

Series: AWM95
Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Medical units

Item number: 11/2/11

Item: 2 Field Ambulance

Narrative

[1-31 Jan 1967]

PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. R707-2 -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) [Signature]

Appointment

(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

PART 2

SECRET

ORIGINAL

~~DUPLICATE~~

Strike out where
not applicable

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation

2ND FIELD AMBULANCE.

From

1 JAN 67

To

31 JAN 67

INDEX

Narrative (AF C 2118)

ANNEXES

- * A Duty officer's log
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- * 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

tactical 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 in the 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.

(continued on back cover)

COMMA **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 JAN 67

REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA

UNIT/FORMATION 2 FD AMB

COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL W.D. RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	1		RAP 24 treatments; WARD admissions 6; discharged N/A; Total patients 77 36 EVAC 26 patients	
	2		The usual RAAT medevac arrived ^{arrived} for today. This medevac aircraft arrived VUNG TAU each MONDAY about 1100 hrs. 1 off and 12 OK's returned AUST making the total medical evacuation from the theatre since 1 MAY 66 - 350! RAP 36 treatments; WARD admissions 6; discharged 23 (incl 7 for medevac) Total patients 60 36 EVAC 26 patients.	
	3	1330	Visit by Brig S. GRAHAM who is to be Comd IATF RAP 37 treatments; WARD - admissions 9; transfer in from 36 EVAC 6; discharged 1; Total patients 74. 36 EVAC 21 patients.	
	4	2130	1 suspected VC arrived from IATF - GSW lower leg, leg amputated. RAP 33 treatments; WARD - admissions 3; discharged 2, Total patients 75 36 EVAC 21 patients.	
	5		RAP 47 treatments; WARD - admissions 5; discharged 4; Total patients 76 36 EVAC 20 patients	

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JAN 67

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XA BINH BA

UNIT/FORMATION

2 FD Amb.

COMMANDING OFFICER

LTCOL W.O. RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	6		RAP 28 treatments; WARD - admissions 4; discharged 6; Total patients 74 36 EVAC 17 patients	
	7		RAP 27 treatments; WARD - admissions 5; discharged 6; Total 73 36 EVAC 16 patients.	
	8		RAP 14 treatments; WARD - admissions 4; discharged NIL; Total 77 36 EVAC 16 patients.	
		1530	Co departed for SAIGON (HQ AFV) for discussion with COMAFV on the medical policy prior to Co's departure to brief DGMS and RAAMC officers on 2 FD Amb. in SVN. Maj B.B. JOYCE assumed role of SMO AFV and was located at HQ 1 ATF with 2 FD Amb FWD DET.	
			Maj R.F. GREGG to be Adm Comd 2 FD Amb VUNG TAU.	
	9	1200	26 medevac to AUST. RAP 62 treatments; WARD - admissions 9; discharged 24 (incl 18 for medevac); Total patients 62 36 EVAC patients 14	
	10		RAP 35 treatments; WARD - admissions 6; discharged 2; Total 66 36 EVAC patients 13.	

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COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL W.O. RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	11		<p>RAP 41 treatments; WARD - admissions 11, transfer in from 36 EVAC 1, discharged 10, total patients 68 36 EVAC 7 patients.</p> <p>To date the only medical documents which have been released from 36 EVAC HOSP were those for patients who were medevac to AUST direct from 36 EVAC or those transferred to another US HOSP. This was most unsatisfactory for those who were medevac to AUST after having been patients at 36 EVAC but did not leave the country direct from that hospital. Arrangements were made today for these documents of any soldier who was a patient at 36 EVAC and has since returned to AUST to be passed to 2FD AMB for forwarding to Central Medical Records AHQ Melbourne.</p> <p>It is anticipated that approval will be received by 36 EVAC through US ARMY Staff channels for all medical documents to be sent to DADMS HQ AFV whenever an AUST soldier is discharged from that hospital.</p>	
	12		<p>RAP 43 treatments; WARD - admissions 6, discharged 4, total 70 patients. 36 EVAC 6 patients.</p>	

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UNIT/FORMATION 2 FD Amb.

COMMANDING OFFICER LT Col W.O. RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAV	13		RAP 42 treatments; WARD - admissions 6; discharged 10, total patients 67 36 EVAC 6 patients.	
	14		RAP 28 treatments; WARD - admissions 4, discharged 4, total patients 67 36 EVAC 7 patients.	
	15		RAP 12 treatments; WARD - admissions 3, discharged N/A, total 70 36 EVAC 7 patients.	
	16		RAP 59 treatments; WARD - admissions 14, discharged 13, total 69 36 EVAC 7 patients.	
		1930	1 civilian child arrived on helipad from IATF by RAAF helicopter. Child examined and taken to LE HOI HOSP to be treated by Aust Surgical Team.	
	17		RAP 25 treatments; WARD - admissions 5, discharged 8, total 66 36 EVAC 7 patients.	
	18	1145	RAP 26 treatments; WARD - admissions 5, discharged 6, total 65 PTE COPELAND 35AS SQN evacuated by RAAF helicopter from VC ambush. Placed on VSI list. 36 EVAC 5 patients.	
	19		RAP 38 treatments; WARD - admissions 5, discharged 1, total 69; 36 EVAC 6 patients.	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR JAN 67

REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA

UNIT/FORMATION 2 FD AMB

COMMANDING OFFICER LTCOL W.O. RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	20		RAP Treatments 26; WARD - admissions 6, discharged 9, total patients 66. 36 EVAC 6 patients.	
	21		RAP Treatments 34; WARD - admissions 5, transfer in from DANANG (HATTV WO 2 COPE)	
	22		RAP Treatments 20; WARD - admissions 3; discharged 1, total 69 36 EVAC 6 patients	
	23		RAP Treatments 20; WARD - admissions 4, discharged 23, total 50 36 EVAC 7 patients	
		1200	RAAF medevac 28 to AUSTRALIA. CO returned from AUSTRALIA - visit to DGMS - on the RAAF A/C	
	24		RAP Treatments 33; WARD - admissions 5, discharged 10, total 45 36 EVAC 6 patients 2 NZ force medevac to NZ.	
	25		RAP Treatments 40; WARD - admissions 7, discharged 7, total 45 36 EVAC 6 patients.	
	26		RAP Treatments 38; WARD - admissions 9, discharged 8, total 44 36 EVAC 6 patients	
	27	1500	A conference was held at HQ IANSG where the first dates of arrival	

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AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

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UNIT/FORMATION 2ND FIELD AMBULANCE

MONTH AND YEAR JAN 67

REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA

COMMANDING OFFICER LTCOL W.O. RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			of 8Fd Amb were announced. As a result of this information the dates for 2Fd Amb to return to AUST were selected and a request forward to HQ IMSG as follows.	
			Air 23 Apr 67 55	
			Air 25 Apr 67 15	
			HMAS SYDNEY 30 Apr 67 1 mo.	
			Air 3 May 67 35	
			HMAS SYDNEY 9 Jun 67 1 mo	
			Confirmation of these dates is expected within a week.	
			RAP treatments 62; WARD-admissions 9, discharged 3, transfer IN from 36 EVAC 1, total patients 51	
			36 EVAC patients 6	
28			RAP treatments 50; WARD-admissions 6, discharged 1, total 56	
			36 EVAC patients 7	
29			RAP treatments 8; WARD-admissions 5, total 61. 36 EVAC patients 7	
30			RAP treatments 56; WARD-adm 6 incl 1 VIET FEMALE CIV, disch 12, total 55	
			36 EVAC 6 RAAF medical to AUSTRALIA 5	
31			RAP 21; WARD-adm 12, disch 5, total 62. 36 EVAC patients 6.	