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COMMANDERS DIARY

of

AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM, VIETNAM

Colonel F. P. Serong, OBE

From. 1. Jul 64 To 31 Jul 64

(Signature of Comd or Senior Staff Officer)

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	1		SINGAPORE	
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	3		Departed SINGAPORE Pan Am 0915. First of new AATTV increment on same aircraft.	
			Also four ARVN officers who had completed a course at CANUNGRA. They were very	······································
		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	impressed. This will make them more useful. Arrived SAIGON.	
	4		Processed Bronze Stars for Lt Col MCNAMARA and Maj KENNEDY. Disseminated CGS'	4
			message of congratulations to AATTV. Also Gen HARKIN's farewell message.	
	5		Several bridges on Route 9 blown during the week. We are now supplying the civil	
			population of KHE SAHN by air. Capt PETERSEN reported making progress with raising.	••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
			training and employment of his Armed Propaganda and Intelligence Teams. Bigger and	
			more frequent VC sightings in DARIAC. PETERSEN probably has the only force in DARIAC.	***************************************
			that will fight. Warned him to be constantly alert for internal subversion at	•
			BOUN ENOU.	
	6		Taking Ambassador ANDERSON to visit AATTV Units. Depart SAIGON 123F 0730. Weather	
			fine. PHU BAI quite impressive. Installation much improved in every way.	
	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH		Commandant It Col TU is a window dresser; but the place could do with some of that.	
			To DANANG. Advised WO CONWAY KIA early this morning in attack on TARAU (NAM DONG).	
		<u> </u>	Post attacked by VC Bn. Held. Strike Forces ineffective. Nungs and A Det held.	

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			Air Force late and ineffective. 57 KIA 40 wounded; 47 VC killed. The attack	
			appears to have been made by part of a recently infiltrated PAVN element, 9 Regt.	*** ***********************************
			304 Div (?).	
	7		Visited NAM DONG site with Ambassador. Several VC bodies, including some in regular	······································
			uniform. Centre of camp burned out. Returned to DA NANG and took off immediately	
			for NHA TRANG and DUC MY. Weather fine and clear. Lunch and short tour around RTC,	(
•			including section assault demonstration.	
	8		Talked Gen WESTMOREIAND about joint action on posthumous awards for CONWAY and ALAMO.	
			Funeral service attended by WESTMORELAND, Deputy Ambassador U. ALEXIS JOHNSON,	
		······································	Australian Ambassador, and self. Gen PHAN VAN DONG JGS Chief of Staff for Personnel	
			awarded CONWAY Knight of the National Order, and Cross of Galantry with Palm,	
			posthumously. Signal from AHQ saying CONWAY to be buried locally. This is bad.	
			Asked for reconsideration. WARNER says he is getting some optimistic stories from	
			Viets on the beneficial effects of lining up some minorities with GVN - Hoa Hao, Cao	
			Dai mainly.	
	9		Another signal from AHQ to bury CONWAY in VN. Austram SINGAPORE joined us in	
•			protesting this. Also, signal on decorations - saying we are to have VN and US	
			decorations referred to us, and adapt them to the appropriate Australian	

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			decorations, and we may get it in the half yearly list. For Heavens sake! Replied	
			suggesting we let things go as they are until they get us sorted out as an operational	······
	a	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	area, then let them through. Letter from COMUSMACV regretting CONWAY.	······································
	10		Conferred with J1 (STERNBERG) on O&T's latest version of AATTV deployment. Agreed	
*			to stick to the original. Listened to Dr HICKEY's tape of the NAM DONG battle.	
			Very interesting and complete from one man's viewpoint - and an inexperienced one.	
			Says advisors and Nungs did the lot. Strike Forces useless. VNAF late and high	
			(5,000 feet) at daylight. Flareship arrived at about 21 hours. Despatched Lt Col	
			MONAGHAN to DANANG to get investigation underway. PETERSEN reported - things worse	
			in DARLAC. Oxley produced details of a press group to come from AUSTRALIA next week	
			to cover AATTV. Sent PHU BAI instructions for reception of Parliamentary Delegation -	
			Navy Minister CHANEY, three liberal, three labour.	
	11		WARNER reports fresh from talk with ALEXIS JOHNSON. In effect WASHINGTON now accepts.	······································
			all the guide lines for action that we have prescribed, and TAYLOR is pro-consul for	
			SEA. Working lunch with Lt Col CROSBY (leader of visiting Aid Team from AUSTRALIA)	
			and JORGENSEN, US Embassy. Agreed to help CROSBY introduce some NG police types to	
			High Plateau, if he can organize it in AUSTRALIA.	
	19		Parliamentary delegation arrived - late:	

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	13		Reception at Australian Embassy Residence for Parliamentary delegation; then small	
			dinner at Caravelle by Navy Minister CHANEY for self, ANDERSEN and wives.	
	14		TEAGUE reports on QUANG NGAI progress. His work is going well; but I doubt if the	
			province as a whole is. Arranged with MACV PIO and USIS for briefing of press party	
			on 18th. Letter from CONUS asking me to lecture in the states on July 28th.	•••••
			Impossible. Told them (hopefully) early September.	A
	15		To PHU BAI with YOUNGDALE (J2 MACV) L23F. Apparently he is trying to discover how	
			his boys missed knowing that a regiment of PAVN had entered I Corps. SAIGON Post	
			this morning features MACV denials. Playing with words. Got into PHU BAI just	
			ahead of Parliamentary party. They lunched, visited training, talked to the boys,	
			and asked about decorations and allowances. Party then visited HUE, I Div Comd	
			(THI), Province Chief, THU DUC's tomb, citadel etc. Dinner with Province Chief and	
			Commander I Div. Dancing by Imperial Ballet. After dinner, briefed the group on the	
	,		war in general. Minister choked it off after a half an hour or so, perhaps	
			embarassed at the presence of opposition members.	
	16		During the night a person in ARVN uniform tried to blow a bridge near the camp on	
			RN 1. Shot by SDC, just after we passed over about 11 PM. Party emplaned for	
		**** **********************************	CAN THO. I inspected SDC Training Centre in THUA THIEN and in QUANG TRI provinces	
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			with a view to our manning them. Talked to sector advisors. Both want AATTV	,
			personnel on sector staff pneding allocation to districts. (District plan not yet	
			completed by MACV). To DANANG. Discussed AATTV with SA I Corps (Col WOHNER). Agreed	
			on all original ideas.	
	17		To A Ro with Captain DE LA HUNTY. 0800 take off in group of Marine H34 helicopters	
			with UHLB escort. Captain IRVINE and WO COLLINSON in good form. IRVINE handling	
	1		L not desire amount and the controlling done.	
			COLLINSON dozing out the Caribou strip. A Ro is in a bad tactical condition. Told	
			advisory component to work on patrolling, get overhead cover complete, and assume	
			that they will have to fight alone on top of the hill. Returned to SAIGON 1500.	4-7
	18		Message from AHQ directing temporary burial CONWAY in SAIGON, with subsequent transfer	
			to SINGAPORE. Television interview by WARNER of self and CROSBY 1300-1400. Briefed	
			visiting press party from AUSTRALIA 1400-1500, and prepared program for next weeks	
			visits to AATTV installations.	
	19		Big gathering in SAIGON. Originally this was to be Catholic, but later became	
			multi-group. Celebrate National Shame Day. No trouble.	
•	20		Arranged transport for press group. General WESTMORELAND loaned his C54. Signaled	
			CONARC saying I would be unable to lecture at BRAGG until mid September. Reception	

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			at Air Attache's Home for Chief of Air Staff.	
	21		0815 takeoff from TSN with press parth of 9. SHAW. DAVIS (ABC) BARKER, (Melbourne	
			Herald) MOTTERN (Saigon Post), Fr O'CONNOR (Catholic Press) WOODHOUSE (HSV7 Films)	
			Captain GILIMAN, WO DUNCKLEY (Austram SINGAPORE PRO). Arrived PHU BAI 1100.	
			Spent afternoon on detailed press coverage. Good.	
	22		Observed training in improvised water crossings. Departed 1215 by road for DANANG.	4
			Quiet trip. Weather clear, 90 degrees.	
	23		0730 takeoff Cl23 for KHE SAHN. Aircraft carried emergency supplies food for	
			KHE SAHN Viets. Route 9 bridges blown. Press covered activities of WO CHINN and	
			local events.	
•	24		To A Ro, by helicopter with escort. Press covered activities Captain IRVINE, WO	×
			COLLINSON, WO CLIVELY. Still no patrolling, though a start is promised for 1 August.	
			Almost daily harassing fire - one such while we were present. To ASHAU to cover	
			WO STOKES. Better situation here than A Ro - some patrolling is done.	
+	25		Capt TEAGUE reported in. He is making progress, but the province generally continue	
			to deteriorate.	
	26		Group jump, 7 AATTV plus USSF and Marines. Weather fine. C123. Side doors. 5	
			to 10 knot wind. Same day 5 AATTW jumped at NHA TRANG.	

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1	27		0700 takeoff with party for NHA TRANG and DUC MY, Ranger Training Centre. Road move	
			NHA TRANG to DUC MY. No incident. Local security situation has slipped considerably	
			over last 12 months, 37 Ranger Bn, just completed training, has begun a two day	
			local operation. Party observed the operation. Basic plan unsound, and operation	
			will be useless. Press coverage of Major BANNISTER, WO THORPE - others were too	
			deep in the operation to contact, RON DUC MY.	4
•••••	28		0800 takeoff. Otter. For NHA TRANG. Thence visited CARE fishing boat project at	
			entrance to CAM RANH bay - very worthwhile self-help project resulting in 3 boats	
		•••••	to a very poor hamlet. Returned SAIGON 1600.	
	29			
	30	1	AHQ signaled authorizing additional postings to USSF. Argument proceeds between US	
			and VN on whether there are or are not PAVN Units in I Corps. Largely semantics.	
			Television interview for SHAW (ABC) on AATTV. Conferred with J5 on amendments to	
······································			phrasing (though not to intent) of AUSTRALIAN/US agreement on AATTV.	
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			Monthly report submitted AHQ	31

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM

VIETNAM

REPORT NO 24

FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1964

BY

COLONEL F. P. SERONG, OBE, COMMANDING

GENERAL.

- 1. July, in terms of VC activity, has been our worst month since November 1963, and the second worst on record.
- 2. The internal political situation remains tense and divided, with KHANH consistently appearing dissident elements. Coup rumours remain rife.
- 3. There is no significant favorable development to report beyond an increased determination by the Advisory component to bring this operation to a successful conclusion.

HEALTH.

4. Nothing to report.

WELL BEING.

5. Some dismay arose at advice of looting of trunks at DJAKARTA. These trunks were the property of RTA personnel, and were ship-borne en route SAIGON to SINGAPORE for trans-shipment. The looting was almost complete. An arrangement is being effected with the newly arrived RAAF detachment which should result in freight movement both ways, of AATTV material SAIGON - RICHMOND. This should solve the problem.

MORALE.

As reported separately, WO KEVIN CONWAY was killed in action at NAM DONG on 6 Jul 64. Apart from the accidental death of Sgt HACKING in Jun 63, this was our first battle death. There have been some minor wounds. The circumstances of CONWAY's death provided a graphic illustration of the solidarity of the joint US/Australian advisory effort in VIETNAM. This has been appreciated by both our American and Vietnamese comrades. I am particularly appreciative of the close personal interest displayed by General WESTMORETAND in this incident at a time when he had more than his share of problems.

COMMENDATION.

7. I have received most favorable comment on the work of Captain P.C. JARRATT, who, first as Weapons Advisor at HIEP KHANH, and later as Senior Advisor to our Political Warfare Centre at VUNG TAU, has made a most effective contribution.

- Another Weapons Advisor, Captain R. J. MOYLE of DONG DA, has ignificantly raised the shooting capability of ARVN units in I Corps.
- Two Tactics Advisors at DONG DA, Captain CLARK, and WO BANDY have been largely instrumental in developing the advanced tactical techniques now used with success in I Corps.
- As attachments to this report (copy 1 only) I have included the : . 10. following letters of commendation:
 - Letter of Commendation for 3975 WOL G.E. CHINN
 - (b) Letter of Commendation for 52074 WO2 D.C. DALTON (c) Letter of Commendation for 11448 WO2 D.J. NEVILLE

VISITS.

AATTV installations were visited by His Excellency the Australian Ambassador, who accompanied Comd AATTV on a visit which took in most positions.

PUBLIC RELATIONS.

A large group of journalists and photographers made a week-long coverage of AATTV installations. The aim was to obtain "home-boy" material for future reference. Much useful material was provided under the direction of Captain GILIMAN, PRO Aust Army Force, FAREHF. This will be particularly useful in publicising the current AATTV build-up.

EXPANSION.

13. Three groups of the AATTV increment have arrived. Included is one returnee - WO SIMPSON. He and other old hands are most welcome back. They can be rapidly assimilated. Progress on planning detailed postings for expansion has been slow. It may be recalled that AATTV was launched two years ago after three days of local planning. This expansion has taken us here six weeks.

DIRECTIVE.

14. The new Directive to Comd AATTV has been received and noted with appreciation. It is a much more flexible document than the original, and so most welcome.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES.

15. DONG DA

CCl (Inf) complete. Course remains as Centre security element. Recruits and Draftees - twelve companies in training.

16. Special Forces CIDG (Village Defence)

A RO. Captain IRVINE, WO CLIVELY are conducting patrol program based on this position. WO COLLINSON continues with the airstrip.

ASHAU. WO STOKES and NEVILLE have fostered in the new "A" teams, and are now engaged on a patrol program.

KHE SAHN. WO CHINN is training a Strike Force Company.

17. DUC MY

JMS Course 5/64 continues.
Recruit training of three companies continues.

18. VUNG TAO

Special Cadre Course No 3 continues.

LOCAL SECURITY.

19. DONG DA

Groups of about 200 VC have been reported passing through the training area at night. A recent successful ambush profitted from their presence.

20. DUC MY

Local VC action has been confined to squad and platoon attacks, and propaganda. Incidents are increasing. Local VC strength is increasing.

CONCLUSION.

21. It will be noted that DONG DA and DUC MY, each of which should have two battalions in training, have no battalions. The CCl group at DONG DA at times finds itself the Corps reserve - and is committed. At present ARVN is womewhat stretched.

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August 64

Annex "A" to AATTV Report No.24

ARRIVAIS

Number	Rank		eduled of arrival	Actual date of arrival	Station
21097	W02	D CASSIDY 3	Jul 64	3 Jul 64	SAIGON
12587	WO2	JC MOODY	11	* 11	DONG DA
310057	W02	JD ROY	11	"	11
34515	W02	DG HILL	n	"	11
33889	W02	RF SIGG	11	"	11
22608	W02	JP CLARKE	11	"	DANANG
212807	W02	HW HAMMOND	11	"	"
35544	W02	AJ THORP	11	"	DUC MY
3782	W02	PM CERDA-PAVIA	15 Jul 64	12 Jul 64	DONG DA
13343	Capt	WJ GREGG	15 Jul 64	17 Jul 64	11
22444	WO2	KC HOLLAND	15 Jul 64	17 Jul 64	11
52362	W02	JH STEEN	31 Jul 64	31 Jul 64	11
24492	W02	RS SIMPSON	11	11	DANANG
26988	W02	LG McGARRY	n	***	11
13163	WO2	C KEALY	n	11	DUC MY
23561	W02	HE PATCH	"	11	QUANG TRI
210682	W02	DR CHERRY .	n	"	n
11230	W02	H POPE	"	11	VAN THANH
23465	WO2	JA MCRAE	"	"	1 DIV
29908	WO2	HF HUDSON	"	"	"
3897	WO2	GD HARRIS	11	11	NGOC HO

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DEP/ATURES

Number	Rank	Name date	Scheduled of departure	Actual date of departure	Station
52074	WO2	D.C.DALTON	15 Jul 64	4 Jul 64	DUC MY
21398	WO2	D.W. DONKIN	15 Jul 64	4 Jul 64	KHE SANH
52385	WO2	J.S. McCOURT	15 Jul 64	9 Jul 64	NAM DONG
22900	W02	J.W. ROUGHLEY	15 Jul 64	9 Jul 64	ASHAU

Annex "B" to
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CASUALTIES

13097 WO2 K.G. CONWAY

Killed in action at NAM DONG on 6 Jul 64.

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APPOINTMENTS

1. SAIGON

Col F.P. SERONG: Comd
Lt Col J.G. MONAGHAN: Dep Comd, Advisor O & T Div.
Capt C.L.T. McDONAGH: Adm Offr.
WO2 K.W. RAMSDALE: Adm WO
WO2 D. CASSIDY: Adm WO

2. DANANG (CSD)

Capt I.C. TEAGUE: DANANG - QUANG NGAI WO2 J.P. CLARKE: DANANG - QUANG NGAI Capt A.B. PETERSEN: BAN ME THUOT WO2 B. STOKES: BAN ME THUOT Capt P.C. JARRATT: VUNG TAU WO2 H.W. HAMMOND: VUNG TAU

3. DANANG (Special Forces)

Maj J.M. MURPHY: "C" Team NHA TRANG
Capt J.J. BURROWS: "C" Team NHA TRANG
Capt N.F. De La HUNTY: "B" Team DANANG
WO2 L.G. McGARRY: "B" Team DANANG
Capt R.L. POLLARD: "A" Team KHE SANH
WO1 G.E. CHINN: "A" Team KHE SANH
Capt G.D.W. IRVINE: "A" Team A RO
WO1 H.D. CLIVELY: "A" Team A RO
WO2 R.J. COLLINSON: "A" Team A RO
WO2 D.J. NEVILLE: "A" Team ASHAU
WO2 R.S. SIMPSON: "A" Team KHAM DUC

4. DONG DA

Maj I.G. McKEOWN: Senior Australian Advisor, Adv S3
Capt R.J. MOYLE, Chief Tactics Committee
WO2 P.M. CERDA-PAVIA: Tactics Committee
WO2 K.A. GABRIEL: Tactics Committee
WO2 R.G. CARTER: Tactics Committee
WO2 J.D. ROY: Tactics Committee
WO2 R.F. SIGG: Tactics Committee
Capt W.J. GREGG: Chief Weapons Committee
WO2 K.C. HOLLAND: Weapons Committee
WO2 A.D. CRAIG: Weapons Committee
WO2 J. HUSBAND: Weapons Committee

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WO2 N.C. CAMM: Weapons Committee
WO2 D.G. HILL: Weapons Committee
Capt R. CLARK: Chief General Subjects Committee
WO2 J.C. MOODY: General Subjects Committee
WO2 J.H. STEEN: Adm WO

5. DUC MY

Maj T.C. BANNISTER: Senior Australian Advisor
Senior Training Advisor
WO2 J.H. COLEMAN: Ranger Unit Training
WO2 A.J. THORP: Ranger Unit Training
WO2 C. KEALY: Ranger Basic Training
WO1 R.A. BANDY; Advisor Jungle, Mountain, Swamp, School.

6. NGOC HO

WO2 G.D. HARRIS: Training Advisor WO2 W.J. LAPTHORNE: Training Advisor

7. VAN THANH

WO2 H. POPE: Training Advisor WO2 J.R. STEWART: Training Advisor

8. QUANG TRI

WO2 D.R. CHERRY: Sector Advisor WO2 H.E. PATCH: Sector Advisor

9. 1 DIV

WO2 H.F. HUDSON: Battalion Advisor WO2 J.A. McRAE: Battalion Advisor

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LOG OF INCIDENTS

Date	Location	Occurrence
6 Jul	NAM DONG	At 0245 hrs the VC attacked in what has been estimated at battalion strength. The action, during which WO2 K.G. CONWAY was killed, continued until 0630 hrs. Reported separately.
7 Jul	ASHAU	The VC fired on OP Alpha from approximately 300 yds. A seven man Strike Force food patrol was fired on at OP Bravo by five VC. Nil casualties. WO2 B. STOKES was stationed at ASHAU as training advisor
10 Jul	A RO	A D-6 dozer was despatched from a C-130 aircraft and due to parachute malfunction landed approximately 450 meters from the DZ. A patrol was sent to recover the dozer and WO2 COLLINSON accompanied the patrol as training advisor. Seven men were WIA during the patrol. The dozer made its first scrape at 1715 hrs.

OFFICER OF THE SENIOR ADVISOR Dong Da National Training Centre Advisory Team 5, APO 158 US Forces

23 July 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

THRU: Commanding Officer

Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam

TO: WO I GEORGE E CHINN, 3975

Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam

- 1. Upon your departure from Dong Da National Training Center, I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for the outstanding manner in which you performed your duties.
- 2. During the four months of your assignment your performance of duty as tactics training advisor contributed immeasurably to the accomplishment of the mission of this team as training advisors to a National Training Center. In particular your inspections, advise, and recommendations to instructors on tactics went far towards the goal of always improving the training given to infantry units and specialist courses. As a result of your accomplishments units and individuals upon completion of training were better prepared for engaging in counterinsurgency warfare that is currently being conducted in the Republic of Vietnam.
- 3. I wish you continued success in your future assignments, and should the opportunity present itself in the future, I would be pleased to again serve with you.

EDWARD L KERKER
Lt Col Inf
Senior Advisor

RANGER TRAINING CENTER DUC MY, VIETNAM

9 June 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: Donald C. Dalton
Warrant Officer I
Australian Army Training Team Vietnam
APO 40, U.S. Forces

- 1. I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your outstanding performance of duty during the period 15 August 1963 to 5 July 1964 while serving as advisor to the Vietnamese Jungle, Mountain, Swamp School, Ranger Training Center, Duc My, Vietnam.
- 2. Throughout the period of your assignment, many improvements were made in your area of responsibility. The Jungle, Mountain, Swamp School improved its quality of instruction and training as a direct result of your effort. This contribution was due to your spending many hours observing training and making valuable constructive recommendations. The revisions of some of the tactical problems were a direct result of your keen interest and professional knowledge of the problems at hand. Your ability to convey your ideas to your Vietnamese counterparts revealed the success you achieved.
- 3. I can truly say that you have gained the admiration of all Vietnamese and US Advisors with whom you have worked. Through your professional
 knowledge and leadership qualities you have greatly assisted the advisory
 team in accomplishing its mission here in Vietnam.
- 4. It was indeed a pleasure to have served with you as a member of the Ranger Training Center and the MACV Advisory Team.

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22 July 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: Daniel J. Neville
Warrant Officer II
Australian Army Training Team Vietnam
APO 40, U.S. Forces

- 1. I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your outstanding performance of duty during the period 17 July 1963 to 21 July 1964 while serving as an Advisor at the Ranger Training Center, Duc My, Vietnam.
- 2. Throughout the period of your assignment many improvements were made in your area of responsibility. The Basic Ranger units and the Ranger Battalions profited immensely from your extensive military experience, and the sound advice you gave them. Their combat effectiveness was improved and is directly attributable to the many hours you spent with these units on field exercises. Your personal interest, tactful manner and professional attitude produced tangible results which were directly reflected by the effectiveness of all units you came in contact with.
- 3. I can truly say that you have gained the admiration and respect of all the Vietnamese and U.S Advisors with whom you have worked. Through your professional knowledge and demonstrated leadership ability you have proven yourself to be an officer who is the personification of the highest traditions of the Australian military service. Your conduct has truly reflected great credit on both yourself and the Royal Australian Infantry.
- 4. It was indeed a pleasure to have served with you as a member of the Ranger Training Center and the MACV Advisory Team.

Major, Infantry Senior Advisor