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Statement by Commanding Officer

re change of command

[Nov 1966]

From: Lt Col R M C CUBIS

My Dear Brigadier,

You will reckl our various conversations regarding an entry the 1 ATF Commander's Diary for Nov 66 inserted by Brigadier O D JACKSON.

As the entry is misleading and could be regarded as derogatory to me, I feel myself obliged to set out, briefly, the circumstances under which I sought relief of command of 1 Fd Regt RAA.

These circumstances are given in the attached addendum, which I now request be attached to my own Commander's Diary, that is, to 1 Fd Regt RAA Commander's Diary, for 11 Nov 66

Brigadier E J H HOWARD Director of Staff Duties Army Headquarters Yours Sweely Suche

ADDENDUM TO 1 FIELD REGIMENT RAA COMMANDER'S DIARY

on 10 Nov 66, Brigadier Jackson attempted to countermand an order which I had given affecting the engagement of a target by 103 Fd Bty RAA. My order was designed to (and did) achieve the insurance of safety to our own troops. As I was and am not prepared to serve under a commander who not only countermands my orders without good reason, but also, does so and bypasses me, I sought to relieved of my command

signed

R M C CUBIS, CO 1 Fd Regt RAA as at

10 Nov 66

date

18 Sep 68