

# Australian Army Training Team Vietnam (AATTV)

Narrative  
1 - 31 July 1966

**Series:** AWM95 - Australian Army  
commanders' diaries

**Item:** 1/2/42



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.

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(Signature) *[Signature]*  
Appointment *Admin Off*  
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation *AATTV*  
From *1 Jul 66* To *31 Jul 66*

INDEX

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

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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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COMMANDER'S 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:

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.

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This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C 2119 (Adapted).

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C 2118 (Adapted)  
Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/FORMATION AATTV

MONTH AND YEAR 1 Jul 66 to 31 Jul 66

REFERENCE MAP .....

COMMANDING OFFICER LtCol AJ MILNER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SAIGON	2 July		36687 Capt J SCALES to PHUOC TUY for special duties.	
DANANG	2 July		C of S with parliamentary delegation visited DANANG.	
SAIGON	6 July		36548 Capt PH DAVIS RTA (RAASC Centre)	
SAIGON	10 July		21406 WO1 E.B. OSTARA RTA (Inf Centre)	
SAIGON	11-16 July		CO visited DANANG, QUANG NAM, QUANG NGAI, QUANG TRI, SF Camp TRA BONG, including all outstations AATTV.	
SAIGON	12 July		Admin Offr visited 1 ATF and AATTV members	
DANANG	15 July		A2243335 WO2 DG HOLMES WIA South of Marble Mountain, East DANANG area. Shrapnel wounds left calf and little finger L Hand, booby trap.	
SAIGON	16 July		57050 Maj RS BUCHAN ex Aust for assignment as Senior Aust Advisor I Corps.	
NHA TRANG	16 July		48049 Capt F. FAZEKAS completed US Para Course (Basic) with US Special Forces, at OKINAWA and 5 SF Group NHA TRANG.	
SAIGON	18-22 July		CO attended a series of lectures designed as orientation course for Advisors (US). Conducted by MACV 3 (33). Capt ASPINALL, (AATTV at QUANG TRI) also attended.	
DANANG	21 July		13824 WO2 JG PETTIT WIA. South East of Marble Mountain, East DANANG area. GSW left elbow and abdomen.	
SAIGON	22 July		Admin Offr to DANANG, HUE, QUANG TRI on normal monthly pay run.	



