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Australian Army commanders' diaries  
[Vietnam]

Royal Australian Electrical and  
Mechanical Engineers units

**Item number: 14/4/10**

**Item: 1 Detachment 1 Divisional  
Supply and Transport Workshop**

Narrative

[1-31 Jan 1967]



PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. STW 10/66 1/67

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]

Appointment OC WKSP

(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

Rec'd  
3-3-67  
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PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted)  
Revised Jun, 1965

**SECRET**

ORIGINAL  
~~DUPLICATE~~

Strike out where  
not applicable

**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation DET 1 DIV Sand T WKSP

From 1 JAN 67 To 31 JAN 67

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

ANNEXES

- \* A Duty officer's log
- \* B Messages connected with log
- C Operation orders and instructions issued
- D Operation orders and instructions received
- \* E Sitreps issued
- 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

Enclosure Numbers

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

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† ~~RETAINED~~  
† ~~Despatched to~~  
on N/A



## 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 VII will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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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.



# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION *DET 1 DIV SANDY WKS P*

MONTH AND YEAR *JAN 1967*

REFERENCE MAP .....

COMMANDING OFFICER *CAPT J.G. DEMETROVIC*

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<i>1 JAN 67</i>		<i>I suppose this is an interesting way to start a new year and to have a birthday also - in VN that is. There was no work today and every body had a rest-ful day. J.G.D.</i>	
	<i>2 JAN 67</i>		<i>Back to normal work again. J.G.D.</i>	
	<i>3 JAN 67</i>		<i>Normal day's work today. J.G.D.</i>	
	<i>4 JAN 67</i>		<i>WORK was a bit scarce today and we even lent a worker to the electricians in our area. J.G.D.</i>	
	<i>5 JAN 67</i>		<i>Got a few parts again and activity reigns, again. We farewelled BRIG JACKSON today. J.G.D.</i>	
	<i>6 JAN 67</i>		<i>Continued work with the new parts. J.G.D.</i>	
	<i>7 JAN 67</i>		<i>Normal day's work. J.G.D.</i>	



This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C 2119 (Adapted).

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR JAN 1967

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION DET 1 DIV S+T BKS P

COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT. J.G. DEMETRONICS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	8 JAN 67		Only worked about 1/2 of the day and had a rest in the afternoon. <i>J.G.D.</i>	
	9 JAN 67		Normal day's work for the soldiers. The unit 100% stock take started today. <i>J.G.D.</i>	
	10 JAN 67		Continued normal work today. <i>J.G.D.</i>	
	11 JAN 67		The workshop was full all day long and some work was done at night even. <i>J.G.D.</i>	
	12 JAN 67		Normal day's work. Have come to the end of the AB-160 Dump trial parts again - 10 grounded out of 20, again. <i>J.G.D.</i>	
	13 JAN 67		Member from R+R came back and we managed to "produce" parts for AB-160's so that there will only be about one or two off the road by tomorrow. <i>J.G.D.</i>	



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# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR JAN 66

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION DET 1 DIV S&T WKS P.

COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT J.G. DEMETROVSKIS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	14 JAN 67		A good day's work and there are only about 8 or 10 grounded vehicles in the whole company. <i>JGD</i>	
	15 JAN 67		Had a complete rest day today. <i>JGD</i>	
	16 JAN 67		A normal day, finished the last of the vehicles able to be completed. <i>JGD</i>	
	17 JAN 67		Very quiet day, did a lot of work around the workshop and living areas. <i>JGD</i>	
	18 JAN 67		Normal G17's (over) work today. <i>JGD</i>	
	19 JAN 67		A few more parts and another two trucks on the road. Not many left grounded now. <i>JGD</i>	
	19 JAN 67		One VM finished a 3-day Op with 1 TPT PL at New DAT. <i>JGD</i>	



# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR JAN 1967

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION DET 1 DIV SANDT WKS P.

COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT. J. G. DEMETRONICS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	20 JAN 67		Normal day's work. The OC of the COY had an inspection of the living quarters and he seemed to think ours were the best in his COY. <i>flgD</i>	
	21 JAN 67		Normal day's work. <i>flgD</i>	
	22 JAN 67		Another quiet Sunday, news that we are keeping up with the work day by day. <i>flgD</i>	
	23 JAN 67		Continued work, quite a number of small jobs turned up. Today was the first sign of being told anything about our return home - the new Det has to be ready to move by 6 MAY. A bit negative but some indication at last. <i>flgD</i>	
	24 JAN 67		Normal day's work today. <i>flgD</i>	
	25 JAN 67		Continued work and got more injections again. <i>flgD</i>	



# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION *DET 1 DIV 501 TANKS P.*

MONTH AND YEAR *JAN 1967*

REFERENCE MAP .....

COMMANDING OFFICER *CAPT. J. G. DEMETROVICS*

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<i>26 JAN 67</i>		<i>Normal day's work despite "AUSTRALIA DAY" <sup>flg</sup></i>	
	<i>27 JAN 67</i>		<i>Continued work as normal will mostly service station jobs to do. <sup>flg</sup></i>	
	<i>28 JAN 67</i>		<i>Prepared for CO 1 ALSG's inspection. He seemed satisfied with our efforts. <sup>flg</sup></i>	
	<i>29 JAN 67</i>		<i>A quiet Sunday again. <sup>flg</sup></i>	
	<i>30 JAN 67</i>		<i>Normal day's work. We were given some "proposed" timings for RTA. No definite dates for publication. <sup>flg</sup></i>	
	<i>30 JAN 67</i>		<i>Had a range practice today. I went off well again. <sup>flg</sup></i>	
	<i>31 JAN 67</i>		<i>Got some Acetylene again and a number of jobs can be completed now. Detached a VM to TF for a week at first to help out 1 Fd SQN WKS because some of the COX DUMPS are up there now. <sup>flg</sup></i>	