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[1-30 Nov 1953]

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 18.  
(continued.)

Unit Australian Observer Unit Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 53 To 30 Nov 53  
MALAYA

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGAPORE	1 Nov		Nothing to report	
	2 Nov		Capt Williamson due to emplane Kallang Airport tomorrow at 0800 hrs.	
			Received advice that ETD of Capt Williamson now 040800GH owing to QANTAS plane being delayed KARACHI.	
	3 Nov		Nothing to report	
	4 Nov		1/112 Capt J.I. Williamson emplaned Singapore 0900GH for Sydney and thence onward movement 101 Wireless Regiment CABARLAH, Queensland.	
	5 Nov		Capt Mitchell entrained at 1915 hrs for KUALA LUMPUR on liaison duty to the Federation Authorities.	
	6-7 Nov		Capt Mitchell absent on duty	
	7 Nov		3/79 Lt-Col D.W.F. Small and Mr R Stewart (AWA Sydney) returned to SINGAPORE from KUALA LUMPUR	

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Army Form C. 18.  
(Revised.)

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Unit Australian Observer Unit Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 53 To 30 Nov 53  
MALAYA

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGAPORE	8-9 Nov		Capt Mitchell absent on duty	
	9 Nov		Lt-Col Small and Mr Stewart emplaned CHANGI Airport for MALLALA South Australia.	
			1/1921 Sigm W.G. Ombbridge sustained injuries whilst travelling by motorcycle in MALAYA resulting in him being relieved of duties for 8 days.	
	10 Nov		Received signal advising that 1/421 S/Sgt J.E. Fenton would be posted to this Unit as a relief for Sgt Turner who is due to return not before 5 Dec	Signal CAR9173 091015K
	10-14 Nov		Capt Mitchell absent on duty	
	15 Nov		Capt Mitchell returned by train at 0800 hrs from KUALA LUMPUR	
	16 Nov		Nothing to report	
	17 Nov		Sigm Grace reported for duty having been discharged from BMH SINGAPORE on 16th	

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2118.  
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Unit Australian Observer Unit Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 53 To 30 Nov 53  
MALAYA

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGAPORE	18-22 Nov		Nothing to report	
	23 Nov		S/Sgt Hinds reported ex 1 Station Workshops REME TAIPING -	
			Due to embark S.S. CHARON on 25 Nov.	
			Received signal from ARMY MELBOURNE advising that Lt Comdr H	
			ROBERTS, 1/23 Lt Col N.L. CURRIE, and Sqn Ldr J.M. SOUTHERLAND	
			would be arriving from Australia on 5 Dec 53, departing for	
			SAIGON on 9 Dec, returning 13 Dec, and returning to Australia	
			15 Dec. Australian Observer Unit to arrange accommodation	
			and reception.	
	25 Nov		S/Sgt J.H. Hinds embarked for FREEMANTLE. ETA 6 Dec 53,	
			having completed his 12 month tour of duty in MALAYA.	
	26 Nov		Nothing to report.	
	27 Nov		Sent signal to Army Melbourne requesting information regarding	
			filling the post of Weapon Training Instructor at FARELF	

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 118.  
(Adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit Australian Observer Unit Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 53 To 30 Nov 53  
MALAYA

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGAPORE	27 Nov		cont: Training Centre KOTA TINGGI, with an Australian Sgt.	
	28 Nov		Received ring from Public Relations Officer, Australian	
			Commissioner's Department concerning a game of Australian	
			Rules Football that it is intended to play upon Singapore's	
			Padang to raise funds for the Melbourne University's Asian	
			Student's Hostel - this Unit will provide a number of the	
			players and the RAAF Squadron at TENGAH the remaining	
			numbers of the 36 players.	
	29-30 Nov		Nothing to report.	

STRENGTH STATE OF AUSTRALIAN OBSERVER UNIT MALAYA

AS AT 30 NOV 53

(a) Officers

3/40081	Capt D.G. MITCHELL	- Attached GHQ Signal Regiment
3/7509	Capt B.S. O'DOWD	- On Loan FARELF Training Centre

Total Officers - 2

(b) OR on Loan

2/3825	WO. II	MADDOCK G.	- No.2 Station Workshops KLUANG
3/2828	Cpl	ZIEBELL I.D.	- " " " "
4/608	Cpl	HOOPER-HALL R.	- No.1 Station Workshops TAIPING
5/273	WO. II	BRADLEY E.	- FARELF Training Centre
3/843	Sgt	MOON L.J.	- " " "
2/3909	Sgt	APPLETON H.M.	- " " "
4/158	Sgt	DAVIE D.B.	- " " "

Total on Loan - 7

(c) OR Attached

1/1415	S/Sgt	ANTCLIFF R.G.	- GHQ Signal Regiment
2/1049	Sgt	TURNER R.	- " " "
1/3377	Sgt	STEWART G.G.	- " " "
2/2514	Cpl	BETTENS J.	- " " "
6/122	Cpl	WEBB J.G.	- " " "
3/10056	Cpl	REID J.	- " " "
3/10703	Sigmn	McMILLAN M.J.	- " " "
3/2873	Sigmn	REID P.F.	- " " "
1/2433	Sigmn	GRACE E.C.K.	- " " "
3/10678	Sigmn	BUCKTON T.	- " " "
3/2735	Sigmn	HARRIS R.G.	- " " "
3/3147	Sigmn	JORDAN C.C.H.	- " " "
2/4075	Sigmn	PEACOCK R.L.	- " " "
3/10810	Sigmn	ADAMS A.J.	- " " "
1/1921	Sigmn	OWBRIDGE W.G.	- " " "
2/10624	Sigmn	MCCARTNEY H.C.	- " " "

Total Attached - 16

Total All Ranks - 2 Officers 23 OR

Decrease - 1 Officer 1 OR