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Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Army Aviation units

Item number: 8/1/22

Item: 161 [Independent]

Reconnaissance Flight

Narrative

[1-31 Jul 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) *Koshteluan*

Appointment OC 161 (Indep) Recce Flt
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

Received & forwarded @ 16/8

SECRET

ORIGINAL
DUPLICATE

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not applicable

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 161 (Indep) Recce Flt

From 1 Jul 67 To 31 Jul 67

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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- O Periodical summaries of operations
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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.

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

ITEMS

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DISPOSAL

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

UNIT/FORMATION 161 (In) Recce Flt

MONTH AND YEAR July 1967

REFERENCE MAP PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj G.A. Constable

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	1 Jul		FW and RW Operations in support of "Operation Cooparoo" and HQ 1 ATF	
	2 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of "Operation Cooparoo" concluded the day	
	3 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF	
	4 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF	
	5 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF	
	6 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF	
	7 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF	
	8 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF	
	9 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF	
	10 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of "Operation Paddington" and HQ 1 ATF	
			17699 Lt C.W.J. Scott flying A98-063 Received small arms fire but sustained no damage.	
	11 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of "Operation Paddington" and HQ 1 ATF	
	12 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of "Operation Paddington" and HQ 1 ATF	
	13 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of "Operation Paddington" and HQ 1 ATF	
	14 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of "Operation Paddington" and HQ 1 ATF	
	15 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of "Operation Paddington" and HQ 1 ATF	
	16 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of "Operation Paddington" and HQ 1 ATF	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION.....

MONTH AND YEAR.....

REFERENCE MAP.....

COMMANDING OFFICER.....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	17 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of "Operation Paddington" concluded this day.	
	18 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF 61409 Capt I.V. Reid and 37022 Sgt J.H. Solomon Medevac RTA	
	19 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF 235125 Maj G.A. Constable and 18479 L cpl Klass marched in.	
	20 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF 17699 Lt C.W.J. Scott, 214810 Cpl P.M. Levy and 16318 Cfn J.A. Brown RTA	
	21 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF	
	22 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of HQ 1 ATF 235125 Maj G.A. Constable assumed command of 161 (Indep) Recce Flt	
	23 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of "Operation Southport" and HQ 1 ATF	
	24 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of "Operation Southport" and HQ 1 ATF 19994 2lt T.W. Guivarra returned from attachment to 54 coy US Army Avn	
	25 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of "Operation Southport" and HQ 1 ATF	
	26 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of "Operation Southport" and HQ 1 ATF	
	27 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of "Operation Southport" and HQ 1 ATF	
	28 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of "Operation Southport" and HQ 1 ATF	
	29 Jul		FW and RW operations in support of "Operation Southport" "Operation Cairns" and HQ 1 ATF	

