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Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Miscellaneous units

Item number: 17/6/9

Item: 1 Australian Reinforcement
Unit

Narrative

[1-28 Feb 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) *[Signature]* CAPT
Appointment OC 1 AUST RFT UNIT.
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

SECRET

ORIGINAL } Strike out where
~~DUPLICATE~~ } not applicable

FEB 1967

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 1 AUST RFT UNIT

From 1 FEB 67 To 28 FEB 67

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

ANNEXES

- * A Duty officer's log
- * B Messages connected with log
- C Operation orders and instructions issued
- D Operation orders and instructions received
- * E Sitreps issued
- F Orders of battle and location reports issued
- G Intelligence reports and summaries issued; appreciations made
- H Administrative orders and instructions issued
- I Administrative orders and instructions received
- J Administrative reports and bulletins; ammunition returns; field strength returns
- * K Standing orders issued
- L Commander's policy and demi-official letters
- M Action reports (if required)
- N Other papers, eg, maps and diagrams, air photos, reports from sub units
- O Periodical summaries of operations
- Z Top Secret Supplementary Diary

Enclosure Numbers

1	to	5
Nil	to
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† NIL
† RETAINED
† Despatched to

on.....

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

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, they should be grouped as annexes starting at B.

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

EVENTS

as well as map references), establishment, equipment

and orders given.

the day's fighting, including company movements.

Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

of potential importance.

of officers, men and equipment.

of equipment captured.

employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

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

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

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DISPOSAL

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:

TOP SECRET
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.

COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:

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- 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 person who compiled the diary 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 entered.

8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no annexes for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular formation, they are to be included.

For information form Annex "Z", TOP SECRET is required. It is to be prepared and forwarded as follows:

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2. officers, men and equipment.
3. men captured.

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and to save work as much information as possible should be entered, including events listed and received, routine returns, etc. The date and time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C2118 (Adapted)

Month and Year. **FEB 67**.....

Reference Map.....

Unit Formation **.1. AUST. REPT. UNIT.....**

Commanding Officer. **Capt. K. H. JACKSON.....**

Place and Grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and Enclosure number
.....	FEB 1	.....	NTR	.....
.....	2	.....	NTR	.....
.....	3	.....	NTR	.....
.....	4	.....	NTR	.....
.....	5	.....	OC conducted recce of LONG HAI area. 1 Pl went LONG HAI in VIETNAMESE ablt craft (motorised sampans). Recce conducted in area previously selected as possible camp site. COMMENTS - Ideal training area - Photos taken	.....
.....	6	.....	NTR	.....
.....	7	.....	NTR	.....
.....	8	.....	NTR	.....
.....	9	Problems being encountered with personnel detached to 1 ATF by 1 ARU under instrs from HQ 1 ATF. Posting Order issued by AFV. 1 ATF refuse to release members.
.....	9	NTR
.....	10	NTR

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

Month and Year... FEB 67.....

Reference Map.....

Unit Formation 1. AUST RFT UNIT.....

Commanding Officer Capt K H JACKSON.....

Place and Grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and Enclosure number
	FEB 11		NTR	
	12		NTR	
	13		Block Trg programmes issued by OC for use by Trg Staff 1 ARU in rft trg.	
			OP BEAUMARIS 5 RAR - 1 PL 1 ARU under command Bor OP	
			<u>Aim of Op</u> - Cordon and search AN NHUT 4659	
			<u>Results</u> - OC and 2Ic C Coy 5 RAR and FOO Killed	
	14		1 Pl returned from Op	
			<u>Comments</u> - 1 ARU Tps used in cordon att to A Coy 5 RAR. Good trg for rfts - out and back in APC's	
	15		OC det as "Observer" to 6RAR on Airborne Heli Aslt on Op DALBY	
	16		1 ATF A172 directs that 1 ARU are to provide 11 replacements to HQ Coy 1 ATF to replace members who have been posted to units by AFV. The members posted were 1 ARU rfts det to 1 ATF by direction HQ 1 ATF	
	17		1 ARU Policy ref A 416 to Units 1 ATF info AFV 1 ARU wish to make it clear that no rfts can be released from this unit without first completing 14 days trg in accordance with direction by Comd 1 ATF	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C2118 (Adapted)

Month and Year. FEB 67

Reference Map.....

Unit Formation 1. AUST RFT UNIT

Commanding Officer Capt K H JACKSON

Place and Grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and Enclosure number
	FEB 18		NTR	
	19		NTR	
	20		NTR	
	21		AFV A2593- Det of 1 ARU members to 1 ATF will not be approved as these are rfts and are to be used as such otherwise we will be unable to demand replacement rfts from AUSTRALIA. If 1 ATF desire members be det suggest members come from one of Bns	
	22		OC took 1 ARU patrol str 1 Pl to NUI DAT feature N of LONG TAN in 6 RAR area. Missions 1. To patrol and ambush in 6 RAR TAOR 2. Loc ammo dump in area of LONG TAN	
	23		RESULT OF PATROL - Found at YS 487670; 190 VC Stick grenades 445 x 7.62 rounds 3 x 60mm Mor rds 6 x M79 grenades 11 x M26 grenades	

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PART 2
COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C2118 (Adapted)

Month and Year. FEB 67.....

Reference Map.....

Unit Formation ..1 AUST RFT UNIT.....

Commanding Officer Capt K H JACSKON.....

Place and Grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
.....	<u>FEB 23</u>	.....	Items destroyed by 6 RAR Aslt Pnr Pl Comd. Various old VC Camps reported to 6 RAR. Med supplies found in one camp	.....
.....	<u>24</u>	.....	NTR	.....
.....	<u>25</u>	.....	NTR	.....
.....	<u>26</u>	.....	1 ARU Policy - Trg . R850-1-1 Folio S refers Contains:- Programme of Trg - Reinforcement Trg card - Request by OC to units to info deficiencies in trg programme. Copies sent to S of Inf AUST, HQ 1 ATF and all units	.....
.....	<u>27</u>	.....	HQ 1 ATF 8D 218 - 1 ARU is not deal direct with HQ AFV - OC to speak to 1 ATF Comd to clarify above. 1 ARU is authorised to deal direct with AFV ref reinforcements. Agreed verbally by 1 ATF Comd, that 1 ARU continue to deal direct	.....
.....	<u>28</u>	.....	NTR	.....