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[1 Jun - 8 Jul 1970]

COVERING LETTER

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To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C 2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 110th Signal Squadron

From 1 Jun 70 To 8 Jul 70

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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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.

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

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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.
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 - e. Unit commanders.
 - f. Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

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6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
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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.

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.

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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.

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

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 110 Sig Sqn

MONTH AND YEAR Jun 70

REFERENCE MAP Special Use SE Asia 1:100,000 Sheet 6430 Series L607
COMMANDING OFFICER Maj M.R. RAMSAY

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	2 Jun		Transport availability is still a problem. There is no indication yet that either the vehicle restriction will be lifted or that availability will improve.	
	19 Jun		"Personal for" signal from COMAFV thanking unit for a personal task. Tone of the signal is indicative of the good relationship now existing between COMAFV and the squadron. C. of S AFV is also well on side.	Enclosure 1 Annex L
	19 Jun		A slight upsurge in problems in all departments has occurred, but this appears part of the normal fluctuating cycle. They are dying away again.	
	25 Jun		Attended selection board for Lt Col after a heavy dose of anti malarial pills and a hard night out in Saigon! Could not have been worse timed!	
	2 Jul		Maj D.R. OVERSTEAD arrived.	
	7 Jul		The month has been very busy due to the impending change of command. The monthly repprt covers all the detail necessary. A yellow alert occured on my last night in Vung Tau due to alleged mortaring of the airfield.	

ENCLOSURE 1
ANNEX A

110 Sig Sqn
Vung Tau

7 Jul 70

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110 SIG SQN MONTHLY REPORT JUNE 70

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

GENERAL

Command

1. Command of the squadron will pass from Major M.R. RAMSAY to Major D.R. OVERSTEAD at 0740 hrs 8 Jul 70. The officer commanding designate, having arrived on 2 Jul 70, shows the involuntary dedication of Signal Corps officers in having at this date 367 further days of service in Vietnam.

COMCENS AND RELAY STATIONS

2. Saigon See Annexes A and C.

a. Traffic fell slightly both in the MRS and the HQ AFV Sigcen. However service rates rose slightly. While these are still well within acceptable limits for all in-theatre circuits, the point is demonstrated that continuous and detailed attention is required by both technicians and operators to maintain high communication standards.

b. Service rates on Melbourne rose further, though at present traffic levels messages are not being lost nor unduly delayed. It has proved impossible to establish what percentage of these services are reflected from other circuits in Australia. Every element of the Australia - Vietnam system in Vietnam is being checked to isolate any technical causes; it is recommended that similar action be taken at the Australia end.

3. Vung Tau See Annex B. Traffic fell slightly in both the MRS and 1 ALSG Sigcen. The sudden rise in flash and immediate traffic for the RAAF noted in the May report was sustained during June.

4. Long Term Trends. See Annex E.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

5. 1 ALSG EMU Switchboard

a. Calling rate fell to 5800 daily, including 1500 trunks and 4,300 locals.

b. The lower rate may postpone slightly the date when the emu's shutters shudder and rise no more. The TPI repatriation rate for a retired emu is under active consideration; unfortunately if it is not awarded shortly there are likely to be flow on claims from management operators and perhaps a few subscribers.

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- c. HQ 1 ALSG is examining the returns submitted by units on possible reduction of 1 ALSG telephone services to 200 lines.
6. ADS 165 ADS bags and 105 safe hand bags were handled. Due to the onset of the wet and the unavailability of proper weatherproof ADS bags, the squadron provided the registries of HQ AFV, HQ 1 ALSG and HQ 1 ATF with 40 marked "cricket" bags, plastic inserts and a new lock system. The new bag system is operating well and the HQ AFV GS Instruction on this subject should now be updated.
7. HF Radio
- a. The AFV emergency net was tested regularly.
- b. The emergency Phan Rang circuit passed fewer messages this month, but its necessity was demonstrated by a 20 hour outage on the main bearer on 26/27 Jun.
- c. Communications were established with HMAS Jeparit and AV Harry Chauvel.
- d. Monitoring of Radio Australia and the 2 AOD security net continued.
8. Comsec The monitoring team are now working more closely with 104 Sig Sqn. This has enabled better coverage and quicker action on breaches.

ENGINEERING

9. Circuit Availability See Annex D.
- a. Saigon - Melbourne Availability was 89% and 80% on the traffic channels. The lower figures were due to poorer propagation conditions. Transmitter availability remained high, though lightning strikes caused shut-downs on two occasions. Lightning arrestors are being installed on the antenna feeders concerned.
- b. Other Circuits Availability remained satisfactory on squadron provided circuits. Availability of US provided circuits Saigon - Long Binh and Saigon - Phan Rang improved.
10. Siemens Equipment If V212K for System 103 Saigon - Nui Dat cannot be provided in the short term, arrangements should still be made for the long term. There will undoubtedly be a use for it post Vietnam, apart from the benefits which will accrue here.
11. Transmitters
- a. The new transmitter building now proudly displays the sign:
- 110th SIGNAL SQUADRON
TIENG NOI UC
AUSTCAN TRANSMITTER STATION
- b. This sign was erected during an elaborate ceremony during which the supports were fixed with large galvanised nails struck by large rusty claw hammers. This symbolism was appropriate to the rugged conditions existing at Vung Tau.

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- c. Delays occurred in associated engineer works; however the stage has been reached where signals installation is proceeding concurrently with the remaining engineer work. The first transmitter is in position; installation of drive, monitor and channelling equipment is in progress and the first vertical log periodic antenna, recently arrived from Australia, has been erected.
- d. Blast walls and generator shed are complete, but generators are not yet in position.
- e. The vertical log periodic antenna at the north end of Logans Hill was dismantled for repair in readiness for re-installation at the new transmitter site.
12. Receivers The R5232 receiver held in storage since the closure of the Long Binh site was installed in HF House as a back up to the two in the system control area.
13. 1 ALSG Sigcen Renovation was completed and the Sigcen reopened on 29 Jun. Squadron historians state that it is 1 ALSG Sigcen No 3; but the Vietnamese terminology for it is now No 1.
14. Relocation of the Major Relay Station See Paragraph 29.
15. Deployment Troop
- a. Support for 1 ATF and 7 RAR in provision of circuits from Nui Dat to the Horseshoe Y4962 continued Radio repair support for SAS continued.
- b. Under the present rostering system, troop members spend six weeks with troop equipment in Vung Tau and twelve weeks at the outlying detachments.
- c. The troop again laid their claim as the squadron combat element by alerting 7 RAR to a Vietnamese picnic party who were interspersing their activities with mine laying on the Nui Dat - Horseshoe road.
16. Embassy. Crystals for the Siemens link from the FWMAO Building to the Australian Embassy arrived. The system appears satisfactory at this stage, though testing is not complete. Some further parts may need to be obtained. An antenna was erected at the Australian Ambassador's house.

TRAINING

17. a. Weapons Regular weapon training continued at Vung Tau. Difficulties were experienced in obtaining Saigon ranges, but several shoots are planned for July.
- b. Trade One member attended a US cable splicers course at Long Binh.
- c. Promotion Plans are in hand for Subject A and C courses to be conducted late July or early August.

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DEFENCE

18. Normal patrols allocated by 1 ALSG in the Vung Tau area continued. A 1 ALSG Defence Exercise on 24 Jun included deployment of the 102 Fd Wksps Ready Reaction Force to the squadron area. Old friendships were renewed and old tactics revived.

CIVIL AFFAIRS

19. Items from Australia The items from Canberra (May Report Paragraph 19) were unfortunately off-loaded from RAAF transport and transferred to the HMAS Jeparit. It is hoped that these will arrive for distribution shortly.

20. Saigon Support in the form of commodity distribution to the Dong Chê and Terres des Hommes Orphanages continued. Lavish coverage in the Australian press of the more photogenic civic action workers of the Saigon detachment also continued.

21. Vung Tau

a. A refrigerator was purchased from official civic action funds and presented to the Vung Tau Social Welfare Day Nursery.

b. A refrigerator was purchased from money raised by raffles in the Sandbaggers Inn and presented to the An Phong Orphanage.

c. The Sandbaggers contributed a further \$25 for civic action resulting from a wager on a "Runathon" held between the 1 ALSG West Gate and the Vung Tau Army Airfield MP Post.

d. Commodity distribution in the form of surplus rations was made to the Tuong Sinh and An Phong Orphanages.

e. On three Sunday mornings squadron members worked very hard at the Vagabond Boys banana plantation, repairing the washed-out access road, and pruning and replanting banana stools. This should result in bigger, better and more prolific bananas. An interesting diversion one morning was the preparation of the boys' Sunday dinner, namely the speedy conversion of one mobile dog into a number of long immobile dog sausages.

f. In the Le La hamlet the Hoc Tam Nguyen School was supplied with paint for classrooms; cement was supplied for construction of a Peoples Defence Force Post.

g. Seventeen reels of film were despatched to the AVCAP organisation in Australia for editing and scripting in the hope that further civic action funds will be generated.

h. The dairy farm project which was initiated in Feb 70 and which could not be implemented at the time has now been taken up by the Australian Embassy. It may yet prove possible for the squadron to participate, though not as the prime agent.

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A ADMINISTRATION

22. Manning Variations from establishment are shown in Annex F. Over 10% of squadron strength were replaced during the month; the voluntary extension rate beyond the standard 12 month tour is still above 10%.

23. Air Movements During the month there were 69 external movements due to march in, march out and R & R; and 133 intra squadron air movements. This illustrates the care required in co-ordinating all squadron activities and accounting for the whereabouts of all its members.

24. Visitors

4 - 5 Jun	Maj R.E.P. COWLEY	CSO AFV
5 Jun	Lt Col K.L. MACPHERSON	AQMG AFV
5 Jun	Lt Col G.W. HAZELGROVE	ADOS AFV
19 Jun	Dr R.C. HUTCHINSON	Director, Army Food Science Establishment.

25. Amenities Following the installation of the new tape decks for the Force Tape Library, new master and slave tapes have been recorded. The result is a rise in the quality and capacity of the service available.

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26. Boards and Write Offs \$752.

27. Transport Transport availability remained at an unsatisfactory level. Figures showing those vehicles serviceable and unserviceable on a daily basis for a typical week were forwarded to 1 ALSG.

28. Stocktake

a. The unit stocktake on 7 Jun 70 produced the following results:

	<u>Surpluses</u>	<u>Deficiencies</u>
	\$	\$
Ordnance	6521	246
SPS		83
Regimental Property		35
Amenities		48
	<u>\$6521</u>	<u>\$412</u>

b. Adjusting action is in progress.

29. Works The latest works programme is expected to start late in July with the construction of the Troop HQ and 1 ALSG Amenities Building and extra accommodation for the larger members to be accommodated at Vung Tau. The MRS reconstruction will follow.

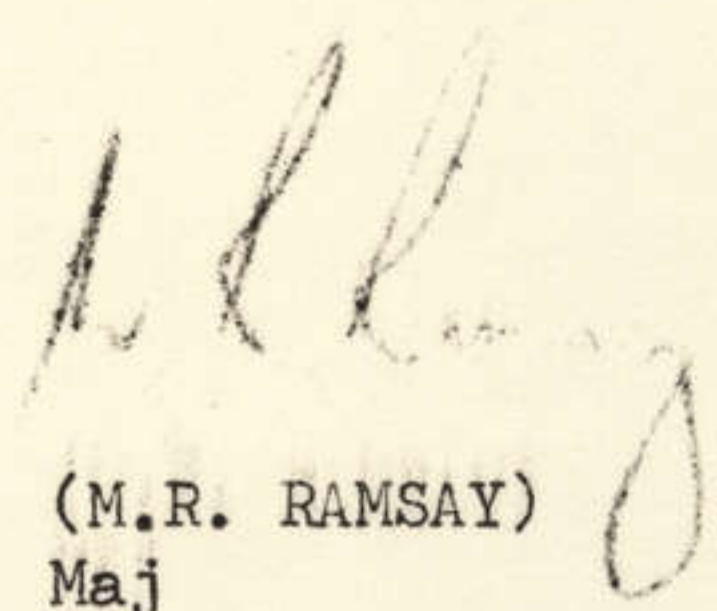
30. Australiana For the benefit of homesick members, a billabong has been constructed on Logan's Hill, sometimes mistakenly referred to as Lavender Hill. Various ideas for billabong beautification have been offered, including the planting of trees, to be titled Colonel's Coolibahs in honour of Commander 1 ALSG.

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CONCLUSION

31. The present squadron commander has been deputed to select Australian birds for the billabong and proposes to depart on a long term investigation of the subject on 9 Jul 70.


(M.R. RAMSAY)
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Annexes: A. Major Relay Station Saigon - Summary of Traffic Jun 70.
B. Minor Relay Station Vung Tau - Summary of Traffic Jun 70.
C. Traffic Re Run Summary Jun 70.
D. Telegraph Circuit Availability Jun 70.
E. Long Term Trends.
F. Manning

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MAJOR RELAY STATION SAIGON
SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC JUNE 70

ANNEX A TO
110 SIG SQN R723/1/6
DATED 7 JUL 70

Line No	Circuit		FLASH	IMMEDIATE	PRIORITY	ROUTINE	TOTAL	ZFX
1.	Melb A	In	-	2312	2624	4875	9811	94
		Out	-	1955	2367	5058	9380	535
2.	Melb B	In	-	1298	1278	2776	5352	99
		Out	-	1333	1011	1849	4193	304
3.	Sigcen A	In	1	723	2496	2563	5783	13
		Out	-	779	2185	4226	7190	8
4.	Sigcen B	Out	-	462	1603	3087	5152	48
5.	Phan Rang	In	-	65	1091	314	1470	71
		Out	-	114	1145	873	2132	61
6.	Nui Dat A	In	1	393	2798	1638	4830	73
		Out	23	287	1778	2157	4245	108
7.	Nui Dat B	Out	26	361	1683	2013	4083	76
8.	Long Binh	In	245	2175	583	301	3304	56
		Out	12	1846	188	88	2134	20
9.	Vung Tau	In	4	657	2698	3810	7169	137
		Out	195	947	3018	4422	8582	134
10.	Sgn-Canberra	In	-	7	9	2	18	4
11.	Services	In	8	979	1734	1199	3920	-
		Out	2	1127	1444	279	2852	-
12.	TOTAL		517	17820	31733	41530	91600	1837
13.	Multi Routes (Processed)						6748	

MINOR RELAY STATION VUNG TAU
SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC - JUN 70

ANNEX B TO
110 SIG SQN R723/1/6
DATED 7 JUL 70

Ser No	Circuit	FLASH	IMMEDIATE	PRIORITY	ROUTINE	TOTAL	ZFX
1.	In Saigon	190	948	2984	4343	8465	136
	Out	4	658	2745	3887	7294	-
2.	In 1 ALSG	-	152	677	3293	4122	2
	Out	-	262	1001	3507	4770	-
3.	In 1 OSU	6	449	1147	436	2038	23
	Out	204	680	1264	956	3104	-
4.	In 1 ATF	1	118	1501	258	1878	22
	Out	1	135	1654	273	2063	-
5.	In 2 SQN	-	1	9	7	17	-
	Out	-	3	16	15	34	-
6.	TOTAL	406	3406	12998	16975	33785	183
7.	Multi Routes (Processed)					826	

(Percentages calculated on all services)

TRAFFIC RERUN SUMMARY

JUNE 70

ANNEX C TO
110 SIG SQN R723/1/6
DATED 7 JUL 70

SAIGON MAJOR RELAY STATION

Ser No	Channel	As % of IN traffic		As % of OUT traffic		Remarks
		This month	Last month	This month	Last month	
1.	MELB A	12.3	10.6	10.9	10.9	
2.	MELB B	16.5	11.7	13.9	6.6	
3.	HQ AFV A	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.3	
4.	HQ AFV B	-	-	3.2	3.0	
5.	1 ATF A	4.1	3.3	4.3	3.0	
6.	1 ATF B	-	-	3.6	2.7	
7.	VUNG TAU	5.5	4.8	5.1	5.1	
8.	PHAN RANG	5.3	3.8	2.9	8.7	
9.	LONG BINH	7.2	8.0	1.5	1.5	
10.	STATION AVERAGE	8.3	7.1	5.9	5.1	
VUNG TAU MINOR RELAY STATION						
11.	SAIGON	5.4	5.8	5.7	4.1	
12.	HQ 1 ALSG	3.3	2.9	2.8	2.4	
13.	1 OSU VUNG TAU	2.9	3.3	6.0	5.6	
14.	1 ATF	1.5	2.4	3.9	3.5	
15.	2 SQN	-	-	-	-	
16.	STATION AVERAGE	4.1	4.2	4.8	3.3	

ANNEX D TO

110 SIG SQN R723/1/6

DATED 7 JUL 70

TELEGRAPH CIRCUIT AVAILABILITY SUMMARY

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SAIGON

Ser No	Channel	Availability	Percentage of OLC Faults and Alignments	Other Eqpt Faults	Bearer	Propagation
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	MELB A	88.85	0.7	4.15		6.3
2.	MELB B	80.00	0.6	3.3		16.1
3.	HQ AFV A	98.95	0.7	0.35		
4.	HQ AFV B	98.6	0.6	0.8		
5.	1 ATF A	98.9	0.8	0.3		
6.	1 ATF B	98.7	0.8	0.5		
7.	VUNG TAU	97.6	1.5	0.9		
8.	PHAN RANG	96.3	2.3	0.9	0.5	
9.	LONG BINH	98.7	0.9		0.4	

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10.	SAIGON	97.6	1.5	0.9		
11.	RAAF VUNG TAU	97.8	1.6	0.6		
12.	1 ATF	98.2	1.3	0.5		
13.	HQ 1 ALSG	REBUILDING				

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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
Jul 68			71,000	13,900	29,000	9,500
Aug			83,000	17,700	31,000	9,900
Sep			78,000	15,700	30,000	9,800
Oct			76,000	15,800	29,000	9,800
Nov			73,000	16,800	30,000	9,000
Dec 68			72,000	27,000	15,500	9,000
Jan 69						
Feb			82,800	34,600	18,000	11,100
Mar			92,400	38,300	19,200	11,200
Apr		73.0	87,700	34,000	19,200	10,700
May	97.0	62.5	90,500	35,700	19,400	10,200
Jun			83,500	29,900	18,500	9,200
Jul			98,000	35,900	21,600	11,500
Aug	79.0	56.5	103,300	36,500	22,800	11,600
Sep	86.0	78.7	104,900	35,600	22,000	11,000
Oct	91.5	86.7	99,000	35,600	21,400	11,000
Nov	90.4	84.7	86,600	30,700	19,100	9,800
Dec 69	91.8	89.0	86,800	30,600	19,100	7,700
Jan 70	93.1	89.4	84,800	30,600	18,400	9,700
Feb	88.7	89.7	84,900	29,800	19,700	10,200
Mar	80.8	80.0	93,600	32,600	20,200	10,600
Apr	88.9	83.1	93,600	35,300	19,800	11,100
May	92.5	87.1	93,700	35,200	19,300	10,000
Jun 70	88.8	80.0	91,600	33,800	18,100	8,900

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ANNEX F TO
110 SIG SQN R723/1/6
DATED 7 JUN 70

MANNING

ESTABLISHMENT VARIATIONS

Note: Civilian establishment is not included.

1. Net Manpower Position

Establishment 251 Posted Strength 250 Net -1

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

<u>Trade Deficient</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Trade Surplus</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>No</u>
Spvr Tech Tels	WO2	1	Tech Elec	Ssgt	1
Spvr Tech Tels	Ssgt	1			
			Tech Elec	Sgt	1
Tech Elec	Sig	1	Tech Tg	Sig	1
OK	Cpl	4	OKC	Cpl	3
OKR	Sig	1			
OKC	Sig	9	OK	Sig	9
Op Swbd	Sig	1	Rigger Sigs	Cpl	1
			Mil Skills 1(DR)	Sig	1
			Clerk Admin	Sig	1
Mech Elec	Cpl	1			
		<u>19</u>			<u>18</u>

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

<u>Rank Deficient</u>	<u>Trade</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Filled By</u>
WO2	Spvr Tech Tels	1	Ssgt Tech Elec.
Ssgt	Spvr Tech Tels	1	
Cpl	Lmn Fd	1	Sig Lmn Fd.
WO2	Spvr Comcen	1	Ssgt Spvr Comcen.
Cpl	OKC	1	Sig OKC.
Cpl	OK	2	Sig OK. 1.
Ssgt	Clerk Admin	1	Sgt Clerk Admin.
Sgt	Stmn Tech	2	Cpl Stmn Tech.
Cpl	Mech Elec	1	

PROMOTIONS

4.	a.	To Cpl	Tech Elec	1
			Stmn Tech	1
	b.	To Lcpl	Tech Elec	2
			Tech Cipher	1
			Rigger Sigs	1
			OKC	1
			OK	1
			Clerk Admin	1
			Dtmn	1
			Mech Elec	1

REDUCTIONS

5. Cpl to Sig OKC 1

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

MAJOR M.R. RAMSAY

OFFICER COMMANDING

110TH SIGNAL SQUADRON

VUNG TAU

7 JULY 70

AIM OF THE AUSTRALIAN FORCE

To assist the South Vietnamese to drive out the invading North Vietnamese and eliminate the Viet Cong.

AIMS OF 110TH SIGNAL SQUADRON

To provide speedy, reliable and continuous communications for the Australian Services in Vietnam.

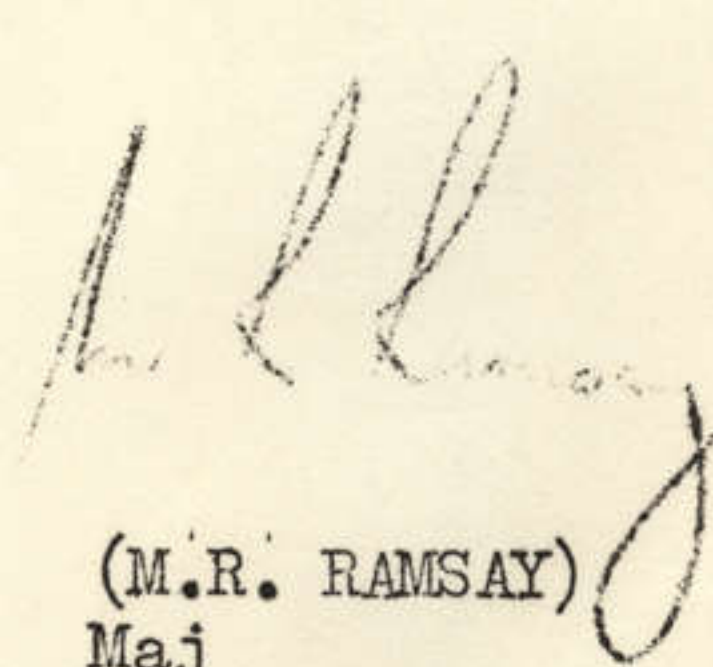
To maintain good relationships with the South Vietnamese people.

ORDERS

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1. My thanks are due to all the members, namely the large majority, who have conscientiously kept in mind our squadron aims. These efforts have given us our collective good name as the providers of the Australian Services communications in Vietnam.
2. Good luck and a safe return home to all members remaining.
3. On 8 Jul 70 Major D.R. OVERSTEAD will assume command.


(M.R. RAMSAY)
Maj
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ANNEX D TO
AFV (ARMY COMPONENT)
ADMIN INSTR No 3
ADMT No 3 DATED 22JUN68

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Unit..... 110 Sig Sqn

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as at 0800hrs ~~Thu~~ Wed. 3. Jun. 70..

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

STRENGTH

	LSTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	9
WO's	10	8
OR's	232	231
Total	251	248

ARA/NS BREAK UP

	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	-
OR's	155	84
Total	164	84

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

With unit & physically located				Not physically with unit					
	Saigon	1 AIF	1 ALSG	Leave	Hosp	AWOL	Detn	Aust	Total
Offrs	2	-	7						9
WO's	2	1	5						8
OR'S	80	24	122	4	1				231
Total	84	25	134	4	1				248

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No	Rank	Name

Movement Details attached.

[Signature]
..... Capt
(Signature) (Rank)

..... Admin Offr
(Appointment)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Unit..... 110 Sig Sqn

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as at 0800hrs ~~THU~~ WED. 10 JUN. 70.

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

STRENGTH

	LSTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	9
WO's	10	8
OR's	232	232
Total	251	249

ARA/NS BREAK UP

	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	-
OR's	156	84
Total	165	84

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

With unit & physically located				Not physically with unit					
	Saigon	1 AIF	1 ALSG	Leave	Hosp	AWOL	Detn	Aust	Total
Offrs	2	-	7						
WO's	2	1	5						
OR'S	80	24	123	3	2	-			
Total	84	25	135	3	2	-			249

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No	Rank	Name
42823	SGT	THOMPSON F.A.
219546	SGT	COLEMAN J.
39615	LCPL	ANDERSON G.N.

Movement Details attached.

[Signature]
 (Signature) (Rank)

ADMIN OFFICER
 (Appointment)

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MARCH INS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME & INITIALS</u>	<u>SVN P/O NO.</u>
44753	LCPL	RENTON D.K.	2232/70
313443	SIG	KNIGHT M.J.	892/70

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Unit: 110 Sig Coy

Weekly strength return (Special) received on 22 at 0800hrs. To reach HQ AFV (Records Dept) by 1500hrs. Form of each week.

AREA BREAK UP

NO	AREA	
-	2	Office
84	150	WO's
84	100	Total

STRENGTH

POSTED STN	LAST	
9	2	Office
8	10	WO's
332	332	OR's
319	321	Total

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

With unit & physically located				Not operationally with unit			
	Saloon	1 AFV	1 ALGO	Leave	Home	AWOL	Detm
Office	2	-	7				
WO's	2	1	2				
OR's	80	24	123	2	2	-	
Total	84	25	132	2	2	-	

AND ATTACHMENTS

No	Rank	Name
45823	SGT	THOMSON W.A.
21956	SGT	COLMAN S.
30015	LCPL	ANDERSON G.H.

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 (Signature)
 (Rank)

ADMIN OFFICER
 (Appointment)

REMARKS

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ADMT No 3 DATED 22JUN68

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Unit... 110 Sig Sqn

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as at 0800hrs ~~THU~~ WED 17 JUN 70.

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

STRENGTH

	LSTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	9
WO's	10	8
OR's	232	231
Total	251	248

ARA/NS BREAK UP

	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	-
OR's	159	80
Total	168	80

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

	With unit & physically located			Not physically with unit					
	Saigon	1 AIF	ALSG	Leave	Hosp	AWOL	Detn	Aust	Total
Offrs	3	-	6						9
WO's	2	1	4	1					8
OR'S	81	25	121	3	1				231
Total	86	26	131	4	1				248

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No	Rank	Name
219546	SGT	J. COLEMAN

Movement Details attached.

[Signature]
 (Signature) (Rank)
 Capt

Administrative Officer
 110th Signal Squadron

(Appointment)

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MARCH OUTS

<u>NO</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME AND INITIALS</u>	<u>SVN P/O NO.</u>
342971	CPL	CURRAN D.J.	1390/70
44490	LCPL	BEARD P.B.	1388/70
342792	LCPL	DUNN A.C.	1390/70
3793958	LCPL	GALLAGHER R.L.	1142/70
2184410	LCPL	NEILSON A.C.	PA 099063
4720171	SIG	MARSHALL H.R.	1145/70
4720188	SIG	RUSSELL L.E.	1145/70
3793605	SIG	TRINNICK C.C.	1142/70

MARCH INS

15762	SGT	WARHURST R.W.	1417/70
243322	CPL	PRICE D.R.	1421/70
5716844	SIG	JONES A.J.	894/70
312655	SIG	TOPP R.P.	1419/70
312610	SIG	HARKER L.J.	1537/70
5717085	SPR	WILLEY R.	1653/70

No	Rank	Name
312655	SGT	TOPP R.P.

.....
 (Signature)
 Administrative Officer
 1st Signal Squadron

 (Appointment)

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ADMIN INSTR No 3
ADMT No 3 DATED 22JUN68

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Unit..... 110 Sig Sqn

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as at 0800hrs ~~WED~~.....24.Jun.70..

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

STRENGTH

	LSTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	9
WO's	10	9
OR's	232	233
Total	251	251

ARA/NS BREAK UP

	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	
OR's	159	83
Total	168	83

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

With unit & physically located				Not physically with unit					
	Saigon	1 ATF	1 ALSG	Leave	Hosp	AWOL	Detn	Aust	Total
Offrs	2	-	7						9
WO's	2	1	6						9
OR'S	82	23	123	2	1	1	1		233
Total	86	24	136	2	1	1	1		251

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No	Rank	Name
1201241	Sig	SPRAGG R.E.

Movement Details attached.

C. Boughton

 (Signature) (Rank)
 (C. BOUGHTON) (Capt)

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 (Appointment)
 (Admin Offr)

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ADMT No 3 DATED 22JUN68

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Unit..... 110 Sig Sqn

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as at 0800hrs ~~Thu~~.... 1. Jul. 70.
Wed

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

STRENGTH

	LSTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	9
WO's	10	8
OR's	232	233
Total	251	250

ARA/NS BREAK UP

	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	
OR's	160	81
Total	169	81

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

With unit & physically located				Not physically with unit					
	Saigon	1 AIF	1 ALSG	Leave	Hosp	AWOL	Detn	Aust	Total
Offrs	2		7						9
WO's	2	1	5						8
OR'S	82	25	122	3			1		233
Total	86	26	134	3			1		250

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No	Rank	Name

Movement Details attached.

C. Boughton

(Signature) (Rank)
(C. BOUGHTON) (CAPT)

Admin Offr

(Appointment)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Unit..... 110 Sig Sqn

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (SPECIAL) REVISED JUN 68 as at 0800hrs Thu... 8 JUN 70.....

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

STRENGTH

	LSTB	POSTED STR
Offrs	9	10
WO's	10	8
OR's	232	229
Total	251	247

ARA/NS BREAK UP

	ARA	NS
Offrs	9	
OR's	157	81
Total	166	81

LOCATION OF POSTED STRENGTH

With unit & physically located				Not physically with unit					
	Saigon	1 ATF	1 ALSG	Leave	Hosp	AWOL	Detn	Aust	Total
Offrs	2	4	8						10
WO's	2	1	5						8
OR'S	80	25	121	3					229
Total	84	26	134	3					247

AHQ ATTACHMENTS

No	Rank	Name

Movement Details attached.

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 (Signature) (Rank)
 (C. DOUGHTON) (CAPT)

 ADMIN OFFR

 (Appointment)

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ANNEX I TO
 (MILITARY SERVICE) ACT
 1916 (No. 48)
 PART III - PARTIAL EXEMPTIONS

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

MARCH CUES

2785547 Opl STEVENS R.C.
 38743 " PEARSON J.R.
 2791746 1cpl THOMPSON G.B.
 44822 Sig KING A.R.
 215151/ Sgt INGLIS D.J.
 213242 " DUNN J.J.

TO

RCFD - DISCH
 2193/70
 2242/70
 2700/70
 2782/70
 2759/70

MARCH DIS

13341 Maj OVERSTRAD D.M.
 1735500 Sig GOWEN B.R.
 311547 Sgt DANE D.L.

TO

N/A
 2231/70
 2215/70

POST	STRENGTH	REMARKS
Office	2	
WO's	1	
OR's	20	
Total	23	

LOCATION OF POSTS

With unit & physically located	Not physically with unit	Total
Office	2	2
WO's	1	1
OR's	20	20
Total	23	23

AND ATTACHED

No.	Rank	Name
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

(Signature)
 (Rank)

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 (Appointment)

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

QUARTERED NOT RATIONED UNITS
IN SAIGON AREA

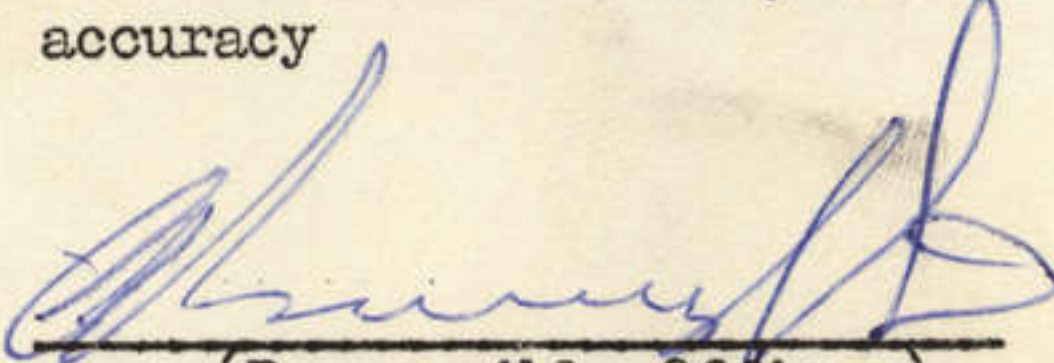
HQ AFV (For Financial Advisor)

UNIT : 110 SIG SON

Strength report for the month of: JUN 70

1. Unit Average Strength (See Note 1)
Offrs: 2.00 WOs: 1.90 ORs (less WOs) 69.03
2. Hospitalized (See Note 2)
Total bed days:
Offrs: _____ WOs: _____ ORs (less WOs) _____
3. Australian Combat Rations (See Note 3)
Total number consumed: _____

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


(Responsible Officer)

(C. BOUGHTON)
CAPT
ADMIN OFFR

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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ANNEX A TO
SECTION 2 TO
CHAPTER 2

RATIONED NOT QUARTERED UNITS
OUT OF SAIGON AREA

HQ AFV (For Financial Adviser)

UNIT: 110 SIG SON

Strength report for the month of: JUN 70

1. Unit Average Strength (See Note 1)

Offrs: 6.87 ORs (include WOs): 127.66

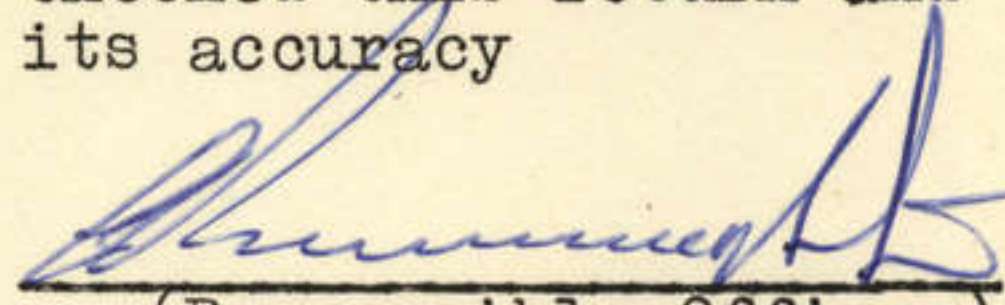
2. In country R and C Average Strength: See note 2)

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



(Responsible Officer)

(C. BOUGHTON)

CAPT

ADMIN OFFR

Notes for Complilation of Return

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

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

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

d. Add: Aust Philanthropic Representative.
Aust overnight Attachment/Transients.
Aust day leave/Duty Saigon.

e. Exclude: Anyone who is not Aust(HQ 26 Coy RAASC excepted).
Out of Country R and R.
In Country R and C.
Hospitalized Butterworth or RTA
AWOL personnel.
Overnight Detachments.

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

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

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

Office: _____
in Country B and C Average Strength (see note 2)
Office: _____
Australian Combat Rations (see note 3)
Total number consumed: _____

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

(C. BOUGHTON)
CAPT
ADMIN OFFR

Notes for Compilation of Return

Note 1: a. With the exception of the return rendered by HQ 25 Coy RAASC only Aust personnel are to be included.
b. HQ 25 Coy RAASC is to show separately members of the concessionaire's staff as well as Aust personnel.
c. The method of calculating average strength of the unit is to count the P, D, H, S (and R when the member is in unit lines for the period of rest) markings in Company Roll Books. Daily Parade State figures are not to be used.
d. Add: Aust Philanthropic Representative.
Aust over night Attachment/Transients.
Aust day leave/Duty Station.
e. Excluded: Anyone who is not part of HQ 25 Coy RAASC (excepted).
Out of Country B and C.
In Country B and C.
Hospitalised but worth or RTA.

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FM AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

TO 110 SIG SQN

BT

UNCLAS COMD02653 PERONAL FOR OC FROM COMAFV.

WOULD YOU PLEASE CONVEY MY THANKS TO 110 SIG SQN TAPE RECORDING CENTRE FOR
PRODUCING A TAPE FOR ME. THE PROGRAMME WAS WELL CHOSEN AND EXPERTLY RECORDED.

THANKS

BT

Enclosure 1

Annex I