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Australian Army commanders' diaries  
[Vietnam]

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**Item number: 10/3/17**

**Item: 26 Transport Company Royal**  
Australian Army Service Corps

Duty Officer's log

[2-29 May 1969]

## 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] CaptAppointment Ops Offr 26 Tpt Coy RAASC  
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

## PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted)  
Revised Jun, 1965**SECRET**ORIGINAL  
~~DUPLICATE~~Strike out where  
not applicable**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation 26 Tpt Coy RAASCFrom 2 May 69 To 29 May 69**INDEX**

Narrative (AF C 2118)

## ANNEXES

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- 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)
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- O Periodical summaries of operations
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\* Only to be included during operations.

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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, they should be numbered as annexes starting at B.

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15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Administration in the overseas theatre but at different times.

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a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them must be placed in a separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All documents must be placed in the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX 2 - OFFICER ONLY". The cover must be placed in the group the papers by appendices.

b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for correspondence to AHO. The inner envelope must be plainly marked:

TOP SECRET  
ANNEX 2 to

Commander's Diary of \_\_\_\_\_ (Formation or Unit)

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (Dates)

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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)

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ANNEX A TO  
26 TPT COY RAASC  
R707/2/1  
DATED *MAY 69*

COMMANDERS DIARY

DUTY OFFICERS LOG

*2 MAY 69* TO *29 MAY 69* .

ENCLOSURE ONE

DUTY OFFICER'S LOG

*May 69*

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Time & Date
1	020727	R	10 requires lead from aerial to radio to be delivered to RV sometime this morning	
2	020730	R	RADIO check from 25 OK	
3	020925	T	Passed Svc Demand 211/69 to HQ 5 Coy RAASC	
4	022215	V	Bed check Nco OFFP checked in	
5	022230	V	Bed check NCO 85 Tpt Checked in	
6	022230	V	Bed check NCO 26 Coy checked in	
7	030905	R	Cpl Emery on OP SANDPIPER reported one of his vehicles had knocked a woman over at GR 313497	
2	030910	R	Cpl Emery gave further details was being held up by Army Pers & requested MP assistance	Woman taken to Hospital Condition unknown
3	030915	T	Serial 1&2 reported to EBONY CP duty officer	
4	030930	R	Cpl Emery reported MPs at scene of accident and he would be delayed some time	
5	031035	R	Cpl Emery released from scene of accident with sand serials	
6	031040	T	Passed Svc Demand 214/69 to HQ 5 Coy RAASC	
7	031210	V	Convoy returned from FSPB Susan	
1			Vung Tau convoy timings 0830/1600 FSPB SUSAN 0845/0900	
2	03 1740	R	Notified CS 3 I was closing CS 62	
3	031910	V	Cpl Emery notified me that sand pit at Vung Tau would be closed down 2 trucks booked for sand cancelled	Contacted Ops Sgt Tasks cancelled
4	032120	V	Sgt Parker HQ 26 Coy RAASC due to return from Vung Tau 1 Aust Fd Hosp with PUO today has been admitted to	

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Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Time & Dat
1	051045	R	Passed SVC demand 218/69 to HQ 5 Coy RAASC.	
2	051310	V	Ssgt Barber A T reported that 1 ATF IAD had one unexploded M79 in their area and he was going to investigate same.	
3	051345	T	Ssgt Barber rang had picked up M79 from 1 ATF IAD but could not find the head of same.	
4			Vung Tau Convoy Times 0915/1530 Susan Convoy Times 0830/0845	
5	051915	T	161 Recce no water	To notify 85 Tpt
6	052130	T	161 Recce Rang again	Runner to Mr Reason Truck taken up by Schmidt & Pet Pl TFMA picquet

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*May 69*

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Time & Date
1	061020	T	Passed SVC 222/69 to HQ 5 COY RAASC  Vung Tau Convoy times 0900/1545 Convoy to FSPB Susan 0915/0930	
2	061715	T	Capt Gardner rang about timings for C A Convoy (070900)	Passed to Sgt Metcalfe

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Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Time & Date
1	070810	T	Requested clearance from Ebony CP to use test fire pit at 0830	Permission granted
2	071010	T	Passed SVC demand 225/69 to HQ 5 COY RAASC	
3	071750	R	Call sign 74 (VT Convoy) advised that it was leaving this loc.	
4	071830	V	Lt Sheedy Tpt Offr 4 RAR, wanted to confirm booking for 7 TCVs on 8 May 69	Duty Sgt saw Sgt Metcalfe Duty Offr saw Capt Miller
5	072050	T	Rang Lt Sheedy, advised no booking made.	Lt Sheedy spoke by phone to Capt Miller

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Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Time & Date
1	080815	V	Tpt NCO 4 RAR requested 5xTCV for transportation of outgoing V Coy and incoming V Coy to and from Vung Tau	5xTCV tasked all day
2	080910	R	Cpl Emery contacted this call sign. No one on Horseshoe feature seems to know what to do with 1x1000 gal bladder of water and spare bladder	Told him to check it out thoroughly & if not required to return with
3	081710		Vung Tau convoy times 0915/1545 FSPB Susan convoy times 0830/0845	
4	090925	T	Passed SVC 231/69 to HQ 5 COY RAASC	
5			Vung Tau convoy times 0845/1515 FSPB Susan 0900/0915 Horseshoe feature 0945/1000	

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Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Time & Date
1	101015	T	Passed SVC demand 235/69 to HQ 5 COY RAASC	
2	110145	T	Passed SVC demand 237/69 to HQ 5 COY RAASC	
3	112400	T	5RAR urgent movement of rifle coy from GR 281639 to destination to be advised. Vehs RV at pick up point at 0800 hrs. 5RAR providing 2 gun jeeps at 85 Tpt Pl compound at 0715 Mon 12 May. 4 TCVs with centre seating. Can we do it?	120005H. Sent message to 2IC 85 Tpt Pl Can Do?
4	120020	Verbal Message	85 Tpt Pl can provide. Vehs converted to centre seating 120100 hrs by picquet.	
5	120720	R	C/S 20 (4 TCVs) departed compound with escort.	
6	120715	Message	From SCQ. OPDEM 480 rds Mor to TIGER 5 PAD 5RAR by 0800 hrs. 160 x 105 (US) + AD for hook up by 0900.	120716 - Sent for AP, F/L & TPT pers.

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*Hayden*

Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Time & Date
1	121432	T	Asked CP for permission to test fire	Permission granted 121433H
2	121432	T	DCRE - Reduce 17 Constr tipper task for Tuesday to 4 only, and give balance to 1 Fd Sqn - report 1 Fd Sqn HQ 0800 Tuesday - laterite within 1 ATF base. Please ring DCRE and give final acceptances.	
3	122230	V	OFF Bedcheck NCO reports all in order	
	122240	V	85 Tpt Bedcheck NCO reports all in order	
	122250	V	HQ Group Bedcheck NCO reports all in order	
1	131815	T WO	WO2 Foster rang asking if duty driver could pick him up outside HQ 1 ATF	Informed duty driver to pick up WO2 Foster after he picks up JP4 personnel
2	131840	T	Capt Snare asked about CB personnel and to send one member to ORs kitchen to work for an hour or so	Informed Pte Gibson to report to kitchen and report back on picquet when finished
3	131935	T	Rang up for permission to send duty Veh with Ammo Return to Capt S&T 1 ATF. Informed by CP O/Officer he would inquire if return was needed immediately, if not duty driver to deliver at first light.	Rang Capt Arbon. Informed me return could be sent at first light
4	140710		Power failure	Informed by Ehony that line to Erudite is not working.

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Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Time & Date
1	141100	R	Passed SVC Demand 247/69 to HQ 5 COY RAASC	
2	141700	V	Vung Tau Convoy Times 0845/1445 Long Binh Convoy Times 0900/1500 FSPB Thrust Convoy Times 0930 LCT OP Convoy Times 1500	
3	151020	T	Passed SVC Demand 248/69 To HQ 5 COY RAASC	
4	151700	V	Convoy Times for Friday 16-5-69 Vung Tau 0830/1515 Long Binh 0700/1000 FSPB Thrust 1400 LCT OP 1430	
5	161115	T	Passed SVC Demand 251/69 to HQ 5 COY RAASC	
6	161120	V	Trooper from 3 Cav Regt reported 66MM rocket in their lines and requested ATO to inspect	Ssgt Barber notified and will investigate
7	161750	T	Cpl Noom Long Binh - Vehicle required at KANGAROO PAD by 1810 Hrs for Maj Bryant	Duty Veh sent to KANGAROO PAD
8	161815		Picquet for 1 Fd Redgt departed this loc	
9	162345	T	Duty Officer CP Ebony - Requires 1xCannon 81MM Mortar M29 (1015-00-723-8758) to be at KANGAROO PAD by 170720 Hrs	Duty Officer to advise 10FP at 0630 hrs 17 May
10	170715	T	Capt Miller rang - Cpl Smith Engr fitter with 8 Pet Pl in hospital (sprained ankle) - Requests Capt Arbon rings him back for details	Duty Officer to inform Capt Arbon

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1	171015	R	Passed SVC Demand 254/69 to HQ 5 Coy RAASC	
2			Vung Tau Convoy Times 0830/1630 LCT CONVOY TIMES 1530 Pearly Gates Long Binh Convoy Times 0830 Monday Vung Tau Convoy Times 1500 Pearly Gates	
3	172158	T	Phone call from Capt Miller, required Cpl Emery to contact either Maj Bryant or Capt Arbohn to contact him at Long Binh	Message passed to Capt Snare 172220H
4	172200	V	All bed check NCOs reported all quiet and all accounted for	
5	180435	T	RAAF Officer wanted JP4 open to refuel helicopters urgent	WO2 Dore informed 8 Pet taken to JP4 Task finished 0505H
6	190330	T	RAAF Officer requested JP4 open for refuelling	Operators despatched.

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1	191710	V	Convoy Times Vung Tau 0845/1515 " " LCT Ops 1415/1430	
2	201000	T	Passed SVC Demand 263/69 to HQ 5 Coy RAASC	
3	201425	T	UXB report from Sgt Wilson B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1xM72 at No 5 Range AT please report to Capt Koll at their CP	Informed Ssgt Barber 1426 Ordered Veh from 85 to collect AT and move him to B Sqn (Tks) ASP (1428).
4	201815		Received Sig Q1019 of 200800Z	Sent to OC
5	202015	T	Call from DCRE requesting 6 Dumps	Seen Ops Sgt OC Vehs ok to be tasked, notified 85 Pl

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1	211115	T	Passed SVC Demand 267/69 to HQ 5 Coy RAASC	
2	220710	T	Message from Maj Frampton for 2Lt Cook (AFCU)	Message passed to 2Lt Cook 220715
3	221050	T	Passed SVC Demand 270/69 to HQ 5 Coy RAASC	
4	222120	T	G3 Air rang. 1 and possibly 2 Dust Offs require refuelling at JP4 point in approx 15 mins	He will confirm
5	222125	T	G3 Air confirmed JP4 point to be ready to refuel by 2145	Sgt Hunter notified
6	222130	T	Requested permission from Ebony CP to move Duty Vehicle with Pet Operators to JP4 point	Permission granted
7	222210	V	Sgt Hunter reported in only one aircraft refueled	
8	222230	V	HQ bed check NCO all ok.	

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1	230915	R	Passed SVC Demand 271/69 to HQ 5 COY RAASC	
2	231845	T	Staff Capt Q - 5 Vehs on stand by 24 May 69 for mov 9RAR elm to FSPB THRUST. CENTRE SEATING - refer Maj Syewart.	Advised Ops Sgt.
3	232205	T	WO2 Campbell requested to be at 161 Recce Flt at 240730. Call from Lt Jelly.	Message passed to WO2 Campbell.
4	241020	T	Passed SVC Demand 273/69 to HQ 5 COY RAASC.	

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Serial	Date/Time	Tele (T) Radio (R) Visit (V)	Occurrence	Action taken including Time & Date
1	251220	V	Request to pickup Capt Miller from 1 ATF at 1430 hrs.	Notified duty driver.
2	251415	T	Veh requirement for "Winmill Project" (Capt Gardiner CA). Confirmation is requested (Ext Estate).	Informed Sgt Metcalfe 1500 hrs 25-5-69
3	251720	T	Veh requirement for Lt Reason at 1800 hrs.	Notified dvr 1745.
4	251935	T	101 Fd Bty request for tpt shifting of 20 cubic yds of blue metal from quarry to Bty (gun pits).	Tasks to be completed before 29 May. Auth can be obtained if necessary. Will inform Sgt Metcalfe phone call in morning will suffice (BQMS Ext Enterprise).
5	261115	R	Passed SVC demand 279/69 to HQ 5 Coy RAASC.	
6	266420	T	Phoned SVC demand 280/69 (F&V) to AFV	
7	26174 5	T	RAAF Rearming bay requires 1xPallet H534 2xPallet Minni Gun AM 27/5	
8	261825	V	Vung Tau Convoy, Times 0845/1515 FSPB SUSAN Front Gate 0745/0800 FSPB THRUST East Gate 1030/1100	
9	261935	T	Sgt Williams of 5RAR requested confirmation ref conversation with Sgt Metcalfe about the replacement of their mobile refrigerator at Susan. If the equipment is available send to Susan with rations convoy.	Detailed runner to get confirmation from Sgt Metcalfe, 1940hrs. 2000 hrs rang Sgt Williams and confirmed that the refrigerator would be moved to to Susan with water bladder truck.

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10	271710	V	Convoy times for Wednesday 28 May 69 0845/1515 Vung Tau 0915/0930 FSPB SUSAN - Pearly Gates 0745/0800 FSPB THRUST - B Sqn Tanks East Gate	
11	281740	V	Convoy times for Thursday 29 May 69 0915/1500 Vung Tau 0830/0845 FSPB SUSAN - Pearly Gates  1400/1415 LCT - Front Gate	
12	290600	-	Awaken by incoming rounds	Established comms with 1 ATF and TFMA CP. Picquet moved up to lines to ensure all pers awake.
	290650	-	Stood down by 1 ATF	

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1	290910	V	Laundry vehicles to Baria from 10FP & 85 Tpt Pl.	
2	291135	T	Passed tasked to Staff Barber ref ammo jammed in tank at B Sqn Tanks.	S/Sgt Barber will check out immediately after lunch.
3			Convoy times for Friday 30 May 69 0900/1530 Vung Tau 0830/0900 FSPB VIRGINIA Nth Gate Route 2. 0930/0915 FSPB THRUST	
4	291000	T	DAQMG rang advised OODEM of 186 Rds HE 81mm Mor, 20 WP - collected from 6RAR/Mor Pl to EAGLE FARM. 1x Size 7 and 1x5 Ton Dump to AP pick 186 Rds HE 81mm mor also to EAGLE FARM.	Capt Miller advised - Ssgt Barber and WO2 Ryman all moved to EAGLE FARM.
5	291130	T	Staff Capt Q - advised additional 1000 Rds link and 100 Rds M79.	Additional ammo collected and packed with earlier ammo.