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Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Medical units

Item number: 11/2/3

Item: 2 Field Ambulance

Narrative

[1-31 May 1966]

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]*

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(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 2nd Field Ambulance.

From 1 May 66

To 31 May 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

Enclosure Numbers

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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.

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COMBAT 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:

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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.

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 as per instructions.
- d. Annexes as shown in the index.

7. All details of the war or activities of a detachment is covered and enclosure numbers to be shown as continued since the last report, the report description by the unit.

8. The annexes are to be numbered by the groups shown on the cover and an index will be entered on the cover.

This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C 2119 (Adapted).

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/FORMATION 2ND FIELD AMBULANCE

MONTH AND YEAR MAY 1966

REFERENCE MAP N/A

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col W. O. RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
PUCKAPUNYAL	1 to 12		NTR	
PUCKAPUNYAL	13	1826	RSM WO1 EE PARRY departed SEYMOUR for movement VUNG TAU	
PUCKAPUNYAL	14-15-16		NTR	
PUCKAPUNYAL	17	0800	2500 lbs stores departed Unit lines with stores from 1 APC Sqn by Dept of Supply semi trailers. These stores to be loaded on HMAS SYDNEY to depart SYDNEY 25 MAY 66	
PUCKAPUNYAL	18-19-20		NTR	
PUCKAPUNYAL	21	1932	25 pers departed SEYMOUR for movement VUNG TAU 3 effs (Maj D.A. CHAMBERLAIN Maj M.T. SLOSS; Capt E.B. HEFFERNAN) 1 WO2; 3 SSgt/Sgts; 18 ORs	
PUCKAPUNYAL	22		NTR	
PUCKAPUNYAL	23	1000	Final handover of 2 Fd Amb stores and equipment to 8 Fd Amb. Accountable forms returned to CPM S cond or Paymaster Puckapunyal where applicable.	
		1826	66 pers departed SEYMOUR for movement VUNG TAU This left only 2 pers to join Unit later - Major anaesthetist, Clerk pte (D.J. SMITH) Med Asst Pte (D.G. MATHEWS) It is unknown when the anaesthetist will join the Unit but it is expected that the clerk and med asst will depart Aust approximately 10 Jun 66.	
	24	2359	Main body departed RICHMOND D.	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 2ND FIELD AMBULANCE

MONTH AND YEAR MAY 66

REFERENCE MAP N/A

COMMANDING OFFICER LT Col W O RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	25	1230	Main body arrived VUNG TAU airport and were conveyed to 2 Fd Amb site within HQ 1ALSG area. All arrangements for move of main party were satisfactory and moved smoothly. The 2 Fd Amb site was well established as far as living and routine administrative working accommodation. Plans were in hand for the site selected for the hospital to have a concrete floor laid prior to the erection of the tentage.	
VUNG TAU	26		NTR	
VUNG TAU	27		17 Const Sqr commenced laying concrete to house a seven section marquee and a 1 section marquee in an L shape. General progress in the area was most satisfactory with morale high.	
VUNG TAU	28		NTR	
VUNG TAU	29		Stand down day granted by LT Col ROUSE OC HQ 1ALSG to ALSG units. CO granted stand down to 2 Fd Amb. Most members rested went swimming or into the VUNG TAU village. At no time were there more than 25% of the unit away from the area.	
VUNG TAU	30	1230	Maj Gen K. MACKAY accompanied by Brig OD JACKSON Commander IATF and LT Col ROUSE visited area and stayed for lunch. Gen MACKAY	

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DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION *2ND FIELD AMBULANCE*

MONTH AND YEAR *MAY 66*

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER *LT COL W.O. RODGERS*

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAV	31	NTR	<p>most satisfied with progress made. Emphasized the priority which should be given to the Medical Curative Aid Program (Med CAP). This program was commenced on 27 Jun and would take place two afternoons per week at VUNG TAV. It included Medical Officers, Dental Officers and Medical Assistants who give treatment to the local population. All medical stores are provided under the American CAP program.</p>	

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