U.S. COMMANDER TO SEE AUSTRALIAN TRAINING

Statement by the Minister for the Army, the Hon. Malcolm Fraser, MP

The Commanding General of the United States Continental Army Command, General Paul L. Freeman, Jr., will visit Australia this week to see training methods and techniques of the Australian Army.

Announcing this today, the Minister for Army, Mr. Malcolm Fraser, said that General Freeman would visit Papua/New Guinea Command on Monday, February 27 where he would visit the 1st Battalion, Pacific Islands Regiment and the Recruit Training Depot at the Goldie River.

His visit to Australia would be from February 28 to March 5.

The purpose of General Freeman's visit was to exchange ideas on training methods and to see first hand the training techniques in the Australian Army.

He would arrive at the RAAF base, Fairbairn, on February 28 and would call on Service and Departmental heads.

On March 1 he would visit the Royal Military College, Duntroon and the 1st Recruit Training Battalion at Kapooka, NSW. On March 2, he would visit the Army Staff College at Queenscliff, Victoria, where he would address staff and students. On March 3 he would visit the National Service Officer Training Unit at Schevville and the Infantry Centre, Ingleburn, NSW and on March 4 the Jungle Training Centre at Canungra, Qld.

In recent weeks, General Freeman had been visiting troops in Vietnam including members of the Australian Task Force.

General Freeman became Commanding General of the U.S. Continental Army Command in April, 1965. He is also Commander in Chief of Army Forces, U.S. Strike Command and U.S. Army Forces, Atlantic.

The General, who will be accompanied by his wife, will leave Sydney for New Zealand on March 5.

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