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Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Headquarters units

Item number: 1/3/4

**Item: Headquarters, Australian Army
Force, Vietnam**

Narrative

Duty Officer's log

Annexes

[1-31 Jan 1966]

PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. R707:6:1

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C 2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.
2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) *Brennan* *Brig*

Appointment *GSO3*
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

PART 2

SECRET

ORIGINAL
DUPPLICATE

**Strike out where
not applicable**

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation Headquarters, Australian Army Force, VIETNAM

From 1 Jan 66

To 31 Jan 66

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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* Only to be included during operations.

† Cross out whichever is not applicable.

AF C 2119 (Adapted)
Revised Jun, 1965

Enclosure Numbers	to
	to

† NIN
† RJA

† Despatched to
on 23 Feb 66

PART 3

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COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

1. The aim of a Commanders Diary is to provide data on which to base future improvements in Army training, equipment, organization and administration, and to furnish historians with a record of the activities of units and formations in operational and non-operational periods in peace and in war.

GENERAL

2. *Entries are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.*

3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)" Chapter 2, Section 12.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

4. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled by commanders of all formations.

During Operational Periods (1)

5. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled in duplicate by:

- Commanders of all formations.
- Each branch of the staff at formation headquarters commanded by a brigadier or above.
- Heads of services not below the rank of lieutenant colonel.
- Personal staffs and officers holding special appointments.
- Unit commanders.
- Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:

- Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
- Index as printed on cover.
- Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
- Annexes as shown in the Index.

7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.

8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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~~COMMANDERS DIARIES~~

13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.

14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.

15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.

b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence, to AHQ. The inner envelope must be plainly marked:

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Commanders Diary of (Formation or Unit)

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ENTRIES

~~to be used on operational situations, conditions, equipment~~

~~I order given~~
~~to day's details, including command movements,~~
~~arrivals and departures, patrols, raids, organization~~

~~initial impressions,~~
~~of officers, men and equipment~~
~~power displayed~~
~~employed in the operations conducted for. The type of~~

~~, and to give such other information as possible to the~~
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~~and the time of issue and return to be given.~~

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

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MONTH AND YEAR

January 1966

COMMANDING OFFICER Brigadier O. D. JACKSON

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		1530	Commander Brigadier O D JACKSON OBE and GS02 Maj R JOSHUA visited 1 RAR at BAO TRAI and HQ 173 Airborne Brigade	
SAIGON		1715	Commander and GS02 returned from 1 RAR	
BAO TRAI	2	1100	GS02 and PRO - Maj HINDS visit 1 RAR	
SAIGON		1300	Party returns from 1 RAR	
VUNG TAU	3	0700	Deputy Commander Lt Col McNAMARA visited VUNG TAU to asses progress on Australian Rest and Convalescent Centre.	
BAO TRAI		0830	Commander visited BAO TRAI accompanied by GS02 (FORS) Maj MEIBUSCH and GS02.	
DUC HOA	4	1400	GS03 Capt BROWNE visited 173 Bde together with PRO and Col FOLEY Commander NZ Force VIETNAM.	
SAIGON		1415	Arrival of Chap HASELLER on information gathering tour of the world.	
SAIGON		1430	Official Army Headquarters sanction of Australian R and R Centre VIETNAM on Est 1V/182/1 (TW)	
SAIGON		1600	Return of Liasion group from DUC HOA.	
SAIGON	5	0900	Commander hands over VOLKSWAGON Station Sedan to Red Cross Representative Miss Pam SPENCE on behalf of Red Cross of AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND.	
VUNG TAU	6	1100	DAQMG - Maj QUEALY and OLO Capt QUAIL visit Rest and Convalescent Centre at VUNG TAU with reference to Plant and equipment installation.	

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HO BO WOODS	9	0900	DAQMG GS03 visit 1 RAR. Lt Col McDONAGH called on CO 1 RAR Lt Col PREECE and inspected 3 Fd Tp works in the perimeter.	
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SAIGON/DIAN	11	1000	GS02 (FORS) visits 1 Dev with Col WARR (CO ⁵ RAR)	
HO BO WOODS		1600	Deputy Commander and Assistant Military Attaché Col MAXWELL paid a liaison visit to 1 RAR and 105 Fd Bty accompanied by GS03.	
SAIGON		1845	Liasion party returned from HO BO WOODS to SAIGON.	
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SAIGON	26	1000	CO 1 RAR visits SAIGON for talks with Deputy Commander.	
		1500	Commander returns from HONG KONG after plane breakdown.	
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Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
1 Jan 66	OII200H	Phone	I RAR : SITREP NEGATIVE	Instr Sigs to take nec action to have phone fixed and advise Requested use signal veh to take to Navy Dispensary
	OII300H	Phone	I RAR : SITREP NEGATIVE	
	OII353H	Phone	Dep Comd rang to say Comd residence phone was US	
	OII356H	Phone	Guard Comd : DUC TAN rang to say member of guard ill	
	OII650H	Phone	Guard Comd DUC TAN advises Pte HANSEN has been admitted to the Navy Hospital with MALARIA : requests replacement	
	OII700H	Phone	I RAR advise relief for Pte HANSEN tomorrow if possible if not first thing Mon morning	
	OI2200H	Phone	I RAR : SITREP NEGATIVE	
)			
	OI2350H	Phone	Lt Col HIRST rang requesting info on pick up time 2 Jan 66	
	OI2359H	Phone	I RAR : SITREP NEGATIVE	
2 Jan 66	020107H	Phone	Duty NCO CMM DUC TAN HOTEL STATES A party at the hotel attended by civilians (AUST) and hotel occupants is getting out of control CMM attempts to control the sit have been fruitless and he has been told to F... OFF. requests HELP	Informed DAAG had made arrangements for approx 020835H
	(Sgt DHU)		I RAR : SITREP NEGATIVE	DAAG proceeded to hotel (020116H)
	020200H	Phone	I RAR : SITREP NEGATIVE	
	020400H	Phone	I RAR : SITREP NEGATIVE	
	020600H	Phone	I RAR : SITREP NEGATIVE	
	020800H	Phone	I RAR : SITREP NEGATIVE	

Maj
Duty Officer

DUTY OFFICERS REPORT SHEET

DUTY OFFICER. Capt MANLEY MOUNTED 0830 hrs 31 Dec 65... DISMOUNTED.. 0830 hrs 1 Jan 66...

Date/Time	Sig Phone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
311730 H	Phone	From Gd Sgt DUC TAN. One member of the guard has high fever		
311930 H	Sig	From SINGAPORE. From XXXXX(X) . Sig SD7353 . Visit Lt Col McDONAGH	On advice of SMO member was taken to NAVY Hosp	
	"	AHQ " (C) Sig ES32592 . FOR RAE DET IIASC from DES		
	"	From MILCOMMAND SYDNEY. WELFARE Pte G T COLE.		
	"	From AHQ (C). WELFARE 311351 Pte A.B. WEDGEWOOD		
312000 H	Phone	From 1RAR - SITREP. NTR		
312200 H	"	From 1 RAR - SITREP. NTR		
312400 H	"	From 1 RAR - SITREP. NTR		
010200 H	"	From 1 RAR - SITREP. NTR		
010400 H	"	From 1 RAR - SITREP. NTR		
010600 H	"	From 1 RAR - SITREP. NTR		
010700 H	Sig	From AUSTARM SINGAPORE. SD7375 VISIT Lt Col McDONAGH		

*Manley by
1 Jan 66.*

DUTY OFFICERS REPORT SHEET

DUTY OFFICER... CAPT. J. BROWNE MOUNTED... 02.0830H... DISMOUNTED... 03.0830H...

Date/Time	Sig Phone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
1700	PHONE	SITREP NEGATIVE.		
1800	"	" "		
2000	SIG	SIG DESPATCHED ON NOK DETAILS OF SGT TINDALL.		
2100	SIG	FURTHER SIG DESPATCHED ON CONDITION OF SGT TINDALL.		
2200	PHONE	SITREP NEGATIVE.		
0800		DISMOUNTED.		

Brumby CDO
030830 H DEC

DUTY OFFICERS REPORT SHEET

DUTY OFFICER... Maj. M. V. QUEALLY MOUNTED... 0830 hrs. 3 Jan 66 DISMOUNTED... 0830 hrs. 4 Jan 66

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
031300 H	Phone	Sitep from 1RAR Dismounted.	Passed to A502. <i>Queally 4/1/66.</i>	
040830 H	-			

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DUTY OFFICER... Maj m EVANS

..... MOUNTED... 060830Z Jan 65 DISMOUNTED... 070830Z Jan 65

Date/Time	Sig Phone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
061800	Signal	Unclass AG 9509 from W Comd. Ref welfare 53652 Sgt GA SMITH I RAR		DAAG
061800	Signal	Unclas Q 312 from AHQ (C). Ref Animal & Plant Quarantine		DAQMG
061800	Signal	Unclas PYA 12 from I6I Recce Flt (for info) Ref Conversion to Decimal Currency		Paymaster
061800	Signal	Unclas ORD 50142 From AHQ (M). Ref spares for WISCONSIN Gen Set		DAQMG
061800	Signal	Unclas PYA II from I6I Recce Flt (for info) Ref M/Q of Adjt		Paymaster
061805	Phone	Platypus 3 SITREP - Nothing to Report		GSO 2
062000	Phone	Platypus 3 SITREP - Nothing to report		GSO 2
062100	Phone	From Capt TWISS - Message for Maj JOSHUA - Capt TWISS leaving for PHAT CHI tomorrow morning 7 Jan 0700 to look at TRACK 90B	Eapt	GSO 2
062200	Phone	Platypus 3 SITREP - Nothing to report		GSO 2
062355	Phone	Platypus 3 Passed OPSUM 9. - Own SITREP NEGATIVE		GSO 2
070200	Phone	Platypus 3 SITREP - NEGATIVE		GSO 2
070302	Phone	Platypus 3 SITREP - NEGATIVE		GSO 2
070425	Phone	Platypus 3 SITREP - NEGATIVE		GSO 2
070505	Phone	Platypus 3 SITREP - NEGATIVE		GSO 2
070605	Phone	Platypus 3 SITREP - NEGATIVE		GSO 2

JL Evans Maj.

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DUTY OFFICER..... *Capt LR Summers* .. MOUNTED... *04.0830*.... DISMOUNTED... *050.830*....

Date/Time	Sig Phone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
04 1825	Phone	ltdtel IRAR NTR	—	G2
2000	Phone	ltdtel IRAR NTR	—	G2
2215	Phone	IRAR - 161 Recce Flt cannot provide FW ac for SEA GULL as requested. RW ac grounded for service, & FW flying resupply from Bien Hoa	Rang G2, unable to contact, left message to sig shack	G2
		ltdtel IRAR NTR	—	G2
2220	Sig	Austam Singapore Q Mot 35 RTV Sp. MALLARD	—	MC
	Sig	Austam Singapore - Amurites for troops overseas	—	Del Comd, DATA.
2300	Sig	Austam Singapore - Visit SOREI Arriving 0700 hrs SAIGON	—	DATA MC
2340	Sig	IRAR - Replacements	—	DATA
2355	Phone	ltdtel IRAR - NTR	—	G2
05 0100	Phone	ltdtel IRAR - NTR	—	G2

DUTY OFFICERS REPORT SHEET

DUTY OFFICER.....

MAJ HINDS.....

MOUNTED. 0830...7 JAN 66...

DISMOUNTED. 0830...8 JAN 66...

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
071845	Ph	Guard Sgt Due TAN advised a guard had threatened him with a rifle and was creating a disturbance. (PTE GOULDEN 1RAR)	Provost told to place soldier in cells. (CPH BURSTOW.)	A
072015	Ph.	1RAR - sitrep negative.		
072115		on request of PTE GOULDEN spoke to him in cells. He wanted to know with what offence he had been charged. He said if he was charged he wanted the making counter charges against the Provost and guard sergeant.	told Goolden he would be told in the morning what charges, if any, would be laid against him and that he would spend night in cells.	A.
072205	Ph	1RAR - sitrep negative.		
072200	Sig	APAC 50204. Remittances Cleared.		
	Sig	1RAR A29. Missing weapon recovered		
	Sig	1RAR A30. Your A2955. pls advise.		

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DUTY OFFICER.. Maj. J. S. MESSBUSH MOUNTED.. 0830 hrs. 19 Jan 66 DISMOUNTED.. 0830 hrs. 20 Jan 66

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
192015H	Phone	I RAR SITREP - NEGATIVE.		
192040H.	Sig.	DEATH OF MOTHER - SC1 DH FYFE. 1RAR.	Fwd to 1RAR	
192200H	Phone	SITREP NEGATIVE - 1RAR		
200025H	Phone.	" " "		
200025H	"	8 Per from RAR, at TAN SON NHUT.	DUTY DUE TO PICK-UP. SOC TAN DUTY NCO ARRANGE AGEN.	
200130H	"	Duty dur reported no sign of pers, made check of area.		
200400H	"	Sitrep 1RAR - NTR		
200600H	"	Sitrep 1RAR - NTR		

W.H. Maj

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DUTY OFFICER

Capt... MANLEY... MOUNTED.. 20.0830. Jan 66 DISMOUNTED..... 0830 21-Jan-66

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
201245 H	Phone	Fm 1RAR . Query on time of departure from TSN Maj ESSEX-CLARKE, Dte BLIGHT or Convoy ac for 21 Jan.	Referred to MC.	—
201840 H		"HOT LINE out". Teleprinter OK also unclas line.	Sigs trying to fix	
201915 H		WOI FIRTH reported that Bobby LIMB show is to stay overnight at VUNG TAU. Arrangements had been made for the ac to lift the show from BIEN HOA but the ac reported at TSN. Eventually a RAAF ac lifted the show to VUNG TAU. WOI FIRTH to give full report to DAAG		
201950 H	Sig	Fm 1ALSC . SITREP as at 201200 H " 1RAR for info only their Confd A127 of 200830Z. Welfare Sgt FYFE	NIL	G502
"	"		NIL	A Br
"	"			

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIVITIES AT HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE VIETNAM - JAN 66

1. This past month the staff attention has been directed to phase 2 of maintenance for the Australian Army Force. Acceptances or conditioned rejections of change over materials and vehicles have been solicited from Field units.
2. Difficulties to the internal functioning of the headquarters were experienced by the absence of four clerks. This created a backlog in all routine work.
3. The main HQ project in this month was the establishment of a Rest and Convalescence Centre at VUNG TAU.
4. The Commander and his family spent R and R in HONG KONG. Commander handed over duties to Deputy Commander in his absence.

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DUTY OFFICERS REPORT SHEET

DUTY OFFICER... CAPT. PARKER RH MOUNTED. 0830... 21/1/66. DISMOUNTED. 0830... 22/1/66...

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
21 0830	SIG " " " "	PR 200900Z SIG 53002 MAGNETIC DISTURBANCE R 200709Z MOV 2755 S THORSCAPE MOV 274 MISS ZINNER RED CROSS ETA SMCON 251025	INFO MOVEMENTS " " "	SIGS DISQMG " & DRAG
	"	SIGS 1973 CIRCUIT STATE	SIGS	SIGS
	17738 3411112	G NIELSON IARR 215030 SPR BIDDOLPH 3FDTP P WATTS IARR 54810 SPR WILSON 3FDTP	{ Members mixed vehicle to BIDN Hq with IARR mail vehicle at 1400 hrs.	will return with IARR mail
21 1400	PHONE	SIGS - HOT LINE OPERATING		
1405	"	I RAR - SIT REP NEG		
1700		Message to RAAF Vung Tau - Frank Wards shift left behind. Please forward. RAAF will notify DRAG Sab.		
1730		Bobby Limb + Party LEFT HQ FOLLOWING		
		A MOST ENJOYABLE SHOW		
2000	PHONE	SIT REP NEG		
2001	PHONE	AIR POLICE TSN REQUIRE RUST MP - 2 AUST SOLDIERS AT AIR POLICE HQ.	CONTACT MP PATROL	
2020	"	AIR POLICE DISREGARD PREVIOUS MESSAGE	DONE	

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DUTY OFFICER..... *Capt. R. PARKER* MOUNTED *210830* DISMOUNTED *220830*

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
21 1120	PHONE	1RAR SIT REP NEG		
1121	"	Lt Col McNAMARA - VEH REQ'D 0700 hrs + 0800 hrs	Listed for duty dvr.	-
2400		Sgt Stevens reported Due TAN NL in morning QUIET.		
220010	"	1RAR SIT REP NEG		
0020	"	Px NAUGHTON REQUESTS DUTY DVR FOR SOLDIER STRANDED IN SAIGON FROM TSN	DVR INSTR OK	-
0200	"	1 RAR SIT REP NEG		
0400	"	" " " "		
0500		HEARD LOUD EXPLOSION BUT NOT ABLE TO ASCERTAIN DETAILS [Apparently USOM Building was damaged by thermal bomb 1SM.]	-	

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DUTY OFFICER.....*Capt. MANLEY*... MOUNTED...*20.08.20.11*... DISMOUNTED.....

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Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
201945 H	<i>MJ</i>	Fm 1RAR. RESTD A129 of 200820Z my own A3313 of 200144Z. NO immediate action required.	DAAG	ABR
"	"	Fm 1RAR. ACK to own A3315 of 200200Z	NIL	ABR
"	"	Fm ARMY PAY MELBOURNE. UNCLAS ROUTINE APAC 50830 of 190600Z to 1RAR info this HQ. Reg pay matters L Cpl COXON deceased.	NIL	ABR
"	"	Fm AMSRIC. UNCLAS PRI QM 522 of 200000Z. RAAF notification of Army Convire ac. 6304 lbs stores VNG TAD.	MC	QBR
"	"	Fm 1RAR. UNCLAS PRI AQ111 of 200600Z Fm Capt QUIL.		QBR
200825H	-	125030 Apr 1 H BIDDOLPH and 54810 ^{Apr 1 H} _{200810 H} . J WILSON surrendered to Proat V Both members ANOL ex leave - members of 3rd Yp RAE. Also, 215110 Pte R B COCKERILL 1RAR, arrested by Cpl WILLIAMS at 202000H on suspect of ANOL. It is possible that member had been given leave from #616 Convalescent Acc. To check in.		CPL INGE

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DUTY OFFICER..... MOUNTED..... DISMOUNTED.....

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
202210 H	Phone	<p>All three members taken to DVC TAN for the mi. Guard Sgt insists that they are NOT to leave DVC TAN until escorted from there by Pro.</p> <p>For 1RAR - SITREP NTR</p>	-	
202245		<p>Acting on information from Sgt SPINNEY I visited DVC TAN Hotel. The Guard Cpl, Cpl NEWBURY had obviously been drinking after he had mounted duty. I ordered Cpl NEWBURY to bed, and instructed the senior Pte soldier of the guard to take over the duties of guard comd. Pte COCKERILL had left the Hotel without permission, having been confined to the Hotel for investigating as to whether he was AWOL. Pte pvt instructed to search for COCKERILL. Instructed Duty NCO Sgt STEVENS to be very alert regarding the security of DVC TAN tonight.</p>	DAAG	

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DUTY OFFICER Capt. MANLEY..... MOUNTED 20.08.30..... DISMOUNTED 21.08.30.....

Date/Time	Sig Phone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
202300H	Sig	Fm 1RAR RESTD A131 of 201200Z RMO requests MEDEVAC of 61586 Pte R BLIGHT on 22 Jan.	DAAG	ABR
210010H	Sig	Fm AVSTARM SINGAPORE. PRI RESTD A287 of 200908Z. Burials of pers KIA. Requires removal of all remains if burial authorised in TERENDAK on Convoy 22 Jan. State Religion Pte DH PENN NOT incl in FATALCAS Signal.	DAAG	ABR
210030H	Phone	Fm 1RAR. SITREP NTR	-	-
210100H	Phone	Duty NCO DUC TAN reported all quiet	-	-
210730H	Sig	Fm CARO. RESTD DAR/D/425 of 200155Z. Ref on A3278 of 17 Jan 66. Query on ECN. Fm AVSTARM SINGAPORE. RESTD QMOV 274 of 200708Z. ETA Miss ZINNER (Red Cross) 251025 Jan. Request reception	DAAG	ABR
"	"		DAAG	ABR

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DUTY OFFICER... Capt... MANLEY. MOUNTED 20.08.30..... DISMOUNTED 21.08.30.....

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
210730H	Pj	For Army Pay MELBOURNE. UNCLAS APAC 50972 of 200430Z	Pmtr	Back Office
"	"	For Army CANBERRA. CONF DLA1615 of 202230Z. For DAOLs from DLS	DAOLs	ABR
"	"	For Australian SINGAPORE. RESTD SD 279 of 200714Z. Orientation visit.	G Br	G Br
"	"	For CARO. RESTD CAR/01412 of 200150Z. Pers Maint DAAG		ABR
"	"	To Army MELBOURNE. CR50974 of 200500Z <i>(safe hand envelope in diplomatic bag left commis 20 Jun.)</i> To Army MELBOURNE. ACK their CR 50974 of 200500Z (safe hand envelope in diplomatic bag).	G Br	G Br
210010Z	"			

No leg book available for duty officers notes.

18/1/66 Monday May
Hot line out of order until 2030hrs approx. Action

Signal : Fm IRAR Query on IRAR leave in
 relation to Int. GSO^r
 ? Time ✓

Signal Fm IRAR Notification of guard
 change GSO,
 ? Time ✓

Phone Fm IRAR { Sitrep Neg GSO^r
 2030 { Message for Maj Joshua ✓

Signal Fm Army Comd. Increase to 1000s GSO^r answer
 2145

Sig Fm IRAR Change expense DAAG " "
 2045

Phone 2200 Sitrep Neg GSO " "

Cem State 2200 All well

Signal Fm Movements AATTU AATTU
 Sydney 2230

PHONE US MPS DISTURBANCE AT AMBASSADOR.

HOTEL REQ REQUEST AUST M.P.
Rev. Goldsmith IRAR Mured leave back yester
0700 19/1/66 → DAAC
 0800hrs

DUTY OFFICERS LOG SHEET

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Major EVANS Mounted 17 Jan 66 Dismounted 18 Jan 66

1930 hrs	Sig	Milcommand Sydney	015797	Ref Our A3262 Ack	DAAG
2000 hrs	Sig	1RAR Cenfd All 14	For FLS	215024 Cfn H. GOOCH	DAAG
20006	Sig	1RAR All 15 to Armpay Melbeyrne	215217 HORNE		CASH OFFICE
2315	Sig	Austarm Singapore A233	Funeral to be held 20 Jan		DAAG

John Evans Maj
18 JAN 66.

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DUTY OFFICER..... MOUNTED..... DISMOUNTED.....

Date/Time	Sig Phone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
072300	Sig	FO&R OP IMMEDIATE SIGS Now HELD FOR NZFV.	Advised to: MAJ PETERSEN	
072400	Ph	From RAR - SITREP - NTR.		
080200	Ph	" " " "		
080400	Ph	" " " "		
080600	Ph	" " " "		

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DUTY OFFICER... Maj. MEIBUSCH MOUNTED. 090830 DISMOUNTED... 100830.....

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
0845		Cas previous night Pte Lloyd Location not known Authorised Q2 Pte Churcliff to Vehicle No 113 023 for Lt Col Murphy	Camp	
0900		Authorised Q2 WO1 Firth to Vehicle No 113 710 to visit hospitals	Camp	
1120	Sig	Noticas Sgt Frost Panjji Stake through foot	DAAG informed	Signals Sent

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DUTY OFFICER... Maj... Merkbusch... MOUNTED... 09.0830.... DISMOUNTED.. 10.0830.....

Date/Time	Sig Phone SDS	Event			Action	Disposal
1430	Sig	Noticas Shock	Pte Isaacs	Severe	Signal sent	DAAG Notified
1800 Note	Phone DAAG	IRAR , DAQMG, gsoz	Pte Lloyd at their loc all present during afternoon			Med.
2000		IRAR	Sitrep	NTR		
2200						
0001	Sig					
0200						
0400						
0600						
						g2
					<u>Maj</u>	

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DUTY OFFICER... *Capt. MANLEY* MOUNTED. *10.08.30.4*.... DISMOUNTED. *11.08.30.4*.....

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
101300 H	<i>Aij</i>	Comm state	NIL	G 2
101320 H	<i>Ajjs</i>	UNCLAS PR 481 RESTD Q MOV 0044 CONFID FLS 123 UNCLASPR 480 UNCLAS CAR/B/122 UNCLAS CAR/B/121	DAAG MC <i>Aij</i> 1 RAR AD PR NIL NIL	A Br Q Br ABr PR ABr ABr
101800 H	Phone	3411410 ^v ^{no rank or name,} member does NOT know NOK employers name and address. Member NOT particularly worried about notification to NOK. NOK has habit of leaving home for a period and returning. Msg passed by Duty Offr 1 RAR	DAAG	ABr

DUTY OFFICERS REPORT SHEET

DUTY OFFICER Capt. MANLEY... MOUNTED 10.0830..... DISMOUNTED 11.0830.....

Date/Time	Sig Phone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
101825 H	Sig	Fwd MILCOMD MELBOURNE. UNCLAS 02944 Fwd Capt QUAIL - msg passed by phone at 101845 H.	NIL	ABR
101840 H	Sig	Fwd 1RAR. NOTICAS. 335149 LT WL RUTLEDGE. 1APC TP. WIA. BATTLE CAS. CONDITION GOOD. 1RAR CONFID A62 OF 100900Z refus.	Sig fwd to AUST. Own A3098 of 101215 Z refus.	ABR
102030 H	Phone	SITREP - NTR	-	-
102030 H	Sig	Fwd 1RAR. FATALCAS. 5411305 Pte B O PETERSON. 1RAR. KIA. BATTLE CAS. 1RAR CONFID A63 OF 101205 Z refus	Sig fwd to AUST, SINGAPORE AND BUTTERWORTH. Own A3099 of 101205 Z refus	ABR
102115 H	Phone	SITREP - NTR	-	-
102230 H	-	HOT LINE OUT.	Sig	-
102240 H	Sig	SITREP - NTR	-	-
102315 H	Sig	SITREP - NTR	-	-

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DUTY OFFICER.....*Capt. MANLEY.* MOUNTED. 100830..... DISMOUNTED. 110830.....

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
101820Z	Sig	Fm 1RAR : FATAL CAS - 5411479 PTE D H PENN. 1RAR. KIA. BATTLE CAS. 1RAR A64 OF 101740 Z CONF	Sig fwd AVST, SINGAPORE and BUTTERWORTH our A3102 of 101945Z	A Br.
101000Z	Sig	Fm AIRSTARM SINGAPORE. For info only. Hexamine.	refus. MC	QBr
111630Z	Sig	Fm MILCOMMAND PERTH. ACK FOR NOTICAS our 3090 of 10 Jun 66. unable to locate NOK Spw BRAKURY	nil	A Br
110730H	-	HOT LINE NOW OP	-	-
110745H	-	HOT LINE OUT	Sig	-
110745H	Sig	Fm CENARMYREC. for info only. Ref Pte W J JACKSON 1RAR advice to NOK	-	A Br
110745H	Sig	Fm CENARMYREC. for info only. Ref Gd RE SMITH. NOK ACK	-	A Br

DUTY OFFICERS REPORT SHEET

DUTY OFFICER. *CAPT BROWNE* MOUNTED. *0830 11 JAN 66* DISMOUNTED. *0830 12 JAN 66*

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
110830 H		MOUNTED DUTY - HOT LINES OUT TO IRAR (REAR) SIGS ON CHECK OF LINE.		
110930 H		COL WARR DEPARTS FOR IDV.		
111345 H		HOT LINE REINSTATED.		
111530 H		DEPUTY COMD TO IRAR.		
111800 H	PHONE	SITREP NEGATIVE - IRAR		
112013 H				
120155 H				
120400 H				
120558 H				
120600 H	PHONE	IRARI REQUESTS DETAILS ON REPORTING TIMES OF VERIFICATION PARTIES ON 2 KIA ON 10 JAN 66		DATA
120630 H	PHONE	NAVAL OFFICERS OF WATCH REPORTS NEGATIVE RESULTS ON OXYGEN MASKS FOR 3 FD TR.		
120730 H	PHONE	NAVAL OK ON MASKS - DELIVER TO 3 CORPS ACO		

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DUTY OFFICER.....CAPT BROWNE..... MOUNTED.....110830 H..... DISMOUNTED.....120830 H.....

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
120735 H		<p>Summary of CAS reported on duty period</p> <p>FATAL CAS : COL BOWTELL 3FDTA.</p> <p>NOTICAS : SPR COOLBERRA 3FDTA.</p> <p>RE HANLEY 1RAR</p>	<p>PDR HOFFMAN INFO'D</p> <p>W/FIRTH INFO'D</p>	DAAG
120830 H		Dismounted Duty		

Browne, Capt.

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DUTY OFFICER.Capt.QUAIL..... MOUNTED.0800.hrs.14.Jan.66 DISMOUNTED..0800.hrs.15.Jan.66

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
142130	Sig	From MILCOMMAND SYDNEY. DO - Birth baby girl to wife of Cpl J FAIRWEATHER.	<i>Parsed to 3 - Fd Tp.</i>	DAAG
142130	-	Inspected sentries at BEQ's. Situation most unsatisfactory. Sentry at MERCURY improperly dressed and holding court with large number of VIETNAMESE national children. Sentry at DUC TAN lazing on drums and failed to make any effort to rise and pay compliments. This, combined with accidental discharge earlier this evening indicates a very slack guard.	Guard Commander suitably instructed in his duties. Further checks will be made during the night.	
142210	Sig	From BUTTERWORTH. A0358. MEDEVAC ETA 150315Z.	-	DAAG.
142215	-	Checked duty NCO DUC TAN.	NTR	
142300	xxxxx	Guard Commander checked sentries both BEQ's on instructions of Duty Officer.	Reported Satisfactory	
150034	-	From AUSTARM SINGAPORE. Q Mov 197.	nil	DAQMG.
	-	All SITREPS 1 RAR negative.	nil	

*B. Quail cont
15 Jan 66*

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DUTY OFFICER.. Capt. QUAIL..... MOUNTED. 0800 hrs. 14 Jan. 66 DISMOUNTED. 0800 hrs. 15. Jan. 66

Date/Time	Sig Phone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
141819	Phone	1 RAR SITREP NEGATIVE	NIL	-
141800	Sig	AG10502 From MILCOMD PERTH. Re Pte PENN. Remains to be held for Evac to Aust.	SCA info	DAAG
141800	Sig	CAR/B/286 From ARMY MELBOURNE . ACK Noticas Spr COOLBURRA.	-	DAAG
141800	Sig	CAR/B/299 From CENARMYREC. ACK Fatalcas Cpl BOWTELL	-	DAAG
141800	Sig	CAR/B/296 From CENARMYREC. ACK Noticas Pte HANLEY	-	DAAG
141800	Sig	CAR/B/297 From CENARMYREC. ACK Noticas Pte COOK	-	DAAG
141800	Sig	CAR/B/298 From CENARMYREC. ACK Noticas Sgt TINDALL	-	DAAG
141830	Sig	PR 1045 For ADPR re press release for TV for troops.	-	ADPR
141830	Sig	From HQ BUTTERWORTH. ACK A3193	-	DAAG
141830	Sig	From ARMY MELBOURNE. ORD 50595. Dry Batteries.	-	Ord LO
141900	Phone	Guard Commander DUC TAN reports accidental discharge by Pte GILTON at 1830 hrs. No injuries or damage Police took particulars.	Guard Comd to submit detailed report.	GSO 2
142000	Phone	Duty Officer 1 RAR. Ref reinforcements due in tomorrow (Q Mov 0087 refers). 1 RAR considers they will arrive too late in day for on move to BIEN HOA and requests they be accommodated in SAIGON overnight.	DAQMG/DAAG for early discussion	

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DUTY OFFICER Capt SUMMERS

0830 hrs 15 Jan 66 MOUNTED..... DISMOUNTED..... 0830 hrs 16 Jan 66

Date/Time	Sig Phone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
I5I320	Phone	From ACORN I RAR - Statistics on last operation	Info SEAGULL	GSO 2
I5I445	Phone	Complaint from Desk Clerk at DUC TAN - alledges a member of the guard borrowed VN \$500 and refused to repay it. Sgt DONALDSON to investigate and report.		DAAG
I5I520	Phone	From I RAR - Memorial Services to be held at 0900 hrs 16 Jan at I RAR	Info DAAG	
I5I530	Sig	From Movts BIEN HOA - Mov Pte JAMES I RAR From I RAR - Answer to our Q 3II and Q 3I2 From Mov BIEN HOA - Stores ex GOLDEN WONDER/MV SONG BE From ALSC - answer to our Ord 3I33 From I RAR - Pay query Maj TATHAM	Info Mov SAIGON Info Mov SAIGON	DAQMG DAQMG OLO Paymaster
I5I620	Phone	From I RAR - SITREP NTR		
I5I630	Sig	From 3 Fd Tp - Loc Spr MASON From Milcommand SYDNEY - Ack our A 3225 From Milcommand SYDNEY - Ack our A 324I From RAAF BUTTERWORTH - Ack our A 3225		SC A
I5I810	Phone	From I RAR - SITREP NTR		
I52055	Phone	From I RAR - SITREP at 2000 hrs NTR		
I52150	Sig	From I RAR - Answer to our A I746 DTG I9I237		DAAG
I52200	Phone	From I RAR - SITREP NTR		
I60110	Phone	From US Provost - Australian soldier at AMASSADOR HOTEL	Report to 3 Fd Tp	DAAG

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DUTY OFFICER...Capt. SUMMERS MOUNTED 0830 hrs 15 Jan 66 ... DISMOUNTED 0830 hrs 16 Jan 66 ...

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
I60130		Picked up by duty driver. 43323 Spr B J HARTFORD 3 Fd Tp - AWOL from I700 hrs - taken to DUC TAN for the night, will be returned to BIEN HOA in the morning Visited DUC TAN and MERCURY. When I arrived at MERCURY, 36498 Cpl R S W CULLIFORD 709 Sig Tp had just taken a drink of Creme de Menthe to the sentry on duty. The sentry made no attempt to drink it, and in fact did not want it.	Report to OC 709 Sig Tp	DAAG OC 709 Sig Tp
I60200	Phone	From I RAR - SITREP NTR		
I60400	Phone	From I RAR - SITREP NTR		
I60620	Phone	From I RAR - SITREP NTR		
I60835	Sig	From CARO - Confirmation of advice NOTICAS Cpl NEVILLE		

DUTY OFFICERS REPORT SHEET

DUTY OFFICER...MAJ...HINDS..... MOUNTED...0830...16 JAN.... DISMOUNTED...0830...17 JAN...

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
161500	PHONE	IRAR SITREP - NTR		
162030	"	HOT LINE OUT	ADVISED SIGS.	
170330		HOT LINE WORKING SITREP NTR		

Maj Hinds
MHS

DUTY OFFICERS REPORT SHEET

DUTY OFFICER... MAJ. M. A. NAUGHTON MOUNTED. 0830 hrs. 25 JAN 66 DISMOUNTED. 0830 hrs. 26 JAN 66

Date/Time	Sig Ohone SDS	Event	Action	Disposal
252020H	Phone	I RAR SITREP — NEGATIVE.	—	—
252115H	Phone	Cpl. Hammond RAust Pro involved in road accident with cycle - Cpl. Scott RAust Pro/Cir force notified as per instructions.	Routine. NPA.	DAGS.
252130H	SIG.	INDULGENCE PASSAGES BUT/AUST - FEMALES.	—	ME.
	SIG.	NO PAY BOOK RECEIVED - BURGESS.	—	PMR
	SIG.	OUTSTANDING PVA'S - 105 Fd Bty.	—	PMR.
	SIG.	COURIER CONSIGNMENTS	—	DAQMC
	SIG.	INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CERTS - CONSIGNMENT 4 CASES	—	DAQMC/OCO
	SIG.	COURIER AV404 - STORES ARRIVED AS PER MANIFEST	—	ME.
	SIG.	ENTERTAINMENT - CONCERT PARTY TOUR - EASTER	—	DAAG
	SIG.	RECORD OF SERVICE CARD - CAPT SM WHELAN	—	CARO.
	SIG.	BOARD OF SURVEY 010030Z.	—	FA.
	SIG.	DECEASED EFFECTS - DESP 22 JAN	—	SCA.
252150H	SIG.	News	—	PRO
	SIG.	✓	—	PRO.
252200H	Phone	I RAR SITREP — NEGATIVE	—	—
252400H	"	I RAR SITREP - NEGATIVE	—	—
260005H	"	Duty Neo - Doc Tan - Ambuf Duty Pers. Present.	—	—
260400H	"	I RAR SITREP - NEGATIVE	—	—
260600H	"	✓ ✓ ✓	—	PKO
260630H	SIG.	Pictures request for magazine.	—	
260630H	"	Move Red Cross pers - Miss H. ZINNER	—	
260750H	"	SIG A 3281	—	

Capt SUMMERS

DUTY OFFICERS REPORT

Mounted 0830 hours 30 Jan66

Dismounted .. 31 JAN 66

Date	Means	TOPIC and DETAIL	Action	Disposal
30 Jan 66	Phone	SITREP IRAR NEGATIVE.	NIL	NYC
	Phone	SITREP IRAR NEGATIVE	NIL	NIL
1600	Phone	SITREP IRAR NEGATIVE		REGISTRY
	Sig	FM IRAR A211 ACK OUR ORD3503	NIL	REGISTRY
	Sig	FM IRAR A212 ACK OUR Q3482	NIL	
	Sig	FM IRAR Q210 ACCOUNTING MACHINES	NIL	
	Sig	FM AAQ(C) MS/DO ØØØG HONOURS & AWARDS	NIL	
	Sig	FM 105 Fd Bty A43 WELFARE COFFEE	NIL	
	Sig	FM 105 Fd Bty A44 REPLACEMENT	NIL	
	Sig	FM BANGKOK AITKEN HEAD HOSPITAL	NIL	
1800	Phone	SITREP IRAR NEGATIVE	NIL	ACTIONED
		FM IRAR A216 MESSAGE FOR DCMS	DAAC	
1935	Sig	FM IRAR A216 MESSAGE FOR DCMS	PR	
	Sig	FM ARMY PRESS CANBERRA SPORT RESULTS		
2040	Phone	Sitrep IRAR Negative	NIL	