

**Series: AWM95**

**Australian Army commanders' diaries  
[Vietnam]**

**Signals units**

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**Narrative**

**Annex**

**[1-30 Jun 1969]**



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, they are to be included starting at B.

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ANNEXES

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COMMA **DISPOSAL** DIARIES

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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- 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 enclosures an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If identical annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, they may be attached at it.

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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 JUN 69

REFERENCE MAP VIETNAM 1:50,000 SHEETS I to IV

UNIT/FORMATION 104 SIG SQN

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ K.P. MOREL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
YS 4367	1 JUN		NTR	
	2 JUN		NTR	
	3 JUN		NTR	
YS 4868	4 JUN		Sqn provided a night ambush patrol	
YS 4637	5 JUN		) NTR	
	25 JUN		)	
	26 JUN		JUL SOI's issued	
	27 JUN		NTR	
	28 JUN		NTR	
	29 JUN		NTR	
	30 JUN		NTR	

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ADDRESS 104 SIG SQN  
NUI DAT  
5 JUL 69.

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MONTHLY REPORT - JUN 69.

Operations

1. Normal battalion operations continued throughout the month. The Task Force HQ remained in Nui Dat base.
2. LO detachments remain deployed as follows:-
 

Xuon Loc	Dui Thanh
Bearcat	Dat Do
Blackhorse	Hoa Long
Baria	Long Dien
Xuyen Moc	2/48 ARVN
3. The sqn has been without a 2IC since 7 May 69, with Capt Horn being detached as the Liaison Officer at Baria.

Signal Centre Traffic

4. 1 ATF Sigcen
  - a. Signals - In : 8,855  
Out : 4,180  
Total : 13,035
  - b. Despatches - In : 13,189  
Out : 13,377  
Total : 26,566

New Works

5. Comms Con Bunker The Comms Con bunker construction referred to in last month's report has been completed.

Personnel

6. Posted Strength
  - a. Deficiencies : Sgt Clerk Admin  
1 OP Radio Sig  
1 OKB Sig  
1 OP SWBD Sig  
1 LMN FD Sig
  - b. Surpluses : Nil
7. Movements
  - a.) Arrivals : 16
  - b. RTA : 24

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