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SUBJECT: HONOURS & AWARDS

FOREIGN

SUN CITATIONS D Coy 604R

From G3 10 ARVN DIV

TO COMD.

Reference conversation this AM and difficulties discussed. Problem presently being handled in Saigon. Respectfully request roster of persons to be cited and corresponding citations as well as proposed ceremony. It would be appreciated if we could have these items tomorrow 28 Aug. Items could be forwarded through SA PAUOC TUY.

Citations

SRAR

CO
OC # Com.
OC A Com.
D Com 3.
APC Squ 1

Parade.

where
who.

RJ Tins Capt.

Itinerary for visitors

2 hrs. 0930 to 1130

Ceremony.

Briefing. HQ: ATF.

Visits

SRAR

BRAR

1 FA Ref.

Citations.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

R237/1/5

HEADQUARTERS
AUSTRALIAN FORCE
VIETNAM

29 Jun 68

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(A.L. MacDONALD)
Major General
Commander Australian Force
VIETNAM

Copy to: HQ I ATF ←

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Maj H. Smith 1 RNSWR (Cdo)

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(Preservation copy of following doc.)



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M E S S A G E

011730H - 9 - 1966

RAW Task Force



(12)

FROM: G3, III Corps

TO: 1st Royal Australian Task Force
(Request transmitted by MACV, III Corps)

INFO: G-3, 33rd DTA
G-3, MACV III Corps

TEXT No 1273/104/TC/M.

FIRST: The Chairman, NLC, the Chief Joint General Staff, RVNA and the Commanding General, III Corps and III CTZ will pay a visit to your Task Force on 2 Sept 66 in accordance with the schedule determined by the 10th Inf Division and your Task Force.

SECOND: There will be a presentation of award during the visit.

Major General LE NGUYEN KHANG
Commanding General
III Corps and III CTZ
Colonel NGUYEN THANH HOANG
Chief of Staff

(Signed and Sealed)

MAT



MAIL



ST. LOUIS, MO.
SEP 3 1917
P.M.

TO: THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FROM: THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

RE: [Illegible]

DATE: [Illegible]

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NOTE FOR FILE
6 RAR PARADE 2 SEP 66 FOR
CHIEF OF STATE

1. Chief of State arrived 15 mins early and departed 30 minutes earlier than Protocol office had requested.
2. Prior enquiries were made re Guard of Honour on arrival and 21 gun salute.
3. Honours, awards, decorations not given. Cigar boxes and dolls given in lieu; also a plaque for 1 ATF

K. Brown was;
DAA + QMG
3 Sep 66

Aus Task Force

MESSAGE

012300-9-66

FROM: G-3, III CTZ

TO: 1st Australian Task Force (through MACV III Corps)

INFO: G-3, 33rd DTA
MACV, III Corps

TEXT No 1281/104/TC/M.

Reference is made to Message No 1273, dated 1-9-66, III CTZ.

Request your Task Force rectify para 2 of the above message as follows: It was previously indicated that there will be an presentation of award; change to read: The award presentation will be replaced by the speeches of the Commanding General 1st Australian Task Forces and the Chairman of the Leadership Committee of the Republic of VN followed by a presentation of gifts. The rest remains unchanged.

For Maj Gen LE NGUYEN KHANG
CG, III Corps & III CTZ
Maj HOANG CONG THU
Field Grade Duty Officer

(S & S)

MAT



MESSAGE FORM

K719-1-5

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PRIORITY

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311235 Z Aug 66

From 6 RAR

To 1 ATF 2 APC Sqn 1 Fd Regt 703 Bty RAA
 105 Bty RAA 116 Bty PNMA 4 Bty 2/23 Arty
 1 Fd Sqn 5 RAR 3 CAS 1 ARU 161 Recce Flt
 9 Sqn RAAF

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 ADC to Comd 1 ATF Public Relations

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M. D. D. D. Capt
 Adj't C RAR

ANNEX 'A' to 6RAR

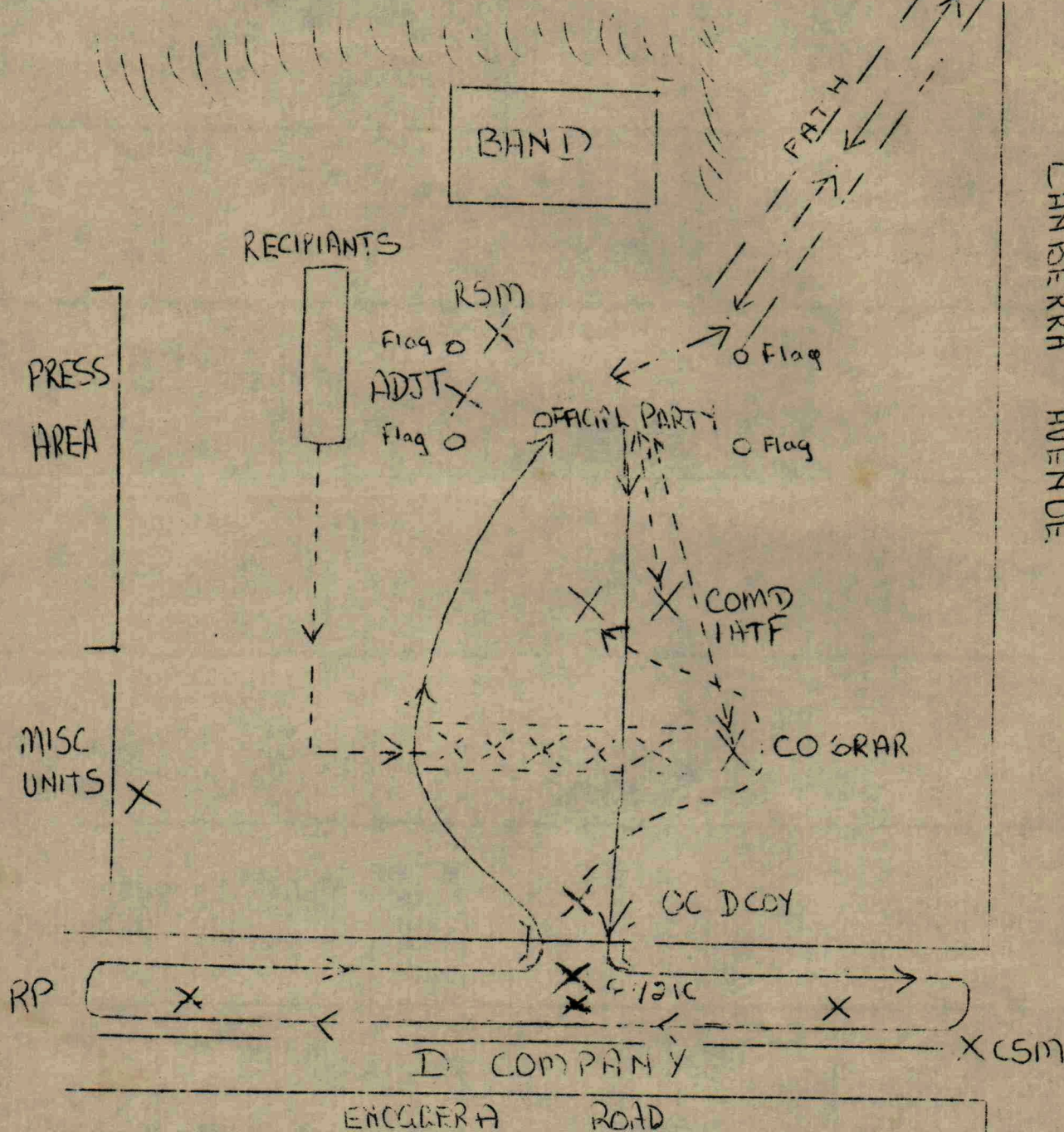
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(LHndt 31 Aug)

PARADE - PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

VEHICLES
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CAR PARK
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⊗ OFFICIAL PARTY RECEIVED AND DEPART

CANBERRA AVENUE



LEGEND - ROUTES

← → OFFICIAL PARTY ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

→ INSPECTION

--- MOVEMENT FOR PRESENTATION

AIR

LZ

amendment 31 Aug 66

Annex B to
6 RAR R719-1-5 of
30 Aug 66

PROCEDURE FOR PRESENTATION PARADE 2 SEP 66

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7.	"Stand at ease"	OC	
8.	"Attention"	OC	Official party met by CO and accompanies to dais. Approx 1020hrs.
9.	<i>Music</i> "Shoulder arms"	OC	
10.	<i>Music</i> "General Salute-Present arms"	OC	Band plays the Vietnamese National Anthem.
11.	"Shoulder arms"	OC	
12.	<i>Music</i> "Order arms"	OC	Stand at ease
13.	Inspection of D Company		CO and OC to accompany the inspection party.
14.	Recipients of awards <i>present</i> move into position		
15.	"Stand at ease"	OC	Until inspection party return to dais.
16.	"Attention"	OC	Comd, CO and OC move into position with recipients.
<i>Chief of State gives presents.</i>			
17.	Reading of citation - first group	Adjt	Chief of State positions himself in front of recipients.
18.	"Shoulder arms" "Present arms"	Coy 2IC	
19.	Presentation of awards	Chief of State	Band plays Vietnamese National Anthem on Coy 2ICs "Present arms"
20.	"Shoulder arms" "Order arms"	Coy 2IC	Comd moves to dais.
21.	Reading of citation - second group	Adjt	Chief of State positions himself generally in front of recipients.
22.	Presentation of awards	Chief of State	Individuals salute as Chief of State comes to their front.

*Speech by
Band
Chief of
State*

Serial	Action	Ordered by	Remarks
23.	"Stand at ease"	OC	CO moves to dais.
24.	Possible address by Chief of Staff		
25.	"Attention"	OC	Official party moves off accompanied by CO. OC salutes.
26.	Parade march off	OC	Dismissed by OC.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES



File No 719 1-5

6 RAR
NUI DAT
30 Aug 66

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MEMORIAL PARADE - 2 SEP 66

General

1. A memorial parade will be held on 2 Sep 66 at 6 RAR in recognition of the Battle of LONG DA 18 Aug 66.

2. The parade is to be divided:-

Part One - Church Parade attended by all units who supported or participated in Operation SMITHFIELD.

Part Two - Presentation of Vietnamese awards

3. Part two is to be confirmed.

4. Both parades will be static.

Location

5. These parades are to be held at the junction of Canberra Ave and Enoggera Road (entrance to Bn HQ).

Parade Commander

6. The parade commander for both activities is the Commanding Officer 6 RAR, Lt Col C M TOWNSEND.

Dress

7. Dress for both occasions:-

a. Officers

Hats KFF
Greens (shoulder boards)
Belt pistol and pistol (on left side with lanyard)
Boots GP

b. CRs

Hats KFF
Greens
Belt 37 Pat (Black)
Boots GP
SLR and side arms (sling black)

c. Lanyards are to be worn with greens.

d. Medals or ribbons are not to be worn

8. An empty magazine is to be placed on weapons for the duration of the parade, and will be removed at its conclusion. A charged magazine is to be carried in the right hip pocket.

Vehicle Traffic

9. RP Sgt to organise closing of roads and vehicle parking. Visiting vehicles to enter area from Canberra Avenue North.

Morning Tea

10. OC Admin. Coy to arrange morning tea for 200 at 0930hrs on Canberra Avenue, south of the RP check point.
11. At the conclusion of the presentation parade, all 6 RAR Officers and guests invited by FMC Officers Mess, will have morning tea in the 6 RAR Officers Mess.

PART ONE - CHURCH PARADE

12. Companies are to arrange maximum attendance commensurate with other duties. Approx numbers to RSM by 011500 Sep.
13. Other units who took part in Operation SMITHFIELD have been invited to attend.
14. Companies to be handed over to the RSM at the RP check point by 020830 Sep.
15. All officers attending are to report at 020830H to the Adjutant at the RP check point.
16. RSMs conference for briefing of compny CSM's, Band and RP Sgt at RSMs office at 011500 Sep.
17. The order of service will be issued at the parade.

PART TWO - PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

18. The presentation of Vietnamese awards will be made by General THIEN.

Layout of Parade

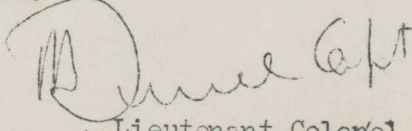
19. See Annex A.

Parade Sequence

20. See Annex B

Parade composition

21. a. 6 RAR
- | | | | |
|-------------------|----|---------|----------------------|
| D Coy | -- | 5 Offrs | 66 ORs (by platoons) |
| A Coy | - | 3 Offrs | 44 ORs |
| B Coy | - | } | Each 1 Offr 22 ORs |
| C Coy | - | | |
| Sp Coy | - | | |
| Adm/Bn HQ Element | - |) | |
- b. 5 RAR - Detachment of 1 Offr 20 ORs.
- c. Detachment of other units of 1 ATF. SC 'A' 1 ATF to advise unit of numbers/composition by 1600hrs 1 Sep 66.


Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

DISTRIBUTION

1 ATF (6)
5 RAR (2)
1 APC Sqn (2)
1 Fd Regt (2)
103 Bty RAA
105 Bty RAA
110 Bty PWZA
A Bty 2/23 Arty
161 Recce Flight
9 Sqn RALF
Comd 1 ATF
SC 'A' 1 ATF

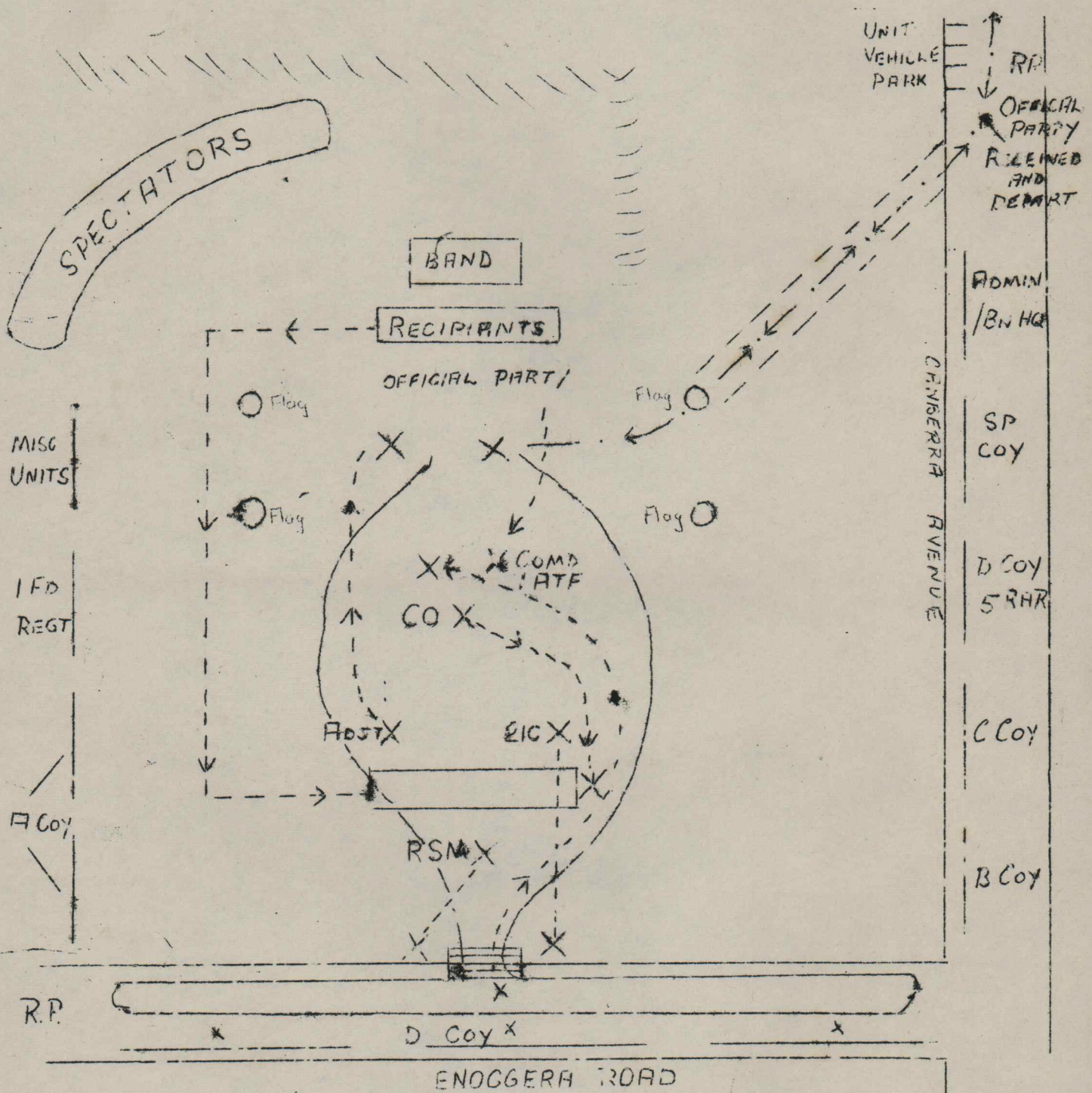
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ANNEX A TO 6RAR

119-1-5 of 30 Aug 66

MEMORIAL PARADE PART TWO - PRESENTATION OF AWARDS



LEGEND

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- INSPECTION PARTY ROUTE
- MOVEMENT FOR PRESENTATION

6RAR R.P.
CHECK
POINT

Annex B to
6 RAR 719-1-5 of
30 Aug 66.

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5.	"Stand at ease"	RSM	RSM hand over to Adjt.
6.	"Attention"	Adjt	Adjt hand over to 2IC.
7.	"Officers-Fall in"	2IC	Officers salute and move to respective positions.
8.	"Shoulder Arms"	2IC	
9.	"Present arms"	2IC	Parade commander is received on parade.
10.	"Shoulder arms"	2IC	2IC hands over to parade commander.
11.	"Order arms"	CO	
12.	"Stand at ease"	CO	
13.	"Attention"	CO	(Official party met by Maj Passey and directed to dais. Approx 1020hrs.
14.	"Shoulder arms"	CO	
15.	"General Salute-Present arms"	CO	Band play the Vietnamese National Anthem.
16.	"Shoulder arms"	CO	
17.	"Order arms"	CO	
18.	Inspection of D Company		CO to accompany the inspection party.
19.	Recipients of awards move into position		At concluding stage of inspection. 2IC, Adjt, RSM move into position.
20.	"Stand at ease"	CO	CO move into position with recipients.
21.	Reading of citation - first group	Adjt	
22.	"Attention"	Adjt	
23.	Presentation of awards	Chief of State	Band play Vietnamese National Anthem on Adjts "Attention"
24.	Reading of citation - second group	Adjt	Recipients of first group move to original parade location. Serial 15.
25.	Presentation of awards	Chief of State	
26.	"Stand at ease"	Adjt	CO, 2IC, Adjt and RSM move to original parade location. Serial 15.
27.	Possible address		
28.	"Attention"	CO	Official party moves off.
29.	"Shoulder arms"	CO	CO salutes CO hands over to 2IC.

Serial	Action	Ordered by	Remarks
30.	"Present arms"	2IC	CO departs
31	"Shoulder arms"	2IC	
32.	"Officers - fall out"	2IC	Officers salute, turn right and move off parade by shortest route.
33.	"RSM"	2IC	RSM reports to 2IC
34.	RSM dismisses the parade	RSM	

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26.	Parade march off	OC	Dismissed by OC.

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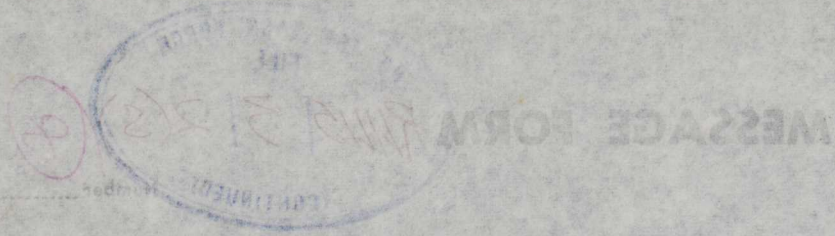


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30 Aug 66

PROCEDURE FOR PRESENTATION PARADE 2 SEP 66

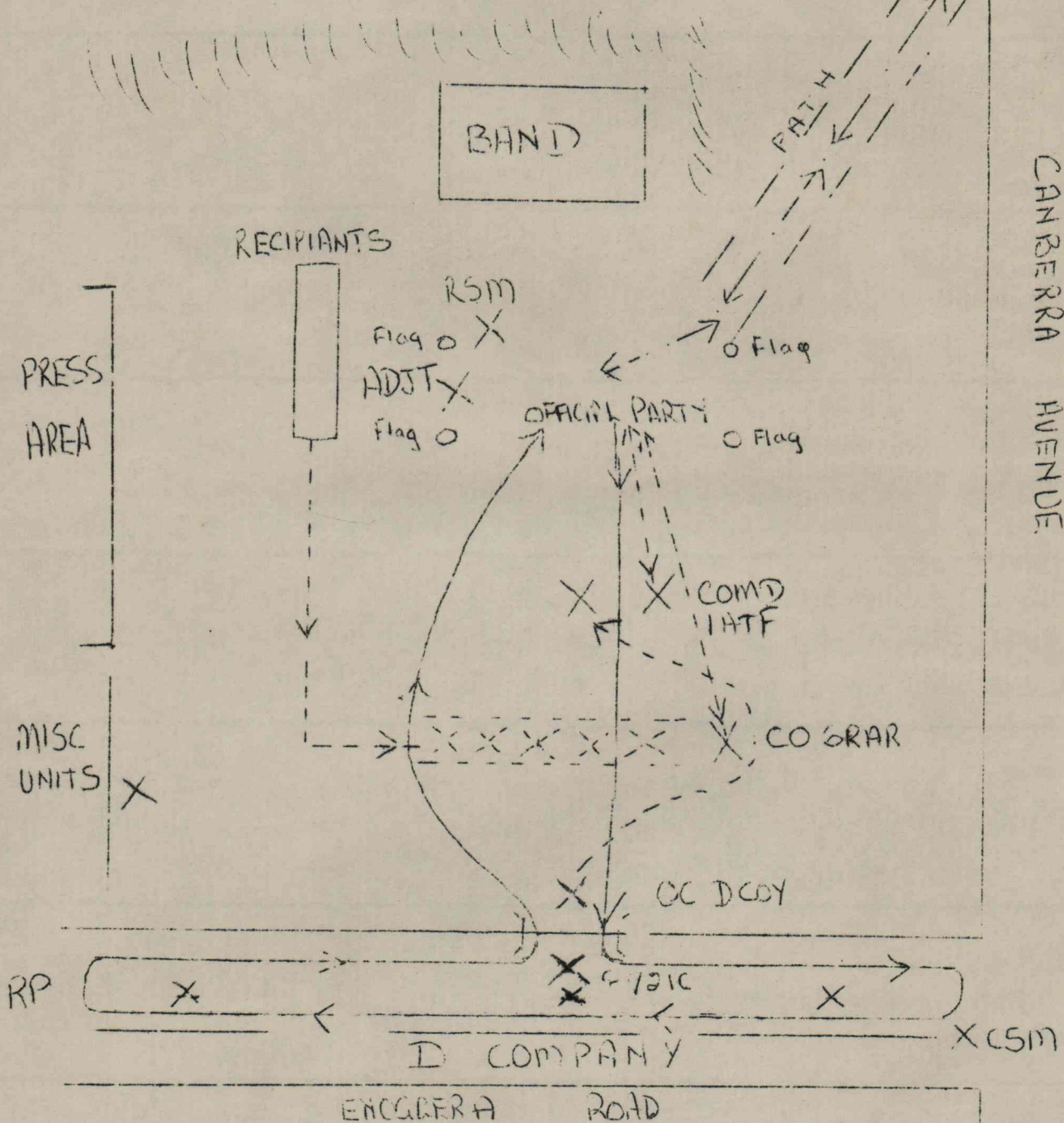
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ANNEX 'A' to 6RM2
 714-5 of 30 Aug 66
 (Amended 31 Aug)

PARADE - PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

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 ⊗ OFFICIAL PARTY
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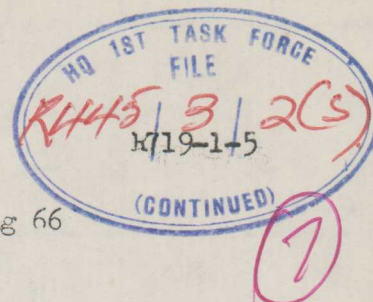
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- ← → OFFICIAL PARTY ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE
- INSPECTION
- MOVEMENT FOR PRESENTATION

⊗ 6RAR RP
 CHECK POINT

AIR
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MESSAGE FORM



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311235 Z Aug 66

From 6 RAR

To 1 ATF 2 APC Sqn 1 Fd Regt 703 Bty RAA
105 Bty RAA 116 Bty PWXA 4 Bty 2/23 Arty
1 Fd Sqn 5 RAR 3 CAS 1 ARU 161 Recce Flt
9 Sqn RAAF

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M. Russell Capt
Adj't C RAR

MESSAGE FORM



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From HQ 1 ATF. To 10 ARVN DIV			PREFIX GR SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SECRET ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER AQ 1293

Info 6 RAR
PA to Comd.

FOR MAJ GLASS(.) Visit of Chief of State to 1 ATF 2 Sept 66(.)First(.)
 Outline programme now proposed is(.) Alfa(.) Chief of State arrives
 Kangaroo LZ 0930 hours met by Gen Lu Lan and Comd 1 ATF(.)B Bravo(.)
 Move to Briefing tent HQ 1 ATF by vehicle arriving 0935 hours(.) Charlie(.)
 Briefing by Comd 1 ATF followed by light refreshments 0935 hours to 1015
 hours(.) Delta(.) Move to parade area cmm same as viewed 31 Aug cmm
 1015 hours to 1020 hours(.) Echo(.) Parade and presentation of awards
 1020 -1050 hours(.) Foxtrot(.) Return to Kangaroo LZ via vehicle
 1050 - 1100 hours(.) GOLF(.) Depart KANGAROO LZ via helicopter 1100
 hours(.) Second(.) Forum of parade(.) General(.) Regret only D Coy
 6 RAR will be able to be on parade(?) However DCCompany and Band 6 RAR
 will be on parade and parade site and general outline remains that as
 discussed 31 Aug(.) Sequence of parade(.) Alfa(?) Chief of State and
 official party arrives by vehicle and are met by Col TOWNSEND CO 6 RAR
 where vehicleshalts(.) CO 6 RAR escorts Chief of State to dais(.) On
 arrival of Chief of State at dais parade presents arms band plays SVN
 National Anthem(.) Parade shoulders arms orders arms on conclusion
 Anthem(.) Chief of State moves to inspect D Company accompanied by
 Commander 1 ATF and CO 6 RAR and is met by Maj Smith who salutes and

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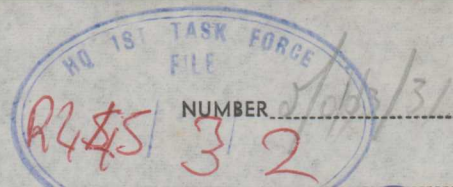
~~accompanies Chief of State on inspection of D Company(.) On completion of inspection Maj SMITH salutes cmm Chief of State moves to dais(.) Maj SMITH orders parade stand at ease cmm attention(.) Receipts of awards move to position in front of D Company(.) Chief of State when recipients are in position moves forward opposite Comd 1 ATF and Maj SMITH who salute(.) Adjutant 6 RAR reads citations for Comd 1 ATF and Maj SMITH and then orders parade to present arms cmm band plays SVN National Anthem cmm Chief of State presents National Orders to Comd 1 ATF and Maj SMITH(.) Adjutant 6 RAR orders parade to shoulder arms and order arms on conclusion(.) Chief of State moves to remaining group of recipients(.) Comd 1 ATF moves to rear of dais(.) Adjutant 6 RR reads citations for remaining ~~xxxx~~ recipients(.) On conclusion of reading ~~of~~ all citations each recipient salutes the Chief of State as he approaches to present each award(.) On conclusion of presentation Chief of State returns to dais(.) Maj SMITH orders parade to stand at ease(.) Chief of State gives address if he so wishes(.) Comd 1 ATF replies if appropriate(.) Maj SMITH orders parade to attention(.) Chief of State and official party move off to vehicles ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ by Col TOWNSEND ^① Chief of State and party move off in vehicles for Kangaroo LZ(.) Col TOWNSEND does not accompany at this stage(.) Third(.)~~

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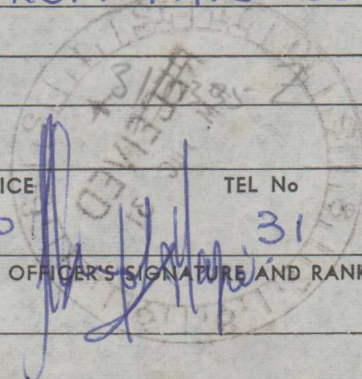
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To HQ IATF			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTD
			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER AQ 123

Info

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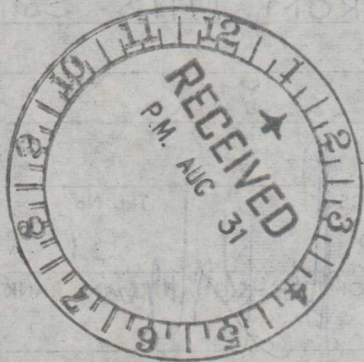


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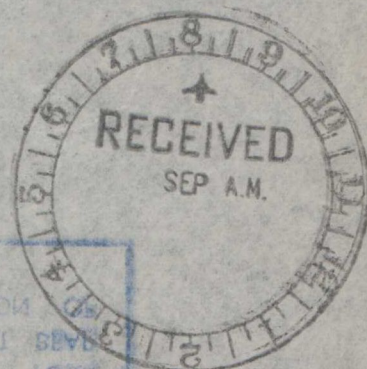
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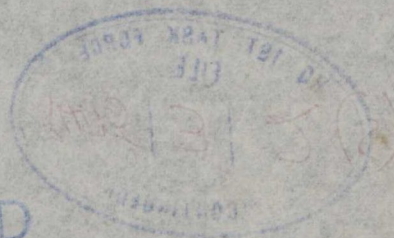
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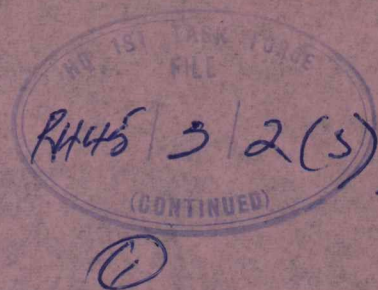
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28 August 1966.

HQ 10 ARVN Div (through Senior Advisor,
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REQUEST FOR CITATIONS ARISING OUT OF
D COY 6 RAR ACTION 18 AUG 66

1. Enclosed herewith citations as requested through your
liaison officer 27 August 1966 in respect of:

- Lt Col G.M. TOWNSEND, CO 6 RAR
- Maj M.A. SMITH, CO D Coy 6 RAR
- Capt G.S. HOLLISON, A/CO A Coy 6 RAR
- 2Lt D.R. BARKIN, CO 12 Pl D Coy 6 RAR
- 2Lt G. KENDALL, CO 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR
- Sgt R.S. BUIK, Pl Sgt 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR
- Cpl W.R. MOORE, Sec Comd, 5 Sec 11 Pl D Coy 6 RAR
- Cpl P.E. CLIMENTS, 1 APC Sqn.

2. Also enclosed is a proposed itinerary for the award
ceremony if it eventuates.

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17000 Lieutenant Colonel Colin Maurice TOWNSEND commanded Sixth Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment, when on the 18th August 1966 D Company of his battalion became engaged with a superior enemy force at Xa Long Tan in the Province of Phuoc Tuy.

Colonel TOWNSEND quickly appreciated the extent of the enemy threat. He speedily arranged the necessary fire support and then accompanied the reaction force of A Company and 3 Troop 1st Armoured Personnel Carrier Squadron to the scene of the engagement, who arrived just in time to destroy a further flanking assault on D Company.

Colonel TOWNSEND rapidly deployed A Company and B Company to cover the reorganisation and later the withdrawal of D Company.

Due to his accurate and timely intervention in the battle he was able to deploy his companies so as to disrupt further enemy attacks and force the enemy to withdraw leaving behind over two hundred dead.

In darkness and despite great difficulties he supervised the evacuation of casualties to a landing zone and skillfully directed the formation of the Battalion battle base and the application of artillery and aircraft supporting fires.

Commencing early in the morning of the 19th August and continuing through into the 21st August Sixth Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, under Colonel TOWNSEND command vigorously searched the battlefield for the remnants of the enemy.

His personal presence and calm control of the battle, inspired confidence in all ranks and enabled the battalion to inflict an overwhelming defeat on the enemy despite their greater strength as is attested by the large numbers of enemy dead, weapons and equipment left on the battlefield by the enemy.

6776 Major Harry Arthur SMITH commanded D Company Sixth Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment. On the 18th August 1966 D Company began a Search and Destroy Patrol in Phuoc Tuy Province.

During the company patrol the leading platoon contacted what appeared to be a small Viet Cong patrol in thick rubber. The enemy soon proved to be the vanguard of a regimental size force, and the platoon engagement developed into a company battle. The Viet Cong, attacking from two flanks and supported by intense mortar and recoilless rifle fire, soon penetrated between the leading platoon and the rest of the company.

Despite the intense and accurate enemy fire Major SMITH formed the remainder of his company into a small defensive perimeter from which he made repeated but unsuccessful attempts to relieve the leading platoon; whilst halting numerous attacks from both flanks on to his own position.

Throughout the action he directed the fire of his company and of his supporting artillery batteries with such effectiveness that the enemy finally disengaged and withdrew leaving behind over two hundred dead.

But for their determination and aggressiveness, D Company might well have been annihilated.

38281 Captain Charles Sydney MOLLISON was acting commander of A Company Sixth Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment on 18th August 1966.

The Company had just returned from a three day operation when it was ordered to move to the support of D Company then heavily engaged with a large enemy force at Xa Long Tan in the Province of Phuoc Tuy.

Captain MOLLISON quickly mounted his company in carriers of 3 Troop 1st Armoured Personnel Carrier Squadron and sped to the scene of the battle. On the way the force brushed aside enemy opposition and arrived in time to destroy, before it was launched, the last of many flanking assaults on D Company.

The assaulting enemy was taken completely by surprise by the aggressive and deadly attack of the armour and infantry.

Captain MOLLISON then advanced his company through D Company forcing the remainder of the enemy to withdraw thus permitting D Company to reorganize and collect their casualties.

The timely arrival, quick and aggressive action by A Company under the leadership of Captain MOLLISON contributed to force the enemy to withdraw leaving behind over two hundred dead.

At Xa Long Tan in Phuoc Tuy Province on the night of 18th August 1966 2781294 Second Lieutenant David Rae SABBEN commanded 12 Platoon D Company Sixth Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment. During the company engagement Lieutenant SABBEN lead 12 Platoon in a spirited and brave attempt to relieve 11 Platoon, then isolated by a superior enemy force.

Enemy fire from several directions prevented 12 Platoon relieving 11 Platoon, and they were obliged to vigorously beat off repeated enemy attacks on their flanks and rear.

Their gallant action enabled the survivors of 11 Platoon to fight back to their area. 12 Platoon then covered their withdrawal to the Company area. With only two sections, 12 Platoon fought off several heavy attacks, inflicting heavy enemy losses before withdrawing as ordered.

43433 Second Lieutenant Geoffery KENDALL commanded 10 Platoon D Company Sixth Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment.

On the night of 18th August 1966 at Xa Long Tan in the Province of Phuoc Tuy when 11 Platoon was engaged by a large enemy force, he lead his platoon in a vigorous and inspired attack into a vastly superior enemy force thus relieving the pressure on 11 Platoon.

10 Platoon later fought off the main onslaught of several large attacks inflicting very heavy casualties on the enemy.

The Platoon , as a group, performed with outstanding courage and remained fighting under adverse conditions until the battle was over. For a loss of four killed in action, the small arms fire of the platoon accounted for over 50 Viet Cong.

At Xa Long Tan in the Province of Phuoc Tuy on the night of 18th August 1966, 11 Platoon D Company Sixth Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment contacted a large enemy force. The platoon was heavily engaged and the platoon commander and many other members of the platoon were killed.

55106 Sergeant Robert Stanley BUICK took command of the remaining members of his platoon, who despite the fact they were outnumbered 10 to 1, inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, taking the onslaught of the initial main enemy attacks. Under his command, the 14 survivors, of the platoon fought their way back to the company position.

Sergeant BUICK showed outstanding leadership and personal courage. The platoon accounted for over twice their number in enemy dead before withdrawing in the face of superior numbers, giving the remainder of the Company time to consolidate and prepare for the attacks which followed.

5470 Corporal P E CLEMENTS, First Armoured Personnel Carrier Squadron, commanded the left forward carrier of the assault during the advance to relieve D Company, Sixth Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment, on the eighteenth August 1966.

An enemy company was contacted and all carriers came under heavy fire. Both Corporal CLEMENTS and his section commander were engaged by a machine gun. The Section Commander was knocked temporarily unconscious by a bullet graze. Corporal CLEMENTS engaged the enemy machine gun and was almost immediately shot through the chest.

Although seriously wounded he continued to engage the enemy gun; eventually killing the crew by overrunning the position before collapsing in his cupola.

Corporal CLEMENT's action undoubtedly saved the section and maintained the left flank of the assault.

Corporal CLEMENTS died of his wounds on the twenty seventh August 1966.

At Xa Long Tan on the night of 18th August 1966 in the Province of Phuoc Tuy 214543 Corporal William Richard MOORE commanded 5 Section of 11 Platoon D Company Sixth Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment when the platoon contacted a large enemy force.

Under his inspired command 5 Section held off superior enemy forces attacking the platoon position. Corporal MOORE controlled his section throughout ^{the battle,} and because of his section's outstanding effort, the enemy were unable to overrun the platoon position. The section of 8 men accounted for over 20 enemy with small arms fire before being ordered to withdraw with the remainder of the platoon.

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