

Series: AWM95
Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Signals units

Item number: 6/4/5

Item: 145 Signal Squadron

Narrative

Annexes

[1-30 Jun 1966]

PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.....

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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)
R. P. [Signature]

Appointment
OC Unit or senior staff officer)

Maj.
OC 145 Sig Sqn

PART 2

SECRET

ORIGINAL
DUPPLICATE

**Strike out where
not applicable**

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation

145 Sig Sqn

From 1 Jun 66

30 Jun 66

INDEX**Narrative (AF C 2118)****ANNEXES**

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- G Intelligence reports and summaries issued; appreciations made
- H Administrative orders and instructions issued
- I Administrative orders and instructions received
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- L Commander's policy and demi-official letters
- M Action reports (if required)
- N Other papers, eg, maps and diagrams, air photos, reports from sub units
- O Periodical summaries of operations
- Z Top Secret Supplementary Diary

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

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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

1. The aim of a Commanders Diary is to provide data on which to base future improvements in Army training, equipment, organization and administration, and to furnish historians with a record of the activities of units and formations in operational and non-operational periods in peace and in war.

GENERAL

2. *Entries are to be made daily* on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.
3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)", Chapter 2, Section 12.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

4. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled by commanders of all formations.

During Operational Periods (1)

5. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled in duplicate by:
 - a. Commanders of all formations.
 - b. Each branch of the staff at formation headquarters commanded by a brigadier or above.
 - c. Heads of services not below the rank of lieutenant colonel.
 - d. Personal staffs and officers holding special appointments.
 - e. Unit commanders.
 - f. Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
 - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
 - b. Index as printed on cover.
 - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.
7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.
8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters starting at B.

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COMMAND DISPOSAL NOTES

13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.

14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.

15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.

16. TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.

a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.

b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence, to AHQ. The inner envelope must be plainly marked:

During Non-operational Periods (D)

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

5. A Commander's Diary is to be compiled in duplicate by..... (Formation or Unit)

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

c. The duplicate supplementary diaries must be despatched as shown in Paragraph 14 as soon as receipt of the original has been acknowledged.

d. The Commanders Diary of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

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REFERENCE MAP

MONTH AND YEAR..... JUN 66

UNIT/FORMATION..... 145 Sig Sqn

COMMANDING OFFICER..... Maj J.H. BIRD

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	4 Jun	1000 hrs	AN/PRC-25 MC net operated for HMAS SYDNEY unloading until 6 Jun	Annex O Enclosure 5 to Apr Diary
VUNG TAU		0800 hrs	6 pers 552 Sig Tp, 9 pers 520 Sig Tp, 6 pers 506 Sig Tp arrived in theatre ex HMAS SYDNEY	
SAIGON/VUNG TAU/	7 Jun	0800 hrs	Fol US ccts activated : Secure simplex tg SAIGON- NUI DAT; Voice G3 HQ AFV-TOC HQ 1ATF	Annex O Enclosure
NUI DAT			G3 HQ AFV-EBONY switchboard and EMU switchboard - EBONY switchboard	5 to Apr Diary
VUNG TAU BIEN HOA	14 Jun	1200 hrs	6 pers 581 Sig Tp arrived in theatre by air. Sigcen and switchboard at BIEN HOA closed	Annex O ENCLOSURE
		0800 hrs	SDS SAIGON-BIEN HOA ceased. Fol US ccts closed down : Secure simplex tg and unclas duplex voice SAIGON-BIEN HOA.	4
SAIGON			SAIGON area SDS increased to twice daily	
SAIGON/LONG BIEN/	20 Jun	0800 hrs	Force hel SDS commenced 1ALSG - RAAF VUNG TAU - 4ATF - II FFORCEV - HQ AFV - 1ATF - RAAF VUNG TAU - 1ALSG once daily.	
NUI DAT/VUNG TAU				
VUNG TAU	29 Jun	1000 hrs	Secure simplex tg circuit VUNG TAU comcen - BASUPFLT comcen opened on spiral 4 cable	Annex O Enclosure 4

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ANNEX 'F'
ENCLOSURE No.1

F Sigs 52-1
Revised Jun, 1959

MESSAGE FORM

NUMBER

FOR COMM CEN/SIGNALS USE

PRECEDENCE — ACTION ROUTINE	PRECEDENCE — INFO DEFERRED	DATE — TIME GROUP 10 0815 Z	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
From 145 SIG SQN		PREFIX GR	
To AUSTFORCE VIETNAM		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SECRET	
Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER SIGS 656	

YOUR SD 6921 OF 090300Z (.) LOCSTATS (.)

ALPHA (.) ADDRESSEE 145 SIG SQN (.) INCLUDES HQ 145 SIG SQN CMM 709 SIG TP CMM
527 SIG TP (.) ALL LOCATED SAIGON (.)

BRAVO (.) ADDRESSEE DET 145 SIG SQN VUNG TAU (.) INCLUDES 581 SIG TP CMM 520 SIG
TP CMM 552 SIG TP CMM 506 SIG TP (.) ALL LOCATED ALSG AREA VUNG TAU (.)

CHARLIE (.) ADDRESSEE DET 145 SIG SQN BIEN HOA (.) THIS LOC CLOSES WEF 132359H
JUN 66 (.)

DELTA (.) REQUEST ALL TFC FOR THIS UNIT BE ADDRESSED 145 SIG SQN AND HQ THIS UNIT
WILL REROUTE TO DETS AS NECESSARY

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
VIETNAM

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HQ AAFFV

AVERAGE STRENGTH FOR MONTH ... JUNE 66

UNIT 145 Sig Sqn

1. Unit average strength. (See note 1)

Offrs	WOs	ORs
4	2	62.57

2. In country R&C average strength. (See note 2)

Offrs	ORs
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3. Hospitalised US Hospitals (See note 3)

Total bed/days :

Offrs	ORs
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5 Bed/days

*B. Denning Caff K Maj.
100 // 0 // 100*

Notes for Compilation of Return

Note 1. a. In arriving at Unit Average Strength :
Include Philanthropic Representatives
Overnight attachments
Hospitalised US Hospitals
Day leave/duty SAIGON
Exclude Overnight detachments
Out of Country R & R
In country R & C
Hospitalised Butterworth or RTA.

b. AATTW. Include COMAAFFV and show strengths by HQ AATTW;
AATTW on special duty; other AATTW.

c. Aust R & C Centre
Show staff only.

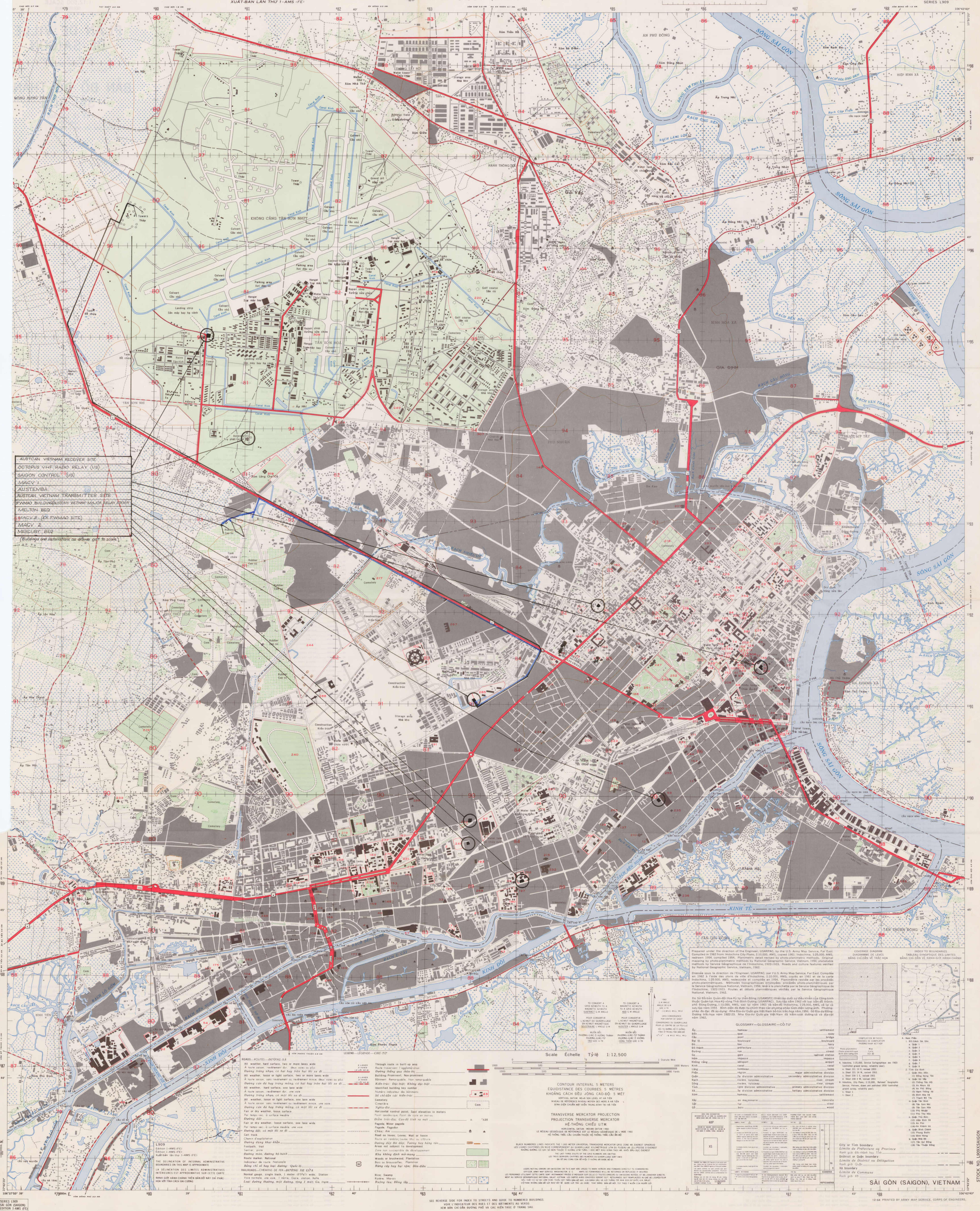
Note 2. For use by Aust R & C Centre only; to show average monthly
strength of members present for Rest and Convalescence.

Note 3. Personal particulars and dates member hospitalised US
hospitals NOT required. Show only bed/days per Offrs
and ORs.
eg 2 OR in hospital 5 days
1 OR in hospital 7 days
1 Offr in hospital 8 days
return would read; Offrs 8 Bed/days
ORs 17 Bed/days

VIETNAM CITY MAPS 1:12,500

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SAI GON (SAIGON)

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INDEX TO STREETS AND GUIDE TO NUMBERED BUILDINGS.
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1	870114	SƠN BẠCH QUỐC	139	801890	DƯỜNG HÒA HẢO	260	840100	DƯỜNG PHAN VIẾT CHÂM	179	822850	Bệnh viện Cảnh sát
2	820083	SƠN BA NÚI	131	848101	DƯỜNG HÒA HƯNG	261	840101	DƯỜNG HỒ ĐỘI CHÍ	180	819810	Các bệnh viện
3	820084	SƠN BẠO	132	848102	DƯỜNG HÒA KHẨU	262	840102	DƯỜNG HỒ NGUYỄN	181	817104	Các bệnh viện
4	820085	SƠN BẠO	133	848103	DƯỜNG HOÀNG ĐÌU	263	840103	DƯỜNG HỒ NGUYỄN	182	805010	Các bệnh viện
5	810176	SƠN BÙI ĐỨC BỊCH	134	816891	DƯỜNG HOÀNG ĐỨC TƯỜNG	264	840104	DƯỜNG HỒ PHÚ CƯỜ	183	824853	Các bệnh viện
6	820086	SƠN BƯỚC	135	848104	DƯỜNG HOÀNG HÙNG	265	840105	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC HUÂN	184	819811	Các bệnh viện
7	800091	SƠN DƯƠNG CÔNG TRỌNG	136	848106	DƯỜNG HỘC LẠC	266	840106	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC LÝ	185	817105	Các bệnh viện
8	847887	SƠN DƯƠNG HÀ	137	848101	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	267	840107	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	186	815105	Các bệnh viện
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16	820090	SƠN KIM	145	848115	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	275	840115	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	194	817113	Các bệnh viện
17	820091	SƠN KIM	146	848116	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	276	840116	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	195	817114	Các bệnh viện
18	820092	SƠN KIM	147	848117	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	277	840117	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	196	817115	Các bệnh viện
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37	820111	SƠN KIM	166	848136	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	296	840136	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	215	817134	Các bệnh viện
38	820112	SƠN KIM	167	848137	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	297	840137	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	216	817135	Các bệnh viện
39	820113	SƠN KIM	168	848138	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	298	840138	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	217	817136	Các bệnh viện
40	820114	SƠN KIM	169	848139	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	299	840139	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	218	817137	Các bệnh viện
41	820115	SƠN KIM	170	848140	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	300	840140	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	219	817138	Các bệnh viện
42	820116	SƠN KIM	171	848141	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	301	840141	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	220	817139	Các bệnh viện
43	820117	SƠN KIM	172	848142	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	302	840142	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	221	817140	Các bệnh viện
44	820118	SƠN KIM	173	848143	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	303	840143	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	222	817141	Các bệnh viện
45	820119	SƠN KIM	174	848144	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	304	840144	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	223	817142	Các bệnh viện
46	820120	SƠN KIM	175	848145	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	305	840145	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	224	817143	Các bệnh viện
47	820121	SƠN KIM	176	848146	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	306	840146	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	225	817144	Các bệnh viện
48	820122	SƠN KIM	177	848147	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	307	840147	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	226	817145	Các bệnh viện
49	820123	SƠN KIM	178	848148	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	308	840148	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	227	817146	Các bệnh viện
50	820124	SƠN KIM	179	848149	DƯỜNG HỘNG HỒNG	309	840149	DƯỜNG HỒ QUỐC MÃ	228	817147	Các bệnh viện
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Annex O
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11 Jul 66

COMMS REPORT - JUN 66

General

1. This report cover the period 9 Jun 66 - 9 Jul 66 except where otherwise indicated.

Point to Point Circuits

2. Refer to Circuit Data Summaries at Annexes 'A' to 'F'.

3. Expansion of facilities shown in Outline Comms Diagram as at 19 Jun 66 and 9 Jul 66 - Annexes 'G' and 'H'.

4. Failure of channels provided by US continued to be the major cause of lost traffic time.

5. TRC-24 system HQ AFV (CHOLON) - 1 ATF (NUI DAT) - 1 ALSG (VUNG TAU) to ops 1 Jul. Initial channel allocations Annex 'I'. Major intrusions in the path CHOLON - NUI DAT. System useable and comparable with US channels for quality but subject to fading for about 1 hour around midday. Additional det deployed and following system operational 8 Jul with line of site paths : HQ AFV (CHOLON) - VC HILL (VUNG TAU) - 1 ALSG (VUNG TAU) - 1 ATF (NUI DAT). This is providing good quality channels - channel allocation Annex 'J'. Current practice is to use whichever of Aust or US channels is the better at any time. Aust channels are normalised through on jackfields. Unused channels are terminated in an SB-22P/T by HQ AFV and 1 ALSG SCO's.

6. US voice and duplex tg channels were not available to RAAF for the Base Ops Centre (VUNG TAU) - ATOC (1 ATF) circuits on the date requested. Alternate channel in Aust TRC-24 system provided to RAAF and became operational, unclassified, 7 Jul (RAAF KW7s not yet in theatre). RAAF using Model 14 teleprinters with B49 two channel VF tg equipment which is not compatible with TH-5/TG. Engineering problems will persist on both Aust and US systems until RAAF Kleinschmidt and TH-5T/G eqpts are available.

7. Unclass simplex TTY circuit HQ AFV - RAAF Tpt Sp Flt VUNG TAU (now 35 Sqn) closed 9 Jul 66. This US channel will be reterminated in Base Ops Centre Comcen to provide, when required, a circuit to HQ AFV as an alternate to their tributary from 1 ALSG.

8. Classified simplex TTY circuit 1 ALSG Minor Relay Station - Base Ops Centre Comcen opened 29 Jun on spiral four cable.

9. Classified simplex TTY circuit and one voice circuit HQ AFV - BIEN HOA closed 14 Jun. One voice circuit remains to 6 RAR rear elms at BIEN HOA.

10. AN/TRC-75 dets continued to back US channels and cleared traffic when these were out, however consistent RTT working not yet achieved - major problem is high fault incidence of eqpts.

Area Comms

11. SAIGON/BIEN HOA. Graph of traffic handled on combined major relay station and sigcen (HQ AFV) - Annex 'L'. Keying lines to receiver site rerouted due to extensions TAN SON NHUT airfield and runways. SDS to BIEN HOA ceased 14 Jun and SDS runs in SAIGON/CHOLON area increased to twice daily.

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13. VUNG TAU. 581 Sig Tp comcen opened 7 Jul. Tp lines relocated adjacent to comcen near HQ 1 ALSG. An average of 188 messages per day handled in minor relay station and 77 per day in 1 ALSG sigcen (MGC-17). US completed cement pole route and installation of 26 pair cable from their Switching Centre to RAAF Comcen. Aust installed one spiral four cable from SB-611 to RAAF Comcen. PRC-25 radio and direct line circuit 2 Fd Amb - 36 Cas Evac Hosp (US) discontinued.

SDS

14. A daily force SDS has been established : 1 ALSG - RAAF Base Ops Centre - 1 ATF - 2 F FORCEV - HQ AFV - 1 ATF - Base Ops Centre - 1 ALSG. A SIOUX helicopter operates from VUNG TAU airfield and connects with a veh from 581 Sig Tp which collects from, and delivers to, Base Ops Centre and 1 ALSG. The DR is provided alternately by 103 Sig Sqn on a fortnightly basis.

COMSEC

15. This is the subject of considerable concern because Comd 1 ATF has directed that freqs, call signs, address groups, codes, etc., are to change every seven days. Every effort is being made to have this altered to a daily changing basis for Aug.

Signal Operating Instructions

16. Gen. The problems of rebroadcast operation of the PRC-25 and the failures on the R5223 exist and are the subject of separate correspondence. A high fault rate, mainly due to heat conditions, is being experienced on a number of eqpts including telegraph machines, EW 7's, PRC-47's and petrol generators.

17. AN/PRC-75. The failure rate on both the radio eqpts and the BUCKNELL generators is still serious. Many of the faults are not yet diagnosed - details will be provided later. A summary of faults on BUCKNELL generators is at Annex 'N'.

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