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Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Miscellaneous units

Item number: 17/1/16

Item: 1 Australian Civil Affairs Unit

Narrative

Annexes

[1-31 Aug 1968]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.....16

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) *K. J. Gardiner* Capt Lt Col

Appointment CO 1 Aust CA Unit
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

AF C 2119 (Adapted)
Revised Jun 55

SECRET

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~~DUPLICATE~~

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation FIRST AUSTRALIAN CIVIL AFFAIRS UNIT

From 1 Aug 68

To 31 Aug 68

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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
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* Only to be included during operations.
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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.

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

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as well as map references), establishment, equipment

orders given.

the day's fighting, including company movements.

commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

essential importance.

officers, men and equipment.

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and to save work as much information as possible is to be included. Reports issued and received, routine returns, etc. All reports and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

the annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

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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

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/FORMATION 1 Aust CA Unit
Lt Col K.W. FCHFORD

MONTH AND YEAR AUG 1968

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
PHUOC TUY Province	2 Aug 68		TET Refuge Rehousing Project completed at LONG DIEN. Total of 165 house frames constructed since programme commenced. An additional 8 house frames to be built for Refuge Service in LONG DIEN when effort available.	
	3 Aug 68		Conference of all TF unit CA Officers/NCOs. Briefing on AP SUOI NGHE by CO.	
	4 Aug 68		Beach outing VUNG TAU for 95 children from PF Defence Force BINH GIA. Escort by A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.	
	5 Aug 68		Visit to PHUOC LE projects by COMAFV. Discussion on completion of library and Science Block CHAU VAN TIEP High School.	
	6 Aug 68		Engineer Det recovered water tanks from AP SUOI NGHE for use on Windmill Project reconnaissance of well capacities.	
	7 Aug 68		Construction commenced on windmill 21' SOUTHERN CROSS - 55' Tower and 5000 gallon Tank and stand in unit area as training exercise.(Project 113)	
	13 Aug 68		Visit to PHUOC LE and LONG DIEN by COs HQ AFV. ADPR AFV and GS02 CA, to inspect CA Projects completed and in progress.	
	14 Aug 68		High School Library and Science Block completed and accepted from contractor.	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jan, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR AUG 1968

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION 1 Aust Unit

Lt Col K.W. LATCHFORD
COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
PHUOC TUY Province	16 Aug 68		Discussion with DPSA and Dep of Admin Province HQ concerning land for DUC THANH Market and RD Commodity Support.	
	17 Aug 68		Visit by Officers 2CA Coy III CTZ. Maj BUCKINGHAM OC 2 CA Coy. Briefing on unit activities and discussion on mutual problems in other areas of III CTZ.	
	18 Aug 68		Hamlet Chief and Deputy Hamlet Chief murdered by VC at AP SUOI NGHE One woman kidnapped by VC squad. Liasion visit by Chief Engineer AFV re windmill projects.	
	20 Aug 68		Official opening and handover of new market at AP SUOI NGHE. Medical Team conducted MEDCAP in support RF cordon and search of AP DONG HOA LONG village.	
	22 Aug 68		VC attack on LONG DIEN. Counter attack by 1 RAR and C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.	
	23 Aug 68		Medical Team conducted MEDCAP in support of RF cordon and search of AP BAC HOA LONG Village.	
	26 Aug 68		Construction commenced on new Market DUC THANH	
	27 Aug 68		Removal of 8 houses frames PHUOC LE village after discussion with Province Chief - owners had not made any effort to complete the house construction. Material recovered to *1 Aust CA Unit lines pending	

1 B P Coy—275/65—55m

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

1 AUST CA UNIT
1 ATF
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6 Sep 68

Distribution Below.

CIVIL AFFAIRS - 1 AUSTRALIAN CIVIL AFFAIRS UNIT
MONTHLY REPORT - JULY 1968
PHUOC TUY PROVINCE AND VUNG TAU SPECIAL ZONE

1. The monthly report for August 68 is submitted covering the following:
 - a. Construction - Annex A
 - b. Medical - Annex B
 - c. Educational - Annex C
 - d. Commodity Distr - Annex D
 - e. Miscellaneous - Annex E

Assessment of Future Projects

2. The Windmill/Water Supply projects have been delayed due to problems concerning the delivery of pumps and associated equipment. The availability of RAE Well Boring effort for the SUOI NGHE installation now appears doubtful and investigation is being made of alternative US/Civilian capacity to do the task.

3. A draft review of the 1968 Civic Action Plan has been made and certain financial adjustments will be necessary to cater for changes in requests from GVN Authorities and priorities of effort.

Estimate of Reaction of Recipients

4. No comment for month of August. The security situation in the Province during the month has hampered movement between some centres and consequently Military Civic Action effort has been restricted to a degree.

Projects Closed in August 1968

5.	<u>Project No</u>	<u>Date Closed</u>	<u>Final Cost \$VN</u>
	122	14 Aug 68	670,000
	162	31 Aug 68	331,558

K.W. Latchford
(K.W. LATCHFORD)
Lt Col
CO 1 Aust CA Unit

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MONTHLY REPORT - CONSTRUCTION

(To be at Unit HQ by the third day of each month)

MONTHAUGUST.....LOCATION PHUOC TUY PROVINCE AND VUNG TAU SPECIAL ZONE.1. PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NO	LOCATION/DESCRIPTION	STAGE OF COMPLETION	LOCAL LABOUR EMPLOYED	PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED
182	LONG DIEN/BARIA House Building 139 Houses LONG DIEN 26 Houses BARIA	99%	Local PF Carpenters	The tactical situation has prevented further work on this project.
83	DUC THANH Market	5%	Local Contract	VC interference is preventing steady progress in the project.
V156	VUNG TAU/Dispensary	4%	Local Contract	

2. RECONNAISSANCE FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

PROJECT NO	LOCATION	TYPE/DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
104	SUOI NGHE	Water Supply	Awaiting Assistance from 17 Const Sqn RAE on drilling deep bore hole.
147	THU LUU	Repairs to School	} Contractor selected, work to commence in the near future.
149	LONG THANH	Repairs to School	
164-174	NAM TINH LY NU TINH LY PHUOC LE LONG HUONG NAM LONG DIEN NAM PHUOC THANH NU PHUOC THANH NAM PHUOC HAI NU PHUOC HAI NGUYEN BINH KHIEM	School Sporting Facilities (Volley Ball and Badminton Courts)	Project to commence in early September.
123-127	NGUYEN MOC LA VAN VINH THANH AN NHUT PHUOC HAI	Windmill/Water Supply to village	Checking of installation kits received ex Aust is continuing. Detailed recce of sites completed.

MEDICAL CIVIC ACTION REPORT
(MACV Directive 40-9)

FOR THE MONTH OF 19

1. TREATMENTS

RESULTING	MALE	TOTAL
FROM	FEMALE	
HOSTILE ACTION	UNDER 13 YEARS	
	13 YEARS AND OLDER	

NOT RESULTING FROM HOSTILE ACTION 5255 PHUOC TUY 156 VUNG TAU

DENTAL 453 VUNG TAU SPECIAL ZONE

IMMUNIZATIONS	PLAQUE	SMALLPOX
	CHOLERA	OTHER

2. TRAINING

NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE HEALTH WORKERS TRAINED 4

TYPE OF TRAINING RECEIVED (Specify) Preventive Medicine
Management of minor ailments for
which patients seek medical aid.

PERSONAL HYGIENE/SANITATION	CLASSES HELD	ATTENDANCE
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REMARKS

A. The record system continues to provide statistical data on the illnesses handled by the team. It proved particularly helpful in bringing to SMO 1 ATF's attention, the high persistence of Malaria in the adjacent hamlet HOA LONG.

B. The team took part in 2 cordon and search operations conducted by the LONG LE District Chief in hamlets of HOA LONG. Medcaps were also carried out along Route 15 from PHU MY NYEN to CHU HAI during a clearing operation conducted by 3 CAV.

C. Remarks mentioned in previous reports are proceeding at various rates of progress.

MONTHLY REPORT EDUCATION

1. ENGLISH CLASSES
 - a. School Students.
Classes - 5 Students - 200 Class Meetings - 27
 - b. Adult
Classes - 2 Students - 15 Class Meetings - 27
 - c. 32 English Classes were conducted at VUNG TAU.
 - d. 2 Additional classes at BARIA Convent will start in September.
2. PERSONNEL
 - a. Education Officer (Lt) has been employed as English Language instructor to Vietnamese School Teachers and High School Students and has been acting also as Youth and Sports Advisor PHUOC TUY for the month.
 - b. Education NCO (Sgt) has been teaching English to High School students and Vietnamese Public Service members two afternoons per week.
 - c. English Language classes are held each Sunday morning at TUU LUU School.
3. SPECIAL TASKS
 - a. Liaison with Education chiefs and Province Officials in capacity of Education Advisor CORDS Phuoc Tuy.
 - b. Monitoring progress on Educational projects in the Province.
 - c. Liaison with Education advisors 111 CTZ and USAID Library Advisor with reference to CHAU VAN TIEP High School Library, the PHUOC LE Junior Technical School,
 - d. The youth and sports programme has been delayed with the lengthy absence of the Y&S Chief from the province. The projected Youth and Sports week-end camp at LONG HAI has been temporarily deferred because of the present security situation and the Advisor is investigating an alternative site.

MONTHLY REPORT-COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION

1.	Clothing	4 Boxes	BINH GIA
	Material	1 Roll	HOA LONG
	Food	320 Boxes	BARIA (Orphanage and Old Peoples Homes)
		28 Boxes	HOA LONG
		12 Boxes	BINH GIA
		8 Boxes	VUNG TAU
	Baby Food	1 Box	BARIA
	Toys	1 Box	BINH GIA
		1 Box	BARIA

MONTHLY REPORT - MISCELLANEOUS

1, PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

a. Cordon and Search Operations: CA Medical Team from this unit conducted MEDCAPS in conjunction with RF/PP elements in cordon and search of AP BAC and AP TAY hamlets, HOA LONG Village. Medical Officer and 5 Medical Orderlies were involved.

b. Liaison Activities:

(1) Village information surveys for PHUOC HOA LONG, PHUOC LOI, PHUOC THANH were prepared during August 68.

(2) Briefings were given to 1 Aust Reinforcement Unit personnel and visiting CMF Officers on 1 Aust CA Unit, PHUOC TUY Province, and relations with the population.

(3) Liaison was conducted with units requiring background information on particular areas of the province regarding GVN organization and the local population.

(4) Local purchase of bamboo by units of 1 Aust Task Force was arranged at SUOI NGHE.

(5) Commodity distributions were made to families in the RF/PF posts at HOA LONG, DAT DO and the old peoples home and Creche at BARIA.

(6) Personnel of the section were engaged in the expansion of the Agricultural Research Demonstration Area near SUOI NGHE in conjunction with CORDS Agricultural Advisors.

(7) Preliminary work commenced in co-ordination with the Animal Husbandary Service and CORDS Agricultural Advisors on the promotion and conduct of a Breiler industry in the province.

2. VUNG TAU Special Zone

a. Negotiations have been successful in relocating the proposed BAU SEN dispensary to DONG XUYEN.

b. 20 School desks and forms for the Buddhist School are being manufactured by 198 Wks Sect from material donated by PA & E and CORDS.

c. 1 ALSG Church groups are rehabilitating 7 sewing machines for use by patients' dependants at the War Invalids Home.