

AUSTRALIA'S SECRET WAR 1962 - 1966

The forgotten and undeclared war.....

THE INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION WITH MALAYSIA.....



17 GURKHA DIV



111 LAA BTY RAA



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The untold story of one Australian Regular Army Artillery Battery, and attached Corps, deployed into the Indonesian Confrontation....on HMAS *Sydney* 111 R17....the first voyage into a hostile Area of Operations on 24 May 1964 at 0001Z from Garden Island RAN Base.... Escorted by HMAS *Parramatta* FO4 and HMAS *Yarra* FO7.



LEST WE FORGET



JANGAN KITA LUPA

Commander's Diary – Malaya - 111 LAA Bty RAA

Battery Commander Maj A McDermott, Holsworthy

April, 64

28	1900	BC asked to call COS HQ RAA 1 Div
	1920	BC rang HQ and was informed that he and the group (111 LAA) were going to a place near " Brian Forward's " for about 6 months and to report to HQ RAA the next day at 0800hrs. 'It was unfortunate that the BC had not been watching television or listened to the radio from 1830hrs as he would have heard it there' [Ed re the Bty going to Malaya]
29	0800	BC to HQ RAA 1 Div – <u>Annex A</u>
	0815	Unit told by Capt IR Smith that press reports were unconfirmed – but BC would make announcement when he was ready.
	1030	Lt S Hearder 1 FLD REG marched into Unit
	1400	BC announced officially that Unit was to go to BUTTERWORTH for a period of approx 6 months.
30		Capt MH Park marched out to 1 FLD REG
		Capt B Whiddon replaced by Lt S Hearder who was promoted to T/Capt.

[Ed: Brian Forward is Maj BC Forward (102 FLD Bty). At the time of the announcement he was in Malaya – his Unit went on to BORNEO on 2nd May, 65]

Annex A

BC was shown a signal, which outlined the requirements of ' **Operation GRANITE**

- Discussion on Bty strength and materials:
- Bty was 27 all ranks short prior to embarkation and would require a further 74 to bring it up to full strength.

May, 64

1		BC & Capt S Hearder flew out by BOAC to Malaya: - Capt S Hearder to stay in Malaya
2		Capt GE Ball & Lt EL Batterbury marched in from 1FLD REG <u>Officer establishment and designation as at 2 May</u> BC – Maj A McDermott BK – Capt IR Smith Troop Comd A – Capt GE Ball Troop Comd B – Capt SR Hearder CPO – Lt GD Carter Bty Lt – Lt BW Kennedy Troop Ldr A – Lt EL Batterbury Troop Ldr B – 2Lt R Anderson QM – Lt RP Horton
10		BC returns from Malaya
21		Visit by Brig McAlister (Col COMDT E Comd)
22	1400	Unit parade as a result of a surprise visit by minister for Army, CGS & Comd 1 Div
24	0620	A Troop guns, under command of Capt GE Ball , left for Garden Island and HMAS Sydney
	1140	Remainder of Unit under command of BC left for Garden Island
	1300	Embarkation of Unit less A Troop commenced.
	1600	CGS, CNS, GOC 1 Div, CRA, DAQMG RAA 1 Div, AQMG 1 Div inspected the load on HMAS Sydney and to meet all ranks
25	0018	HMAS Sydney sets sail for Malaysia with 111 LAA Bty RAA sails under command of 111 LAA Bty LAD & 111 LAA Bty SIG Troop
	1305	HMAS Sydney stopped and dumped a box of 3" mortars overboard that had suspect fuses after being damaged on loading.
30		<u>Entry is annex B</u>

Annex B

Mounting of 111 LAA Bty for movement to Malaysia report to HQ E Comd – 111 LAA Bty at sea – 30 May, 1964.

[Editorial Summary]

Maj A McDermott suggested amendments to the mounting instructions

The 'warning order' for the Unit to deploy to Malaya came from the media (TV & Radio) and the BC was informed after those announcements had been made.

He could find no reason why the battery could NOT be informed officially until some 6 hours later after a reasonable full account had been released in the morning press.

Some discussion centred around admin aspects as to area of responsibility, HQ E Comd or HQ 1 Div in particular of the present role of HMAS Sydney.

Other matters related to staffing on short notice, and, improved advice to all ranks re pay & allowances.

The lack of documentation (pre embarkation) for personnel who had been posted into Bty on short notice.

It was found that copies of the nominal role (pre embarkation) was inaccurate because of changes in past 3 rolls had been made before it was correct. It was also found that members' blood groups did not have the RH factor recorded.

The Unit was given 7 days pre embarkation leave and that leave had to be completed by 14 May, 1964. In most cases this meant that a maximum of 6 days could only be granted, and that officers & senior NCO's could only have 3 days maximum. Also, air movement could only be authorised where travel time exceeded 2 days each way meant that some members had practically no time with their NOK.

Some stores as well as surplus had not arrived in time for departure, these had to be returned to Holsworthy. (The rear detail for the Unit was 1 Sgt)

An instruction on vehicle preparation for sea travel was found to be contrary to requirements by HMAS Sydney and caused considerable inconvenience to the Unit.

Stationary taken by the Unit was worthless for Malaya.

Lack of RMO attached to Unit caused a strain at 2 Camp Hospital (who were short staffed at the time).

The number of VIP visits, though of value, was a strain on the Unit and interfered with the units work timetable.

A review was warranted into Medical Classification for a movement overseas – 2 soldiers with an arm in plaster (light duties) each had to be left behind.

Personnel movement on short notice into and out of the Unit was found to be hard on soldiers & families.

Recommendation – this should be looked at in the general interest of the Army.

Some stats:

Advance party 9	Stores 14, 000lbs
Unit strength 175	Explosives & Ammo 258, 906lbs
Rear detail 1	
Total 185	Vehicles:
Weapons 210	Trucks 2 ½ ton GS 20
Guns (40mm) 12	Other 20

June, 64

2	0400	HMAS Parramatta & HMAS Yarra join HMAS Sydney
	0500	Routine commenced on ship whereby all guns were to be manned during daylight hours. At night one gun forward and one gun aft were manned
	1400	Unit guns fire at flares fired from HMAS Parramatta & HMAS Yarra Duty officer CTP controlled gun fire under the direction from the bridge Considered by Unit as the first time any LAA guns were fired from an RAN ship.
4	1230	HMAS Sydney, Parramatta and Yarra drop anchor in Jesselton harbour. Disembarkation and unloading of 7 FLD Sqn RA commenced immediately.
6	2400	HMAS Sydney and escorts depart Jesselton Harbour
9	0830	HMAS Sydney drops anchor at Singapore
	1000	Bty guns no longer manned Maj A McDermott and Capt IR Smith depart for HQ AUSTARM and 224 group FEAF Lt GD Carter departs for HQ ASTARM for coaching course and examinations

10	2000	Bty depart for Butterworth by train [Ed: a contingent remained behind on HMAS Sydney and would stay for the trip to PENANG]
11	1715	Bty arrived PRAI (near BUTTERWORTH), met by Capt GE Ball and Capt S Hearder
16	1030	HMAS Sydney arrives PENANG with guns and equipment
	1100	Unloading commenced
17	1000	Unloading of Sydney complete
18	1200	Visit by Minister for External Affairs Hon Paul Hasluck MP
	1500	HMAS Sydney departs PENANG
		[Ed: between 25 th June and 7 th July the Unit was visited by the following military officers:] Air Marshal PG Wykeham (AFC-Comd FEAF) Lt General Sir John Wilton (CSG) and Maj RG Gardiner Brig FR Evans (Comd AUSTARM) Brig Bidwell (BRA) Group Capt Wood-Glover (SG DSO) Brig PAL Vaux (Comd Malaya Area)
30		The question of a seaward firing range north of BUTTERWORTH was raised - BC to provide report

Annex C

6 June, 1964. Report on Trooping on board HMAS Sydney

Duties: It was felt that the number of duties was out of all proportion to the total strength of 176 on board. Some 36 – 40 duties had to be provided [Ed: no mention of type of duties undertaken].

Improvements On Board: The Sydney cooling system needed improving. The ship was actually built for Arctic Conditions and was considered a “ hot box” in the tropics.

Consideration of the formation of a Sergeants type mess. Currently considered to be no better to normal barrack life.

More storage place for OR's of personal clothing and equipment. The loss & petty theft level was very high on board.

Laundry facilities when troops are on board; socks and handkerchiefs were not taken by laundry staff, and with cramped conditions in OR decks made it difficult to keep these items clean. – many items were lost.

Stats: 23 personnel had to march out because they were under 19 years old.

6 marched out for medical reasons.

20 marched out for compassionate reasons

July, 64

7		Maj Newman (HQ ASTARM) visited the Unit to arrange MQ in the area of BUTTERWORTH and PENANG island
9	0830	Trial deployment of guns, EW and LW, and Comms - satisfactory
10		Visit by Lt Col HG Frost (CRÈME) and Maj WA Woolston (RAEME) Lt Col Marsh (D Maint – AHQ)
14		Visit by Maj IF Gregory (DADOS) HQ Malaya re issue of officers accommodation stores – resolved
16	1300	Bty EW OP's ordered to deploy re; suspect foreign aircraft previously reported over RAAF Base BUTTERWORTH
17	0730	Bty EW recalled
	1300	Bty EW ordered to redeploy
	1930	Bty EW recalled Visit by Air Marshal Sir Valston Hancock DFC of Air Staff
20		Visit by Maj RA Brown (AACC) HQ Malaya
28		Visit by Capt LG Peters (RAAOC) to discuss spare parts problem of Aust origin, as spares for vehicle and equipment had been almost depleted.
31		To the end of July, 1964 there had been 385 visits by Unit soldiers to outpatient Base sick quarters - put down mainly to acclimatisation problems

Annex E

Training Instruction 2/64

1. *It is doubtful if this Battery ever had in the past the opportunity which now presents itself for training. We must not delude ourselves for we have a long way to go before we are at a stage where we can call ourselves highly trained and proficient in the art of LAA gunnery.*
2. *By the time we leave this country we should be at a very high standard.*
3. *At times when the battery leaves BUTTERWORTH for exercise etc, it will be necessary to leave behind portion of the battery in order that our part of the responsibility for the defence of the airfield should not be completely absent.*
4. *The period from 16 June to 19 Jun will be spent in settling in, off loading Sydney issue of personal clothing and equipment and battery stores. Subsequent to this the time will basically be spent in training.*
5. *This instruction covers the initial period of our stay in BUTTERWORTH to the end of August and deals with general training matters.*
6. *The aim of training in this initial period is to obtain a high standard in individual training.*

Routine:

7. *The routine for training is that the battery will work a full five day week as do the RAAF at BUTTERWORTH. It should be noted that the general practice in Malaya is to work on Saturday morning and devote Wednesdays to sport.*
8. *Each day will be divided into the following periods:*

0800 – 0815	Troop parades
0815 – 1015	Training
1015 – 1030	Morning break
1030 – 1200	Training
1200 – 1330	Lunch
1330 – 1600	Training

With the exception of Wed afternoon when sport will take place from 1500 hrs. This sport is to involve the whole battery and will be organised on a battery basis by the sport officer. Also any specific Bty requirements such as Bty Pde, CO's hour, make and mend are to take place on Wed.

Breakdown:

- (a) *The period 22 Jun – 7 Aug is available to troop commanders for individual training.*
- (b) *12 – 14 Aug is an Air Defence exercise, which is to be run by 224 Group.*
- (c) *17 – 28 Aug is to be devoted to the requirements for military skills.*
- (d) *6 – 11 Sep seawards firing at CHINA ROCK*

Outline Of Events Post Aug:

9. *The period after our return from CHINA ROCK and until our return movement to Aust will include, if possible, the following:*
 - (a) *Unit courses (a submission was made to 1 div prior to our embarkation to conduct a course which would give qualification for subject B for sergeant).*
 - (b) *Unit stocktake*
 - (c) *Bty exercise in a training area to include both artillery and infantry work.*
 - (d) *Visit to rest Area*

August, 64

1	0200	All guns deployed
	0545	Guns Tight State 1
	0817	Guns Tight State 2
	1024	Guns Tight State 1
	1133	Guns Tight State 5
	1800	Cease firing.
17		BC & Lt GD Carter depart for recce of CHINA ROCK for seaward firing to take place in Sept.
		[Ed: similar gun states occurred for some time.]
31		31/8 – 1/9 Exercise "BONG SU" LAA deployment exercise

Annex F

[Ed summary:]

Training Instruction 3/64

This covers the period 10 Aug – 20 Sep

The aim for this period was to qualify all members in the battery in their battle efficiency requirements, to train soldiers in basic infantry jungle tactics and confirm drill standards on guns.

Infantry training covered FdSigs, action on contact and setting up a jungle position as part of a cordon. Training was to be conducted in Bong Su.

A deployment exercise was to be held in the GURUN area lasting 2 days and was to include infantry tactics, also for 2 days

4th Sep was to be spent in preparations for road movement to CHINA ROCK on the 5th.

Provided that aircraft were available for turn round troop at CHINA ROCK firing will take place on the 10th – 15th Sep. The troops were to be back on Base by 18th Sep.

September, 64

2-3		Infantry exercise at "BONG SU"
3	1100	Bty recalled to BUTTERWORTH
	1400	Guns deployed
5	0600	B Troop (4 guns, Control Troop and elements of BHQ, LAD & Sig Troop) depart for CHINA ROCK A Troop remains deployed manning 8 guns
8	1400	Main body arrive CHINA ROCK
9	1130	B Troop ready to shoot - message received that Unit recalled to BUTTERWORTH - no shooting occurred before or after recall
10	1130	Main body depart for BUTTERWORTH
12	1700	Main body arrive BUTTERWORTH
14-30	0515	All guns deployed, all OP's Deployed
23		[Ed: Bdr Barry Algar dies as a result of vehicle accident on base]

Training Report for September

Nil training for month apart from road move to CHINA ROCK.

No firing training because guns were recalled before firing any rounds.

The guns remaining in Butterworth were placed on 4hrs notice and would not have been able to cope with the number of tasks involved [Ed: tasks involved during an engagement?]

Administration Report For September

[Ed: the report indicated that the Unit was to stay in Malaya for an indefinite period]

The 60 day stores were exhausted, particularly batteries for AN/PRC 9 A sets.

To date, items for spares have not arrived in Singapore ex Australia.

Operational stores for guns have had to be flown in from Aust.

Recommendation that to expedite arrival of our spares lacking in the theatre

October, 64

1		Visit by Col IG Trainor (DRA) re discussion on relief of Unit
1-17		Day – all guns in action State 4 for 10mins Night – 33% guns in action State 4 for 10mins
5		Gun Sgt No 1 course commenced. Comprised of selected NCO's to replace Sgts who are to be relieved Visit by Brig AC Rowell (DDS, AMS) re discussion of Unit dental problems
7		Visit by Maj CA Stanelin (SOPT) HQ Malaya to discuss PT and sport activities
13-14		Visit by Capt B Gillman (ADPR) HQ AAF to record Christmas messages for WA soldiers
17-31		Day – 50% guns deployed State 4, Night – all guns deployed State 5
28		Lt GD Carter and 38 OR's were detached to 3RAR in the border area (Malay/Thai) for infantry training and operations

3RAR - Commanders Diary – Narrative – Lt Col McDonald

The Australian Battalion's deployment on **Op MAGNUS** tasks had been intended originally to last six weeks from the beginning of September 1964. But the new and dangerous situation in west Malaysia, together with the fact that the new British battalion in the theatre, **1 Scots Guards**, had not yet acclimatised itself, meant that 3RAR's period on the boarder had been extended to December, 1964. – (Ref page 225 Emergency & Confrontation Malaya & Borneo 1950-66 by P Dennis and J Gray)

October, 64 (cont)

28	111LAA	One troop of 111 LAA Bty today arrived at SIK to train with the BN during <i>Operation MAGNUS</i> . It is anticipated that this Platoon will remain with the BN until 7 th November and during that time will be attached to B Coy
29	111LAA	Require vehicle this location – one man rash – needs treatment
31		Capt Fisher departed SIK to visit 111 LAA Bty at BUTTERWORTH

Notes on 111 LAA Bty Det (17 Platoon) to 3RAR

General outline

Approx 30 men of 111 LAA Bty M/I (Marched In) SIK Wed 28th Oct; undergo local Trg Wed, Thu and Fri; come under Comd B Coy Sat 31 Oct; return to SIK and then BUTTERWORTH Sat 7 Nov. The Det will be absorbed in to B Coy Pl's and will not operate as an individual Platoon.

Local Trg	Under Sgt Vella
Str of Det	Approx 30 men and 1 Officer.
Maps	Sup by 3RAR
Identification	White hat bands
Adm	<i>Ammo</i> (1) issued by 3RAR at SIK Sat 31 Oct. Withdrawn by 3RAR Sat 7 Nov. (2) for local Trg 30 rounds SLR issued at discretion of Sgt Vella for emergency purposes. <i>Rations</i> - Fresh Wed 28 to Sat 31 Oct at SIK - 24hr evening Wed to include Midday Fri 30 Oct - Under B Coy from Midday meal Sat 31 Oct to B'fast Sat 7 Nov. R - at discretion OC but soldiers will leave SIK with 2 days 24hr rat pack.
Med	Medical NCO from 111 LAA Bty.

[For those members of 111LAABty who knew/remember Sgt VP Vella, may not know that he was KIA at STASS in SARAWAK on 17 May, 1965 when a member of his patrol (Pte LR Downes) stood on a US anti-pers M2A3 landmine killing them both. **Ref AWM95 7/3/48 May, 65]**

Following are the activity records from 3RAR Commanders Diary (AWM95 7/3/Nov 64) during 111 LAA Bty tour with B Coy 3RAR

3RAR (radio records) November, 64

1	1640	2 smugglers caught – 1 male, 1 female. Loot 2 bicycles and 2 large sacks of rice.
	1840	Follow up of last contact. Found further bicycle and approx 300lbs of rice.
	2327	B Coy to A Coy = have report of 2 shots fired in 3 Platoon area. NTR
2	1215	B Coy. Number of members this Loc suffering headaches, giddiness and nausea, REGT advised RMO
	1812	3 smugglers captured – all male – move from Thai to Malaya. Loot 3 bicycles and 600lbs of rice.
4		5 shots were heard coming from Thai side of boarder.
5		Shots believed to come from a group of 45-50 Thai woodcutters cutting rail sleepers.
6-7		NTR
7		40 soldiers of 111LAA Bty RAA today completed a 10-day attachment to elements of the BN on Op MAGNUS . During their time in the boarder control area the Artillery personnel operated in an infantry role.

November, 64

1-30		All guns deployed. Stand to periods for 1hr at first light and last light – State 1. Night, no State (sentries only).
4		Visit by Brig PAL Vaux (Comd HQ Malaya)
21-23		Visit by Col M Ewing (DLS) to discuss legal problems . [Ed: no info reported]
23	3RAR	{Note from 3RAR records} 6 by 3 ton vehicles (111LAA) transport members of B Coy 3RAR from PADANG BESAR to GURUN
26		Visit by Brig LVS Falks (BRA)
30	3RAR	Capt MH Park took over duties from Capt IR Smith {Note from 3RAR records} 7 by 3 ton vehicles (111LAA) transport A Coy 3RAR from CHANGLUN to GURUN police barracks

Monthly Report: (for October!)

- . BC attended at FEAF – result that Bty have 8 guns deployed.
- . Control Troop to alternate fortnightly about with 1 SQN RAF REG
- . Limited No of soldiers available for Trg at Bty level due mainly to such factors as leave, hospitalisation, light duties etc.
- . Control Troop in the 2 weeks not deployed on LAA duties, (but) has been detached to 3RAR for boarder operations. In future if troop is not deployed they will carry out Artillery and infantry training.

Admin Some constination among soldiers re their RTAust. Lists have been drawn up but are continually revised due:

- fiancées in Aust saying they will not marry, thereby needing to delete such members from the list.
- emphasis on the use of charter aircraft departing SINGAPORE 3 and 17 December, 64.

BC contends that as late as 2 Nov the Bty was directed to fill these charters with max personnel. He felt that the emphasis was being placed on the charters at the detriment of the requirement of the Bty, and requests no further changes be made.

December, 64

1	0815	BC & CPO attended first daily Op's meeting with RAAF Visit by Mr Bryant MP (Aust) .
	2030	1 Officer and 30 OR's depart by train to SINGAPORE & RTA Aust
2		BC & RAAF agree that certain MCRU duties carried out entirely by Bty be shared with 1 SQN RAF REG
3		1 st relief draft of 18 soldiers arrived BUTTERWORTH
7		MCRU/CP and OP's duties assumed by 1 SQN RAF REG. Visit by Col Green (JIB) Singapore
8		Visit by Capt Wright (G3 (Int) HQ Malaya)
9		WO D Bagnal to take over OC LAD from WO McHutchison
12		ARGOSY aircraft & BEVERLY aircraft arrived carrying Troop's ammo and stores 10 vehicles depart for SIK with 4 officers and 144 OR's (17 th GURKAHS?)
15		29 soldiers departed for SINGAPORE for RTA Aust
17		16 soldiers arrive from Aust
18		Maj A McDermott & Maj BR Topfer to visit HQ Malaya
21		Bty assumed responsibility for OP's, LAACP and MCRU from 1 SQN RAF REG. Visit by Air Vice Marshal Gibson ((SASO FEAF) . Visited LAACP during inspection tour of Base
21	1600	Maj BR Topfer assumed command of 111 LAA Bty
23		Maj A McDermott departed PENANG for return to Australia
29		BC informed by HQ Aust Army that Bty now on "married accompanied" basis – subject to availability of MQ
30		Mr R McInnes (ABC TV) shot film of Bty activities for a 2 min presentation on Australian and USA television. - Capt GD Carter assumed Bty PR officer.
31		Capt MH Park departs for HQ Aust Army (SINGAPORE) to discuss families joining the Bty

January, 65

		[Ed: There are no Commanders diary records held with the Australian War Memorial for the month.]
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February, 65

1		1 SQN RAF REG assumed OP's responsible from Bty
2		5 CMF officers visit Bty as part of observation and training visit to Malaya
	1015	First Bty family – that of Gunner Buttler arrive PENANG and are accommodated in RAAF Hostel prior to being permanently housed
4		111 LAA Bty now to permanently man OP's 3 and 8
8		A Troop assumed responsibility for Guns from B Troop
12		Visit by Mr Gough Whitlam MP – Capt GD Carter attended official luncheon as BC's representative.
16		2 officers and 36 OR's represented 111 LAA Bty on RAAF Base ceremonial parade. Medals were presented to members of RAAF. 40 Gurkha recruits visited Bty Guns as part of visit to BUTTERWORTH - Sgt Selby was one of four party guides for entire visit
23		Visit by Brig PAL Vaux (Comd HQ Malaya) – inspects one gun Unit and duty crews
24		Gunner S (Steve) Danks dies

March, 65

1		2Lt BW Kennedy & 2Lt R Anderson departs for orientation visit to South Vietnam. Due to return 11 th March
1-2		Court of inquiry on death of Gunner S Danks – as part of their inquiries they visit IPOH Members Capt K Mason (Indep Tpt Platoon) and Lt RP Horton (111 LAA Bty)
3		2 guns of A Troop deployed KIAB airstrip to act as targets for simulated fighter aircraft attacks – they fired plastic blank ammo
4		No air cooperation provided, so exercise [at KIAB] cancelled 1230hrs.
10		Bty & 1 SQN RAF REG called to full deployment ASAP as an exercise by BC & CO 1 Sqn – all guns in position by 2359hrs.
11		BC & HQ FEAF discuss shooting at CHINA ROCK. Bty to send 2 guns and detachment for firing every month for 4 days from April – November. Movement each month to be by BEVERLY aircraft.
14		Capt GD Carter departs for orientation & observation South Vietnam – to return 25 th March, 65
22-23		Guns took part in air exercise " FORTEX 65 ". Naval aircraft launched strike on BUTTERWORTH. Bty fired 58 blanks. Guns manned 3 - Strikes 12 - 20 possible hits claimed
25		Capt Hoffinan (AAF), Mr R Cornish and Mr Walker (FIN Advisers) discuss financial arrangement ARMY/RAAF
27		BC attends Naval/Air demonstration " SHOWPIECE " in South China sea off SINGAPORE
29		1 cook, 1 driver, 1 signaller, 1 gunner depart for RAF CHANGI as Bty's contribution to permanent range staff to CHINA ROCK – tour of duty approx 4 weeks.

April, 65

1	1600	Visit by Air Marshal Sir John Davis (Sup & Org) , visited 1 gun position and LAACP
3	0830	SIK KEDAH – In response to a request by GLO, one signaller was sent to 1st Malaysian Rangers to train members in the use of A510 radios. Two Unit radios were loaned to the Rangers for approx 2 weeks to assist in follow up of a contact on Thailand boarder achieved the previous day.
3		Visit by Air Vice Marshal AM Murdoch (CAS (desig.)) , visited 1 gun position.
5-6	1200	Unit took part in Exercise " GUNNEX ONE ", together with 1 SQN RAF REG , all guns deployed, simulated attack were launched by CANBERRA BOMBERS & SABRE aircraft. Most attacks would have been successfully engaged by Unit guns.
7-8		Visit by Capt Granter (SC 'A') AUSTARM to discuss current Unit A Branch problems.
12	1200	Bty placed on specific threat notice for infiltrators in PENANG area during ' HARI RAYA HAJI ' (anniversary of Afro-Asian conference & Easter). Targets may include military installations, and the threat is one of sabotage. Vehicle checks for tampering instituted, Base security informed.
13	0730	Capt S Hearder departed for orientation & observation South Vietnam
22	1400	Unit reverted to precautionary (normal) notice for infiltrators
23		Visit by Col Hatfield (CREAME) Malaya Area , visited Unit & LAD.
26-28		BC & Capt Hearder visit China Rock during firing practice by 16 REG RA
26		A Troop assumed gun duty from B Troop.
28		Visit by Chaplain General Vertigan , Methodist chaplain to UK forces, accompanied by Chap Sullivan (Aust Army Chaplains Dept) . WO2 Andrews , auditor from AAF arrived to commence Unit A & Q audit. 2Lt R Anderson commanded convoy carrying 40mm HE ammo : for practice firing at China Rock

		during 1965, departs for RAF Changi.
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May, 65

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June, 65

4	1530	2 guns & detachment of A Troop depart by air for SELETAR, en route to China Rock. Party commanded by Lt R Steel , due to return 16 June.
7		BC departs by air for Singapore, thence to China Rock, to act as Director of Practice returning 13 June. Capt Park assumes Admin Command of Bty
10		Visit by Maj DH Brennan (G2 Ops & Int) HQ Malaya Area to discuss Intelligence matters & suggest specialist visit to check on current practice & security training.
14	0722-0729	5 attacks by Naval aircraft to exercise gun defences at BUTTERWORTH. EW from MCRU was too late to be effective, and as a result OP's warned on 2 attacks only. However, guns engaged all sorties and claimed hits on all of them.
17		Visit by Maj Hicks-Hall and Maj Bruce (CRÈME) HQ Malaya Area to discuss EME matters. Visit by Maj Burrell (Q Maint) HQ Malaya Area
18		WO2 and 15 OR's return from 36 hours Jungle Patrol training SIKError! Bookmark not defined. area.
20		2 guns return from China Rock by rail, both require LAD adjustments. [Ed: "what adjustments"?]
21	0730	Lt R Steel departed for orientation & observation South Vietnam by civil aircraft.
	1200	Visit by Queensland State Parliamentarians Hon H Richter, JE Duggen, WM Ewan, SR Ramsden, MH Thatcheray & K Span
22	1825	Lt R Steel returns by civil aircraft as tour of Vietnam cancelled.
23	0910-0930	Guns to 'State 2' – Hostile aircraft approached to 90 miles. Visit by Maj JL Firth (Q Quart.) Malaya Area to discuss Quartering situation.
24		Chaplain PL Sullivan arrived for 1 week duty with Bty

July, 65

8		Visit by Capt Nobbs (HQ CRÈME) Malay Area to discuss stores facilities
10	0845	2 guns plus detachment under command of 2Lt Anderson depart by service aircraft for firing practice at China Rock
11	1500-1615	Visit by Minister for Army, Hon Dr AJ Forbes MC MHR. accompanied by Secretary to Depart of Army Mr B White & Lt Col CHA East MBE , and inspected 2 detachments of deployed guns. 3 detachments from 'off duty' Troop, OP detachment, LAACP & LAD and met a cross section of members. Interviewed WO2 Windsham regarding Overseas Allowance and discussed general Bty problems including the <i>charger motor fiasco</i> with Admin Command. Capt Hearder assumed duties of ADC (Aide de Camp) and departed with the above party.
13	1100	Visit by Maj Kirkland (HQ AAF) concerning CASEVAC from Vietnam.
14	0730	Capt Carter and Lt Horton departed civil aircraft to China Rock.
16	1100	Capt Carter and Lt Horton returns to PENANG by civil aircraft.
	1230	ADM COR lunch with Opposition Members led by Mr G Whitlam.
20		2 guns plus detachment, under command of 2Lt R Anderson: return from China Rock
23		Maj BR Topfer arrived Penang ex Australia
25		Maj G Hughes and Terrain Assessment team arrive Penang.
26		B Troop assumed gun duty from A Troop Maj Maunsell (Ed Off) HQ AAF arrived to discuss Class 2 and 3 ed training.
	1445	Capt Hearder departed on 6 months detachment to Director of Borneo Operations as GSO 3 syOps.
29		Visit by Col CTW Dixon (DPS AHQ) to discuss DFRBF changes and other Admin problems. Maj G Hughes and party depart for Australia.

August, 65

2		Lt Steel departed for orientation & observation South Vietnam – to return 12 th August.
		Exercise "GUNEX 3" – 11 guns deployed – 11 strikes by CANBERRA BOMBERS aircraft - average gun strikes = 4 seconds
4		Visit by Air Chief Marshal Sir John Grandy – inspected a gun position and LAACP
6		First gun of A Troop and detachment leave for practice firing at CHINA ROCK
7		Lt RP Horton and 2 nd A Troop gun leave for CHINA ROCK – due to return 17 th August
13	1200	HQ FEAF issued warning order to be prepared for increase to maximum alert State All members to sign out giving destination on local leave
	1400	Helicopter used for visibility and coverage test of new OP layout. Results were good, expected layout to be adopted shortly

17		Two guns return from CHINA ROCK. 346 rounds of 40mm HE were fired
23		Visit by Maj Craig (1 Psych Unit) to interview candidates for officer course.
25		Exercise to test CANBERRA BOMBERS (No2 SQN RAAF) tactics - 5 guns deployed 3 guns out of action due to wiring loom failure. - Serviceable guns now reduced to 10
		LAD sought AUSTARM approval to experiment with repairs using RAF cabling

September, 65

3		LAD - Latest unserviceable gun was repaired using RAF cabling Gun was to be thoroughly tested at CHINA ROCK
6		Capt Filmer and WO Dunkly (AUSTARM) film guns departing for CHINA ROCK plus other Unit activities
		2Lt BW Kennedy (OC Party) departs with 1 gun of B Troop (by aircraft) to China Rock to return 15 Sept
8		2 gunners depart for CHANGI as second exchange with 32 LAD Bty BC departs for CHINA ROCK to observe practice firing on 9 Sept
10	1100	Exercise ' RED JELLY ' to test air raid procedures and exercise guns. 6 guns participated – 3 firing blanks - 9 raids, 67 blanks fired
15	0805	1 officer and 39 OR's parade to celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of Britain
		2 guns return by aircraft from CHINA ROCK 403 rounds of 40mm HE were fired in the period 9-11 Sept. Practice results considered satisfactory.
20		Visit by Col FE Hatfield to LAD
23		BC attended official luncheon for visit by Minister for Health, Hon Mr RW Swartz MP
25		Lt R Steel with gun and detachment from A Troop departs for CHINA ROCK
27		Annual inspection by Air Vice Marshal CN Foxley-Norris . inspection included MT, 1 barrack room, Bty HQ, 1 gun and LAD & LLADCP
28		Capt GD Carter departed for visit to HQ AAF SINGAPORE and firing practice CHINA ROCK
	0830	Ceremonial parade for Air Vice Marshal CN Foxley-Norris . 3 officers, 33 OR's were awarded " best unit on parade "

October, 65

1		8 SABRE jet aircraft raid to test new ground attack tactics 3 guns manned, 2 engagements each lasting approx 4 seconds
2	0604	4 CANBERRA BOMBERS simulated dawn raids on base. 3 guns manned Result: OP warnings good, guns had difficulty in tracking when light was poor
7		Visit by Brig FR Evans (Comd AUSTARM) visited casualties from Vietnam in No 4 RAAF hospital, BUTTERWORTH
9		Guns [A Troop] return from CHINA ROCK 232 rounds of 40mm HE fired – 1 misfire 666 rounds condemned by ATO after being immersed in salt water
11		Capt MH Park departs for orientation & observation South Vietnam – to return 21 Oct
14		Visit by Maj DH Brennan (GSO) HQ Malaya Area
16	0845	2 vehicles depart for TERENDAK carrying body of Cpl Smith, 1RAR (ex Vietnam) for deliver to 4RAR Error! Bookmark not defined.
19		Visit by Maj WI Hicks-Hall (DADEME)
20		Accommodation and Quarters inspection visit by Maj J Campbell , Commonwealth Audit Inspector
21		Visit by Chaplain J Doust (C of E) 4RAR TERENDAK
22		12 guns became operational after complete rewiring by LAD. Work commencing on 13 other guns
25		Visit by Capt M Gill (SC A) HQ AAF FARELF WO2 Burrekett (Terendak) to run course for Army 2 nd & 3 rd Class Ed Certificates
29	0900	Readjustment to full gun and OP's layout approved by LAAD Error! Bookmark not defined.

OP positions from map are as follows – Kg=Kampong

OP ALFA	Kg Lahar Endin	(North of Base – 9000yds)
OP BRAVO	Kapala Batas	(Nth East of Base - 8000yds)
OP CHARLIE	Kg Cura [or Gura] Kepayang	(East of Base – 5500yds)
OP DELTA	Kg Pelandok [or Petandok]	(Sth East of base – 8500yds)
OP ECHO	Loc on bank of river PRAI near Butterworth town	(South – 8000yds)
OP FOXTROT	Bagan Lua – beach front position	(Sth West of Base – 9000yds)
OP GOLF	Bagan Ajam – beach front position	(Sth West – 3000yds)
OP HOTEL	Bagan Tampang beach front position	(Nth West – 3000yds)

Gun location were not clearly definable
(Conversion 1yd=0.9144 meters)

November, 65

1		Annual stocktake commences, to end 4 th November
6		Major works proposal 1/66 for hutted accommodation at gun sights forwarded to HQ AAF FARELF
8		Capt MH Park assumed command of Bty Maj BR Topfer orientation & observation South Vietnam
9	0620	2 RAF HUNTER aircraft simulate attack on Base to exercise gun EW EW detected 73 miles out LW late - as visibility reduced by rain showers Pick up at guns by Air sentries – good
11	0630	4 RAF HUNTER aircraft attack Base from South to North - EW 60 miles – LW 15 miles Farewell visit by Brig PAL Vaux
12	0635	4 RAF HUNTER aircraft approach Base to 80 miles, 2 continue attack, but were engaged by JAVELIN aircraft and guns Tracking confusion in MRS reported further attack by HUNTERS. In fact this was return of JAVELINS First 'TERA' sights arrive for fitting of 600mph graticules. Visit by Maj Gen AJ Clyne and Col PM Shanahan
14		1 officer, 21 OR's and 1 gun crew attend Remembrance Day parade in GEORGETOWN
16	0730	Convoy of 18 vehicles (4 x ¾ton FFR, 5 x ¼ton GS & 9 x 2½ GS) depart BUTTERWORTH for 221 BVD . Vehicles being returned as surplus to establishment. Convoy commander 2Lt R Anderson Visit by Primate Archbishop Gough & Chap Gen Begbie
17	0700	War Dept Civilian Staff Association on strike Bty providing minor services for RAAF Base.
22		Lt RP Horton departs orientation & observation South Vietnam
23		Visit by Brig Bendall (DEME) AHQ and Maj WI Hicks-Hall (DADEME) HQ Malaya Area
26		13 th gun serviceable after mechanical and electrical repairs. Only 11 guns are operational after 2 guns sights found to be u/s for fitting of new graticules
29	0800	War Dept Civilian Staff Association strike concluded (13 days on strike) Visit by Reverend Claxton and Reverend Mitchell
30		Visit by Capt Filmer and WO Dunkley (PR Staff) AAF and Maj Maunsell (AAF EDN Staff)

December, 65

2		Visit by Maj Burrell (DAQMG) HQ 17 HQ REME Visit by Air Vice Marshal BA Chacksfield (CG RAF REG) – inspected one gun unit and met Bty officers
6		Annual LAD stocktake commences – to conclude 10 Dec
8		Visit by Lt Col Hayman (AQMG) and Lt Col Durrant (ADOS AHQ)
10		Visit by Sgt Peters (Aust Cell 3 BOD)
14		Exercise "CALTROP" – 3 guns and detachment from Control Troop exercise with SABRE jet aircraft at KIAB. 8 sorties were flown – all were engaged using blank ammo One gun became u/s when side operating cover came open during firing 10 serviceable guns out of 13 – 2 waiting for sights and rewiring.
18	0550 - 0642	4 CANBERRA BOMBERS returning from GAN exercised with deployed guns. Visual aiming was not possible until approx 0630. Met first light at 0628 Visit by Lt Col Duke (DDPR) and Capt Filmer (PRO AAF)
22		One gun became serviceable after rewiring. Serviceable guns now 11 out of 13
23		[First accident gun] A gun became u/s after becoming unhooked from its tractor en route from Gun Position to Unit training area [Ed: the gun overturned/rolled] Visit by Air Vice Marshal IJ Spencer (HQ FEAF) and visited one gun position
24		1 officer and 30 OR's on ceremonial parade. Christmas messages were 'promulgated' and LSGCM's presented to RAAF and RAF members
28		Visit by Chaplain J Doust (4RAR) visited gun sites
29		Visit by Lt Col CW Linford (GSO1 HQ 17 Div Malaya)

January, 66

10		Visit by Lt Col RGD Buckeridge (CRAOC) 17 Div Malaya accompanied by Maj M Robertson-Young
11-13		1 officer and 23 OR's (2 sect) exercised in jungle movement, navigation and living in the field on PENANG
11		Visit by Mr J Morgan (Dept British High Commissioner (designate) Canberra)

		Visit by Maj RS Clarke (SOPT) 17 Div Malaya
14		Visit by Maj Burrell and Maj Seidl on changeover of DAQMG HQ 17 Div Malaya
17		Capt Whelan (Terendak) commences AACE mathematics course 2 vehicles and 6 members commanded by Sgt Selby depart for Terendak, carrying 4 bodies ex Vietnam casualties for burial Visit by Maj Miller (DAQMG) and Maj Whalley (DAD) both from HQ AAF FARELF
19		Unit party
20		Visit by Maj Gen AG Patterson (HQ 17 Div Malaya) and inspected gun position and LLADCP
25		2 vehicles and 6 members commanded by Sgt Eaton depart for Terendak, carrying 1 body ex Vietnam casualties for burial Capt N Mason-Jones arrived on posting vice Capt GD Carter
28		First accident gun (Ed: see 23 Dec) serviceable again

February, 66

1	0900	Second accident gun (rear cover) serviceable again 12 guns serviceable, 1 gun rewiring and sight under repair
16		Visit by Chaplain P Stack (RC) AAF Terendak
18		Visit by Air Vice Marshal L Mac D Hodges (COAS (OPS) MOD (UK)) to inspect LLADCP
22		Visit by WO2 Buss (ARD) HQ AAF FARELF to initiate documentation for relief of Unit in June, 66Error! Bookmark not defined.
23-25		LAACP Section and 647 Sig Troop exercised in infantry tactics on PENANG Island
28		Visit by Maj IS Power (GSO2 (Air)) HQ 17 Div Malaya

March, 66

1		Exercise " BLUEBOTTLE " at RAAF Base BUTTERWORTH to exercise guns and SAM's 11 guns participated, 6 firing plastic blank ammo 8 SABRE jet aircraft and 4 CANBERRA BOMBERS made a total of 7 attacks against base - EW was intermittent, LW good
2		BC presented sterilizer and other equipment to " Our Lady Of Lourdes " clinic, PENANG as a Unit welfare project – money was raised by volunteer contributions from Unit members
8		Visit by Lt Col Whitelaw (AA and QMG HQ AAF FARELF)
11		\$A500 presented to Unit by Aust Overseas Forces Assoc representative Mr WB Watson for purchase of refrigerators and fans for permanent gun sights
12		2Lt D Francis (ex 110 LAA) arrived on posting. Officer strength now 7
15		1 officer and 30 OR's on ceremonial parade. 13 LSGCM were presented to RAAF members Favourable comment from RAAF at standard of dress and drill of Unit detachment
16		Annual ammunition inspection by HQ FARELF
17		Visit to Unit LAD by Maj W Hicks-Hall (DADEME) HQ 17 Div Malaya HQ REME
21		Visit by Air Vice Marshal F Headlam (RAAF) , visited one gun position and LLADCP
23-29		Capt MH Park administering command vice Maj BR Topfer on leave
28		Weapons Tight State 2. "Stray" aircraft, found to be friendly

April, 66

7	0800	At request of 1 LAA SQN, Unit L9 gun position relocated to beach position west of L4. L9 position reverted to 1 LAA SQN
12		Exercise " GUNEX FIVE " RAAF BUTTERWORTH 16 SABRE jet aircraft and 4 CANBERRA BOMBERS carried out 7 simulated low level strikes on Base 10 Unit guns and 4 OP's were deployed EW from MRS was poor, but LW from OP's was good – results satisfactory
18		5 members of 674 Sig Troop exercised in the CHEMOR area (IPOH) in living in the field, cross country movement and navigation Visit by Maj Whalley (DAD) HQ AAF FARELF
19		Visit by Mr Smith & Perlstien (International Harvester) to assess Unit experience with trucks 2½ GS
21		Visit by Maj J Carroll (SC Q (Maint)) HQ 17 Div Malaya
22		Visit by Air Vice Marshal WS Hely (RAAF) visited one gun position and LLADCP
25		2 officers and 28 OR's took part in ANZAC Day services at War Memorial GEORGETOWN, together with RAAF contingent, and conducted Catafalque party and parade bugler
26		Visit by Col DR Carroll (D Comd) 17 Div Malaya as part of handover to Col DA Gilchrist
28		The PM Rt Hon Harold HOLT MP visits one gun Unit position and saw the duty gun section doing PT. The PM was accompanied by His Excellency the High Commissioner for Aust in Malaya the Hon Mr AJ Eastman and Lt General Sir John Wilton

		5 Unit officers attended a dinner in Officers Mess (RAAF Butterworth). The guests of honour being the Australian PM and PM Malaya TENGKU ABDUL RAHMAN
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May, 66

5		Visit by Brig FS Eiloart (BRA) HQ FARELF accompanied by Maj B Lancaster (BMRA) and Maj Q Mathias (BRA IG) HQ FARELF
10		No 1 SQN RAF REG relieved Bty members to allow the final of Bty Commanders Shield to take place. The Shield was won by H gun detachment, and the inaugural presentation was made by the BC
12		Visit by Lt Col RGD Buckeridge (CRAOC) 17 Div Malaya and Lt Col RJ Purnell (Barracks Officer Malaya)
17		Visit by WO2 Buss (ARD) HQ AAF FARELF to assist with records documentation for Unit relief in June.
19		Visit by Maj E Carter (DADLS) HQ AAF FARELF
23		Visit by Mr R Cornish (Finance) ADVR HQ AAF and Capt BR Windsor (RAEME) arrive to inspect and assist in 111 LAA Bty and LAD stocktakes
24		Capt MH Park assumes command vice Maj BR Topfer on leave
27	1150-1220	“ HOLD FIRE ” given by ADAC Indonesian C130 aircraft approaching OP DELTA, carrying Indonesian goodwill mission to KUALA LUMPUR

June, 66

1		Change in alert states come into force during practice firing at CHINA ROCK 1 gun alert 10 by day – alert 2 at dusk and dawn – no alert at night 1 gun 48hrs notice
	Penang	2 officers and 6 OR’s present further equipment to the Clinic of Our Lady Of Lourdes clinic on behalf of Bty
2		Alert states relaxed. Bty to maintain 3 guns at 12 hours & 9 guns at 48 hours notice 1,599 rounds of 40mm HE dispatched to 433 BAD via LST “ANTWERP” for repair and testing
3	0800	Duty gun section commenced to bring in guns from 50% deployment in response to relaxed alert States. OP’s, LLADCP & MRS no longer manned, although duty rosters continue. Duty members must notify their whereabouts at all times. Visit by Lt Col P Dey (AA & QMG) 17 Div Malaya

Commander’s Remarks [Ed: assumed to be written by **Capt MH Park**]

“The end of a record period of continuous deployment is a fitting conclusion to 111 LAA Bty’s tour in Malaysia”

9	0830-0850	6 officers and 103 OR’s parade for farewell inspection and address by OC RAAF BUTTERWORTH, Air Commodore WE Townsend CBE.. The OC complemented the Unit in its bearing, dress & drill and wished members success in their new postings in Australia
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Commander’s Remarks [Ed: assumed to be written by **Capt MH Park**]

“This was the Units first and last Battery Ceremonial parade in two years”

	1400-1630	Farewell visit by Brig FR Evans OBE, Comd AAF FARELF [Ed: can anyone remember his visit ? did he review the troops?]
10	1505-1520	During his first official visit to BUTTERWORTH, His Excellence AJ EASTMAN Esq CBE, Australian High Commissioner In Malaysia , visited Unit lines but not members of the Unit.
15	1010	‘Chalk 1’ of 110 LAA Bty arrived as first phase of relief for 111 LAA Bty
	1315	‘Chalk 1’ of 111 LAA Bty departed for Sydney
16-19	0001-2400	50% manning now provided by both 111 LAA Bty and 110 LAA Bty, both Units on call.
20	1200	Responsibility for role in this area transferred from 111 LAA Bty to 110 LAA Bty, with “handover” parade of both Units.
22	1000-1315	‘Chalk 2’ 110 LAA Bty arrived ‘Chalk 2’ of 111 LAA Bty departed for Sydney, leaving behind 4 married members who will remain supernumerary to 110 LAA Bty until their departure later in the year.
23-30		Visit by Maj W Hicks-Hall (DADEME) HQ 17 Div Malaya HQ REME

This was the end of Official Diary Entries of 111 LAA Bty as held by the Australian War Memorial

Ref:	Australian Army Commander’s diaries – Malaya – 111LAA Narratives AWM95 3/10/1 to 3/10/20
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NOTES: which guns were in A Troop: Guns A, B, C, D, E, F
 B Troop: Guns G, H, I, J, K, L

Chronology Of Enemy Incidents

Enemy incidents. Ref: 'Emergency And Confrontation' by P Dennis & J Grey - pages 225-228

17 Aug 64	108 infiltrators landed at 3 points; BENUT, PONTIAN, KECHIL, & KUKUP
2 Sep 64	2 x C130 dropped 98 paratroopers just north of LABIS in JAHORE In the book it was suggested that either 3 or 4 C130's departed Indonesia, one crashing en route, while one of the 2 landing paratroopers crashed into the sea on the return journey. By the end of the month 32 paratroopers had been killed and 62 captured by Gurkha and RNZIR forces. [Ed: I recall having driven by trucks to that region – as rumours abounded about a paratroop landing]
29 Oct 64	52 Indonesians In fishing boats landed near MUAR – 25 miles south of MALACCA. Gunners from 102 FLD Bty (and others) supported 3RAR in creating a cordon around the area of. Maj Brian Forwards mob!
09 Jan 65	53 Indonesians landed near MALACCA
22 Feb 65	6 Indonesians landed near Panchor in PERAK
25 Feb 65	12-45 Indonesians landed near East Coast JOHOR
28 Feb 65	Enemy action near TERBUT
16 Mar 65	PENANG 3 enemy landed, 2 captured, Police action only

Operation Magnus

Op MAGNUS	3RAR's deployment on Operation Magnus during September/October, 64 left forces in South-West Malaysia thin on the ground, and was one of the reasons why 111 LAA Bty sent troops to assist them on the boarder. In fact the situation was such, that in early Oct, it was likely that Australian dependents would be sent back home to Australia.
	Ref Emergency & Confrontation Malaya & Borneo 1950-66 by P Dennis and J Gray

Enemy Activity

Between 17 August 1964 and 29 March 1965, there were 39 separate landings, attempted landings or reconnaissances missions against the West Coast of peninsular Malaysia and Singapore. Some involved very small forces, fewer than half a dozen men at a time. In all in this period, 716 enemy were known to have deployed, of whom 451 actually staged landings; 144 were killed ashore or at sea and 409 surrendered or were captured. This was one of the most dangerous periods in the whole campaign. – (Ref page 228 Emergency & Confrontation Malaya & Borneo 1950-66)

On 30 November, 1964 1 SCOTS GUARDS &, 17th GURKHA Div (as part of the 28th Commonwealth Inf Brigade) took over the responsibility at the Malay/Thai boarder from 3RAR

Confrontation in Malaysia officially ended August 1966.

(Ref page 178-181 Emergency & Confrontation Malaya & Borneo 1950-66 by P Dennis and J Gray)

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- 1 LAA SQN** · 12
- 1 SQN RAF REG**
& Bty called to full deployment ASAP (**10Mar65**) · 8
and Unit took part in Exercise GUNNEX ONE (5-6Apr65)
· 8
assumed OP's responsible from Bty · 8
Bty assumed responsibility for OP's, LAACP and MCRU
from · 7
Control Troop to alternate fortnightly about with (Oct64) ·
7
duties carried out entirely by Bty be shared with · 7
MCRU/CP and OP's duties assumed by · 7
- 102 FLD Bty, 3RAR** (and others) cordon 52 Indonesians near
MAUR · 14
- 110 LAA Bty** (Chalk 1) arrived (**15Jun66**) · 13
- 110 LAA Bty** (Chalk 2) arrived (**22Jun66**) · 13
- 111 LAA Bty**
& **1 SQN RAF REG** called to full deployment ASAP
(**10Mar65**) · 8
1 Off and 23 OR's (2 sect) exercised in jungle movement
in the field on PENANG (11Jan66) · 11
1 Officer and 30 OR's depart by train to Singapore & RTA
Aust (**01Dec64**) · 7
16 soldiers arrive from Aust to replace members on RTA
(**17Dec64**) · 7
29 soldiers departed for Singapore for RTA Aust
(**15Dec64**) · 7
38 members detached to 3RAR for training and operations
(Malay/Thai) (**28Oct64**) · 5
arrived **PRAI** (near BUTTERWORTH) (**11Jun64**) · 3
at sea – **30 May, 1964** · 2
depart for Butterworth by train (**10Jun64**) · 3
fiances in Aust saying they will not marry · 7
final of Commanders Shield takes place – won by H gun
det · 13
mounting of - for movement to Malaysia – report to HQ ·
2
now on “married accompanied” basis · 7
placed on specific threat notice for infiltrators in
PENANG (**12Apr65**) · 8
relief draft of 18 soldiers arrived BUTTERWORTH
(**3Dec64**) · 7
sets sail for Malaysia on HMAS Sydney (**25May64**) · 1
SIG Troop departs on HMAS Sydney (**25May64**) · 1
SIK – 10 Unit vehicles depart for · 7
troops assist 3RAR on **Operation Magnus** (Sep/Oct64) ·
14
unit presented with \$500 by Aust Overseas Forces Assoc
for purchase of refrigerators and fans for permanent gun
sites (11Mar,66) · 12
- 111 LAA Bty** (Chalk 1) departs for Sydney (**15Jun66**) · 13
- 111 LAA Bty** (Chalk 2) departs for Sydney (**22Jun66**) · 13
- 16 REG RA**
Maj Topfer & Capt Hearder visit during firing practice
(**26Apr65**) · 8
- 17th GURKAHS**
10 unit vehicles depart for SIK with 148 personal · 7
- 1RAR**
body of Cpl Smith, (ex Vietnam) departs for deliver to
4RAR Terendak (16Oct65) · 10
- 1st Malaysian Rangers** to be trained in the use of **A510**
radios (**3Apr65**) · 8
- 1st SCOTS GUARDS**
British battalion not yet acclimatised for action on boarder
(**Dec64**) · 6

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- 32 LAD Bty RA**
2 gunners depart for CHANGI as second exchange with ·
10
- 3RAR Commanders Diary**
(radio records) 1-7 Nov64 · 6
(Sgt VP Vella **KIA** at STASS [Sarawak] **17May65**) · 6
111 LAA members identified by white hat bands · 6
6 by 3 ton vehicles (111LAA) transport A Coy 3RAR
from Changlun to Gurun police barracks (**30Nov64**) · 7
6 by 3 ton vehicles (111LAA) transport B Coy 3RAR
from Padang Besar to Gurun police barracks
(**23Nov64**) · 7
activity records during 111 LAA tour with B Coy (1-
7Nov64) · 6
as **Lt Carter** and 38 OR's were detached to (**28Oct64**) · 5
Capt Fisher departed SIK to visit **111 LAA Bty** (**31Oct64**)
· 6
includes medical NCO from 111 LAA Bty · 6
one troop of **111 LAA Bty** today arrived at SIK(**28Sep64**)
· 6
period on the boarder extended to Dec, 1964 (Operation
MAGNUS) · 6
Sgt Vella to command members of 111LAA (**28Oct64**) · 6

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- 647 Sig Troop**
& LAACP exercised in infantry tactics on PENANG
Island · 12
exercised in the CHEMOR area (IPOH) · 12

7

- 7 FLD Sqn RA** unloaded at Jesselton (**4Jun64**) · 2

A

- A Troop**
2 guns deployed **KIAB** airstrip to act as Target (**3Mar65**) ·
8
assumed gun duty from B Troop · 8
assumed responsibility for Guns from B Troop · 8
depart by air for SELETAR (4Jun65) · 9
first gun and detachment leave for practice firing at
CHINA ROCK (**6Aug65**) · 9
Lt Steel and gun detachment departs for **CHINA ROCK**
(25Sep65) · 10
- Anderson R, 2Lt**
& **2Lt Kennedy** departs for O&O visit to S/Vietnam
(**1Mar65**) · 8
18 surplus vehicles depart for **221 BVD** · 11
and 2 guns detachment depart by Service A/C for firing
practice at China Rock (10Jul65) · 9
commanded convoy carrying 40mm HE ammo · 8
- ANTWERP**
1,599 rounds of 40mm HE - dispatched to **433 BAD** via
LST Antwerp · 13
- ARGOSY** aircraft arrived carrying Troop's ammo and stores
(12Dec64) · 7
- Australian War Memorial**

end of official 111 LAA Diary · 13
January, 65 diary missing from records · 7
May, 65 diary missing from records · 9

B

B Troop

(4 guns, Control Troop and elements of BHQ, LAD & Sig Troop) depart for CHINA ROCK · 5

Ball GE, Capt

& **Capt Hearder** met Bty at **PRAI** (11Jun64 · 3
left for Garden Island with A Troop guns · 1
marched in from 1FLD REG · 1

Base Sick Quarters

385 visits to Base sick quarters to end July, 64 · 3

Batterbury EL, Lt

marched in from 1FLD REG · 1

Bdr Barry Algar dies as a result of vehicle accident on base · 5

BEVERLY aircraft arrived carrying Troop's ammo and stores (12Dec64) · 7

C

CANBERRA BOMBERS

& **SABRE** aircraft simulate attacks · 8
(No2 SQN RAAF) exercise to test tactics · 10
on exercise Gunex-3 · 9
returning from GAN exercised with deployed guns · 11
simulated dawn raids on base · 10
simulated low level strikes on Base · 12

Capt B Whiddon replaced by **Lt S Hearder** (30Apr64) · 1

Capt N Mason-Jones arrived on posting vice **Capt Carter** (25Jan66) · 12

Carter GD, Capt

as **Lt Carter** and 38 OR's were detached to 3RAR (28Oct64) · 5

as **Lt Carter** departs for HQ ASTARM for coaching and examinations · 2

Capt Carter as PR officer for ABC TV crew (30Dec64) · 7

Capt Carter attended official luncheon for **Mr Gough Whitlam MP** as BC's representative (12Feb65) · 8

Capt Carter departed for visit to HQ AAF and CHINA ROCK (28Sep65) · 10

Capt Carter departs for O&O S/Vietnam (14Mar65) · 8

Capt Carter replaced by **Capt N Mason-Jones** (25Jan66) · 12

Chalk 1

of 110 LAA Bty arrived as first phase of relief for 111 LAA Bty (15Jun66) · 13

of 111 LAA Bty departed for Sydney (15Jun66) · 13

Chalk 2

of 110 LAA Bty arrived (22Jun66) · 13

of 111 LAA Bty departed for Sydney (22Jun66) · 13

charger motor fiasco - ??? · 9

China Rock

1st A Troop gun depart for firing practice (6Aug65) · 9

2 guns return from CR by rail for adjustments · 9

2Lt BW Kennedy (OC Party) departs with 1 gun of B Troop (by aircraft) to (6Sep65) · 10

2Lt R Anderson commanded convoy carrying 40mm HE ammo to (28Apr65) · 8

403 rounds of 40mm HE were fired by B Troop (9-11Sep65) · 10

40mm HE - 346 were fired by A Troop (6-17Aug65) · 10

A Troop fired 232 rounds of 40mm HE – 1 misfire (9Oct65) · 10

Anderson R, 2Lt and 2 guns detachment depart by Service A/C for firing practice at China Rock (10Jul65) · 9

Anderson R, 2Lt plus detachment return from China Rock (20Jul65) · 9

B Troop (4 guns), Control Troop and elements of BHQ, LAD & Sig Troop depart for (5Sep64) · 5

BC & Lt Carter depart for recce of (17Aug64) · 4
both A Troop guns return (17Aug65) · 10

Bty contributes 4 members to permanent range staff at (29Mar65) · 8

Lt RP Horton and 2nd A Troop gun leave for (7Aug65) · 9

Lt Steel, 2 guns & detachment of A Troop depart by air for SELETAR (4Jun65) · 9

Lt. Horton & Capt. Carter depart by Civil A/C to (14Jul65) · 9

Maj BR Topfer

& **Capt Hearder** visit China Rock during firing practice by **16 REG RA** (26Apr65) · 8

No firing training because guns were recalled before firing any rounds. · 5

CHINA ROCK

A Troop guns & Lt Steel return from (9Oct65) · 10

Lt R Steel with gun and detachment from A Troop departs for (25Sep65) · 10

Commander's diary for May, 1965 – missing from AWM records! · 9

Commanders diary for January, 1965 – missing from AWM records! · 7

Control Troop

and elements of BHQ, LAD & Sig Troop depart for · 5
exercise with SABRE jet aircraft · 11

those not deployed on LAA duties be detached to 3RAR · 7

to alternate fortnightly about with 1 SQN RAF REG (Oct64) · 7

D

Danks, S (Steve) Gnr

dies (24Feb65) · 8

Horton RP, Lt & Capt K Mason inquiry on death of (1-2Mar65) · 8

E

Enemy incidents · 14

EW exercise · 11

EW OP's ordered to deploy re; suspect foreign aircraft · 3
Exercise '**RED JELLY**' to test air raid procedures (10Sep65) · 10

Exercise '**BLUEBOTTLE**' to exercise guns and SAM's (1Mar,66) · 12

Exercise '**BONG SU**' LAA deployment exercise · 4

Exercise '**CALTROP**' Control Troop exercise · 11

Exercise '**FORTEX 65**' air strike exercise · 8

Exercise '**GUNEX 3**' · 9

Exercise '**GUNEX 5**' · 12

Exercise '**GUNNEX ONE**' · 8

Exercise at '**BONG SU**' - infantry exercise · 5

F

First accident gun · 11

First accident gun serviceable again · 12

first Bty family – **Gunner Buttler** arrive PENANG · 8

Forward BC, Maj
Brian Forward · 1
his Unit went on to BORNEO on 2nd May, 65 · 1
Maj BC Forward (102 FLD Bty) Malaya · 1
Francis D, 2Lt
(ex 110 LAA) arrived on posting (12Mar,66) · 12

G

Gun Sgt No 1 course commenced · 5
guns deployed · 4
guns deployed 'State 1' (1-30Nov64) · 7
guns deployed 'State 4' · 5
Guns redeployed - Bty recalled to BUTTERWORTH from exercise Bong-Su · 5
guns, EW, LW and Comms trial deployment satisfactory · 3
guns, **Weapons Tight State 2**. "Stray" aircraft, friendly (28Mar,66) · 12
Gurkha recruits (40 of) visited Bty (16Feb65) · 8

H

HARI RAYA HAJI' (anniversary of Afro-Asian conference & Easter) (12Apr65) · 8
Header SR, Capt
& BC flew out by BOAC to Malaya (1May64) · 1
& **Capt Ball** met Bty at **PRAI** (11Jun64) · 3
6 months detachment to Director of Borneo Operations as GSO 3 PsyOps (26Jul65) · 9
as **Lt Header** 1 FLD REG marched into Unit (29Apr64) · 1
as **Lt Header** was promoted to **T/Capt**. (30Apr64) · 1
assumed duties of Aide de Camp (11Jun65) · 9
departed for O&O S/Vietnam (13Apr65) · 8
HMAS Sydney · 1
a "hot box" in the tropics · 3
and escorts depart **Jesselton Harbour** · 2
arrives **PENANG** with guns and equipment · 3
departs **PENANG** · 3
drops anchor at **Singapore** · 2
first time any LAA guns were fired from an RAN ship · 2
guns fire at flares fired from Parramatta & Yarra · 2
HMAS Parramatta & **HMAS Yarra** joins (2Jun64) · 2
Parramatta and Yarra drop anchor in Jesselton harbour · 2
sets sail for Malaysia with **111 LAA Bty RAA** (25May64) · 1
stopped and dumped a box of 3" mortars overboard · 1
under command of 111 LAA Bty LAD & 111 LAA Bty SIG Troop · 1
unloading of Sydney complete · 3
HOLD FIRE given by **ADAC** (27May66) · 13
Horton RP, Lt
& **Capt K Mason** inquiry on death of **Gnr Danks** · 8
and 2nd A Troop gun leave for China Rock (7Aug65) · 9
departs O&O S/Vietnam (22Nov65) · 11
Hostile aircraft approached to 90 miles (23Jun65) · 9
HQ FEAF issued max state warning order · 9
HUNTER
aircraft simulate attack on Base to exercise gun EW · 11
HUNTER aircraft
approach Base to 80 miles · 11
attack Base from South to North · 11

J

JAVELIN aircraft approach Base to 80 miles · 11

Jesselton harbour
7 FLD Sqn RAE unloaded at (4Jun64) · 2

K

Kennedy BW, 2Lt
& **2Lt Anderson** departs for O&O visit to South Vietnam · 8
departs with 1 gun of B Troop (by aircraft) to **CR** (6Sep65) · 10

L

LAACP Section and **674 Sig Troop** exercised in infantry tactics on **PENANG** Island · 12
LAD
& Sig Troop depart for (5Sep64) · 5
LAD
latest unserviceable gun was repaired using RAF cabling · 10
rewiring of 12 guns by LAD · 10
sought **AUSTARM** approval to experiment with repairs using RAF cabling · 10

M

Maj A McDermott · 1
& **Capt Header** flew out by BOAC to Malaya (1May64) · 1
& **Capt Smith** depart for HQ **AUSTARM** and 224 group **FEAF** · 2
& **Lt Carter** depart for recce of **CHINA ROCK** (17Aug64) · 4
& **Maj BR Topfer** to visit HQ Malaya (handover?) (18Dec64) · 7
departed **PENANG** for return to Australia · 7
the BC had not been watching television or listened to the radio · 1

N

Naval aircraft exercise gun defences – 14 Jun, 65 · 9
No 4 **RAAF** hospital, **BUTTERWORTH** · 10

O

Officer Establishment as at 2May65

2Lt R Anderson
B Troop leader · 1
Capt GE Ball
A Troop Comd · 1
Capt S Header
B Troop Comd · 1
Lt BW Kennedy
Bty Lt · 1
Lt Carter Unit's CPO · 1
Lt EL Batterbury
A Troop leader · 1
Lt RP Horton
QM · 1
Maj A McDermott
Unit's BC · 1
OP ALFA · 10

OP BRAVO · 10
OP CHARLIE · 10
OP DELTA · 10
 Hold Fire - Indon C130 goodwill mission to KUALA
 LUMPUR (27May66) · 13
OP EO · 10
OP FOXTROT · 10
OP GOLF · 10
OP HOTEL · 10
Operation GRANITE · 1
Operation MAGNUS · 6
 3RAR's deployment September/October, 64 · 14
 considered that Australian dependents would likely be sent
 back home. · 14
Our Lady Of Lourdes clinic · 12, 13

P

Parades

1 officer and 30 OR's on ceremonial parade · 11, 12
1 officer and 39 OR's parade to celebrate the anniversary
of the Battle of Britain (15Sep65) · 10
1 officer, 21 OR's and 1 gun crew attend Remembrance
Day parade in GEORGETOWN · 11
111 LAA Bty to 110 LAA Bty, "handover" parade
(20Jun66) · 13
2 officers and 28 OR's took part in ANZAC Day services
Georgetown (25Apr66) · 12
2 officers and 36 OR's represented 111 LAA Bty on
RAAF Base ceremonial parade · 8
6 officers and 103 OR's parade for farewell inspection and
address by **Air Commodore WE Townsend CBE**
(9Jun66) · 13
Ceremonial parade for **AVM CN Foxley-Norris** -
awarded "*best unit on parade*" · 10
Unit parade as a result of a surprise visit by minister for
Army, CGS & Comd 1 Div · 1

Park MH, Capt

"The end of a record period of continuous deployment
(3Jun66) · 13
"This was the Units first and last Battery Ceremonial
parade (9Jun66) · 13
administering command vice **Maj Topfer** on leave (23-
29Mar,66) · 12
assumed command vice Maj Topfer O&O S/Vietnam
(8Nov65) · 11
assumes Admin Command of Bty (7Jun,65) · 9
assumes command vice **Maj Topfer** on leave (24Mar,66) ·
13
departs for HQ Aust Army (SINGAPORE) Re
families joining the Bty (31Dec64) · 7
departs for O&O S/Vietnam (11Oct65) · 10
marched out to 1 FLD REG (30Apr64) · 1
took over duties from **Capt IR Smith** (30Nov64) · 7

S

SABRE jet aircraft · 12
 and 4 Canberra Bombers simulated attacks · 12
 at KIAB fly 8 sorties · 11
 raid to test new ground attack tactics · 10
Sgt Eaton depart for Terendak, carrying 1 body ex Vietnam
casualties for burial · 12
Sgt Selby
 depart for Terendak, carrying 4 bodies ex Vietnam
 casualties for burial · 12
 was one of guides for Gurkha visit (16Feb65) · 8
Smith IR, Capt

& BC depart for HQ AUSTARM · 2
informs Unit that press reports were unconfirmed · 1
relieved by **Capt Park** (30Nov64) · 7
Steel R, Lt
2 guns & detachment of A Troop depart by air for
SELETAR (4Jun65) · 9
departed for O&O S/Vietnam (2Aug65) · 9
departed for O&O S/Vietnam by civil aircraft (21Jun65) ·
9
returns by civil aircraft as tour of Vietnam cancelled
(22Jun65) · 9
with gun and detachment from A Troop departs for
CHINA ROCK (25Sep65) · 10

T

TERA sights

1 gun rewiring and sight under repair · 12
2 guns sights found to be u/s for fitting of new graticules ·
11
2 guns waiting for sights and rewiring · 11
sights arrive for fitting of 600mph graticules. · 11

Topfer BR, Maj

& **Maj A McDermott** to visit HQ Malaya (handover?)
(18Dec64) · 7
arrived Penang ex Australia (20Jul65) · 9
assumed command of 111 LAA Bty (21Dec64) · 7
attends Naval/Air demonstration "SHOWPIECE" · 8
departs by air for Singapore then China Rock, to act as
Director of Practice (7Jun65) · 9
O&O S/Vietnam (8Nov65) · 11

U

Unit party – 19 Jan, 66 · 12

V

Visits

5 CMF officers visit Bty · 8
Air Chief Marshal Sir John Grandy · 9
Air Marshal PG Wykeham (AFC-Comd FEAF) · 3
Air Marshal Sir John Davis (Sup & Org) · 8
Air Marshal Sir Valston Hancock DFC of Air Staff · 3
Air Vice Marshal AM Murdoch (CAS (desig.)) · 8
Air Vice Marshal BA Chacksfield (CG RAF REG) · 11
Air Vice Marshal CN Foxley-Norris. annual inspection ·
10
Air Vice Marshal F Headlam (RAAF), · 12
Air Vice Marshal Gibson ((SASO FEAF). Visited
LAACP · 7
Air Vice Marshal IJ Spencer (HQ FEAF) · 11
Air Vice Marshal L Mac D Hodges (COAS (OPS)
MOD (UK)) to inspect LLADCP · 12
Air Vice Marshal WS Hely (RAAF) · 12
Brig AC Rowell (DDS, AMS) re Unit dental problems · 5
Brig Bendall (DEME) AHQ · 11
Brig Bidwell (BRA) · 3
Brig FR Evans (Comd AUSTARM) · 3
 visited casualties from Vietnam in No 4 RAAF hospital
 · 10
Brig FR Evans OBE, Comd AAF FARELF · 13
Brig FS Eiloart (BRA) HQ FARELF · 13
Brig LVS Falks (BRA) · 7
Brig McAlister (Col COMDT E Comd) · 1
Brig PAL Vaux (Comd HQ Malaya)

farewell visit · 11
inspects one gun Unit and duty crews · 8
visit 18 Jun, 64 · 3
visit 4 Nov, 64 · 7
Bryant MP (Aust) · 7
by Queensland State Parliamentarians · 9
Capt B Gillman (ADPR) HQ AAF to record Christmas messages for WA soldiers · 5
Capt Filmer (PRO AAF) · 11
& **WO Dunkley (PR Staff AAF)** visit Unit · 11
& **WO Dunkly (AUSTARM)** film guns departing for CHINA ROCK · 10
Capt Granter (SC 'A') AUSTARM re Unit A Branch problems · 8
Capt Hoffman (AAF) discuss financial arrangement ARMY/RAAF · 8
Capt LG Peters (RAAOC) re spare parts problem · 3
Capt M Gill (SC A) HQ AAF FARELF · 10
Capt Nobbs (HQ CRÈME) Malay Area to discuss stores facilities · 9
Capt Whelan (Terendak) commences AACE mathematics course · 12
Capt Wright (G3 (Int) HQ Malaya) · 7
Chap PL Sullivan (Aust Army Chaplains Dept) · 8
Chaplain Gen Begbie visit · 11
Chaplain General Vertigan, Methodist chaplain to UK forces · 8
Chaplain J Doust (4RAR) visit · 11
Chaplain J Doust (C of E) 4RAR Terendak · 10
Chaplain P Stack (RC) AAF Terendak · 12
Chaplain PL Sullivan arrived for 1 week duty with Bty · 9
Col CTW Dixon (DPS AHQ) to discuss DFRBF changes · 9
Col DR Carroll (D Comd) 17 Div Malaya as part of handover to **Col DA Gilchrist** · 12
Col Green (JIB) Singapore · 7
Col Hatfield (CREAME) Malay Area visited Unit & LAD · 8
visits LAD · 10
Col IG Trainor (DRA) re relief of Unit · 5
Col M Ewing (DLS) to discuss legal problems · 7
Col PM Shanahan · 11
Group Capt Wood-Glover (SG DSO) · 3
His Excellence AJ EASTMAN Esq CBE visited Unit lines but **not** members of the Unit · 13
Hon Dr AJ Forbes MC Minister for Army inspected 2 detachments of deployed guns · 9
Hon Mr AJ Eastman · 12
Hon Mr RW Swartz MP Minister for Health - BC attended official luncheon · 10
Hon Paul Hasluck MP · 3
International Harvester reps · 12
Lt Col CW Linford (GSO1 HQ 17 Div Malaya) · 11
Lt Col Duke (DDPR) · 11
Lt Col Durrant · 11
Lt Col Hayman · 11
Lt Col HG Frost (CRÈME) · 3
Lt Col Marsh (D Maint – AHQ) · 3
Lt Col P Dey (AA & QMG) 17 Div Malaya · 13
Lt Col RGD Buckeridge (CRAOC) 17 Div Malaya · 13
accompanied by **Maj M Robertson-Young** · 11
Lt Col RJ Purnell (Barracks Officer Malaya) · 13
Lt Col Whitelaw (AA and QMG HQ AAF FARELF) · 12
Lt General Sir John Wilton (CSG) · 3, 12
Maj B Lancaster (BMRA) · 13
Maj Burrell (DAQMG) HQ Malaya Area · 9
Maj Burrell (DAQMG) HQ 17 Div Malaya · 11
and **Maj Seidl** on changeover of **DAQMG** · 12
Maj CA Stanelin (SOPT) HQ Malaya to discuss PT and sport activities · 5
Maj Craig (1 Psych Unit) to interview candidates for officer course · 10
Maj DH Brennan (G2 Ops & Int) HQ Malaya Area to discuss Intelligence matters · 9
Maj DH Brennan (GSO) HQ Malaya Area · 10
Maj E Carter (DADLS) HQ AAF FARELF · 13
Maj G Hughes and Terrain Assessment team arrive Penang · 9
Maj Gen AG Patterson (HQ 17 Div Malaya) · 12
Maj Gen AJ Clyne · 11
Maj IF Gregory (DADOS) HQ Malaya re officers accom stores · 3
Maj IS Power (GSO2 (Air)) HQ 17 Div Malaya · 12
Maj J Campbell, Commonwealth Audit Inspector · 10
Maj J Carroll (SC Q (Maint)) HQ 17 Div Malaya · 12
Maj JL Firth (Q Quart), Malay Area to discuss Quarters · 9
Maj Kirkland (HQ AAF) concerning CASEVAC from Vietnam · 9
Maj Maunsell (AAF EDN Staff) · 11
Maj Maunsell (Ed Off) HQ AAF arrived to discuss Class 2 and 3 ed training · 9
Maj Miller (DAQMG) · 12
Maj Newman (HQ ASTARM) visited to arrange MQ's · 3
Maj Q Mathias (BRA IG) HQ FARELF · 13
Maj RA Brown (AACC) HQ Malaya · 3
Maj RG Gardiner · 3
Maj RS Clarke (SOPT) 17 Div Malaya · 11
Maj WA Woolston (RAEME) · 3
Maj Whalley (DAD) HQ AAF FARELF · 12
Maj WI Hicks-Hall (DADEME) · 10, 11, 12, 13
Maj WI Hicks-Hall (DADEME) and **Maj Bruce (CRÈME) HQ Malay Area** to discuss EME matters · 9
Mr Gough Whitlam MP visit 12 Feb, 65 · 8
Mr Gough Whitlam Opposition Member visit (16Jul65) · 9
Mr J Morgan (Dept British High Commissioner (designate) Canberra) · 11
Mr R Cornish (Finance) ADVR HQ AAF and Capt BR Windsor (RAEME) to assist in Bty and LAD stocktakes · 13
Mr R McInnes (ABC TV) shot film of Bty activities · 7
PM Malaya TENGKU ABDUL RAHMAN · 12
PM Rt Hon Harold HOLT MP visits one gun Unit · 12
Primate Archbishop Gough & Chap Gen Begbie visit · 11
Reverend Claxton · 11
Reverend Mitchell · 11
Sgt Peters (Aust Cell 3 BOD) · 11
WO2 Andrews, auditor from AAF arrived · 8
WO2 Burrekett (Terendak) to run course for Army 2nd & 3rd Class Ed Certificates · 10
WO2 Buss (ARD) HQ AAF FARELF to assist with documentation for Unit relief in Jun, 66 · 13

W

War Dept Civilian Staff Association on strike · 11
War Dept Civilian Staff Association strike concluded (13 days on strike) · 11
WO D Bagnal to take over OC LAD from **WO McHutchison** · 7
WO2 Windsham interviewed re overseas allowance · 9

