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Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Miscellaneous units

Item number: 17/6/14

Item: 1 Australian Reinforcement
Unit

Narrative

Annex

[1-31 Jul 1967]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.....

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C 2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature).....

Appointment.....

(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

Received forwarded 1 Nov. 67

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

1 Aust Rft Unit

Unit or Formation.....

From 1 Jul 67

To 31 Jul 67

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* Only to be included during operations.
† Cross out whichever is not applicable.

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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES
INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

1. The aim of a Commanders Diary is to provide data on which to base future improvements in Army training, equipment, organization and administration, and to furnish historians with a record of the activities of units and formations in operational and non-operational periods in peace and in war.

GENERAL

2. Entries are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.

3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)" Chapter 2, Section 12.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

4. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled by commanders of all formations.

During Operational Periods (1)

- 5. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled in duplicate by:
 - a. Commanders of all formations.
 - b. Each branch of the staff at formation headquarters commanded by a brigadier or above.
 - c. Heads of services not below the rank of lieutenant colonel.
 - d. Personal staffs and officers holding special appointments.
 - e. Unit commanders.
 - f. Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

COMPILATION

- 6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
 - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
 - b. Index as printed on cover.
 - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.
- 7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.
- 8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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LEVEL 5

COLLECTING LETTER

LEVEL 1

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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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.

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[17/6/JUL 67]

This form is to be enclosed with the annexures in AF-C2119 (Adapted)

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

Month and Year..... **JUL 67**

Reference Map..... **1:25000**

Unit Formation ... **1 Aust Rft Unit**
 Commanding Officer... **Capt P.A.MENCH**

Place and Grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and Enclosure number
.....	Jul 1		NTR	
.....	2		NTR	
.....	3		NTR	
.....	4		NTR	
.....	5		NTR	
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.....	7		NTR	
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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C2118 (Adapted)

Month and Year..... **JUL 67**

Reference Map..... **1:25000**

Unit Formation **1 Aust Rft Unit**
 Commanding Officer..... **Capt P.A.MENCH**

Place and Grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and Enclosure number
.....	JUL 17		NTR	
.....	18		NTR	
.....	19		NTR	
.....	20		NTR	
.....	21		NTR	
.....	22		NTR	
.....	23		NTR	
.....	24		NTR	
.....	25		1 ARU REINFORCEMENT TRAINING INSTRUCTION PROMULGATED	
.....	26		NTR	
.....	27		NTR	
.....	28		1 ARU TRAINING INFORMATION BULLETIN ISSUED	
.....	29		108 BTY, 4 FD REGT TO PROVIDE FO PARTY FOR PATROLS	
.....	30		NTR	
.....	31		DURING JULY 1 ARU CONDUCTED 13 PATROLS OF UP TO PL STRENGTH IN IT'S TAOR WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT	

SECRET
PATROL REPORT

1ARU 11/67
(Designation of Patrol)

021730
(Date)

To GRYS 434643

Maps: Ref PICTO & 1:25,000

A. Size and Composition of Patrol: 15 Men.

B. Task: Ambush track in vicinity of GR.YS 434643 & kill all enemy encountered.

C. Time of Departure: 021730

D. Time of Return: 031700

E. Routes (out and in): Patrol task table serial no. 11/67
Annex P.

F. Terrain: N/T/R.

G. En: Nil encountered.

H. Any Map Corrections: Nil.

I. Miscellaneous Info: After the night ambush the ptl R.V. at Y.S. 439650 with 4 Pl. and worked all day putting up a cattle fence. Apart from Arty no explosions were heard. No ~~Mok~~ Mortreds submitted.

J. Results of encounter with En: Nil encountered.

K. Condition of Ptl: Good.

4 July 67
(Date)

Sgt. V.H. Burns
(Patrol Comdr)

DIARY

SECRET
PATROL REPORT

1 ARU 8/67
(Designation of Patrol)

5 July 67
(Date)

To SECTOR F

Maps:

A. Size and Composition of Patrol: P.

B. Task: TO CLEAR ROUTE GIVEN. SEARCH AND CLEAR SECTOR F, CHECK CIVILIAN MOVEMENT AND DESTROY ANY ENEMY ENCOUNTERED.

C. Time of Departure: 050615 HRS.

D. Time of Return: 051300 HRS.

E. Routes (out and in): AS PER ANNEX Q TO 1 ARU PATROL TASK TABLE 22 JUNE 67.

F. Terrain: GENERALLY FLAT VARYING FROM AREAS OF OPEN PADDY TO SECONDARY JUNGLE.

G. En: NIL

H. Any Map Corrections: NIL

I. Miscellaneous Info: IT WAS NOTICED THAT PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED IN THE LONG PHOUIC AREA HAD BEEN TORN UP IN MANY CASES.

J. Results of encounter with En: NIL

K. Condition of Ptl: GOOD

6 JULY 67
(Date)

L. Jaago Sgt for mr D. WEBSTER 2 LT.
(Patrol Comdr)

S. Army

SECRET
PATROL REPORT

9/67
.....
(Designation of Patrol)

8 Jul 67
.....
(Date)

To

Maps:

A. Size and Composition of Patrol: 1 0200 30 GR

B. Task: Search and clear routes given - search and clear
Sector 7. Check civilian mvt. Destroy all en encountered.
.....

C. Time of Departure: 07 1200 hrs

D. Time of Return: 07 1900 hrs

E. Routes (out and in): via port area p.
.....

F. Terrain: Rubber plantation, Paddy fields.
.....

G. En:

H. Any Map Corrections: Nil.
.....

I. Miscellaneous Info: 22 444 5th Particulars taken of two
.....

J. Results of encounter with En: Nil.
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K. Condition of Ptl: Good.
.....

8 Jul 67

(Date)

J. Nicholson, 2Lt.

(Patrol Comdr)

SECRET
PATROL REPORT

10/67
.....
(Designation of Patrol)

10 Jul 67
.....
(Date)

To SECTOR BRIAN.
.....

Maps:

- A. Size and Composition of Patrol: 1 offsr 33 OR
(Excl atts 1 offsr 1 OR)
 - B. Task: Search and clear routes to and from Sector Brian.
Search and clear sector Brian. Establish night ambush in
area of CR 484688.
 - C. Time of Departure: 091000 hrs
 - D. Time of Return: 101000 hrs
 - E. Routes (out and in): As per patrol task 1 484 10/67
(9 Jul 67) Annex P.
 - F. Terrain: Banana plantation; Bamboo, thick scrub.
 - G. En: Nil.
 - H. Any Map Corrections: Nil.
 - I. Miscellaneous Info: (a.) Numerous old trench systems in area.
(b.) Bootprints in area CR 488689, (2 sets, size 7, NOT
more than 6 hours old, NOT Aust. GP, NOT aust jungle boot)
moving S-St.
 - J. Results of encounter with En: Nil
 - K. Condition of Ptl: Good.
- 10 Jul 67
(Date)
- J.A. Nicholson
(Patrol Comdr)

SECRET
PATROL REPORT

...12/67.....
(Designation of Patrol)

10 Jul 67...
(Date)

To ..Sector Jack.....

Maps:

A. Size and Composition of Patrol: 1/17.....

B. Task: ..Search and clear Jack.....

C. Time of Departure: 100800 hrs.....

D. Time of Return:101800 hrs.....

E. Routes (out and in): 448668 to 458675 south to 462659 to
459655 north to 452664 - 448668.....

F. Terrain: Easy going w. ~~xxxx~~ ..Banana plantation, secondary
growth - rubber.....

G. En: Nil.....

H. Any Map Corrections: Nil.....

I. Miscellaneous Info: ..Cattle and children at GB 459655. Many
old pits.....

J. Results of encounter with En: Nil.....

K. Condition of Ptl: Good.....

10 Jul 67.....
(Date)

[Signature]
(Patrol Comdr)

SECRET
PATROL REPORT

FIGHTING *ARU 11/67*
(Designation of Patrol)

10/11 Jul 67
(Date)

To AREA LES

Maps: 1 x 25000 Picto. XA Binh Ba (SE) 1 : 25000

A. Size and Composition of Patrol: 1/42 Incl FO and Arty Sig...

B. Task: To search area Les and the routs leading to it and to ambush in area LES.

C. Time of Departure: 101000 H

D. Time of Return: 111100 H

E. Routes (out and in): As per patrol task table.

F. Terrain: NTR

G. En: Nil Encountered.

H. Any Map Corrections: Nil

I. Miscellaneous Info: All tracks show recent signs of movement.

J. Results of encounter with En: Nil

K. Condition of Ptl: Good

12 Jul 67
(Date)

P.J. Langford Lt.
(Patrol Comdr)

SECRET
PATROL REPORT

1 ARU 13/67
(Designation of Patrol)

13 Jul 67
(Date)

To .. Area - Peter

Maps:

A. Size and Composition of Patrol:
.. 1 Offr. + 32 ORs (Plus atts 1 Offr., 1 OR)

B. Task: .. Search and clear routes given. Search and clear
.. area Peter, establish night ambush area YS 496678.

C. Time of Departure: .. 12 1000 hrs

D. Time of Return: .. 13 1000 hrs

E. Routes (out and in): .. As per Annex 1 ARU Ptl Task 13/67

F. Terrain: .. Bamboo, scrub, rubber and banana plantations.

G. En: .. Nil

H. Any Map Corrections: .. Nil

I. Miscellaneous Info: .. Numerous UXB (Type CBU) YS 484674
.. One (1) UXB (Type 105mm) YS 488673

J. Results of encounter with En: .. Nil

K. Condition of Ptl: .. Good.

13 Jul 67
(Date)

J. A. ...
(Patrol Comdr)

SECRET
PATROL REPORT

1 ARU 14/67

13/14 Jul 67

.....
(Designation of Patrol)

.....
(Date)

Area - John

To

Maps: 1 : 25000 Picto, 1 : 25000 BA (SE)

A. Size and Composition of Patrol:
1 Officer and 41 OR's including PO and Arty Sig.

B. Task:
To search and clear route given. Search and clear
area John. To ambush in vicinities of 461717.

C. Time of Departure: 131000 H

D. Time of Return: 140930 H

E. Routes (out and in):
As per patrol task table.

F. Terrain: NTR

G. En: Nil encountered.

H. Any Map Corrections: Nil

I. Miscellaneous Info:
Reported by artillery net that -
Approx 30 rds SA fire at 1630 hrs at
approximately GR 457724. Very fresh foot tracks of two pers
at GR 458697 heading west along an old APC track.

J. Results of encounter with En: Nil.

K. Condition of Ptl:
Good. Radio comms failed after 131200H.
Relayed through GOLF.

14 1400 H
(Date)

P.J. Langford
(Patrol Comdr)
(P.J. LANGFORD)

SECRET

PATROL REPORT

1 ARU 15/67

15 Jul 67

.....
(Designation of Patrol)

.....
(Date)

Area HARRY

To

Maps:

1 Offr, 41 OR's

A. Size and Composition of Patrol:

..... Search and clear routes given. Search and clear

B. Task:

Area HARRY. Establish night ambush area YS 458655.

..... 151600H

C. Time of Departure:

160900H

D. Time of Return:

As per 1 ARU Ptl Task Table 15/67

E. Routes (out and in):

..... Banana plantations, low scrub.

F. Terrain:

..... Nil.

G. En:

..... Nil.

H. Any Map Corrections:

..... Night ambushes : locs :

I. Miscellaneous Info:

YS 456653

YS 456658

..... Nil.

J. Results of encounter with En:

..... Nil.

K. Condition of Ptl:

..... 17 Jul 67

.....
(Date)

J. A. ...
(Patrol Commander)

SECRET
PATROL REPORT

1 ARU 16/67
(Designation of Patrol)

17 JULY 67
(Date)

To Sector - KSN

Maps: 1 : 25000 Picto 1 : 25000 Xuyen Moc (SW

A. Size and Composition of Patrol:
..... 1 offr & 32

B. Task:
..... Search and clear routes given. Search on & clear area
..... KSN Night ambush at GR 465706

C. Time of Departure: 16 1000

D. Time of Return: 17 1800

E. Routes (out and in) Out through D/ 7RAR .. to GR 462692 to
GR 464700 to GR 469706 ... Ambush at GR 465706
In .. 465 706 .. to GR 459701 to GR 454694 to D/ 7RAR

F. Terrain: Bound one .. rubber and open ground. Bound two .. bamboo
and thick secondary. Bound three .. Rubber
..... Route in ... Good going

G. En: Nil

H. Any Map Corrections:
..... Nil

I. Miscellaneous Info: 1 .. Two women at GR 459690 .. picking
banana's ... details of ID cards attached. 20 .. Old tunnels
and trenches at GR 464700. 3) UXB at GR 448686 .. patrol
marked area with white tape

J. Results of encounter with En:
..... Nil

K. Condition of Ptl:
..... Good

17 Jul 67
(Date)

[Signature]
(Patrol Comdr)

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PATROL REPORT ANNEX

1 ARU 16 / 67
.....

17 July 67
.....

1.....Details of identification cards, first women;

SO 63699

Vo - Thi - Mux

1944

Xa Long Phuoc

Phuoc Tuy

Cha.....Vo Van Thinh

Me.....Nguyen - Thi - Sanh

Nghe nghiep...Noi troi

2.....Details of identification card, second women;

062299

Nguyen - Thi - Ngoc

1942

Long Phuoc

Cha.....Nguyen - Van - Lum

Me.....Le - Thi - Chon

Nghe nghiep....Lam Cony

17 July 67
Date.....

[Signature]
.....
Patrol Commander

SECRET

1 ARU PATROL REPORT

1 ARU 18/67

22 Jul 67

(Designation of Patrol)

(Date)

Sector B

To

Maps:

Half Platoon. 1 Sgt 17 OR's

A. Size and Composition of Patrol:

Patrol and Ambush in Sector B.

B. Task:

221700

C. Time of Departure: 230900

D. Time of Return: From 1 ARU to GR 437644. From GR 437644 to

E. Routes (out and in): (En): Ambush posn to GR 438638. returned to 1 ARU.

Secondary, old rubber.

F. Terrain:

Nil

G. En:

Nil

H. Any Map Corrections:

Civilians using roads in Sector B from

I. Miscellaneous Info:

Nil

J. Results of encounter with En:

Good.

K. Condition of Ptl:

23 Jul 67

(Date)

(Patrol Comdr)

SECRET

1 ARU PATROL REPORT

25/26 Jul 67

...1 ARU 19/67...
(Designation of Patrol)

.....
(Date)

To Sector D

Maps: Ploto 1:2500 1:2500 BINH BA (SB)

A. Size and Composition of Patrol:
..... Platoon strength. 1/38

B. Task: Search and clear route as per Patrol Task Table. Search and clear Sector D. Ambush in Sector D and establish a check point at 423628 on 26 Jul 67.

C. Time of Departure: 251530 hrs

D. Time of Return: 261500 hrs

E. Routes (out and in): As per Patrol Task Table for route out. Route in along EAST of wire surrounding HOA LONG.

F. Terrain: N.T.R.

G. En: Nil Encountered. 80 civilian Vietnamese detained breaking curfew on 26 Jul 67 at GR 434637, further 20 at GR 423628. Many civilians and cattle in close proximity of 1 ARU Cattle fence and some inside it. One was detained at 1630 hrs on 25 Jul 67 and sent to the road. Civilians were out in the fields as late as 1915 hrs on the evening of 25 Jul 67.

H. Any Map Corrections: Nil

I. Miscellaneous Info: People penetrating HOA LONG fence at GR 429635. Fence hastily repaired by patrol. Shack containign one elderly male, totally incapacitated (no fingers, has to walk on knees) at GR 425630. Suggest CIVIL AFFAIRS be notified. Shack is OUTSIDE wire.

J. Results of encounter with En: Nil

K. Condition of Ptl: Physical condition poor. No injuries.

26 JUL 67

(Date)

R. S. [Signature] Lt
(Patrol Comdr)

SECRET

1 ARU PATROL REPORT

1 ARU 20/67

30 Jul 67

(Designation of Patrol)

(Date)

Sector B

To

Maps:

F1 Strength

A. Size and Composition of Patrol:

B. Task: Search and clear route given. Night ambush in Sector B.

C. Time of Departure: 291600H hrs

D. Time of Return: 300900H hrs

E. Routes (out and in): See Annex Q to 1 ARU Patrol Task Table for period 170000 hrs Jul 67 to 080000 hrs Aug 67.

F. Terrain: Varying from secondary jungle to patches of open

G. En: Nil

H. Any Map Corrections: Nil

I. Miscellaneous Info: Nil

J. Results of encounter with En: Good

K. Condition of Ptl:

2 Aug 67

(Date)

[Signature]
(Patrol Comdr)

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1 ARU
NUI DAT

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25 Jul 67

1 ATF

1 ARU REINFORCEMENT TRAINING

1. The 1 ARU Reinforcement Training Instruction dated 10 Jun 67 is cancelled and replaced by the enclosure.
2. Unit assistance, where possible, is requested as indicated in the enclosure.



(P.A. MENCH)
Capt
OC
1 ARU

Enclosure. 1 ARU REINFORCEMENT TRAINING

Distribution

List D

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D Comd (2)
Infantry Centre (RAR Rft Wing)

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1 ARU
NUI DAT

25 Jul 67

1 ARU REINFORCEMENT TRAINING

General

1. All infantry reinforcements are required by Comd 1 ATF to undergo 14 days theatre training before reaching their unit.

Concept

2. Reinforcement Training is designed to allow the soldier to take his place as an effective member of an operational unit.

3. Training covers the following aspects :-

- a. Acclimatisation
- b. Orientation
- c. Special to Theatre Training
- d. Battle Innoculation
- e. Revision Training

Conduct

4. Reinforcement Training is conducted in a TWO week training period. Reinforcements held by 1 ARU on completion of training are employed on operational duties and Continuation Training.

5. Physical Fitness. All reinforcements undergo ONE period of PT per day. Emphasis is on the following :-

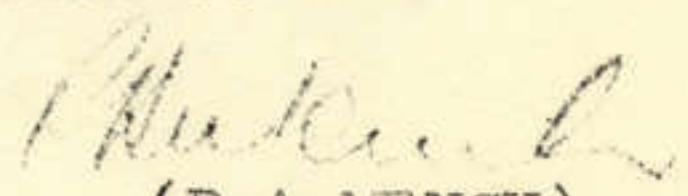
- a. Endurance Training
- b. Unarmed Combat
- c. Rifle Exercises

Training Coordination

6. The Training Officer produces Platoon Weekly Training Programs as required. The Training Officer is responsible for the planning and coordination of Training; the Platoon Commander is responsible for its execution.

Training Doctrine

7. Reinforcement Training is to be directly related to the practices, experience and operational requirements of the Infantry Battalions. Effective and close liaison is to be maintained with the Infantry Battalions on training matters. Periodic unit discussions of training doctrine will be conducted.


(P.A. MENCH)
Capt
OC
1 ARU

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1 ARU
NUI DAT

75 Jul 67

BLOCK SYLLABUS
REINFORCEMENT TRAINING

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REINFORCEMENT TRAINING
WEEK 1

SERIAL	SUBJECT		REMARKS
DAY 1	1 - 4 5 - 7 8 - 9	M16 Stripping and Assembly. Safety Precautions Care and Cleaning, Load and Unload, IA M79 Stripping and Assembly, Safety Precautions, Load and Unload, IA Medical Lecture - Field Hygiene, Battle Wounds, Shock, Venereal Disease	Section Commanders Section Commanders Sgt RAAMC
DAY 2	1 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 9	Zeroing of Personal Weapons M26 and WP Throwing M60 50-300 Metre Practice	1 ARU Range
DAY 3	1 2 - 3 4 - 7 8 8 - 9	OC's Briefing 1 ATF Role in SVN, Attitude toward Civilians, Conduct Restrictions Artillery and Mortar Fire Support SLR 50 - 300 Metre Practice Starlight Scope OC's Briefing Task Force Operations	OC 4 Fd Regt Section Commanders OC
DAY 4	1 - 2 3 - 5 6 - 9	M18 Claymore - Safety Precautions, Setting Up, Firing, use of Tester Set M16 - Introductory Practice Sneaker Course and Grenade Assault Course	1 ARU Range
DAY 5	1 - 2 3 - 5 6 - 9	M49 (Flare US) - Setting up and electrical initiation M79 Introductory Practice Section Weapons Fire and Movement Practice	1 ARU Range
DAY 6	1 - 9	Day TAOR Patrol	1 ARU TAOR
DAY 7	1 - 5 6 - 7 8 - 9	REST - Patrol Administration Mines and Booby Traps GPMG M60 - Additional Stripping	1 Fd Sqn

REINFORCEMENT TRAINING
WEEK 2

SERIAL	SUBJECT	REMARKS
DAY 1 1 - 5 6 - 7 8 - 9	Helicopter and DUSTOFF Familiarisation Intelligence Briefing M34 and M83 Grenades - Throwing	RAAF KANGAROO LZ and RMO 1 ATF RAP GSO3 Int 1 ATF
DAY 2 1 - 2 3 - 5 6 - 7 8 - 9 10 - 12	Air and Naval Gunfire Support Enemy Weapons Codes and Ciphers Voice Procedure Night Firing - M16 and Starlight Scope	Trg Offr 1 ARU Pl Comd Forward Section Position
DAY 3 1 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 9 10 - 12	APC Familiarisation Training Bushcraft - Identification of Bootprints, VC Sign, VC Mine/Booby Trap Signs Reserved Section Weapons - Night Firing	A Sqn 3 Cav Regt 1 ARU
DAY 4 1 - 5 6 - 9	Contact Drills, Section Attack - Live Firing Section Ambush - Live Firing	1 ARU Range
DAY 5 1 - 5 6 - 9	Platoon Attack - Live Firing Reserved	1 ARU Range
DAY 6 1 - 5 6 - 9	Reserved TAOR Patrol Preparation	
DAY 7	TAOR Patrol	1 ARU TAOR

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1. The aim of this writing is to standardise training doctrine within 1 ARU so that it is relevant to the requirements of the Infantry Battalions.

General

2. Generally, the subject matter has been culled from standard teachings, Battalion practice and staff experience. Those deviations from normal training in AUST are thought to be necessary in VIETNAM.

3. Discussion by 2 RAR and 7 RAR is invited on any of the topics raised.

WEAPON HANDLINGStripping and Cleaning

4. Additional stripping should be taught on all weapons. Stripping is an aid to cleaning and small assemblies should NOT be stripped unless necessary.

5. The gas cylinder on the GPMG M60 should be cleaned after firing and at least TWICE a week.

6. Stripping of the M79 is to be taught.

7. Oiling. More oil should be used than is normally required in AUST. Graphite grease is NOT to be used.

Immediate Action Drills

8. SLR

a. Magazine off, Magazine on. Cock go on firing.

b. Gas Stoppage - adjust gas, cock and go on firing.

9. M16 Armalite

a. Look, Magazine off, Magazine on, Cock and go on firing.

b. Hard Extraction - Remove Magazine, Cock, Push out empty case with cleaning rod.

c. When stripping the M16 trigger mechanism, the change lever must NEVER be on AUTO.

Tracer

10. Tracer will NOT be used in 1 ARU except in M60 belts.

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11. Weapons are to be carried by the firer in the natural hand ie ; Right handed shooters are to carry the weapon with the right hand around the pistol grip.

Shooting

12. a. The soldier is trained to fire from the SHOULDER whenever possible (This includes the assault).

b. Training emphasis is to given to shooting galleries and sneaker ranges.

c. The firer must observe his fall of shot and make corrections until the target is struck.

d. The firer should go to ground when carrying out an IA.

MINOR TACTICS

Field Signals

13. a. Field Signals are to be revised and practiced. Booby Traps are indicated by the hand held palm uppermost, fingers indicating mine prongs.

b. A stop signal means move off the track and take cover. A halt signal should NOT be given for a prop in movement.

Formations

14. a. Single file should only be used when the country does NOT allow for other fmns.

b. TWO scouts should be used whenever possible. ONE scout may be used when navigation and control is difficult.

c. The Sig is to travel immediately behind the ptl comd.

d. In close country the Pl Sgt should travel between the second and third sections.

Harbour Drills

15. The leading section normally secures from 10 to 2 along the line of march.

Movement

16. Only treat fences, tracks and creeks etc as obstacles when a definite threat exists.

DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

17. No less than THREE water bottles are to be carried. Shell Dressings are to be attached to the butt of the soldiers weapon.

18. M60 Belts. Link belt is to be carried in pneumatic mattress insert as an interim solution.

19. Radios should be carried concealed in packs.

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20. Consideration should be given to the use of body camouflage.

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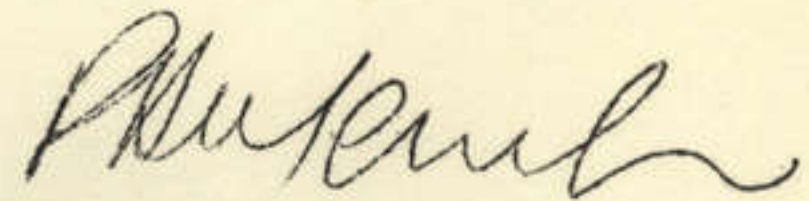
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FO PARTY FOR 1 ARU PATROLS

Reference: A. Discussion OC 1 ARU/BC 108 Bty 4 Fd Regt.

1. 4 Fd Regt have agreed to provide, where possible, an FO party for 1 ARU patrols. This party will come from the general support battery (At this time 108 Bty).
2. The party will, where possible, engage a target employing close target procedure. This will be valuable for both the party and platoon.
3. The patrol comd will arrange for the marrying up and briefing of the FO party prior to his patrol.
4. The general support battery (108 bty) is to receive TWO copies of 1 ARU Patrol Task Tables.



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