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Narrative

Annexes

[1 Sep - 16 Oct 1969]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No R707/4/8

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 OC, 110 Sig Sqn
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

Recd 4/5/70

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 110th Signal Squadron

From 1 Sep 69 To 16 Oct 69

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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 NTH 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

EVENTS

as well as map references), establishment, equipment

and orders given.

the day's fighting, including company movements.

Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

of potential importance.

of 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 given. All reports issued and received, routine returns, etc. All reports and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

of 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.

AWN 95
[b/3/Sep-Oct 69]

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 Sep/Oct 69

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION 110 Sig Sqn

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj M.R. RAMSAY

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	10 Sep 69		Traffic in the squadron system appears to be reaching an all-time high. It cannot rise much higher without serious delays and loss of traffic occurring.	
	15 Sep 69		Melbourne availability seems to be much better. Better ionospheric conditions, intensive checks to ensure our outgoing signal is perfect and closer supervision seem to be getting the result.	
	30 Sep 69		Receiver tests at Vung Tau are very pleasing. The results throw great doubt on the wisdom of the decision to use Long Binh in the first place. Perhaps this was influenced by the fact that the squadron was then more oriented to Saigon than Vung Tau; and perhaps excessive emphasis was placed on the need for alternate facilities when the new squadron disposition was decided.	
	30 Sep 69		The Australian Forces Radio installation has proved to be a very uncoordinated affair. I conducted negotiations with the Vung Tau Post Engineer about relocation of the antenna because it appeared impossible to build it in time in the original location negotiated by the RAAF. The riggers are working very hard on this job without the full support of either RAE or RAAF. The job has political implications if it is not	

1 B P Coy-275/65-55m

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR.....

REFERENCE MAP.....

UNIT/FORMATION.....

COMMANDING OFFICER.....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			finished in time.	
	30 Sep 69		Negotiations with 369th US Sig Bn on location of our Siemens equipment in their area have been awkward. The commanding officer is on leave in the US and his deputy is obviously making no decisions at all.	
	30 Sep 69		A lot of work has gone into production of the quarterly works return. The system is exactly like a peacetime system. If all our works are approved we will be in a much better condition operationally and administratively.	
	15 Oct 69		At the recent change-of-command ceremony at 369th US Sig Bn, Major General T.M. Rienzi, Comd 1st US Sig Bde, personally gave me approval to locate our Siemens equipment in a Sig Bn building. He is a big, friendly extrovert, but with a formidable reputation for getting things done. His only condition was that the equipment and installation was "a real professional job" and that it was labelled as Australian. I assured him we would do an immaculate job.	

ANNEX A
Commander's diary

OF
ANNEX A TO
110 SIG SQN
COMMANDERS DIARY
1 SEP 69 TO 16 OCT 69

RESTRICTED

110 Sig Sqn
VUNG TAU

9 Oct 69

CSO AFV (8)

110 SIG SQN MONTHLY REPORT SEP 69

Reference: A. Maps Special Use SE Asia 1:100,000 Series E607
Sheets 6430, 6431, 6530, 6531.

GENERAL

Organisation

1. Consideration was given to the Oct-Dec 69 quarter, particularly the following:
 - a. Six of the nine officers will return to Australia, or be on the verge of returning.
 - b. Planning for any future change in Australian disposition should begin, to ensure that the squadron can meet any sudden changes decreed by politicians or general staff.
2. An officer plan was therefore made to ensure smooth handover of duties and to allocate an officer to full time planning, at the expense of leaving one appointment unfilled. CSO AFV was requested to ascertain whether one officer could arrive earlier to fill the gap.

COMCENS AND RELAY STATIONS

Saigon

3. Traffic rose fractionally (See Annex A)
4. Service Rates. Rates remained too high, though some circuits improved slightly. The problem continued to be compounded by incorrect procedures which delayed and lost messages. From the number and nature of reflected services received from outside Vietnam it appears that poor servicing is a problem throughout the Corps. (See Annex C)
5. Multi Route Messages. Multi route delays were greatly reduced due to the doubling of multi route capacity in the MRS. (August Report Para 8)

Vung Tau.

6. Traffic level fell fractionally (See Annex B)
7. Service Rates. Reflected services from the Melbourne - Saigon circuit kept the service rate between Vung Tau and Saigon up.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

- 8. 1 ALSG Switchboard. Calling rate on an average week day was 6400, including 1700 trunks and 4700 locals.
- 9. ADS. 253 ADS bags and 156 safe hand bags were conveyed.
- 10. HF Radio. Communications were established with AS Clive Steele and MV Jeparit. AFV emergency net operated periodically for test purposes in voice and CW modes. Radio Australia monitoring continued.
- 11. Comsec. Facilities at Nui Dat were improved with better RR trunk monitoring arrangements, additional recording facilities and a higher mast for VHF interception.

ENGINEERING

Saigon

12. Circuit Availability

a. Saigon - Melbourne

(1) Intensive effort made to improve availability resulted in a pleasing increase.

	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Increase</u>
A Channel	79%	86%	7%
B Channel	57%	79%	22%

(2) This improvement was due to the measures mentioned in the August Report (Para 14) particularly the installation of regenerative repeaters at Nui Dat, close attention to the circuit by Saigon SCOs and the cooperation received from the Melbourne end.

(3) It should be noted that the above results were achieved with only two transmitters operating from 9 Sep, instead of the usual three.

(4) Problems with this circuit, which operates with marginal power (5KW) in the Vietnam - Australia direction, has clearly shown the need for an RA Sigs doctrine on on system control. A Systems Control Engineering Handbook would do much to streamline procedures in dealing with difficult circuits.

b. Other Circuits. Availability remained at a very satisfactory level. (Annex D)

Receiver Site Tests (August Report Para 17)

- 13. a. Receiver tests were conducted at Vung Tau using horizontal and vertical log periodic antennas at YS302451 and YS297448 respectively. Level and distortion readings taken on signals received from both Vung Tau and Long Binh showed that Vung Tau signals were acceptable even though Long Binh reception was slightly superior. For over two weeks Vung Tau provided the receive tones from Melbourne which were transmitted via Systems 104 and 105 to Saigon.
- b. Following the tests, CSO AFV approved in principle the moving of receivers from Long Binh to Vung Tau, and planning for the move began.

System 101

14. Approaches were made to US authorities to allow re-location of VC Hill Siemens equipment in 369th US Signal Battalion area. When this approval is received, and when the receivers are located in Vung Tau, conversion of System 101 entirely to Siemens bearers will be possible. (August Report Paras 18 and 19).

US Circuit X724

15. This circuit improved considerably.

Australian Forces Broadcast

16. a. Lines. Programme and engineering lines from the studio to the transmitter building were completed.
- b. Antenna. Work began on the antenna construction, but was hampered by:
- a. Storms
 - b. Very soft earth in the construction area
 - c. Careless actions by authorities not under Australian control who damaged bases and stays on several occasions.

Riggers and Linemen

17. a. Construction and maintenance of antennas in the last two months has severely taxed squadron rigger resources, namely two men. A submission will follow for two more riggers from Australia. (Temporary attachment)
- b. In addition to normal work, construction of an alternate cable route in 1 ALSG began.

Deployment Tp

18. a. An ANTRC 24 link was established between Nui Dat Hill and the Horseshoe YS495624 to provide telephone communications between 1 ATF and 1 ATF elements training ARVN units in the Horseshoe area. Circuits include exclusives from Ebony and Erudite CPs to Horseshoe CP and common user channels between the switchboards. These services are provided on the basis of immediate withdrawal should other 1 ATF or 1 ALSG commitments arise.
- b. Other Deployment Tp shelters are maintained at constant readiness, though their future use appears doubtful at the moment.

DEFENCE

19. A number of patrols were successfully completed by the unit in Vung Tau during the month. Apart from the usual shots which come over the Vung Tau lines from the Saturday night activities of the local PF, occasional unidentified and unexplained shots continued to enter the area. So far nothing has been hit.

CIVIL AFFAIRS

20. Support for the Dong Chan Orphanage in Saigon and for the few children now in the Terres des Hommes orphanage continued in the form of commodity distribution. Two new supervisors from Europe are expected to replace Miss Rosa Tintore when she marries in Dec 69.

21. Wood, surplus food and a few useful items were given to an orphanage of unknown name in Vung Tau.

22. Some squadron members assisted in English teaching at a local school under arrangements made by the 1 ALSG Civil Affairs Liaison Officer.

ADMINISTRATION

23. Manning. Variation from establishment, promotions and reductions are shown in Annex E. A submission will be made for the attachment of an RAE carpenter at the expense of a restriction of one RA Sigs tradesman. Engineer support for local maintenance is so limited that this will represent a net gain in efficiency, as it necessary to mis-employ RA Sigs tradesmen on building maintenance work.

24. Visitors. Visitors included:

a.	Lt Col B.R. HOCKNEY	CSO AFV	1 Sep
b.	Col R.K. FULLFORD	D MANNING	9 Sep
c.	Lt Col J.W. SULLIVAN	SI OCS	14 Sep
d.	Lt Col K.C. O'BRIEN	SI S of Sigs	14 Sep
e.	Mr D. ARTER (NZ)	RAGLAN TOWN COMMITTEE	17 Sep
f.	Col P.E. SEDDON	DDMO AHQ	22 Sep

25. Recreation. Redecoration and refurnishing of the Sandbaggers Inn brightened it up considerably.

Stores Accounting

26. Boards and Write Offs. \$1363.

27. SPS Accounting. Conversion of SPS Accounts AF01, AF03 and AF06 to Account V2585 was completed except for audit.

28. Embassy Equipment. Siemens RR equipment arrived for installation at the Australian Embassy.

Major Works

29. The quarterly works return was prepared and included notification that proposals for the following were being prepared.

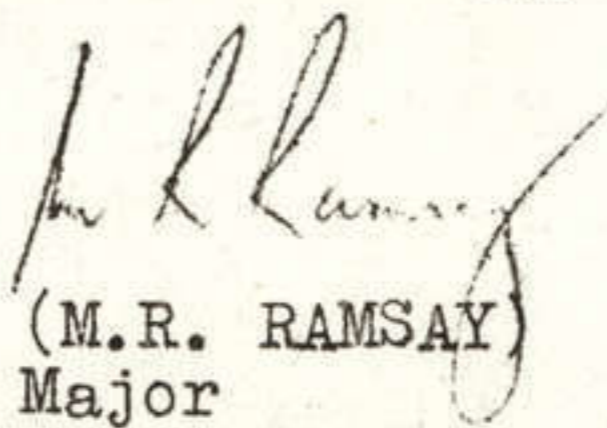
a. Rebuilding of the interior of Vung Tau MRS to allow installation of more receivers (R5232) and the new 1 ALSG switchboard (TTC 7 equipped to 300 lines).

b. Construction of a new transmitter building and generator shed for Vung Tau, eventually to replace the Nui Dat installation. Verbal approval in principle for the site to be used, including antenna space, was obtained from Comd 1 ALSG. Location is the SW corner of 1 ALSG, partly in 17 Constr Sqn area.

.. Minor Works

Minor Works

30. a. Proposals for a number of minor works for improvements in the Vung Tau area were prepared.
- b. 1 ALSG advised that the work on extending Vung Tau Tech Workshop would be completed in the Oct - Dec quarter.
- c. 1 ATF advised that construction of bulk fuel reticulation for Nui Dat generators had been approved.



(M.R. RAMSAY)
Major
OC 110th Signal Squadron

- Annexes: A. Major Relay Station Saigon - Summary of Traffic Sep 69.
- B. Minor Relay Station Vung Tau - Summary of Traffic Sep 69.
- C. Telegraph Re-run Summary Sep 69.
- D. Telegraph Circuit Availability Summary by Percentage - Sep 69
- E. Manning.

Internal

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Ops Offr
Q Tp
Vung Tau Op Tp
Depl Tp
Nui Dat Tp
Saigon Det
Commanders Diary (3) ✓
File
Float

ANNEX A TO
110 SIG SQN
DATED 9 OCT 69

MAJOR RELAY STATION SAIGON
SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC - SEP 69

Ser No	Circuit	Flash	Immediate	Priority	Routine	ZFX ZIG ZFR	Total	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1	1 ATF	112	1663	5709	6439	292	14215	
2	HQ AFV	3	2112	8538	11257	133	22043	
3	PHAN RANG	-	288	2550	896	119	3853	
4	MELB A	-	3942	4929	8623	373	17867	
5	MELB B	-	3611	3856	6520	399	14386	
6	PHULAM	315	3754	1220	339	97	5725	
7	VUNG TAU	158	1227	6598	8278	272	16533	
8	SERVICES	84	3296	5137	1768	29	10314	
9	TOTALS	672	19893	38537	44120	1714	104936	

ANNEX B TO
 110 SIG SQN
 DATED 9 OCT 69

MINOR RELAY STATION VUNG TAU
SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC - SEP 69

Ser No	Circuit	Flash	Immediate	Priority	Routine	ZFX ZIG ZFR	Total	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1	SAIGON	156	1105	6664	8341	341	16607	
2	RAAF VUNG TAU	141	498	2731	1007	11	4388	
3	NUI DAT	16	388	2041	1028	48	3521	
4	HQ 1 ALSG	-	550	3412	7089	15	11066	
5	TOTALS	313	2541	14848	17465	415	35582	

ANNEX C TO
 110 SIG SQN
 DATED 9 OCT 69

TRAFFIC RERUN SUMMARY SEP 69

SAIGON MAJOR RELAY STATION

Ser No	Channel	As % of in traffic		As % of out traffic		Remarks
		This month	Last Month	This month	Last Month	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	MELB A	12.7	10.6	13.7	11.8	
2.	MELB B	12.7	13.6	7.5	13.0	
3.	HQ AFV A	5.3	5.9	1.5	3.0	
4.	HQ AFV B	-	-	2.5	3.0	
5.	1 ATF A	9.6	10.4	6.2	5.0	
6.	1 ATF B	-	-	6.7	5.6	
7.	VUNG TAU	10.3	13.6	6.5	5.2	
8.	PHAN RANG	9.8	10.6	5.8	4.6	
9.	PHU LAM	13.4	12.8	2.8	0.7	
10.	STATION AVERAGE	10.5	11.1	5.9	5.7	

VUNG TAU MINOR RELAY STATION

11.	SAIGON	8.1	7.6	11.9	14.1	
12.	HQ 1 ALSG	4.1	5.7	2.6	2.2	
13.	RAAF VUNG TAU	2.1	3.1	3.4	1.3	
14.	1 ATF	6.9	3.8	4.1	4.4	
15.	STATION AVERAGE	5.3	5.1	5.5	5.4	

NOTE: Percentages calculated on all services

ANNEX D TO
 110 SIG SQN
 DATED 9 OCT 69

TELEGRAPH CIRCUIT AVAILABILITY SUMMARY
BY PERCENTAGE SEPTEMBER 1969

SAIGON

Ser No	Channel	Availability	OLC Faults and Alignments	Other Eqpt Faults	Bearer	Propagation
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	MELB A	86 %	1.45	4.6		7.95
2.	MELB B	78.7	2.2	7.6		11.5
3.	HQ AFV A	97.1	1.54	1.36		
4.	HQ AFV B	95.0	1.9	3.1		
5.	1 ATF A	93.4	2.5	4.1		
6.	1 ATF B	94.0	2.6	3.4		
7.	VUNG TAU	94.5	2.2	3.3		
8.	PHAN RANG	93.85	2.0	4.15		
9.	PHULAM	98.7	0.51	0.79		

VUNG TAU

10.	SAIGON	94.0	2.54	3.46		
11.	RAAF VUNG TAU	95.2	1.7	3.1		
12.	1 ATF	95.4	2.5	2.1		
13.	HQ 1ALSG	94.0	2.0	4.0		

ANNEX E TO
110 SIG SQN
DATED 9 OCT 69

VARIATIONS FROM ESTABLISHMENT

	<u>Trade</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Number</u>	
1. <u>Deficient</u>	Supvr Comms	WO2	1	
	Supvr Tech Tels	Ssgt	1	
	OKR	Sgt	2	
	OKC	Sig	2	
	OKR	Sig	1	
2. <u>Deficient by Rank</u>				<u>Filled by</u>
	Supvr Tech Tels	WO2	2	Ssgt
	Tech Elec	Sgt	1	Cpl
	Clerk Admin	Cpl	1	Sig
	OKR	Cpl	1	Sig
	Mech Elec	RAE	2	Spr
3. <u>Surplus by Rank</u>				
	Tech Elec	Sgt	1	Ssgt
	Dtmn GD	Cpl	1	Sgt
	Rigger Sigs	Cpl	1	Sgt

PROMOTIONS

4. <u>Appointed Lcpl</u>	OK :		1	
	OKR		3	
	Op Swbd		1	
	Tech Elec		6	
	Tech Sig		2	
	Dvr		1	
5. <u>Promoted T/Cpl</u>	OKC		1	
	OK		1	
6. <u>Promoted T/Sgt</u>	OKC		1	

REDUCTIONS

6. <u>From T/Cpl</u>	Tech Sig		1	
	Dvr		1	

ANNEX C TO
110 SIG SQN
COMMANDERS DIARY
1 SEP 69 TO 16 OCT 69

HQ 110 Sig Sqn
VUNG TAU

15 Sep 69

R573/5/5

Sig Op 0 5/69

Reference : A. L607 Vietnam, Sheet 6430 Phuoc Tuy, Edition
3-AMS, 1:100,000.

Time zone used throughout this order : HOTEL

1. Situation

a. En Forces. No change to 1 ALSG weekly intelligence report for week ending 12 Sep 69.

b. Friendly Forces. HQ 1 ATF together with op elms are to conduct a deployment ex within the 1 ATF base at NUI DAT

c. Atts and Dets. Elms of Deployment Tp exercised are under command 104 Sig Sqn on arrival 1 ATF until conclusion of ex.

2. Mission. Deployment Troop are to provide radio relay comms between 1 ATF (Fwd) and 1 ATF (Rear).

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. RR comms (AN/TRC-24) are to be established between 1 ATF (Fwd) and 1 ATF (Rear). The rear terminal is to be on NUI DAT HILL. Channels are to be connected to 104 Sig Sqn lines from their main frame to NUI DAT HILL.

b. Channel Allocation. See Annex A.

c. RR.

(1) Freqs. See ALSG SOI.

(2) Timings. Comms are to be established in accordance with instrs issued by 104 Sig Sqn.

d. Coord Instrs. Deployment tp elms are placed on four hours notice to move wef 160800H Sep 69. Movt details will be advised by this HQ.

4. Administration and Logistics. Equipment support is to be provided by Vung Tau Tech Troop.

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

B. Willis
(B.R. WILLIS)
Capt

Authentication :

Annexes : A. RR Channel Allocation

Distribution

Deployment Troop
Vung Tau Tech Troop
Vung Tau Op Troop
Saigon Det

104 Sig Sqn (3)

Internal

OC
Ops Offr
Admin Offr
QM
Commander's Diary (3)
File
Float

RR CHANNEL ALLOCATION

Note : Channels are speech unless otherwise indicated

1. CP Fwd to CP Rear
2. Sigcen Fwd to Sigcen Rear (Duplex Tg)
3. Ensign to Ebony
4. Air Fwd to Air Rear
5. Ensign to Ebony
6. CP Fwd to Hurricane Toc
7. Comms Con Fwd to Comms Con Rear
8. Arty Toc Fwd to Hurricane Toc
9. Air Fwd to Hurricane Toc
10. Ensign to Ebony
11. Air Fwd to Ebony CP
12. Arty Toc Fwd to Ebony CP
13. Inf Fwd to Inf Rear (Duplex Tg)
14. Sigcen Fwd to Sigcen Rear

WAR DIARY

ENCLOSURE 1 OF
ANNEX J TO 110
SIG SQN COMMANDERS
DIARY 1 SEP 69
TO 16 OCT 69.

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

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Unit ... 110 Sig Sqn

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as at 0800hrs Thu. **4 Sep 69**

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

STRENGTH

ARA/NS BREAK UP

	LSTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	9
WO's	10	7
OR's	233	241
Total	252	257

	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	
OR's	141	107
Total	150	107

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

	With unit and physically located			Not physically with unit					Total
	Saigon	1 ATF	1 ALSG	Leave	Hosp	AVOL	Detn	Aust	
Offrs	2		7						9
WO's	2		4	1					7
OR's	80	24	133	2	2				241
Total	84	24	144	3	2				257

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No.	Rank	Name

[Signature]
(Signature) (Rank)

Movement Details Attached

(Appointment)
110 Sig Sqn

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WAF DUKY

ENCLOSURE 2 OF
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ANNEX D TO
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	ARA	NS
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Total	150	95

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	1		6	2					9
WO's	2		5						7
OR's	77	26	120	5	1				229
Total	80	26	131	7	1				245

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No.	Rank	Name

[Handwritten Signature] Capt

for (Signature) (Rank)

M.R. RAMSAY Maj
(Appointment)

Movement Details Attached

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OC 110 SIG SQN

MARCH IN
1943

CPL R.M. TODD RNZ SIGS
2791346 SIG R.D. GERTON ANQ PO SVN 3549/69

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42059 LCPL W.L. BENEFIELD RNZ SIGS
 1733585 LCPL G.H. DUNCAN ANQ PO SVN 2945/69
 2788314 LCPL R.E. GRAY " " " 2941/69
 3792600 LCPL R.W. HALL " " " 2943/69
 2735908 SIG M.J. GRALE " " " 2940/69
 2737593 SIG M.J. AFFLICK " " " 3977/69
 2788090 SIG B.R. NELSON " " " 3412/69
 4719474 SIG R.A. DARDIN " " " "
 2787955 SIG K.T. HIPWELL " " " 2941/69
 5715487 SIG R.J. LOADING " " " "
 4719526 SIG B.W. MARSHALL " " " 2942/69
 2788393 SIG P.J. McGRATH " " " "
 4719609 SIG K.J. ROBINS " " " 2942/69
 5715556 SIG D.A. SWENSON " " " 2941/69

Serial	Name	Rank	Service No.	Unit	Branch	Remarks
2791346	R.D. GERTON	SIG	3549	ANQ PO SVN	RNZ SIGS	
42059	W.L. BENEFIELD	LCPL			RNZ SIGS	
1733585	G.H. DUNCAN	LCPL	2945	ANQ PO SVN	RNZ SIGS	
2788314	R.E. GRAY	LCPL	2941		RNZ SIGS	
3792600	R.W. HALL	LCPL	2943		RNZ SIGS	
2735908	M.J. GRALE	SIG	2940		RNZ SIGS	
2737593	M.J. AFFLICK	SIG	3977		RNZ SIGS	
2788090	B.R. NELSON	SIG	3412		RNZ SIGS	
4719474	R.A. DARDIN	SIG			RNZ SIGS	
2787955	K.T. HIPWELL	SIG	2941		RNZ SIGS	
5715487	R.J. LOADING	SIG			RNZ SIGS	
4719526	B.W. MARSHALL	SIG	2942		RNZ SIGS	
2788393	P.J. McGRATH	SIG			RNZ SIGS	
4719609	K.J. ROBINS	SIG	2942		RNZ SIGS	
5715556	D.A. SWENSON	SIG	2941		RNZ SIGS	

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AFV (ARMY COMPONENT)
ADMIN INSTR NO 3
ADMT NO 3 DATED 22 JUN 68

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Unit ... 110 Sig Sqn

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as at 0800hrs Thu. **18 Sep 69**...

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

STRENGTH

ARA/NS BREAK UP

	LSTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	9
WO's	10	7
OR's	233	229
Total	252	245

	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	
OR's	141	95
Total	150	95

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	1	6						9
WO's	2		5						7
OR's	76	25	125	2	1				229
Total	80	26	136	2	1				245

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No.	Rank	Name

[Signature]
(Signature) (Rank) Capt

Movement Details Attached

for *M.R. RAMSAY* Maj
(Appointment)

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ADMT NO 3 DATED 22 JUN 68

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Unit 110 Sig Sqn

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as at 0800hrs Thu. **25 Sep 69**

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STRENGTH

ARA/NS BREAK UP

	LSTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	9
WO's	10	7
OR's	233	228
Total	252	244

	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	
OR's	140	95
Total	149	95

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

	With unit and physically located			Not physically with unit					Total
	Saigon	1 ATF	1 ALSG	Leave	Hosp	AVOL	Detn	Aust	
Offrs	2		7						9
WO's	2		5						7
OR's	78 ^m	24	120	5	1				228
Total	82	24	132	5	1				244

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No.	Rank	Name
368295	Capt	RH DETTERING
2788936	Pte	TJ WALKINSHAW

Movement Details Attached

for (Signature) (Rank)
M.R. RAMSAY
(Appointment)
OC 110 Sig Sqn

Capt

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29997 Sgt W.R. SAVILLE AHQ PO SVH 3237/69
 44070 Cpl P. O'LEARY " " " 3417/69
 4410671 Sig R.J. GREENWOOD " " " 3416/69
 312821 Sig G.T. MOORE MEDEVAC

MARCH IN

55034 Lopt G.E. TAPP AHQ PO SVH 4247/69
 44063 Sig H.D. HARGREAVES " " " 4224/69
 39768 Sig B.G. READ " " " 4248/69

29	140	140
20	140	140
22	140	140

2	2	2
7	7	7
233	233	233
244	244	244

2	2	2	2	2	2	2
7	7	7	7	7	7	7
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Unit 110 Sig Sqn

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as at 0800hrs Thu... 2 Oct 69 ...

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STRENGTH

ARA/NS BREAK UP

	LSTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	9
WO's	10	7
OR's	233	230
Total	252	246

	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	
OR's	141	96
Total	150	96

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	1		7	1					9
WO's	2		5						7
OR's	75	27	122	4	2				230
Total	78	27	134	5	2				246

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No.	Rank	Name

Movement Details Attached

M.R. Ramsay Capt
(Signature) (Rank)
for
M. R. RAMSAY
(Appointment)

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 COM AMBASSY HMAS
 310 316 318
 319 320 321
 322 323 324

MARK II
 270728 021 A.L. JAMES 2305/69
 440728 021 A.L. JAMES 2304/69

27	0	2305
28	1	2305
29	0	2305

27	0	2305
28	1	2305
29	0	2305

27	0	2305	2305
28	1	2305	2305
29	0	2305	2305

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WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as at 0800hrs Thu... 9 OCT 69..

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STRENGTH

ARA/NS BREAK UP

	LSTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	10
WO's	10	7
OR's	233	231
Total	352	348

	ARA	NS
Offrs	10	
OR's	141	97
Total	151	97

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	3		7						10
WO's	2		5						7
OR's	73	26	120	6	1				231
Total	83	26	132	6	1				348

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No.	Rank	Name

Movement Details Attached

[Signature] (Signature) (Rank) Capt
 for M.R. BARRY Maj
 (Appointment)

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ANNEX B TO
AFV ADMIN INSTR
NO 39
DATED 6 JUL 68

QUARTERED NOT RATIONED UNITS
IN SAIGON AREA

HQ AFV (For Financial Advisor)

UNIT : 110 Sig Sqn

Strength report for the month of: SEPTEMBER

1. Unit Average Strength (See Note 1)
 Offrs: 2.00 WOs: 1.83 ORs (less WOs) 01.30
2. Hospitalized (See Note 2)
 Total bed days:
 Offrs: _____ WOs: _____ ORs (less WOs) 14
3. Australian Combat Rations (See Note 3)
 Total number consumed: _____

I certify that I have checked
this return and verify its
accuracy

(Responsible Officer)

Notes for compilation of Return

- Note 1:
- a. In arriving at unit average strength:
 - Include: Philanthropic Representatives.
Overnight Attachment/Transients
Hospitalized US and AUST Hospitals
Day leave/duty Saigon
 - Exclude: Overnight Detachments
Out of Country R and R
In country R and C
Hospitalized Butterworth or RTA
 - b. AATTV: Show strengths by HQAATTV, AATTV on special duty and other AATTV.
- Note 2: Show only bed days per Offr; WO, OR (less WOs) of members hospitalized in US or AUST 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 - ORs 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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NOTE: THIS RETURN IS TO BE
SUBMITTED TO HQ 1 ALSG BY
1200 HRS ON THE FIRST DAY
OF THE MONTH.ANNEX A TO
SECTION 2 TO
CHAPTER 2RATIONED NOT QUARTERED UNITS
OUT OF SAIGON AREA

HQ AFV (For Financial Adviser)

UNIT: 110 Sig SqnStrength report for the month of: Sep 69

1. Unit Average Strength (See Note 1)
Offrs: 6.50 ORs (include WOs): 125.20
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: 51

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checked this return and
its accuracy(Responsible Officer)Notes for Compilation of ReturnNote 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 Representatives.
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.
- 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

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