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Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Signals units

Item number: 6/3/26

Item: 110 Signal Squadron

Narrative

Annexes

[1-30 Jun 1969]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.....

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) *L. L. Ramsay* Major.

Appointment *OC 110 Sig Sqn*
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

*Received
27 Aug 69*

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 } not applicable

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation *110 SIGNALS SQUADRON*

From *1 Jun 69* To *30 Jun 69*

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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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.

for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

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as well as map references), establishment, equipment and orders given. The day's fighting, including company movements. Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

tential importance. Officers, men and equipment. Equipment captured. Employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

and to save work as much information as possible is to be included. Issued and received, routine returns, etc. All and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

the annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

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DISPOSAL

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

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

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

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

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

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

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

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

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

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

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

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C 2118 (Adapted)
Revised Jun. 1965

MONTH AND YEAR..... Jun 69.

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION 110 Sig Sqn, AFV

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Maj PL Lerman.

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	1 Jun 69	-	WEF 1 Jun 69 procedures instituted whereby the unit HQ advises the CSO HQ AFV each day of the daily circuit availability on all telegraph and trunking channels.	
VUNG TAU	3 Jun 69	1500-1700H	Recce ptl (1 Offr 9 OR) searched WEST slope of ridge running NORTH-EAST in grid square YS 3045. The patrol reported nothing of significance.	
VUNG TAU	21 Jun 69	-	Application was made to CSO HQ AFV to effect up-grading of a COMUSMACU Telegraph Channel X724 to a more reliable and better quality channel.	
VUNG TAU	23 Jun 69	-	Application was made to HQ 1 ALSG for extension of the building (radio relay) on VC HILL (NUI TUONG KY).	
VUNG TAU	28 Jun 69	-	Recce ptl (1 NCO 9 ORs) searched the area to NORTH of unit's VUNG TAU location. A well used track leading towards this area was discovered and it was recommended that the track be further patrolled.	

1 B P Coy—275/65—55m

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(R723/1/6)

HQ 110 Sig Sqn
VUNG TAU

See Distribution List

9 Jul 69

110 SIG SQN MONTHLY REPORT - JUN 69

GENERAL

1. The month of Jun 69 has been a busy one for the Squadron with the main effort directed towards the finalisation of the 100 per cent stocktake and preparations for the change over in Command.
2. Change of Command. Command of the Squadron passes to Maj M.R. RAMSAY at 0800 hrs 9 Jul 69.

COMCENS AND RELAY STATIONS

SAIGON

3. There has been an 11 per cent decrease (from May 69) in traffic handled by the Major Relay Station.
4. Tributary Station HQ AFV. The rerun rate on this circuit continues to decline. This is largely attributed to better telegraph maintenance and the installation of some new equipment.

VUNG TAU

5. The traffic volume through the Minor Relay Station decreased by 19.6 per cent (from May 69). Immediate precedence traffic declined by 34.4 per cent.
6. Tributary Station HQ 1 ALSG. Rerun rates on this circuit remains at an acceptable level.

ENGINEERING

SAIGON

7. Telegraph Maintenance. The shortfall in the availability of sufficient serviceable telegraph equipment has been overcome. Continued use of the PHULAM Signal Battalions telegraph test equipment has assisted in the matter particularly in the regard to TD heads.
8. SAIGON/WELLINGTON Teleconference Circuit. This circuit was successfully tested on 21 and 28 Jun 69. A report on the test has been advised separately to CSO HQ AFV.
9. Circuit Availability. Availability on all circuits except SAIGON - MELBOURNE was maintained at a very satisfactory level. Interference (both QRM and QRN) at WATSONIA has contributed largely to the outages on this circuit. Deteriorating reception in WATSONIA has resulted in many instances of reduced channel working and a consequent low availability on the Bravo channel.
10. SAIGON/VUNG TAU Telegraph Channel. The primary channel (US line X724) continues to give trouble and our own circuit has been used for the majority of the month. The applications for alternate routing of this channel mentioned in last month's report has been submitted.

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VUNG TAU

11. HF Radio Equipment. The parts reported "dues in" for AN/GRC - 106 in the previous report have arrived and three equipments have been repaired.
12. Antennae. Maintenance of all masts and antennae was completed during the month. In addition, the Deployment Troop AN/TRC-24 mast on NUI DAT Hill was rebuilt after being blown down during a heavy storm.
13. Field Generators. Tests on a fuel additive for the 10 KVA generators are continuing.
14. Installations. Work has continued on the replacement of the IDF and MDF. Many of the outstanding SPS items for these projects were received late in the month.

NUI DAT

15. Considerable work has been completed on NUI DAT Hill. This in the main, has consisted of the erection of a prefabricated shelter around the MRC-69 equipment and improvements to the accomodation area.
16. Transmitters. Several small outages on the E513 equipments were occasioned by:
 - a. Installation of additional lightning arrestors on the antenna feeder routes.
 - b. Antennae maintenance.
 - c. A tree, as a result of a storm, falling across the feeder route.

A AND Q ADMINISTRATION

Stocktake

17. A 100 per cent handover/takeover stocktake has been completed.
18. A detailed report on this stocktake is to be submitted separately. Discrepancies are as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Surplus</u>	<u>Deficiencies</u>
a. Ord/Engrs V2585	\$1039.19	\$435.50
b. Amenities	\$ 34.00	\$ 5.00
c. SPS AFO 1 SAIGON	NIL	\$ 15.00
d. SPS AFO 3 VUNG TAU	\$ 412.00	\$ 40.00
e. SPS AFO 6 NUI DAT	NIL	NIL
TOTALS	<u>\$1485.00</u>	<u>\$495.50</u>

19. The previous stocktake in Oct 68 revealed a large number of discrepancies but a general stabilisation in the Q administration has largely overcome the problems previously evident.

3/Establishment

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Establishment Variations

20. Current variations in the unit establishment are as follows:

a. Surplus.

(1) Tech Sigs (Sig) - 1.

(2) Dvr (Sig) - 1.

b. Deficient.

(1) Supvr Tech Tels (WO2) - 1.

(2) Tech Elec (Sgt) - 1.

(3) OKR (Sig) - 1.

(4) Tech Elec (Sig) - 1.

(5) Elec Mech RAE (Cpl) - 1.

Visitors

21. Visitors during the month included:

a. Maj Gen R.A.HAY, MBE (Comd AFV) - 10 Jun 69.

b. Brig K.R. COLWILL (Chief of Staff HQ S'Comd) 21 Jun 69.

c. Brig W.G. HENDERSON (Comd 6 TF) - 10 Jun 69.

d. Col W.J.S. GORDON (Col GS HQ E Comd) - 10 Jun 69.

e. Maj N.R. BERGIN (OC Designate 104 Sig Sqn) - 7-8 Jun 69.

f. Lt Col B.H. HOCKNEY (CSO HQ AFV) - 27 Jun 69.

MISCELLANEOUS

Defence

22. The unit has successfully conducted a number TAOR patrols. These have been at the direction of and controlled by HQ 1 ALSG.

M.R. Ramsay
(M.R. Ramsay)
Maj
OC 110 Sig Sqn

ANNEXES: A. MRS SAIGON Statistics Summary.
B. MRS VUNG TAU Statistics Summary.

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ AFV (2)
CSO HQ AFV (8)
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Det 110 Sig Sqn NUI DAT (2)
Det 110 Sig Sqn VUNG TAU (2)
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ANNEX A To
R723/1/6 Dated
7 Jul 69.

MAJOR RELAY STATION SAIGON

STATISTICS SUMMARY JUN 69

Ser No	Circuit	Bearer	Availability		Flash	Immediate	Priority	Routine	ZFX ZIG ZFR	Total
			Hrs/Day	Percentage						
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
1	NUI DAT	US CCT KV30 - Primary SYS 103 - Alternate	23.8	97.8	90	1709	3653	4835	135	10422
2	HQ AFV	Aust CCT 5016	23.4	97.5	1	2029	7390	8999	130	18549
3	PHAN RANG	US CCT KWJ6 - Primary Aust HF R11 - Alternate	23.0	95.8	-	218	2372	840	24	3454
4	WATSONIA.A.	SYS 501	20.7	86.2	-	3976	4148	8370	217	16711
5	WATSONIA.B.	SYS 501	14.9	62.0	-	2501	2075	4210	187	8973
6	PHULAM	US CCT KZD 8	23.2	96.6	238	4090	674	260	110	5372
7	VUNG TAU	US CCT X724 - Primary SYS 101 - Alternate	22.6	95.2	130	991	5233	6303	214	12871
8	Service Positions				49	2214	3467	1385	14	7129
9	Totals				508	17728	29012	35202	1031	83481

ANNEX B To
R723/1/6 Dated
1 Jul 69

MINOR RELAY STATION VUNG TAU

STATISTICS SUMMARY JUN 69

Ser No	Circuit	Bearer	Availability		Flash	Immediate	Priority	Routine	ZFX ZIG ZFX	Total
			Hrs/Day	Percentage						
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(l)
1	SAIGON	US CCT X724-Primary SYS 101-Alternate	22.6	95.2	130	991	5233	6303	214	12871
2	RAAF VUNG TAU	US CCT PP 54	22.4	93.7	126	515	2314	1130	20	4105
3	NUI DAT	US CCT KV31-Primary SYS 102-Alternate	23.2	96.6	15	430	2289	947	46	3727
4	HQ 1 ALSG	Aust CCT 5017	22.5	93.8	2	630	3101	5376	42	9151
5	TOTALS				273	2566	12937	13756	322	29854

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ANNEX D TO
AFV (ARMY COMPONENT)
ADMIN INSTR NO3
AMDT NO 3 DATED 22 JUN 68

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Unit.. **110...Sig.Sqn.....**

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as AT 0800 hrs Thu.....

26 Jun 69

(To reach HQ AFV(Records Det) by 1000 hrs Fri of each week - AFV (Army Component) Admin Inst No 3 refers)

STRENGTH

ARA/NS

BREAK UP

	LSTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	9
WOs	10	7
ORs	233	241
Total	252	257

	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	
ORs	140	108
Total	149	108

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

	With unit and 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	82	27	125	6	1				241
Total	86	27	137						257

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No	Rank	Name

SP Dossetor

(Signature) (Rank)

(SP DOSSETOR Lt)

Appointment Admin Offr

Movement Details attached

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MARCH OUT

2787598	Cpl	AN	SHUTTLEWORTH	AHQ SVN PO	1574/69
2787466	Sig	MJ	LUCAS	" " "	2024/69
6708956	"	BJ	LUTWICHE	" " "	2750/69
3792128	"	WG	ANSTEE	" " "	1427/69
2787415	"	PW	MOOLAHAN	" " "	2024/69
3792555	"	OD	NEED	" " "	1360/69
2788014	"	OC	KEATS	" " "	1359/69
42501	Cpl	RA	NICHOLSON	" " "	1713/69
217027	Sig	IJ	PALMER	" " "	1711/69
38602	Cpl	KC	MCDONOUGH	" " "	1709/69

Unit... 112... 112... 112...

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISSED JUN 68 as AT 0800 hrs Tm...

MARCH IN

(To reach HQ AAV (Records Det) by 1000 hrs Fri of each week - AAV (Army Component) Admin Inst No 3 refers)

35318	WO2	BB	McSWENEY	AHQ SVN PO	2846/69
2788119	Sig	KJ	ROBINSON	" " "	2295/69

NS	ARA	
		Offrs
	9	
108	140	ORA
168	149	Total

POSTED STR	1STB	
		Offrs
9	9	
7	10	WOs
241	233	ORA
257	252	Total

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

	With unit and physically located				Not physically with unit			
	Salon	1 ATE	1 ALSC	Leave	Hosp	AWOL Detm	Asst	Total
Offrs								
WOs	2		7					9
ORA	2		2					7
Total	82	27	122	4	1			241
	88	27	137					257

AND ATTACHMENTS

No	Rank	Name

(Signature)
(Rank)
(SP DOSSIER)
Admin Offr

Movement Details attached

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ANNEX D TO
AFV (ARMY COMPONENT)
ADMIN INSTR NO3
AMDT NO 3 DATED 22 JUN 68

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Unit 110 SIG Sqn

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as AT 0800 hrs Thu. 12 Jun 68

(To reach HQ AFV(Records Det) by 1000 hrs Fri of each week - AFV (Army Component) Admin Inst No 3 refers)

STRENGTH

ARA/NS

BREAK UP

	LSTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	9
WOs	10	7
ORs	233	244
Total	252	260

	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	
ORs	137	114
Total	146	114

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

	With unit and 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	72	24	139	2					244
Total	83	24	151	2					260

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No	Rank	Name

P. W. M. CAPT
(Signature) (Rank)
210 110 Sig Sqn

Appointment

Movement Details attached

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ADMIN INSTR NO3
AMDT NO 3 DATED 22 JUN 68

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Unit.....

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as AT 0800 hrs Thu.....

(To reach HQ AFV(Records Det) by 1000 hrs Fri of each week - AFV (Army Component) Admin Inst No 3 refers)

STRENGTH

	LSTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	9
WOs	10	9
ORs	233	235
Total	252	253

ARA/NS

BREAK UP

	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	-
ORs	136	108
Total	145	108

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

	With unit and physically located			Not physically with unit					Total
	Saigon	1 ATF	1 ALSG	Leave	Hosp	AWOL	Detn	Aust	
Offrs	2		7						9
WOs	2		7						9
ORs	78	23	129	3	2				235
Total	82	23	143	3	2				253

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No	Rank	Name

William Carr
(Signature) (Rank)
(S.P. DOSSINETOR)
Admin Off r
Appointment

Movement Details attached

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March Out

213719	Cpl	B.K. WILSON	AND PO 671 1552/69
342762	WO2	D.F. DUNIE	1214/69
36298	Cpl	L. MUIR	1712/69
36158	WO2	H.A. MUIR	2749/69
53293	Sgt	W.M. MUIR	1708/69

March 22

3793824	Sgt	P. J. RATTRAY	3794910	Sgt	C. J. RATTRAY
3174996	Sgt	G. E. CUNNINGHAM	44490	Sgt	P. B. BEARD
140565	Cpl	R. D. MORRIS	4720176	Sgt	G. A. NICKAN
3794765	Sgt	K. C. MORGAN	2796570	Sgt	D. H. JONES
217175	Cpl	J. P. GARDNER	3176309	Sgt	D. W. HOLMSTON
3794524	Sgt	K. J. BATE	3793465	Sgt	A. R. CURRY

ANQ	PO	SVN	2273/69
11	11	11	2824/69
11	11	11	2824/69
11	11	11	2678/69
11	11	11	2273/69
11	11	11	2273/69
11	11	11	2273/69
11	11	11	2273/69
11	11	11	1363/69
11	11	11	2273/69
11	11	11	2720/69
11	11	11	2272/69

~~HYDROLYTIC - OUTSIDE TO WALLS~~

Office	Saloon	1 ATF	1 WSC	Leave	Hosp	AWOL Detm	Avail	Total
Office	2		1					3
Wos	2		1					3
Ops	10	23	120	3	2			158
Total	14	23	123	3	2			165

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Appointment
 Made on 27
 (S. P. Thompson)
 (Signature)
 (Rank)
 Butler Co

Movement Details attached

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TUO HGRAM

99/1511 NVS 09 QHA
99/1514 NVS 09 QHA

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ADMIN INSTR NO3
AMDT NO 3 DATED 22 JUN 68

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

VI HGRAM

99/1525 NVS 09 QHA
99/1527 NVS 09 QHA
99/1528 NVS 09 QHA

Unit 110 SIG SQN
T.D. 110 SIG SQN
W.L. 110 SIG SQN

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as AT 0800 hrs Thu

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STRENGTH

ARA/NS

BREAK UP

	LSTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	9
WOs	10	9
ORs	233	233
Total	252	251

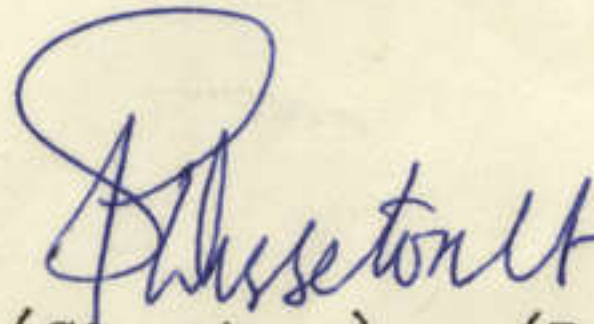
	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	
ORs	131	111
Total	140	

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

	With unit and physically located			Not physically with unit					Total
	Saigon	1 ATF	1 ALSG	Leave	Hosp	AWOL	Detn	Aust	
Offrs	2		7						
WOs	2		7						
ORs	74	23	132		4				
Total	78	23	146		4				

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No	Rank	Name


(Signature) (Rank)

Appointment Admin officer

Movement Details attached

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