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[1-31 Dec 1953]

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit Australian Observer Unit Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 53 To 31 Dec 53
MALAYA

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGAPORE	1 Dec		Received a signal giving ETA of 3/2025 Capt WILLIAMS J.O. from Australia by QANTAS at 1540 hrs 3 Dec 53, for posting to Psychological Warfare Research Section, HQ Malaya KUALA LUMPUR vice 15 Psychological Unit (W Comd)	
	2 Dec		Capt Mitchell departed by train on liaison visit to Federation Authorities at KUALA LUMPUR.	
	3 Dec		Capt Williams J.O. deplaned Singapore from Australia for attachment to War Office Psychological Warfare Research Section KUALA LUMPUR.	
	4 Dec		Capt Mitchell returned from liaison visit to KUALA LUMPUR.	
	5 Dec		Lt-Comdr ROBERTS, Lt-Col CURRIE, and Sqn-Ldr SUTHERLAND arrived by QANTAS from AUSTRALIA on liaison visit to FARELF and were met at the airport by Capt Mitchell and taken to the ADELPHI HOTEL.	
			Received signal promoting the undermentioned Signalmen to	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGAPORE	5 Dec		(cont) rank of L/Cpl, to date from 9 Nov 53.	
			3/10678 BUCKTON T.	
			3/3147 JORDAN C.C.H.	
	6 Dec		Capt Williams entrained SINGAPORE for KUALA LUMPUR to take up his posting.	
	7-8 Dec		Nothing to report	
	9 Dec		<p>Capt D. O'Dowd R Aust Inf attached Jungle Wing of FARELF Training Centre, KOTA TINGGI, visited the office and explained the policy concerning the use of Australians as instructors at the Centre. Because of topography of Australia and an Australian's ability to improvise, it has been found that the AMF Inf personnel can best be used as Jungle Wing Instructors.</p> <p>In this capacity the present staff of Australians, 1 Offr and 4 OR provide the continuity of instruction as they are</p>	

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SINGAPORE	9 Dec		(cont) posted for a two year term whereas the British staff are posted for only six months. The C.O. of the Training Centre is more than satisfied with the standards set by the Australians, most of whom have had valuable past service in the Pacific theatre during the 1939-1945 War. Received 28 Christmas parcels from Australian Philanthropic Societies via the RAAF Sqn., TENGAH, for distribution among soldiers serving in MALAYA.	
	10 Dec		Nothing to report.	
	11 Dec		WO.II MADDOCK R Aust EME i/c Australians on Loan to No.2 Station Workshops REME KLUANG, visited the office.	
	12 Dec		Received parcel of magazines from Australia via QANTAS for distribution.	
			Sigmn HARRIS R.G. played in RUGBY TEAM of Royal Signal Corps	

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SINGAPORE	12 Dec		(cont) against HQ Malaya Rugby Team.	
	13-14 Dec		Nothing to report	
	15 Dec		Lt-Col CURRIE, Lt-Comdr ROBERTS and Sqn-Ldr SUTHERLAND were scheduled to emplane for Australia via QANTAS.	
			Received signal promoting Cpl WEBB J.G. to Sgt, to date from 1 Oct 53.	
	16 Dec		Capt Mitchell emplaned 0715 hrs (Malayan Airways) for KUALA LUMPUR on liaison visit to Federation Authorities.	
	17-18 Dec		Nothing to report.	
	19 Dec		Capt Mitchell arrived KALLANG Airport from KUALA LUMPUR at 1330 hrs.	
			1/421 T/S/Sgt FENTON J.E. R Aust Sigs deplaned Singapore at 2200 hrs, ex Australia via QANTAS for attachment to this Unit.	

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SINGAPORE	19 Dec		(cont) 2/2291 T/Cpl CAMERON M.R. RAEME deplaned Singapore at 2200 hrs for posting ON LOAN to FARELF and attachment No.2 Station Workshops REME. KLUANG.	
	20 Dec		Nothing to report.	
	21 Dec		Received signal that Cpl HOOPER-HALL R is scheduled to embark for Australia on S S GORGON on 31 Dec	(Mov Order 521 4 Nov)
	22 Dec		Capt MITCHELL and S/Sgt FENTON entrained 1915 hrs for KUALA LUMPUR for temporary attachment to HQ Malaya and liaison visit.	
	23 Dec		2/2291 Cpl CAMERON M.R. RAEME entrained 0800 hrs for attachment to No.2 Station Workshops REME KLUANG.	
	24 Dec		4/608 Cpl HOOPER-HALL R. RAEME arrived Singapore for attachment to this Unit pending his departure on S S GORGON 31 Dec 53 for Australia.	
	25-29 Dec		Nothing to report.	

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STRENGTH STATE OF AUSTRALIAN OBSERVER UNIT MALAYA

AS AT 31 DEC 53

(a) Officers

3/40081	Capt D.G. MITCHELL	- Attached GHQ Signal Regiment
3/7509	Capt B.S. C'DOWD	- On Loan FARELF Training Centre
3/2025	Capt J.O. WILLIAMS	- Attached War Office Psychological Research Section.
	Total Officers	- 3

(b) OR on Loan

2/3825	WO.II MADDOCK G.	- No.2 Station Workshops KLUANG
3/2828	Cpl ZIEBELL I.D.	- " " " "
2/2291	Cpl CAMERON M.R.	- " " " "
5/273	WO.II BRADLEY E.	- FARELF Training Centre
3/843	Sgt MOON L.J.	- " " "
3/3909	Sgt APPLETON H.M.	- " " "
4/158	Sgt DAVIE D.B.	- " " "
	Total on Loan	- 7

(c) OR Attached

1/1415	S/Sgt ANTCLIFF R.G.	- Attached GHQ Signal Regiment
1/421	S/Sgt FENTON J.E.	- " " " "
1/3377	Sgt STEWART G.G.	- " " " "
2/1049	Sgt TURNER R.	- " " " "
6/122	Sgt WEBB J.G.	- " " " "
2/2514	Cpl BETTENS J.	- " " " "
3/10056	Cpl REID J.	- " " " "
3/10678	L/Cpl BUCKTON T.	- " " " "
3/3147	L/Cpl JORDAN C.C.H.	- " " " "
3/10703	Sigmn McMILLAN M.J.	- " " " "
3/2873	Sigmn REID P.F.	- " " " "
3/2735	Sigmn HARRIS R.G.	- " " " "
3/10810	Sigmn ADAMS A.J.	- " " " "
1/2433	Sigmn GRACE E.C.K.	- " " " "
1/1921	Sigmn OWBRIDGE W.G.	- " " " "
2/4075	Sigmn PEACOCK R.L.	- " " " "
2/10624	Sigmn McCARTNEY H.C.	- " " " "
	Total Attached	- 17

Total All Ranks - Officers 3 OR 24