

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

**Service Corps units**

**Item number: 10/4/6**

**Item: Detachment 176 Air Despatch**  
**Company**

**Narrative**

**[1-31 Oct 1966]**



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) .....

Appointment .....

(OC Unit of senior staff officer)

Recd. f.w.d.  
16-11-66.  
RT.

**SECRET**

ORIGINAL  
DUPLICATE

Strike out where  
not applicable

**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation DET 176 AIR DISPATCH COY RAASC

From 1 OCTOBER 1966 To 31 OCTOBER 1966

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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

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



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

ential importance.

officers, men and equipment.

oment captured.

employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

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

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

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## COMMUNAL 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:

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

AF - C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR OCTOBER 1966

REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA 1:50,000

UNIT/FORMATION Det 176 A 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 Oct	0400Z	Eleven Pers shotgun for two re supply convoys	OS
		0500Z	Improvement of transit camp area completed	
	2 Oct	0030Z	Unit stand down day. It is felt necessary to make further remarks regarding the morale of the unit. With virtually no employment in its correct role, and no promise of such, morale is well below average.	OS
	3 Oct 66	0030Z	Five pers employed shotguns for re supply convoy.	OS
		1100Z	Two AD crews completed unloading/loading of RAAF and NZ courier ac in SAIGON	
	4 Oct	0030Z	Six pers employed shotguns for re supply convoy. Remainder employed defence work of Transit Camp.	OS
	5 Oct	0030Z	Ten pers employed on two re supply convoys as shotguns.	OS
		0700Z	Re supply 1 ATF by RAAF RW Ac, one sortie 850 lbs explosives	
	6 Oct	0030Z	Two pers flying duties 35 Sqn RAAF	OS
		0715Z	Twelve lifts by CH 47 ac to 1 ATF 105 and 155 mm ammo, total weight 70345 lbs	
	7 Oct	0030Z	Twelve pers employed shotguns for two re supply convoys. Two pers employed flying duties 35 Sqn RAAF	OS



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 Det 176 AD Coy RAASC

MONTH AND YEAR OCTOBER 1966

REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA 1:50,000

COMMANDING OFFICER Capt D R WOOLMER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	8 Oct	0030Z	Twelve pers employed shotguns for two re supply convoys	Cal
		1115Z	Six CH 47 lifts of 105 and 155 mm ammo to 1 ATF 42931 lbs	
	9 Oct	0030Z	Stand down day	
	10 Oct	1100Z	RAAF courier ac unloaded/loaded SAIGON	
	11 Oct 66	1000Z	Ten pers employed shotguns for re supply convoys	
	12 Oct	0030Z	Six pers employed shotguns for re supply convoys	
		0800Z	RAAF courier ac unloaded/loaded SAIGON	
	13 Oct	0300Z	Nine pers employed shotguns on two re supply convoys	
	14 Oct	0030Z	Eight pers employed shotguns for two re supply convoys	
		0300Z	One AD crew completed three external loads fuel by RAAF UH 1B ac at 1 ATF. Total weight 1360lbs. Employment of unit in detail at today's date, was 5 pers Transit Camp, one per 2 Fd Amb driving, one pers Chaplains for permanent duties. Two pers flying duties with 35 Sqn RAAF Two pers 17 Const Sqn work party.	
	15 Oct 66	0030Z	Twelve pers employed shotguns for two re supply convoys	
	16 Oct	0030Z	Six pers employed shotguns for two re supply convoys. Remainder unit stand down	



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COMMANDING OFFICER Capt. D. R. WOOLMER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	17 Oct	0030Z	Three pers employed shotguns for re supply convoy.	Cal
	18 Oct	0030Z	Three pers employed shotguns for re supply convoy	Cal
	19 Oct	0030Z	Three pers employed shotguns for re supply convoy	Cal
		0600Z	RAAF courier unloaded/loaded SAIGON	Cal
	20 Oct	0030Z	Area and domestic duties	Cal
	21 Oct	0030Z	Three pers employed shotguns on re supply convoy	Cal
	22 Oct	0030Z	Nine personnel employed shotguns on re supply convoy.	Cal
	23 Oct	0030Z	Three personnel employed shotguns on re supply convoy. Remainder pers not on essential duties stand down.	Cal
	24 Oct	0030Z	Five pers employed shotguns on re supply convoy	Cal
	25 Oct	0600Z	Seven pers employed shotgun on re supply convoy. RAAF courier ac loaded/unloaded SAIGON.	Cal
	26 Oct	0030Z	Seven personnel employed shotguns on re supply convoy.	Cal
	27 Oct	0030Z	Seven pers employed shotguns	Cal
		0700Z	Seven pers det to HQ AFV until 15 Nov for Federal elections duties.	Cal
	28 Oct	0300Z	Eight pers employed shotguns for re supply convoy.	Cal
	29 Oct	0030Z	Eight pers employed shotguns for re supply convoy	Cal.



