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Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Royal Australian Electrical and
Mechanical Engineers units

Item number: 14/2/37

**Item: 102 Field Workshop and 102
Field Workshop Stores Section**

Narrative

[1-30 Jun 1970]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 7/70

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)

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Appointment OC 102 FD WKSP RAEME
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 102 FD WKSP RAEME : 102 FD WKSP STORES SECTION

From 1 JUN 70

To 30 JUN 70

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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- * A Duty officer's log
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- 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)
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- O Periodical summaries of operations
- Z Top Secret Supplementary Diary

Enclosure Numbers

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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.

for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

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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.

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AF - C2118 (Adapted)
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COMMANDER'S DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 102 FD WKSP RAEME
102 FD WKSP STORES SECT
COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ D. WYLIE

MONTH and YEAR JUNE 70 REFERENCE MAP XA 442

| Serial | Place and grid reference | Date | Time | Event or Information | Reference to annex letter and/or enclosure No. |
|--------|--------------------------|--------|------|---|--|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) |
| 1 | VUNG TAU 299447 | 1 Jun | 1700 | SITREP S128 Unit conducted SEARCH patrol AO ANITA. Out 010630H Jun 70 In 010830H Jun 70. Map VUNG TAU 1:12,500 Series L909 LOA1 | |
| 2 | VUNG TAU 299447 | 2 Jun | 1700 | SITREP S129 NTR | |
| 3 | " " " | 3 Jun | 1700 | SITREP S130 NTR | |
| 4 | " " " | 4 Jun | 1700 | SITREP S131 NTR | |
| 5 | " " " | 5 Jun | 1700 | SITREP S132 Visit and overnight stay by ADEME Lt Col K.A. GIBSON. Visit by Lt Col MACPHERSON AQMG HQ AFV and Lt Col HAZELGROVE ADOS HQ AFV. | |
| 6 | VUNG TAU 299447 | 6 Jun | 1700 | SITREP S133 NTR | |
| 7 | " " " | 7 Jun | 1700 | NTR | |
| 8 | " " " | 8 Jun | 1700 | SITREP S134 NTR | |
| 9 | " " " | 9 Jun | 1700 | SITREP S135 Visit by CMF Offrs | |
| 10 | " " " | 10 Jun | 1700 | SITREP S136 NTR | |
| 11 | " " " | 11 Jun | 1700 | SITREP S137 Visit by COMAFV Maj Gen C.A.E. FRASER ^{OBE} and Maj Gen WOOLWINE Comd 1st Log Comd to 1 ALSG | |
| 12 | VUNG TAU 299447 | 12 Jun | 1700 | SITREP S138 Unit conducted STANDING patrol AO MARGARET. Out 121900H In 130610H. Map VUNG TAU 1:12,500 Series L909 LOA1 | |

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| 13 | VUNG TAU 299447 | 13 Jun | 1700 | SITREP S139 Visit by AVM L.R. TRUDINGER, JSMA Dept of Defence to 1 ALSG. Accompanied by Lt Col W.J. WATSON ADGMS AHQ. Lt Col W.O. RODGERS ^{OBE} ADMS AFV and Sqn Ldr M.D. MILLER SMO RAAF. | |
| 14 | VUNG TAU 299447 | 14 Jun | 1700 | SITREP S140 Visit by Mr Norman KIRK MP Leader of NZ Parliamentary Opposition, accompanied by NZ Ambassador Mr P.R. EDMUND and Lt Col FENTON. | |
| 15 | VUNG TAU 299447 | 15 Jun | 1700 | SITREP S141 NTR | |
| 16 | " " " | 16 Jun | 1700 | NTR | |
| 17 | " " " | 17 Jun | 1700 | NTR | |
| 18 | " " " | 18 Jun | 1700 | Visit by NZ CGS Maj Gen R.J.H. WEBB CBE accompanied by Comd NZ Army Force Far East Col R.W.K. AINGE and Comd NZ V Force Lt Col K.C. FENTON. | |
| 19 | VUNG TAU 299447 | 19 Jun | 1700 | NTR | |
| 20 | " " " | 20 Jun | 1700 | Visit by Dr R.C. HUTCHINSON Director of Army Food Science Establishment accompanied by Capt G.E. COBB AFV Catering Advisor. Unit conducted STANDING patrol vicinity AO ANITA. Out 201900H In 210630H, map VUNG TAU 1:12,500 Series L909 LOA1. | |

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| 22 | " " " | 22 Jun | 1700 | Visit by Air Care CUMING OBE AFC accompanied by Sqn Ldr TAYLOR. | |
| 23 | " " " | 23 Jun | 1700 | Visit by CMF Officers. Auditor, Capt M.J. BRUHWILLER arrives. | |
| 24 | " " " | 24 Jun | 1700 | Visit by Col H.B. GIBSON CO Saigon Sp Comd accompanied by Lt M. WRIGHT. | |
| 25 | " " " | 25 Jun | 1700 | Unit conducted STANDING patrol, vicinity AO JUDY. Out 251900H In 260630H Map VUNG TAU 1:12,500 Series L909 LOA1. | |
| 26 | VUNG TAU 299447 | 26 Jun | 1700 | Visit and overnight stay by Capt V. NOONAN EME HQ AFV. | |
| 27 | " " " | 27 Jun | 1700 | NTR | |
| 28 | " " " | 28 Jun | 1700 | NTR | |
| 29 | " " " | 29 Jun | 1700 | NTR | |
| 30 | " " " | 30 Jun | 1700 | NTR | |