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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 NII, 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, on 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:

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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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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR MAY 1968

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION 1 Aust CA Unit
COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col KW Litchford

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Phouc Tuy Province	1 May 68		Farming land sub-division surveying recommenced APSUOI NGHE YS 4371 by team from 1. Topo Svy Troop.	
	6 May 68		Co-ordinating conference held at Land Service Office, PHOUC LE on administrative details of proposed farming land distribution ballot AP SUOI NGHE.	
	7 May 68		Review of expenditure and project progress for FY 1967/68 conducted with GS02 CA/PSYOPS HQ AFV. Some projects deferred to 1968/69 programme due to delays in commencement.	
	9 May 68		TET relief housing construction suspended due to VC activity in LONG DIEN area.	
	10 May 68		Farming land allocation conducted by GVN Land Service and District Chief, DUC THANH District at AP SUOI NGHE. 176 farm allotments distributed by ballot. TET housing project recommenced in LONG DIEN Village.	
	11 May 68		Visit to AP SUOI NGHE by the New Zealand Ambassador and party.	
	13 May 68		Land clearing operations commenced AP SUOI NGHE to provide additional farming land to a total of 300 blocks.	
	15 May 68		VC patrol activity in LONG DIEN. Housing construction suspended at Sub-Sector request RF clearing patrol ambushed at construction site. 8 KIA	
	17 May 68		VC contacts continue in LONG DIEN and AN NGAI villages. 2 US KIA 1 ARVN KIA 5 ARVN WIA including District Chief in mine contact.	

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CIVIL AFFAIRS - 1 AUST CA UNIT MONTHLY REPORT - MAY 1968
PHUOC TUY PROVINCE AND VUNG TAU SPECIAL ZONE

1. The monthly report for May 1968 is submitted covering the following:
 - a. Construction - at Annex A.
 - b. Medical - at Annex B.
 - c. Education - at Annex C.
 - d. Commodity Distribution - at Annex D.
 - e. Miscellaneous - at Annex E.

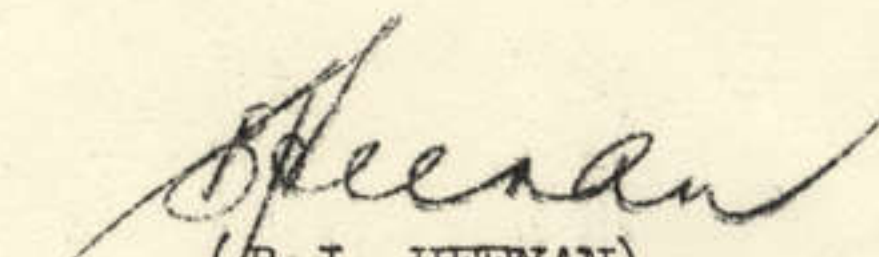
Assessment of Future Projects

2. A review of projects listed in the Australian Force Vietnam Civic Action Plan 1967/68 was undertaken and the majority of projects will be completed by 30 Jun 68.
3. Projects listed in Australian Force Vietnam Civic Action Plan 1968/69, Part III, are being examined and the revised list will be forwarded when consultation with HQ AFV and the Australian Embassy Saigon is completed.
4. Estimate of Reaction of Recipients. Continues to be favourable with increased interest and cooperation by inhabitants of Long Dien where the TET Refugee Housing Programme continues.
5. Projects Closed in May 1968

<u>Project</u>	<u>Date Closed</u>	<u>Final Cost \$VN</u>
7	29 May	87,621
12	" "	254,973
13	" "	188,708
14	" "	48,253
15	" "	961,615
28	" "	60,544
55	" "	159,793
82	" "	314,630
92	" "	49,835
93	" "	43,097
95	" "	175,295
97	" "	468,000
98	" "	119,715
100	24 May	1,009,608
107	29 May	30,600
115	" "	262,308
117	31 May	28,744
118	29 May	247,000
148	31 May	39,910
189	" "	23,400
190	30 May	318,901
V67	2 May	12,831
V112	16 May	NIL
V113	7 May	NIL

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<u>Project</u>	<u>Date Closed</u>	<u>Final Cost \$VN</u>
V143	29 May	7,159
V154	9 May	61,912
V155	24 May	119,700


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MONTHLY REPORT - CONSTRUCTION

1. PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NO	LOCATION/DESCRIPTION	STAGE OF COMPLETION	LOCAL LABOUR EMPLOYED	PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED
103	Suoi Nghe/Construction of market	70%	Local labourers and tradesmen	Nil
121	Baria/High School library	60%	Local contract	"
122	Baria/High School science block	60%	" "	"
130	Long Dien/Construction school	85%	" "	"
132	Hoa Long/Construction school	80%	" "	"
133	Long Xuyen/Construction school	80%	" "	"
134	Lo Voi/Construction school	85%	" "	"
135	Huong Giang/Toilet construction	20%	" "	"
138	Ong Trinh/Toilet construction	60%	" "	"
139	Phu My/Toilet construction	60%	" "	"
140	Huong Son/Toilet construction	95%	" "	"
141	Thu Lau/Toilet construction	95%	" "	"
143	Long Tam/Toilet construction	70%	" "	"
145	Phuoc Nguyen/Toilet construction	95%	" "	"
161	Province/Construction school furniture	30%	" "	"
182	Long Dien-Baria/Home building	56 Houses Long Dien 24 Houses Baria	Local PF carpenters	VC activity in area slowed progress
150	Nu Tinh Ly/Playground equipment	50%	Local Contract	Nil
151	Nam Tinh Ly/Playground equipment	50%	" "	"
152	Phuoc Le/Playground equipment	60%	" "	"
153	Long Huong/Playground equipment	50%	" "	"
154	Nam Long Dien/Playground equipment	50%	" "	"
155	Nu Long Dien/Playground equipment	50%	" "	"
156	Nam Phuoc Thanh/Playground equipment	50%	" "	"
157	Nu Phuoc Thanh/Playground equipment	50%	" "	"
158	Nam Phuoc Hai/Playground equipment	50%	" "	"
159	Nu Phuoc Hai/Playground equipment	50%	" "	"
160	Nguyen Binh Khiem/Playground equipment	50%	" "	"

2. RECONNAISSANCE FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

PROJECT NO	LOCATION	TYPE/DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
83	Duc Thanh	Construction market	Awaiting approval for land
136	Phuoc Hoa	" toilet	Contract let
137	Long Cat	" "	" "
142	Phuoc Hiep	" "	" "
144	Long Thanh	" "	" "

MONTHLY REPORT - MEDICAL

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MEDICAL CIVIC ACTION REPORT (MACV Dir 40 - 9)		Reports Control symbol MACMD - II		
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1968		DATE 4 JUN 68		
TO HQ AFV		FROM 1 ATF		
1. TREATMENTS				
MEDICAL	RESULTING FROM HOSTILE ACTION	MALE	TOTAL NIL	
		FEMALE		
		UNDER 13 YEARS		
		13 YEARS AND OLDER		
NOT RESULTING FROM HOSTILE ACTION		1500		
DENTAL		150		
IMMUNIZATIONS	PLAGUE	NIL	SMALLPOX	NIL
	CHOLERA	NIL	OTHER	NIL
2. TRAINING				
NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE HEALTH WORKERS TRAINED			5	
TYPE OF TRAINING RECEIVED - Elementary first aid				
PERSONAL HYGIENE AND SANITATION		CLASSES HELD - NIL	ATTENDANCE - NIL	
3. REMARKS (Reports of unusual cases or unusual incidents of disease should be narratively reported in this section along with other items of medical interest or significance. Reverse of this form may be used if additional space is required) An instance of plague occurred at Hoi My and Lo Gom outposts, which was sprayed by 1 ATF Hygiene Unit in conjunction with Province Health Authorities.				

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 Annex A

MONTHLY REPORT - EDUCATION

1. ENGLISH CLASSES

a. School Students

Classes - 20. Students - 1000. Student Hours - 6000.

b. Adult

Classes - Nil.

2. SPECIAL TASKS

- a. Aid and assistance to, plus monitoring of, free bus service for school children.
- b. Assistance with planning Provincial High School (implementation of first year of ten year plan).
- c. Location of funds for Provincial High School.
- d. Assistance to Regional Education Adviser (CORDS 3CTZ) with plans for Provincial High Schools - Phuoc Tuy, Tay Ninh, Tong An.
- e. Assistance to Nguyen Binh Khiem school for construction of water tank (not yet commenced).
- f. Assistance to Jnr Tech School to construct well, tank and sign (sign completed).
- g. Assistance to Hamlet Teachers Training course. CA Adviser participated as lecturer on this course.
- h. Advice to Province 'Master Teachers' - a seminar was held at which the adviser participated as guest lecturer.
- i. Aid and assistance to a swimming party for 120 students from Chau Van Tiep High School Baria.

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MONTHLY REPORT - COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION

Childrens Clothing	2 boxes 10 lbs ea PF Posts Xuyen Moc and Duc Thanh
Baby Food	1 box 120 lbs Xuyen Moc PF Post
Sewing Machines	6

MONTHLY REPORT - MISCELLANEOUS

1. PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

a. Cordon and Search Operations - Nil.

b. Liaison Activities

(1) The detailed survey of farming land at Ap Suoi Nghe was completed and the land allocation ballot, under GVN supervision, conducted. Additional land has been cleared and surveyed and is now available for allocation to eligible persons. 1 Fd Sqn and the Det Topo Svy were responsible for this land clearing and survey assisted by CA Liaison Officers.

(2) Agricultural implements supplied by USAID were distributed under CA supervision.

(3) Sewing machines were repaired and distributed to needy persons through the Province Social Welfare officials.

(4) CA briefings were given to members of 1 ARU and visiting CMF officers.

(5) Village information surveys continued and Long Le and Long Dien districts have now been completed.

(6) Experimentation with 1R8 rice continues under CA supervision.

c. Activities of Units of 1 ATF

(1) Construction teams, plus protection parties, from 1 ATF units continue to assist in the TEF refugee relief housing programme in Long Dien.

(2) 1 Fd Sqn and Det Topo Svy conducted land clearing and survey of farming land at Ap Suoi Nghe.

d. Activities - Medical Det

(1) The emphasis is now changing from straight direct medical assistance to that of a teaching role plus direct medical assistance. The RMO 1 Aust CA Unit, who is the Senior Provincial Adviser to the Public Health Chief, hopes to implement advanced medical training for Rural Health Workers and medical assistants at the Province Hospital in the near future.

(2) Clinical records for all patients treated have been introduced.

(3) An active hygiene programme has been planned for the near future.

2. VUNG TAU SPECIAL ZONE

a. Liaison Activities

(1) The lotus crop in the Vung Tau Special Zone failed and investigations revealed that a grub was responsible. The entomologist at PA & E has been asked to determine ways and means to destroy this grub.

(2) The Liaison Officer has assisted in the preparation of plans and regulations for the redevelopment of Vung Tau.

(3) The chief of the VIS will arrange a programme advising against the practice of dumping refuse in the streets.