

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

**Medical units**

**Item number: 11/2/8**

**Item: 2 Field Ambulance**

**Narrative**

**[1-31 Oct 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]

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

Recd + Ackd  
5-12-66  
RT.

PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted)  
Revised Jun, 1965

**SECRET**

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

**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation 2ND FIELD AMBULANCE.  
From 1 Oct 66 To 31 Oct 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

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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

tential 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 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.

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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 Oct 66

REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA

UNIT/FORMATION 2ND FIELD AMBULANCE

COMMANDING OFFICER LTCOL W.O. RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	1		RAP Treatments 42 WARD - admissions 7; discharged 7; Aotal patients 56 36 EVAC - 32 patients	
	2		RAP Treatments 22 WARD - admissions 5; discharged 3; Aotal patients 58 36 EVAC - 34 patients	
	3		RAP Treatments 38 WARD - admissions 5; discharged 4; Transferred <sup>to</sup> 36 EVAC 1; Aotal 58 36 EVAC - 34 patients	
	4		Month of August produced 9 confirmed cases of malaria in Aus Forces. RAP Treatments 41 WARD - admissions 3; discharged 8; Transferred to 36 EVAC 1; Aotal 52 36 EVAC - 35 patients	
	5	1400	5 pers medevac by civil flight. Patients moved into three Kingstand huts erected. Accommodation considerably more comfortable for patients RAP Treatments 45 incl 20 inoculations WARD - admissions 4; discharged 11; Aotal 45 36 EVAC - 40 patients.	

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	6		RAP treatments 29 WARD- admissions 10; discharged 4; Total patients 57 36 EVAC - 40 patients	
	7		RAP treatments 37 WARD- admissions 6; discharged 7; transferred to 36 EVAC 2; Total 48 36 EVAC patients 36	
	8		RAP treatments 21 WARD- admissions 7; discharged 3; Total patients 52 36 EVAC - 35 patients	
	9		RAP treatments 18 WARD - admissions 13; discharged 2; Total patients 63 36 EVAC - 35 patients. Heavy rains over the last week have caused considerable flooding around the adm and Q areas. The Med Stores have water up to 2 feet deep causing considerable inconvenience. Nil damage to stores. The building program has been slowed. 17 Const Sqn will soon commence leveling and filling the flooded areas, their first task being to prepare a new site for the Med Stores Sec.	



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VUNG TAU	10		RAP treatments 37 WARD - admissions 14; discharged 12; total patients 65 36 EVAC - 34 patients.	
	11	1230	Medevac AUST - 15 by RAAF courier. RAP treatments 50	
			WARD - admissions 15; discharged 16; transferred 36 EVAC 3; total 61 36 EVAC - 34 patients.	
		0730	Medevac AUST - 6 by civil charter from SAIGON. Total medevac since 31 May 66 - 203 incl 6 RAAF and 4 NZ.	
	12		RAP treatments 27 WARD - admissions 3; discharged 4; total 60 36 EVAC - 40 patients	
	13		RAP treatments 21 WARD - admissions 2; discharged 9; total 53 36 EVAC - 36 patients. To date the number of direct admissions have been - 2 Fd Amb (WARD) - 1008 36 EVAC HOSP - 239	



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	14		RAP treatments 25 WARD - admissions 8 ; discharged 11 ; total patients 50 36 EVAC - 36 patients.	
		1500	The VC wounded prisoner who had his lower left leg amputated was discharged <sup>fit</sup> and taken by INT to BARRA for interrogation. The patient had become known as STUMPY as his name was unknown.	
	15		RAP treatments 30 WARD - admissions 10 ; discharged 7 ; transferred to 36 EVAC 1 ; total 52 36 EVAC - 35 patients.	
	16		RAP treatments 8 WARD - admissions 9 ; discharged NIL ; total 61 36 EVAC - 41 patients	
	17		RAP treatments 37 WARD - admissions 3 ; discharged 7 ; total 57 36 EVAC - 43 patients	
	18		RAP treatments 32 - inoculations 59 WARD - admissions 3 ; discharged 9 ; transferred 36 EVAC 1 ; total 50 36 EVAC - 45 patients	



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COMMANDING OFFICER

LTCOL W.O. RODGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	19		RAP - 44 treatments WARD - admissions 10; discharged 4; total 56 36 EVAC patients 46.	
	20		RAP - 35 treatments. To date 6607 treatments have been done at 2Fd Amb RAP since 20 May 66 when it was first properly established. WARD - admissions 11; discharged 16; total 51 36 EVAC patients 49	
	21		Total direct admissions to date — 2Fd Amb WARD - 1068 RAP - 54 treatments. 36 EVAC HOSP - 257 WARD - admissions 5; discharged 5; total 51. 36 EVAC patients 46 2 VC prisoners with GSW's were received from ROK MASH. Prisoners wounded and captured in IATF area. 4 wards now erected with KINGSTRAND huts. Partitioning and final preparation to house theatre, surgical ward and dental progressing.	
	22		RAP - 53 treatments. WARD - Adm 14; discharged 9; transferred 36 EVAC 1; total 55 36 EVAC patients 46	



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UNIT/FORMATION

2 Field Ambulance

COMMANDING OFFICER

LT Col W.O. ROGERS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	23		RAP treatments 51 WARD - admissions 9; discharged 1; total 63 36 EVAC patients 46	
	24		RAP treatments 54 WARD - admissions 2; discharged 7; transferred 36 EVAC 2; total 54 36 EVAC patients 47	
	25		RAP treatments 58 WARD - admissions 8; discharged 6; transferred 36 EVAC 2; total 55 36 EVAC patients 42	
	26	1300	MED EVAC RAAF comier 33. RAP treatments 60 WARD - admissions 6; discharged 14; total 47 36 EVAC patients 41 Total direct admissions to date to 2Fd Amb ADS 1138 36 EVAC HOSP 262. The contours of the 2Fd Amb area are to be changed. The area is to be generally flattened so (a) avoid flooding during wet seasons, and (b) allow more room for the erection of buildings	



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	27		RAP treatments 42 WARD - admissions 17; discharged 15; Total 49 36 EVAC patients 39	
	28		RAP treatments 52 WARD - admissions 11; discharged 11; Total 49 36 EVAC patients 38.	
	29		RAP treatments 32 WARD - admissions 10; discharged 6; Total 53 36 EVAC patients 35 Kingstrand nos completed. This gives the complete current requirement for the hospital area.	
	30		RAP treatments 3 WARD - admissions NIL; discharged NIL; Total 53 36 EVAC patients 35	
	31		RAP treatments 36 WARD - admissions NIL; transferred to 36 EVAC 2 - Total 51 36 EVAC patients 33 MEDEVACs RAAC Comer - ARA 10 RAAC 1	