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[1-30 Nov 1970]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. R707-4-10

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) *[Signature]* Maj

Appointment Officer Commanding
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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OF

110 Sig Sqn

Unit or Formation

From 1 Nov 70

To 30 Nov 70

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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.

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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.

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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:
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 - 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.

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- 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.
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From.....to..... (Dates)

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

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MONTH AND YEAR Nov 70

Special Use SE Asia 1:100,000.

UNIT/FORMATION 110 Sig Sqn

REFERENCE MAP Sheet 6430, Serial L607

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. D. R. OVERSTEAD

| Place and grid reference | Date | Time | Event or information | Annex letter and enclosure number |
|--------------------------|----------|------|---|-----------------------------------|
| VUNG TAU | 1 Nov 70 | | Worked on Melbourne A&B circuits all day. Finally had to call a Cipher Sgt down from Saigon Det to assist with cipher faults. All circuits in by midnight. It was not a clean move of the MRS from Saigon to Vung Tau. | |
| | 2 Nov 70 | | A 120mm rocket landed outside the VINH LOI (Senior NCO accn) at Saigon. Lots of windows smashed, but no one hurt. We gave about 800 lbs of food to the RVNAF Sigschool to help them with a Scout Jamboree. | |
| | 3 Nov 70 | | More cipher equipment transferred by helicopter Saigon to Vung Tau. | |
| | 4 Nov 70 | | To Saigon. Capt Jopling departed Vung Tau on RTA. | |
| | 5 Nov 70 | | Two trucks from Saigon with stores and eqpt surplus as a result of reorganisation. Tested the "Call Home" Australia Telephone System to Sydney and Melbourne. WO1 COOK (STT) arrived. Cut-over of last circuits from Saigon. MRS Saigon closed. | |
| | 6 Nov 70 | | Commanders conference. Complaint that we had lost four immediate messages. | |

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COMMANDING OFFICER.....

| Place and grid reference | Date | Time | Event or information | Annex letter and enclosure number |
|--------------------------|-----------|------|---|-----------------------------------|
| | 7 Nov 70 | | Australia "Call Home" Telephone ready to function at the target time of 0800 hrs and handed to our customers. Played Volley Ball against ARVN students at ICS School and took them to OR's Canteen later. Our new AN/MTC-1 Switchboard Shelters arrived but minus a lot of CES parts. | |
| | 9 Nov 70 | | Parade at RNVAF Sigschool for presentation of medal to Col Simkin, the outgoing Commander 1 ALSG. I was later invited to a luncheon given by Col TAO (Commandant Sigschool). Another unit volleyball competition started. VD film and talk by an RMO. Melbourne Circuit VERY POOR, mainly because of poor propagation conditions. | |
| | 10 Nov 70 | | New Commander 1 ALSG arrived - Col HOOTON. Squadron parade and inspection. | |
| | 11 Nov 70 | | To Saigon by helicopter provided by US friends. Maj Mc DONALD (RA Sigs) and SSM accompanied me. | |
| | 12 Nov 70 | | CSO visited. Discussions on administrative and staff control of the Australia Telephone. | |

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COMMANDING OFFICER.....

| Place and grid reference | Date | Time | Event or information | Annex letter and enclosure number |
|--------------------------|-----------|------|---|-----------------------------------|
| | 13 Nov 70 | | To Nui Dat and the Horseshoe. Also did a recce of Sector HQ Baria in case we have an AN/TRC-24 shot BARIA-NUI DAT. Commander's Conference. | |
| | 14 Nov 70 | | Squadron Conference. VLPA spares arrived at last. | |
| | 15 Nov 70 | | Aust Rules Football versus RAAF. We won. All circuits in MRS VERY POOR. | |
| | 16 Nov 70 | | QM has a personal (domestic) problem. Admin Offr to DA NANG on Courier Service. Ops Offr to Saigon. | |
| | 17 Nov 70 | | Visit by SAMBO and scientists from Defence and Supply. They thought we should have an automatic relay station, an automatic switchboard and better equipment for our Melbourne circuit. | |
| | 18 Nov 70 | | BLACK WEDNESDAY. Blackmarketing rife, a trusted junior NCO on a drug charge, technician has admitted \$4000 profit from blackmarketing, rumours everywhere and COMMS POOR. | |

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COMMANDING OFFICER.....

| Place and grid reference | Date | Time | Event or information | Annex letter and enclosure number |
|--------------------------|-----------|------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | 19 Nov 70 | | Comd 1 ALSG visited in detail and quite pleased. He would like additional defence measures by mid 1971. Three officers sat for TEM Entrance Exam - 3hrs Maths and 3hrs Physics. | |
| | 20 Nov 70 | | D Sigs signal to CSO and unit complaining about loss/delay of a CGS signal and poor Melbourne - Vung Tau circuit. | |
| | 22 Nov 70 | | Attempted to change Nui Dat - Vung Tau to 75 baud working. This was a dismal failure. 104 Sig Sqn requires more reserve eqpt and better maintenance of telegraph eqpts before we try again. All circuits closed to permit work on our SCO 0940 - 1110 hrs. QM left on emergency leave. | |
| | 23 Nov 70 | | Unit Lecture "The War in Vietnam" - very successful. | |
| | 24 Nov 70 | | Parade and inspection. Arranged for OKC and cipher facilities to be at DA NANG in case CGS needed them on his tour of SVN. | |

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COMMANDING OFFICER.....

| Place and grid reference | Date | Time | Event or information | Annex letter and enclosure number |
|--------------------------|-----------|------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | 25 Nov 70 | | CGS visited. | |
| | 26 Nov 70 | | CSO visited. Many discussions on poor circuits and reruns. Lt O'Neill our new OC Op Tp arrived. WO2 O'Connor (STT) arrived. | |
| | 27 Nov 70 | | One of our WOs near breaking point mentally. Commanders conference. Subject C Course started. | |
| | 28 Nov 70 | | NCO remanded for Court Martial (drugs). Another immediate signal delayed 9 hours (we acknowledged 4 hours delay in our MRS and an operator was charged). Maj Bergin OC 104 Sig Sqn visited. Work started on our new Q Store. | |
| | 30 Nov 70 | | QM returned from Emergency Leave. GSO 2 DMT(AHQ) visited. | |

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ANNEX A

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110 Sig Sqn
VUNG TAU

9 Dec 70

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110 SIG SQN MONTHLY REPORT : NOV 70

Reference: A. Maps Special Use, SE Asia, 1:100,000 Series L607, Sheet 6430.

GENERAL

1. November 1970 must surely be remembered as one of the most critical times for 110 Sig Sqn. The tremendous workload for October spilled over into November, and with the transfer of the Major Relay Station and Senior System Control from Saigon to Vung Tau, combined with a significant changeover of personnel and poor propagation conditions on the National Rear Link, the squadron has been at near maximum pressure. It is to the credit of all ranks that all signals continued to get THROUGH, and that relatively few were inordinately delayed.

2. Highlights of the month were:

- a. Cut-over of final circuits from Saigon to Vung Tau.
- b. Transfer of stores and personnel from Saigon to Vung Tau as part of the reorganization.
- c. Opening of the Australia "Call Home" Telephone service.
- d. Extremely poor circuit conditions on the Melbourne-Vung Tau link.
- e. A drop in traffic handling efficiency because of the poor Melbourne link, and the cut-over of all circuits to Saigon with a resultant settling-in period.
- f. The arrival of two AN/MTC-1 shelters, and the non-arrival of certain associated CES stores.
- g. The erection of the second transmit VLPA.
- h. Two highly successful unit lectures.
- i. Supply of 800 lbs of food to RVNAF Signal School for a Scout Jamboree.
- j. A Subject C Course.
- k. Arrival of the new Commander 1 ALSG.
- l. Visit by the CGS.
- m. Start of work on the new Q Store.
- n. Filming of the unit by the Army Film Unit.

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TAPE RELAY TRAFFIC

Traffic Figures

3. MRS Traffic Summary. Annex A.
4. Coincidental with its move from Saigon to Vung Tau, the MRS handled 104,300 transactions, its heaviest workload since Sep 69, and one of the all-time highs. This could not have come at a worse time.
5. Percentage variations over 5% in comparison with last month's figures are:
 - a. From Melbourne. A 5.1% increase.
 - b. To Melbourne. A 7.1% increase.
 - c. From AFV Comcen. A 10.6% increase.
 - d. To AFV Comcen. A 9.9% increase.
 - e. From Phan Rang. A 16.6% increase.
 - f. To Phan Rang. A 14.5% increase.
 - g. From Nui Dat. A 17.9% increase.
 - h. From Long Binh. A 9.3% decrease.
 - i. To Long Binh. A 10.9% decrease.

Traffic Analysis

6. Rerun Summary. Annex B.
7. Long Term Trends. Annex C.
8. Rerun figures remain alarmingly high and are greater than October figures, however the trend is now down again as the system settles back to normal and propagation conditions on the National Rear Link slowly improve.
9. All operators working in the environment of a new MRS, and especially new arrivals, were bewildered at the amount of traffic passing through, and the number of service messages. A special section working twenty-four hours a day had to be set up to cope with the volume of service traffic, and Op Tp as a whole is to be congratulated for coping with the situation with stubborn persistence and ears deaf to criticism. Despite this, there is a need for increased supervision of operators, and better service and multi-route positions. Two keyboard training positions are also planned for installation during December. Operators new to the squadron will join shifts via the training positions.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

1 ALSG Switchboard (Emu)

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10. The long awaited AN/MTC-1 shelters arrived on 7 Nov and were quickly placed on cement plinths outside the MRS, and abutted to the wall of the exchange room. Unfortunately certain critical CES stores failed to arrive, and CSO AFV is still negotiating for them. Until they arrive the 1 ALSG telephone system has to bend to the whims of the old Emu. Visitors to the exchange are often staggered to find a technician inside the board. We are frightened to let him out.

Signal Dispatch Service

11. 1 ALSG.

a. SDS figures were:

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|--------------------|-------------|--------|
| (1) Dispatches Out | 4777 | |
| (2) Dispatches In | 559 | |
| | <u>5336</u> | Total. |

b. The total vehicle mileage was 2311 miles shared by two DR vehicles.

c. The two DR vehicles are awaiting painting. At this stage they will present a new image to 1 ALSG with bright vehicles, a large clear SDS sign, armbands, and blue inner helmets with a white band and "DR" in red.

12. HQ AFV. Two vehicles shared 1599 miles during the month delivering mail, ADS and Safehand Bags.

Air Dispatch Service

13. ADS figures for the month were:

- a. ADS Bags. 178.
- b. Safehand Bags. 87.

Radio

14. A summary of activities for the month follows:

- a. 2 Sqn RAAF Phan Rang. This HF back-up circuit has not performed well because of faults at both ends, and poor frequencies. It was successful at the last weekly test, and during December, a new antenna is to be erected at Vung Tau.
- b. AFV Emergency Frequency. Permanent listening watch was maintained on this frequency.
- c. Vung Tau-Nui Dat-Saigon. AN/GRC-106 back-up comms were tested regularly. A new HF antenna is to be erected at Saigon.
- d. Shipping. Schedules were worked with:
 - (1) HMAS Perth. Good comms 17-18 Nov.
 - (2) HMAS Jeparit. The vessel was contacted on 24 Nov on her most recent voyage to SVN. At this time she was at the tip of Cape York.

- (3) AV Harry Chauvel. Nineteen messages were passed during the month.
- e. Radio Australia. Monitoring of transmissions continued daily with good results.
- f. 1 ALSG Defence Net. One breach of security was notified to HQ 1 ALSG during the month. The standard of Radiotelephone procedure remains poor.
- g. Security Monitoring. Det 110 Sig Sqn Nui Dat reported the following security breaches during the month:
- (1) Two breaches on radio relay telephone trunks.
 - (2) Eleven breaches on VHF nets in the 1 ATF TAOR.

Communication Centres

15. 1 ALSG Comcen. A number of minor telegraph machine faults have occurred demanding that we have a closer look at our maintenance programme. Overall, the Comcen is running very efficiently.

16. HQ AFV Comcen. The old air-conditioning units are faulty and at times conditions are almost intolerable for operators and equipments. CE's staff have been trying to remedy the situation for nearly two months.

Tape Relay Stations

17. MRS Saigon closed on 5 Nov, and the building is being converted into a new Orderly Room and small Q Store.

18. The new MRS at Vung Tau is a decided improvement on past installations, but still requires the following work to be done:

- a. Two additional receive consoles for the proposed 2 AOD circuit and spare positions.
- b. Two more transmit consoles to cater for the 2 AOD circuit, the Phan Rang **RATT** back-up, and spare positions.
- c. A better multi-route position located against the side wall instead of an island counter in the centre of rather a narrow room.
- d. An improved services position.
- e. Two keyboard training positions for new operators.
- f. An efficient Circuit Outage Indicator Board common to both Traffic Hall and Syscon.

Australia "Call Home" Telephone System

19. The Call Home service was **inaugurated** on 7 Nov.

20. The Australia circuit is accepted from the civilian agencies by Syscon Saigon at 0800 hrs daily, and handed in turn to Nui Dat, Vung Tau and Saigon for use by soldiers on a reverse-charge basis at \$12 for three minutes to Australia, and \$13 for three minutes to New Zealand. Daily allocation of the service is:

- a. Nui Dat. (Pearson Club) 0800-1600 hrs.
- b. HQ AFV. (Duty Offr's Room) 1600-1700 hrs.
- c. 1 ALSG
 - (1) YMCA 1700-1900 hrs.
 - (2) 1 Aust Fd Hospital 1900-2030 hrs.

21. The planning date for the introduction of the service was 5 Oct 70, however delays were occasioned by two faults in submarine cables between Hong Kong and Sydney. Currently it is working very well.

ENGINEERING

General

22. Telegraph Circuit Availability. Annex D.

23. The availability for in-country circuits remained at a satisfactory level, although an improvement is expected in December when the benefits of wiring changes made in the control area should become evident.

National Rear Link

24. November has undoubtedly been the worst month on record for rear link availability. Sunspot activity reached an unusually high level, and in an effort to anticipate solar storms and magnetic disturbances, WWVH IP warnings were monitored to overcome the late receipt of Melbourne IPSO warnings. On several occasions all HF frequencies were rendered unusable by disturbances.

25. The problem was compounded by the non-availability of the high power transmitter at Digger's Rest, and it is hoped that these will become available in the near future.

26. Several deficiencies were discovered in our maintenance programme, and the relatively poor condition of antenna isolating units and the receive HLPAs have not enhanced our chances of obtaining a useful signal when only poor signals are available. In addition several equipment panels were overloaded because poor signals were blamed.

27. The third receiver is to be moved to the Syscon area to allow maintenance to be carried out on the main receivers as soon as possible.

28. The increasing maintenance problem with the 1851 series of equipments (which was also experienced in Melbourne) should be an indication that replacement items may soon be necessary.

Vung Tau Transmitter Station

29. The second VLPA has been installed and testing commenced on the last day of the month.

Technical Maintenance Workshop

30. The Vung Tau Workshop is still working at maximum pressure maintaining telegraph equipment, and bringing "acquired" equipments up to standard. With the influx of equipment, a tight maintenance programme and a lack of technicians trained on console equipment, this section of the workshop will be busy for at least a further two months.

31. Two MIJI LIFTS arrived during the month. P26 action is being processed to have them installed at Vung Tau and Saigon.

32. Cipher Workshops. The main cipher workshop together with the workshop stores account will be transferred from Saigon to Vung Tau in early Dec.

Upgrading of Nui Dat-Vung Tau Telegraph Circuit to 75 Baud Working

33. An attempt to convert to 75 baud working was made on 22 Nov. This proved unsuccessful, and the project has been shelved until 104 Sig Sqn obtains additional equipments capable of sustained working at the increased speed.

Australian Embassy Telegraph Link

34. Progress has been made on this project to a point where an unclassified telegraph link should be established in Dec.

Line and Antenna

35. Line. Apart from normal maintenance, tasks for the Line Sect were:

- a. Renewal of indoor wiring at the R & C Centre.
- b. Replacing of short runs of 25-pair cable at the ASCO Bulk Store.
- c. Laying of three miles of D10 cable to provide telephone facilities for AV Harry Chauvel berthed at the Cat Lo Pier.
- d. Installation of coaxial cable from Syscon to the HLPAs.
- e. Staying of poles on Cable 7 (to Air Base).

36. Antennae. Tasks were:

- a. Repair of HF antennae at HF House.
- b. Move of the Australian Forces Radio receive antenna to a new location at the RAAF base.
- c. Maintenance of the HLPAs at Vung Tau. This has become a major job involving:
 - (1) Renewal of power wiring and conduit.
 - (2) Renewal of mast nuts and bolts.
 - (3) Renewal of inner guys.
 - (4) Freeing of seized bearings so that the antenna section will rotate.

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- d. Continuation of the Astromast trial. At this stage, although the 35 ft and 60 ft masts may have many uses, several joints and diagonal latches have been found to be unsatisfactory.

Deployment Troop

- 37. Deployment Tp dets remain at Nui Dat and The Horseshoe.
- 38. RR System. The AN/TRC-24 link Nui Dat to The Horseshoe returned a circuit availability of 99.64%. This included a controlled outage of thirty minutes during which time a complete shelter was exchanged at The Horseshoe.
- 39. Field Generators. Of the nineteen 10 KVA generators held, only three remain in workshops. This is the best situation for nearly a year. A total of five generators have had complete motor replacement. Water in the fuel, and the age of the generators accounted for the disturbing outage figures reported in Sep 70.
- 40. Field Accommodation. The Horseshoe installation has had a face-lift. In addition to having a new generator shed, the AN/MRC-69 shelter has been relocated, and a sturdy hut has been erected for personnel accommodation.

Projects

- 41. The Ops Room staff is hard at work with:
 - a. The design of the 2 AOD tributary station.
 - b. Planning modifications to the MRS.
 - c. Drawings for the modification of the Cipher Workshop.
 - d. Drawings for the safety fence around the transmit antennae.
 - e. Producing station wiring diagrams.

TRAINING AND DEFENCE

- 42. Range Practices. Normal weekly range practices were conducted.
- 43. Weekly Runs. Weekly runs of 1.5 miles in boots continued.
- 44. Subject C. Subject C coaching ended in a three-day course 27-29 Nov, with an exam on 30 Nov. Results were:

| <u>Exam</u> | <u>Passed</u> | <u>Failed</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| For Cpl | 13 | 3 | 16 |
| For Sgt | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Totals | <u>16</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>21</u> |

- 45. Unit Lectures.
 - a. Two unit lectures were conducted. They were:
 - (1) Talk and film on "Venereal Disease" by Surgeon Captain Sewell from 1 Aust Fd Hospital.

(2) "The War in Vietnam", its political and moral issues by Father Boberg (RC Padre). The talk was followed by animated discussion, and applause for the speaker.

b. All personnel in the unit who come in contact with crypto material and equipment were reminded of their responsibilities.

46. Patrols. Weekly patrols in the AOs surrounding the 1 ALSG area continued.

47. Incidents.

a. A 120mm rocket landed directly in front of the Vin Loi (senior NCO accommodation) in Saigon on 2 Nov. Many windows were smashed, but luckily no one was injured.

b. Two 107mm rockets landed in the Vung Tau area on 19 Nov; one near the wharf where linemen had been working, and one at the National Police Academy where we play football.

48. Defence. There is a general defence tighten-up at 1 ALSG, and the squadron is busy with a programme to build additional concertina wire fences, and clear fire lanes.

49. Visit of the Army Film Unit. The Film Unit recorded selected sequences of the daily life of the squadron at Vung Tau 27-28 Nov. These sequences will be used in the making of numerous films for training and publicity purposes. They included shots of:

- a. Sqn HQ and Orderly Room.
- b. Ops Room.
- c. Tech Maint Workshops.
- d. Traffic Hall, Syscon and Switchboard.
- e. Transport.
- f. Q, Line and Rigger Stores.
- g. Generator Sheds.
- h. Line and Rigger Parties at work.
- i. Various antennae.
- j. DRs at work.
- k. 1 ALSG Comcen.
- l. Transmitter Station Vung Tau.
- m. Loading of AN/MRC-69 Shelter onto a Mk 5 vehicle.
- n. Deployment Tp Det at Nui Dat.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS

50. Commodity support to the CA projects picked up again during the month. Details of support are given below.

51. An Phong Orphanage.

- a. Sugar 220 lbs
- b. Potatoes 21 boxes
- c. Spaghetti 8 cartons
- d. Yeast 106 tins
- e. Coffee 6 tins
- f. Fruit Juice 22 tins
- g. Flour 140 lbs
- h. Pepper, jam, mustard, syrup.
- i. Salad Oil 6 tins
- j. Fruit Juice Powder 3 boxes
- k. Prunes 3 boxes
- l. Condensed Milk 24 tins
- m. Mosquito Nets 30
- n. Machetes and an axe.

52. Vagabond Boys Home.

- a. Sugar 56 lbs
- b. Condensed Milk 24 tins
- c. Flour 48 lbs
- d. Chewing Gum 4 cartons.

53. RVNAF Signal School (for Scout Movement).

- a. 800 lbs of food and fruit juice for Jamboree 3-4 Nov.
- b. Small packs, shelters, cups, mess tins, water bottles, kit-bags, machetes and eating utensils - a total of about 350 old but usable items for use at camps and outings.

54. Duc Dan School. English lessons were given by two corporals each Saturday.

55. Dong Chua and Terres Des Hommes (Saigon). Commodity support continued, and included several boxes of medicines and drugs received from well-wishers in Australia.

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PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

56. Variations from the establishment are shown in Annex E.

57. HQ AFV has confirmed the restrictions on twenty-two positions on the establishment. The effective strength is now 229 all ranks. The following positions are to be wasted out of theatre by 17 Dec:

- a. WO2 Spvr Comcen.
- b. WO2 Spvr Tech Tels.
- c. Sgt Clerk.
- d. Sgt OKC.
- e. Sgt OKR.
- f. Sgt Tech Elec.
- g. Cpl OK (5).
- h. Cpl Tech Elec (3).
- i. Sig Clerk Admin.
- j. Sig Dvr.
- k. Sig Lineman PL.
- l. Sig Storeman.
- m. Sig Tech Elec (4).

58. The squadron has negotiated for and won an extra cook to cater for for the rise in population at Vung Tau. It is expected that the establishment will increase to 230 all ranks in the near future.

Personnel Changes

59. Officer Appointments. Lt L.F. O'Neill marched in on 26 Nov as Op Tp Comd vice Lt J.T. Heath on RTA.

60. Seventeen members joined the unit, and twenty-six returned to Australia during the month.

Visitors

61. Visitors were:

- | | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| a. | Lt D. McKeown, (CMF) 140 Sig Sqn | 5-10 Nov |
| b. | Maj R.E.P. Cowley, SO(Sigs)2 HQ AFV | 12-13 Nov |
| c. | Mr Nesbitt, SAMB (TS) AHQ | 17 Nov |
| d. | Mr Lonergan, Dept of Defence | 17 Nov |
| e. | Mr Barnsley, Dept of Supply | 17 Nov |
| f. | Col J.G. Hooton, Comd 1 ALSG | 19 Nov |

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- g. CMF visit (5 officers) 24 Nov
- h. Lt Gen Sir Thomas Daly, CGS 25 Nov
- i. Maj Gen C.A.E. Fraser, COMAFV 25 Nov
- j. Lt Col L.B. Morrison, MA to CGS 25 Nov
- k. Maj R.E.P. Cowley, SO(Sigs)2 AFV 26-27 Nov
- l. Maj P. Tedder, GSO2 DMT 30 Nov.

Amenities

62. Only about 100 amenities tapes were recorded during the month. Both tape libraries are busy re-recording master and slave tapes.

Sport

- 63. Volleyball matches continue.
- 64. The Australian Rules Team has been highly successful and has not lost one of its five games. It could go on to gain the premiership this season.
- 65. A combined Sigs/EME/Med team won the soccer premiership.

Q ADMINISTRATION

- 66. Boards of Survey. The value of boards for the month was \$1070.88.
- 67. CES Accounting. The 100% check of CES items has been finalized.
- 68. Spot Checks and Internal Auditing. Weekly spot checks and internal auditing continued.
- 69. Movement of Stores from Saigon. The run-down of stores and equipment held at Saigon is nearing completion. The final lift is scheduled for 10 Dec.
- 70. Works.
 - a. Squadron Ring Road. The road has been sealed. This improves the appearance of the area, but more importantly, it has assisted with sand and dust control.
 - b. New Ablutions. These have been built and are about to be handed over for use.
 - c. MRS Blast Walls. The walls have been finished completely.
 - d. Roofing over AN/MTC-1 Shelters. 17 Const Sqn is waiting for corrugated iron sheeting ex HMAS Jeparit before work can start on this.
 - e. New Q Store. The building is well over halfway towards completion.
 - f. Major and Minor Works 1971. The works return has been submitted, and as well as minor maintenance, it requests:

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- (1) Improved cipher workshop facilities including air-conditioning and floor tiles.
- (2) Air-conditioning and floor tiles for the Tech Maint Wksp.
- (3) A better fuel reticulation system for the MRS generator shed.
- (4) A safety fence for the transmit VLPAs.
- (5) Installation of MIJI LIFT facilities in the Telegraph Wksp.

71. Transport. The two vehicles off the road because of accidents have been called in for repairs, and the restrictions have been lifted off two of the three light vehicles taken from the squadron some months ago. Our shortage of light vehicles may soon be over.

CONCLUSION

72. 110 Sig Sqn is a large, busy and good unit. Its morale is as high as any other unit, and a deal higher than some. All ranks are working long hours and working hard. They have weathered a major reorganization and a very difficult period with communications at a time when traffic built up to near record proportions in the MRS, propagation conditions to Melbourne were poor, and new personnel joined the squadron. It is distressing therefore to find that we are suspected of "mismanagement" of the Melbourne-Vung Tau link by a Directorate remote from practical communications in an overseas theatre.

73. It is anticipated that December will see an improvement in circuit availability, and a dramatic **decrease** in service traffic.

D.R. Overstead
 (D.R. OVERSTEAD)
 Maj
 OC

- Annexes:
- A. MRS Traffic Summary.
 - B. Rerun Summary.
 - C. Long Term Trends.
 - D. Telegraph Circuit Availability.
 - E. Establishment Variations.

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1 ALSG
 104 Sig Sqn
 Radio Offr 1 OSU (for info)

Internal:

OC (2)
 Ops Offr (3)
 QM
 Vung Tau Op Tp Comd
 Vung Tau Tech Tp Comd
 Deployment Tp Comd
 Saigon Det Comd
 Commander's Diary (3)
 File
 Float
 Spare.

MAJOR RELAY STATION VUNG TAU
SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC NOV 70

ANNEX A TO
110 SIG SQN R723/1/6
DATED 9 DEC 70

| Ser | Circuit | | FLASH | IMMEDIATE | PRIORITY | ROUTINE | TOTAL | ZFX |
|-----|------------------------|-----------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|------|
| 1 | Melb A | In Out | | 2031 2029 | 3303 3376 | 5673 5185 | 11007 10590 | 531 |
| 2 | Melb B | In Out | | 1153 1349 | 1688 1422 | 3423 2407 | 6264 5178 | 532 |
| 3 | AFV Comcen A | In Out | | 311 398 | 1296 1580 | 1011 2436 | 2618 4414 | 74 |
| 4 | AFV Comcen B | In Out | | 579 892 | 2113 3301 | 2124 4517 | 4816 8710 | 164 |
| 5 | Phan Rang | In Out | 5 | 250 398 | 1103 1449 | 727 1085 | 2080 2937 | 137 |
| 6 | Nui Dat A | In Out | 3 | 229 505 | 1019 1389 | 664 1788 | 1912 3685 | 73 |
| 7 | Nui Dat B | In | 7 | 370 672 | 1322 1685 | 1147 1992 | 2839 4356 | 75 |
| 8 | Long Binh | In Out | 72 7 | 2021 1652 | 346 282 | 194 56 | 2633 1997 | 153 |
| 9 | 1 ALSG Comcen | In Out | | 392 522 | 1626 2381 | 3330 3857 | 5348 6760 | 81 |
| 10 | 1 OSU | In Out | 3 63 | 360 646 | 1196 1591 | 624 1122 | 2183 3422 | 151 |
| 11 | Saigon MRS | In Out | 4 4 | 114 110 | 261 347 | 203 407 | 582 868 | 6 |
| 12 | Services | In Out | 5 5 | 1315 1458 | 2977 1972 | 830 516 | 5127 3951 | Nil |
| 13 | TOTALS | | 178 | 19756 | 39025 | 45318 | 104277 | 1977 |
| 14 | lti Routes (Processed) | | | | | | 6846 | |

(Percentages calculated on all services)

TRAFFIC RERUN SUMMARY - DEC 70

ANNEX B TO
110 SIG SQN R723/1/6
DATED 9 DEC 70

SAIGON MAJOR RELAY STATION

| Ser No | Channel | As % of IN traffic | | As % of OUT traffic | | Remarks |
|--------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|---------|
| | | This month | Last month | This month | Last month | |
| 1 | MELB A | 12.8 | 14.3 | 18.2 | 15.3 | |
| 2 | MELB B | 18.6 | 16.1 | 14.8 | 15.0 | |
| 3 | HQ AFV A | 5.2 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 3.4 | |
| 4 | HQ AFV B | 5.1 | | 2.4 | 2.8 | |
| 5 | 1 ATF A | 7.1 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 3.4 | |
| 6 | 1 ATF B | 2.2 | | 7.0 | 6.7 | |
| 7 | PHAN RANG | 13.8 | 4.5 | 10.4 | 7.0 | |
| 8 | LONG BINH | 9.6 | 9.7 | 3.9 | 2.3 | |
| 9 | 1 ALSG | 4.9 | 7.9 | 3.9 | 6.4 | |
| 10 | 1 OSU | 8.2 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 6.2 | |
| 11 | SAIGON MRS | 10.5 | | .4 | | |
| | STATION AVERAGE | 11.2 | 9.7 | 7.9 | 13.3 | |

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ANNEX C TO
110 SIG SQN R723/1/6
DATED 9 DEC 70

LONG TERM TRENDS

- Notes: 1. Numbers are rounded to three significant figures.
2. There is no direct relationship between traffic and Australia - Vietnam availability.

| MONTH | AUSTRALIA - VIETNAM AVAILABILITY | | MRS | | COMCEN | |
|--------|----------------------------------|------|---------|----------|--------|--------|
| | A% | B% | SAIGON | VUNG TAU | HQ AFV | 1 ALSG |
| Nov 68 | | | 73,000 | 16,800 | 30,000 | 9,000 |
| Dec 68 | | | 72,000 | 27,000 | 15,500 | 9,000 |
| Jan 69 | | | | | | |
| Feb | | | 82,800 | 34,600 | 18,000 | 11,000 |
| Mar | | | 92,400 | 38,300 | 19,200 | 11,200 |
| Apr | | 73.0 | 87,700 | 34,000 | 19,200 | 10,700 |
| May | 97.0 | 62.5 | 90,500 | 35,700 | 19,400 | 10,200 |
| Jun | | | 83,500 | 29,900 | 18,500 | 9,200 |
| Jul | | | 98,000 | 35,900 | 21,600 | 11,500 |
| Aug | 79.0 | 56.5 | 103,300 | 36,500 | 22,800 | 11,600 |
| Sep | 86.0 | 78.7 | 104,900 | 35,600 | 22,000 | 11,000 |
| Oct | 91.5 | 86.7 | 99,000 | 35,600 | 21,400 | 11,000 |
| Nov | 90.4 | 84.7 | 86,600 | 30,700 | 19,100 | 9,800 |
| Dec 69 | 91.8 | 89.0 | 86,800 | 30,600 | 19,100 | 7,700 |
| Jan 70 | 93.1 | 89.4 | 84,800 | 30,600 | 18,400 | 9,700 |
| Feb | 88.7 | 89.7 | 84,900 | 29,800 | 19,700 | 10,200 |
| Mar | 80.8 | 80.0 | 93,600 | 32,600 | 20,200 | 10,600 |
| Apr | 88.9 | 83.1 | 93,600 | 35,300 | 19,800 | 11,100 |
| May | 92.5 | 87.1 | 93,700 | 35,200 | 19,300 | 10,000 |
| Jun | 88.8 | 80.0 | 91,600 | 33,800 | 18,100 | 8,900 |
| Jul | 88.8 | 86.0 | 93,200 | 35,900 | 19,000 | 10,900 |
| Aug | 87.2 | 81.2 | 90,700 | * | 17,800 | 11,500 |
| Sep | 88.0 | 82.0 | 88,800 | * | 17,000 | 11,200 |
| Oct | 93.2 | 82.2 | 99,700 | 2,000 | 19,800 | 12,300 |
| Nov 70 | | | 1,400 | 104,300 | 20,600 | 12,100 |

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R723/1/6

DATED 9 DEC 70

TELEGRAPH CIRCUIT AVAILABILITY SUMMARY

VUNG TAU

| Ser No Channel | | Availability | Percentage of OLC faults and alignments | Other Eqpt Faults | Bearer | Propagation |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|---|-------------------|--------|-------------|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) | (g) |
| 1. | MELB A | 73% | 3 | 12 | | 12 |
| 2. | MELB B | 59% | 3 | 6 | | 32 |
| 3. | HQ AFV A | 69% | 3 | 28 | | |
| 4. | HQ AFV B | 94% | 1.5 | 4.5 | | |
| 5. | 1 ATF A | 90% | 5 | 5 | | |
| 6. | 1 ATF B | 85% | 2 | 13 | | |
| 7. | PHAN RANG | 90% | 2 | 7 | 1 | |
| 8. | LONG BINH | 92% | 2 | 5 | 1 | |
| 9. | RAAF VUNG TAU | 92% | 1 | 7 | | |
| 10. | HQ 1 ALSG | 90% | 4 | 6 | | |

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ANNEX E TO
110 SIG SQN R723-1-6
DATED 4 DEC 70

MANNING

ESTABLISHMENT VARIATIONS

Note: Civilian Establishment is not included.

1. Net Manpower Position

Establishment: 229 Posted Strength: 237 Net: +8

2. Trade Position. Surpluses are shown against deficiencies where some of the surplus skills balance some of the deficient skills.

| <u>Trade Deficient</u> | <u>Rank</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Trade Surplus</u> | <u>Rank</u> | <u>No</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Tech Elec | Sig | 2 | T Tg | Sig | 1 |
| T Tg. | Cpl | 1 | Tech Elec | Sgt | 1 |
| Rigger Sigs | Sgt | 1 | Lmn Pl | Sgt | 1 |
| | | | Tech Cipher | Cpl | 1 |
| OKC | Sig | 10 | OK | Sig | 8 |
| OKR | Sig | 2 | OK | Sig | 1 |
| OK | Cpl | 1 | OKC | Cpl | 1 |
| Op Swbd | Sig | 1 | Rigger Sigs | Sigs | 1 |
| DR | Sig | 1 | Gp 1 | Sig | 1 |
| Spvr Tpt | Sgt | 1 | | | |
| Cook AACC | Pte | 1 | | | |
| | | <u>21</u> | | | <u>16</u> |

| | | | |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|---|
| Occupying | Spr Comcen | WO2 | 1 |
| RESTRICTED | Clerk Admin | Sgt | 1 |
| vacancies. | OKR | Sgt | 1 |
| Waste out | OKC | Cpl | 2 |
| by 17 Dec 70. | OK | Cpl | 1 |
| | Tech Elec | Cpl | 1 |
| | Clerk Admin | Sig | 1 |
| | Dvr | Sig | 1 |
| | Lmn Pl | Sig | 1 |
| | Tech Elec | Sig | 3 |
| | | <u>29</u> | |

3. Supervisory Position. This shows the net deficiency of supervisory effort. Numbers are not related to the net strength.

| <u>Rank Deficient</u> | <u>Trade</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Filled By</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|------------------|
| Cpl | Tech Elec | 2 | Sig Tech Elec 2 |
| WO2 | Spvr Comcen | 1 | Ssgt Spvr Comcen |
| Sgt | Stmn Tech | 1 | Cpl Stmn Tech |
| Cpl | Mech Elec | 2 | Spr Mech Elec 2 |

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DATED 7 DEC 70

PROMOTIONS

4. a. Lcpl to Cpl Tech Elec 2
 OKC
 OKR
- b. Sig to Lcpl Tech Elec
 OKR
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REDUCTIONS

5. Nil.

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ANNEX D TO
AFV (ARMY COMPONENT)
ADMIN INSTR No 3
AMDT No 3 DATED 22 JUN 68

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UNIT..... 110 Sig Sqn

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as at 0800hrs Wed... 4 Nov 70...

To reach HQ AFV (Records Det) by 1200hrs Wed of each week.

STRENGTH

| | ESTB | POSTED STR |
|-------|------|------------|
| Offrs | 9 | 10 |
| WO's | 10 | 8 |
| OR's | 232 | 229 |
| Total | 251 | 247 |

ARA/NS BREAK UP

| | ARA | NS |
|-------|-----|----|
| Offrs | 9 | |
| OR's | 162 | 76 |
| Total | 171 | 76 |


LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

| With unit & physically located | | | | Not physically with unit | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|------|-------|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| | Sgn | 1ATF | 1ALSG | Leave | Hosp | AWOL | Detn | Aust | Total |
| Offrs | 2 | | 8 | | | | | | 10 |
| WO's | 2 | | 6 | | | | | | 8 |
| OR's | 61 | 22 | 140 | 4 | 2 | | | | 229 |
| Total | 65 | 22 | 154 | 4 | 2 | | | | 247 |

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

| No | Rank | Name |
|---------|------|-----------|
| 2790671 | Pte | HONG S.L. |

Movement Details attached.


 Rank
 Administrative Officer
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4720671 Sig F.J. WILLETT 4988/70
 18987 Sig R.K. MURDOCH 4989/70

MARCH OUTS

216371 Cpl P.L. BLACKWELL Med downgraded
 342976 Cpl B.E. MINSTER 4868/70
 342972 Sig L.J. DOWELL 4891/70

| POSTED | DATE | REMARKS |
|--------|------|---------|
| 10 | 2 | Office |
| 3 | 2 | W.O's |
| 23 | 2 | GR's |
| 24 | 2 | Total |

| POSTED | DATE | REMARKS |
|--------|------|---------|
| 10 | 2 | Office |
| 3 | 2 | W.O's |
| 23 | 2 | GR's |
| 24 | 2 | Total |

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

| With units & physically located | | | | Not physically with units | | | |
|---------------------------------|------|-------|--------|---------------------------|------|-------|--------|
| Total | GR's | W.O's | Office | Total | GR's | W.O's | Office |
| 24 | 23 | 3 | 10 | 24 | 23 | 3 | 10 |
| 24 | 23 | 3 | 10 | 24 | 23 | 3 | 10 |
| 24 | 23 | 3 | 10 | 24 | 23 | 3 | 10 |
| 24 | 23 | 3 | 10 | 24 | 23 | 3 | 10 |

AND ATTACHMENTS

| No | Rank | Name |
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| 2200271 | Plt | HONG S.L. |

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ANNEX D TO
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ADMIN INSTR No 3
AMDT No 3 DATED 22 JUN 68

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

UNIT... 110 Sig Sqn

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as at 0800hrs Wed... 11 Nov 70..

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STRENGTH

| | ESTB | POSTED STR |
|-------|------|------------|
| Offrs | 9 | 9 |
| WO's | 10 | 8 |
| OR's | 232 | 227 |
| Total | 251 | 244 |

ARA/NS BREAK UP

| | ARA | NS |
|-------|-----|----|
| Offrs | 9 | |
| OR's | 159 | 76 |
| Total | 168 | 76 |

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

| With unit & physically located | | | | Not physically with unit | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|------|-------|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| | Sgn | 1ATF | 1ALSG | Leave | Hosp | AWOL | Detn | Aust | Total |
| Offrs | 1 | | 8 | | | | | | 9 |
| WO's | 2 | | 6 | | | | | | 8 |
| OR's | 53 | 22 | 143 | 8 | 1 | | | | 227 |
| Total | 56 | 22 | 157 | 8 | 1 | | | | 244 |

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

| No | Rank | Name |
|----|------|------|
| | | |

Movement Details attached.

Signed by:
C. BOUGHTON Capt Rank
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Executive Officer
110th Signal Squadron
APPOINTMENT

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MARCH OUTS

242856 Capt R.P. JOPLING
 2783486 Sgt G.M. HAYMAN 4181/70
 11452 WO1 K. RENTOUL 4860/70
 48646 Sgt D. SHALES 4856/70
 3796015 Spr I.N. ROBERTSON 4897/70

MARCH INS

32418 WO1 H.H. COOK 4996/70
 64371 Sgt N.L. EVANS 5445/70
 Spr K.A. SMITH 5389/70

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LOCATION OF POSTED PERSONNEL

| Not physically with unit | | | | With unit & physically located | | | |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|--------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Total | Unit | Detn | AWOL | Leave | Temp | AWOL | Detn |
| 2 | | | | | | 2 | |
| 3 | | | | | | 3 | |
| 27 | | | | 1 | 2 | 25 | |
| 34 | | | | 1 | 2 | 31 | |

AND ATTACHEMENTS

| | | |
|----|------|------|
| No | Rank | Name |
| | | |
| | | |

Signed by
 E. WOODWARD
 A. WOODWARD
 1100 Signal Squadron
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ANNEX D TO
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ADMIN INSTR No 3
AMDT No 3 DATED 22 JUN 68

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

UNIT... 110 Sig Sqn

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as at 0800hrs Wed... 18 Nov 70.

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STRENGTH

| | ESTB | POSTED STR |
|-------|------|------------|
| Offrs | 9 | 9 |
| WO's | 10 | 8 |
| OR's | 232 | 227 |
| Total | 251 | 244 |

ARA/NS BREAK UP

| | ARA | NS |
|-------|-----|----|
| Offrs | 9 | |
| OR's | 162 | 76 |
| Total | 171 | 76 |

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

| With unit & physically located | | | | Not physically with unit | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|------|-------|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| | Sgn | 1ATF | 1ALSG | Leave | Hosp | AWOL | Detn | Aust | Total |
| Offrs | 2 | | 7 | | | | | | 9 |
| WO's | 2 | | 6 | | | | | | 8 |
| OR's | 61 | 24 | 139 | 1 | 2 | | | | 227 |
| Total | 65 | 24 | 152 | 1 | 2 | | | | 244 |

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

| No | Rank | Name |
|----|------|------|
| | | |

Movement Details attached.

[Signature] Rank
 SIGNATURE Capt
 Administrative Officer
 110th Signal Squadron
 APPOINTMENT

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ANNEX D TO
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ADMIN INSTR No 3
AMDT No 3 DATED 22 JUN 68

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

UNIT..... 110 Sig Sqn

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as at 0800hrs Wed..... 25 Nov 70

To reach HQ AFV (Records Det) by 1200hrs Wed of each week.

STRENGTH

| | ESTB | POSTED STR |
|-------|------|------------|
| Offrs | 9 | 9 |
| WO's | 10 | 8 |
| OR's | 232 | 229 |
| Total | 251 | 246 |

ARA/NS BREAK UP

| | ARA | NS |
|-------|-----|----|
| Offrs | 9 | |
| OR's | 161 | 76 |
| Total | 170 | 76 |

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

| With unit & physically located | | | | Not physically with unit | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|------|-------|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| | Sgn | 1ATF | 1ALSG | Leave | Hosp | AWOL | Detn | Aust | Total |
| Offrs | 3 | | 6 | | | | | | 9 |
| WO's | 1 | | 7 | | | | | | 8 |
| OR's | 51 | 20 | 153 | 5 | | | | | 229 |
| Total | 55 | 20 | 166 | 5 | | | | | 246 |

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

| No | Rank | Name | |
|---------|------|------|------|
| 2790671 | Pte | HONG | S.L. |

Movement Details attached.

[Signature] Rank
 SIGNATURE
 Administrative Officer
 110th Signal Squadron
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MARCH INS

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Rank</u> | <u>Name and Initials</u> | <u>SMN P/O No</u> |
|------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 32792 | SSGT | BALMER T.J. | |
| 43833 | SGT | CADD W.J. | 4318/70 |
| 17899 | SGT | WILSON R.V. | |
| 1200821 | CPL | ORGAN A.W. | |
| 216776 | CPL | MURRAY T.J. | 5746/70 |
| 218943 | LCPL | BLAKENEY I.J. | 5747/70 |
| 2792421 | SIG | GOODWIN J.N. | |
| 56114 | SIG | HALTON P.R. | 4999/70 |
| 3173928 | SIG | LIVERMORE P.P. | 5473/70 |
| 4721290 | SIG | PATRICK G.C. | 4998/70 |
| 3797512 | SIG | PILBEAM B.K. | 4985/70 |
| 39773 | SIG | SMITH M.A. | 4330/70 |

MARCH OUTS

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Rank</u> | <u>Name and Initials</u> | <u>SMN P/O No</u> |
|------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 14262 | SGT | GRULKE A.W. | 4861/70 |
| 37896 | CPL | AKED C. | |
| 44326 | CPL | HICKMAN R.G. | |
| 216772 | CPL | HOLDSWORTH E.R. | 4308/70 |
| 16454 | CPL | (TICHBORNE C.W. | |
| 3795248 | LCPL | DULLARD J.P. | 5602/70 |
| 174331 | CPL | JARMAN K.A. | |
| 5715895 | LCPL | McCANN" C.J. | 5609/70 |
| 3795541 | LCPL | PHILLIPS R.J. | |
| 55133 | LCPL | ROCHESTER T.C. | 5603/70 |
| 43954 | SIG | BRIGGS E.J. | 4857/70 |
| 3793481 | SIG | BROMMELL D.T. | |
| 5716006 | SIG | BUTLER C.J. | 4853/70 |
| 1735020 | SIG | HAUG B.W. | 5607/70 |
| 55562 | SIG | HOLMES R.J. | |
| 2792079 | SIG | PECK S.E. | 5608/70 |
| 218056 | SIG | POSENER P.R. | |
| 218099 | SIG | ROGERS G.E. | 4866/70 |

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Rank</u> | <u>Name and Initials</u> | <u>SMN P/O No</u> |
|------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
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QUARTERED NOT RATIONED UNITS IN SAIGON AREA

HQ AFV (For Financial Adviser)

UNIT: DET 110 SIG SQN SAIGON

NOVEMBER 1970

Strength Report For the Month of.....

- 1. Unit Average Strength (See Note 1)
 - Officers..... 1.87 WOs..... 1.70 ORs (Less WOs)..... 51.80
- 2. Hospitalized (See Note 2)
 - Total Bed Days:
 - Officers..... NIL WOs..... NIL ORs (Less WOs)..... NIL
- 3. Australian Combat Rations (See Note 3)
 - Total Number Consumed..... NIL

I certify that I have checked this return and its accuracy

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 (Responsible Officer)
 DET 110 SIG SQN HQ AFV

Notes For Compilation of Return

- Note 1.
 - a. Only Aust Personnel are to be included.
 - b. The method of calculating average strength of the unit is to count the P, D, H, S (and when the member is in the equivalent of unit lines for the period of rest) markings in Company Roll Books. Daily Parade State figures are NOT to be used.
 - c. Add: Aust Philanthropic Representatives accommodated in a BOQ/BEQ. Aust overnight Attachments/Transients accommodated in a BOQ/BEQ. Day leave=Duty out of SAIGON
 - d. Exclude: Anyone who is not Aust, Out of country R and R, Hospitalized Butterworth or RTA, AWOL personnel, overnight Detachments.
 - e. AATTV: Show strengths by HQ AATTV, AATTV on special duty and other AATTV.

Note 2 Show only bed days per Offr, WO, OR (Less WOs) of members hospitalized in US hospitals.

eg. 2 OR in hospital for 5 days
 1 OR in hospital for 7 days
 1 Offr in hospital for 8 days

Return should read: Offrs 8 bed days - OR 17 bed days

Note 3 The total number of Australian Combat Rations consumed on a daily basis, eg 20 personnel consumed Australian Combat Rations over a period of 3 days - Return should read: 60

RATIONED NOT QUARTERED UNITS
OUT OF SAIGON AREA

HQ AFV (For Financial Adviser)

UNIT: 110 SIG SQN

Strength report for the month of: NOV 70

1. Unit Average Strength (See Note 1)
 Offrs: 6.13 ORs (include WOs): 155.90
2. In country R and C Average Strength: See note 2)
 Offrs: _____ ORs (include WOs): _____
3. Australian Combat Rations (See note 3)
 Total number consumed: _____

I certify that I have checked this return and its accuracy

Signed by:
C. BOUGHTON Capt

(Responsible Officer)

Notes for Complilation of Return

- Note 1:-
- a. With the exception of the return rendered by HQ 26 Coy RAASC only Aust personnel are to be included.
 - b. HQ 26 Coy RAASC is to show separately members of the concessionaire's staff as well as Aust personnel.
 - c. The method of calculating average strength of the unit is to count the P,D,H,S (and R when the member is in unit lines for the period of rest) markings in Company Roll Books. Daily Parade State figures are not to be used.
 - d. Add: Aust Philanthropic Representative.
 Aust overnight Attachment/Transients.
 Aust day leave/Duty Saigon.
 - e. Exclude: Anyone who is not Aust(HQ 26 Coy RAASC excepted).
 Out of Country R and R.
 In Country R and C.
 Hospitalized Butterworth or RTA
 AWOL personnel.
 Overnight Detachments.

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f. AFV Amenities and Welfare Unit, 1 Aust Fd Hosp, 8 Fd Amb, AFV Provost (in respect of the AFV Detention Barracks) are to show Aust staff only.

Note 2: For use by AFV Amenities and Welfare Unit only; to show monthly strength of members present for rest and convalescence.

Note 3: The total number of Australian Combat Rations consumed; eg. 20 personnel consumed Australian Combat Ration over a period of 3 days. Return should read: - 60.

I certify that I have checked this return and the accuracy

(Responsible Officer)

Notes for Compilation of Return

Note 1: a. With the exception of the return rendered by HQ 26 Coy RAASG only Aust personnel are to be included.

b. HQ 26 Coy RAASG is to show separately members of the concessionaire's staff as well as Aust personnel.

c. The method of calculating average strength of the unit is to count the P, D, E, S (and R when the number is in unit lines for the period of rest) markings in Company Roll Books. Daily Parade State Lists are not to be used.

d. Add: Aust Philanthropic Representatives. Aust overflight Attachment/transport.

Aust day leave/Duty Saigon.

e. Exclude: Anyone who is not Aust(HQ 26 Coy RAASG excepted).

Out of Country R and S.

In Country R and O.

Headlined butworth or RIA