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[1-31 Jan 1954]

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C.2118.  
(Revised)

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Unit Australian Observer Unit MALAYA Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 54 To 31 Jan 54

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGAPORE	1 Jan		Normal working day	
	2-4 Jan		Unit prepared camp for GOC's inspection to be held on 8th Jan	
	5 Jan		2/1049 Sgt R TURNER emplaned (BOAC) for SYDNEY having completed 12 months tour of duty in MALAYA.	
	6 Jan		Received ring from Australian Commissioner's office in regards to Australia Day Celebrations - request use of two soldiers to assist in directing traffic.	
	7 Jan		Unit inspected by Commanding Officer.	
	8 Jan		GOC SINGAPORE inspected unit lines - no comment.	
	11 Jan		Received ring from RAAF TENGAH re Australian Rules football practice - match now to be played on 6 Feb 54.	
	12 Jan		First football practice held at RAAF Station TENGAH.	
	14 Jan		Capt Mitchell departed by plane for KUALA LUMPUR on liaison visit to Federation Authorities.	

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SINGAPORE	15-21 Jan		Capt Mitchell on liaison visit to Federation.	
	21 Jan		CSO Singapore District inspected Tyersall Park.	
	22 Jan		Capt Mitchell returned from KUALA LUMPUR on 0800 hrs train.	
	23 Jan		CSO <del>Singapore</del> <sup>FARELF</sup> District made <del>another</del> <sup>an</sup> inspection of area.	
	24 Jan		Nothing to report	
	25 Jan		Nothing to report	
	26 Jan		Australia Day Celebrations were held at the Australian Commissioner's House, 11 Dalvey Road, and two members of the unit were asked to assist in the parking arrangements of the guests' cars.	
	27-28 Jan		Nothing to report.	
	29 Jan		Received parcel of papers and periodicals from Public Relations Dept, CANBERRA.	
	30 Jan		Nothing to report.	



STRENGTH STATE OF AUSTRALIAN OBSERVER UNIT MALAYA

AS AT 31 Jan 54

**SECRET**

(a) Officers

3/40081	Capt D.G. MITCHELL	- Attached GHQ Signal Regiment
3/7509	Capt B.S. O'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	Sgt 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.	- " " " "
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	- 16

Total All Ranks - Officers 3 OR 23