

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

**Medical units**

**Item number: 11/2/6**

**Item: 2 Field Ambulance**

**Narrative**

**[1-31 Aug 1966]**



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] Capt

Appointment ADJT 2 FD AMB  
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

PART 2

**SECRET**

ORIGINAL } Strike out where  
~~DUPLICATE~~ } not applicable

**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation 2ND FIELD AMBULANCE

From 1 AUG 66 To 31 AUG 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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\* Only to be included during operations.  
† Cross out whichever is not applicable.

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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.

for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

### ITEMS

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ne 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

UNIT/FORMATION 2ND FIELD AMBULANCE

MONTH AND YEAR AUG 66

REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA

COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL W O RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	1		RAP - 37 treatments WARD - admissions 15; discharged 6; total patients 52 36 EVAC HOSP - 31 patients. Med evacuated to AUST 8.	
	2		RAP - 43 treatments. WARD - admissions 7; discharged 4; transfer OUT to 36 EVAC 2; total patients 53 36 EVAC - 30 patients.	
	3		RAP A 39 treatments. WARD - admissions 11; discharged 9; total patients 55 36 EVAC - 31 patients.	
	4		RAP - 40 patients WARD - admissions 13; discharged 13; transfer OUT to 36 EVAC 1; total patients 54 36 EVAC - 32 patients.	
		1450	Unit visited by Dr. CAIRNS MHR and Private Secretary. Accompanied by May Gen MACKAY and LT Col ROUSE.	
	5		RAP - 38 treatments WARD - admissions 9; discharged 14; transfer OUT to 36 EVAC 1; total 48. 36 EVAC - 29 patients	



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

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LT COL W O RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	6		RAP Treatments 69 treatments - 1 DOA from IATF. Fell from vehicle. Ward - admissions 11; discharged 7; total patients 52 36 EVAC - 29 patients	
	7		RAP Treatments 22 Ward - admissions 8; discharged 9; total patients 51 36 EVAC - 30 patients.	
	8		RAP Treatments 54 Ward - admissions 2; discharged 13; total patients 40 36 EVAC - 30 patients	
	9		RAP Treatments 27 Ward - admissions 20; discharged 3; transferred 36 EVAC 1; total 56 36 EVAC - 31 patients	
	10		RAP Treatments 39 Ward - admissions 6; discharged 10; total 52. 36 EVAC - 30 patients.	
		1420	M/ G WHITAM - deputy leader AHP visited 1ANSG including approx 20 minutes at 2Fd Amb. Accompanied by Private Secretary and Maj Gen Maccurry/ plus Comd 1ANSG.	

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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		RAP treatments 46 Ward - admissions 2; discharged 6; total patients 48 36 EVAC patients 30	
	12		RAP treatments 56 Ward - admissions 5; discharged 1; total 52 36 EVAC - 27 patients. 2 beds in ward occupied by VIETNAMESE civilians from BINH BA. Sent down on MEDCAP. Boy approx 8 years for operation on left arm following damage by bullet some months ago presumably by US 173 Bde when operating in area. Other patient elderly woman for observation and to care for boy.	
	13		RAP treatments 40 Ward - admissions 7; discharged 10; total 49. 36 EVAC - 27 patients.	
	14		RAP treatments 15 WARD - admissions 3; discharged 5; transfer out to 36 EVAC 1; total 46 36 EVAC - 28.	
		1830	Brig C. GURNER DDGMS AHA arrived for two day visit to 2 Fd Amb	

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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
	14 (contd)		as part of his visit to S. VIETNAM and attendance at SEATO conference.	
	15		RAP treatments 57 Ward - admissions 12 ; discharged 10 ; total 48 36 EVAC - 32 patients.	
	16		RAP treatments 49 Ward - admissions 11 ; discharged 5 ; total 54 36 EVAC - 27 patients	
	17	0240	VC mortar attack on IATF area resulted in 22 Aust and INZ wounded, including 3 serious. Of these 6 were evacuated by US DUSTOFF to 36 EVAC HOSP as soon as LZ was considered safe. A further 4 were evacuated by road and 5 by US DUSTOFF approximately 0900 HRS. Remaining wounded were either treated by 2 Fd Amb fwd det and RTU or treated by parent RAP for minor wounds.	
	<del>18</del> 17		RAP treatments 46 Ward - admissions 13 ; discharged 7 ; total 60. 36 EVAC - 32 patients.	
	18		RAP treatments 96 ; inoculations 176 AD / 2 COMP ORD - 90. Ward - admissions 12 ; discharged 14 ; transfer out 36 EVAC 2 ; total 56 36 EVAC - 34 patients.	

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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
VUNG TAN	19		RAP treatments 44 Ward - admissions 12; discharged 4; total 64 36 EVAC - 34 patients.	
	20		RAP treatments 46 Ward - admissions 9; discharged 12; total 61 36 EVAC - 53 patients.	
	21		RAP treatments 10 Ward - admissions 9; discharged 6; total 64 36 EVAC - 52 patients	
	22.		RAP treatments 70 Ward - admissions 11; discharged 15; total 60 36 EVAC patients 50	
	23		RAP treatments 70 Ward - admissions 7; discharged 13; total 54 36 EVAC patients 49	
	24		RAP treatments 44 Ward - admissions 18; discharged 10; total 62 36 EVAC patients 51	



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VUNG TAU	25		RAP treatments 41 Ward - admissions 9; discharged 6; total 65 36 EVAC 49 patients.	
	26		RAP treatments 44 Ward - admissions 12; discharged 14; total 63. The ward is not able to hold and effectively treat the large numbers currently held. About 20% of the patients have P.V.O. which involves the ward staff in considerable extra work in bathing these patients and generally watching them and reducing their temperature.	
	27		36 EVAC 48 patients RAP treatments 43 Ward - admissions 9; discharged 4; total 68 36 EVAC 50 patients	
	28		RAP treatments 35 Ward - admissions 11; discharged 14; total 65 36 EVAC 48 patients	
	29		RAP patients 40 Ward - admissions 12 <del>at</del> discharged 3; total 73	



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COMMANDING OFFICER LTCOL W.O. RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	29 (cont'd)		36 EVAC patients 47. The preliminary work commenced on the Knightland huts. A work force of 10 including light treatment patients were used to place the pieces of the hut into sections. It will take approximately three weeks to lay the concrete strips and have any progress of erection of the huts on site.	
	30		RAP TREATMENTS 48 WARD ADMISSIONS 4 DISCHARGED 12 TOTAL 65 36 EVAC 44 PATIENTS	
	31		RAP treatments 105 including inoculations for units ANSG and Medical Boards. Ward - admissions 5; discharged; 6 transfer out to 36 EVAC 1; Total patients 62. 36 EVAC patients 35	