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201 Sig Sqn in Borneo

Forwarded herewith is copy No 29 of GS Instruction No.11/64.

This instruction was prepared by MI8 and issued under the signature of Director of Staff Duties for the purpose of formalizing on the Staff level within the Army, our Borneo Operation.

The instruction itself is quite innocuous but serves to give staff authority for the operation to cover administrative matters that may arise from time to time. For example, it would be necessary eventually for the unit to notify the Records office of personnel service in Borneo.

Please note para 10 and distribution. No mention has been made of intelligence and the instruction was despatched to senior officers by name.

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GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION 11/64

AMF SIGNALS SUPPORT IN THE BORNEO TERRITORIES

Introduction

1. Approval has been given for the deployment in the Borneo Territories of one troop 201 Sig Sqn (strength 1 officer and 37 other ranks) for communications duties, in response to a British request for assistance.

Aim of this Instruction

2. The aim of this instruction is to advise arrangements already made through technical channels for the deployment and administrative support of these elements of 201 Sig Sqn in Borneo.

Deployment

5. 221 Sig Troop of 201 Sig Sqn Singapore is to be deployed at LABUAN with a small detachment only at KUCHING in accordance with operation instructions issued separately.

4. Command and Control

(a) Command

Commander Aust Army Force Farelf as delegated to OC 201 Sig Sqn. $\,$

(b) Operational Control

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- (c) Administrative Control
 - (i) General
- Commander Aust Army Force Farelf
- (ii) Local
- OC 201 Sig Sqn subject to local administrative authority of area commanders IABUAN and KUCHING.

Administration

5. Personnel

(a) The tour of duty in the Borneo Territories will normally be three months. Personnel are to be rotated for duty between 201 Sig Sqn Singapore and the Borneo Territories to satisfy this requirement.

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(b) Because of this commitment the overseas manpower ceiling of 201 Sig Sqn Singapore is now raised to 97. Reinforcement and replacement of personnel will be from 101 Wrls Regt, implemented in the normal way by AHQ (D Sigs and CARO).

Personnel will only be deployed to Borneo from Singapore.

6. Equipment

Equipment for LABUAN is to be provided from existing AMF resources from 101 Wrls Regt. Maintenance of this equipment will be an AMF responsibility.

7. Movement to Singapore

- (a) Personnel by air in accordance with current arrangements.
- (b) Equipment By RAAF under separate arrangements to be made by GS AHQ.

8. Movement Singapore/Borneo

This will be by British Service means under arrangements made between HQ Aust Army Force and FARELF. MOD (Army) London have agreed to provide this service free of charge.

9. Provision of A and Q Services

MOD (Army) London have agreed to provide the following on repayment by the AMF, covered by the capitation charge now paid by the AMF to the British Army in respect of 201 Sig Sqn in Singapore:

Rations and POL
Fuel Light and Power
Maintenance of Accommodation Stores
Maintenance of Vehicles
Engineer Maintenance of Buildings
Medical and Dental Services
Miscellaneous A and Q Services

Arrangements for the provision of these Services are to be made by HQ Aust Army Force with FARELF.

10. Accommodation

Operational and living accommodation is to be provided by the British Army. It has been proposed to MOD (Army) London that:

- (a) Capital costs of providing accommodation should be borne by the British Army,
- (b) the AMF pay engineer maintenance charges on buildings and charges related to accommodation as included in the capitation rate now paid in respect of 201 Sig Sqn in Singapore.

These proposals are still being considered by the British Authorities. Firm details will be advised when known.

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Security

10. This instruction is to be handled by addressees on a strict "need to know basis". There will be no publicity given to this operation.

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