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**Item: Detachment 176 Air Despatch
Company**

Narrative

[1-31 Jul 1966]

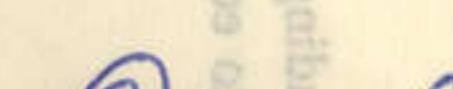
PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.

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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.


Receipt
2. Please return receipt below.
Acknowledged
(Signature) *O. W. Linn* Cap.
Appointee OC Det 176 AD Coy RAAS
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

PART 2

SECRET

**ORIGINAL
DUPLICATE**

Strike out where
not applicable

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation Det 176 Air Dispatch Coy RAASC

From

1 Jul 66

To 31 Jul 66

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

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

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PART 3

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, starting at B.

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

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es as well as map references), establishment, equipment

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employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

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~~DISPOSAL 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:

~~Commanders Diary to be copied~~ TOP SECRET

~~During Command Period (1)~~ ANNEX Z to

~~5. A copy of the diary to be compiled in duplicate by~~ Commanders Diary of (Formation or Unit)

~~6. 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.

d. ~~7. Despatch in a detachment of a unit when so ordered.~~

~~COMPILED~~

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

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

f. The name of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit) and 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 indicated.

g. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures, the word "None" will be entered on the cover. If sufficient space is available, the AF C 2118 Report box may be used.

h. The cover is to be addressed to the Adjutant General, Australian Army, or to the Adjutant General, Royal Australian Corps of Signals, or to the Adjutant General, Royal Australian Engineers.

i. The cover is to be addressed to the Adjutant General, Australian Army, or to the Adjutant General, Royal Australian Corps of Signals, or to the Adjutant General, Royal Australian Engineers.

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AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR Jul 66

REFERENCE MAP Vietnam Xa Bingh Ba 1:50000

UNIT/FORMATION Det. 176 AD Coy
RAASC

COMMANDING OFFICER Capt D.R.
Woolmer

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Vung Tau	1	0030Z	One AD crew employed 8 Aerial Port. One AD section employed preparing new area.	Qd
		0600Z	Re-supply 1 ATF one sortie. Ice cream 550 lbs, milk 765 lbs. Sortie cancelled through weather.	Qd
	2	0030Z	Preparation of new unit area continued. AD crew employed re-supply 1 ATF by RAAF RW Ac. Fresh bread, ice cream, and milk, 3 sorties total weight 1634 lbs.	Qd
	3	0030Z	Preparation of new unit area continued.	Qd
		0230Z	Re-supply 1 ATF by RAAF RW Ac 1 sortie 1050 lbs	Qd
		0600Z	Re-supply 1 ATF by RAAF RW Ac 2 sorties 1560 lbs small arms.	Qd
	4	0030Z	2 W'house equipment operators loaned to 2 Comp Ord Dep for fork lift work. 1 AD crew only required 8 th Aerial Port Sqn. Further work carried out on new unit area.	Qd
	5	0030Z	1 AD crew employed 8 th Aerial Port Sqn. Comd 1 ALSG discussed employment of unit. Stated that possible employment could be as a transit centre for ALSG units. Remainder unit employed new unit area.	Qd
	6	0030Z	Unit movement to new area commenced. Location approx 400 yds East of 1 Coy RAASC adjacent to 161 Recce Flt. Messing facilities provided by 161 Recce Flt.	Qd

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Vung Tau	6	0515 Z	Re-supply 1 ATF by RAAF RW Ac. 1 sortie bread, mail 1100 lbs	QW
	7	0030 Z	General improvement work unit area. Size 7 forklift det to 55 AEES plus 2 operators.	QW
	8	0030 Z	General improvement unit area.	QW
		0930 Z	Re-supply 1 ATF by RAAF RW Ac. 1 sortie 600 lbs ice cream,	QW
	9	0030 Z	1 AD crew employed 8 th Aerial Port Sqn. 1 AD crew employed 'shotgun riders' for road re-supply convoy. 2 w/house eqpt operators employed 2 Comp Ord Dep. Remainder employed domestic unit duties and improvement unit area.	QW
		0800 Z	Re-supply 1 ATF by RAAF RW Ac. 2 sorties bread and mail 1580 lbs.	QW
	10	0400 Z	1 AD sect det to Bien Hoa for unloading/loading RAAF Courier Ac. Remainder unit general rest day.	QW
		1000 Z	AD sect RTU.. Courier ac duties completed.	QW
	11	0030 Z	2 AD crews stood by for RAAF Courier Ac.	QW
		0315 Z	RAAF Courier Ac unloading/loading completed.	QW
	12	0030 Z	7 pers employed 'shotgun' for road re-supply convoy. Remainder domestic and defence works duties.	QW
	13	0030 Z	Unit received 4 tons stores ex 'Jeparit'. It is now possible for unit to	QW

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Vung Tau	13 (Cont)	0300 Z	operate, operationally and domestically for the first time since arrival in theatre seven weeks ago. 2 AD crews required 2 Comp Ord Depot on a daily basis until further notice to wire band 12000 loose jerrycans. Summary of detachments to other units is as follows 1 Sgt clerk, PX; 2 Cpl clerks, 1 Coy RAASC; 2 Pte cooks, 161 Indep Recce Flt; 2 W/house equip operators, 2 Comp Ord depot; 1 W/house equip operator, 55 AEES; 2 AD Crews, 2 Comp Ord Depot. Total dets 16 personnel.	
	14	0400 Z	RAAF Courier unloaded and loaded.	QH
	15	0300 Z	RAAF Courier unloaded and loaded.	QH
	16	0030Z	2 AD Crews employed 2 Comp Ord Depot. Remainder unit on defence and domestic duties.	QH
	17	0030Z	2 AD Crews employed 2 Comp Ord Depot. General rest day for remainder.	QH
		1000Z	Re-supply 1 ATF RAAF RW aircraft. 81mm mor ammo and mail. 2 sorties 3355 lbs.	QH
	18	0030Z	2 AD Crews employed 2 Comp Ord Depot.	QH
		0300Z	Re-supply 1 ATF RAAF RW aircraft. Med stores, mail. 1 sortie 600 lbs.	QH
		0510Z	RAAF Courier unloaded/loaded 2 AD Crews.	QH

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Vung Tau	18 (Cont)	0700Z	Re-supply 1 ATF by RAAF RW aircraft. 81 mm mor ammo and wireless stores. 1 sortie 1115 lbs.	Okt
	19	0010Z	Re-supply 1 ATF by RAAF RW aircraft. 4 sorties 81 mm mor ammo and wireless equipment 4695 lbs.	Okt
		0030Z	2 AD Crews detached 2 Comp Ord Depot.	Okt
		0700Z	heavy Ad firing of personal weapons.	Okt
20	0030Z		2 AD Crews employed 2 Comp Ord Depot. Remainder unit duties and parachute re-packing. 60 Mk 1 Turner paras located 2 Comp Ord Depot, not packed since 1963.	Okt
		0300Z	RAAF Courier aircraft unloaded/loaded.	Okt
		0815Z	Re-supply 1 ATF by RAAF RW aircraft. 1 sortie POL 528 lbs.	Okt
21	0030Z		Det personnel continue to operate with other units. Packing of 60 Mk 1 Turner paras continued.	Okt
22	0030Z		Re-wiring of unit area.	Okt
23	0030Z		Re-wiring of unit area.	Okt
		0815Z	Re-supply 1 ATF by RAAF RW aircraft. 2 sorties bread 1900 lbs.	Okt
24	0300Z		RAAF Courier aircraft unloaded. Remainder unit general rest day.	Okt
25	0030Z		Unit domestic duties.	Okt

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