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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.

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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) each entry being initiated by the officer

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4. A Commander's Diary is to be considered as consisting of all entries of all kinds made during operational periods.

5. A Commander's Diary is to be supplied in duplicate by:

a. Commanders Diary of..... (Formation or Unit)

b. 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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- c. Narrative (AF C 2116) (Adapted).
- d. Annexes as shown in the Index.

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8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no annexes the annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are present for a particular head, they are to be numbered starting at 1.

for operations from April 1942, every six months thereafter, the document is to be updated and despatched to the

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 17 CONST SQN WKSPS

MONTH AND YEAR JULY 1966

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT R.D. KIPPEN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	1 Jul 66		Tentagm return submitted to HQ 1ALSG.	
	6 Jul 66		Cfn TAYLOR admitted to 2 Fd Amb for medical observation	
	7 Jul 66		Cpl ABBOTT and seven Plant Operators and three TD15B tractors on 'Stand by' for detachment 'EL PASSO'. Proposed project MIN THAN airbase. Submitted recommendation for Cfn ADAMS HDA Dvr/Batman gp 4.	
	8 Jul 66		Received two BER OLIVER size 'O' tractors, to be held for parts removal.	
	9 Jul 66		OM112 oil for TD15B tractors not available in theatre. Discussed with Maj. McCART, DADEME, and Maj GLENDENNING RAASC, the suitability of OMD112. EMEI Eng Equip B451-1 states that OMD110 will not be used. An oil interchangeability schedule issued from HQ E Comd prior to leaving Australia, states oil OMD110 may be used. Decision was reached that EMEI Eng Equip B451-1 would be adhered to.	
			Notified by 2 Fd Amb that Cfn TAYLOR would be RTA.	
	11 Jul 66		To assist 2 Comp Ord Depot to process and select outstanding and incoming 17 Const Sqn Wksps vouchers, Pte WALL and Pte WEBSTER detached to Depot.	
			Cpl ABBOTT taken off 'EL PASSO' 'Stand by'.	
	12 Jul 66		Cfn TAYLOR medical board recommended RTA for psychiatric treatment.	
	13 Jul 66		50% of workshop personnel test fired weapons.	

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VUNG TAU	15 Jul 66		Submitted recommendation for Cpl ABBOTT HDA to Sgt. Dvr/Batman Cfn MACDONALD marched in from Australia.	
	16 Jul 66		The last operational 25 KVA in Squadron and Workshops becomes unserviceable. Controlled replacement of Slip Rings carried out and machine serviceable. Four tradesmen worked on TD15B and 22RB in situ (Quarry), to enable stockpile to be maintained for following week.	
	18 Jul 66		Spr FARRAR returned from leave in Australia. Maj DAY OC 17 Const Sqn RAE, held first O GROUP. Despatched letter to HQ E Comd Family Liasion Officer ref Spr TATTIS' father.	
	19 Jul 66		Submitted signal to 1ALSG in reply to request for HARDIHOOD return R569-1-1. Owing to ttentage for Accommodation, Coverage for B2 stores becoming critical. No relief in the forseeable future. Makeshift cover being utilised. Workshop being pressurised for Michigan size 7 front end loaders and fork lifts, but no parts forthcoming. The Michigans operating are also in need of repair.	
			Cfn TAYLOR departs by air for Australia.	
	20 Jul 66		Due to an unexpected load on arc welding the supply of 8 gauge mild steel rods are extremely short. Withdraw 2 Comp Ord D.	

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AF - C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

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MONTH AND YEAR JULY 1966

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COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT R.D. KIPPEN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			Withdrew 2 Comp Ord Depot total stock of 50lb(not LONGDAY) Submitted TS4 for petty cash \$5.00 US 500.00 PLASTRE. Received verbal notification from Capt WALTERS, 101 Fd Wksp that he was detaching Cfn WALKER to replace Cfn TAYLOR on Monday 25 Jul 66.	
	21 Jul 66		All types of oil and fuel filters for 'C' Vehs becoming difficult to acquire. Usage rate very high.	
	23 Jul 66		Spr HEALY and Cfn ENGLISH detached to HQ AAFV for one weeks guard duty. Cpl ABBOTT hospitalized with minor heart attack.	
	24 Jul 66		25 KVA completely beyond local repair . Valves burnt out.	
	25 Jul 66		Cfn WALKER marched in.	
	26 Jul 66		Lt Col DURRANT and Maj PHILLIP of DOS and ADOS 1ALSG visted and checked on the spare parts situation.	
			17 Const Sgn Wksp given the responsibility of maintenance and repair of the two 125 KVA generators at 1ALSG.	
	27 Jul 66		Request from Capt NEWMAN of 1ALSG for a return on TD15B and Michigan Front End loader and Fork Lift in wksp and outstanding spare parts. Workshop have physically in for repair 6 TD15B Tractors and 6 Michigan FEL and FL.	
	30 Jul 66		Cfn WALKER hospitalized (Nervous Breakdown)	

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CAPT R.D. KIPPEN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	30 Jul 66 (Cont)		Cpl. FULCHER detached HQ AAFV for loading of stores on LSM. Number of outstanding Ord vouchers as at 30 Jul 66, 142.	

VEH No & TYPE	DATE REC'd	WORK REQUIRED	PARTS ORDERED	DATE ORDERED	REMARKS
97095 TD15B	26 Jul 65	Check and repair starter motor	NIL		
97123 TD15B	26 Jul 66	Faulty injectors	W151 Strut Diagonal W152 Head Lamp Assy	29 Jun 66	W151 & W152 ordered on previous entry in Wksp. Equip has since been working pending stores.
97081 TD15B	28 Jun 66	Winch Clutch	W150 Strut Diagonal W10 Hydraulic Pump W181 - W182 Transmission Jack Shafts & U/Joints. W183 Strut Diagonal.	29 Jun 66 19 May 66 21 May 66 21 Jul 66	Original work unable to be carried out pending manufacture of tools. This machine has both diagonal struts missing. Replace- ments ordered on 97081 and 97123.
97069 TD15B	23 May 66	Blown Head gasket	W8 Head Gasket	24 May 66	
97109 TD15B	15 Jul 66	Transmission, Jack shafts and U/Joints	W181, W182, W183, U/Joints	21 Jul 66	
97091 TD15B	19 May 66	Replace tilt hose	W6 Tilt Hose	20 May 66	Equip not called in.
96107 TD15B	26 Jul 66	Ripper arm O Rings.			AAF G1045 received 26 Jul 66. No action.

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VEH No & TYPE	DATE REC'd	WORK REQUIRED	PARTS ORDERED	Date	REMARKS
96923 Tractor size 7 Michigan	23 Apr 66	Repair leaking hydraulic left Cyl & Lights	W29 Head Lamp sealed beam. Spot light. Windscreen Wiper.	24 Apr 66	Veh returned to work.
	10 Jun 66	Repair cradle & rear U/Joints. O/Haul M/Cyl. Check steering booster.	W99 - W113 M/Cyl kit. O Ring. Cradle parts. U/Joints & Flanges.	11 Jun 66	Machine grounded.
96925 Tractor size 7 Michigan	26 May 66	Replace steering wheel	W29 Steering wheel. W124 Current Volt Reg. W125 Close Nipple trans clutch Tee (2) W127 Bolt (16)	27 May 66	Replaced parts on other machine. Blower Shaft W20. Generator. U Bolts W102.
96983 Tractor size 7 Michigan	26 May 66	Replace Blower Shaft.	W20 Blower Shaft.	27 May 66	Parts removed from machi- -ne 96925 ordered on 96983. Generator and Regulator fitted to ordered on
	8 Jun 66	Repair wheel cyl. Repair front U/Joints, axle bolts and nuts.	W118 - W123 Wheel Cyl. U Joint bolt axle.		

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96902 Tractor size 7 Michigan.	25 Jun 66	Replace torque conversion output shaft.	W132 Prop Shaft (2) W133 Spider (4) W134 Hose (1) W135 Tee Trans Clutch W136 Close Nipple Trans. Clutch (2) W137 Spring Detent (12) W138 Voltage Regulator W139 Generator	24 Jun 66	Machine GROUNDED in wksp.

INDENT No	DATE	ITEM	MAINT	SCALE	J1
1301	18 Mar 66	NEEDLE AND SEAT	ENG	606	GRADER
1303	"	ELEMENT	(Part Issued)	"	"
1306	"	GASKET	"	"	"
1308	"	"	"	"	"
1309	"	"	Ext 1 COD	"	622 P&H CRANE
1310	"	"		"	"
1311	"	FITTING HOSE	"	"	"
1316	"	SPRING	" LPO	"	621 DPULL
1317	"	DIAPHRAGM	(Part Issued)	"	"
1318	"	REPAIR KIT	"	"	"
1319	"	GASKET	"	"	"
1326	"	BRUSH	"	"	627 GRADER
1327	"	SPRING	EXT 1 COD	"	"
1330	"	GASKET	" LPO	"	"
1333	"	CUTTING EDGE	"	"	"
1341	"	TOOTH DIPPER		"	612 (22RB)
1342	"	LINING FRICTION	EXT LPO	"	"
1343	"	" "	" "	"	"
1352	"	GASKET	" "	"	627 GRADER
1355	2"	CUTTING EDGE		"	620 MICHIGAN
1357	"	O RING	EXT LPO	"	"
1359	"	SOCKETS	" "	"	622 P&H CRANE
1360	"	BOLT	(Part Issued)	"	"
1362	"	BOLT	" "	"	"
1362	"	TOOTH POINT	EXT LPO	"	"
1363	"	" "	(Part Issued)	"	"
1364	"	ELBOW	" "	"	"
1366	"	HOSE	EXT LPO	"	"
1374	"	GASKET	" "	"	618 CHAMBERLAIN
1375	"	"		"	627 GRADER
1376	"	"		"	"
1387	21 Mar 66	SEAL	EXT LPO	"	625 (TD15B)
1389	"	O RING	" "	"	"
1390	"	HOSE	" "	"	"
1391	"	FILTER	" "	"	"
1392	"	THERMOSTAT		"	"
1393	"	VALVE GASKET		"	"
1399	22 Mar 66	INJECTOR	EXT LPO	"	618 CHAMBERLAIN
1401	"	PUMP		"	627 GRADER
1403	"	INJECTOR		"	620 & 622
1420	7 Apr 66	BRUSH		"	MICHIGAN
1422	"	REGULATOR		"	"
1426	"	PACKING		"	"
1427	"	SEAL	EXT LPO 1 COD	"	"
1428	"	HOSE		"	"
1430	"	GAUGE	EXT 1 COD	"	"
1435	"	PARTS KIT		"	"
1436	"	STUD	PART ISSUED	"	"

INDENT NO	DATE	ITEM	part issued	ENG	MAINT SCALE	T ₁
1438	7 Apr 66	GASKET			620 MICHIGAN	
1439	"	FILTER	" "	"	625 (TD15B)	
1440	"	FAN RUBBER	" "	"	"	
1441	"	RADIATOR	" "	"	"	
1443	"	FILTER	" "	"	"	
1446	"	RING	" "	"	"	
1447	"	SPROCKET	" "	"	"	
1448	"	HOSE	" "	"	"	
1449	"	"	" "	"	"	
1450	"	"	" "	"	"	
1452	"	INDICATOR	" "	"	"	
1454	"	"	" "	"	"	
1456	"	LAMP UNIT	" "	"	"	
1457	"	SWITCH	" "	"	"	
1459	"	BRUSH	" "	"	"	
1460	"	VALVE ASSY	" "	"	"	
1461	"	RELAY	" "	"	"	
1462	"	STARTER CLUTCH	" "	"	"	
1463	"	GASKET SET	" "	"	"	
1465	"	PUMP	" "	"	"	

INDENT No	DATE	ITEM	MAINT SCALE
1500	20 May 66	FILTERS (part issued)	Eng /625 (TD15B)
1512	28 May 66	SPARK PLUG	CEMENT MIXER
1515	31 May 66	PACKING	ENG 620 Michigan.
1516	"	"	" " "
1517	"	"	" " "
1518	"	"	" " "
1527	"	GAUGE	ENG 625 (TD15B)
1534	3 Jun 66	FILTERS	" " "
1536	6 Jun 66	GAUGE	" " "
1540	13 Jun 66	"	ENG 611 DPULL
1541	"	HOSE	" " "
1542	14 Jun 66	SPRING	" " "
1543	"	DRIVEN MEMBER	" " "
1544	"	TREADLE	" " "
1545	15 Jun 66	GAUGE	" " "
1546	"	SWITCH	" " "
1549	"	LIGHT ASSY	" " "
1550	"	AMPMETER	" " "
1551	"	SWITCH KEY	" " "
1552	"	SWITCH	" " "
1553	"	"	" " "
1554	"	LIGHT INDICATOR	" " "
1555	"	SWITCH ASSY	" " "
1556	"	HOURMETER	" " "
1557	"	HOSE ELBOW	" " "
1558	14 Jun 66	ELEMENT	" " "
1559	"	LAMP SEALED BEAM	" " "
1560	"	REAR LIGHT ASSY	" " "
1561	"	CAPSCREW	" " "
1562	"	HOSE	" " "
1563	"	DRAIN COCK	" " "
1564	"	GAUGE	" " "
1565	"	PISTON SEAL	CHAMBERLAIN PARTS BK
1566	"	CAP	" " "
1567	"	CHEVRON PACKING	" " "
1568	"	AYLON WEAR STRAP	" " "
1569	"	O RING	"
1570	"	SEAL RING	"
1571	"	GLAND PACKING	"
1572	"	GRIT SEAL	"
1573	"	CHEVRON PACKING	"
1574	"	AYLON WEAR STRAP	"
1575	"	SWITCH	"
1576	"	WEAR BLADE PANEL	"
1577	"	WIRING HARNESS	"
1578	X	FLOODLIGHT	"
1579	"	SWITCH	"
1580	"	TAIL LAMP	"

INDENT NO	DATE	ITEM	MAINT SCALE
1581	14 Jun 66	BUCKET LEATHER	CHAMBERLAIN PARTS BOOK
1582	"	GRIT SEAL	" " "
1583	"	GLAND PACKING	" " "
1584	"	" "	" " "
1585	"	SEAL RING	" " "
1586	"	O RING	" " "
1587	"	" "	ENG 625 (OLIVER) *
1588	"	" "	" " " X *
1589	"	NUT	ENG 625 (TD15B) *
1590	"	SCREW BIT	" " "
1591	"	PIN	" " "
1592	"	FOOT SUPPORT	" " "
x1593	"	" "	" " "
1594	"	MOUNTING RUBBER	" " "%"
1595	"	" "	" " "
1596	"	" "	" " "
1597	"	FOOT SUPPORT FRONT	" " "
1598	"	" " "	" " "
1599	"	REGULATOR ASSY	" " "
1600	"	GASKET CYLINDER HEAD	* " "
1601	"	ELEM RNT FILTER	" " "
1602	"	PUMP ASSY	" " "
1603	"	BELT FAN	" " "
1604	"	GENERATOR ASSY	ENG 625 (TD15B)
1605	"	STARTER MOTOR	" " "
1606	"	CAP SCREW	ENG 611 (DPULL)
1607	"	HOSE ASSY	" " "
1608	"	DIAPHRAGM	" " "
1609	"	GAUGE	" " "
1610	"	SWITCH	" " "
1611	"	"	* " "
1612	"	CONTACTOR LH	" " "
1613	"	" RH	" " "
1614	"	GAUGE	AUST ENG/618 CHAMBERLAIN
1615	"	FUSE WIRE	" " "
1616	"	" BOX	" " "
1617	"	SWITCH	" " "
1618	"	KITS ASSORTED	" " "
1619	"	SWITCH STARTER MOTOR	" " "
1620	"	BRUSH	" " "
1621	"	"	" " "
1622	"	STARTER MOTOR	" " "
1623	"	BRUSH	* " "
1624	"	"	" " "
1625	"	O RING	" " "
1626	2	" "	" " "
1627	"	COVER	" " "
1628	"	BULB	" " "

INDENT No	DATE	ITEM	MAINT SCALE
1629	14 Jun 66	DIAPHRAGM REPAIR KIT	ENG 618 CHAMBERLAIN
1630	"	CAP	" " "
1631	"	BELT	" " "
1632	"	NUT	" " "
1633	"	BOLT	" " "
1643	17 Jun 66	EDGE CUTTING	ENG 625 (TD15B)
1644	"	BOLT PLOW	" " "
1645	"	NUT	" " "
1646	"	BOLT PLOW	" " "
1647	"	END BIT LH	" " "
1648	"	" " RH	" " "
1649	2	BOLT	" " "
1661	"	"	" " "
1662	20 Jun 66	PIN	" " "
1663	"	TUBE	" " "
1664	"	BOLT	" " "
1665	"	STRUT	" " "
1666	"	FITTINGS	" " "
1667	"	EYE BOLT	" " "
1668	"	BUSHING	" " "
1714	29 Jun 66	BOLT	ENG 606 (GRADER 121)
1715	"	"	" " " "
1716 25	6 Jul 66	MASTER CYLINDER	" 620 MICHIGAN
1726	"	" "	" " " "
1729	7 Jul 66	FILTER	" 625 (TD15B)
1731	"	" (Part Issued)	" " " "
1738	"	END BITS	" " " "
1741	"	TUBE ASSY	" " " "
1742	"	" "	" " " "
1757	13 Jul 66	CONNECTOR	" " " "
1776	15 Jul 66	O RING	" " " "
1795	20 Jul 66	GASKET	" " " "
1804	21 Jul 66	BRAKE BAND	" 612 (22RB)
1805	"	FRCTION RING	" " " "
1806	"	CLUTCH BAND	" " " "
1807	"	" "	" " " "
1808	"	BRAKE BAND	" " " "
1809	"	RIVETS	" " " "
1810	"	GLASS PANEL	" " " "