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Medical units

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Narrative

[1-30 Jun 1967]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. R107/2/1

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

Please return receipt below.

(Signature).....

Appointment.....

(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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SECRET

ORIGINAL DUPLICATE Strike out where not applicable

COMMANDERS DIARY

Unit or Formation	8th Field Ambulance
From 1 Jun 67	To 30 Jun 67

INDEX Enclosure Numbers Narrative (AF C 2118) ANNEXES to Duty officer's log Messages connected with log to Operation orders and instructions issued Operation orders and instructions received to Sitreps issued Orders of battle and location reports issued to Intelligence reports and summaries issued; appreciations made to to Administrative orders and instructions issued Administrative orders and instructions received to Administrative reports and bulletins; ammunition returns; field strength to to Standing orders issued to Commander's policy and demi-official letters to Action reports (if required) Other papers, eg, maps and diagrams, air photos, reports from sub units to Periodical summaries of operations to † NIL Top Secret Supplementary Diary RETAINED † Despatched to * Only to be included during operations. † Cross out whichever is not applicable. On.....

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, the relevant papers should be grouped as annexes starting at B.

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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:

TOP SECRET ANNEX Z to

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c. The duplicate supplementary diaries must be despatched as shown in Paragraph 14 as soon as receipt of the original has been acknowledged.

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

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C 2118 (Adapted)
Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/FORMATION 8th Field Ambulance

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col M.H. MEYER

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	2 Jun 67		Visit by Col W.M. WANSLEY, Comd 1LSF	
	4 Jun 67		Visit by Maj Gen C.E. LONG. MED.	
	11 Jun 67		Visit by A.V.M. L. TRUDINGER. CBE. and DGMS Designate	
***************************************			Brig C.M. GURNER. ED. in residence until 18 Jun 67	
	23 Jun 67		Arrival Sister MARGARET TORREY. RNZNC	
	28 Jun 67		Visit by Mr. ANDREW PEACOCK. MHR.	
			A total of 190 patients were treated during Jun 67.	
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