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[1-30 Sep 1966]

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To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C 2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

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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.
- 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.

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

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d orders given.

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and to save work as much information as possible is to iments issued and received, routine returns, etc. All 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(Formati	on 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.

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COMMANDING OFFICERLY COL W.O. RODGERS

MONTH AND YEAR SEPTEMBER 66

REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA 6442 14.

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
LUNG TAU	1	0730	LT COI RODGERS Lowing Juriously discussed the matter with Cound AFV	
******			and staff handed Maj B. W Fox a letter which was prepared after	
			these discussions. The letter informed May Fox that although his work	
			as a surgeon was nost satisfactory his presence in the finit was	
	*************		detrimental to the other officers he worked with on the medical and	
			surgical aspects of the with operar function. May Fox deposted VING TAU for	•••••
************			SAIGON 1530 hs.	*************
			RAP Aventment 35	
	*****		WARD admissions 6; discharged 2; Anarofer Out 36 EVAC 1; Avtal 65	***************************************
***********			36 EVAC - 37 Jashints.	
	2/		RAP Areahments 38	
			WARD - admissions 6; discharged 3; Aval 68.	*****
			36 EVAC - 39 partients	
***************************************	3	1130	Wounded VC garned from IATF evacuated ARVN mil hosp for surgery Condition	•••••
			stery perious died appron 1600 ho - 65W both arms and neck.	••••••
			Rat Areatments 36	
			WARD - admissions 3; disolarged 6; April 65.	
			36 EVAC - 37 patients	

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			Annex letter and enclosure number
+	1900	Suspected VC wounded and evacuated from IATF armed by RAAF behoofter	
	2000	Operation 2 Fd and GSW lower (L) leg; (R) ann leg amprotated.	
		RAP Nathents 25	
		36 EVAC Anheirs 38	
5	1300		
		RAP patients 41	
		WARD - admissions 5: discharged 10; Actal 57	
		36 EVAC Matheirt 27	
6	0645	Co departed on heli arranged by 161 herce Felt for HQ AFV. Request by Cof S.	
	0730	210 Maj D.A. CHAMBERLAIN defauled for 5 days Rand R BANGKOK.	
	1400	co rang adis Ao san he would accompany DAGMG HQ AFV on his Rand R	
		AO SINGAPORE departing SAIGON 7 SEP.	
		Maj M. T. Shoss assented Adm Cond until return of May CHAMBERHAIN	
		RAP ratients 49	
		WARD - admissions 7: discharged 12; Shanster OUT 36 EVAC 1; Addal 63	
		36 EVAC patients 25	
7		RAP Steadments 70	
	6	5 1300 6 0645 0730 1400	RAP Jahrino 25 WARD- admissions 8; discharged 11; Adal 62 36 EVAC Jahrino 33 5 1300 RARF MEDEVAC 31 incl 2 RARF Jahrino - largest murler mederac As date-New 151 RAP Jahrino 41 mil 53 not WARD- admissions 5; discharged 10; Adal 57 36 EVAC Jahrino 37 6 0645 Co departed on heli arranged by 161 Recce Fift for HP AFV Request by Cof S. 0730 21C Maj D.A. CHAMBERIAN defanded for 5 days Rand R BANCKOK. 1400 CO sam Adjit Ao say he would accompany Dadmy HQ AFV on his Rand R Ao SINCAPORE departmy SAICON 7 SEP. May M.T. Shoss appointed Adm Comd mail return of May CHAMBERHAIN RAP Jahrento 49 WARD- admissions 7; discharged 12; thanker OUT 36 EVAC 1; Adal 63

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MONTH AND YEAR Sep 66

REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA.

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	7 (contid)		WARD - admissions 5; discharged 2; Adal 66	
*************			36 EVAC Jahrent 24	
	8		RAP Acather 36	
			WARD - admissions 3; discharged NIL; Adal 69	
*****************			36 EVAR Jahanib 23.	
		1100	CGS LT GEN T. J. DALY accompanied by COMD AFV and COMD IARSG visibed	
*************************			a Fd amb	
***************************************	9		RAP Arealment 42	
			WARD - admitted 4; discharged 9. Astal 64.	
			36 Evac Jahento 22	•••••
	10		RAP Areadman 40	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
			WARD - admissions NIL: discharged 3: Adal 61	
			36 EVAC parients 22.	
		1100	CGS NZ ARMY Maj GEN. MCKINNON paccompanied by somion NZ officers	•••••
			FARELF and SAIGON misited 2 Fot amb.	
	11		RAP Aventments 15	
			WARD - admissions 3: discharged 6: Actal 58	
			36 EVAC partients 22.	

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MONTH AND YEAR Sep 66 REFERENCE MAP XA BINH	BA
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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
*******	11 (ConAd)	1800	May D. A. CHAMBEALAIN reduced from Rand R and resumed Adm Comd.	
	12		RAD Acadments 23	*********************
			WARD - admissions 4; discharged 6; Astal 52.	**************************
			36 EVAC. 22 Nations	******
***************************************			RAAF aeromedurac ragain delayed 24 hours. Plane due VUNG TAV each Monday	***************************************
			As been regularity delayed By lows due to weather and mechanical	
			Anable and or one occassion condition of VUNCTAV austrips. This	
			only courses a minister to 2 Fd and and the Jahent but does not	************
			produce unsohable problems	
	13		RAP Avendments 50	
			WARD - admissions 7; discharged 11 Aransferred Ao 36 EVAC 2; Aofal 48	
			36 EVAC - 17 rations	
		1200	acromedical evacuation - 15 molnding / RAAF.	
	#		Grading and filling of area for concrete floor of new wards commenced	
		0830	Rest Acationed Co bedwied from SINGSPORE and resumed comed.	
	****		Ma HUGHES (Melbourne surgeon) and Mr GROVES / Alfred Hospital Seam	
			BIEN HOA) misuted area to discuss with Smo the jossibility of a circlian	
	***		medical Seam being slaced in VUNG TAV on BARIA. Book slaces visibled with	
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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
*****	14.		RAP Acadments 49	
			WARD - admissions 12; dischaiged 4; Adal 56	
			36 EVAC patients 20	
	15		RAP Sundments 45	
***************************************			WARD - admissions 4; discharged 3; Ashal 57	
*************			36 EVAC partient 18	
		2100	Asse The Officer warmed all with Alas a regard had been received that	
			VC mortan frie was likely be received Unit wouned and Stood to	
			until 2238 his. Pricquets guen instructions to report immediately any	
		***************************************	microbents	
		2230	Vretnamese patient received from 1ATF 12 Sep-died. Severe GSW (L) leg	
			with severe indestion Malaria diveloped with Jossible Schamus.	
	16	1030	LT COI L. HARMAN CO 36 EVAC hope asked if 36 EVAC could take	
			nations from 2 For amb because (a) 36 EVAC at present holds den whent	
			and (6) our building Assonan would subably be assisted. The matter	
			would be considered and Co was at IATF last the Ame of call.	
			RAP Anodomento 35	
			WARD - admissions a : disolarged 4: Astal 62	
			36 EVAC - 18 parents P Coy-275/65-5800	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	17		RAP Acadments 38	
			WARD - namissions 5: discharged 6: Annoter Out A036 EVAC 6: A0tal 55	
			36 EVAC partients 24.	
	18		RAP Areadment 16	
*******************************			WARD - admissions 6; discharged 2; Anansfer OUT AO31 EVAC 1; Aosal 58.	**********
	****		36 EVAC pahint 25	
	19	1245	1200 984 Maj. R. F. GREGG armed as replacement surgeon for Maj Fox	***************************************
****************			who was duminosed by Co.	
			WARD- admissions 6; discharged 12, Anasper Out to 36 EVAC 3; total 49	
			36 Evac patient 27	
			RAAF mederac / consier organi Shis week delayed 24 hours.	
	20		RAP parhent 50	
			WARD- admissions 5; discharged 5; Astal 49.	
			36 EVAC partients 27.	
			RAAF mederac / connier not now to arrive VUNG TAU All 23 Sq.	•••••
	21		RAP Areadment 37	•••••
			WARD - admissions 1; discharged 3; Anausfer OUT AO 36 EVAC 3; Aofal 50 36 Evac patients 33	
			36 Evac Achento 33 1 BP Coy 275/65-55m	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information Event or information
VUNG TAU	22		RAP Steadments 42 plus 200 unioculations
			WARD - produissions 12: discharged 6: Astal 56
			36 EVAC - 31 parhints
		1730	Maj T. R. KING MO I RNZIR startioned in MARAYSIA wested and stayed
			overmall adder spending one day with 1ATF.
***************************************	23.		RAP Areadment 44 plus 15 Immoculations.
			WARD - admissions 13; discharged 3; hansferred to 36 EVAC 7- Sofal 64.
			36 EVAC Jahent 33
			The laying of the concrete and the creation of the Kingshard hits progessing patisfactions.
	24		RAP Acadments 44
			WARD- admissions 5; discharged 13; shansderred to 36 EVAC 10-ADTal 45
			36 EVAC pahint 39
	25		RAP Acadments 22
			WARD - admissions 5; discharged 1; Aotal 49
			36 EVAC padrent 39
	26		RAP Acadment 40
			WARD - admitted 5: discharged 1: Adal 53.
			36 Evac patients 37 One patient (AATTV) wacunded to Aust on special
			RADE flight Aci Sinters DE Schen coul ancrapt.

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure numbe
VUNG TAU	27		RAP Acadment 38	***************************************
			WARD - admissions 10; discharged 11; Aotal 52.	
			36 EVAC parhenito 35	
			To shis date stal ducit admissions since Maybe are 2 Fol Amb ADS - 887	
			36 EVAC HOST - 198	
**************	28		RAP Acadment 41	******************************
			WARD - admissions 14; discharged 16; Adal 5 36 EVAC 1; Adal 49	*************************
			36 EVAC 41	***************************************
********************************	29		RAP Areadments 32	*************************
			WARD - admitted 10; discharged 9; Autal 50	
			36 EVAC Jahrist 40.	
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			WARD - admissions 6; discharged NIL; Adal 56	
			36 EVAC jahient 31	
			Med was RAAF CIBO-4 reduced AUST.	
			1 B P Coy—275/65—55m	