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Artillery units

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[4 Fd Regt RAA]

Narrative, Annexes

[1-31 Oct 1970]





PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.....

(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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

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4 Field Regiment RAA Unit or Formation.

1 October 1970 From

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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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.

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COMPILATION

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.

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ential importance. officers, men and equipment. ment captured. mployed in the time not accounted for. The type of

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and to save work as much information as possible is to nents issued and received, routine returns, etc. All and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

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DISPOSAL

13. Original Commander's Diary. This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, v 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

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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MONTH AND YEAR October 1970

REFERENCE MAP

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	
			1 ATF continues OP CUNG
			4 Fd Regt (-) remains in
			NUI DAT ; 107 Fd Bty has
			161 Fd Bty is loc at NUI
			is loc at NUI DAT.
			USS WILTSIE is on statio
			DETACHMENTS: CAPT MCWIL
			2LT LENARD at Sector HQ
	01		No.contact missions were
			USS WILTSIE engaged H &
	02		No contact missions were
			USS WILTSIE engaged H &
	03		Sect 106 Fd Bty return t
		\$	A Bty 7/8 (US) Arty (8
			Sect 107 Fd Bty at FSPB
			USS WILTSIE off station.
	04		Sect 107 Fd Bty mov from
			No contact missions were

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Event or information	
CHUNG in 1 ATF TAOR.	
NUI DAT : 106 Fd Bty has a section at HORSESHOE, section at	
a section at FSPB GAIL (YS2572), section at FSPB JILL (YS2976);	
DAT; A Bty 2/35 (US) Arty is loc at NUI DAT; 30 Inch searchlight	
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n.	
LIAM at II FFV Arty at LONG BINH; 2LT LANS at RTAVF HQ BEARCAT;	
BARIA.	
fired during the 24 hour period.	
I's in east of TAOR.	
fired during the 24 hour period.	
I's in east of TAOR.	
o HORSESHOE, Also one gun to NDP BRIDGID (YS5154).	
Inch) arrive HORSESHOE.	
GAIL engaged contact mission grid 272747.	
	10-12-
FSPB GAIL to FSPB LE LOI (YS4576).	
fired during the 24 hour period.	
1 B P Coy-275/65-55m	

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REFERENCE MAP

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	
1		-	TPS 25 GSR arrives HORSE
			No.contact missions were
			ARVN 105MM at XUYEN MOC
			4 guns of 161 Fd Bty mov
			Two additional gun crews
			Nocontact.missions.were
			A Bty 2/35 (US) Arty mov
			No.contact missions were
	08	0835	Sect 107 Fd Bty at FSPB
			A Bty 2/35 (US) Arty eng
			USS WILTSIE on station a
		0940	Sect 107 Fd Bty at FSPB
		1520	Sect 107 Fd Bty at FSPB
			A Bty 2/35 (US) Arty eng
			USS WILTSIE engaged GR76
		0130	106 Fd Bty fired illum i
		1000	A Bty 2/35 (US) Arty eng
		1120	Sect 107 Fd Bty at FSPB

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Event or information	
SHOE for duration of approx 4 days.	the second se
fired during the 24 hour period.	
(YS6568) engaged contact mission grid 647658 in sp of RF contact.	
r from NUI DAT to XUYEN MOC (YS6568) for duration of approx 5 days.	-
also mov to provide base protection.	201
a fired by 1 ATF Artillery during the 24 hour period.	
to YS4467 for practice night deployment and return at 080135H.	
a fired during the 24 hour period.	
JILL engaged contact mission grid 349769.	
gaged contact mission grid 386756.	
and engaged H & I's to east of TAOR.	
JILL engaged contact mission grid 338755.	
JILL engaged contact mission grid 357742.	
gaged contact mission grid 370730.	
562 on sighting of en on beach.	
in sp of contact GR398628 - Results 4 VC KIA - 1 VC WIA (PW).	
gaged GR350692 on sighting by Possum VR A/C of 10 VC.	
LE LOI engaged contact mission GR366814.	
1 B P Cov-275/65-55m	

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REFERENCE MAP Event or information I's to east of TAOR. fired during the 24 hour period. I's to east of TAOR - later mov off station. ation 14 - 22 Oct. fired during the 24 hour period. in sp of RF contact GR652682. act mission GR470569. ***** 1 B P Coy-275/65-55m

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	
			USS WILTSIE engaged H & J
<u>.</u>	10		No contact missions were
			USS WILTSIE engaged H & 1
			USS FRANK KNOX due on sta
			No contact missions were
		1950	161 Fd Bty fired illum in
			106 Fd Bty engaged contac
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Serial	Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or Information
(a)	(Ь)	(c)	(b)	(e)
		13	1530	161 Fd Bty mov from XUYEN MOC (YS6568) to NUI DAT.
				No contact missions were fired during the 24 hour period.
		14	0800	Sect 107 Fd Bty mov from FSPB LE LOI to NUI DAT.
				161 Fd Bty mov from NUI DAT to FSPB BRUISER (YS6465).
				ARVN 105MM at ONG TRINH (YS2668) now replaced with 2 X 155MM (TOWED).
		15		161 Fd Bty fired illum in sp of contact GR673690.
		15	0930	Sect 107 Fd Bty mov from FSPB JILL (YS2977) to FSPB GAIL (YS2572).
				USS DAVIDSON on station and engaged tgts in area of NUI TAM BO (YS7262).
				No contact mans were fired during the 24 hour period.
		1.6		USS DAVIDSON engaged H&I's in east of TAOR.
				No contact mans were fired during the 24 hour period.
		17	0800	PL A/7/8 (8 INCH) from HORSESHOE to FSPB BRUISER (YS6465).
				USS DAVIDSON engaged H&I's in east of TAOR.
			2000	106 Fd Bty fired illum and HE in sp of RF contact north of LANG PHUOC HAI
				(YS5153).
		18		USS DAVIDSON off station.
				No contact mans were fired during the 24 hour period.

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Serial	Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or Information
(a)	(Ь)	(c)	(d)	(e)
		18		2LT ANKER (161 Fd Bty) to LO RTAVF. 2LT LANS to NUI DAT.
		19	1345	161 Fd Bty engaged GR6562 after report of VC sighting and after bushranger
				received ground fire.
		20		No contact mans were fired during the 24 hour period.
		21	0500	106 Fd Bty fired illum in sp of contact GR452574.
			1200	A/2/35 (155MM) mov from NUI DAT to FSPB SCOBIE (YS6670). (inexplicably name
				after the Arty Tac Bdr Sig).
			1400	161 Fd Bty and PL A/7/8 return from FSPB BRUISER to NUI DAT.
	~	22	0800	161 Fd Bty mov from NUI DAT to FSPB LE LOI (YS4576) for day raid. Returned
				1800 hrs.
			1330	Sect 107 Fd Bty mov from NUI DAT to DUC THANH compound (YS4678).
				A/2/35 engaged GR764804 following contact by and extraction of SAS patrol.
	•	23	0700	161 Fd Bty mov from NUI DAT to FSPB LE LOI (YS4576) for day raid. Returned
				1500 hrs.
			1200	Sect 107 Fd Bty mov from FSPB GAIL (YS2572) to FSPB HELEN (YS3176).
	•		1.630	Sect 107 Fd Bty mov from DUC THANH to NUI DAT.
				No contact mans were fired during the 24 hour period.

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	Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or Information
(a)	(Ь)	(c)	(d)	(e)
				Regt man fired on GR352714.
				No contact mans were fired during the 24 hour period.
		25		BC 161 Fd Bty withdraws FCC from 8 Bn RAR on their preparation for RTA.
				No contact msns were fired during the 24 hour period.
		26	0800	Sect 107 Fd Bty mov from NUI DAT to FSPB LONGREACH (YS5276).
			1300	PL A/7/8 mov from NUI DAT to HORSESHOE.
				No contact mans were fired during the 24 hour period.
		27	0830	PL A/7/8 mov from HORSESHOE out of ATF TAOR to YS8196.
				Duty officer changes in Arty Tac.
				1. CAPT CAMPBELL to BC 106 Fd Bty 9 Nov to replace MAJ D.J. GILROY (RTA f
				Staff College preparation).
			<i>μ</i>	2. CAPT HARRISON (161 Fd Bty) to Arty Tac until his RTNZ - approx Feb 71.
				3. CAPT FORD, LTS ANDERSON, DUNN remain.
				No contact mans were fired during the 24 hour period.
				Sound ranging base withdrawn permanently.
				USS BAUSELL on station and engaged H&I's in east of TAOR.
				No contact msns were fired during the 24 hour period.

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COMMANDING OFFICERLt Col B.C. FORWARD Event or Information (e) USS BAUSELL off station. No contact msns were fired during the 24 hour period. 106 Fd Bty fired contact msn GR473514. Sect 107 Fd Bty fired contact msn GR340734. USS ROBINSON on station and engaged H&I's to east of TAOR. 476 2 The second s

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ARTILLERY AMMUNITION USAGE

Reference: A. AFV R1300/1/10 dated 3 Aug 69.

1. The usage of 105mm ammunition by 4 Fd Regt RAA for the month of OCTOBER is as follows:

2	Ser	Type of mission	HE	Smk Wbt	WP	Illum	Splintex	Smk Col
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
	1	Calibration/Registration						
	2	Observed Supporting Fire	1631		47	269		
	3	Unobserved Supporting Fire	1106		8	23		
	4	Harrasing Fire	5278					
Professor 1	5	Training	47		10			
	6	Total 4 Fd Regt RAA	8062		65	292		
	7	Used by 161 Fd Bty	2669		39	80		
	8	Used by 4 Fd Regt RAA Less 161 Fd Bty	5393		26	212		

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