

Series: AWM95
Australian Army commanders' diaries

Headquarters units

Item number: 1/1/64

Item: Headquarters Australian Army
Force, Far East Land Forces

Narrative

Annexes

[1-30 Sep 1967]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. R707-2-1G

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 BrigadierAppointment Commander HQ AAF FARELF
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

29 OCT 1967

SECRETORIGINAL
~~DUPLICATE~~Strike out where
not applicable**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation HQ AAF FARELF SINGAPOREFrom 1ST SEPTEMBER 1967To 30 SEPTEMBER 1967**INDEX**

Narrative (AF C 2118)

ANNEXES

- * A Duty officer's log
- * B Messages connected with log
- C Operation orders and instructions issued
- D Operation orders and instructions received
- * E Sitreps issued
- F Orders of battle and location reports issued
- G Intelligence reports and summaries issued; appreciations made
- H Administrative orders and instructions issued
- I Administrative orders and instructions received
- J Administrative reports and bulletins; ammunition returns; field strength returns
- * K Standing orders issued
- L Commander's policy and demi-official letters
- M Action reports (if required)
- N Other papers, eg, maps and diagrams, air photos, reports from sub units
- O Periodical summaries of operations
- Z Top Secret Supplementary Diary

Enclosure Numbers

.....	to	.....
.....	to	.....
.....	to	.....
.....	to	.....
E1	to	E4
.....	to	.....
H1	to	H5
.....	to	.....
.....	to	.....
.....	to	.....
.....	to	.....
.....	to	.....

 † NIL
 † RETAINED
 † Despatched to

on.....

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

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

TENTS

es as well as map references), establishment, equipment

l orders given.

ie day's fighting, including company movements.

mander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

ential importance.

o officers, men and equipment.

oment captured.

employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

and to save work as much information as possible is to
ments issued and received, routine returns, etc. All
and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

e annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

(continued on back cover)

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. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:

- Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
- Index as printed on cover.
- Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
- 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) must be entered on the cover 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 entered.

8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no annexes, an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a given period, they are to be entered starting at B.

for operations from Annex "Z", TOP SECRET, the document. It is to be prepared and despatched as follows:

INDEX

as a full or complete record of the unit's activities.

orders given.

the day's fighting, including company movements, casualties, prisoners of war, etc. Annexes with regard to equipment, losses, organization, etc.

initial importance.

officers, men and equipment.

ment captured.

employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

and to save work as much information as possible is to be entered, including movements, losses, returns, etc. All details must be given and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

3 annexes, but need not give a précis of any of them.

(continued on back cover)

MONTH AND YEAR.....SEPTEMBER 1967

UNIT/FORMATION HQ AAF FARELF
COMMANDING OFFICER BRIG CMI PEARSON

[illegible]

52

G Branch Theals

H I

MESSAGE FORM

RESTRICTED

Number

SEP 67

R 3-1-1
FOR CMM CEN/SIGNALS USE

PRECEDENCE — ACTION ROUTINE	PRECEDENCE — INFO DEFERRED	DATE — TIME — GROUP 02 Z	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
From AUSTARM SINGAPORE			PREFIX GR
To ARMY CANBERRA			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTD
Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER OPS 4515

020205
STAFF MESSAGE CONTROL
- 2 SEP 1967
HQ FARELF

UNIT WEEKLY REPORTS ENDING 2 SEP 67 . A FD BTY RAA .

PREPARATION FOR HANDOVER TO 107 FD BTY RAA . 110 LAA BTY RAA .

UNIT COURSES . 2 FD TP RAE . FAREWELL CHURCH SERVICE . 4 RAR .

UNIT COURSES SUBJECTS A CMM B CMM C AND PTI COURSES

Page of pages		REFERS TO MESSAGE CLASSIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		DRAFTER'S NAME EDDY		OFFICE G		TELE No 21609			
FOR OPS USE	R	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	Operator	D	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	Operator	RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK CAPT

EI

PRECEDENCE ACTION

PRECEDENCE INFO

DATE TIME GROUP

ROUTINE

04 0915 Z

FROM: FARELF

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

UNCLAS

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

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

RTT

MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT C40001Z (.)

FIRST (.) ENEMY (.) NTR (.)

SECOND (.) OWN TROOPS (.) NTR (.)

Signature.....

Rank.....

Internal

G(INT) (MA DJAKARTA) }
(MA MANILA) } Not to be signalled

WAR ROOM

LIST C (Less serials 9, 10, 12, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 40, 42, 43, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 52).

SECRET

PRECEDENCE ACTION

PRECEDENCE INFO

DATE TIME GROUP

ROUTINE

11 0715 Z

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

FROM: FARELF

SECRET

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

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

RTT

MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT 110001Z SEP (.)

FIRST (.)

ENEMY (.)

ALPHA (.) SINGAPORE (.) NTR (.)

BRAVO (.) WEST MALAYSIA (.) THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT
 CTO AND MYCL GROUPS IN THE BETONG SALIENT AREA
 OF SOUTHERN THAILAND ARE BECOMING WORRIED BY THE
 CONTINUED MALAYSIAN AND THAI SF ACTIVITY (.)
 PLANS ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP FOR
 MEMEBERS TO GO INTO HIDING IN LOCALITIES
 ALREADY PREPARED FOR THIS PURPOSE AND A FEW
 MYCL ARE KNOWN TO HAVE GONE TO JOIN CT GROUPS IN
 THE JUNGLE (.)

CHARLIE (.) EAST MALAYSIA (.) SARAWAK FIRST DIVISION (.)

ONE PGRS SURRENDERED TO SF ON 6 SEPTEMBER AT
 GUMBANG GR 905040 (.) UNARMED AND IN CIVILIAN
 CLOTHES (.)

SARAWAK SECOND DIVISION (.)

SF KILLED THREE PERAKU CMM ARMED WITH STENS CMM
 AT NANGA LEMANAK GR 08490283 ON 7 SEP 67 (.)

SECOND (.)

OWN TROOPS (.) NTR (.)

Signature.....

Rank.....

Internal

G(INT) (MA DJARKARTA))
 (MA MANILA)) Not to be signalled

WAR ROOM

LIST C (less serials 9,10,12,20,21,22,23,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,40,43,43,45,46,
 48,49,50,52);

SECRET

H2



MESSAGE FORM

R723-1-1

SEP 67

PRECEDENCE - ACTION

PRECEDENCE - INFO

DATE - TIME GROUP

ROUTINE

09 000418 Z

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

FROM : AUSTARM SINGAPORE

RESTD

TO : ARMY CANBERRA

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

OPS 4646

UNIT WEEKLY REPORTS ENDING 9 SEP 67 (.) A FD BTY RAA (.)
 ADMINISTRATION AND PREPARATION FOR RTA CMM PARTICIPATION IN
 AAF SPORTS DAY 8 SEP 67 (.) 110 LAA BTY RAA (.) UNIT
 COURSES CMM PARTICIPATION IN AAF SPORTS DAY (.) 2 FD TP
 RAE (.) CONSTRUCTION TASKS AT ASAHAN CMM PARTICIPATION
 IN AAF SPORTS DAY (.) 4 RAR (.) UNIT COURSES CMM
 PARTICIPATION IN AAF SPORTS DAY

DRAFTER'S NAME

OFFICE TEL NO:

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

HARM

G 21609

M. H. L.

Maj

MESSAGE FORM

H 3

NUMBER

RESTRICTED

FO COMM CEN/SIGNALS USE

PRECEDENCE — ACTION

PRECEDENCE — INFO
DEFERRED

DATE — TIME — GROUP

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS

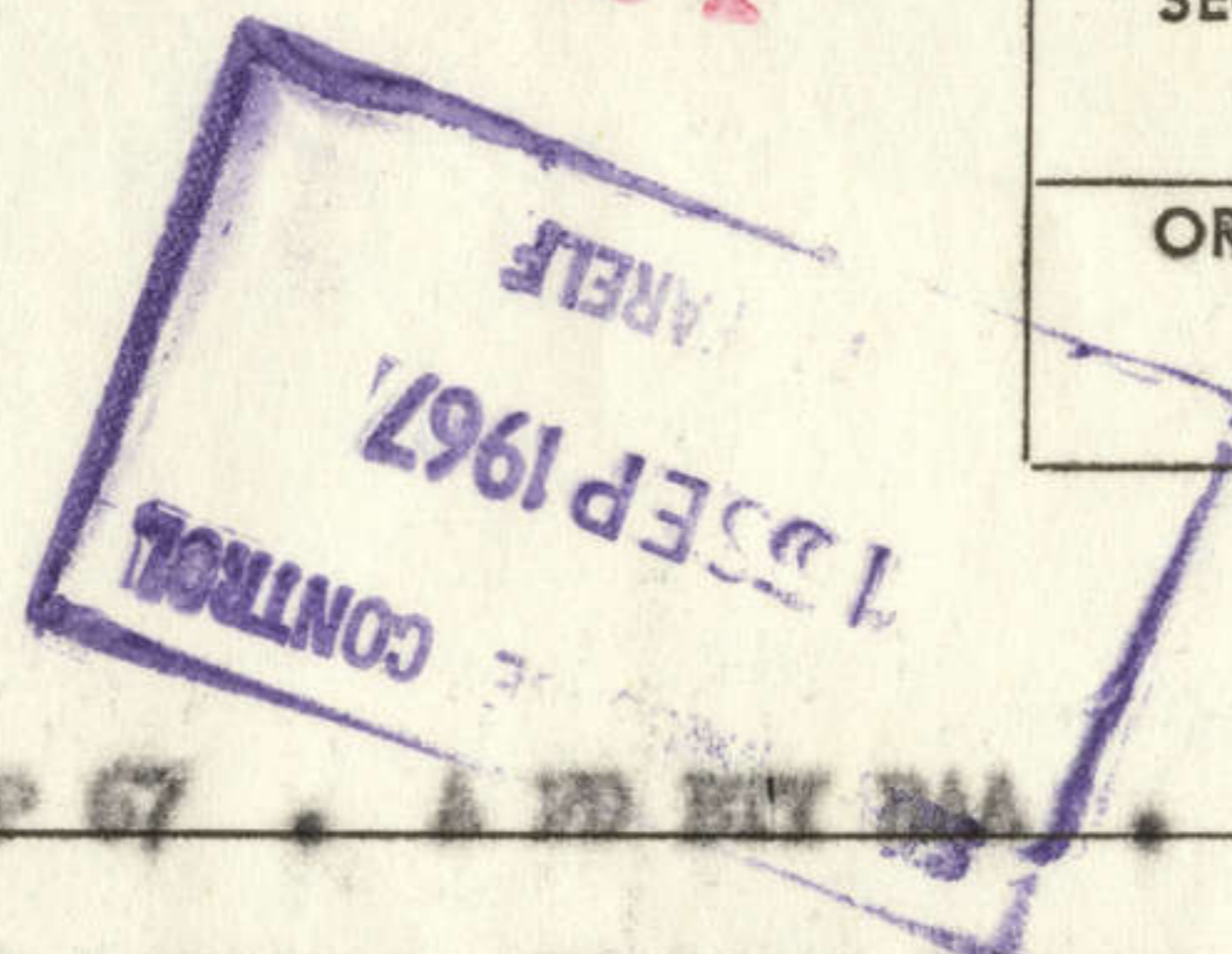
From

AUSTIN SINGAPORE

To

ANDY CAMBERA

Info



PREFIX

GR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

RESTRICTED

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

OPS

4752

UNIT WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 16 SEP 67 . 4 PD BY RAA . PREPARATION FOR PAKWELL

PARADE CDR COMD PASSES TO 107 PD BY RAA 0930 HRS 15 SEP 67 . 110 LAA BY RAA .

UNIT COURSES CONTINUE . 2 PD EP RAA . CONSTRUCTION TASKS AT ASAHAN . 4 RAR .

ROUTINE TAG CONTINUES CDR UNIT'S COMPONENT ON EX CHLD

Page.....of.....pages

REFERS TO MESSAGE

DRAFTER'S NAME

OFFICE

TEL No

CLASSIFIED ☐ YES ☐ NO

RESTRICTED

FOR OPS USE	R	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	Operator	D	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	Operator	RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK
											CAPT

CONFIDENTIAL

PRECEDENCE ACTION

PRECEDENCE INFO

DATE TIME GROUP

ROUTINE

18 0800 Z

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

FROM: FARELF

CONFIDENTIAL

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

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

RTT

MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT 180001Z SEP (.)

FIRST (.)

ENEMY (.)

ALPHA (.) SINGAPORE (.) NTR (.)

BRAVO (.) WEST MALAYSIA (.) MALAYSIA/THAILAND BORDER (.)

ON 10 SEP ONE THAI POLICE OFFICER WAS KILLED AND
THREE OTHER THAIS WOUNDED DURING AN EXCHANGE OF
FIRE WITH A GROUP OF ABOUT 20 CTS AT QY 7482 CMM
FOUR MILES NORTH OF THE BORDER IN NORTHERN YALA
PROVINCE (.) FIRST THAI CASUALTIES SINCE
22 FEB WHEN ONE THAI POLICEMAN WAS KILLED IN THE
WENG AREA (.)

CHARLIE (.) EAST MALAYSIA (.) NTR (.)

SECOND (.)

OWN TROOPS (.) NTR

Signature.....

Rank.....

Internal

G (INT) (MA DJAKARTA) }
 (MA MANILA) } Not to be signalled
WAR ROOM

LIST C (Less serials 9,10,12,20,21,22,23,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,40,42,43,45,46,
48,49,50,52).

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

E4

PRECEDENCE ACTION
ROUTINE

PRECEDENCE INFO

DATE TIME GROUP
250800 Z

FROM: FARELF

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
CONFIDENTIAL
ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
RTT

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

MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT 250001Z SEP (.)

FIRST (.) ENEMY (.)
ALPHA (.) SINGAPORE (.) NTR (.)
BRAVO (.) WEST MALAYSIA (.) MALAYSIA/THAILAND BORDER (.)
ONE (.) ON 13 SEP SECURITY FORCES LOCATED ONE 20 DAY OLD
CT CAMP AT QY 955256 (.)
TWO (.) ON 13 SEP SECURITY FORCES FOUND ONE 3 YEAR OLD
CT CAMP FOR 60 PERSONS AT TANAH MERAH VILLAGE
BETONG (.) CAMP AREA ABOUT 700 SQUARE METRES
CONSISTED OF 7 HUTS AND FIRING RANGE (.)
VACATED ONE YEAR AGO (.)
THREE (.) ON 14 SEP THAI BPP DISCOVERED ONE 3 YEAR OLD
CT CAMP FOR 30 PERSONS AT QY 923165 (.)
BETONG DISTRICT (.) CAMP ABOUT 300 SQUARE
METRES VACATED 2 YEARS AGO (.)
FOUR (.) ON 22 SEP THAI BPP CONTACTED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER
OF CTS AND DISCOVERED CT HUT IN SOUTHERN YALA
PROVINCE OF THAILAND (.) CTS FLED TOWARDS
MALAYSIAN BORDER (.) NO FURTHER DETAILS (.)
CHARLIE (.) EAST MALAYSIA (.) NTR (.)

SECOND (.) OWN TROOPS (.) C TP 68 GURKHA INDEP FD SQN ARRIVED HONG KONG
ON 21 SEP FOR 3 MONTHS EMERGENCY TOUR UNDER COMMAND
69 GURKHA INDEP FD SQN (.)

Internal
G (Int) (MA DJAKARTA)
(MA MANILA) } Not to be signalled
War Room

List C (Less serials 9,10,13,20,21,22,23,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,
40,42,43,45,46,48,49,50,52).

Signature.....
Rank.....

CONFIDENTIAL

F Sigs 52-2
Reprinted July, 1966

MESSAGE FORM

NUMBER

15

FOR COMM CEN/SIGNALS USE

RESTRICTED

PRECEDENCE — ACTION

PRECEDENCE — INFO
DEFERRED

DATE — TIME — GROUP

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS

From ADJUTANT SINGAPORE

To ADJUTANT SINGAPORE

STAFF MESS. 300457

30 SEP 1967

LHQ FAREE

PREFIX

GR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

OPS 5021

Info

UNIT WAS IN REPORT DURING 30 SEP 67. 107 TO DRY RAA. INDIVIDUAL TRO AND ACCLIMATISATION
C-REINFORCE. 110 LJA DRY RAA. UNIT COURSE CONTINUE. 2 TO TP RAA. TP ON STANDING
CIR PREPARATION FOR HANDOVER. 4 RAA. DURING TRO C-REINFORCE CIR PREPARATION FOR
HANDOVER TO 8 RAA.

Page.....of.....pages

REFERS TO MESSAGE

DRAFTER'S NAME

OFFICE

TEL No

CLASSIFIED ☐ YES ☐ NO

FOR
OPS
USE

R

DATE

TIME

SYSTEM

Operator

D

DATE

TIME

SYSTEM

Operator

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK

CAPT