

**Series: AWM95**  
Australian Army commanders' diaries

Headquarters units

**Item number: 1/1/65**

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

Narrative

Annexes

[1-31 Oct 1967]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. R707-2-1(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)

*C. M. I. Pearson*

Appointment

Brig.  
(OC) Unit or senior staff officer  
HQ Aust Army Force Farelf

*Receipt + final  
23/1/68*

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DUPLICATE } not applicable

**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation HQ AAF FARELF

From 1 OCTOBER 1967

To 31 OCTOBER 1967

INDEX

Narrative (AF C 2118)

ANNEXES

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- 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
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- 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

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*SD CO 2119*

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.

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 the unit, the name of the unit will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, they are to be included, starting at B.

for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" and "SECRET" documents. It is to be prepared and disposed of as follows:

ANNEXES

(as well as map references), establishment, equipment and personnel. The following information is to be included in the orders given:

day's fighting, including company movements. The commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization and personnel.

of tactical importance. The names of officers, men and equipment. The number of personnel captured. The type of personnel employed in the time not accounted for. The type of personnel.

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

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

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AF C 2118 (Adapted)

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LVBL 1

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:

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.

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

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8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures to be included, the cover is to be marked accordingly. If additional enclosures are outstanding for a particular paragraph, they are to be marked as such on the cover.

ANNEXES

Annexes are to be prepared in the following order: (a) orders given; (b) day's fighting, including company movements; (c) orders received with regard to equipment, tactics, organization, etc.; (d) other matters of special importance.

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PRECEDENCE ACTION

PRECEDENCE INFO

DATE TIME GROUP

ROUTINE

02 0815 Z

FROM: FARELF

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

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

SECRET

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

RTT

MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT 020001Z ~~SEP~~<sup>OCT</sup> (.)

FIRST (.)

ENEMY (.)

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

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

ONE (.) 20 SEP THAI POLICE BORDER PATROL CONTACTED

SEVEN CTS AT QY 781872 IN NORTHERN YALA PROVINCE (.)

SOME CTS BELIEVED WOUNDED (.) NO BPP CASUALTIES

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

SECOND (.)


OWN TPS (.) 42 CDO RM ABOARD BULMARK LEFT SINGAPORE 2 OCT

FOR ADEN ON A 12 WEEK TOUR AS PART OF COVERING FORCE FOR THE

ADEN WITHDRAWAL (.) ETA ADEN 12 OCT (.) UNDER OPERATIONAL

COMMAND CINCPAC 11 OCT WHEN CDO TRANSFER TO ALBION (.) ON

DISSEMBARKATION 42 CDO RM UNDER COMMAND ADEN BDE

Signature.....

Rank.....

Internal

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

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40,42,43,45,46,48,49,50,52).

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From AUSTARM SINGAPORE 060853 PREFIX GR

To ARMY CAENARA SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

Info UNIT WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 7 OCT 67 . 107 TD BY RAA . NIGHT ACCLIMATISATION  
MINUTES 5-6 NOV . 110 LAA BY RAA . UNIT COURSES CONTINUE CMI BASE DEFENCE BY COOL  
BRIGADE . 2 TD TP RAB . PREPARATION FOR HANDOVER CONTINUES . 4 RAB . TIG  
FINALISED CMI CHANGOVER CONTINUES .

STAFF MESSAGE CONTROL  
 - 5 OCT 1967  
 HQ FARELF  
 5142

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PRECEDENCE INFO

DATE TIME GROUP

ROUTINE

09 04 30 Z

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

CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

RTT

MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT 090001 Z OCT (.)

FIRST (.)

ENEMY (.)

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

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

ON 28 SEP 67 THAI BPP ARRESTED TWO CT

SUPPORTERS AT QY 956136 CMM BETONG DISTRICT (.)

DETAINED FOR INTERROGATION (.) LARGE QUANTITY

OF ARTICLES RECOVERED (.)

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

SECOND (.)

OWN TPS (.) NTR (.)

Signature.....

Rank.....

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To <b>ARMY CANBERRA</b>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <b>RESTRICTED</b>
Info		<b>RESTRICTED</b>	ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <b>5293</b>

UNIT WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 14 OCT 67 . 107 PD BY RAA . ACCLIMATISATION CONTINUING  
 CMM SAFETY OFFNS COURSE . 110 LAA BY RAA . UNIT COURSES CONTINUING CMM KX WARM  
 TIME AT QUN NG BONGSA . 2 PD TP RAE . ROUTINE TRG CMM ACCLIMATISATION NEWLY  
 JOINED PERS . 4 PAR . PREPARATION FOR HANDOVER CONTINUING .

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DATE TIME GROUP

ROUTINE

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FROM: FARELF

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

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AHQ WELLINGTON  
TPS HONG KONG  
HQ 17 DIV/MALAYA DIST  
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MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT 160001 Z OCT (.)

FIRST (.)

ENEMY (.)

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

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

ONE (.) ON 7 OCT 67 AT 1130 GH THAI BPP CLASHED WITH  
ABOUT SEVENTEEN CTS WEST OF BETONG (.)  
EXCHANGE OF FIRE FOR FIFTY MINUTES (.) TWO  
FEMALE CTS WERE AMONG THE GROUP (.) FOODSTUFFS  
CMM PAMPHLETS AND OTHER ARTICLES RECOVERED (.)  
GOVERNMENT CASUALTIES UNKNOWN (.)

TWO (.) ON 7 OCT 67 AT 1145 GH SF CONTACTED APPROX  
5 CTS AT GRID QY 989126 EAST OF BETONG (.)  
FIRE EXCHANGED FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES (.) BLOOD  
TRAILS FOUND LEADING TOWARDS GRID QY 997106 (.)  
SF CASUALTIES NOT KNOWN (.)

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

SECOND (.)

OWN TPS (.) 4 RAR HAVE BEEN RELIEVED BY 8 RAR WITHIN  
28 COMMONWEALTH BRIGADE

Signature.....

Rank.....

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OCT 67

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From <b>AUSTARM SINGAPORE</b>		<b>210201</b>	PREFIX <b>GR</b>
To <b>ARMY CANBERRA</b>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <b>RESTD</b>
Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <b>OPS 5442</b>

STAFF MESSAGE CONTROL  
20 OCT 1967  
HQ FARMS

UNIT WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 21 OCT 67 . 107 PD BTY RAA . PE TESTS  
CMM EX FIRST HAUL . 110 LAA BTY RAA . EX WARM TIME CMM NOV TO  
CHINA ROCK FIRING PRACTICE . 2 PD TP RAB . RANGE PRACTICE CMM  
HEL TRG . SRAR . ACCLIMATISATION CMM INDIVIDUAL TRG

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23 0745 Z

FROM: FARELF  
TO: AHQ CANBERRA  
AHQ WELLINGTON  
TPS HONG KONG  
HQ 17 DIV/MALAYA DIST  
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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

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ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

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MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT 230001Z OCT (.)

FIRST (.) ENEMY (.)

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

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

ONE (.) ON 11 OCT 67 AT 1200 GH SECURITY FORCES ARRESTED  
SEVENTEEN THAI CHINESE INCLUDING SIX FEMALES,  
BELIEVED MEMBERS OF MCYL, IN A HOUSE AT GRID QY  
988248 IN THE BETONG DISTRICT (.) COMMUNIST  
SUBVERSIVE DOCUMENTS RECOVERED.

TWO (.) ON 16 OCT 67 AT 1400 GH, SECURITY FORCES  
ARRESTED FIVE THAI CHINESE AS SUSPECTED CT  
SUPPORTERS AT GRID QY 990135 (.) DETAINED AT  
BETONG FOR INTERROGATION (.)

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

SECOND (.) OWN TPS (.) NTR.

Signature *H. M. du Lohar*  
Rank *CAPT*

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From AUSTARI SINGAPORE

270750

To ARMY CANBERRA

STAFF MESSAGE CONTROL  
27 OCT 1967  
HQ FARELF

Info

UNIT WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 28 OCT 67 • 107 TD BTY RAA • HSL TNG CMM DEPLOYMENT EXERCISE • 110 LAA BTY RAA • LIVE LAA FIRING PRACTICE CHINA ROCK • 2 TD TP BAR • HSL PADS AND IMPROVISED TENDER CORPS • 8 RAR • ROUTINE UNIT TNG

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MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT 300001Z OCT (.)

FIRST (.) ENEMY (.)

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

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

OPERATION SAWASDEE (.) ON 16 OCT 67 SF DISCOVERED A CT  
FOOD DUMP AT QY 997103 AND A TEMPORARY RESTING PLACE FOR  
FIFTEEN CTS AT QY 8923. BOTH IN THE BETONG SALIENT (.)

RESTING PLACE BELIEVED VACATED TWO DAYS BEFORE DISCOVERY (.)

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

SECOND (.) ONE TPS (.) NTR.

SIGNATURE *H. M. W. L. S.*

RANK *Capt.*

INTERNAL:

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