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[10-31 Mar 1966]

PART 2

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COVERING LETTER

Reference No... R7.07. 2.1.....

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)

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(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 2nd FIELD AMBULANCE

From 10 Mar 66 To 31 Mar 66

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- Z Top Secret Supplementary Diary

* Only to be included during operations.

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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:
 - 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, tarting at B.

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and to save work as much information as possible is to aments issued and received, routine returns, etc. All

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

and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

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DISPOSAL

- 13. Original Commander's Diary. This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by 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(For	mation 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

UNIT/FORMATION 2 Field Ambulance

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
PUCKAPUNYAL	10 Mar	09.50	PUCKAPUNYAL AREA G400 received - Unit or Planning Notice for ops S.VIETNAM	B
PUCKAPUNYAL	10. Mar	1635	Area Comd Brig.D.R. JACKSON held conference HQ Puckapunyal Area	
			Explained - General proposition incl proposed basic timings	
			Lt.Col RODGERS at MED DIRECTORATE Albert Park Barracks; Capt B.M. ILLINGWORTH (Adjt)	
***************	**** **************		attended. Lt.Col RODGERS briefed by Area Comd on return 1900 hrs 10 Mer.	B
PUCKAPUNYAL	11. Mar		NTR	B
PUCKAPUNYAL			NTR	3
PUCKAPUNYAL	13 Mar		NTR	3
PUCKAPUNYAL	14 Mar	1400	CO's conference. Discussion on requirements to bring unit to DP1 standard.	
********************************			Arrangements made for (a) Medical examinations	
			(b) Dental examinations and treatment	
			(c) Vaccinations and innoculations.	
************************			As the composition of the 2 FD AMB force was not known all members of the unit would	
			undergo full preparation.	8
PUCKAPUNYAL	15 Mar		NTR.	B
PUCKAPUNYAL				•••••
			Maj. G. POWELL. Stated that he expected to have 100 dental TP4 by 18 Mar.	6

1 B P Coy—275/65—55m

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 2 Field Amb ance

MONTH AND YEAR March 1966.

REFERENCE MAP.

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt. Col. W.O. RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
PUCKAPUNYAL			QM reported that stores requirement although not known exactly was progressing	
*************			satisfactorily. Considerable assistance has been received from Q Branch HQ S Comd	
	***		in satisfying indents. Packing, weighing and measuring of stores which would be	************
			essential considering the size of the Unit anticipated by HQ PUCKAPUNYAL AREA.	
	***		Warning Order was progressing.	8
PUCKAPUNYAL	18 Mar	1400	Innoculation parade held. CO decided that innoculations for typhus, plague and cholera	***************************************
	***		would be held at a date close to departure date. These innoculations have a limited	·····
			duration	B
PUCKAPUNYAL	18 Mar		Final arrangements for the detachment of personnel to RGH HEIDELBERG completed.	.H 1
			All members received (a) Medical examination	
***************	***		(b) dental examination and treatment	•••••
			(c) vaccinations and innoculations including typhus, plague and	
*************				8
PUCKAPUNYAL	19 Mar		NTR	8
PUCKAPUNYAL	20 Mar		NTR	87
PUCKAPUNYAL	21 Mar		Q Series Tables under cover of AHQ 605/R1/10 of 18 Mar 65 received from HQ PUCKAPUNYAL	H-2
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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 2 Field Ambrance

MONTH AND YEAR March 1966

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt. Col. W. OLRODGERS.

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
PUCKAPUNYAL	22 Mar	0930	1. Brig. C. GURNER DDGMS and Lt.Col. W.W. McLELLAN DMS1 from MED DIRECTORATE visited	•••••
************			for inspection and discussion. Stated that the composition of the force and the	
	••••		stores both Ord and Med had not been finalised. Both officers stated their	
			satisfaction with the progress on A and Q matters in the unit.	BY.
	****		2.Mr. R.A. WILSON DAQMG QMG Branch HQ S Comd with two other civilian officers visited to	***************************************
*************			discuss Q Accounting in the preparation of the force and when in VIETNAM AHQ Adm	***************************************
			Instruction 4/65 was quoted as giving details of procedure on which we should now	******************************
			operate. This instruction has not been issued to 2 Fd Amb.	
			Adjt contacted GS02 (Ops) Hq S Comd and the matter is to be investigated. At present	***************************************
			their is an extreme shortage of this document in S.Comd but a copy would be forwarded	·····
			to HQ PUCKAPUNYAL AREA.	87
PUCKAPUNYAI.		0930	HQ PUCKAPUNYAL AREA G513 received Equipment Policy Personal Clothing and Necessaries.	
**********			Issue of GP boots and trunks cabin metal.	89
PUCKAPUNYAL	25 Mar	1300	.HQ PUCKAPUNYAL AREA G599 received. Establishment of an Ops CENTRE at Room 4 Area HQ.	8
*******************************		1.630	2.An initial list of 2 Fd Amb personnel warned for operational duty in S.VIETNAM was	01
			promulgated.	A)
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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

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UNIT/FORMATION 2 Field Amby nce

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
PUCKAPUNYAL	26 Mar		NTR	87
PUCKAPUNYAL	27 Mar		NTR	
PUCKAPUNYAL	28 Mar		NTR	27
PUCKAPUNYAL	29 Mar		NTR	37
PUCKAPUNYAL	30 Mar		NTR	37
PUCKAPUNYAL	31 Mar		NTR	3 7
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GROUP DETACHMENT R.G.H. HEIDELBERG 2ND FIELD AMBULANCE 20 MAR TO 2 APR 66



The aim of this exercise is to practice selected members of 2 Fd Amb in general nursing, theatre teckniques etc.

2. Duties

To understudy ward staff: in the general management of patients and to understudy Dept Staffs eg Theatre, blood bank, Kitchen (Hospital cooks) plaster

3. Living Quarters

Within Hospital Boundry.

4. Extra Duty Personnel

A Duty NCO plus a picquet shall be mounted. The duration and personnel will be detailed later.

5. Stores

Dymo name tags with black tape will be issued to all members prior to departing to RGH (H) all other stores will be supplied by the hospital.

6. Dress

Summer dress with ties, when working in the Ward ties removed and sleeves rolled up. Personnel working in Dept will be issued with a working dress by the Dept.

7. Civilian Cars

No civilian cars will be taken on the detachment. All personnel will travel by unit transport to the hospital.

8. Leave

Local Leave may be granted to off duty personnel but during the period of the detachment no stand down day will be taken.

9. Discipline

During the period of the detachment any member who commits an offence will be charged and immediately returned to Puckapunyal.

10. Out of Bounds

All personnel on the Detachment will read the Standing Orders laid down for the Hospital, paying particular attention to the adeas marked out of bounds. also the Nursing and Nursing Aids lounge and quarters are out of bounds to all ranks.

11. Meals

All meals will be provided in the staff dining room.

12. General

All personnel who are rosteree for duty are required to report to the Duty NCO 15 minutes prior to commencing duty in wards or Dept.

13. Inspections

Living Quarters will be inspected daily. Particular attention will be paid to cleanliness.

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PERSONNEL ATTENDING RGH HEIDELBERG

Adm Staff

38446 2Lt R.J. HARVEY
1420 WO1 E.E. PARRY
42649 Pte J.R. HILLMAN

Operating Theatre

42575 Cpl R.L. PEARSON 3411632 Pte M.A. SHARP

Blood Transfusion

38209 Pte T.K. WOOLMER 213067 Sgt A.A. WAND

Pharm

42160

3411617 Pte B. CONNELLY

Sgt B.G. HAVERS

Personnel to work in Wards

Cpl R.J. EDMONDS 43554 L Cpl A. DE LEEUW 54129 J.T. HINE L Cpl 54925 C.R. NUTT 1200077 L Cpl R.L. MOLONEY Pte 3411609 L.R. GUERIN Pte 4410868 J.S. BEDNASKI Pte 43811 B.G. GRAY 38579 Pte R.R. PERRY 43825 Pte C.W. MARTIN Pte 43778 J.M. AITKEN 5713603 Pte Pte L. VAN DER POL 3411610 R.G. ADAMSON Pte 4717445 Pte D.G. MATHEWS 43644 Pte G.F. SIMMONDS 1731049 K.R. FREEMAN Pte 3786999 Pte P.J. DAVIS 51677 R.B. DANDO Pte 61663 K.J. CRAWFORD Pte 38490 T.A. HILL Pte 4410913 Pte K.J. ELLIS 43773 B.L. WADE Pte 38392 M.F. VOLDERS Pte 38544 H.C. RUSSELL Pte 42552 Pte P.S. BOWRING 5713614 Pte P.J. BRADLEY 3787026 D.C. BROWN Pte 5713618 J.E. DARWIN Pte 4717433 I.D. HUMPHRIES Pte 3706821 M.F. ROBINSON Pte 3411510 Pte M.F LARKIN 1418890

Reserves

3786930 Pte M.D. LANIGAN 43475 Pte D.J. SMITH

Hospital Cooks

53751 Sgt B. GLASS 14586 Cpl N.R. GUEST

Barber

To work in Sergical Ward 3787116 Pte P. FRISINA

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OP HARDIHOOD

AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT FOR UNITS AND DETACHMENTS

This authorization establishes entitlement of personnel, transport, (Note: weapons and equipment for units and detachments in Op HARDIHOOD and is based upon existing establishment and equipment tables).

ORBAT SERIAL No. 1.

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UNIT, SUB-UNIT OR DETACHMENT DESIGNATION. 2.

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PERSONNEL, TRANSPORT AND WEAPONS AUTHORIZATION. 3.

ESTB II/29/1(TW)

a.	Per	sonn	el.
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(1)	Total authorized.	121
(2)	Detailed authorization. Vide estb II/29/1(TW) Column G, (less the following appointments:	(Headquarters), (128)
	Cpls - Operating theatre technician	2
	Ptes - Batman Clerk (medical) Medical orderly Operating theatre technician	2 1 10 2
	Attached - RAASC - Pte driver	2
	RAADC - Dental offr (Capt) Ssgt, dental tech Cpl, DORA	1 1 1
	Total, restrictions	22
	plus the following increments:	

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(a)	Surgical team increment	
	Surgeon (Maj)	1
	Anaesthetist (Maj)	. 1
	Sgt, Op theatre tech	1
	Cpl, Op theatre tech	2
	Pte, Clerk (medical)	1
	Pte, Op theatre tech	2

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	Laboratory increment Ssgt, laboratory tech	1	
	Hygiene increment		
	WO2, hygiene inspector Sgt, hygiene inspector	1	
	Medical stores increment Sgt, storeman tech (med)	1	
	Cpl, storeman tech (med) Cpl, clerk (med)	1	
	Total, increment	15	
establishm	following personnel are to be absolute $III/201/2(TE)$ - HQ AAFV and I rently in theatre:	orbed from 10/208/2(!	om re) –
Cpl,	cal officer (Capt) (from HQ AAFV) storeman (others) (from HQ AAFV)	1	
Sgt,	med asst (from HQ AAFV) storeman tech (med) (from ALSC)	1	
Cpl,	storeman tech (med) (from ALSC) storeman tech (med) (from ALSC)	1	
	Total		(making a total of 115 to move
			from Aust)
b. Transport	II/29/1(TW) (existing range) as for	ollows :	
		0110110	
Truck, ut	ility, 2-ton, GS, fitted with etcher frame	4	(1 truck \(\frac{1}{4}\)-ton, GS, FWSF, in theatre)
	bulance, 3-ton, GS, 4-stretcher cargo, 2-ton	6	(one in theatre)
EQUIPMENT AUT	HORIZATION		
a. Equipment less the foll	Table - Prov TWET 2029, Column 9, owing :-		
	Class 7105		
66-012-2722	Cot, folding, camp, canvas, spring tensioned	FO	
		50	
	Class 7210		
66 - 014 - 5871 66 - 013 - 2854		100	
66-013-2854	Class 7210 Blanket, bed, single, S61 Towel, hand Class 7360	100 50	
	Class 7210 Blanket, bed, single, S61 Towel, hand Class 7360 Knife - fork - spoon set	100	
66-013-2854	Class 7210 Blanket, bed, single, S61 Towel, hand Class 7360	100 50	
66-013-2854 66-014-4707	Class 7210 Blanket, bed, single, S61 Towel, hand Class 7360 Knife - fork - spoon set Section KC Bar, suspension, Mk 2	100 50	
66-013-2854 66-014-4707	Class 7210 Blanket, bed, single, S61 Towel, hand Class 7360 Knife - fork - spoon set Section KC Bar, suspension, Mk 2 ambulance stretcher	100 50	
66-013-2854 66-014-4707 KC 5026 KDA 0046 KDA 0049	Class 7210 Blanket, bed, single, S61 Towel, hand Class 7360 Knife - fork - spoon set Section KC Bar, suspension, Mk 2 ambulance stretcher Section KD Bowl, soup, plastic 7½-in Cup, tea, plastic	100 50 50	/plus

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plus the follo	wing :-	
	Class 5133	
66-016-0929	Drill set, twist, HSS, parallel shank, 1/162-in, w/stand (CES 1390) 17/1	1
	Class 7210	
66-011-4326	Pillow bed, crumbed plastic, 17-in by	
	27-in, w/detachable ticking cover 17/1	100
66-021-0407	Pillow case, 30-in by 20-in white 17/1	300
66-021-0187	Sheet, bed, cotton, white, single 100-in by 63-in 17/1	300
	Class 3740	
66-023-9995	Sprayer and Duster Insecticide, manual carried, engine driven, right hand, 1-gal capacity	1 2
	Class 7350	
66-010-1644	Tumbler, drinking, glass 7-oz 17/	1 60
	Class 8340	
66-018-3673	Tent, HP extending (Aust), Mk2 complete (CES 3519) 17/	1 1
	Class 8465	
66-012-1390	Net, mosquito, field S59	50
	Section J1	
JAA 0201	Bag, water, canvas, cylindrical	4
	Section KA	
KAA 3800	Table, bedside, folding	50
	Section KC	
TSE(M) 29/1	Trestle, ambulance stretcher, tubular steel	18
	Section KD	
KD 0705	Bottle, water, table, 1-pt 17/	1 50
	Section LV6/MT1	
32002	Can, POL, military jerrican, 42-gal	1 16
	Class X2	
ZB/US 0108	Generating set, 2 KVA, No 2, model OTC-5-B (CES 593) 17,	/3 1
	RAE Supply Class 5430	
66-016-5059	Tank, assembly, fabric, collapsible, 100-gal	/1 8
b. Personal	Weapons	To move
	Total Authorize	-
Pistol e	qpt, 9-mm, auto 12	11
Carbine	eqpt, Owen, 9-mm 98 pt, 7.62-mm, LIAI 11	97 7

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Lt.Col W.O. RODGERS

Capt. B.M. ILLINGWORTH Lt E.B. SPRAGG Sgt B.G. HAVERS
L. ATKINSON A.A. WAND
J.B. RAFTERY WO1 E.E. PARRY B. GLASS
B.A. HEFFERNAN WO2 H.R. FERGUSON L.E. FULLER

Fixed List No. 2 of 2 Nd Amb personnel warned for operational duty in

R.E. JONES SSgt T. Me LANDERS F. LINDSAY MERRILEES J.M. AITKEN G.J. KENDALL Cpl J.E. JONES Pte D.L. AURISH D.G. BERRY R.G. LAVELL J.C. GAUCHI-GERA M.J. BENSON M.J. LETHLEAN BROWN E.L. GRAHAM D.M. LeGRAND D.C. BROWN N.R. GUEST M.F. LARKIN J. J. BELLERT C.W. GUTHRIE

D.J. LINEHAM P.D. BOWMAN P.D. NURMANE F.G. LOHMANN R.L. PEARSON T.N. BUDGE M.P. LANIGAN A.F. BRENNAN R.J. EDMONDS W.P. MARKS J.S. BEDNARSKI B.J. MILLS R.J. MALONEY R.N. BRANDON W.A. LILLEBO M.C. McIEOD

R.L. BARRETT

K.J. GRAWFORD

G.R. CHESSUM

G.J. BUTLER

B. CONNELLY

CPL A. Delegun

D.J. BRADLEY

CPL I.J. BRANDIS

K.J. GRAWFORD

A.E. NEIGHMAN

G.C. NEALE

C.C. NEALE

K.R. PEMBER

G. STEVENSON

J.T. HINE

J. CHERNE

C.R. NUTT

C.F. CRAIG

J.W. BISHOP

J.S. SALTER

G.F. SIMMONDS

R.J. DUNN

J.R. TOWNSON

Melellan

T.K. EMERY

F. FRISINA

J.E. FOX

P.S. VOSS

K.R. FREEMAN

L.R. GUERIN

P.M. GADSEN

P.H. GASMIER

T.K. WOOLMER

P.H. GASMIER
W.P. GLEESON
P.R. WOOLMER
D.G. HARPER
P.R. WILLIAMS

D.R. HARPER

C.F. HIND

K. WITHEROW

B.L. WADE

P.D. HAY HAY H.A. BROOKS

J.R. HILLMAN D.J. SMITH 43475 A.L. RODGERS

This is not the complete list as many appointments have not yet been filled.

The above list is as final aspossible but is by no means absolutely certain.

4. The complete list together with reserves will be notified ASP.

Commanding Officer

25 MAR 1966

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Annex "A" to 2 Fd Amb List of Pers Warned for Op Duty in South Vietnam.

The undermentioned members are warned for operational duty in SOUTH VIETNAM.

1. 4410868 Pte L.R. GUERIN

2. 3411480 Pte R.G. LAVELL

Movement is subject to members turning 19 years of age before movement date.

Commanding Officer

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Annex "B" to 2 Fd Amb fixed List of Pers Warned for Op Duty in South Vietnam.

The undermentioned members are warned for operational duty in SOUTH VISTNAM.

1.	2782587	Pte	LETHLEAN
2.	3787325	Pte	WILSON
3.	38096	Pte	GADSEN
4.	216271	Pte	CHERNE

These members will be added to the Fixed List already compiled.