

# Australian Army Training Team Vietnam (AATTV)

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COMMANDER'S DIARY  
of

AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM, VIETNAM

Colonel F. P. Serong, OBE

From 1 FEB 64 To 28 FEB 64

(Signature of Comd or Senior Staff Officer)

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# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION AATTV

COMMANDING OFFICER Col F. P. SERONG, OBE

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MONTH AND YEAR February 1964

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|                          | 1            |      | Departure of Ambassador Hill - a good friend to AATTV. Italian Ambassador asked if I would accept an invitation to lecture officers of Italian General Staff. Told him personally acceptable, but to put it through channels, and to schedule it for early June, to coincide with BRAGG schedule. |                                   |
|                          | 2            |      | ---   |                                   |
|                          | 3            |      | ---   |                                   |
|                          | 4            |      | Several moves of VN senior officers indicate Khanh is aiming to turn III Corps into one huge praetorian guard. Prepared "Notes for Advisors" for Chief MAAG.  |                                   |
|                          | 5            |      | Transport problems in returning children to AUSTRALIA by air. Heavy bookings from SINGAPORE.  |                                   |
|                          | 6            |      | ---   |                                   |
|                          | 7            |      | Conferred with Embassy staff on a paper to EA with comments on a pacification plan. Said plan OK in principle (could hardly say anything else, as I conceived it myself) but GVN timings were far astray.   |                                   |
|                          | 8            |      | Departure of General York, who has been much concerned to gain Australian participation in VN R and D. His successor, General Boles, has been asked to keep up the pressure.  |                                   |
|                          | 9            |      | Explosion at softball game at Pershing Field. Two U.S. dead, several casualties, including dependents. Noteworthy absence of Vietnamese children and bar girls who generally  |                                   |

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|                          |              |      | infest these events.   |                                   |
|                          | 10           |      | Attended function by General Nghiem, Chief VN Special Force.   |                                   |
|                          | 11           |      | Emergency leave for Captain McDonagh signalled from CANBERRA. No knowledge of reason.  |                                   |
|                          |              |      | Got him away via MANILA. News of Voyager - Melbourne disaster to hand. Distressing.  |                                   |
|                          | 12           |      | HIEP KHANH to close. Orders from Ministry of Defense. This should please the Viets, who were scared there. Instructed Major Murphy to concentrate personnel at PHU BAI, then distribute them through US SF installations in I Corps. Confirmed with General Timmes and J3 MACV. Advised AHQ by signal of action. TET began midday. |                                   |
|                          | 13           |      | Town full of well dressed family groups moving around on TET visits. VC have proclaimed unilateral cease fire over TET. GVN has urged continued activity.  |                                   |
|                          | 14           |      | ---  |                                   |
|                          | 15           |      | Vast volume of TET fireworks. Illegal. Police are ignoring it.   |                                   |
|                          | 16           |      | TET completed. Explosion at Kinh-Do Theatre (US) 1930 hrs. 3 killed and about 50 injured (US) including one dependent. VN police normally present were strangely absent.   |                                   |
|                          | 17           |      | Discussed policy on holding AATTV party for Fri 21st, in light of VC terrorism and large planned attendance. Agreed to go ahead to prevent morale depression.  |                                   |
|                          | 18           |      | Lunch with British Ambassador, who is worried, but hopeful. Much talk of a coup scheduled for tonight. Some evidence of GVN preparation. Saigon is very quiet, apparently  |                                   |

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|                          |              |      | waiting. Captain Jarratt marched in to act as Adm Officer in place of Capt McDonagh.  |                                   |
|                          | 19           |      | No coup. Approach from CSD to help launch and conduct a school for political action.  |                                   |
|                          |              |      | Useful. We will help, if possible. Called on British Ambassador. Incident rate this month is approaching the all time high of November, despite the TET cease fire. Admiral   |                                   |
|                          |              |      | Felt in town for two days. Conferred with General Westmoreland, new D/COMUSMACV.  |                                   |
|                          | 20           |      | General Nghiem relieved of command VNSE. Replaced by Colonel Lam Son.   |                                   |
|                          | 21           |      | AATTV party on REX Roof. Security arrangements good. Well organized and catered. About 350 present. Weather excellent. AATTV personnel hosted it capably. Probably Saigon's last big party.   |                                   |
|                          | 22           |      | ---   |                                   |
|                          | 23           |      | All electricity and water off in Saigon while a main generator is being replaced. Dawn temperature 72°. Forecast max 94°. Weather clear. 8-10 knot wind. Fires have started in the suburbs over the last few days. They are better controlled than last year. |                                   |
|                          | 24           |      | Conferred with CSD on political school. Briefed visitors Moody (Chairman JIS Canberra) and Isaacson (DMI Canberra).   |                                   |
|                          | 25           |      | Return of Captain McDonagh from emergency leave. Conferred with Moody.  |                                   |
|                          | 26           |      | Resignation of Roger Hilsman reported, replaced by Bundy. Dinner with Dutch charge', who is vainly looking for hopeful news.  |                                   |

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|                          | 27           |      | To VUNG TAU with Mills of CSD to check on political school location. Accompanied by Lt Col McNamara and Captain Jarratt. Province in poor shape since the removal of one Mr. BUU who was its economic mainstay under Diem. Incident rate up, enlistments down to near zero. Desertions high - SDC leaving for Saigon looking for work. Local VC strength much increased. A good lunch with Province Chief - too good!!! 1430: Conference at US Embassy with Nes, Dunn, Manfull, Topping and Thompson (BRIAM). Still looking for gimmicks. |                                   |
|                          | 28           |      | Visit from Major John Lewis of AUSTARM SINGAPORE. Told him we don't want a store account --rather have no stores.   |                                   |
|                          | 29           |      | ---   |                                   |
|                          |              |      | Monthly report despatched to AHQ  | 26                                |

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM

VIETNAM

REPORT No. 19

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1964

COLONEL F. P. S. RONG, OBE, COMMANDING

GENERAL

1. The lull during January has ended. February's incident rate approached that of November, the all time high, even with the TET respite. Thua Thien Province currently rates among the most active areas. Terrorist tactics have intensified in SAIGON.
2. The government of General KHANH continues to fumble. Both military and civilian morale continue their downward trend. There is an increasingly marked reluctance on the part of GVN forces to face the VC.

CLOSURE OF HIEP KHANH

3. As reported at the time, and as foreshadowed in my January Report, the GVN took a unilateral decision to close this Civil Guard training establishment.
4. AATTV personnel have been temporarily absorbed within the I Corps, US Special Forces component, pending redeployment. The role of this group in the CIDG (Village Defence) programme is one to which we can make a very effective contribution, while gaining invaluable experience of the organisation, command and staff techniques involved in this most significant operation. Of the locations mentioned, Khe Sanh will be familiar from earlier reports of individual attachments. The other three locations, Ashau, Cam Duc, and An Diem have been within the sphere of activity of our Danang group. My aim is to effect a major grouping at one of the four centres where we are now represented. This is being examined in conjunction with MACV. I expect to be able to announce completion of this redeployment in my next report.

MORALE

5. The HIEP KHANH team, somewhat irreverently, are jubilant at the turn of events, and at their new assignments.
6. The team as a whole is in excellent heart, finding the increased tension both personally and professionally stimulating. I wish I could say the same for their Vietnamese counterparts.

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WELL BEING

7. A recent low grade report claims that VC assassination and kidnap squads have been directed to operate against US, Australian, and Japanese (this latter puzzles me) personnel, including dependents. Local US security measures have been stepped up, and much less reliance is now placed on the ability of the Vietnamese to provide security, which, since the disintegration of the responsible intelligence elements after 1 November 1963, is now less than satisfactory.

HEALTH

8. The cholera epidemic has now abated. The successful handling of this epidemic was a major triumph for the US Medical Services, who introduced a new technique of massive fluid injections to replace body fluid loss. Study of this technique should prove rewarding. The weather in the north is misty and miserable.

REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

9. Program for AATTV III is now to hand. I am disturbed at the inclusion of some officers of very limited seniority. The duties of these postings call for a degree of maturity and professional knowledge that one would not expect to find in even an exceptional second lieutenant. Furthermore, the lessons to be learned here, and the need to apply them elsewhere, make the provision of such personnel a waste of spaces that could be filled by more senior officers with great advantage to the service. I trust that this policy will not be repeated.

ATTACHMENTS

10. The attachment of WO CONWAY to KHE SANH has been completed. The KHE SANH attachment project is now absorbed within the broader disposition outlined at paras 3, 4, above.

COMMENDATION

11. With the closure of HIEP KHANH, it is appropriate that I record here the fine work of Major MURPHY and Captain DE LA HUNTY, who lifted the standards of the centre beyond the high level set by AATTV I, and continued to produce outstanding results right up to the time of finalisation.

12. I have had my attention drawn to the exceptional work of WO CONWAY during his period at KHE SANH. This confirms my own observation of his work at Dong Da.

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13. The following letters of commendation are attached to this report (copy 1 only):

335080 Major R. G. KENNEDY

235110 Capt G. D. W. IRVINE

47020 Capt R. J. MOYLE

335087 Capt R. L. POLLARD

242633 Capt R. CLARK

5288 WO1 R. A. BANDY

52074 WO1 D. C. DALTON

11448 WO2 D. J. NEVILLE

12983 WO2 R. W. COOK

13097 WO2 K. G. CONWAY

32128 WO2 J. C. SANSON

## CURRENT ACTIVITIES

### 14. Dong Da (Phu Bai)

3 Bn 6th Regt: completed 3rd week of 4 week program.

CC1: completed 4th week of 9 weeks course.

CC2: completed 6th week of 11 weeks course.

CC1. (comms): completed 1st week of 5 week course.

Recruit Coy: training continues.

### 15. Duc My

42 Ranger Bn completed its 6 weeks course.

51 Ranger Bn continues its 6 week course.

Basic Ranger courses 9-11 and 12 continue.

JMS course continues.

### 16. Hiep Khanh

During the period of AATTV's tenure of Hiep Khanh, twenty (20) Civil Guard companies were trained.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

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17. During the reporting period, an excellent coverage of AATTV activities was presented by the MAAG Observer. Several copies of this issue have been forwarded separately.

18. A party for friends of AATTV was held on the roof of the REX BOQ on the evening of 21 February. Several hundred guests, widely representative of the many agencies with whom we do business, attended. We were able to arrange a strong AATTV presence. A pleasant, very successful evening.

CONCLUSION

19. The team is in fine shape. The future looks interesting.

*J. P. Leary*  
Col  
Comd, AATTV  
9 Mar 64

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ANNEX "A" to  
AATTV Report No. 19

APPOINTMENT

1. SAIGON

Col F. P. Serong: Comd  
Lt Col R. G. P. S. McNamara: Dep Comd, Advisor O&T Div  
Capt C. L. T. McDonagh: Adm Offr  
\* W01 H. D. Clively: Adm WO  
W02 J. C. Swanson: Adm WO

2. DANANG

Major J. M. Murphy: Special Forces "B" Team, Danang  
Captain G. F. Boileau: Combined Studies, Danang  
Captain A. B. Petersen: Combined Studies, Danang  
Captain J. J. Burrows: Special Forces "B" Team, Danang  
Captain N. F. De La Hunty: Special Forces "A" Team, An Diem  
HK \*\* Captain P. C. Jarratt: Special Forces "A" Team, Khe Sanh  
HK W02 R. E. Rooney: Special Forces "A" Team, Khe Sanh  
HK W02 D. W. Donkin: Special Forces "A" Team, Khe Sanh  
HK W02 J. W. Roughley: Special Forces "A" Team, Ashau  
HK W02 J. S. McCourt: Special Forces "A" Team, An Diem  
HK W02 R. J. Collinson: Special Forces "A" Team, Can Duc  
W02 B. Stokes: Special Forces "A" Team, Ashau

3. DONG DA

Major J. M. Da Costa: Senior Australian Advisor, Adv S3  
Captain R. L. Pollard: Chief Tactics Committee  
Captain R. Clark: Tactics Committee  
W01 R. A. Bandy: Tactics Committee  
W02 R. W. Cook: Tactics Committee  
Captain R. J. Moyle: Chief Weapons Committee  
W02 A. D. Craig: Weapons Committee  
W02 K. G. Conway: Weapons Committee  
HK W02 B. J. Sullivan: Weapons Committee

4. DUC MY

Major R. G. Kennedy: Senior Australian Advisor, Chief Tng Adv  
Captain G. D. W. Irvine: Chief, Tactics Committee  
W01 D. C. Dalton: Advisor, Jungle, Mountain, Swamp School  
W02 D. J. Neville: Basic Ranger Training

\* Convalescent leave

\*\* Temporarily detached to Adm Offr, SAIGON

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US MAAG ADVISORY DETACHMENT  
RANGER TRAINING CENTER  
DUC MY, VIETNAM

MAGTN-DM-RT

3 February 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

THRU: Channels

TO: Captain George D. W. Irvine, 235110  
Headquarters, AATTV  
Adjutant Division  
APO 143, US Forces

1. I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and commend you for your outstanding performance of duty during the period 22 August 1963 to 10 February 1964 while serving as Tactics Committee Advisor at the Ranger Training Center, Duc My, Vietnam.

2. Throughout this period, many improvements were made in your area of responsibility. The tactics subjects are the most critical and vital training conducted under the counterinsurgency program in Vietnam. Because of your professional background and qualifications, you were instrumental in furnishing outstanding guidance and assistance to the Vietnamese as well as this advisory team. These contributions are a direct result of your effort in working many hours closely observing training and submitting valuable reports and recommendations. The refinements made by you in tactical training materially assisted in all Programs of Instruction taught at the Ranger Training Center. In your additional task as coordinator for air operations instruction, the high standard of training would not have been achieved if it wasn't for your initiative in obtaining aircraft support and documenting request procedures for the Vietnamese. Additionally, the advice and recommendations made by you on air operations lesson plans definitely increased the value of training. I particularly commend you on your effort in presenting classes to Vietnamese Instructors on the overall integrated air operations training. Your willingness to assist and take on additional tasks make you an exceptionally fine officer.

3. I can truthfully say that you have gained the admiration of all Vietnamese and US Advisors with whom you work. Through your fine leadership qualities, devotion to duty, and professional knowledge, you have greatly assisted this advisory team in accomplishing its mission and the MAAG Advisory effort in Vietnam.



MAGTN-DM-RT

3 February 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

4. It was indeed a pleasure to have you serve as a member of the Ranger Training Center, MAAG Advisory Team. Thank you for a job well done.

ANDREW J. ADAMS  
Major, Infantry  
Senior Advisor



US MAAG ADVISORY DETACHMENT  
RANGER TRAINING CENTER  
DUC MY, VIETNAM

MAAG-DM-HT

3 February 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

THRU: Channels

TO: Major Raymond G. Kennedy, 335080  
Headquarters, AATTY  
Adjutant Division  
APO 143, US Forces

1. I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and commend you for your outstanding performance of duty during the period 3 August 1963 to 10 February 1964.

2. As Deputy Senior Advisor and Chief Training Advisor for the MAAG Advisory Team at Ranger Training Center, Duc My, Vietnam, you have been instrumental in furnishing valuable guidance and assistance to the Vietnamese in presenting the training in the Program of Instruction. The manner in which you supervised subordinate advisors and coordinated training matters between the Vietnamese and advisors was accomplished very effectively. Throughout this period, many improvements were made in your areas of responsibility. I want to particularly mention the effort you made in establishing a system of numbering lesson plans for easy reference, the review and recommendations made in the Standing Operating Procedure for safety, and the revision of Ranger Battalion Program of Instruction. The advice and assistance you rendered in teaching the tactics and techniques which are directly related to insurgency operations in Vietnam greatly assisted the Vietnamese. Your willingness to work and take on additional tasks make you an outstanding officer.

3. I can truthfully say that you have gained the admiration of all Vietnamese and US Advisors with whom you worked. Through your fine leadership qualities, devotion to duty, and professional knowledge, you have greatly assisted this advisory team in accomplishing its mission and the MAAG Advisory effort in Vietnam.

4. I would particularly desire to have you work with me in the future.



NAFTH-IN-RT

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

3 February 1968

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ARMED J. ADAMS  
Major, Infantry  
Senior Advisor



OFFICE OF THE SENIOR ADVISOR  
DONG DA NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER  
Advisory Team 5, APO 138  
San Francisco, California

17 February 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

THRU: Commander  
Australian Army Training Team  
Adjutant Division  
Headquarters, MACG  
Saigon, Vietnam

TO: Captain Robert J. Mayle  
Dong Da National Training Center  
Phu Bai, Vietnam

1. Upon my departure from the Dong Da National Training Center, Republic of Vietnam, I wish to take this opportunity to commend you and express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding manner in which you have performed your duties.
2. Your performance of duty as Chief Weapons Committee, from October 1963 to February 1964, with this training center has been exceptional. You have accomplished your mission with tact and diplomacy. You have been loyal, and vigorous in the execution of all actions assigned you, and have set an example by your neat appearance and military bearing. Because of a language barrier between you and your counterparts, you have faced seemingly insurmountable problems, but through patience, perseverance, and self-improvement you have overcome them in a minimum amount of time.
3. I wish you continued success in your future assignments, and should the opportunity present itself in the future, I would gladly accept you as a member of my command.

JOHN H. MUELL  
1st Colonel, Inf  
Senior Advisor



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DONG DA NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER  
Advisory Team 5, APO 196  
San Francisco, California

17 February 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

THRU: Commander  
Australian Army Training Team  
Adjutant Division  
Headquarters, MAAG  
Saigon, Vietnam

TO: Captain Reginald L. Pollard  
Dong Da National Training Center  
Phu Bai, Vietnam

1. Upon my departure from the Dong Da National Training Center, Republic of Vietnam, I wish to take this opportunity to commend you and express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding manner in which you have performed your duties.

2. Your performance of duty as Chief Tactics Committee, from October 1963 to February 1964, with this training center has been exceptional. You have accomplished your mission with tact and diplomacy. You have been loyal, and vigorous in the execution of all actions assigned you, and have set an example by your neat appearance and military bearing. Because of a language barrier between you and your counterparts, you have faced seemingly insurmountable problems, but through patience, perseverance, and self-improvement you have overcome them in a minimum amount of time.

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JOHN R. HEMMILL  
1st Colonel, Inf  
Senior Advisor



OFFICE OF THE SENIOR ADVISOR  
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Advisory Team 5, APO 158  
San Francisco, California

27 February 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

THRU: Commandant  
Australian Army Training Team  
Adjutant Division  
Headquarters, MAAG  
Saigon, Vietnam

TO: Captain Rex Clark  
Dong Da National Training Center  
Phu Bai, Vietnam

1. Upon my departure from the Dong Da National Training Center, Republic of Vietnam, I wish to take this opportunity to commend you and express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding manner in which you have performed your duties.

2. Your performance of duty with the Tactics Committee, from October 1963 to February 1964, at this training center has been exceptional. You have accomplished your mission with tact and diplomacy. You have been loyal, and vigorous in the execution of all actions assigned you, and have set an example by your neat appearance and military bearing. Because of a language barrier between you and your counterparts, you have faced seemingly insurmountable problems, but through patience, perseverance, and self-improvement you have overcome them in a minimum amount of time.

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JOHN H. NEMILL  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Infantry, U.S. Army  
Senior Advisor



OFFICE OF THE SENIOR ADVISOR  
DONG DA NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER  
Advisory Team 5, APO 158  
San Francisco, California

17 February 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

THRU: Commandant  
Australian Army Training Team  
Adjutant Division  
Headquarters, MAAG  
Saigon, Vietnam

TO: WO I Reginald A. Bandy, 5288  
Dong Da National Training Center  
Phu Bai, Vietnam

1. Upon my departure from the Dong Da National Training Center, Republic of Vietnam, I wish to take this opportunity to commend you and express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding manner in which you have performed your duties.

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Senior Advisor



US MAAG ADVISORY DETACHMENT  
RANGER TRAINING CENTER  
DUC MY, VIETNAM

MAAG-DM-KT

5 February 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

THRU: Channels

TO: WO I DONALD C. DALTON, 52074  
Headquarters, AATTV  
Adjutant Division  
APO 143, US Forces

1. I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and commend you for your outstanding performance of duty during the period 24 June 1963 to 10 February 1964 while serving as an Advisor at the Ranger Training Center, Duc My, Vietnam.

2. In your primary duty as Advisor to the Jungle, Mountain and Swamp Warfare School, you were responsible for contributing considerable assistance to the students attending the school as well as the Vietnamese instructors teaching the subjects. Because of your previous experience in counterinsurgency training and operations and professional background, you have helped the advisory team tremendously. The manner in which you closely observed training coupled with the valuable recommendations made from your observations greatly assisted in accomplishing our mission. Your additional task as Assistant Security Officer was accomplished most efficiently. The manner in which you give attention to detail reflects highly on your leadership ability.

3. I can truthfully say that you have gained the admiration of all Vietnamese and US Advisors with whom you worked. Your effort throughout this period greatly assisted this advisory team in accomplishing its mission and the MAAG Advisory effort in Vietnam.

4. It was indeed a pleasure to have you serve with me as a member of the Ranger Training Center, MAAG Advisory Team.

ANDREW J. ADAMS  
Major, Infantry  
Senior Advisor



US MAAG ADVISORY DETACHMENT  
RANGER TRAINING CENTER  
DUC MY, VIETNAM

MAGTE-DM-RT

5 February 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

THRU: Channels

TO: WO II DANIEL J. NEVILLE, 11448  
Headquarters, AATTY  
Adjutant Division  
APO 143, US Forces

1. I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and commend you for your outstanding performance of duty during the period 17 August 1963 to 10 February 1964 while serving as an Advisor at the Ranger Training Center, Duc My, Vietnam.

2. As Senior Advisor to the Ranger Replacement Program of Instruction, you have contributed considerable assistance to the Ranger Training Center. The manner in which you coordinated activities within your area of responsibility was very effective and with close attention to detail. Because of the close observation of training made by you and continuous advice to the Vietnamese, the overall quality of training was improved in the Basic Ranger Program. Your willingness to assist and take on additional tasks reflects highly on your professional ability.

3. I can truthfully say that you have gained the admiration of all Vietnamese and US Advisors with whom you worked. Your effort throughout this period greatly assisted this advisory team in accomplishing its mission and the MAAG Advisory effort in Vietnam.

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ANTHONY J. ADAMS  
Major, Infantry  
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San Francisco, California

17 February 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

THRU: Commandant  
Australian Army Training Team  
Adjutant Division  
Headquarters, MAAG  
Saigon, Vietnam

TO: WO II Ronald W. Cook, 12963  
Dong Da National Training Center  
Phu Bai, Vietnam

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Lt Colonel, Inf  
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Advisory Team 5, APO 158  
San Francisco, California

17 February 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

THRU: Commandant  
Australian Army Training Team  
Adjutant Division  
Headquarters, MAAG  
Saigon, Vietnam

TO: WO II Kevin G. Conway, 13097  
Dong Da National Training Center  
Phu Bai, Vietnam

1. Upon my departure from the Dong Da National Training Center, Republic of Vietnam, I wish to take this opportunity to commend you and express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding manner in which you have performed your duties.

2. Your performance of duty with the Weapons Committee, from November 1963 to February 1964, at this training center has been exceptional. You have accomplished your mission with tact and diplomacy. You have been loyal, and vigorous in the execution of all actions assigned you, and have set an example by your neat appearance and military bearing. Because of a language barrier between you and your counterparts, you have faced seemingly insurmountable problems, but through patience, perseverance, and self-improvement you have overcome them in a minimum amount of time.

3. I wish you continued success in your future assignments, and should the opportunity present itself in the future, I would gladly accept you as a member of my command.

JOHN H. WRELL  
Lt Colonel, Inf  
U. S. Army  
Senior Advisor



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DONG DA NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER  
Advisory Team 5, APO 158  
Phu Bai, Vietnam

13 January 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

THRU: Chief Training Branch  
O&T Division, USASEC  
Headquarters MAAG  
Saigon, Vietnam

TO: WO 2 John C. Swanson, 32128  
Australian Army Training Team  
Adjutant Division  
Headquarters MAAG  
Saigon, Vietnam

1. Upon your departure from the Dong Da National Training Center, Republic of Vietnam, I wish to take this opportunity to commend you and express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding manner in which you have performed your assigned duties.

2. Your performance of duty as an advisor, Tactics Committee, from August 1963 to January 1964, with this training center has been exceptional. You have accomplished your mission with tact and diplomacy. You have been loyal, and vigorous in the execution of all actions assigned you, and have set an example by your neat appearance and military bearing. Because of a language barrier between you and your counterparts, you have faced seemingly insurmountable problems, but through patience, perseverance, and self-improvement you have overcome them in a minimum amount of time.

3. It is with regret that we lose you, however, I wish you continued success in your future assignments, and should the opportunity present itself in the future, I would gladly accept you as a member of my command. Well done and good luck.

JOHN R. NEWELL  
Lt Colonel, Inf  
Senior Advisor

*Well done. A fine report reflecting a fine job.*

*John R. Newell  
10 Jan 64*