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Australian Army commanders' diaries

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[1-30 Jun 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 (Brig)

Appointment: Comd HQ AAF FARELF  
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation HQ AAF FARELF SINGAPORE

From 1 JUN 67

To 30 JUN 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.

for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

### EVENTS

as well as map references), establishment, equipment

and orders given.

the day's fighting, including company movements.

Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

of potential importance.

of officers, men and equipment.

of equipment captured.

of equipment employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

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of equipment in the annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

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COMMUNICATIONS DISPOSAL

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:

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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.

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# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

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

UNIT/FORMATION HQ AAF FARELF SINGAPORE

COMMANDING OFFICER BRIG C.M.I. PEARSON

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SINGAPORE	02		OPS 2742 HQ AAF UNIT WEEKLY REPORT - to AHQ	H 1
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To ARMY CANBERRA			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTD
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UNIT WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 27 MAY 67 . A PD BTY RAA CLN AIR MOV AND  
 SHOOTING EX AT ASAHAN RANGE . 110 LAA BTY RAA CLN GUN EX . 2 PD TP  
 RAB CLN MINOR MGR TASKS AND TRG GARRISON AREA . 4 RAR CLN COY TRG CMN  
 EDUCATION COACHING CMN CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMME CONTINUES CMN UNIT REPRESENTED  
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MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE. SITREP AS AT 050001Z JUN.

FIRST. ENEMY.

ALFA. SINGAPORE/WEST MALAYSIA. NTR.

BRAVO. EAST MALAYSIA.

ONE. SARAWAK SECOND DIVISION. ON 27 MAY BODY OF SINO IBAN MURDERED BY SCO AND MISSING SINCE EARLY MAY FOUND FLOATING IN RIVER AT KG PASI GR 075030. FIRST KNOWN MURDER BY SCO IN SECOND DIVISION.

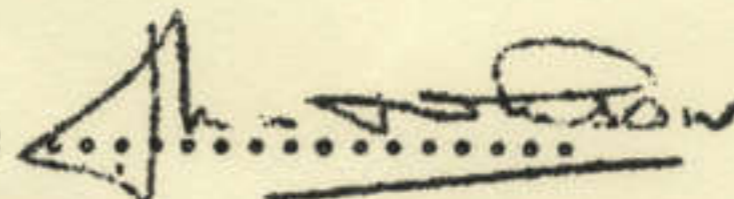
TWO. SARAWAK FOURTH DIVISION. ON 29 MAY THREE MALE CHINESE ASSOCIATED WITH SCO MOVEMENT ARRESTED IN MIRI TOWN. INTERROGATION IN PROGRESS.

SECOND. OWN TROOPS.

ALFA. BULWARK WITH 40 CDO AND BTY 95 CDO LT REGT REMAIN IN HONG KONG AND ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE WITHDRAWN BEFORE 12 JUNE.

BRAVO. MOVE OF 2 RGJ FROM PENANG TO UK CONTINUES.

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G (INT) (MA DJAKARTA )  
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To ARMY CANBERRA			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED
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UNIT WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 10 JUN 67 .

A FD BTY RAA CIN EX NERVE CENTRE IV - 28 BDE CP EX 5-8 JUN CIN 2 AND 3 GRADE

GUNNER COURSES .

110 LAA BTY RAA CIN INFANTRY TRAINING - EX SHORT WALK .

2 FD TP RAE CIN ENGR WORKS AT ASAHAN RANGE .

4 RAR CIN PL AND COY TRG CIN EX NERVE CENTRE IV FOR BN HQ STAFF CIN CLASS 2 EDN

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MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE (.) SITREP AS AT 050001Z JUN (.)

FIRST (.) ENEMY (.)

ALPHA (.) SINGAPORE/WEST MALAYSIA (.) NTR (.)

BRAVO (.) EAST MALAYSIA (.) SARAWAK SECOND DIVISION (.)

FOUR MAN PATROL OF 5 R MALAY AMBUSHED 200 YARDS

FROM PLATOON POSITION IN ENKILILI AREA ON

4 JUNE (.) SF CASUALTIES (.) 1 KILLED 3 WOUNDED (.)

IDENTITY OF ATTACKERS NOT KNOWN (.) FOLLOW UP BY SF

HAMPERED BY INABILITY TO CROSS BORDER IN PURSUIT (.)

SECOND (.) OWN TROOPS (.)

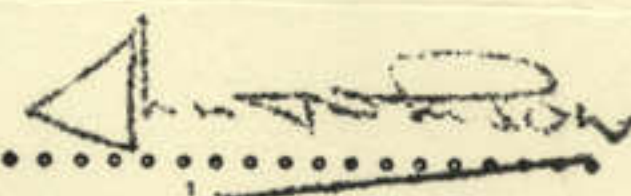
ALPHA (.) BULWARK WITH 40 CDO AND BTY 95 CDO LT REGT WITHDRAWN

FROM HONG KONG 12 JUNE (.) ETA SINGAPORE 16 JUNE (.)

BRAVO (.) MOVE OF 2 RGJ FROM PENANG TO UK AND 2/10 GR FROM

BLAKANG MATI TO PENANG CONTINUES

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To <b>ARMY CANBERRA</b>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <b>RESTRICTED</b>
Info		<b>STAFF MESSAGE CONTROL</b> <b>16J</b> <b>HQ FARELF</b>	ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <b>OPS 3033</b>

UNIT WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 17 JUN 67 .

1 FD BAY RAA CIN GRADE 3 & 2 QUINNS COURSES CONTINUE CIN PREPARATION FOR EX GEDGELY .

110 LAA BAY RAA CIN EX SHORT WALK CIN MOV TO EX GEDGELY AREA FOR PARTICIPATION AS INFANTRY .

2 FD TP BAY CIN QUINNS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS PREPARATION CIN EX GEDGELY PREPARATION CIN INTER SIBR TASKS CANTONMARRA .

4 BAY CIN EX GEDGELY PREPARATION CIN CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS CONTINUE . OP GEDGELY IS TWO STAGE BDE LEVEL EXERCISE IN CIN DRIFTING .

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MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE. SITREP AS AT 200001Z JUNE. REF ALFA. FARELF RTT  
DTG 050001Z JUN 67.

FIRST. ENEMY.

ALFA. SINGAPORE E/WEST MALAYSIA. MALAY/THAI BORDER. 10 JUN 67  
PFF LOCATED ONE ABANDONED CT CAMP AT LYER BERCHANG, GR QY 938071 IN  
BETONG AREA. CAMP WAS FOR ABOUT FORTY PERSONS AND THREE WEEKS OLD.  
12 JUN 67 PATROL LOCATED ABANDONED CT CAMP IN YAROM AREA AT GR  
QY 957135 NEAR BETONG. CAMP WAS FOR ABOUT THIRTY PERSONS AND  
ABOUT TEN DAYS OLD.

BRAVO. EAST MALAYSIA. AT 090600 (GH) B COMPANY 642 INF BN  
CONTACTED E E Y AT GR 913017, SONGKONG AREA. CONTACT LASTED  
THREE HOURS DURING WHICH ENEMY USED THREE INCH MORTAR. TNI  
CASUALTIES THREE SERIOUS AND TWELVE SLIGHTLY WOUNDED BY MORTAR FIRE.  
NO INFORMATION ON ENEMY CASUALTIES. ENEMY WITHDREW TO SOUTH,  
PROBABLY TOWARDS SENTAS. ON 6 JUN 67 TNI CAPTURED TWO IDENTIFIED  
PERAKU MEMBERS AT GR 249940. CEPS TRIED TO ESCAPE, ONE SHOT DEAD,  
THE OTHER SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

SECOND. OWN TROOPS.

ALFA. HMS BULWARK WITH 40 CDO EMBARKED RETURNED TO SINGAPORE EX  
HONG KONG ON 16 JUN 67.

BRAVO. MOVE OF 2 RGJ TO UK COMPLETED. MOVE OF 2/10 GR FROM  
BLAKANG MITI TO PENANG CONTINUES.

CHARLIE. @&@ LIGHTERAGE TROOP, RCT, RHE ON 15 JUN 67.

THIRD. REF ALFA. DELETE 050001Z JUN. INSERT 120001Z JUN.

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MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT 260001Z JUNE (.)

FIRST (.) ENEMY (.)

ALFA (.) MALAYSIA/THAI BORDER (.)

ONE (.) DURING THE PERIOD 12 TO 15 JUN 67 MALAYSIAN PFF/THAI BPP, CONDUCTING JOINT OP SAWAS DEE IN BETONG AREA OF SOUTHERN THAILAND, ARRESTED A TOTAL OF EIGHTEEN PERSONS WITHOUT IDENTITY CARDS AND HELD THEM AT BETONG FOR INTG (.) THREE FEMALE CHINESE WERE LATER FOUND TO BE CT SUPPORTERS (.)

TWO (.) ON 12 JUN THAI BPP LOCATED ONE YEAR OLD CT CAMP AT BAN PRIK (QT 1626) IN SADAO DISTRICT (.) CAMP WAS CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING FIFTEEN PERSONS AND HAD DEFENDED MG POSN (.)

THREE (.) ON 16 JUN THAI BPP LOCATED BURIED FOOD DUMP IN BAN PRIK AREA (QT 1726) SADAO DISTRICT (.) DUMP HAD A BOOBY TRAP (.) BRAVO (.) EAST MALAYSIA (.)

ON 21 JUN MALAYSIAN SF RECOVERED CACHE OF ARMS, AMMO, EXPLOSIVES, MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND DOCUS AT GR 786925 IN THE LUNDU DISTRICT OF THE FIRST DIVISION OF SARAWAK (.)

SECOND (.) OWN TROOPS (.)

ALFA (.) HONG KONG IS DISTURBANCES (.) RFT UNITS (.)

ONE (.) 2/7 GR AT SIXTEEN HOURS NOTICE TO EMPLANE FROM RAF TENGAH (.)

TWO (.) 40 CDO AT FORTY EIGHT HOURS NOTICE TO EMBARK AT SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE (.)

BRAVO (.) MOVE OF 2/10 GR FROM BLAKANG MATI TO PENANG CONTINUES.

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