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[1-31 Aug 1971]

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 110 SIG SQN

From 1 AUG 71 To 31 AUG 71

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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.

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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.

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 should be grouped as annexes starting at B.

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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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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:

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

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

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

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UNIT/FORMATION 110 Sig Sqn

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COMMANDING OFFICER Maj P.G. WILKINS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1		<p>Inspected damage caused by record downpour of rain: 8.2" in 4 hours during the early morning. This is highest rainfall recorded since 1907. A washaway carried many hundreds of cubic feet of sand down onto 102 Fd Wksp area and half buried their paint shop. The MRS and Syscon areas were flooded, as were Sqn HQ, the Sgts Mess, the ORs Kitchen, and the Officers Lines. The ammunition bunker was also completely flooded, and the perimeter wire was damaged by small washaways in numerous places. The major washaway very nearly toppled a main power pole, but it was held up by the power lines, and quick response by the Engrs brought up sufficient fill to prevent any immediate danger. Lightning also struck the MRS during the storm and jumped across the MDF a number of times. However despite the severity of the storm little permanent damage was done and comms were only lost for a short period during the height of the storm, due to electrical interference.</p> <p>The Area Commander arrived to inspect the damage at about 0730. I conducted him around the area.</p> <p>Normal work parties for the day were abandoned and the Sqn set too with a will to restore the area to its' normal pristine beauty.</p>	

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	2		<p>Spoke to Sgt Guest, the Sgt cook about problems with the SIB. They are extremely suspicious of him in respect to "trading" and blackmarketing, and have stopped and searched him several times in the last few weeks. He does conduct "trading" with the RAAF, but with my full permission: they have a number of issue items of rations which they don't use, and vice versa, so it is mutually beneficial for us to swap these rations. I have been keeping a close eye on Sgt Guest and am convinced that (at least the majority of) his trading activities are confined to helping the unit improve its' standard of messing, and not to his own personal gain. I advised him that provided he restricted his activities to helping the unit and not himself then he had nothing to worry about with the SIB, and that after a few weeks of surveillance the SIB would cease to annoy him by intensive surveillance, but they would always be keeping a watchful eye, as they should be.</p>	
	3		<p>Went to Saigon by road with Lt Stewart, SSM, SSGts Shield and Millar to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Inspect the PABX which is to be transferred to the RVN Sig School, to see what assistance could be given. (taking OC Tech Tp and the STT). <p>(Cont)</p>	

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	3 (cont.)		<p>2. Try and improve the telegraph circuit arrangements at the AFV Comcen. The range of receive machines is extremely restricted due to the poor current waveform coming from the ITL's, and this is causing a high turnover of machines and a high rerun rate.</p> <p>3. Call in at Long Binh to pick up a ringer for the Saigon Seimens bearers to replace the one which blew up late last month. Saw an extremely good floor show at the SO's after dinner: the Seoul Sisters - six South Korean girls. It would be the best entertainment from a pop group that I have ever seen - hope they get onto the Australian Circuit.</p>	
	4		<p>Took the Det parade, and spoke to the CSO. Arranged with Maj Bill Smith (CA HQ AFV) and Mr Dick Allen (Embassy Staff) to meet them at the PABX.</p> <p>SSgts Shields and Millar with WO Oconnor from the Saigon Det experimented with the telegraph circuits and discovered that by removing the ITLs from the receive circuits, the range of the printers was doubled and the range of the reperfs trebled. The ITL's were only used because they were necessary on the send side for particular keying requirements. It was therefore decided to remove them from the receive side immediately and to manufacture a keying adaptor which would enable them to be removed</p>	

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	4 (cont)		<p>from the send side also. This should improve the circuits considerably. The keying adaptor is to be built in Tech Maint - the design is already proven and eqpt has been built before now for use in Vung Tau.</p> <p>Visited the PABX and discovered that spare parts had arrived - but only for the switchboard, not the exchange. There will be a delay of some 6 weeks or so before the new accommodation in Vung Tau is completed.</p> <p>Lt Stewart is to remain in Saigon for two weeks, taking over from Lt Newey. Lt Newey will come down to Vung Tau Saturday 7th to take over Tech Tp for two weeks. I have initiated this brief exchange to enable both officers to gain additional experience, and for other supervisory reasons: Lt Stewart has handled Tech Tp extremely well and will benefit from additional responsibility and independence. Lt Newey suffers from a lack of self-confidence and needs more close supervision: I want to keep a closer eye on him for a while. After his two weeks with Tech Tp, he will spend a further two weeks standing in as Admin Officer while Capt Smith goes to Saigon to conduct Admin preparations prior to RTA of OC Saigon Det Capt Baldwin.</p> <p>Returned to Vung Tau late afternoon (without Lt Stewart) to find that there had been a disturbance in town Tuesday night in which a member of MP's and soldiers had been injured, and that the town had been placed off limits for local leave until</p>	

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	4 (cont)		Saturday. Our Sqn was not involved, but must suffer from the lack of local leave: I hope the troops behave themselves.	
	5		<p>Myself and 5 other members of the sqn have enroled in a Vietnamese language course in town. It is conducted by the Vietnamese Allied Cultural Centre, and provides lectures every Tuesday and Thursday night for ten weeks. I obtained approval to attend the first class tonight: it was considered as duty and not local leave, and hence ^{hence} the town was in bounds. Unfortunately we were the only ones to have thought of this approach, and no other students (hoc sinh) turned up. Despite this, we received a lesson: The instructor looked somewhat apprehensive as we were all in uniform and armed, and he probably didn't dare send us away.</p> <p>I feel quite strongly about the lack of training given to Australian soldiers sent to Vietnam on local customs, language and history. It is no use training a few specialists if the vast bulk of the troops have no understanding of the people and by their behaviour destroy any friendliness the people may have had towards us. This is particularly evident in Vung Tau where almost all the troops have contact with the local population, but it is also true to a lesser extent of the troops in the combat zone. A basic understanding of the people and their language should be taught to all</p>	

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	5 (cont)		<p>troops coming to Vietnam - or any future theatre - before the troops leave Australia.</p> <p>An intensive course lasting perhaps a week or two weeks would be enough to prevent the many incidents which occur through ignorance or arrogance on our part.</p> <p>Capt. Smith departed on R & R: his place being filled by Lt Buchanan from Deployment Troop.</p>	
	6		<p>Attended the Comds Conference: details given of the incident in town on Tuesday night, and also details of the planned lifting of the "out of bounds" restrictions.</p>	
	7		<p>Discovered when inspecting the proposed Rhombic Antenna Area with Maj Corkeron (LO 1ACAU) that some constructional activity had commenced in the critical area where the real masts would go. Maj Corkeron checked with the local authorities and discovered that the land had in fact been allocated for construction and that we could not get approval to construct antennae in the area. That finishes the Rhombic episode, and we will have to make do with the present transmit arrangement.</p> <p>Lt Newey arrived to take over Tech Tp.</p> <p>A Sqn farewell for persons RTAing during August was held in the ORs club, the Sandbaggers. I had to leave early to attend a function (with the Area Commander and</p>	

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	7 (cont)		other ALSG officers) in town, but left that function as soon as decently possible and returned to the farewell. It closed at about 1AM and I was very pleased with the conduct of the troops - they behaved extremely well, despite having been kept out of town since the ^T uesday.	
	8		Came down with a mild case of food poisoning: as a result of the food eaten Saturday night while absent from the Sqn farewell at the Sandbaggers. Had suspected that one of the dishes eaten was not all that it should have been, but as it was Vietnamese simply assumed that was how it should taste. I shall trust my palate in future. I had to umpire a football game in the morning and barely succeeded in completing it without disgracing myself. The rest of the day was a ^{wrk} right off.	
	9		Still suffering from the effects of the food poisoning, and spent half of the day in bed. Attended a Tech Tp farewell barbeque but neither ate nor drank a morsel.	
	10		Took the normal Squadron parade and managed okay, although still suffering from the "shakes". Spent an hour in bed after morning tea and was able to resume normal duties. Took my first solid food since Saturday evening about 5.30pm just	

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	10 (cont)		before attending the second lecture on the Vietnamese language course. Also visited by Capt PHAT of 2/654 Area Communications Company (ARVN) who extended an invitation for us to come and see them. I will try to do so next week.	
	11		Visited the det at Nui Dat. Finally decided that Sig Behan had to be returned to Vung Tau: had been thinking about it for some time but did not want to disturb Deployment Troop. However he is unable to perform as an SCO without supervision and is the cause of a number of problems, not the least of which is poor liaison and co-operation with 104 Sig Sqn. He is to be replaced as soon as possible, even though it means a complete reorganization of Deployment Troop.	
	12		Visited by Maj Joe Viksne RA Sigs (Assist Mil Attache, Pnom Phen, Cambodia). He is on a short visit to SVN. I conducted him around the Sqn and on a short tour through Vung Tau. He is an ex member of 110 Sig Sqn (1968) and was very interested in the many changes which had taken place since then.	

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	13		<p>Friday 13th started with a 6 hour outage on the rear link due to atmospheric and a 6 hour outage on AFV B circuit due to the Techs in Saigon using yesterdays' blocks on the KW7, and putting a reversal on the patchfield; an unforgivable sequence of errors which nevertheless should not have taken more than ½ hour to detect and correct.</p> <p>If I was superstitious I would blame the date, but instead have the STT working on the culprits to ensure they will recognise the symptoms in future and will not forget the lesson.</p> <p>Organized a CA tour of Phuoc Tuy Province for 40 pers of the Sqn. The tour was conducted by Maj Bernie Cokeron (LO 1ACAU) and included most Aust CA projects in the Province as well as a look at some of the more out of the way areas. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.</p>	
	14		<p>Capt. Smith returned from R. & R. An officers/Senior NCOs function was held in the Grand Hotel. The circuit to Melbourne, and indeed all circuits, are very quiet and activity is at a low level. Everyone is awaiting the Governments' decision on the withdrawal. Conducted the normal Sqn Conference.</p>	

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	15		A normal Sunday. Conducted troop work parties until 11 am and then allowed the rest of the day as standdown. Attended a troop function: Q Troop barbeque lunch down at the "Collaroy" barbeque area.	
	16		Did some preliminary planning for phase out of personnel and equipment on the assumption that a major portion of the force would be withdrawn about the end of the year. It is a very difficult to do any firm planning as the method of withdrawal is not known - eg: will HQ AFV remain in Saigon until the last, or will it phase out through Vung Tau?	
	17		Continued preliminary planning for the withdrawal in preparation for a planning conference with the CSO in Saigon on 18-19 Aug.	
	18-19		Spent these two days in Saigon, anticipating that the withdrawal announcement would be made Wednesday morning and that I would be able to sit in on the briefing and planning conference. Unfortunately the announcement was delayed and I was only able to hear the preliminary C of S briefing. However much useful discussion was held with the CSO regarding in theatre trucks, and a tentative plan was reached.	

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	18-19 (cont)		<p>However, without knowledge of the detailed withdrawal plan it was not possible to make any firm plan on the rear link closedown or on closedown of comcons and the MRS. Made arrangements for early return of some stores and equipment which could be dispensed with. This included 3 X MRC69 (T) shelters to be returned on the assumption that forward deployment for HQ 1 ATF is no longer required.</p>	
	20		<p>Arranged for deployment of MRC69 radio relay equipment and the MGC17 Tg cct shelter to enable removal of system 102 at Nui Dat and allow 104 Sig Sqn to withdraw complete. Although this would not be until sometime October - November, I desired to have the MRC69 system settle in firmly before removing system 102: all too often when conducting a cutover the new system fails just after going on line through not having had sufficient time to settle.</p> <p>Also attended the Comds briefing: it gave outline details of the plan for withdrawal but very little on which to base a communications plan.</p>	

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	21		<p>Spent some time trying to work out just how the Sqn is supposed to disband. The instructions state that 110 Sig Sqn disbands except for the HQ which then becomes HQ 111 Sig Sqn. However, no people are to be returned to Australia Watsonia and HQ 111 Sig Sqn is already in existence. We are also not to return our unit stores to AOD, but to return them to 2 Sig Regt, the parent unit. I believe this will just not work. We will have to send the stores back to 110 Sig Sqn care of QM 2 Sig Regt, have a Q party at Watsonia which will sort out and check the stores returned, 1033 those required by 2 Sig Regt or Sqn of 2 Sig Regt to them, 1033 the remainder back to Ord, and then spend some months closing the ledgers. We really need some clear direction in this but so far none has been forthcoming. I have raised the matter with the CSO but he is just as much in the dark as we are, although he does not think there will be a problem. As I am responsible for the stores stores, I am slightly more concerned!</p>	
	22		<p>Marched out from the Sqn to HQ Coy 1 ALSB as a member of a GCM Board. Expect the court martial will last about a week. During my absence Capt SMITH will act as Admin Comd Vung Tau and Capt BALDWIN will remain OC Saigon Det. Unfortunately the GCM was at relatively short notice and I had already approved R & R for the Sqn ^{the ops} officer Capt GREENE over this period. Our only hope that is if any problems arise I will be</p>	

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	22 (cont)		^{adv} to advise Capt Smith by phone. For the duration of the court martial, Capt SMITH will be completing the diary.	
	23		Lt Lawson-Baker det 152 Sig Sqn and his replacement Lt Gurney arrived and spent the day looking over the Sqn. They stayed overnight and returned to Nui Dat on 26 Aug 71. Col Jamieson to C of S designate visited the unit.	
	24		A practise alert was conducted by HQ 1 ALSG using the new defence Standing Orders. We now include AFV Pro Unit in our Sector. The alert went smoothly and was good practise for the next week.	
	25		1 ALSG went to GREY alert in preparation for the elections. The Alert Status changed to YELLOW from 2000hrs to 0600hrs. We expect this to continue till 30 Aug 71. The unit is required to man 4 strongpoints each with three men during the YELLOW alert period ^{AND} one strongpoint during the GREY alert period. This will mean long hours for everyone. Local leave has naturally been cancelled.	

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	26		The alert which we now know is theatre wide continues. I have organised the officers to have one officer on duty at all times. This will be hard on us as we are now reduced to three since the QM left for Saigon prior to his R & R.	
	27		Maj Wilkins is dropping in when he can to keep up with current happenings. He is living in the officers lines since the Grand Hotel Annex has been closed. The happy hour in the Officers Mess was a very quiet affair with most officers departing straight after the barbeque. I attended the Commanders Conference. It appears our unit will be required to feed more than 300 personnel when the ^{Nu} three Dat units start closing in on Vung Tau. The prospect is rather frightening. Our Mess hall only seats 60.	
	28		I conducted the unit conference. The manner in which all ranks have cooperated through the alert has been excellent. The OC returned from the GCM in time to attend the Commanders Conference on PLAN INTERFUZE. I was glad to see him return.	
	29		Returned from the court martial and flew to Saigon to discuss communications plans with the CSO. Spent all day in Saigon but returned in the evening to Vung Tau so that the assessment of personnel who could be released early could be completed,	

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	29 (cont)		at least up until the end of Phase 2 of Plan INTERFUSE. This was completed and passed in draft form to Comd 1 ALSG approx 1930hrs.	
	30		<i>Discussed the</i> Discontinue alternate rear link proposals put forward by AHQ with the CSO. It seems that a wireless circuit via cable to Clarke AFB will be very reliable, and that the HF link Phillipines to Singapore would also be satisfactory. However the use of tandem HF links by strapping through Singapore to Canberra is considered unsound engineering practise, and the circuit should be terminated in Singapore, with 9 Sig Regt providing the Relay Centre function. The ESO has been advised of this view and concurs. He will be recommending to D Sigs that the circuit terminate in Singapore.	
	31		Discussed requirements of 547 Sig Tp with OC. These details cannot be discussed in this diary, but have influenced the rearrangement of trunking facilities in theatre, and accommodation arrangements at Vung Tau. Trunking changes are as follows: It has been decided to close system 103 (which is still incomplete), close system 102 when it has been duplicated by an MRC69 shot, open system 104 to VC HZ11 using the system 103 equipment to enable early installation but using system 102 frequencies. This is necessary because of the short time available	

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Sep 71

CSO HQ AFV (8)

110 SIG SQN MONTHLY REPORT : AUG 71Reference: A. Maps Special Use, SE Asia, 1 : 100,000, Series L607, Sheet 6430.GENERAL

1. August was a very quiet month for the rear link, with the lowest traffic levels so far this year. It is expected, however, that there will be a rapid increase in traffic levels commencing mid September, as a result of PLAN INTERFUSE.

2. With the advent of PLAN INTERFUSE, the Squadron Crystal Ball is very much in demand. Preliminary assessments of establishment and equipment reductions have been made up to the end of phase 2, but detailed assessment for phase 3 depends upon finalization of the Communications Plan.

3. Communication problems for INTERFUSE are centred mainly on the rear link and a satisfactory alternate circuit which will allow close down of the AUSTCAN link. In theatre trunking presents few problems, and the rearrangements necessary for phase 2 and 3 communications are now almost complete.

General Activities

4. Highlights of the month were:
- a. A visit by the CSO.
 - b. A 7 day alert during the National Lower House elections.
 - c. Preparation for reorganization of the Sqn living accommodation into double bunks with 28 men per hut to allow for handover of 3 huts to 547 Sig Tp, which is to commence transfer from Nui Dat 13 Sep 71, to begin operation from Vung Tau.
 - d. The withdrawal announcement.

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Traffic figures and traffic analysis

5. General. Traffic figures were down again from last month: the calm before the storm? Total figures are:

a. MRS	80,000
b. HQ AFV Comcen	18,100
c. 1 ALSG Comcen	7,000
d. 2AOD Comcen	4,200

Total 109,300

6. MRS Traffic Summary. Annex A.

7. Comparison with previous months figures

<u>Circuit</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
a. To Melbourne		21.5%
b. From AFV		8.6%
c. From Nui Dat		6.85%
d. To Nui Dat		7.75%
e. To Long Binh		8.6%
f. From OSU		10.0%
g. To OSU		5.8%
h. From AOD		50.0%
i. To AOD		26.5%

8. Rerun Summary. Annex B.

9. Long Term Trends. Annex C.

10. Traffic Precedence Breakup. Annex D.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

1 ALSG Switchboard (EMU)

11. The phone usage has increased in immense proportion to the formal message rate, and Emu is now handling 8000 calls per day.

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12. The scale of phone extension provided to 1ALSO is to be reduced to allow connection of subscribers moving down from Nui Dat without overloading the board. Units from Nui Dat have been advised that they will receive trunks only from Emu and will be required to install unit switchboards. It is planned to replace the MTC-1 Emu with an SB86 in early to mid Feb 72, provided traffic levels drop sufficiently and provided sufficient reductions in the number of extensions can be made.

SDS

13. 1 ALSG. Vehicle mileage 1310.

a. Dispatches out 1690

b. Dispatches in 106

Total 1796

14. HQ AFV. SDS vehicles covered a total of 2719 miles during the month.

ADS

15. ADS figures are:

a. ADS Bags 62

b. Safe Hand Bags 17

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Radio

16. Shipping

a. John Monash. Contact maintained from 1 - 5 Aug 71.

b. HMAS Jeparit. Contact maintained from 1 - 8 Aug 71 when the ship docked in Sydney. Contact reestablished 23 Aug when the ship was just north of Mackay, and have been maintained to date. ETA Vung Tau is 1000 hrs 7 Sep 71.

17. Theatre Emergency Net. Communications were generally good during the month but some interference was noted from CW signals and foreign voices.

18. HQ AFV Emergency Net. Radio checks conducted weekly. Communications were 4's to 5's for the month.

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19. ATF Net. Daily radio checks conducted at 1400 hrs. Communications were 4's to 5's for the month.
20. ALSG Defence Net. Monitoring continued: Communications generally good.
21. Radio Australia. Reception generally good, but with periods of fading and interference. It is noted that the SE Asian transmissions have now been boosted to 250KW transmissions from Darwin, using Antennae with 19dB gain. The performance of our David besides this Goliath is nothing short of remarkable.

Communications Centres

22. HQ 1ALSG. No change during the month.
23. 2AOD. 2AOD ceases transmission on 15 Sep 71 and it is proposed to close this comcen shortly afterwards.
24. HQ AFV. Traffic levels decreased for the period although more long messages were handled. Signal services' traffic still remain at a high level.

Major Relay Stations

25. The considerable drop in traffic during the month was most welcome since it coincided with a 7 day alert and numerous extra regimental tasks which imposed a considerable drain on available manpower for picquet, guards and workparties.

Embassy Link

26. As the Embassy Technician is on an extended trip to New Delhi, there has been no further progress.

ENGINEERING

General

27. Telegraph Circuit Availability. Annex E.
28. Rhombic Antenna. The project has been abandoned as the only "suitable" area is not now available.
29. Long Binh Circuit. This was rerouted early in the month but it is too soon to be confident of a constant improvement in availability. The major problem now with the circuit is the lack of engineering facilities: the A class phone leaves a lot to be desired.

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30. Transmitters. The two additional reflectometers arrived and one has been installed on the yellow transmitter. The second is to be installed when a fault is cleared and additional shielded cable is obtained. Unfortunately none of the excessive VSWR alarms can be made to function, and without the protection provided by these alarms, we usually lose a PA tube or two whenever the VLPA elements ball down and create a high VSWR on the line. Transmitter availability figures were:

Blue	91.07%
Yellow	96.95%
Red	96.41%

System Control

31. The VF jackfields at Vung Tau and Saigon were received to enable the drop through facilities to be more efficiently utilized, as over the past months they had become festooned with semi permanent patchcords.

32. The RAAF sole user voice circuit from EMU215 to HQ RAAF was deactivated at 300800H Aug 71.

33. A second single to double current convertor has been built and installed, thus enabling full LRT's of the engineering channel transmissions from the engineering positions.

34. A conference position in the MRS was installed tested and used.

35. Two send consoles in the MRS developed faults caused by a fault on the 50V DC supply to the MRS. These are being repaired.

36. System 103 was closed on 30 Aug and the Nui Dat terminal will be re-installed on VC Hill early September. VC Hill - Vung Tau link will be designated System 104, but will operate on the frequencies used by System 102. System 102 was paralleled by a MRC69 link which will take over traffic mid Sep 71. System 102 will then be closed and the crystals used for System 104. This allows maximum installation speed with maximum installation effort, since the only work required at Vung Tau is rotation of the Bongo Drums on the mast, and since all installation work at VC Hill can be completed prior to closure of system 102.

Technical Maintenance Workshops

37. All workshops continued to operate effectively.

Line and Antenna

38. Line: An increased fault incidence due to the wet kept the troops very busy during the month.

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39. Rigger: Continued work on the old Tx VLPA which has been erected as a second Rx antenna following complete failure of the Rx HLPAs. Began preparations to pull down the Rx VLPA.

Deployment Troop

40. An MRC 69 (R) and MGC 17 were set up outside the 104 Sig Sqn comcen at Nui Dat and the circuit to Vung Tau established and tested. The MRC 69 will replace System 102 mid september and will continue as the prime RR system until the final withdrawal takes place. The MGC 17 will be used to provide a single protected 50 baud telegraph circuit in the final stages to allow complete withdrawal of 104 Sig Sqn.

41. The Nui Dat hill det will be closed down mid Sep also and the MRC 69 (R) removed to Saigon to provide a backup for System 101, in lieu of the System 102-103 triangulation. The Vung Tau-Saigon circuit was tested during the Deployment Troop exercise conducted in July, and it can support sufficient channels to meet all requirements should System 101 fail.

42. Three MRC 69(T) have been prepared for early RTA via the Jeparit or Harima Maru on 7 Sep 71, since they are no longer required for forward operations. The three MRC 69(R) terminals remaining, plus additional AN/MC 24 modules held at Vung Tau, provide sufficient capacity to meet the requirement for backup of System 101 and System 102.

TRAINING AND DEFENCE

Range Practises

43. Weekly range practises continued in Vung Tau. A range practise for the Saigon Det was conducted on 7 and 8 of the month.

44. Runs. Morning runs and swims continued on a troop basis.

45. Unit Lectures. A CA lecture and tour was conducted on 13 Aug by Maj CORKERON (LO 1ACAU) over all the major CA projects in Phuoc Tuy Province. 40 members of the Sqn attended. The unit lecture scheduled for 30 Aug was postponed to Sep because of the alert situation.

46. Long Binh Courses. AN/GRC106 maint courses were conducted.

47. Defence. A seven day alert was conducted for the period of the lower house elections. The alert status was maintained at grey during daylight hours and at yellow by night. The additional guards and picquets required for this continued effort put a heavy strain on manpower resources which was impossible to maintain, and for the last few days of the alert it was necessary to revert to normal picquets. With the heavy cut back of personnel forced on the unit by HQ AFV during phase 2, it will be impossible to meet commitments such as this without severely disrupting and curtailing the communications provided.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS

48. During the month the following support was given to CA projects:

An Phong Orphanages. Quantities of surplus commodities including firewood, bundles of newspapers and board of survey furniture was given to the orphanages at the beach front and Bai Dau during the month. A carton of misc gifts including medicines, baby foods and clothing was received from Lt Col Ramsey with the info that more was to follow. These items will be handed to the orphanage when the total shipment is received.

ARVN School of Signals Boy Scouts.

(a) A member of 110 Sig Sqn attended some scouting activities during the month.

(b) It is proposed to help the scouts with some items and stores at their camp in early Sep.

Dong Chua's. The first indent under project S100 has been raised for commodity support to the Dong Chua's.

PERSONAL ADMINISTRATION

Establishment & Posted Strength

49. Variations from establishment are shown at Annex F.

50. The Sqn has been required to reduce establishment to 150 by the end of phase 2. Proposals now before HQ AFV entail a reduction to 155 pers by the end of phase 2. It should be possible to lose the additional 5 pers provided the Project Sqn Packing Team arrives no later than mid Nov 71 and can remain until the MRS is closed and packed approximately mid Feb 72. However the above reductions are only feasible if the AUSTCAN rear link can be closed early Dec, and replaced by a reliable alternative system.

51. With the withdrawal plan announcement and the introduction of Plan Interfuse the workload has increased considerably. The Orderly Room is currently two deficient on strength and this has not helped matters.

52. Movements

Arriving in theatre	21
Leaving theatre	14
In country movements	30.

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53. Promotions

- a. Sig Collyer to Lcpl 21 Aug 71
- b. Sig Pask to Lcpl 21 Aug 71.

54. Visitors. Visitors to the unit during the month included:

- a. Lt Col G.J. MAPSON CSO 14-15 Aug 71
- b. Lt C. LAWSON-BAKER OC Det 152 Sig Sqn 23-24 Aug 71
- c. 2Lt P. GURNEY " " " " " 23-24 Aug 71
- d. Col JAMIESON C of S (Designate) 23 Aug 71.

Sport

55. Volleyball. The Saigon Det won their 7th consecutive HQ AFV Saigon Area Cup, but the return match with the Vung Tau team unfortunately had to be again postponed at the last moment due to movement restrictions during the alert status.

56. Rugby. The team did not make the finals, but has arranged a social match for early Sep.

57. Basketball. One match remains to be played in Sep and the team has a chance to make the finals. Unfortunately the loss of key players just prior to the finals will be a big handicap.

Q ADMINISTRATION

58. General. Aug saw an addition to the "Q" staff with the arrival of 2 experienced storemen. "Q" planning is accelerating in view of the "announcement" from Australia.

59. Boards of Survey, Write-offs

- a. Boards of Survey = \$98.00
- b. Write-off = \$73.88.

60. Movement of Stores. A total of 43 indents were raised during the month excluding PRI One and stationery. The return of surplus stores is continuing.

61. Works General. The three toilet buildings commenced during Jul were completed and are now in use.

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62. Minor Works (PA&E). Minor works and running repairs were continued during the period and included the following:

- a. Repairs of roof leaks
- b. Replacement of screens and window-lite
- c. Repair/replacement of urinals
- d. Misc electrical and air conditioner repairs.

63. Transport. The transport situation eased with the return of one vehicle from Wksps and a release of two landrovers from ADOS AFV (2AOD).

- a. CES Check (Vehs). A check of veh CESs was carried out during the period, some tyres were boarded and new ones were fitted to the vehs. Strict co-ordination of local veh tasks was continued during the month with satisfactory results.

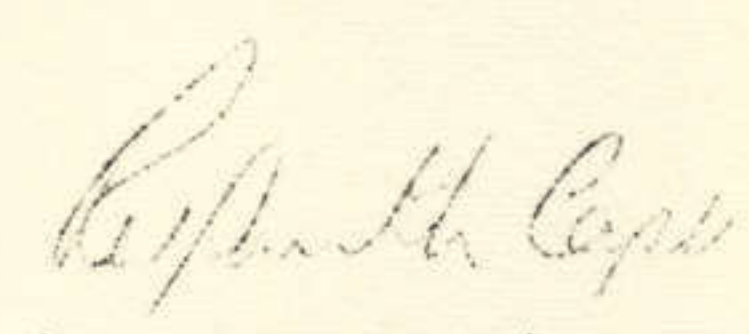
64. Unit Messing. A forecast of Christmas messing was submitted to 1 ALSG with estimated quantities of additional items for the menu.

Unit messing remained up to standard although some faulty batches of fresh fruit and eggs were received and returned for destruction.

65. Civilian Staff. Some members were absent through illness and maternity leave during the month, these personnel were promptly replaced by the Labour Unit when requested.

CONCLUSION

66. The pious hope expressed in the last sentence of para 75 of the July report has been well and truly dashed. Plan INTERFUSE qualifies as a "major upset". The Squadron will be hard pressed to maintain effective communications in the face of heavy rundown in personnel and increasing extra regimental commitments, but it is confidently predicted that all tasks will be tackled enthusiastically and completed in a professional manner.


(P.G. WILKINS)
Major
Officer Commanding

- Annexes:
- A. MRS Traffic Summary
 - B. Traffic Rerun Summary
 - C. Long Term Trends
 - D. Traffic Precedence Break-up
 - E. Telegraph Circuit Availability Summary
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Vung Tau Tech Tp Comd
Deployment Tp Comd
Saigon Det Comd
Comds Diary (3)
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Float
Spare (2).

MAJOR RELAY STATION VUNG TAU
SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC FOR AUGUST 71

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Ser	Circuit		FLASH	IMMEDIATE	PRIORITY	ROUTINE	TOTAL	ZFX
1.	Melb A	In		1619	2549	4297	8465	212
		Out		1367	2089	2706	6162	19
2.	Melb B	In	1	1186	1673	2830	5690	111
		Out	1	1123	1402	2193	4719	9
3.	AFV Comcen A	In	1	392	1689	1032	3114	36
		Out	2	478	2042	3027	5549	24
4.	AFV Comcen B	In		262	1614	1088	2964	35
		Out	2	909	2608	2995	6514	1
5.	2 AOD	In		30	511	1139	1680	18
		Out		34	672	1829	2535	2
6.	Nui Dat A	In		240	1092	675	2007	16
		Out	1	307	1420	1807	3535	3
7.	Nui Dat B	In	2	224	1088	737	2021	26
		Out	4	336	1488	1316	3144	8
8.	Long Binh	In	7	2051	93	74	2225	71
		Out	1	1462	40	11	1514	2
9.	1 ALSG Comcen	In		241	1285	951	2477	41
		Out	1	401	1778	2271	4451	3
10.	1 OSU	In		155	1199	412	1766	20
		Out		675	1443	707	2825	1
11.	Canberra	In		7	2	3	12	
		Out			2	17	19	
12.	Services	In	3	544	1752	1111	3410	
		Out	4	908	1506	510	2928	1
13.	TOTALS		14	6951	14517	14349	35831	586
			16	8000	16490	19389	43895	73
14.	Multi Routes (Processed)		6043					

TRAFFIC RERUN SUMMARY - AUGUST 71

(Percentage calculated on all services)

VUNG TAU 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	10.3	9.1	13.1	16.8	
2	MELB B	9.3	8.1	17.8	17.5	
3	HQ AFV A	2.9	3.7	6.9	7.4	
4	HQ AFV B	3.6	3.7	5.1	9.6	
5	1 ATF A	2.6	2.6	5.6	3.9	
6	1 ATF B	3.1	3.6	5.4	4.2	
7.	LONG BINH	5.0	10.4	3.7	5.0	
8	1 ALSG	3.8	3.4	3.8	4.4	
9	1 OSU	2.0	2.6	1.9	1.7	
10	2 AOD	2.1	3.0	4.1	1.7	

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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	2 AOD
Sep 69	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	73.0	59.0	1,400	104,300	20,600	12,100	
Dec 70	66.8	67.0	-	95,000	19,500	9,800	
Jan 71	46.8	58.3	-	92,000	18,900	9,800	
Feb	78.4	71.2	-	85,900	17,900	10,200	
Mar	75.4	41.3	-	104,900	21,900	12,000	
Apr	56.2	47.2	-	110,700	23,600	12,500	
May	49.9	61.0	-	117,800	24,400	10,900	1,900
Jun	41.3	56.2	-	109,200	23,900	7,400	5,200
Jul	56.2	58.0	-	91,000	19,300	6,700	6,600
Aug	67.4	55.8	-	79,700	18,100	6,900	4,200

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TRAFFIC PRECEDENCE BREAKUP FOR AUG 71

Rear Link

	In	Out	Total
Flash	1	1	2
Immediate	2,812	2,490	5,302
Priority	4,224	3,493	7,717
Routine	7,130	4,916	12,046
Total	14,167	10,900	25,067
ZFX	323	28	351

In Theatre

	In	Out	Total
Flash	13	15	28
Immediate	4,139	5,510	9,649
Priority	10,293	12,997	23,290
Routine	7,219	14,473	21,692
Total	21,664	32,995	54,659
ZFX	263	45	308

Total

	In	Out	Total
Flash	14	16	30
Immediate	6,951	8,000	14,951
Priority	14,517	16,490	31,007
Routine	14,349	19,389	33,738
Total	35,831	43,895	79,726
ZFX	586	73	659

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TELEGRAPH CIRCUIT AVAILABILITY SUMMARYVUNG TAU

Ser No	Cannel	Availability	Percentage of OLC faults and alignments	Other Eqpt faults	Bearer	Propaga-tion
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	MELB A	67.4	1.4	4.5		6.3 In 20.2 Out
2.	MELB B	55.8	1.0	3.1		6.0 In 34.1 Out
3.	MELB One or Both Channels	82.4%				
4.	HQ AFV A	95.6	1.2	3.3		
5.	HQ AFV B	95.7	1.2	3.1		
6.	1 ATF A	96.0	2.3	1.7		
7.	1 ATF B	96.5	1.4	2.1		
8.	LONG BINH	95.9	1.6	1.6	0.9	
9.	RAAF V/T	96.3	1.4	2.3		
10.	HQ 1 ALSG	93.4	2.8	3.8		
11.	2 AOD	90.3		9.7		

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ESTABLISHMENT VARIATIONS

Not: Civilian establishment is not included.

1. Net Man power Positions

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2. Trade Position

Surpluses are shown against deficiencies where none of the Surplus skills balance none of the deficient skills.

<u>Trade</u>	<u>deficient</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Trade Surplus</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>No</u>
Clerk		Sig	2	Vacant		
OK		Cpl	1	Vacant		
DVR		Sig	2	Vacant		
OK		Sig	1	Vacant		
OKR		Sig	1	Vacant		
OKC		Sig	1	Vacant		
Tech Elec		Sig	2	Vacant		
Mech Elec		Spr	1	Vacant		
OP Swbd		Sig	1	Lmn PI	Sig	1
Tech Cipher		Sig	1	Tech Elec	Sig	1

3. Supervisory Positions

This shows the Net deficiency of supervisory effort.

Numbers are not related to the net strength.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Deficient</u>	<u>Trade</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Filled by</u>
WO1		STT	1	WO2
SSgt		Clerk	1	WO2
Cpl		Lmn PI	1	Sig
WO2		SCC	1	SSgt
Cpl		Mech Elec	1	Spr
Cpl		OP Swbd	1	Sgt
Cpl		OKC	1	Sig
Sgt		OKC	1	Cpl

4. Promotions

- a. to LCpl Lmn PI 1
- b. to LCpl Tech TG 1

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WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 71 AS AT 0800hrs WED 4 AUG 71

To reach HQ AFV (Records Det) by 1200hrs Wednesday of each Week.

STRENGTH

	ESTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	10
WOs	8	7
ORs	213	198
Total	230	215

ARA/NS BREAK UP

	ARA	NS
Offrs	10	-
ORs	150	55
Total	160	55

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

	With unit & physically located			Not physically with unit					Total
	Saigon	1 ATF	1 ALSG	Leave	Hosp	AWOL	Detn	Aust	
Offrs	5	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	10
WOs	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	7
ORs	42	6	148	-	2	-	-	-	198
Total	50	6	156	1	2	-	-	-	215

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No	Rank	Name
3168784	Lt	YOUNG A.F.

Movement details attached.

L. P. Hanson
Capt
(SIGNATURE AND RANK)
Administrative Officer
110th Signal Squadron
(APPOINTMENT)

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WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 71 AS AT 0800hrs WED

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To reach HQ AFV (Records Det) by 1200hrs Wednesday of each Week.

STRENGTH

	ESTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	9
WOs	8	7
ORs	213	202
Total	230	218

ARA/NS BREAK UP

	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	-
ORs	150	59
Total	159	59

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

	With unit & physically located			Not physically with unit					Total
	Saigon	1 ATF	1 ALSG	Leave	Hosp	AWOL	Detn	Aust	
Offrs	2	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	9
WOs	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	7
ORs	37	5	157	-	3	-	-	-	202
Total	41	5	168	1	3	-	-	-	218

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No	Rank	Name
	NIL	

Movement details attached.

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STRENGTH

	ESTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	9
WOs	8	7
ORs	213	201
Total	230	217

ARA/NS BREAK UP

	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	-
ORs	149	59
Total	158	59

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

	With unit & physically located			Not physically with unit					Total
	Saigon	1 ATF	1 ALSG	Leave	Hosp	AWOL	Detn	Aust	
Offrs	2	-	7						9
WOs	2		5						7
ORs	38	6	150	6	1				201
Total	42	6	162	6	1				217

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No	Rank	Name
	NIL	

Movement details attached.

[Signature] Capt
Administrative Officer
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WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN. 71 AS AT 0800hrs WED 25 AUG 71

To reach HQ AFV (Records Det) by 1200hrs Wednesday of each Week.

STRENGTH

	ESTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	9
WOs	8	7
ORs	213	203
Total	230	219

ARA/NS BREAK UP

	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	
ORs	149	61
Total	158	61

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

	With unit & physically located			Not physically with unit					Total
	Saigon	1 ATF	1 ALSG	Leave	Hosp	AWOL	Detn	Aust	
Offrs	2	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	9
WOs	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	7
ORs	39	5	154	4	-	-	1	-	203
Total	43	5	164	6	-	-	1	-	219

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No	Rank	Name
	NIL	

Movement details attached.

[Signature] Capt
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110th Signal Squadron
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No	Rank	Name	SVN P/O No
44113	Cpl	BLADES J.I.	3500/71
218428	Lcpl	HADAWAY G.R.	3494/71
3796456	Lcpl	ROGERS J.I.	3608/71
2149016	Lcpl	WARNER P.G.R.	3493/71
2795728	Sig	WATT W.M.	3074/71

N/O

18308	Lcpl	RIGBY J.F.
18988	Lcpl	ALLEN S.J.
4410982	Pte	JOHNSON T.B.

3914/71
3480/71
Medevac

Unit	Rank	Name	Service No	Remarks
1st	Cpl	BLADES J.I.	3500/71	
1st	Lcpl	HADAWAY G.R.	3494/71	
1st	Lcpl	ROGERS J.I.	3608/71	
1st	Lcpl	WARNER P.G.R.	3493/71	
1st	Sig	WATT W.M.	3074/71	
1st	Lcpl	RIGBY J.F.	18308	
1st	Lcpl	ALLEN S.J.	18988	
1st	Pte	JOHNSON T.B.	4410982	
Total				

No	Rank	Name

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ANNEX B TO
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CHAPTER 2

QUARTERED NOT RATIONED UNITS IN SAIGON AREA

HQ AFV (For Financial Adviser)

UNIT: DET 110 SIG SQN SAIGON

Strength Report For the Month of AUGUST 1971

- 1. Unit Average Strength (See Note 1)
 - Officers..... 1.54 WOs..... 1.96 ORs (Less WOs)..... 38.71
- 2. Hospitalized (See Note 2)
 - Total Bed Days:
 - Officers..... --- WOs..... --- ORs (Less WOs)..... ---
- 3. Australian Combat Rations (See Note 3)
 - Total Number Consumed..... ---

I certify that I have checked this return and its accuracy

..... *D. Newey*
(Responsible Officer)

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

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ANNEX A TO
SECTION 2 TO
CHAPTER 2

RATIONED NOT QUARTED UNITS
OUT OF SAIGON AREA


HQ AFV (For Financial Adviser)

UNIT: 110 SIG SQN

Strength report for the month of: AUG 71

1. Unit Average Strength (See Note 1)
Offrs: 5.36 ORs (include WOs): 157.93
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.



Capt
(Administrative Officer)
110th Signal Squadron

Notes for compilation 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) marking 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.
Hospitalization 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 Rations over a period of 3 days. Return should read: - 60.