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Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Royal Australian Electrical and
Mechanical Engineers units

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Item: 1 Detachment 1 Divisional
Supply and Transport Workshop

Narrative

[1-30 Jun 1966]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. STW 3/66

Reference No. 51W 5/60

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHO

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C2118) (Adapted as indicated at Part 2.

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature)

Appointments

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AF C 2119 (Adapted)
Revised Jun, 1965

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation

DET 1 DIV Sand TWKSP

From

1 JUN 66

To..... 30 JUN 66

INDEX

Narrative (AF C2118)

ANNEXES

- * 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)
 - N Other papers, eg, maps and diagrams, air photos, reports from sub units
 - O Periodical summaries of operations
 - Z Top Secret Supplementary Diary

* Only to be included during operations.
† Cross out whichever is not applicable.

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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.

COMPIRATION

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 ~~NIT~~ will be entered on the cover. If the annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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COMMANDERS DIARIES

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.

~~2. Each copy is to be made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer~~

~~3. Chapter~~

~~During Operational Periods (1)~~

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~~8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex N/A will be entered on the cover. Normal annexes are concerned for a particular headquarters starting at 1.~~

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION DET 1 DIV SM WKSP

MONTH AND YEAR JUN 1966

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT JC DEMETROVICS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1 JUN 66		Am slowly and surely getting everybody occupied with work on vehicles. Without shelters or working area this is a little difficult because it was a terribly hot day. <i>J.G.D.</i>	
	2 JUN 66		ANOTHER TERRIBLY HOT DAY. FINISHED TWO TRUCKS AND DID VARIOUS MINOR REPAIRS. <i>J.G.D.</i>	
	2 JUN 66		The PANEL-BEATER on loan from 101 Fd Wksp has been invaluable. <i>J.G.D.</i>	
	3 JUN 66		Bulldozer ^{FLATTENING} FINISHED THE Wksp AREA. AND NOW WE HAVE TO GET HARD-STANDING MATERIAL AND THEN WE WILL BE READY TO USE THE Wksp. <i>J.G.D.</i>	
	4 JUN 66		continued repairs. <i>J.G.D.</i>	
	5 JUN 66		First Convoy to BAR 1A went today. They took 1 VM per packet. I disagreed.	
	5 JUN 66		Continued repairs. <i>J.G.D.</i>	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION DET 1 DIV 5a WKSP?

MONTH AND YEAR Jun 1966

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT JG. DEMETROVICS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	6 Jun 66		Second convoy left today. They wanted the WRECKER (M543) with VM, also on WRECKER. This is what I suggested yesterday, but noone agreed. f.l.y.d.	
	7 Jun 66		The SYDNEY arrived yesterday. As I thought, if there was need for unloading some stores off trucks in AUSTRALIA, they could unload the workshop ones. Well the two which the COY (1 TPT COY RAASC) unloaded were our spare parts. Now we have to wait for the next ship to see if we'll ever get to be able to carry out repairs. f.l.y.d.	
	7 Jan 66		We did get 5000 sandbags. So we will have something to amuse ourselves with for a while f.l.y.d.	
	8 Jan 66		Continued repairs and filling sandbags f.l.y.d.	
	9 Jun 66		More repairs and sandbags filled f.l.y.d.	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR ... JUN 1966 ...

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION DET 131V S AND T WKSP

COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT J.G. DEMETROVICS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	10 JUN 66		Ran out of Diary Narratives. Indent was made out - "TO FOLLOW" and had to print our own! CARRIED on with repairs. J.M.D.	
	11 JUN 66		Continued repairs. J.M.D.	
	12 JUN 66		Had a quiet day. Only a few repairs required to keep convoy going. Attempted a beach afternoon walk as many of wksp as possible - first time in days we got our daily afternoon downpour. Only spoiled the day poorly and everybody had a good time. J.M.D.	
	13 JUN 66		Queens Birthday holiday passed unnoticed a normal day of repairs and sandbagging works. J.M.D.	(Ballard S.W.)
	14 JUN 66		Continued repairs and defensive works. J.M.D.	

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REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION DET. 1 DIV. 5 and T. WKS P.

COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT. JG. DEMETROVICS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	15 JUN 66		Continued Repairs and Defensive work. Got nothing off "BURNAROO" today, hoping for start of stores ^{off-loading} tomorrow. JLYD	
	16 JUN 66		More Repairs - No stores yet. JLYD	
	17 JUN 66		More Repairs and Defensive work. JLYD	
	18 JUN 66		Improved defensive work in living quarters. JLYD	
	19 JUN 66		INTERNAL ECONOMY DAY. JLYD	
	20 JUN 66		More Repairs LOCATED our stores at WHARF. Sent truck in immediately to get them. JLYD	
	21 JUN 66		GOT REMAINING FEW CRATES FROM TRANSIT AREA, CONT'D. REPAIRS. JLYD	

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UNIT/FORMATION DET 1 DIV 3 and T WKS P

COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT J.G. DEMETROVICS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	22 JUN 66		MORE REPAIRS. THE PARTS SIT AT 2 COMP GRD DEPOT IS IMPOSSIBLE. WE CAN NOT GET ANYTHING ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A GENERAL TOWORK OUT THAT IN A MONTH OR TWO THIS WILL END UP IN A SERIOUS BANK-UP OF REPAIRS. THERE was another CONCERT ON TONIGHT, WITH AUST ARTISTS. MOST EVERYBODY ENJOYED IT QUITE WELL. <i>fjyD</i>	
	23 JUN 66		MORE REPAIRS. WAITING STILL, TO HAVE GRAVEL SPREAD ON WORKSHOP SURFACE. <i>fjyD</i>	
	24 JUN 66		MORE REPAIRS and DEFENSE WORK. <i>fjyD</i>	
	25 Jun 66		INTERNAL ECONOMY DAY. <i>fjyD</i>	

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REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION DET 1 DIV S AND T WRS P.

COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT J.G. DEMETROVICS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	26 Jun 66		Carried out a number of repairs. The MINISTER for the ARMY came today. Although we have known for a few weeks in advance, as we do with all dignitaries, he was another one we did not see or even know when he was actually in the area. f.l.g.d.	
	27 Jun 66		CONTINUED REPAIRS. f.l.g.d.	
	28 Jun 66		MORE REPAIRS. f.l.g.d.	
	29 Jun 66		MORE REPAIRS. STILL WAITING FOR THE WORKSHOP AREA TO BE FLATTENED. WRECKER CAME BACK FROM BARIA WITH THE REAR WINCH GEAR-HOUSING CRACKED. WAITING FOR NEW PART NOW. f.l.g.d.	

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REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION

DET 1 DIV SANDT WLSR

COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT J.G. DEMETROVICS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	30 JUN 66		More Repairs: The parts manual for FB-160 International Dump Trucks has been issued. We did not get one. It seems that having to repair and maintain a TIPPER PL does not entitle us to have one. fmgd	
	30 Jun 66		Ten out of Nineteen members of this wlsr have had their allowances etc put into their paybooks. fmgd	