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Narrative

[1-30 Sep 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) *Shelton LO*

22 MAR 1968

Appointment *LO*  
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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# COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation *A 24th 3rd Avn Regt.*  
From *1 Sep 67* To *30 Sep 67*

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

ANNEXES

- \* A Duty officer's log
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- J Administrative reports and bulletins; ammunition returns; field strength returns
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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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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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[2/4/Sep 67]

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR *September 67*

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION *A Coy 3 Cav Regt*

COMMANDING OFFICER *Major Lyf Murphy*

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<i>1 Sep.</i>	<i>0845</i>	<i>33p took a convoy to the Horseshoe 13p remained at Loui Nghe patrolling.</i>	
	<i>2 Sep.</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>13p collected ARU from base and dropped them at Loui Nghe before returning to base and remaining in.</i>	
	<i>3 Sep.</i>		<i>Vehicle servicing.</i>	
	<i>4 "</i>	<i>0635</i>	<i>33p moved out to prepare to secure a FSB to the West of the Duc Thanh post in the area of YS 455 776</i>	
	<i>5 "</i>	<i>0715</i>	<i>33p had the FSB secure and after the move in of the Arty left to work with 7RAR. 23p working with 2RAR. 13p was made responsible for the daily security of Rte 2 up to Duc Thanh. SHQ remained in the FSB, finally located at YS 457781.</i>	
	<i>6 "</i>		<i>33p protected Engos clearing the sides of Rte 2. 23p escorted and protected Civil Affairs vehicles.</i>	

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UNIT/FORMATION A Squadron 3rd Bde Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. G. J. Murphy

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	7 Sep.		13 p again secured the road. 23 p established a road block at YS 464816 and another at YS 462827	
	8 "		The Sqn continued participation in Op Ainslie 3+23 p patrolling with 1+2 RAR respectively.	
	9 "		Op Ainslie continued.	
	10 "		33 p protected lanes, clearing the edges of Rte 2 in the "Ainslie" area	
	11 "		33 p provided route security while 1 RAR engaged in the evacuation of families to the new hamlet at Soui N'ghe.	
	12 "		2+33 p continued Op Ainslie, 13 p returned to base.	
	13 "		Op Ainslie continued	
	14 "		13 p escorted AB Coy 2/35 Arty to Duc Thanh and then returned to base.	
	15 "		3 Sect 13 p escorted a convoy to the Duc Thanh F.S.B.	

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UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 3 Bdr Bgt

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj G J Murphy

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	16 Sep		2 + 3 Sp continued Op Ainslie	
	17 "		Op Ainslie continued.	
	18 "	1400	1 + 3 Sp carried 7RAR to the Northern area of the 7RAR AO.	
	19 "		2 + 3 Sp continued Op Ainslie	
	20 "		2 + 3 Sp worked with their "Ainslie" allotted Inf and 1 Sp escorted a convoy to the FSB at Duc Thanh.	
	21 "		1 Sp cleared Rte 2 to Duc Thanh to allow the return of Op Ainslie forces. The Sqn was complete in base at 1500 hrs.	
	22 "		Vehicle servicing.	
	23 "	0820	1 Sp carried B/7RAR to Soui Nghe to relieve ARU and returned with ARU.	
	24		Morning spent servicing vehicles and the Sqn stood down in the afternoon.	
			The OC (Maj G J Murphy) went on a tour of inspection of tank units and Capt J Ozendam administered comd.	

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	25 Sep	0730	SHQ, 2+3 Jp left for water training at Vung Tau in preparation for Op Denmore. 2 vehicles were drowned and another 3 were not seaworthy. 15 of the 20 vehicles tested were seaworthy.	
	26 "		13 Jp successfully completed water training at Vung Tau	
	27 "		Vehicle servicing and preparation for Op Denmore	
	28 "	0800	Orders and preparation for Op Denmore	
	29 "	1330	Sqn moved out on Op Denmore and crossed the Song Bai mouth from West to East then leaguered for the night at YS 593578.	
	30	0630	The Sqn moved to the Ho Tram Cape area (AO Wattle) and secured it for the fly in of Artz and TF HQ	
		1200	TF asked for the Sqn ACV to be brought out to Ho Tram Cape for use as a CP but it broke down near Dat Do and was recovered to the Horseshoe.	