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Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Medical units

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Narrative

[1-31 Dec 1966]

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

EVENTS

as well as map references), establishment, equipment

and orders given.

the day's fighting, including company movements.

Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

potential 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 given. All orders issued and received, routine returns, etc. All dates and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

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

COMMANDER'S DIARIES

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 DEC 66

REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA

UNIT/FORMATION 2 FD AMB
COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL W J RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	1		<p>Commencing this date all figures are the hospital states at 2359 hrs on the date. Figures are relating to that day. Previous figures were those at 1200 hrs calculated for the previous 24 hours. This system proved unsatisfactory.</p> <p>RAP 30 treatments; WARD admissions 5; discharged 15; Total patients 67 ⁶⁰</p> <p>Three VIETNAMESE civilians injured during OP HOBART were evacuated by TF INT to BARIA.</p> <p>36 EVAC 9 patients.</p>	
	2		<p>RAP 32 treatments; WARD admissions 8; discharged 5; Total patients 70 ⁶³</p> <p>36 EVAC 9 patients.</p>	
	3		<p>RAP 37 treatments; WARD admissions 15 ⁸; discharged 6; Total patients 72 ⁶⁵</p> <p>36 EVAC 18 patients.</p> <p>A VIETNAMESE boy about 5 years was admitted with a fractured femur after being struck by an AUST vehicle.</p>	
	4		<p>RAP 38 treatments; WARD admissions 7 discharged NK; Total patients 72 ⁷²</p> <p>36 EVAC 17 patients</p>	
	5		<p>RAP 38 treatments; WARD admissions 9 discharged RTV 9; discharged and returned AUSTRALIA as medevacs 17; Total patients 55</p>	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR DEC 66

REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA

UNIT/FORMATION 2 FIELD AMBULANCE
COMMANDING OFFICER RTCOI JO RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	5	1230	Total medical AUSTRALIA 24 ARMY 1 RAAF	
	6		RAP treatments 49; WARD admissions 14 discharged 1 total patients 68 36 EVAC patients 16	
	7		RAP treatments 33; WARD admissions 9, discharged 17, total patients 61 36 EVAC patients 16	
	8		RAP treatments 43; WARD admissions 13, transfer IN from 36 EVAC 1, discharged 3, total patients 72 36 EVAC patients 15	
	9		RAP treatments 39, WARD admissions 12, discharged 18, total patients 66 36 EVAC patients 13	
	10		RAP treatments 46; WARD admissions 11, discharged 1, transfer OUT to 36 EVAC 1, discharged return AUST 4, total patients 71 36 EVAC patients 13	
	11		RAP treatments 14; WARD admissions 5, discharged 4; total patients 72 36 EVAC patients 13	
	12		RAP treatments 36; WARD admissions 18, discharged 1, transfer OUT to 36 EVAC 14, total patients 75 36 EVAC patients 35	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 2ND FIELD AMBULANCE

MONTH AND YEAR Dec 66

REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA

COMMANDING OFFICER LTCOL W.D. RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	13 8		<p>RAP 46 treatments; WARD admissions 9, discharged 6, transfers OUT TO 36 EVAC 6, total patients 72</p> <p>36 EVAC patients 44</p> <p>Since 5 Dec there have been 26 cases of falciparum malaria from a recent 3 week Bn Gp operation. On the surface paludine discipline appears very good. All cases have been diagnosed and treated early and all are progressing satisfactorily. It is expected that about 50 cases will emerge from this episode. These malarias and other fevers of unknown origin has meant an increase in the number of patients in hospital and this is expected to further increase. The SMO has been in close contact with COMAFV and COMD IATF on this matter. Aerial spraying of IATF and IANSG is scheduled for 17 Dec. HQ IATF will produce an instruction to lay down the Task Force policy on malaria precautions.</p>	
	14		<p>RAP treatments 64; WARD admissions 8, transfer IN from 36 EVAC 1, discharged 5, transfer OUT TO 36 EVAC 1, total patients 75</p> <p>36 EVAC patients 51</p>	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)
Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR Dec 66

REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA

UNIT/FORMATION 2ND FIELD AMBULANCE

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col W. O. RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	15		RAP treatments 24; WARD admissions 7, discharged 8, total patients 74 36 EVAC patients 53	
	16		RAP treatments 51; WARD admissions 9, discharged 6, total patients 77 36 EVAC patients 52	
	17		RAP treatments 44; WARD admissions 6 discharged 10, total patients 73 36 EVAC patients 52	
	18		RAP treatments 19; WARD admissions 7 discharged 9, total patients 71 36 EVAC patients 49	
	19		RAP treatments 38; WARD admissions 7 discharged 7 total patients 71 36 EVAC patients 47	
	20		RAP treatments 53; WARD admissions 6 discharged 6 total patients 71 36 EVAC patients 45	
	21		RAP treatments 26; WARD admissions 6 discharged 4 total patients 73 36 EVAC patients 43	
	22		RAP treatments 34; WARD admissions 7 discharged 12 total patients 68 36 EVAC patients 39	
	23		RAP treatments 37; WARD admissions 2 discharged 1 total 69 36 EVAC 37 patients	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR DEC 66

REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA

UNIT/FORMATION 2ND FIELD AMBULANCE

COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL. J. O. ROGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	24		RAP treatments 12; WARD admissions 5 discharged 8 total patients 66 36 EVAC patients 36	
	25		RAP 29; WARD adm 2 disch NIL total 68; 36 EVAC 34 patients	
	26		RAP 45; WARD adm 8 disch 5 total 71; 36 EVAC 33 patients	
	27		RAP 45; WARD adm 5 disch 5 total 71; 36 EVAC 32	
	28		RAP 42; WARD adm 5 disch 4 total 72; 36 EVAC 32	
	29		RAP 34; WARD adm 3 transfer in 1 disch 3 total 73; 36 EVAC 37	
	30		RAP 55; WARD adm 4 disch 6 total 71; 36 EVAC 34 patients.	
	31		RAP 40; WARD adm 3 disch 3 total 71; 36 EVAC 32 patients	
			Total RAP attendances Dec 1216	
			MALARIA - During Dec 48 cases of malaria which undoubtedly resulted from OP INCHAM were diagnosed. All cases came from units and subunits on this OP. All malaria was of the malignant tertian variety and preliminary medical investigation has shown that paludine discipline was reasonable but personal protective measures were poor. Comd IATF is fully investigating the situation. All patients are well although several may be RTA having anemia to such a degree as to prevent their punching at full capacity for another 4 to 6 weeks.	

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COMMANDING OFFICER LTCOL W J RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number										
VUNG TAU			<p>All measures have been taken to ensure that soldiers reports his medical condition early and he is diagnosed and treated within an hour or two.</p> <p>VENEREAL DISEASE The incidence of VD is remaining static at its rather high level. In Dec four cases of syphilis have presented which is the highest monthly figure to date.</p> <p>STATISTICS FOR MONTH</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Direct admissions 2 Fd Amb</td> <td>230</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct admissions 36 EVAC HOSP</td> <td>44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Med downgrading</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medical evacuations to AUSTRALIA</td> <td>53.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deaths (KIA).</td> <td>2.</td> </tr> </table>	Direct admissions 2 Fd Amb	230	Direct admissions 36 EVAC HOSP	44	Med downgrading	12	Medical evacuations to AUSTRALIA	53.	Deaths (KIA).	2.	
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