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

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

potential importance. to officers, men and equipment. equipment captured. employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

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

DISPOSAL 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.

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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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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8. The annexes are to be numbered in the order shown in the Index. If there are no annexes, an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are added, they are to be numbered starting at A.

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UNIT/FORMATION 67 GL Sec 1 ALSG

MONTH AND YEAR Jul 66

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COMMANDING OFFICER Maj B.H. COOPER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	1 Jul 66	0530H	Days operations commenced with a brief for SAS Stand by aircraft.	
		1200H	SAS patrol extracted from GR YS 390690.	
		1320H	MISSION REPORT to 1 ALSG. SAMPAMS concealed in mangroves in area YS 1976, YS 2076, YS 1979 and YS 2079. ARTILLERY ADVISORY NET(KANGAROO CONTROL) 40.1 mes being jammed from approx GR YS 370570. Missions briefed for 9 Sqn today five.	
VUNG TAU	2 Jul 66	0520H	Commence operations for the day with a brief for the SAS standby aircraft.	
		0845H	GSO 2 to 1 ALSG for Comd Conference.	
		1100H	Daily general brief to aircrew and staff RAAF VUNG TAU. Today was a difficult day for us we still don't have communications. Aircraft were being sent to LZ KANGAROO at HQ 1ATF for briefings there. This has made it very difficult for this section to function effectively. 9 Sqn flew 69 sorties today.	
VUNG TAU	3 Jul 66	0540H	Commenced operations for the day with brief for SAS standby aircraft.	
		0800H	GS02 to 1 ALSG for tactical info.	
		0830H	GS02 to 161 Recce Flight for tactical info. SAS Patrol extracted from GR YS 353715 no casualties. 9 Sqn flew 99 Sorties today.	

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VUNG TAU	4 Jul 66	0600H	GS03 now recovered and on duty.	
		0800H	GS03 to Comd Conference 1 ALSG	
		1000H	Staff and aircrew general briefing. 9 Sqn flew 60 sorties today.	
VUNG TAU	5 Jul 66	0750H	GS03 to Comd Conference at 1 ALSG	
		1000H	Staff and aircrew general briefing. 15 Sorties flown by 9 Sqn today	
VUNG TAU	6 Jul 66	0630H	Commenced the days operations with a brief for the daily courier between 1 ALSG and ATF	
		1130H	Visit by Air Commodore DOWLING Comd RAAFV. Maj COOPER gave brief on the tactical situation. OP SYDNEY commenced today. Search and destroy operation by 5 RAR in area of NUI NGHE 6442IV GR 395 725. 19 Sorties flown by 9 Sqn today.	
VUNG TAU	7 Jul 66	0745H	Capt STARK to Comd Conference 1 ALSG. Only two missions flown by 9 Sqn today. 35 Sqn are still being tasked by 7 USAF and their operations are not controlled by RAAF Ops VUNG TAU. However we do get them over for briefing by GL Sec prior to their missions.	
VUNG TAU	8 Jul 66	0900H	Maj COOPER to Comd Conference 1 ALSG.	
		1400H	Mission report sent to IO 1 ALSG on Radio jamming. Aircraft transmissions on Artillery Advisory frequency 35.6 mcs being jammed by transmitter	

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COMMANDING OFFICER Maj B.H. COOPER

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VUNG TAU	8 Jul 66	1400	located at 6442 III GR 301561. As well as jamming operator was saying 'Americans and Australians go home'. Three missions only flown by 9 Sqn today.	
VUNG TAU	9 Jul 66	0845H	Maj COOPER to Comd Conference 1 ALSG	
		1030H	Maj COOPER returned. 36 Sorties flown by 9 Sqn today	
VUNG TAU	10 Jul 66	0720H	Briefed 3 ac crews for resupply for 5 RAR . 15,000lb rations, ammo kitbags.	
		1140H	Maj COOPER to 1 ATF NUI DAT.	
		1220H	Extraction of SAS Patrol from 6442 I GR 504657. Aircraft were fired on whilst taking off from 50 metre door gunner returned fire. No hits either side.	
		1500H	Maj COOPER returned from 1 ATF. 71 Sorties flown by 9 Sqn today.	
VUNG TAU	11 Jul 66	0745H	Capt STARK to Comd Conference 1 ALSG	
		0900H	Capt STARK returned	
		1015H	Maj COOPER to 1 ATF NUI DAT for liaison.	
NUI DAT	11 Jul 66	1220H	Maj COOPER flew as door gunner(M60)to CO 9Sqn on extraction SAS Patrol. These extractions are always escorted by two US Army Gunships either from 68 Avn Coy at VUNG TAU or a coy from TON SON NUT(SAIGON). It takes up to 1 hour from time of request to time of extraction.	

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COMMANDING OFFICER Maj B.H. COOPER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	11 Jul 66	1500H	Maj COOPER returned. 55 Sorties flown by 9 Sqn today	
VUNG TAU	12 Jul 66	0745H	Maj COOPER to Comd Conference 1 ALSG.	
		0840H	Maj COOPER returned. 41 Sorties flown by 9 Sqn today	
VUNG TAU	13 Jul 66	0845H	Maj COOPER to Comd Conference 1 ALSG.	
		1045H	Maj COOPER returned.	
		1100H	Maj COOPER departed on liaison visit to S2 VUNG TAU Sub Area Comd and American Counter Intelligence.	
		1230H	Maj COOPER returned appalled at lack of interest displayed by these organisations in interpretation and dissemination of intelligence. By continuous liaison with 1ALSG and 1 ATF and allied intelligence organisations we are able to give general briefings daily to the staff and aircrews, However it is well nigh impossible to give detailed briefings for each mission due mainly to communications. All tasks come down marked 'detailed briefing at KANGAROO 1 ATF.	
		1900H	50 missions flown by 9 Sqn today.	
VUNG TAU	14 Jul 66	0745H	Maj COOPER to Comd Conference 1 ALSG.	
		0900	Maj COOPER returned. Maj SALTER GS02 1ALSG feels that daily resupply convoy will be attacked. Maj COOPER informed 1 ALSG that 9 Sqn would	



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COMMANDING OFFICER Maj B.H. COOPER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	14 Jul 66	0900H	carry out surveillance of Highway 15 out to Mortor Range between 1 ALSG and 1 ATF	
		1630H	Received severe weather warning from 1 ALSG . No further flying . One IROQUOIS to remain overnight BIEN HOA.	
		1800H	28 Missions flown by 9 Sqn today	
VUNG TAU	15 Jul 66	0745H	Capt STARK to Comd Conferehce 1 ALSG	
		0900H	Capt STARK returned.	
		1330H	Mission report to 1 ALSG . Suspicious personnel sighted, 6442 IV GR YS <del>3084</del> 305635. 9 Sqn flew 95 Sorties today.	
VUNG TAU	16 Jul 66	0800H	6 RAR Op BRISBANE commenced today in area 6442 IV YS 3064. Bn Op against suspect VC position.	
		1000H	Received Frag Orders Op BRISBANE from 1 ATF . 9 Sqn flew 37 missions today	
VUNG TAU	17 Jul 66		9 Sqn flew 59 missions today which included an SAS Patrol extraction . Extraction went well No enemy in area	
VUNG TAU	18 Jul 66		9 Sqn flew 69 Sorties today. Command and Control and resupply missions. We are now briefing USAF FAC and 2 (US)ORD Bn Ops Officer on the battle situation.	
		1630	Mission report to 1 ATF and 1 ALSG. Sighting of concealed sampams 6442 IV	

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UNIT/FORMATION 67 GL Sec 1 ALSG

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj B.H. COOPER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	18 Jul 66	1630H	YS 212799 unloading large quantities of full bags.	
		1710H	9 Sqn flying operations ceased due weather.	
VUNG TAU	19 Jul 66	0615H	Commenced days operations with briefing for standby crew.	
		0740H	Capt STARK to Comd Conference 1 ALSG	
		0845H	Capt STARK returned. 51 sorties flown by 9 Sqn today. Major activity in PHOU TU Y Province today was ambush of ARVN BN at 6442 IV YS245746 & YS 272688.	
VUNG TAU	20 Jul 66	0640H	Brief for first mission	
		0845H	Maj COOPER to Comd Conference 1 ALSG. Mentioned that there had been a number of incidences in the previous week which could have resulted in loss of life and injury. eg, approaching the aircraft from the rear and wearing soft hats under the rotor. 67 GL Sec to write para for 1 ALSG ROs.	
VUNG TAU		1125H	IROQUOIS on liaison mission sighted a road block at 6442 I YS 455875. A report was despatched immediately to 1 ATF. 67 Sorties were flown by 9 Sqn today which included the evacuation of 2 VC (WIA) from 1 ATF to ROK MASH at VUNG TAU and the insertion of an SAS Patrol to 6442 IV YS 312668.	
VUNG TAU	21 Jul 66	0645H	Briefing of standby crew.	
		0745H	Capt STARK to Comd Conference 1 ALSG	

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COMMANDING OFFICER Maj B.H. COOPER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	21 Jul 66	0850H	Capt. STARK returned.	
		1000 H	Maj COOPER to 1 ATF for liaison. Problems still exist with Staff of 1 ATF. The feeling is that they cannot see the reason for a GL Sec so we don't get any information. We finally obtained a copy of 1ATF SOPs and have got ourselves on 1 ATF Distribution List. 9 Sqn flew 38 missions today which included an SAS Extraction.	
VUNG TAU	22 Jul 66	0600H	Briefing for SAS extraction. Two aircraft. 6442 IV YS 322658.	
		0700H	SITREP despatched to 1 ALSG. Maj COOPER to Comd Conference	
		0745H	LSM is to take a fishing party out this afternoon.	
		0840H	Maj COOPER returned.	
		1030H	9 Sqn pilot reported the loss of his Code Book and a signal was despatched to HQ AFV. stating that the Codes were compromised. The Code Book was then found and a further signal was despatched. 56 Sorties flown by 9Sqn today.	
VUNG TAU	23 Jul 66	0700H	SITREP to 1 ALSG	
		0900H	Maj COOPER to Comd Conference 1 ALSG.	
		1030H	Maj COOPER returned.	
		1130H	Capt. STARK to 1ATF on liaison visit.	
		1630H	Capt. STARK returned with details of Op 'HOBART'. 6 BAR two Phase Operation in area.	
		1730H	Briefed three crews for SAS insertion in 6442 IV YS 342728 and YS 378638	

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COMMANDING OFFICER Maj B.H. COOPER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	23 Jul 66	1835H	Mission Report to 1 ATF on activity in LONG PHOUC IV YS 4464. Groups of people, 6 to 10 sitting around in village	
		1945H	Debriefed SAS insertion crews and submitted mission report to ATF. 9 Sqn 51 Sorties today. 35 Sqn 17 Sorties.	
VUNG TAU	24 Jul 66	0700H	SITREP to 1 ALSG.	
		0815H	Maj COOPER to 1 ALSG for latest information.	
		0920H	Maj COOPER returned.	
		1515H	Received OPLAN 'ROAD RUNNER' from 1ATF. 37 Sorties flown by 9 Sqn today.	
VUNG TAU	25 Jul 66	0645H	Briefed daily Courier	
		0700H	SITREP to 1 ALSG. We <del>re</del> commenced sending a SITREP to 1 ALSG on the 22 Jul 66. It was designed to show a summary of the days operations by 9 Sqn & 35 Sqn.	
		0740H	Capt STARK to 1 ALSG for Comd Conference.	
		0820H	Capt STARK returned.	
		0845H	Received IMMEDIATE Signal for SAS extractions	
		1550H	Rapid briefing for 5 crews from 9 Sqn for evacuation of casualties and resupply for 6 RAR. They had made contact and were under mortar fire.	
		1820H	Debriefed evacuation mission. 2 KIA 6 WIA. 54 Sorties flown by 9 Sqn today.	

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COMMANDING OFFICER Maj B.H. COOPER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	27 Jul 66	1500H	Briefing for 53b Det for Fire Missions 6442 I YS 530680 to YS 550675 and 5000 metres NORTH	
		1550H	Brief aircrew for SAS extraction	
		1700H	Mission Report from SAS extraction . Ground Fire from 6442 IV YS 365678 and trenches at YS 347652. 90 Sorties flown by 9 Sqn today.	
VUNG TAU	28 Jul 66	0700H	SITREP to 1 ALSG	
		0745H	Maj COOPER to Comd Conference 1 ALSG.	
		0825H	Maj COOPER returned	
		0830H	Briefed USAF FAC for Recce mission over TAOR.	
		0950H	Briefing for 9 Sqn & 53 Det for extraction of SAS 6442 IV YS 364722.	
		1000H	General briefing to Staff and aircrew.	
		1045H	Maj COOPER to 1 ALSG for discussion on air resupply with Lt Col ROUSE	
		1220H	Maj COOPER returned.	
		1230H	Debriefed SAS extraction mission . Weapon pits observed 6442 IV YS 4767 and YS 4867. 53 Det reported 3 persons running from building 6442 III YS 333538 as aircraft passed over.	
		1345H	Brief mission TL 154 Repositioning HQ 6 BAR	
1715	Debrief TL 154 Nothing to report. 113 missions flown by 9 Sqn today 18 Sorties by 35 Sqn			

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	26 Jul 66	0715H	SITREP to 1 ALSG.	
		0745H	Maj COOPER to Comd Conference 1 ALSG.	
		0900H	Maj COOPER returned with 1ATF LOCSTAT and ORBAT . Also ARVN Dispositions PHOUC TUY Province .	
		1315H	Briefed 6 aircraft missions for the redeployment of HQ 6 RAR. Also briefed 53rd Avn Det (Armed CHINOOKS) for a Fire Mission in area 6442 I YS 5165. These aircraft carry 5 x.50 HMG; 2 x 20 mil cannon; 38 x 2.75" Rockets & Grenade launcher. We are now briefing and/or debriefing the following :-  9 Sqn RAAF 35 Sqn RAAF 53 Aviation Det US Army FAC USAF 2 US Ord Bn  Today the Unit SOPs were completed. They were delayed because we had not received 1 ATF SOPs. 9 Sqn flew 102 Sorties today.	
VUNG TAU	27 Jul 66	0545H	Brief 2 crews for SAS extraction.	
		0700H	SITREP to 1 ALSG	
		1230H	Maj COOPER and Capt STARK to HQ 1 ALSG for lunch with Comd AFV Maj Gen McKAY and Comd 1 Div Maj Gen VINCENT.	
		1400H	Maj COOPER returned	

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VUNG TAU	29 Jul 66	0700H	SITREP to 1 ALSG.	
		0740H	Capt STARK to Comd Conference 1 ALSG.	
		0820H	Capt STARK returned.	
		1000H	Briefing for Staff and crews.	
		1145H	Maj COOPER gave general briefing to visiting ASU Staff. Lt Col MOLONEY, Wg Cdr GERBER Maj BEECROFT, Sqn Ldr MURRAY. Maj COOPER explained that the problems were: a. Lack of joint service knowledge and experience at 1 ATF b. Information not being passed to the GL Section c. Communications	
		1500H	Maj COOPER to 1 ALSG with ASU team. Medevac and air resupply of Task Force was discussed. There were some heated exchanges.	
		1700H	Maj COOPER returned.	
		1720H	Briefed crews for 6 IROQUOIS Mission to redeploy Bn HQ 6 RAR back to TF main base. Capt STARK went on this mission as a door gunner.	
		1815H	Informed by ATOLL Sqn Ldr RAMSAY that KANGAROO CONTROL was now being jammed and that the jammer was using ATOLL and HAWKEYE.	
		1910H	Debriefed Redeploy unit mission. 10 US aircraft also in area and the complete battalion is being moved back to Main Base. This was caused by location of possible VC Battalion	

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VUNG TAU	29 Jul 66	1910H	5-7000 mnn NNW of TF area. 53 Avn Det and airstrike F100 received small arms and automatic fire in this area. Sorties flown today 9 Sqn 123 Sorties 35 Sqn 21 Sorties Received a warning that 67 GL Sec is to control recce and surveillance of TAOR and to be responsible for 'STARLIGHT' equipment. TF will send us hourly SITREPS. This what we have been asking for all the time. We will have to pay the price they ask and run the recce for them.	
VUNG TAU	30 Jul 66	0620H	Briefed daily courier which also did casevac from 1 ATF to 2 Pd Ambulance at 1 ALSG.	
		0650H	Capt STARK arrived to go FAC (USAF) recce.	
		0715H	Mission Report to ATOC on problems that arose during positioning of HQ 6 RAR eg; Using 5 aircraft but troops and stores all at one point; bring first aircraft in short leaving no room for others; bring aircraft in down wind.	
		0845H	Maj COOPER to Comd Conference 1 ALSG	
		1025H	Maj COOPER returned. Comd 1 ALSG has decided that all Officers are to wear shoulder boards with gold pips and hats khaki fur felt.	
		1100H	General brief to Staff and aircrew. Sorties flown today 35 Sqn 29, 9 Sqn 30	
VUNG TAU	31 Jul 66	0630H	Briefing for Daily Courier.	
		0700H	Daily SITREP to 1 ALSG	
		1205H	Mission report to 1ATF Sighting of 44 gal drums at 6442IV YS 392746.	

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CHAPTER 1GENERALSECTION 1 - ORGANISATION, FUNCTION AND RESPONSIBILITYGENERAL

1. 67 Ground Liaison Section is deployed with RAAF VUNG TAU which provides UTILITY HELICOPTER and CARIBOU support for Australian Forces VIETNAM.

ORGANISATION

2. The organisation of 67 Ground Liaison Section is as follows

- a. OC & GSO2 (GLO)
- b. GSO3 (GLO)
- c. Sgt Intelligence
- d. Pte Driver Batman

RESPONSIBILITIES

3. The Ground Liaison Officer (GLO) is responsible operationally to the Operations (Air) Staff of 1 ATF. He is a Staff Officer on HQ RAAF VUNG TAU.

SECTION 2 - DUTIESGENERAL

4. The general duties of the GLO are:

- a. Representing

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- b. Acting as military advisor to Commanding Officer 9 Sqn RAAF.
- c. Briefing of aircrews for missions flown in support of 1 ATF.
- d. Interrogation & debriefing of aircrew after missions and reporting the results to the Operations (Air) Staff 1 ATF.
- e. Provision and marking of maps for missions and maintaining the map library.
- f. To assist in the training of aircrews e.g. weapon handling, map reading etc.

5. The duties laid down in para 4 above are to apply in general to 35 Sqn, but particularly when employed on tasks in support of 1 ATF or 1 ALSG.

#### DETAILED DUTIES

6, Detailed duties of 67 GL Sec personnel are included in Annex A

7 - 9 Reserved

CHAPTER 2OPERATIONSSECTION 1 - GENERALRECORDING OF INFORMATION

10. Maps. The following maps are to be maintained in the Operations Room.
- a. Situation maps (large and small scale)
  - b. Intelligence Map
  - c. Landing Zone and Codes Maps
  - d. Hits Map
  - e. Air Photo Maps & Mosaics as required.
11. Battle Message Board. An operations board with clips to hold messages & other documents related to operations is to be used. The following will be placed on the board.
- a. Copies of radio/telephone records for the previous 24 hours.
  - b. IN/OUT messages for the previous 24 hours.
  - c. Copies of LOG for previous 24 hours.
  - d. Operation Orders and Operational Plans.
  - e. SITREPS IN and OUT
  - f. INTSUMS 1 ATF and 1 ALSG.

g. Mission Debrief sheets for previous 24 hours.

h. PERINTREPS

12. Other Records. Other Operations Room records to be maintained are:

a. Operations Log

b. Landing Zone Register.

c. Photographic coverage of enemy equipment and dress.

d. Signals Register.

13. The method of operation of the items mentioned in paras 7, 8 and 9 is shown in Annex B.

#### MANNING OF OPERATIONS ROOM

14. The Operations Room is to be manned by a GLO and a GLO's assistant for the following minimum period.

30 minutes prior to the first mission until completion of planning for the following days missions.

#### REPORTS AND RETURNS

15. Reports and returns are to be submitted vide Annex C.

### SECTION 2 - BRIEFING AND DEBRIEFING

#### GENERAL BRIEFING

16. This is to be conducted in the RAAF Operations Room at the following times:

a. Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri and Sun - 1000 hrs



b. Wed and Sat -- 1100 hrs.

17. This is a briefing for Commanders, Staff and air-crew of RAAF VUNG TAU and is to be given in the format vide Annex D.

#### MISSION BRIEFING

18. This is to be conducted prior to every mission and the complete crew is to attend. The briefing is to be given in the format vide Annex E.

#### MISSION DEBRIEFING

19. A debriefing is to be carried out immediately on the completion of every mission. Crews are to be debriefed jointly by GLO and RAAF Operations Officer and the complete crew is to attend. Debrief Proforma (Annex F) is to be completed for every mission.

#### GROUND CREW BRIEFING

20. A ground crew briefing is to be carried out at 9 Sqn tarmac area at 1400 hours each Saturday.

21. Reserved

### SECTION 3 -- COMMUNICATIONS

#### RADIO PROCEDURE

22. The procedure to be used on all nets is to be in accordance with ACP 125 (b). (Procedure for Joint and Allied Working).

23. GLO Briefing Net. As no special link has been established, use is to be made of the RAAF Operations Room/ATOC link for the passage of tactical information, mission reports and requests.

LINE

24. 67 GL Sec is to be a subscriber on the nearest Australian Forces Switchboard.

TIME CHECK

25. A time check is to be obtained from 1 ALSG daily at 0730 hours.

SIGNALS REGISTER

26. A register is to be maintained of all inwards and outwards signals/correspondance of an operational nature.

SECTION 4 - CODES AND SECURITY

27. Codes. The following codes only are to be used and will be issued by higher HQ:

- a. KAC Codes (HE & JJ)
- b. Point of Origin Code
- c. Q Hour

28. Radio Appointment Titles. These are to be in accordance with SD in the Field (1958) with changes and additions vide Annex G.

29. Code Compromise. If an aircraft is forced down outside of friendly locations a report of possible code compromise is to be sent immediately to the appropriate HQ

30. Reserved

SECTION 5 - CONFERENCES AND LIAISON

31. Conferences. The duty GLO is to make himself available for all conferences as requested. He is to attend the daily conference at 1 ALSG.

32. Liaison. The GLO is to carry out liaison visits with HQ 1 ATF when required but not less than once every two days. Liaison with other units and HQ is to be on an as required basis.

33 to 35 Reserved.

CHAPTER 3ADMINISTRATIONSECTION 1 - GENERAL

36. DR Schedule. Official mail is to be collected from HQ 1 ALSG daily at 1000 hours and 1500 hours.

37. 'Q' Issues. 67 GL Sec is to obtain all 'Q' issues from 2 Composite Ordnance Company.

38. Communications. An inwards and outwards signal register and an inwards and outwards correspondence register are to be maintained for all non operational messages.

39. Reserved

40. Reserved

SECTION 2 - SERVICESMEDICAL

41. Facilities. Use is to be made of the RAAF facilities.

42. Field Dressing. These are to be carried in the left hip pocket.

43. Anti Malarial Precautions.

a. Chloroquine - one 500 mgm or two 250 mgm tablets to be taken on Thursday of each week.

b. Repellant is to be used on exposed parts of the body.

c. Mosquito nets are to be used.

#### PAY

44. Pay is to be obtained through the RAAF but all entries in member's paybooks are to be made by an Army pay representative.

#### POSTAL

45. Unit postal facilities will be provided by Base Support Flight RAAF. Outgoing mail is to be placed in post box at Base Support Flight by 0800 hrs daily. Incoming mail is to be collected by units from Base Support Flight

46. Reserved

47. Reserved

48. Reserved

Annex A(Duties)to 67 GL Sec SOPs of Jul 66

1. DUTY GLO

- a. To maintain all the maps, charts etc, mentioned in Chapter 2 Operations Section 1
- b. To brief and debrief all missions.
- c. To give daily general brief to Staff and aircrew and weekly ground crew briefing.
- d. To prepare Pilot's Code books as at 1800 hrs daily.
- e. Submission of 'G' returns in accordance with Annex 'C'

2. GLOs ASSISTANT

- a. Understudy GLO and carry out all duties allotted by GLO.
- b. Responsible to GLO for the daily A/Q operation of the section.
- c. Submission of A/Q returns in accordance with Annex 'C'
- d. Maintain the non operational signals register

## Annex B(Recording of Information)to 67 GL Sec SOP of Jul 66

1. Situation Maps. To be kept current by being marked up immediately on receipt of information. This map is to be used for briefing and should show own troop locations and pertinent points from the Intelligence Map.

2. Intelligence Map. All enemy information whether confirmed or suspect is to be marked upon this map immediately on receipt.

3. Landing Zone(LZ)and Code Map. All LZ within 9 Sqn area of operations are to be marked on this map. Permanent LZ are to be marked directly onto the map. Temporary LZ are to be marked onto the perspect. Points of Origin also are to be marked on this map.

4. Hits Map. This map shows the locations at which aircraft were struck by ground fire and covers the whole of SOUTH VIETNAM. It is to be marked up immediately upon receipt of daily Ground Fire report from 7(US) AF. The following colour code is to be used:

a. Weapon Calibre

- |                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| 1. UNKNOWN        | PINK PIN   |
| 2. SMALL ARMS     | BROWN PIN  |
| 3. AUTOMATIC FIRE | YELLOW PIN |
| 4. .30            | ORANGE PIN |
| 5. .50            | RED PIN    |
| 6. 20mm           | BLACK PIN  |

## b. Type Aircraft and Date.

- |  |            |
|--|------------|
| 1. Helicopters                                 | Black Date |
| 2. Light Fixed Wing<br>(O1, Cessna, OV1)       | Blue Date  |
| 3. Medium Fixed Wing<br>(CV2B, C123, C130)     | Red Date   |
| 4. Fighter/Ground Attack<br>(A1, F4, F5, F100) | Green Date |

5. Radio/Telephone Log. All messages received by telephone, radio, Liaison Officer or visitors is to be recorded on this log. Two copies are to be prepared. One for the Battle Message Board as a watch copy and the other for the action addressee.

6. Operations Log. This is to be a running commentary of the operation room activity. All events are to be recorded immediately they occur.

7. Landing Zone Register. All new LZ are to be entered in the register as soon as their locations are received. All changes obtained during debriefing of crews are to be entered immediately.

8. Signals Register. All correspondance/signals of an operational nature are to be recorded in a signals register,

Serial	Report	Method	To	When	Remarks
1	SITREP	Radio	1 ALSG	a. When any action has taken place b. 0700hrs daily c. When called for	
2	Mission Report	Radio	1 ATF 1 ALSG	After Mission debrief if required	If in 1 ATF TAOR  If outside 1ATF TAOR
3	LOCSTAT	Radio	1 ALSG	On change of location	
4	Weekly Strength Return	Proforma	1 ALSG	Each Wednesday	
5	Monthly Strength Return	Proforma	1 ALSG	First day of each month	

Annex C (Reports and Returns) to 67 GI Sec SOP of Jul 66



Annex D (General Briefing Format) to 67 GL Sec SOP of Jul 66

1. ENEMY

a. SOUTH VIETNAM

1. Locations
2. Strengths
3. Movement
4. AA potential and hits

b. PHOUC TUY PROVINCE

1. Locations
2. Strengths
3. Movement
4. AA potential and hits
5. Scoreboard and action last 24 hours

2. OWN TROOPS

a. Major actions by allied troops throughout SOUTH VIETNAM.

b. PHOUC TUY PROVINCE

1. Current Operations
2. Locations
3. Movement
4. Artillery
5. Casualties and action last 24 hours
6. Future plans

3. ADMINISTRATION

3. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

As recorded at 1 ALSG Conference and ROs

4. COMMAND AND SIGNALS

- a. Password
- b. Local Security Instructions.

Annex E (Mission Briefing Format) to 67 GL Sec SOP of Jul 66

1. ENEMY (Enroute and area of operations)
  - a. Location
  - b. Strengths
  - c. Movement
  - d. AA and hits
  
2. OWN TROOPS (Enroute and area of operations)
  - a. Locations
  - b. Movement
  - c. Preplanned airstrikes
  - d. Preplanned artillery
  - e. Artillery locations
  - f. LZ Security
  
3. MISSION

Reason for
  
4. COMMAND AND SIGNALS
  - a. Q Hour
  - b. Points of Origin
  - c. KAC JJ Code
  - d. Unit frequency and Callsign
  - e. Issue Code Book
  - f. Issue maps
  
5. Special Instructions
  
6. Empty Pockets

Annex F (Mission Debrief Proforma) to 67 GL Sec SOP of Jul 66

MSN No ..... Date/Time Mission.....

Ac No ..... Pilot .....

Task.....  
 .....  
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LS & LOAD				ACTION
COORDS				
NICKNAME				
FREQ & C/S				
MARKING				
CONTROLLER				
SECURITY				
CAPACITY				
SURFACE				
APPROACHES				
OBSTACLES				
LS TEAM AVAIL				

TAC INFO

SIGHTING	COORDS	TIME

GENERAL REMARKS

Annex G(Radio Appointment Titles)to 67 GL Sec SOP of Jul 66

1 ATF	LIAISON OFFICER	SKYRIDER
	CIVIL AFFAIRS	GOLDFINGER
	PW INTERROGATION	TRAPDOOR
	RAAF TRANSPORT SUPPORT	ATOLL
	OPERATIONS REPRESENTATIVE	