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Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Royal Australian Electrical and
Mechanical Engineers units

Item number: 14/3/11

Item: 106 Field Workshop

Narrative

Annex

[1-30 Sep 1970]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. R707-1-1

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.
For information: DEME, AHQ, Albert Park Barracks Melbourne Vic, 3004

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

2. Please return receipt below.

Receipt for work no/10

(Signature) A.A. Nolan
Appointment A. A. NOLAN.
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)
OC, 106 FD WKSP RAEME

SECRET

ORIGINAL
DUPLICATE

Strike out where not applicable

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 106 Fd Wksp RAEME

From 1 Sep 70 To 30 Sep 70

INDEX

Narrative (AF C 2118)

ANNEXES

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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
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O Periodical summaries of operations
Z Top Secret Supplementary Diary

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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.

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PART 3

COMBAT DIARIES
DISPOSAL

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

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This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C2119 (Adapted).

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AF - C2118 (Adapted)
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COMMANDER'S DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 106 Fd Wksp RAEME

MONTH and YEAR Sep 70

REFERENCE MAP _____

COMMANDING OFFICER *A. A. Nolan*

Serial	Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or Information	A. A. NOLAN, Maj OC, 106 FD WKSP RAEME <small>Reference to annex letter and/or enclosure No.</small>
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	
1		1 - 24		Routine Duties	
2	LONG TOAN YS408603	Ni 24/25		ICAP Protection Party	
3		25 - 30		Routine Duties	

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

106 Fd Wksp RAEME
AFPO 4 GPO
SYDNEY NSW 2890

R723-1-1

HQ 1ATF (4)

5 Oct 70

RAEME UNIT MONTHLY REPORT - SEP 70

Reference: A. ARTI GEN D101-1.

1. Subtended is the 106 Fd Wksp monthly report for Sep 70.

WORKSHOP CAPACITY

General

2. The workshop was fully loaded during the month.

Output

3. The output for Sep 70 and work in progress at 30 Sep is shown in Annex A.

M113A1 Modifications

4. All vehicles of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and Fwd Del Tp should be completed by 3 Oct 70. Work on two vehicles from A Sqn 1 Armd Regt will be started on 5 Oct 70.

PROBLEM AREAS

Spare Parts

5. Stores Section has advised that 5965-00-933-6887 Earphone Element for 5965-00-069-8886 Handset H-189/GR will not be available until Feb 71. AAF F406 will be raised for all handsets which require this part.

OPERATIONS OF INTEREST

Recovery

6. The workshop completed 66 recovery tasks in the month. The Pettibone fork-lift did 19 tasks for other units.
7. An M543 recovery vehicle assisted RAAF mechanics to change the transmission on an Iroquois helicopter.

Assistance to Other Units

8. A request was received from A Bty 2/35 US Artillery (the 155mm bty in Nui Dat) to provide on the job small arms repair training for two (2) US Army tradesmen. Consequently two (2) soldiers from the bty spent seven (7) man days each working on and being trained in the repair of GPMG M60, 50 cal MG and M16 rifle at 106 Fd Wksp.

Civil Affairs

9. One ICAP protection Party was provided in the month.



(A.A. NOLAN)
Maj
OC

Annex: A. Output for Sep 70 and work in progress 30 Sep 70.

Internal:

Wksp Manager

QM

1P1

2P1

Stores Section

Comds Diary (3)

ANNEX A TO
 106 FD WKSP RAEME R723-1-1
 DATED 5 OCT 70

OUTPUT FOR SEP AND WORK IN PROGRESS 30 SEP 70

1. Production Table

	A	B	Fl	Elec	GE	SA	Inst	Tels	Total
Jobs Brought Forward	4	18	1	18	16	3	10	23	93
Jobs Received	23	71	7	74	106	58	176	175	690
Jobs Completed	20	71	6	69	106	57	162	191	682
Jobs Carried Fwd	7	18	2	23	16	4	24	7	101

2. Major Equipment Repaired and in Progress on 30 Sep 70

Equipment	Repaired	In Progress 30 Sep 70
Centurion MBT & DOZER	3	1
Carrier M113A1	23	2
" " (Uparmoured)	19	-
M125 A1	2	-
M577 A1	2	-
Truck Recovery M543	1	-
Truck 5 ton GS	10	1
" " " Dump	5	1
Truck 2½ ton	7	2
Truck ¾ ton	31	6
Truck ¼ ton	7	1
Tractor Size 5	1	2
" " 7	3	1
Forklift Rough Terrain	1	-
Generator Sets (All Types)	10	6
Trailers (All Types)	2	1
Radio Set AN/PRC 25	42	1
C42	10	-
B47	1	-
RT524	9	1
AN/PRC 47	1	-
Typewriters	17	-
Projectors 16mm	3	-
Sight Unit C2	6	-
106mm RCL	1	1