AFCE CANBERRA			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLAS
Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER OPS 2191

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UNIT WEEKLY REPORT DURING 28 APR 67 . A PD BY RAA CIN ANZAC DIV CBRN/DETAILED CBR

SUBJECT B COURSE FOR FIRST PROMOTION .

110 LAA BY RAA CIN SECTION TRG CBRN PREPARATION FOR GROUND FIRING PRACTICE .

2 TP RAS CIN LOCAL TRG CAMPBELL AREA .

4 RAR CIN 2 COY 41 SOUTHERN BRAN AT JWS CIN 1 COY FIELD FIRING ASAHAN RANGE CBRN

REMAINDER TRG LOCAL AREA INCL AA-E CLAS I CBRN .