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**Monthly Report**

**Annexes**

**[1-31 Oct 1971]**

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To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

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Unit or Formation 1st Australian Civil Affairs Unit

2. Please return receipt below.

From 1 Oct 71 To 31 Oct 71

(Signature)

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

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- O Periodical summaries of operations
- Z Top Secret Supplementary Diary

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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.

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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, they are to be included in the group at B.

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

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as well as map references), establishment, equipment and orders given. Details of the day's fighting, including company movements. Details of the commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization and personnel.

tential importance. Details of officers, men and equipment. Details of equipment captured. Details of personnel employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

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

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

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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:

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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.

AWN 95  
[17/1/04 71]

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 2 OCT 71  
TO DISCUSS CURRENT PROJECTS

Present:	Project Offr	Capt Leeman
	L01	Capt White
	L02	Capt Seymour
	Clerk of Works	WO2 Tanzer

Projects Completed Since Last Meeting

1. The following projects have been completed:
  - a. Project 501 - Support Province Youth & Sports Activities.
  - b. Project 506 - Construct 3 classrooms at Nui Dinh School.
  - c. Project 507 - Provision of seed for Province Agricultural Service.
  - d. Project 514 - Electrification Dat Do Dispensary.
  - e. Project 515 - Electrification of Tam Phuoc Dinh.
  - f. Project V207 - Maternity Ward, Le Loi Hospital.

Projects Approved Since Last Meeting

2. Project 516, Renovate Maternity Services Wing, Baria Hospital was approved on 1 Sep 71.

Major Projects FY 1971/72

3. Project 510 - Four Classrooms at Chau Van Tiep High School. Construction work has been completed and has passed the inspection by the Engr Det. Final payment is to be made on 12 Oct 71.
4. Project 512 - Youth and Sports Centre, Duc Thanh. Brickwork and roofing have been completed. The estimated finishing date is 25 Oct 71 with the final payment being made on 3 Nov 71.
5. Project 516 - Renovate Maternity Services Wing, Baria Hospital. Renovations have now been completed. Final payment will be made on 15 Oct 71.

Stores Provision Projects

6. Project 500 - Windmills and Water Reticulation Systems.
  - a. Suoi Nghe. A pump and fittings have been purchased and should be installed by 4 Oct 71.
  - b. Dat Do. Cement and aggregate were purchased to assist with the erection of a tank stand at Dat Do.
  - c. The windmill team commences the training period for PWD and RD Cadre personnel on Mon 4 Oct 71. This will also be a repair and maintenance programme for the 13 windmills erected in the province.
7. Project 502 - Support RD Cadre Housing for the Poor Programme. All stores have been delivered to the RD Cadre. Final payment for stores will be made on 13 Oct 71.

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8. Project 505 - Support for Education Service.

- a. Thu Luu Primary School. Aggregate, sand, cement, wire mesh, bricks and fencing materials were purchased.
- b. Nam Tinh Ly Primary School. Roofing iron, aggregate, cement and fencing materials were purchased.
- c. Phuoc Hai Primary School. Aggregate and cement were purchased.
- d. Phuoc Loc Primary School. Four sets of ridge coping were purchased.
- e. Agricultural High School. Fencing materials were provided.
- f. Nui Dinh Primary School. Three loads of sand were delivered.
- g. Numerous requests have been received and are being actioned. All funds should be expended by 31 Oct 71.

*R. Leeman*  
(R. LEEMAN)  
Capt  
Project Offr  
1 Aust CA Unit

Distribution

CO  
Project Offr  
LO1  
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Clerk of Works  
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For Information:

GSO 2 (CA/Psyops) HQ AFV

CIVIC ACTION

1 AUST CA UNIT MONTHLY REPORT

OCT 71

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VUNG TAU  
SOUTH VIETNAM

1 NOV 71

Distribution Sheet

HQ AFV (15)

HQ 1 ATF (3) (Incl 1 for PR)

For Information:

Province Senior Advisor Baria

APA Development Baria

ARVN LO III (HQ 1 ATF)

Internal:

Commander's Diary (3)

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PART 1 - GENERAL

1. This report covers the activities of 1 Aust CA Unit in Phuoc Tuy Province and Vung Tau Special Zone for the period 1 - 31 Oct 71.
2. The unit ceases all CA activities on 31 Oct 71 bringing to an end four and one half years of military civic action in Phuoc Tuy Province and Vung Tau Special Zone. In this time the unit provided some 104 classrooms, 7 markets, 14 windmills, 600(+) houses, 4 youth centres, 2 maternity wards and 8 clinics/dispensaries. A list of all projects completed in the period has been prepared and will be distributed in early November.
3. The Military Dependant Housing project was completed on 14 Oct 71 and a separate report is attached as Annex B. A full report on the project is being prepared in Australia by the ex-Project Officer and should be available in early November.
4. Windmills.
  - a. A combined training team from the unit, Public Works Dept and Rural Development Cadre has been in operation throughout October to bring all windmills, except those in Duc Thanh district and one at Hoi My, to optimum working efficiency. The RD Cadre personnel in particular have been regular in attendance and keen to learn.
  - b. Windmills in the Duc Thanh district could not be visited because of restrictions placed on road movement. Two of the three windmills in the district are operating satisfactorily but the one at Ngai Giao requires major repair.
  - c. The windmill at Hoi My was disassembled and partly re-erected over the new bore by 31 Oct. It is hoped that the task will be completed by the newly trained VN team.
  - d. The plan to erect a windmill at Ap Soui Nghe was finally abandoned as the flow from the new bore was inadequate. A petrol driven pump was installed and handed over to the Hamlet Chief. The windmill is part of stocks handed over to PWD.
  - e. No indication has been given to PWD that a twelve months spare parts scaling may be provided by the Australian Embassy as the matter is, as yet, unresolved.
5. The unit has completed "Standing Orders for Project Administration" which will be returned to Australia with other unit records. It is the first time such a reference has been prepared in the unit.
6. Dossiers.
  - a. The Liaison Officers are preparing Village/Hamlet dossiers for reference/record purposes. The dossiers were commissioned for completion by 31 Dec and the withdrawal has meant that not all work will be completed by the time the unit leaves the country. The officers concerned will forward the completed dossiers to the unit in Canberra.
  - b. Each dossier will comprise a schedule of all CA projects in the Village etc, a map pinpointing each facility and photographs.
7. This is the final monthly report as unit activity in November will be administrative only, connected with finalising project and AQ records and the RTA of all unit personnel by 25 Nov 71.

PART 2 - PROJECTS

8. Current Projects. Current projects are listed at Annex A, Part 1.
9. Completed Projects. Two projects, previously awaiting costs of Army stores, were closed. One project commenced in FY 70.71 and four which commenced in this financial year were completed. The completed projects are listed in Annex A, Part 2.
10. Military Dependant Housing (Project 399). A separate report is attached as Annex B.
11. Water Supply.
  - a. Two pumps with fittings were delivered to the PWD to be used in village water supply systems.
  - b. Materials were supplied to the Province Health Service for repairs to the water supply in Ap Tay Dispensary, Hoa Long.

PART 3 - HEALTH

12. Medical and Dental. No Australian assistance was given in the conducting of clinics, and they were continued throughout the month using Vietnamese staff. It appears that the Vietnamese have the capacity and the intention to continue these services without assistance.

13. Ambulances.

- a. The ambulances presented on the 27 Sep have not yet been put into service. The vehicles are not registered for road use and there has been an inexplicable delay in the Health Service providing the necessary details to the Public Works Dept, who control vehicle registration.
- b. The Province Medical Chief is being vague about the allocation of the vehicles. The original validation was based on the ambulances being needed in the outlying districts ie. Duc Thanh, Xuyen Moc and Dat Do. It is certain that one will be retained at the hospital and it is rumored variously that Sector HQ and District Health Services will get the remaining two and, even, that one will be traded in Saigon for a civilian car.
- c. The situation is being watched with interest by this unit and the US Public Health Advisor but the final allocation may well not be made before unit personnel RTA.

14. Hospital Improvements. Continued improvements are being made at the Baria Hospital using Vietnamese funds. Following the completion of the Dental Clinic a two roomed, brick structure has been built at the front gate to provide night nurses' quarters and a guard room. All entrances, other than the one off Route 2, have been bricked up and at last, the hospital grounds are free of stray pedestrians and cattle, and it is hoped, their detritus.

15. Le Loi Hospital, Vung Tau.

- a. Dr Lam, the Vung Tau Medical Chief, has been quick to approach the unit for assistance in all forms following our move to the R & C Centre.
- b. Requests for an ambulance, furniture, building materials, sand and gravel have been made. Some loads of sand, for grounds improvement, have been provided and he has been asked to make all other requests in writing so that they can be dealt with in the proper manner.

PART 4 - EDUCATION

16. Repairs to Schools (Project 505). The following schools received assistance during the month:

- a. Nu Tinh Ly School - cement and aggregate for concreting of part of the school grounds.
- b. Phuoc Hai School - blackboards and benches.
- c. Hai Trung School - roofing iron, cement, paint, fencing materials.
- d. Kim Hai School - fencing materials.
- e. Teacher Training Centre - paint
- f. Chau Van Tiep High School - fitting of doors, windows and wire mesh to one classroom.
- g. Long Dien School - cement, roofing iron and nails.
- h. Phuoc Thanh School - bricks, roofing iron and nails.
- i. Long Toan School - wire mesh, bricks and cement.

17. All funds have been committed for the above project. Final payments will be made in early Nov.

18. The new classrooms at Chau Van Tiep High School were handed over formally this month. The headmaster presented 1 Aust CA Unit with a plaque as a mark of appreciation for the work done at the school and the assistance given throughout the Province.

19. GVN funded work at Dat Do High School has been completed and an opening ceremony will be held on a date yet to be advised.

PART 5 - Youth and Sports

20. The construction work at the Duc Thanh Youth and Sports Centre has been completed. Final payments will be made in early November.

21. An opening ceremony will be held on a date yet to be advised.

PART 6 - AGRICULTURE

22. Support Extension to Pig Raising Programme. (Project 509) This project was finalised on 19 Oct 71. Twenty weaners were purchased at Nui Dinh at a total cost of \$VN 160,000 and distributed to farmers.

23. Three hundred and eighteen bags of cement were purchased at a cost of \$VN 198,800 and delivered to the Animal Husbandry Service for distribution to selected farmers for the construction of pig sties.

PART 7 - UNIT MATTERS

24. Unit Strength as at 1 Nov 71.

	Offrs	WO/Sgts	OR	Total
Establishment	14	10	34	58
Posted	5	5	10	20

25. Unit Move. 1 Aust CA Unit moved from Nui Dat to the R & C Centre Vung Tau on 8 Oct 71. The move was accomplished without incident.

26. Postings.

- a. Capt P.R. Rose was transferred to 198 Wks Sec w.c.f. 1 Oct 71.
- b. Capt A.W. White, RA Inf, departed on RTA on 28 Oct 71, and is reposted as SC 'Q' 2 Cadet Bde.
- c. Postings are still awaited for Lt Col Wright and Capt Hopper and Leeman.

27. Awards. Awards of the Ethnic Minorities Medal were made to the following members on 9 Oct 71.

Lt Col L.A. Wright  
Capt G.J. Seymour  
WO2 P. Tanzer

28. Public Relations. A team from ABC TV "Four Corners" programme attended the opening of Chau Van Tiep High School classrooms on 7 Oct and took film and tapes of the ceremony. They subsequently toured other CA projects in Baria and Long Dien.



(L.A. WRIGHT)  
Lt Col  
CO 1 Aust CA Unit

PART ONE - CURRENT PROJECTS  
AS AT 31 OCT 71

Project Number	Project Description	Stage of Completion	Labour	Remarks
500	Maintain windmills and water supply systems	95%	1 Aust CA Unit	Awaiting costs of Army stores. Final local purchase payments to be made 2 Nov 71
505	Repair province elementary and secondary schools	95%	Provided by schools	Final local purchase payments to be made on 2 Nov 71
512	Youth and Sports Centre Duc Thanh	95%	Contract	Final payment to be made on 2 Nov 71



PART TWO - PROJECTS COMPLETED

DURING OCT 71

Project Number	Project Description	Completion Date	Remarks
401B	Long Luong water reticulation	18 Oct 71	Costing of stores of Aust origin received. Completed cost \$VN 712,248
428	Maintain windmills and water reticulation systems	18 Oct 71	Costing of stores of Aust origin received. Completed cost \$VN 348,806
V207	Maternity wing, Le Loi Hospital	2 Oct 71	Completed cost \$VN 3,152,000
502	Support RD Cadre housing for the poor programme	6 Oct 71	Completed cost \$VN 499,808
509	Extension of pig raising programme	19 Oct 71	Completed cost \$VN 499,600
510	Classrooms at Chau Van Tiep High School	14 Oct 71	Completed cost \$VN 1,960,000
516	Renovate maternity services wing, Baria Hospital	14 Oct 71	Completed cost \$VN 440,000

MILITARY DEPENDANT HOUSING

General

1. As at 14 Oct 71, Project 399 was 100% complete, two weeks ahead of schedule. This is due, in part, to the fact that the planned cosmetic renovation and grading of surroundings could not be done due to non-availability of engineer plant.

Stores

2. All surplus project stores were disposed of as per the last monthly report by the 7 Oct 71, except for small cement stocks which have now been handed over.

3. Only two indents remain outstanding on the project. These are for cement, totalling 6,900 bags, which is on Jeparit 41, and is to be used to repay a loan from OMA.

4. Once the two outstanding indents are acquitted the Project 399 Stores Account can be finalised, subject to 100% audit.

Finance

5. All expenditure in Vietnam was completed on 23 Oct 71. The total expenditure, in country, for the financial year 1971/72 was 8,319,556 piastre. Costing of stores ex-Australia has still to be finalised and the required figures have been requested from AHQ.

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1 Aust CA Unit  
VUNG TAU

1 Nov 71

HQ AFV (3)

EXPENDITURE ON MILITARY CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS  
AS AT 31 OCT - PHUOC TUY PROVINCE  
AND VUNG TAU MUNICIPALITY

Reference: A. HQ AFV OPS 5963 dated 22 Apr 71.

1. Attached as Annex A is the record of expenditure on military civic action projects for FY 1971/72, as at 31 Oct 71.

2. The financial situation is summarized as follows:

a. <u>To Complete Projects Carried Forward from FY 1970/71.</u>	
(1) Local purchase/contract	\$VN 1,246,092
(2) Expended on Army Stores	1,269,629
	<u>Total 2,515,721</u>
b. <u>To Fund Projects Commenced and Completed in FY 1971/72.</u>	
(1) Local purchase/contract	\$VN 5,715,977
c. <u>To Fund Current Projects.</u>	
(1) Local purchase/contract	\$VN 1,158,523
(2) Committed to local purchase/contract	315,920
(3) Estimate of funds committed to Army Stores	123,032
	<u>1,597,475</u>

3. The total of funds committed and expended in sub paras 2a - c above is \$VN 9,829,173. The total of funds allocated per Reference A is \$120,000 (\$VN 15,720,000).

4. Final payments on the three remaining projects will be made on 2 Nov 71.

*R Heenan Capt*  
for (L.A. WRIGHT)  
Lt Col  
CO 1 Aust CA Unit

Annex: A. Record of Expenditure.

Internal:

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Project Offr	Float
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RECORD OF EXPENDITURE FOR FY 1971/72  
PHUOC TUY PROVINCE AND VUNG TAU MUNICIPALITY

Serial	Project No	Description	EXPENDED		COMMITTED
			Local Purchase Contract	Army Stores	
		<u>To Fund Projects C/F from FY 70/71</u>			
1.	197	Renovations to Baria Hospital		227,830	
2.	251	Maintain village water supplies		75,951	
3.	257	Water supply Long Son Island		16,271	
4.	306	Drains and soil Bau Tram School		47,318	
5.	401A	Dat Do water supply		540,273	
6.	401B	Long Huong water supply	646,092	36,156	
7.	407	Provision of playground equipment		217	
8.	412	Construct 1st stage Dat Do High School	300,000		
9.	421	Electrification Tam Phuoc		9,039	
10.	428	Windmills and reticulation systems		155,137	
11.	436	Irrigation Ap Suoi Nghe		161,437	
12.	V207	Le Loi Hospital, Vung Tau	300,000		
			1,246,092	1,269,629	

RECORD OF EXPENDITURE FOR FY 1971/72  
PHUOC TUY PROVINCE AND VUNG TAU MUNICIPALITY

Serial	Project No	Description	EXPENDED		COMMITTED
			Local Purchase Contract	Army Stores	
		<u>To Fund Projects Commenced and Completed in FY 71/72</u>			
13.	501	Support Province Youth and Sport Activities	199,700		
14.	502	Support RD Cadre Housing for the poor	499,803		
15.	503	Construct fence and gateway at Baria Hospital	65,000		
16.	504	Construct fence at Baria Old People's Home	145,000		
17.	506	Construct 3 classrooms at Nui Dinh Primary School	1,470,000		
18.	507	Provision of seed - Province Agricultural Service	200,000		
19.	508	Repairs to Phuoc Loc School	64,260		
20.	509	Support extension to pig raising programme	499,600		
21.	510	Construct 4 classrooms at Chau Van Tiep High School	1,960,000		
22.	511	Repairs to Phuoc Le School	35,520		
23.	514	Electrification Dat Do Dispensary	98,335		
24.	515	Electrification Tam Phuoc Dinh	38,754		
25.	516	Renovate maternity services wing at Baria Hospital	440,000		
			5,715,977		

RECORD OF EXPENDITURE FOR FY 1971/72  
PHUOC TUY PROVINCE AND VUNG TAU MUNICIPALITY

Serial	Proj NO	Description	Expenditure FY 71/72				Remarks
			Expended		Committed		
			Local Pur Contract	Army Stores	Local Pur Contract	Army Stores (Est)	
		<u>To Fund Current Projects</u>					
26.	500	Windmill and water reticulation systems	155,230		121,790	123,032	
27.	505	Repair province elementary schools	384,293		116,130		
28.	512	Youth and Sports Centre Duc Thanh	619,000		78,000		
			1,158,523		315,920	123,032	

HANDING OVER CEREMONY FOR FOUR CLASSROOMS (Project 510)  
CHAU VAN TIEP HIGH SCHOOL - BARIA - 7 OCT  
SPEECH BY LT COL L.A. WRIGHT CO 1 AUST CA UNIT

Mr Doan, Gentlemen,

It is my extremely pleasant duty this morning, on behalf of the Australian people, to ask Mr Doan as Headmaster of this <sup>Chau Van Tiep High</sup> ~~fine~~ school, to accept four new classrooms.

The classrooms, although paid for by the Australian Government, through the Military Civic Action programme, were built by one of your local contractors to the Vietnamese design. They are part of a development programme for this school and are needed to provide the space for the new young students of the Province who <sup>desire</sup> ~~desire~~ a Secondary level education.

But classrooms are only part of the problem of raising the standard of education. It is important that students should want to improve their knowledge by attending high school and it is vital that, when they come, they should receive instruction and encouragement from qualified teachers.

In providing these classrooms my Government is therefore only doing one of the jobs necessary to make the joys of higher learning available to more students. The real burden of education remains where it has always been, upon the teachers who will use the classrooms, on the Headmasters who are the guardians of educational standards and on the Province and Ministry officials who must provide the training, and materials to allow the system to function.

I would like to say that it ~~will~~ not be the first assistance given to the Chau Van Tiep High School by the Australian Government. In years gone by the Civil Affairs Unit has built six classrooms and the library and science block. But ~~as I have said~~, although these buildings have been a valuable contribution they would be worthless had they not been used by dedicated teachers and industrious students.

The sad fact is that this building is the last that the Civil Affairs Unit will build here; in fact it is the last ~~school building~~ that we will build in the Province.

You will all no doubt be aware that the Australian Task Force is going home, and so, the Civil Affairs Unit must go also. It does not mean the end of Australian interest in your Province as the Australian Government is going to donate some \$A 25m in aid to Vietnam in the next three years and some part of this will most certainly be used to benefit the people of Phuoc Tuy.

It does mean though that my officers and I will no longer have the pleasure of talking with your officials and watching your Province grow in strength and prosperity. The assistance we have given is small compared to the pleasure we have had from working among you.

I now ask Mr Doan to accept these classrooms with my sincere wishes that they will help meet the needs of this school, and its students, and that they will also serve as a reminder of the bonds that will always link the peoples of Australia and Phuoc Tuy.