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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, starting at B.

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

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as well as map references), establishment, equipment

orders given.

the day's fighting, including company movements.

Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

tential importance.

officers, men and equipment.

equipment captured.

employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

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

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.

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

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MONTH AND YEAR MAY 67

REFERENCE MAP PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

UNIT/FORMATION 161 (INDEP) RECCE FLT

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj L.G. DOYLE

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1 May		FW and RW operations in support of Operation PUCKAPUNYAL and HQ 1 ATF.	
	2 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF.	
	3 May		FW and RW operations in support of Operation LISMORE and HQ 1 ATF.	
	4 May		FW and RW operations in support of Operation LISMORE and HQ 1 ATF. 18594 Sgt J.O. RYAN marched in.	
	5 May		FW and RW operations in Support of Operation LISMORE and HQ 1 ATF. 1200965 Sgt A.L. HARRIS returned from detachment to Kangaroo Control and A17791 LAC K.D. KERR marched out.	
	6 May		FW and RW operations in support of Operation LISMORE and HQ 1 ATF. 213167 Ssgt J. WILSON marched in.	
	7 May		FW and RW operations in support of Operation LISMORE and HQ 1 ATF.	
	8 May		FW and RW operations in support of Operation LISMORE and HQ 1 ATF.	
	9 May		FW and RW operations in support of Operation LISMORE concluded this day. 28587 Ssgt C.P.P. TIMMING and 16163 Cpl A.E. SHERMAN marched out.	
	10 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF. The following personnel marched out : 310286 WO2 H. NICHOL, 15653 Cpl K.J. STEEL, 17631mLcpl E.R. POTTER, 58726 Sgt K.T. ELSON, 1730826 Pte R.J. GAZE, 216376 Cfn P.A. LIDSTER, 2781609 Pte T.M. O'MARA, 214268 Pte J. RUTTLEY, 3787071 Pte B.J. WALLACE, 1410846 Sgt J.R. ALLMAN, 64264 Sgt S.A. WOOLS-COBB, 3787320 Cpl B.C. WHITCHIER, 1730919 Pte G.C. CORBETT, 2781621 Pte R.G. HANCOCK, 43113 Pte B.C. MYAL.	

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NUI DAT	10 May		3786968 Pte J.F. RANKIN, 3787247 Tpr Q.L. SELL, 34872 Cfn H.R. WILLIS	
	11 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF. The following members marched in : 4637 WO2 B.M. QUEE, 52901 Sgt C.W. LANGRIDGE, 215734 Lcpl D.L. KENDALL, 2784286 Pte M.V. RAGG, 1411034 Pte W.J. BOSTOCK, 2412296 Pte R.A. DOCEN, 213280 Pte R J BEVAN, 3788068 Pte D.J. BAKER, 1731869 Pte A.R. WEERTMAN, 2783966 Pte R.G. FELTHAM, 1411100 Pte S.J. MOORE, 5411585 Cfn R.C. CARTER, 4718090 Pte P.E. HENRY, 5714142 Pte J.J. MATHEWS, 37349 Pte R.L. O'CONNOR	
	12 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF. The following marched out : 5713718 Pte C.G. SALTER and 3787052 Pte B.J. WALL while 42541 Cpl E.M. WILLIAMS , 2783593 Cfn K.H. CUPITT and 5411613 Pte W.D. SUITER marched in.	
	13 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF. The following members marched in : 61409 Capt I.V. REID, A12386 Sgt A.R. BURGESS, A32949 Sgt P. GINMAN, A14411 Sgt D. MENZIES.	
	14 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF.	
	15 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF. The following members marched in : 53605 Sgt K.L. DODDS and 2412053 Pte A.W. DOWNEY.	
	16 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF.	
	17 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF.	

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NUI DAT	18 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF.	
	19 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF. The following members marched out : 4410898 Cpl G.W. FARBRIDGE, 213810 Pte J.B. DYSON, 2781502 Pte D.A. KEATING and 1731018 Pte W.R. MULLER.	
	20 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF.	
	21 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF.	
	22 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF.	
	23 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF.	
	24 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF. 17699 2Lt C.W.J. SCOTT was detached to <i>US ARMY</i> 54 Avn Coy to study US light aircraft operations. 37349 Pte R.L. O'CONNOR returned from detachment at Kangaroo Control.	
	25 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF. 26320 Cfn C.F. McFARLANE marched in.	
	26 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF. 1200276 2Lt B.M. WEAVER flying A1-409 force landed 3000 metres WEST of XUYEN MOC after losing a tail rotor in flight. It was not possible to recover the aircraft, which was extensively damaged, before dark, and it was destroyed by US Gunships.	
	27 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF.	
	28 May		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF. 2783815 Pte P.J. SHARP marched in.	

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