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**[1-31 Dec 1967]**

COVERING LETTER

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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 furnished 17/2/68*

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# COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation HQ AAF FARELF SINGAPORE

From 1 DEC 67

To 31 DEC 67

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
- \* K Standing orders issued
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- O Periodical summaries of operations
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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

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as well as map references), establishment, equipment and orders given. The day's fighting, including company movements. Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

potential importance.

of officers, men and equipment.

equipment captured.

employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

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

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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

UNIT/FORMATION HQ AAF FARELF SINGAPORE

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 DECEMBER 1967

COMMANDING OFFICER BRIG CMI PEARTON

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SINGAPORE	01	0317Z	Unit Weekly Report ending 2 Dec 67 - to AHQ	H 1
	05	0630Z	Malaysia/Singapore Sitrep - from FARELF	E 1
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	11	0700Z	Malaysia/Singapore Sitrep - from FARELF	E 2
	14	0432Z	Unit Weekly Report ending 16 Dec 67 - to AHQ	H 3
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To AMY CANBERRA		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED	
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UNIT WEEKLY REPORT SENDING 2 DEC 67 . 107 PD HX RAA . RE GUNONG BERRIBAN CONTINUES  
 GUN INTER UNIT SPORTS . 110 LAA HX RAA . UNIT ROUTINE TRO GUN GUN WILL GUN INTER  
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ROUTINE

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DATE TIME GROUP  
05 0630 Z

MONTH YEAR  
DEC 67

FROM: FARELF

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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  
KLK

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

1. ENEMY (.)
  - A. SINGAPORE (.) NTR (.)
  - B. WEST MALAYSIA (.) SITUATION IS NOW QUIET BUT NIGHT CURFEWS ARE STILL IN FORCE IN SOME AREAS (.) CASUALTIES TO DATE ARE 27 KILLED AND 210 INJURED, MOSTLY IN THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF INTER RACIAL CLASHES (.)
  - C. EAST MALAYSIA (.) NTR (.)
2. OWN TPS (.)
  - A. BAN ON ROAD TRAVEL TO PENANG HAS BEEN LIFTED (.)
  - B. 40 CDO GP, EMBARKED IN HMS BULWARK, SAILED FROM SINGAPORE FOR ADEN 28 NOV AND WILL ARRIVE 7 DEC (.) 40 CDO GP WILL RELIEVE 42 CDO GP, EMBARKED ON HMS ALBION, ON STATION (.) 42 CDO GP SAIL FOR SINGAPORE 8 DEC AND ARRIVE 16 DEC.

*See 200/7/12*

DRAFTER'S NAME ..... H.M. Du V. LOHAN  
 BRANCH ..... G (OPS)  
 TEL NO ..... 2345  
 RELEASING OFFICER'S  
 SIGNATURE ..... *H.M. Du V. Lohan*  
 NAME ..... H.M. Du V. LOHAN  
 RANK ..... CAPTAIN

INTERNAL:

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

WAR ROOM

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To ARMY CANBERRA			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <b>RESTRICTED</b>
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UNIT WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 9 DEC 67 . 107 FD BTY RAA . FIRING AT ASAHAN CMM EX  
 GURONG BEREMBAN COMPLETED . 110 LAA BTY RAA . ROUTINE UNIT TRG CMM PATROLS IN  
 CONJUNCTION WITH SERVICE POLICE AROUND MQ AREA . 2 FD TP RAE . TP EMPLOYED ON  
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ROUTINE		110700 Z	DEC 67

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

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

1. ENEMY (.)
  - A. SINGAPORE (.) NTR (.)
  - B. WEST MALAYSIA (.) CURFEW LIFTED IN FOUR OF THE SIX DISTRICTS OF KEDAH WHICH WERE UNDER CURFEW (.) LIMITED NIGHT CURFEW REMAINS PENANG STATE AND SMALL AREAS OF PERAK AND NORTHERN KEDAH BUT SITUATION CONTINUES TO IMPROVE (.)
  - C. EAST MALAYSIA (.) SARAWAK FIRST DIVISION (.) ON 2 DEC 67 ONE MALE CHINESE SURRENDERED TO SF (.) ONE RIFLE, FIFTY EIGHT ROUNDS ALMO, ONE HAND GRENADE AND ONE COMPASS IN HIS POSSESSION (.) DETAINED SERLAN POLICE STATION FOR INTERROGATION (.)
2. OWN TPS (.) 42 CDO GP, EMBARKED IN HMS ALBION, WERE RELIEVED BY 40 CDO GP AND ARE NOW RETURNING TO SINGAPORE (.) ETA IS 16 DEC.

DRAFTER'S NAME ..... H.M. du V. LOHAN  
 BRANCH ..... G (OPS)  
 TEL NO ..... 2345  
 RELEASING OFFICER'S  
 SIGNATURE ..... *H.M. du V. Lohan*  
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 RANK ..... CAPTAIN

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To ARMY CANBERRA			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <b>RESTRICTED</b>
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER OPS 7782

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UNIT WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 16 DEC 67 . 107 FD BTY RAA . 25 PR TRG CMM EX LOST

ART CMM TRIAL MOBILISATION AND EX CLEAR WATER BUILDING WATER TANK FOR LOCAL SCOUT

CAMP . 110 LAA BTY . GRENADE RANGE PRACTICE CMM LAA GUN MAINT . 2 FD TP

RAE . ROUTINE TRG CMM BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND RANGE PRACTICE . 8 RAR .

LEAVE PERIOD CMM REMAINDER TRG CLOSE AREAS .

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ROUTINE		18 0750 Z	DEC 67

FROM: FARELF

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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  
KLK

MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT 180001Z (.)

1. ENEMY (.)

A. SINGAPORE (.) NTR (.)

B. WEST MALAYSIA (.) CURFEW NOW LIFTED PENANG ISLAND AND PROVINCE WELLESLEY (.) LIMITED NIGHT CURFEW REMAINS IN KRILAN DISTRICT OF PERAK AND SMALL AREAS OF NORTHER KEDAH (.) SITUATION CONTINUES TO IMPROVE (.)

C. THAI/MALAYSIAN BORDER (.) ON 7 DEC 67 THAI BORDER PATROL POLICE FIRED ON FIVE CT'S AT GRID QY 9228 BETONG DISTRICT AND CLAIM ONE CT KILLED (.) ONE STEN GUN RECOVERED (.) THIS IS FIRST REPORT OF ARMED CT KILLED IN SOUTHERN THAILAND BORDER AREA SINCE MAY 67 (.)

D. EAST MALAYSIA (.) NTR (.)

2. OWN TPS (.)

A. A REVERLY AIRCRAFT OF 34 SQN CRASHED WHILE ON TRAINING EXERCISE ON FRIDAY 15 DEC AT GR WG 647064 WEST OF MERSING (.) **ALL SIX** CREW WERE KILLED (.)

B. 42 CDO GP ARRIVED SINGAPORE 16 DEC 67 FROM ADEN (.)

3. NEXT SITREP WILL BE AS AT 270001Z (.)

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 BRANCH ..... G (OPS)  
 TEL NO ..... 2345  
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 SIGNATURE ..... *H.M. duV. LOHAN*  
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To ARMY CANBERRA		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <b>RESTRICTED</b>	
Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER OPS 7909	

UNIT WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 23 DEC 67 . 107 FD BTY RAA . CP EXERCISE WITH 1 KSLI  
 CMM EXERCISE CLEAR WATER CONTINUES . 110 LAA BTY RAA . CONSTRUCTION OF  
 CONFIDENCE COURSE . 2 FD TP RAE . ROUTINE UNIT TRG CMM BUILDING CONST AND  
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ROUTINE		270500		Z	DEC	67

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

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 ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER  
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MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE SITREP AS AT 270001Z (.)

1. ENEMY (.)
  - A. SINGAPORE (.) NTR (.)
  - B. WEST MALAYSIA (.) LIMITED NIGHT CURFEWS ARE STILL BEING IMPOSED IN KEDAH AREA (.) SITUATION IS QUIET (.)
  - C. MALAYSIAN/THAI BORDER (.) 19 DEC 67 SF MADE CONTACT WITH ABOUT TWENTY CT AT QY 910350 (.) ENEMY CAS WERE THREE PRESUMABLY KILLED (.) CTs DRAGGED BODIES ACROSS INTO THAILAND (.)
  - D. EAST MALAYSIA (.) NTR (.)
2. OWN TPS (.) NTR (.)

DRAFTER'S NAME H.M. du V. LOHAN

BRANCH G (Ops)

Tel No 2345

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE *H.M. du V. Lohan*

NAME H.M. du V. LOHAN

RANK CAPTAIN

*C. G. P. S. 21/12*

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To ARMY GABERDA		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <b>RESTRICTED</b>	
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