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Narrative

1-31 July 1970

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

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation *B Squadron The Third Cavalry Regiment*

From *1 Jul 70*

To *31 Jul 70*

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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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COMBAT DIARIES DISPOSAL

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:

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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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3. The entries are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no entries for an entire day, this will be entered on the cover. If additional entries are made, they are to be numbered in order of date.

For documents from Annex 'Z', TOP SECRET cover document. It is to be prepared and despatched as follows:

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as well as any other reports, including reports on operations, orders given, day's fighting, including captures, prisoners, casualties with regard to wounded, missing, etc.

essential information, a diary, map and equipment used, etc.

and to give with as much information as possible in to units issued and received, service reports, etc. All the date of receipt or despatch is to be given.

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REFERENCE MAP PHUOC TUY

B SQN 3 CAV REGT
Major H.J. COATES OC

Place	Grid Reference	Date	Time	Event or Information		
HORSESHOE		1 Jul	-	2(-). 82.	Opion 7 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
MATHEW		--	-	84.	Opion 8 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
KYLIE		--	-	85A.	Opion 8 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
AO MULLET		--	-	1.81. 3.83. 23.	Opion 8 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
LE LOI		--	-	ΦA. 9.98B.	Opion 8 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
HORSESHOE		2 Jul	-	2(-). 82.	Opion 7 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
MATHEW		--	-	84.	Opion 8 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
KYLIE		--	-	85A.	Opion 8 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
AO MULLET		--	-	1.81. 3.83. 23.	Opion 8 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
LE LOI		--	-	ΦA. 9.98B.	Opion 8 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
439848		--	2042	11 Sect in contact. Section heard digging approximately 40 metres WEST of ambush position and then saw movement which they engaged with 0.30 and 0.50 calibre machine guns, Claymore mines and M79 grenades. The enemy immediately returned fire with machine gun (probably an RPD), RPGs and possibly hand grenades. Mortar illumination was		

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Continuing		2 Jul	2042	<p>fire from KYLIE and then artillery illumination from LE LOI. Shortly afterwards a flare POSSUM arrived on the scene and the artillery commenced firing HE from LOIS into the area 400 metres WSW of the contact area. Due to persistent enemy movement back to the original digging area each time the HE and illumination ceased, two SHADOW aircraft were called in and artillery HE fired throughout the remainder of the night. Contact was finally broken at approximately 0500 hours and at first light 11 Section undertook a limited sweep (limited by jungle density). Later in the morning 31 Section brought in some infantry from 8RAR who carried out a far more detailed sweep for 1000 metres around the contact area. Nothing of any significance was produced by either sweep. Judging by the weapons the enemy used and his persistent attempts to regain the initial contact area it is con-</p>

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Continuing		2 Jul	2042	<p>indicated that the enemy force probably constituted elements of K8, the heavy weapons company of B440.</p> <p>An interesting observation resulting from this contact is that II Section was the only element of the Cavalry group not to have been moved after its original insertion and the only element to have contacted any enemy force. This observation includes the infantry battalion ambushes and patrols.</p>
434834		"	0940	<p>1 Tp HQ, on their third day in this ambush position, saw and engaged an apparent enemy force. This apparent enemy force turned out to be C Coy 8 RAR who had been directed by their Battalion Headquarters to move into the vicinity of the old FSPB PAT. Unfortunately the headquarters failed to notify the company of the proximity of the Cavalry ambush and also failed to notify the Cavalry headquarters of C Coy's mov. This engagement</p>

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Continuing		2 Jul	0940	resulted in three infantrymen being wounded, one very seriously and one seriously.
HORSESHOE		3 Jul	-	2(-).82. Opion 7 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
MATHEW		"	-	84. Opion 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
KYLIE		"	-	85A. Opion 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
AD MULLET		"	-	1.81.3.83.23. Opion 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
LE LOI		"	-	9A.9.98B. Opion 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
433885		"	2015	12 Sect in contact with three VC. One VC was seen to fall twice having been engaged with Claymores and machine guns. 1VC WIA. No other result.
HORSESHOE		4 Jul	-	2.82. Opion ⁷ 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
AD CAMEL		"	-	1.81.84.98B. Opion 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
KYLIE		"	-	85A. Opion 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
433907		"	1630	11 Section contacted eight possible NVA. Enemy were moving south and were engaged at a range of 100-150 metres. Enemy withdrew EAST and were chased into very thick jungle at

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Continuing		4 Jul	1630	which point 11 Sect were forced to break contact this incident resulted in 3 enemy KIA (BC), one CHICOM 7.62mm pistol, three packs, 1 1/2 ounces of CHICOM explosive and a quantity of documents being captured. (An NVA prisoner, captured by B Company 8 RAR on 6 Jul 70, was a member of the group until just prior to its contact with 11 Sect. He identified one of the KIA as the 2IC of K54, the medical company of 274 NLF Regt. Documents captured during this contact included, from the commander of 274 Regt, dated 20 May 70, an instruction to all sub units that they were only to use RPG for the defence of hospital installations, and to use enemy - trapped 105mm rounds for base defence.)
HORSESHOE		5 Jul	-	2. 82. Opcom 7 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
AO CAMEL		"	-	1. 81. 84. 98B. Opcom 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
A KYLIE		"	-	85A. Opcom 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.

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KYLIE		5 Jul	0900	86 Sect replaces 84 Sect.
HORSESHOE		-	1300	3 Tp commence a 24 hour period of operational training with a company of infantry from 18 ARVN Div. Troop/Company group ambushing EAST of HORSESHOE tonight.
HORSESHOE		6 Jul	-	2. 82. Opcon 7 RAR. Op PETRIE.
HORSESHOE		--	0800	3 Tp returned to NUI DAT after operational training of an ARVN company from 18 ARVN Div.
AO CAMEL		--	-	1. 81. 84. 98B. Opcon 8 RAR. Op QUARTERMILE.
KYLIE		--	-	85A. Opcon 8 RAR. Op QUARTERMILE.
440890		--	1655	19J detonated an estimated 15 lb, off-set switch, mine, resulting in the wren (Sgt ANSTREY and Tpr K.N. MITCHELL) and four infantrymen being evacuated by air to 1 ALSG (1 AFH) VUNG TAY. The vehicle was still capable of being driven. Shortly after completion of the DUSTOFF the engineer mini-team located a booby-trapped 105mm shell which was destroyed in situ.

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HORSESHOE		7 Jul	-	2.82. Opion 7 RAR. Op PETRIE.
8 KYLIE		"	-	85A. Opion 8 RAR. Op QUARTERMILE.
AO CAMEL		"	-	1.81.86.98B. Opion 8 RAR. Op QUARTERMILE. At 0800 this morning Cpl CHALK and Tpv BRADY went out to KYLIE to replace Sgt ANSTEY and Tpv MITCHELL K.N.
HORSESHOE		"	0900	OC visited Capt MURPHY.
HORSESHOE		8 Jul	-	2.82. Opion 7 RAR. Op PETRIE.
KYLIE		"	-	85A. Opion 8 RAR. Op QUARTERMILE.
AO CAMEL		"	-	1.81.84.98B. Opion 8 RAR. Op QUARTERMILE.
AO CAMEL		"	0930	OC visited 1 Tp.
XUYEN MOC		"	1030	OC visited District Chief.
439871 and 439855		"	0915	and at 071800H Jul 70, 1 Tp located two very small bunker systems which they destroyed using explosives. The two systems between them produced one American fork and one garden hoe.
HORSESHOE		9 Jul	-	2.82. Opion 7 RAR. Op PETRIE.

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KYLIE		9 Jul	-	85A. Opion 8 RAR. Op QUARTERMILE.
AO CAMEL		"	-	1. 81. 86. 98B. Opion 8 RAR. Op QUARTERMILE.
VUNG TAU		"	1100	OC and Adjutant visited Sgt ANSTEY at 1 AFH, 1 PLSC. Anstey in excellent spirits and very good health.
HORSESHOE		10 Jul	-	2. 82. Opion 7 RAR. Op PETRIE.
KYLIE		"	-	85A. Opion 8 RAR. Op QUARTERMILE.
AO CAMEL		"	-	1. 81. 86. 98B. Opion 8 RAR. Op QUARTERMILE.
HORSESHOE		"	1100	OC visited 2 Tp.
AO CAMEL		"	1400	OC visited 1 Tp by helicopter.
438860		"	1030	1 Tp located six small bunkers, each containing CS gas and one containing a 316 Chicom mine.
HORSESHOE		11 Jul	-	2. (-). 82. Opion 7 RAR. Op PETRIE.
KYLIE		"	-	85A. Opion 8 RAR. Op QUARTERMILE.
AO CAMEL		"	-	1. 81. 86. 98B. Opion 8 RAR. Op QUARTERMILE.
443853		"	1030	1 Tp located the body of a VC who had been shot through the skull with a large calibre weapon. Due to the location of

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Continuing		11 Jul	1030	the body and the approximate time of death (7-10 days prior to discovery) the kill has been credited to 11 Sect for the contact at YS 439848 on 2/3 Jul 70.
AO SHEPHERD		12 Jul	-	2(-). 82. Opcon 7 RAR. Op PETRIE.
KYLIE		"	-	85A. Opcon 8 RAR. Op QUARTERVILLE.
AO CAMEL		"	-	1.81. 86. 98A. Opcon 8 RAR. Op QUARTERVILLE.
AO CAMEL		"	1030	Adjutant visited 1 Tp to inform WO2 HUDSON of the death of his father.
NUI DAT		"	0900	During the course of the normal Sunday OCs Briefing to the Squadron, the 10 commenced a series of brief lectures on the GVN and communist organisations within Phuoc Tuy Province.
432 856		"	1410	12 Sect located a small bunker system which they destroyed.
430 856		"	1709	1 Tp located a 40 feet long tunnel, 6 feet square and with 25 feet of overhead protection. Destroyed with high explosive.
AO SHEPHERD		13 Jul	-	2(-). 82. Opcon 7 RAR.
KYLIE		"	-	85A. 86. Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.

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AO CAMEL		13 Jul	0900	1. 81. 98B.	Return to NUI DAT from opcon 8 RAR. CES checks and non-tech inspections preparatory to redeploying.
FSPB GAIL		"	0700	3. 83. 85B. 98A.	Opcon 2 RAR/NZ. Op NATHAN.
AO SHEPHERD		14 Jul	-	2. 82.	Opcon 7 RAR. Op PETRIE.
KYLIE		"	-	86(-). 9E. 85A.	Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
AO CAMEL		"	-	3(-). 98A. 85B.	Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
MARIE		"	-	33. 9A. 85.	Opcon 1LT. Op CRUMPET.
Vic 434834		15 Jul	0730	1(-)	to re-enact the accidental shooting of personnel from 8 RAR for the Investigating Officer.
NUI DAT		"	0800		OC commenced an inspection of the Squadron lines.
AO SHEPHERD		"	-	2. 82.	Opcon 7 RAR. Op PETRIE.
KYLIE		"	-	86(-). 9E. 85A.	Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
AO CAMEL		"	-	3(-). 98A. 85B.	Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
MARIE		"	-	33. 9A. 85.	Opcon 1LT. Op CRUMPET.
AO SHEPHERD		16 Jul	-	2. 82.	Opcon 7 RAR. Op PETRIE.
KYLIE		"	-	86. 85A.	Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.

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AO CAMEL		16 Jul	-	3(-). 98A. Opcon 2RAR. Op NATHAN.
MARIE		"	-	33. 9G. 85. Opcon LCT.
KYLIE		"	0800	84 received 86 in KYLIE.
AO SHEPHERD		17 Jul	-	2. 82. Opcon 7 RAR. Op PETRIE.
KYLIE		"	-	84. 85A. Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
AO CAMEL		"	-	3(-). 98A. Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
MARIE		"	-	33. 9G. 85. Opcon 17 Const. LCT.
502554		"	1400	2 Tp found two M16 mines without firing devices near two old graves.
AO SHEPHERD		18 Jul	-	2. 82. Opcon 7 RAR. Op PETRIE.
KYLIE		"	-	84. 85A. Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
AO CAMEL		"	-	3(-). 98A. Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
MARIE		"	-	33. 9G. 85. Opcon 17 Const. LCT.
AO SHEPHERD		19 Jul	-	2. 82. Opcon 7 RAR. Op PETRIE.
KYLIE		"	-	84. 85A. Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
AO CAMEL		"	-	3(-). 98A. Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
MARIE		"	-	33. 9G. 85. Opcon IR 17 Const. LCT.

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AO SHEPHERD		20 Jul	-	2. 82.	Op com 7 RAR. Op PETRIE.
KYLIE		"	-	84. 85A.	Op com 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
AO CAMEL		"	-	3(-). 98A.	Op com 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
MARIE		"	-	33. 9G. 85.	Op com 17 Constn. LCT.
AO SHEPHERD		21 Jul	-	2. 82.	Op com 7 RAR. Op PETRIE.
KYLIE		"	-	84. 85A.	Op com 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
AO CAMEL		"	-	3(-). 98A.	Op com 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
MARIE		"	-	33. 9G. 85.	Op com 17 Constn. LCT.
AO SHEPHERD		22 Jul	-	2. 82.	Op com 7 RAR. Op PETRIE.
KYLIE		"	-	84. 85A.	Op com 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
AO CAMEL		"	-	3(-). 98A.	Op com 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
MARIE		"	-	33. 9G. 85.	Op com 17 Constn. LCT.
1 ATF Base AO.		23 Jul	-	2(-). 84.	Special op with 8 RAR.
KYLIE		"	-	86. 85A.	Op com 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
AO CAMEL		"	-	3(-). 98A.	Op com 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
MARIE		"	-	33. 9G. 85.	Op com 17 Constn. LCT.

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AO SHEPHERD		23 Jul	-	1. 81. 98B.	Opcon 8 RAR. Op DECADE.
KYLIE		24 Jul	-	86. 85A.	Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
AO CAMEL		"	-	3(-). 98A.	Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
MARIE		"	-	33. 9G. 85.	Opcon 2 RAR 17 Constv. LCT.
AO SHEPHERD		"	-	1. 81. 98B.	Opcon 8 RAR. Op DECADE.
KYLIE		25 Jul	-	86. 85A.	Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
AO CAMEL		"	-	3(-). 98A.	Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
MARIE.		"	-	32 9G. 85.	Opcon 17 Constv. LCT.
AO SHEPHERD		"	-	1. 81. 98B.	Opcon 8 RAR. Op DECADE.
KYLIE		26 Jul	-	86. 85A.	Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
AO CAMEL		"	-	3(-). 98A.	Opcon 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
MARIE		"	-	32. 9G. 85.	Opcon 17 Constv. LCT.
AO SHEPHERD		"	-	1. 81. 98B.	Opcon 8 RAR. Op DECADE.
291782		"	0645	33 Sect	contacted three enemy who approached their location. a 0.30 cal engagement resulted in two NVA KIA (BC), one AK47 and two packs CIA.

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KYLIE		27 Jul	-	86. 85A.	Opion 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
AO CAMEL		"	-	3(-). 98A.	Opion 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
MARIE		"	-	32. 9G. 85.	Opion 17 Constv. LCT.
AO SHEPHERD		"	-	1. 81. 98B.	Opion 8 RAR. Op DECADE.
1 ATF Base AO		"	0915	2.	Commence company training with 7 RAR.
XUEN NOC		"	0830	OC and Maj WALKER (OC 6 Sqn 3 Cav Regt) visited District Chief.	
KYLIE		28 Jul	-	86. 85A.	Opion 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
AO CAMEL		"	-	3(-). 98A.	Opion 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
MARIE		"	-	32. 9G. 85.	Opion 17 Constv. LCT.
AO SHEPHERD		"	-	1. 81. 98B.	Opion 8 RAR. Op DECADE.
KYLIE		29 Jul	-	86. 85A.	Opion 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
AO CAMEL		"	-	3(-). 98A.	Opion 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
MARIE		"	-	32. 9G. 85.	Opion 17 Constv. LCT.
AO SHEPHERD		"	-	1. 81. 98B.	Opion 8 RAR. Op DECADE.
KYLIE		30 Jul	-	86. 85A.	Opion 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.

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Place	Grid Reference	Date	Time	Event or Information
AO CAMEL		30 Jul	-	3(-). 98A. Opcom 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
SHARON		"	-	32. 9G. 85. Opcom 17 Const. LCT.
AO SHEPHERD		"	-	1. 81. 98B. Opcom 8 RAR. Op DECADE.
YS 2862		"	1800	84 insulated an SAS patrol with collapsible boats to commence an operation against LONG SON island. Later in the evening the section was involved in providing protection for a US Huey Cobra gunship which came down with engine failure in the same grid square.
KYLIE		31 Jul	-	86. 85A. Opcom 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
AO CAMEL		"	-	3(-). 98A. Opcom 2 RAR. Op NATHAN.
SHARON		"	-	32. 9G. 85. Opcom 17 Const. LCT.
AO SHEPHERD		"	-	1. 81. 98B. Opcom 8 RAR. Op DECADE.
SHARON		"	0750	32 reversed his vehicle in close to a helicopter to off-load some equipment. Apparently not appreciating just how close the helicopter was, the driver, Sgt DOYLE, walked along the top of the carrier and straight

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