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[Vietnam]

Signals units

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Item: 104 Signal Squadron

Narrative

Annex

[1-31 May 1968]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. R707-1-1

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) Capt Appointment 2IC 104 Signal Squadron (OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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DUPLICATE } not applicable

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 104 Signal Squadron

From 1 May 68 To 31 May 68

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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* Only to be included during operations.
† Cross out whichever is not applicable.

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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, the re

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AF C 2118 (Adapted)

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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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This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C 2119 (Adapted).

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR May 1968

REFERENCE MAP VIETNAM 1:50,000 Sheets 6442 1 to IV UNIT/FORMATION 104 Sig Sqn COMMANDING OFFICER Maj N.C. MUNRO

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<u>NUI DAT YS4367</u>	<u>1 May</u>		<u>NTR</u>	
	<u>2</u>		<u>NTR</u>	
	<u>3</u>		<u>NTR</u>	
	<u>4</u>		<u>Lt Col HOCKNEY (D Sigs Office) visited Fwd Elm of 104 Sig Sqn at BEARCAT</u>	
	<u>5</u>		<u>NTR</u>	
	<u>6</u>		<u>NTR</u>	
	<u>7</u>		<u>NTR</u>	
	<u>8</u>		<u>NTR</u>	
	<u>9</u>		<u>NTR</u>	
	<u>10</u>		<u>NTR</u>	
	<u>11</u>		<u>Lt Col HOCKNEY visited 104 Sig Sqn NUI DAT. Sig Instr 5/68 (Op TOAN THANG issued)</u>	<u>Annex C, Enclosure 1</u>
	<u>12</u>		<u>Adv Party OC and step-up sta to CORAL</u>	
	<u>13</u>		<u>Advance party mortared and rocketed 1 WIA. Sigs Elm to CORAL, road convoy.</u>	
	<u>14</u>		<u>Maj HENDERSON (122 Sig Sqn) arrived for two week visit.</u>	
	<u>15</u>		<u>NTR</u>	
	<u>16</u>		<u>Sigs Sector FSPB CORAL mortared and rocketed. 1 KIA, 2 WIA.</u>	
	<u>17</u>		<u>NTR</u>	

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AF - C 2118 (Adapted)
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REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION

COMMANDING OFFICER

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	18 May		NTR	
	19		NTR	
	20		NTR	
	21		NTR	
	22		NTR	
	23		NTR	
	24		NTR	
	25		NTR	
	26		NTR	
	27		NTR	
	28		Maj HENDERSON departed for AUSTRALIA	
	29		NTR	
	30		NTR	
	31		NTR	

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1 ATF
NUI DAT

111300 May 68

SIG INSTR 5/68 (Op TOAN THANG)

Time Zone used throughout this instr: HOTEL

General

1. HQ 1 ATF (Main) is to deploy to FSPB CORAL on 13 May 68.
2. Current SOIs apply.

Radio

3. 1 ATF Comd Net (VHF) Current.
 - a. Step up station (callsign 11) is to join net at 130830H.
 - b. Callsign 11 will revert to NCS with new callsign 19 when directed by Comms Con on orders of GS02 (Ops). Approximate timing 131400H.
 - c. Existing callsign 19 will revert to retrans station callsign 81, on transfer of NCS, and remain BEARCAT.
4. 1 ATF Comd Net (Rear). No change.
5. Misc Radio Nets.
 - a. 1 ATF TG Link (HF Back Up). No change.
 - b. Air Net. Eagle Heights 2 closes BEARCAT 121930H, reopens FSPB CORAL 130830H.
 - c. Local Def Net - Annex A. Substations to join net on arrival at FSPB CORAL.
 - d. Fwd TFMA Air Net - No change.

Radio Relay

6.
 - a. LONG BINH - BEARCAT - NUI DAT system closes 121800H. Reopens FSPB CORAL - LONG BINH - NUI DAT approx 131400H. Channel allocation - no change.
 - b. HQ 1 ATF (Main) to 2 FFV (Hurricane TOC and Plantation) - channels close BEARCAT 131400H. Reopen FSPB CORAL to 2 FFV approx 131500H.
 - c. RR HF Back Up 1 ATF (Main) to 1 ALSG (Fwd) opens 121700H, closes 130500H (Voice only).

Sigcen

7. Circuit closes BEARCAT 121800H. Reopens FSPB CORAL 131400H. Formal message traffic will be accepted for clearance through 9 Div Message Centre up to 130500H.

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Line

8. Local line as required in FSPB CORAL is to be laid by 104 Sig Sqn.
9. Trunk circuits no change.

Swbd

10. Ebony Fwd closes BEARCAT 121800H. Direct line TFMA/UNIT ECHs to HQ 1 ATF to be estb from 121800H.
11. Ebony Fwd Swbd reopens FSPB CORAL 131400H.
12. Telephone Directory to be issued 13 May 68.

Msg Carrying Agencies

13. SDS, ADS and Air Courier timetables will be issued in loc FSPB CORAL when ac availability and timings are known.

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(N.C. MUNRO)
Maj
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ANNEX A TO SIG
INSTR 5/68
(OF TOAN THANG)

FWD DEF HQ NET

CALLWORD

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FREQ

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UNIT

CALISIGN

12 Fd Regt (Def Elm)	
HQ Coy	1 NCS
TFMA	2
1 Fd Sqn	3
Sig Sqn	4
1 RAR ECH	5
3 RAR ECH	6
12 Fd Regt ECH	7
CP	8
D Coy 3 RAR	9
102 Fd Bty	10
161 Fd Bty	11
Bty A 2/55	12
A Sqn 3 Cav	13
Spare 1	14
Spare 2	15
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NOTES:

1. ONLY THE SHORT BATTLE ANTENNA IS TO BE USED ON THIS NET.

2. AN/VRC 46 RADIO ARE TO OPERATE ON LOW POWER ON THIS NET.

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ANNEX B TO SIG INSEP
5/68 (OP TOAN THANG)

SWBD DESIGNATORS

(1) 101 AIRBORNE DIV KISMET
2/506 AIRBORNE BN KOSHER

(2) 1ST INFANTRY DIV DANGER
A. 1ST BDE DEVIL
B. 2ND BDE DAGGER
C. 3RD BDE DUTY
(1) 1/2 BN DRACULA
(2) 1/16 BN DEVOUR
(3) 1/18 BN DOGFACE
(4) 1/26 BN DOBEL
(5) 1/28 BN DEFIANT
(6) 2/2 BN DARING
(7) 2/16 BN DAMAGE
(8) 2/18 BN DARKNESS
(9) 2/28 BN DAUNTLESS
(10) 1/4 CAV DRAGON

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