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**Australian Army commanders' diaries**  
**[Vietnam]**

**Armour & Cavalry units**

**Item number: 2/4/12**

**Item: A Squadron 3 Cavalry**  
**Regiment**

**Narrative**

**[1-31 Dec 1967]**

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 707-4-1

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.

24 OCT 1968

(Signature)

Appointment

(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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Strike out where not applicable

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation

A SQN 3 CAV REGT

From

1 Dec 67

To

31 Dec 67

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

Table with 2 columns: Enclosure Number (A-Z), to

† NIL
† RETAINED
† Despatched to

on.....

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

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, the relevant papers 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 orders given. day's fighting, including company movements. commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

of great importance. officers, men and equipment. equipment captured. employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

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COMMA **DISPOSAL** DIARIES

13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, 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

Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:

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- b. Index to printed or typed.
- 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) 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 resignation 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 prepared for a particular day, the relevant papers should be numbered in sequence starting at A.

For operations from August '60, TOP SECRET documents. It is to be prepared and despatched as follows:

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regimental reports, orders, tactics, communications

initial information

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# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR Dec 67

REFERENCE MAP Y5

UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 3 Co Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj G J Murphy

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	1 Dec	0845	3 Tp plus a unit of Mors did a road run up Route 15. Heard SR fire from off the road at 348793. Request to place Mors fire into that area was a long delay, eventually didn't fire.	
NUI DAT	2 Dec	0930	The SUI NGHE patrol was done at 0930 hrs. The Sqn was given an Intelligence brief by the OC and were also shown the various types of VC projectiles for rocket launchers.	
NUI DAT	3 Dec	1310	A section of 1 Tp escorted a convoy to the Horsahee and back.	
NUI DAT	4 Dec	0630	3 Tp took Civil Affairs team to 503562 and returned by 1310 hrs.	
NUI DAT	5 Dec	0950	A section from 3 Tp escorted a convoy to and from Horsahee.	

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# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

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MONTH AND YEAR Dec 67

REFERENCE MAP YS

UNIT/FORMATION A.Syn. S Co Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. G.J. Murphy

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	6 Dec	0800	Issue orders for OP ALDERLEY but it was aborted when IATF learned that the ARVN did it on the night of 5/6 Dec.	
NUI DAT	7 Dec	1135	3Tp moved to 253719 to provide protection at FSPB "B" for 4th Regt. Concrete was poured into searchlight base, and work commenced on another bunker to replace a flooded bunker.	
NUI DAT	8 Dec	1010	2Tp went to recon crossings on SUI DA BANG. Found on 469 668 and 465 665. Returned to NUI DAT at 1600. 3Tp in FSPB "B" conducted a grenade practice.	
NUI DAT	9 Dec	0850	A motor scooter and a vehicle in 3Tp had an accident, 1 man and 1 woman slightly injured no Aust injuries. At 263753 3Tp saw 4 people but couldn't get clearance to fire.	

1 B/P Coy-275/65-55m

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MONTH AND YEAR *Dec 67*

REFERENCE MAP *YS*

UNIT/FORMATION *F Coy 2nd Regt*

COMMANDING OFFICER *Major G.J. Murphy*

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<i>NOI DAT</i>	<i>10 Dec</i>	<i>0945</i>	<i>Both Two and Three Troops of FSPB "B". Because of this SHQ will move out tomorrow.</i>	
		<i>2009</i>	<i>Two Tps reported what they thought to be a booby mortar landing in the Bty area, they heard no primary and also 1 const wounded.</i>	
<i>NOI DAT</i>	<i>11 Dec</i>	<i>0825</i>	<i>2 Tps moved to BARIA to escort convoy to the HORSESHOE</i>	
		<i>1425</i>	<i>C/S 1 at GR 359629 selecting a position for guns to fire</i>	
		<i>1450</i>	<i>C/S 32 leaving HORSESHOE for BARIA</i>	
		<i>1505</i>	<i>2 Tps at BARIA waiting for C/S 32 to return</i>	
		<i>1600</i>	<i>2 Tps returning</i>	
		<i>1635</i>	<i>1 Tps finished task with guns, moving back.</i>	

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MONTH AND YEAR *Dec 67*

REFERENCE MAP *YS*

UNIT/FORMATION *A Sqn 8 Cav Regt*

COMMANDING OFFICER *Major G. M. M. M.*

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<i>NUI DAT</i>	<i>12 Dec</i>	<i>0615</i>	<i>SITREP - NTR.</i>	
		<i>0710</i>	<i>C/S 11 LOCSTAT 275672</i>	
		<i>0725</i>	<i>C/S 2 LOCSTAT 253753</i>	
		<i>0730</i>	<i>9F moved to BARIA to escort a convey</i>	
		<i>1635</i>	<i>C/S 2 Moving to BARIA.</i>	
		<i>1715</i>	<i>C/S 2 LOCSTAT 356612</i>	
		<i>2030</i>	<i>NTR</i>	
	<i>13 Dec</i>	<i>1552</i>	<i>1 Tp conducted convey escort to BARIA</i>	
		<i>1759</i>	<i>1 Tp returned to NUI DAT</i>	
		<i>1810</i>	<i>C/S 33 Moved to SOVI NGHE</i>	
		<i>1835</i>	<i>C/S 33 LOCSTAT 430688</i>	
<i>14 DEC</i>		<i>0640</i>	<i>32 commencing clearing patrol</i>	
		<i>0850</i>	<i>Convey sent from NUI DAT to Hoesohoe</i>	
		<i>1955</i>	<i>2 PERS to be evac from C/S 3 for treatment</i>	



# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR *Dec 67*

REFERENCE MAP *Y5*

UNIT/FORMATION *A Sep 3 Cav Regt*

COMMANDING OFFICER *Maj G.S. Mumby*

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<i>NUI DAT</i>	<i>15 Dec</i>	<i>0650</i>	<i>CS 31 Completed clearing patrol.</i>	
		<i>0808</i>	<i>3 pers moved to NUI DAT from CS</i>	
			<i>LOC by ALBATROSS.</i>	
		<i>1432</i>	<i>CS 3 LOCSTAT HOA LONG</i>	
		<i>1445</i>	<i>CS 2 LONG DIEN</i>	
	<i>1710</i>	<i>CS 3. All sections in my loc.</i>		
	<i>16 Dec</i>	<i>0630</i>	<i>C/S 33 Completed clearing patrol.</i>	
		<i>0650</i>	<i>C/S 33 NUI DAT</i>	
		<i>1330</i>	<i>C/S 3 HOA LONG</i>	
		<i>1505</i>	<i>C/S 3 RETURNED TO NUI DAT</i>	
	<i>17 Dec</i>	<i>0057</i>	<i>CS 33 reported burst of auto fire South</i>	
			<i>ABty 1/83</i>	
		<i>0745</i>	<i>3TB at LONG DIEN.</i>	
		<i>0840</i>	<i>CS 33B hit 2 mins at GR 506557</i>	
		<i>0900</i>	<i>CS 3 asked for clearance to fire on</i>	
		<i>516560, 520550 + 520540. Granted on latter two.</i>		

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MONTH AND YEAR *Dec 67*

REFERENCE MAP *YS*

UNIT/FORMATION *A Sqn 3 Cav Regt*

COMMANDING OFFICER *Major G.F. Murphy*

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<i>NOI DAT</i>	<i>18 Dec</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>NTR</i>	
	<i>19 Dec</i>	<i>1010</i>	<i>1TP departed for BARIA</i>	
		<i>1130</i>	<i>C/S 23 LOCSTAT 442714 moving E</i>	
		<i>1145</i>	<i>C/S 23 Back in base</i>	
		<i>2400</i>	<i>NTR.</i>	
	<i>20 Dec</i>	<i>0912</i>	<i>1TP found person without an ID card on rd block on Route B - 297613</i>	
		<i>0952</i>	<i>2TP conducted a convey escort to HORSESHOE</i>	
		<i>2400</i>	<i>N. TR.</i>	
	<i>21 Dec</i>	<i>0537</i>	<i>¢ 3 reported S.A. fire from A Bry 1/83</i>	
		<i>0914</i>	<i>2TP LOCSTAT 500701 - Patrol Task.</i>	
		<i>1230</i>	<i>2TP returned to base.</i>	
		<i>2400</i>	<i>NTR.</i>	

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REFERENCE MAP *YS*

UNIT/FORMATION *A Sqn 3 Cav Regt*

COMMANDING OFFICER *Major G.J. Murphy*

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<i>NUI DAT</i>	<i>22 Dec</i>	<i>0705</i>	<i>2Tp LOCSTAT 420870</i>	
		<i>0830</i>	<i>1Tp Base</i>	
		<i>0850</i>	<i>3Tp 438703</i>	
		<i>1640</i>	<i>C/S 9 Bui Ba</i>	
		<i>1647</i>	<i>C/S 1 BN BA</i>	
		<i>1900</i>	<i>3Tp 462799</i>	
		<i>2400</i>	<i>NTR.</i>	
	<i>23 Dec</i>	<i>0800</i>	<i>C/S 22 patrolling from 447720 to 453743</i>	
			<i>C/S 23 patrolling from 453742 to 456757</i>	
		<i>1146</i>	<i>3Tp at 465837 found small hut with garden tools old clothes &amp; water canis</i>	
		<i>2400</i>	<i>NTR</i>	
	<i>24 Dec</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>NTR</i>	
		<i>2400</i>	<i>NTR.</i>	

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UNIT/FORMATION *A Sqn 3 Cav Regt*

MONTH AND YEAR *Dec 67*

REFERENCE MAP *Y5*

COMMANDING OFFICER *Major G. J. Munkley*

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<i>NUI DAT</i>	<i>25 Dec</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>NTR.</i>	
		<i>2045</i>	<i>Sentry reported MG fire due North 1000 m</i>	
		<i>2400</i>	<i>NTR.</i>	
	<i>26 Dec</i>	<i>0700</i>	<i>1TP conducted convoy escort to BARIA</i>	
		<i>2400</i>	<i>NTR</i>	
	<i>27 Dec</i>	<i>0658</i>	<i>2TP on task carrying Coy of Inf to 532657</i>	
		<i>1305</i>	<i>3TP reported road block at 436725</i>	
		<i>1600</i>	<i>2TP moving to Soui Nghe</i>	
		<i>2355</i>	<i>Sentry reported firing from A Coy 1/85 Arty</i>	
	<i>28 Dec</i>	<i>0845</i>	<i>8TP on patrol task. LOCSTAT 386682</i>	
		<i>1322</i>	<i>2TP on task at Soui Nghe</i>	
		<i>2400</i>	<i>NTR.</i>	

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR *Dec 67*

REFERENCE MAP *YS*

UNIT/FORMATION *A Sqn 3 Cav Regt*

COMMANDING OFFICER *Major G.F. Murphy*

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<i>NOI DAT</i>	<i>29 Dec</i>	<i>0745</i>	<i>2Tp moved to 455373 to RV with patrol from 1ARU.</i>	
		<i>1625</i>	<i>2Tp returned to Base.</i>	
		<i>2400</i>	<i>NTR.</i>	
	<i>30 Dec</i>	<i>0820</i>	<i>CS 13 departed for patrol of SOVI NGHE</i>	
		<i>1105</i>	<i>2Tp on task with inf Coy in Dab Do</i>	
		<i>1400</i>	<i>3Tp convey escort to HORSESHOE</i>	
		<i>2400</i>	<i>NTR.</i>	
	<i>31 Dec</i>	<i>0941</i>	<i>1Tp moved to 422739 to collect inf patrol</i>	
		<i>1253</i>	<i>2Tp convey escort to HORSESHOE</i>	
		<i>1407</i>	<i>1Tp located old bunker at 392662</i>	
		<i>2400</i>	<i>NTR.</i>	