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Annex

[1-30 Nov 1968]

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 104 Signal Squadron

From 1 Nov 68

To 30 Nov 68

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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- Z Top Secret Supplementary Diary

* Only to be included during operations.

† Cross out whichever is not applicable.

Enclosure Numbers

† NIL
† RETAINED
† Despatched to

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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, annexes 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) 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.

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/~~FORMATION~~ 104 Sig Sqn

MONTH AND YEAR Nov 68

REFERENCE MAP VIETNAM 1:50,000 Sheets 6442 I to IV COMMANDING OFFICER Maj N.C.MUNRO

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT YS4367	1 Nov 68		NTR	
	2 Nov 68		2IC plus radio det moved to FSPB LION as part of LATF advanced party.	
	3 Nov 68		Main Body 104 Sig Sqn arrived FSPB LION by combination road and air move.	
	4 Nov 68		NTR	
	5 Nov 68		NTR	
	6 Nov 68		NTR	
	7 Nov 68		NTR	
	8 Nov 68		NTR	
	9 Nov 68		NTR	
	10 Nov 68		NTR	
	11 Nov 68		NTR	
	12 Nov 68		NTR	
	13 Nov 68		NTR	
	14 Nov 68		NTR	
	15 Nov 68		NTR	
	16 Nov 68		NTR	
	17 Nov 68		NTR	
	18 Nov 68		NTR	

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

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C 2118 (Adapted)
Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/~~FORMATION~~ 104 Sig So

MONTH AND YEAR.....Nov 68

REFERENCE MAP VIETNAM 1:50,000 Sheets 6442 I to IV COMMANDING OFFICER Maj N.C.MUNRO

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	19 Nov 68		NTR	
	20 Nov 68		NTR	
	21 Nov 68		NTR	
	22 Nov 68		NTR	
	23 Nov 68		NTR	
	24 Nov 68		NTR	
	25 Nov 68		NTR	
	26 Nov 68		NTR	
	27 Nov 68		Fwd Op Sigs Group moved back to NUI DAT from FSPB LION on conclusion of Op CAPITAL.	
	28 Nov 68		NTR	
	29 Nov 68		NTR	
	30 Nov 68		NTR	

1 B P Coy—275/65—55m

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Quote in reply:

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104 Sig Sqn

NUI DAT

12 Dec 68

SO Sigs 2 AFV (4)

MONTHLY REPORT - NOV 68

Operations

1. HQ 1 ATF deployed to FSB LION for operation CAPITOL II from 3 Nov - 27 Nov 68. The operation by combined allied forces under command HQ 1 ATF necessitated the deployment of six LO radio detachments. Other than the employment for the first time of the air conditioned ACV as the Sigcen, the TF Sig Sqn deployment was in accordance with normal practice.

ACV Sigcen

2. The air conditioned Sigcen proved eminently successful. By contrast with previous operations only one KW-7 failure (after 24 days continuous operation) occurred throughout the period. Similarly the Tf equipment gave completely reliable service in the air conditioned environment.

3. The fact that there is no longer a requirement to set up the Sigcen equipment or to construct a Sigcen bunker is of particular significance.

Generators

4. The newly issued 10 KVA Generators were used at FSB LION. The equipments proved ideal providing very good service. One feature, namely the lack of noise when properly dug in, is an outstanding improvement over the 6.25 KVA ONAN.

Traffic Figures

5. a. Signal Traffic:
- (1) In - 7013.
 - (2) Out - 7032.
- b. SDS - 27654.

NUI DAT Hilltop Developement

6. Construction of the 104 Sig Sqn bunker has been completed. The other units bunker is nearing completion. Transfer of equipment from the existing to the new Sig Sqn bunker will be effected during Dec. It is anticipated that the stage 3 earthworks will be completed during Dec.

Personnel


7. Deficiencies as at 30 Nov 68 were:

- 1 - Hyg Dutyman.
- 1 - Op Radio.
- 1 - Op Swbd.
- 1 - Maint Dutyman.
- 1 - Tech Tg.

8. Surpluses as at 30 Nov 68 were - NIL.

1 ATF Patrol Programme

9. The TF Sig Sqn is required to assist in the provision of patrols from Dec 68. A course in infantry patrolling which will include patrols with 4 RAR is to be conducted prior to mounting the first Sig Sqn patrol.


(N.C. MUNRO)
Maj
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