

**Series: AWM95**  
**Australian Army commanders' diaries**  
**[Vietnam]**

**Artillery units**

**Item number: 3/6/21**

**Item: 1 Field Regiment**

**[1 Fd Regt RAA]**

**Narrative**

**[1-31 Dec 1969]**

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.....

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) *J. Shea*

CAPT

Appointment

(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

Recpt 16/3/70

**SECRET**

ORIGINAL }  
DUPLICATE }

Strike out where  
not applicable

**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

1 FIELD REGIMENT

Unit or Formation.....

From 1 DECEMBER 1969

To 31 DECEMBER 1969

INDEX

Narrative (AF C 2118)

ANNEXES

- \* A Duty officer's log
- \* B Messages connected with log
- C Operation orders and instructions issued
- D Operation orders and instructions received
- \* E Sitreps issued
- F Orders of battle and location reports issued
- G Intelligence reports and summaries issued; appreciations made
- H Administrative orders and instructions issued
- I Administrative orders and instructions received
- J Administrative reports and bulletins; ammunition returns; field strength returns
- \* K Standing orders issued
- L Commander's policy and demi-official letters
- M Action reports (if required)
- N Other papers, eg, maps and diagrams, air photos, reports from sub units
- O Periodical summaries of operations
- Z Top Secret Supplementary Diary

Enclosure Numbers

- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....
- ..... to .....

† NIL  
† RETAINED  
† Despatched to

\* Only to be included during operations.  
† Cross out whichever is not applicable.

on.....

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

### COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
  - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
  - b. Index as printed on cover.
  - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
  - d. 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, they are to be included.

for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

### ANNEXES

as well as map references), establishment, equipment and orders given. The day's fighting, including company movements. Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

tential importance.

of officers, men and equipment.

equipment captured.

employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

and to save work as much information as possible is to be included. Reports issued and received, routine returns, etc. All reports and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

of annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

(continued on back cover)

**DISPOSAL**

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:

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

Commanders Diary of.....(Formation or Unit)

From.....to..... (Dates)

c. The duplicate supplementary diaries must be despatched as shown in Paragraph 14 as soon as receipt of the original has been acknowledged.

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR December 1969

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION 1 Fd Regt RAA

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col H.J.C. Beck

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
PHUOC TUY	1	Note	<p>1 ATF continues OPERATION TOAN THANG IV in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in base.</p> <p>101 Fd Bty continues to support recce and ambush operations by 6 RAR/NZ (Anzac) in AO GULLIVER centre of mass YS6788 from FSPB PICTON YS6490.</p> <p>1 section is located at FSPB LION YS6189 until all 6RAR/NZ elements are complete at PICTON.</p> <p>105 Fd Bty continues to support 5 RAR in recce and ambush operations in AO GRACE centre of mass YS3082, from FSPB CAPE YS3082.</p> <p>161 Fd Bty RNZA remains in Nui Dat assisting with in Theatre Training of 8 RAR. 1 section remains deployed at the HORSESHOE YS4962</p> <p>C/2/35(US) Arty remains in Nui Dat (general support re-inforcing)</p> <p>Det 131 Div Loc Bty has radars located at FSPB CAPE (YS3082) and the HORSESHOE YS4962</p> <p>The sound ranging equipment is operational</p> <p>FO parties in addition to the normal allocation to directly supported battalions are located with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and the LAND CLEARING TEAM in the LONG GREEN centre of mass YS5359</p>	

This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C 2119 (Adapted).

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)  
Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR December 1969

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION 1 Fd Regt RAA

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col BECK

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1	Note	LO parties remain deployed at BARIA, XUAN LOC (18 ARVIN DIV) and BEARCAT (RTAVF)	(RTAVF)
			The Regiment is engaged in a Civil Aid project- erection of a school building at BINH GAI YS5077	

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 1 Fd Regt RAA

MONTH AND YEAR December 1969

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col Beck

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	01	1340	105 Fd Bty engaged YS267843 in support of 3/A/5 who contacted 1 VC with no result	
		1940	101 Fd Bty is now completed as a result of the section from FSPB LION moving to FSPB PICTON. The battery reported ready on theatre grid at YS6410 8974.	
		Note	It became necessary to deploy three soldiers to Nui Chua Chan YT6010 to relay fire missions as 101 Bty is now beyond practicable working range for the ANPRC 125/25 radios.	
	02	Note	No contact missions were fired.	
	03	1140	105 Fd Bty engaged YS274836 in support of A Coy 5 RAR in contact at YS268835 with 3 enemy carrying RP <sup>6</sup> 's Results 4 Aust WIA (not seriously)	

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 1 Fd Regt RAA

MONTH AND YEAR December

REFERENCE MAP .....

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col Beck

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	03	2230	At YS <sup>4</sup> 53472 a PILATUS PORTER a/c of 161(Indep) Recce Flt crashed and burned possibly as a result of enemy ground fire. Tragically, both pilots aboard were killed. One Capt BARRY DONALD had previously been a member of the Regiment.	
	04	Note	ST BARBARA - The patron saint of gunners - had a coloured smoke salute fired in her honour by 161 Bty RNZA.	
	04	1120	105 Fd Bty supported Atk Pl 5 RAR in contact at YS327817. 181 <sup>pts</sup> were expended into YS331810 with regative results.	
		1310	101 Fd Bty engaged YS707935 in support of 1/A/6 in contact at YS705944. Results 2 VCKIA(BC)	
		1315	101 Fd Bty engaged YS685936 in support of B/6 who engaged 10-15 enemy at YS697938. Result 1 VC KIA(poss)	



# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR December

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION 1 Fd Regt RAA

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col Beck

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	05	0950	8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR contacted 5 enemy in a bunker system at YS297852 - Missions were fired in support by 105 Fd Bty and by the THAI 155mm guns from FSB GREY	
	05	1235	105 Bty support 9/C/5 who contacted 1 enemy in a bunker system at YS290843. Two missions were fired to the EAST and NORTH EAST.	
	06	Note	There was only one contact with 1ATF elements No contact missions were fired.	
	07	0915	101 Fd Bty engaged YS732939 in support of 2/V/6 who contacted 1 VC at YS733947 Results 1 VC KIA(BC) 1 AK 50 CIA	
		1115	105 Fd Bty engaged YS231822 in support of 5/B/5 <sup>AND</sup> elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt who contacted 10 plus enemy in bunkers Results 1 Aust KIA 3 VC (KIA)(BC) 347 rds were <del>expended</del> <sup>expended</sup> The THAI 155 MM guns GREY (YS2193) and INDIGO (YS211851) also supported	

This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF - C 2119 (Adapted).

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/FORMATION 1 Fd Regt RAA

MONTH AND YEAR December

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col Beck

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	07	1515	101 Fd Bty supported 2/W/6 in contact at YS26928 with three VC. Results 1 VC KIA (BC) 1 VC WIA (bloodtrail) 1 MI carbine CIA	
		1843	101 Fd Bty engaged YS722948 in support of 6/B/6 who contacted 1 enemy. Results 1 en KIA (BC) 1 AK 50 CIA	
	08	1130	105 Fd Bty engaged YS240820 in sp of 4/B/5RAR who located 1-2 en in an 11 bunker system at YS236821. Results unknown 202 rounds were expended Thai 155mm guns at GREY fired in depth at YS249 825. An hour later at YS234811 11/D/5 RAR contacted 2 VC who possibly came from the 4 pl contact area. Results 1 NVA KIA (BC)	
		1255	101 Fd Bty fired in support of a SAS contact at YS620966. Results unknown.	

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION *Lt/Col*

MONTH AND YEAR December

REFERENCE MAP .....

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col Beck

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	09	1140	105 Fd Bty engaged YS296792 in sp of Atk Pl 5 RAR contacted at YS303793 - 99 rds were expended Results 1 en KIA (poss)	
		1520	101 Fd Bty engaged YS735898 in sp of D/6 RAR who contacted 22MF enemy who withdrew NE then NW with unknown results	<i>withdraw</i>
	10	Note 1.	AN/KPQI radar, tower and pers at FSB CAPE (3082) were returned to Nui Dat in the period 10/12 Dec	
		2.	3 guns of 161 Fd Bty deployed at DUC THANH in DS 2 companies 8 RAR who deployed into AO ASHGROVE centre of mass 3885	
		3.	3 guns C/2/35 also deployed at DUC THANH	
		4.	There was only 1 cont <sup>t</sup> which was not supported by Arty	
		5.	Request submitted to II FFV to retain 3 guns 155MM towed at FSB PICTON (6489) - approved.	
		6.	Request Bravo section for Arty support and FO to be made available for ARVN support in LONG HAIS 11/12 Dec. Capt H.H.SCHMERLAIB was sent.	
		2300	Wng 0- from II FFV 3 guns of C/2/35 are to be repositioned 12-24 Dec	

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 1 Fd Regt RAA

MONTH AND YEAR December

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col Beck

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	11	0857	161 Fd Bty reports 3 guns ready FSB PEGGY (YS434834) - Bty ready 1150	
		1110	101 Fd Bty engaged YS735903 in support 12/D/6RAR contact with 2-3VC at 733 898. Results 1 Aust KIA 1 Aust WIA. US 155mm guns at PICTON FIRED IN DEPTH AT 747903.	
	12	1254	105 Fd Bty ready NUI DAT	
			HQ 1ATF (main) deployed forward at FSB BARBARA (YS4577)	
		0700	II FFV deployed 3 guns of C/2/35 to FSB EXODUS (YS2184) - a THAI base - in support of ARVN marines. The 2 DUSTERS escorted the guns to EXODUS.	
		0705	101 Fd Bty engaged YS652975 and YS677972 in support of W/6RAR contact with 25-28 enemy who withdrew N and W. Results 1 VC KBA. 155mm guns at PICTON fired in depth at YS661979	
		1255	101 Fd Bty engaged YS735898 in support of 11/D/6RAR contact with 2VC in a cave. An airstrike was also called in Results unknown	
		1400	AN/KPQI radar ready FSB BARBARA (YS4577)	
		1430	101 Fd Bty engaged YS730934 in support of 4/B/6RAR contact with 10 enemy Results unknown	

This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C 2119 (Adapted).

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/FORMATION 1 Fd Regt RAA

MONTH AND YEAR December

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col Beck

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	12(cont)	1810	161 Fd Bty engaged YS402836 in support of 1/A/8RAR contact with 2 enemy who withdrew E. Result 4 Aust WIA	
	13	1240	161 Fd Bty engaged YS409887 in support of 10/D/8 RAR contact with 2 enemy engaged in constructing a base camp. Enemy withdrew	
	14	0840	161 Fd Bty engaged YS E 41-43 N 88-90 in support of 10/D/8RAR contact with unknown enemy. Result 1 Aust WIA	
		1026	161 Fd Bty engaged YS393828 in support of 3/A/8RAR contact with estimated squad of enemy. Result 1 VC KIA(BG)	
		1500	161 Fd Bty engaged YS370873 in support of C/8RAR contact with poss 1 enemy Result 2 Aust WIA	
		1600	3 guns of 105 Fd Bty moved to the HORSESHOE in support of LCT in HORSESHOE estimated AO centre of mass YS5360 Today a ST BARBARA's Day function was held at the Regimental Officers Mess Guests including the Commander 1ATF Deputy Commander 1ATF CO'S and OC's of units in NUI DAT and Brig Gen ROBERT (CG II FFV) Arty and members of his staff.	

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 1 Fd Regt RAA

MONTH AND YEAR December

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col Beck

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	15	1130	161 Fd Bty RNZA engaged YS384866 in support of 8/C/8RAR contact with 2 enemy. Enemy withdrew N with negative results.	
		1200	C/2/35 US Arty engaged YS318674 in support of 10/D/5RAR contact with 2 enemy at YS322683. Negative results	
		1700	5/2 US Arty searchlight was redeployed by air from HORSESHOE to NUI DAT as II FFV was loaning 1ATF a TPS 25 Ground Surveillance Radar to be deployed in its place. (1st Arty Section (RDR)(US))	
		2030	105 Fd Bty at NUI DAT engaged 419 732 as a result of base plate sighting by the AN/KPQI Radar at BARBARA Nil results.	
	16	1000	C/2/35 US Arty complete moved to FSB JANET (YS2568) with the 2 Dusters 52nd US Arty as protection. They are still under II FFV control in general support of the ARVN Marines in that area.	

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR DECEMBER 1969

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION 1 FIELD REGIMENT

COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL BECK

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	16	1032	161 Fd Bty RNZA engaged YS 366900 in support of 5/B/8RAR contact at YS 365897 with 2VC. Results 1 VC KIA (BC)	
		2130	-105 Fd Bty (section) at NUI DAT engaged YS412630/YS45629/YS486281 illum	
	17	0300	YS 422645 in support of a HOA LONG Ambush Patrol at YS 4162 who were in contact with an estimated 30-40 VC. Results unknown.	
	17	0445	The 1st US Arty Sect (RDR) at HORSESHOE reports sightings in YS 5359. The FO with 17 Const Sqn Land Clearing Team in vicinity YS 5359 confirmed. 105 Fd Bty (section) at HORSESHOE engaged YS 534593 and YS541601. Results unknown.	
		1515	161 Fd Bty RNZA engaged YS 380901 in support of 5/B/8RAR contact at YS 378900. Nil results.	
	18	0915	161 Fd Bty engaged YS 406917 in support of 12/D/8RAR contact at YS 406918 with 3 VC. Results 3 VC KIA (BC)	
		1030	3 x 155mm towed guns of 5/42 US Arty at PICTON (YS 6489) engaged YS 768888 in support of 3/A/6RAR contact with a VC camp sentry at YS 757899. Result 1 VC KIA (BC) 1 Aust WIA	
		1335	C/2/35 US Arty engaged YS 310674 in support of 6/B/5RAR contact with an unknown sized enemy force at YS 308657. Result 2VC KIA (BC) 1 VC WIA (BT)	

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION/ 1 FIELD REGIMENT

MONTH AND YEAR DECEMBER 1969

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL BECK

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	18	2330	TPS 25 Ground Surveillance Radar of 1st US Arty Sect (RDR) at the HORSESHOE reported 1-8 people moving east at YS 454528 105 Fd Bty Section at the HORSESHOE engaged that grid and four others in that area with unknown results.	
	19	2120	There were no contact missions fired by Task Force Arty today TPS 25 Radar of 1st US Arty Sect (RDR) reported 5-8 people at YS 446646. This was confirmed again at 2125 and the 8RAR NUI DAT mortars engaged it. 199 LIB (US) from XUAN LOC deployed a Liaison Officer with the three 155 mm guns of 5/42 US Arty at PICTON (YS 6489) for liaison 199 LIB to 1 ATF.	
	20	0220	161 Fd Bty engaged YS 392824 in support of 2/A/8 RAR who had 2 enemy approach their ambush position at YS 376824. Nil results.	
		0225	TPS 24 Radar of 1st US Arty Sect (Rdr) at HORSESHOE detected movement of 5-8 people at YS446646. The 8RAR NUI DAT mortars engaged. Unknown results.	
		1030	161 Fd Bty RNZA fired in support of A tk/6RAR who contacted 10 main force NVA at YS747906. Results 7 VC WIA (PW) 1 VC PW.	
		1500	3 guns of 5/43 US Arty at PICTON engaged YS7794 in support of 6/D/6RAR contact with squad of VC at YS782937. Enemy withdrew with unknown results 1 Aust WIA.	
		1620	161 Fd Bty engaged YS 380916 in support of 5/B/8RAR contact with 3 VC at	



# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/~~FORMATION~~ 1 FIELD REGIMENT

MONTH AND YEAR DECEMBER 1969

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL BECK

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	20	1620	YS 380907 Result 1 VC WIA (BT) 1 VC WIA Poss	
	21	0015	105 Fd Bty (NUI DAT Sector) engaged YS 433630 in support of a HOA LONG ambush patrol that had movement on its perimeter. Nil results.	
		1200	HQ 1 ATF main at FSPB BARBARA (YS 4577) returned to NUI DAT.	
		1545	161 Fd Bty engaged YS 391906 in support of D/8 RAR contact with an estimated platoon to company-sized force. Results: enemy unknown, 1 Aust KIA 2 Aust WIA.	
	22	NOTE 0930	There were only two contacts today and neither were supported by artillery. Request made to II F Force V to consider redeploying the 3 x 155mm towed guns of 5/42 US Arty (currently at PICTON) to BLACKHORSE on approximately 27 Dec when the 2 x 8" guns of B/7/8 US Arty are due to leave BLACKHORSE. II FFV gave approval for C/2/35 US Arty to replace the 8".	
	23	NOTE	TPS 25 Ground Surveillance Radar of 1st US Arty Section (RDR) at HORSE-SHOE was recalled by II F Force V. Capt Casey went to DAT DO on request of Australian LO there to readjust the close DFs around the town tonight. The project was aborted due to lack of pre co-ordination on the DAT DO LOs part	

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR DECEMBER 1969

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/~~FORMATION~~ 1 FIELD REGIMENT

COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL BECK

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	23	1430	C/2/35 US Arty fired in support of 9/C/5 RAR contact with 4 enemy at YS 312677. Results 1 En WIA (BT)	
		1515	Naval Gunfire advises USS MANSFIELD destroyer with 6x5" will be off our coast tonight. Allotted it H&Is for ni 23/24	
	24	NOTE	This morning all members except a Bdr and 3 gunners moved from 105 Fd Bty (HORSESHOE section) to NUI DAT to take part in the Christmas celebrations. They will return tomorrow afternoon.	
		0730	Liaison Officer and party at BEARCAT was withdrawn to NUI DAT as all operations along the THAI AO boundary were now finished.	
		0920	161 Fd Bty fired in support of 7/C/8RAR contact with 4 - 5 enemy at YS 381 916. Results 1 en KIA (Possible).	
		1240	C/2/35 reported ready at NUI DAT after having been released from ARVN Marine operations at FSPB JANET (YS 2568)	
		1800	The Christmas Cease Fire Truce came into force for all our arty until 251800. Under the truce we do not fire except for a. Illumination b. HE in support of contacts.	
		2100	105 Fd Bty fired illumination in support of HOA LONGs contact with an estimated enemy platoon at YS 415629. Results 1 VC KIA (BC),	

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR DECEMBER 1969

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/~~FORMATION~~ 1 FIELD REGIMENT

COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL BECK

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			2 VC WIA (BT), 1 VC WIA (POW)	
		2315	105 Fd Bty fired HE in support of another HOA LONG contact at 432 620- results unknown.	
	25	NOTE	There were two contacts to mar Christmas Day celebrations, but neither of these required artillery support.	
	26	0600- 270600	There was an intensive airstrike/artillery/Naval gun fire/psy ops programme launched on the LONG HAI hills (centre of mass YS 4652) during this period. The destroyer USS MANSFIELD fired from YS 5345 and C/2/35 US Arty engaged from NUI DAT	
		1020	161 Fd Bty engaged YS 765940 in support of B/6RAR contact with an estimated 6 enemy at that grid. Results 1 Aust WIA/Dustoff.	
		1055	II F Force V advised us that C/2/35 US Arty would remain in NUI DAT until further notice.	
		1520	The two 8" guns in direct support of 199 LIB left BLACKHORSE under II F Force V orders and so are no longer available for general support to 1 ATF	
		2000	Lt Cadman assumed duties as FO with the TANGO (Armd) Force of 1 ATF. Bdr Valuks is to deploy as APC FO when 5 RAR moves out approx 28 Dec 69.	

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR DECEMBER 1969

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/~~FORMATION~~/ 1 FIELD REGIMENT

COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL BECK

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	27	1240	The 3 x 155mm towed guns of 5/42 US Arty at PICTON were flown out as 6 RARs operation is finishing	
		1250	Destroyer USS BLUE with main armament of 6 x 5 " guns arrived off our coast and will remain until approximately 4 Jan 70	
		1410	161 Fd Bty fired in support of 9/C/9RAR contact with 4 enemy at YS 377907 Results 2 en KIA (BC)	
		1645	161 Fd Bty RNZA fired cut off fire at YS 402910 for 4/B/8 RAR contact with 2 enemy at YS 393911. Unknown results.	
		1845	Possum 24 of 161 Ind Recce Flight fired 101 Fd Bty at a campfire at YS 611845 with unknown results.	
	28	1018	101 Fd Bty ceased firing at PICTON and returned by air to NUI DAT - 3 guns ready 1215 hrs, Battery ready 1330 hrs.	
		1935	The NUI DAT hill searchlight of 4 Bty 29th US Arty and 105 Fd Bty firing illumination and HE supported 3/A/5 RAR contact with 3 enemy at YS 454753 Results 1 VC KIA (BC)	
		1945	101 Fd Bty fired illumination over YS 427640 in support of a HOA LONG contact there with an estimated VC platoon. Results 1 VC KIA (BC)	

This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C 2119 (Adapted).

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR DECEMBER 1969

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION 1 FIELD REGIMENT

COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL BECK

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
PHOU C TUY	29	NOTE	The three 1 ATF contacts today were only small and did not require artillery support.	
	30	1135	105 Fd Bty (-) deployed at FSPB PAT (YS 6181) and was ready on Theatre Grid (E761319.1 N 1181764.2) by 1310 hrs this base is in support of 5 RARs Op BONDI in AO ROSSLYN..	
		1512	161 Fd Bty RNZA fired on YS 416892 in support of 11/D/8RAR contact. Results unknown.	
	31	0915	3 guns of 101 Fd Bty moved to the HORSESHOE in support of A/6RAR Ops with the Land Clearing Team at centre of mass YS 5360	
		1045	Remaining 3 guns of 105 Fd Bty deployed at FSPB PAT (YS 6181)	
		1520	AN/KPQ-1 Radar redeployed at HORSESHOE at YS 4935 6190 covering arc 1800m to 4700m	
		1610	105 Fd Bty fired on YS 533885 in support of 8/C/5RAR contact with at least one enemy. Results unknown.	
		1750	101 Fd Bty engaged YS 425737 in support of a Base Patrol I25 from 5 RAR who contacted 5 VC at that grid Results 2VC KIA/BC)	
		1800	The New Year Cease Fire came into effect until 011800 No firing to be done except in support of contact.	