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[Vietnam]

Dental units

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**Item: 33 Dental Unit**

Narrative

[1-31 Aug 1966]

PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 3/66

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) RW Beynon Maj  
Appointment OC 33 DENTAL UNIT  
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted)  
Revised Jun, 1965

**SECRET**

ORIGINAL } Strike out where  
DUPLICATE } not applicable

**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation 33 DENTAL 1 ALSG  
From 1<sup>ST</sup> AUG 66 To 31 AUG 66

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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.

## 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

### ANNEXES

as well as map references), establishment, equipment

and orders given.

the day's fighting, including company movements.

Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

of potential 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 the reports issued and received, routine returns, etc. All annexes 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 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.

**COMPILATION**

Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:

a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).

b. Index as printed on cover.

c. Annexes as shown in the Index.

7. All details of the use or location of a site (which is covered, the name of the parent unit), period covered and unit(s) involved in the attack, shall be shown on the Index. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of change, given by the new commanding officer, is to be included.

8. The annexes are to be arranged in the order shown on the cover. If there are no annexes for an entry NIL will be entered on the cover. Annexes are to be arranged in the order shown on the cover.

As printed on AF C 2119, "TOP SECRET" is to be clearly marked. It is to be prepared and disposed of as follows:

**INDEX**

As well as map references, establishments, equipment

systems, etc.

Number with regard to equipment, stores, organization

of importance.

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Employed in the time not specified for. The type of

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# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR Aug 1966

UNIT/FORMATION 33 DENTAL

REFERENCE MAP CAP ST JACOBS (6442 III) VIETNAM

COMMANDING OFFICER RW BEYNON

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU 297442 TASK FORCE 432670	Aug 2	0800	Vung Tau - heavy water tank - Korea containing unit stores moved to elevated site.	
	Aug 3	1100	Receive 7 Cu ft refrigerator at Vung Tau for day storage; X-ray developed.	
	Aug 4	1400	Dentcap Nam Binh - some teeth of X-ray used from captured V.C. Dental stores.	
	Aug 16	0900	Change over of personnel in Dental Section / Task Force Area	
	Aug 17	0100	Major attack on Task Force Area - no casualties in dental section.	
	Aug 19	0900	OC 'recei' Task Force area proposes new site for forward section.	
	Aug 20	1100	Task force under Dentcap Binh Jah West.	
	Aug 23	0900	Task force under Dentcap Binh Bah	
	Aug 24	1400	Dentcap Nam Binh	
	Aug 27	1400	Dentcap Binh Jah East.	
	Aug 27	0800	Section detached Saigon - return Aug 29.	
	Aug 30	1600	Task force section completed move to new site, located only 200 yards from former position.	
	Aug 31	1600	Power mains connected to Task Force Section area and dental section fully operational again.	