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CONFD AUSTEO

May Ellis

INT 31760

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ROUTINE 040505Z AUG 72

FM ARMY CANBERRA

TO AUST GP VIETNAM

BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L INT31760 AUSTEO FOR AUST PROJECT OFFICER CMEC FROM DMI ON BEHALF DST(ARMY). YOUR INT1308 OF 011700Z AUG AND INT1313 OF 021005Z AUG 72 REFER.

1. THIS IS A MOST INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT. EYE HEARD IN LONDON THAT THE BRITISH WERE KEEN TO DO THIS BUT DID NOT THINK THAT IT WOULD HAPPEN DUE TO LOCAL ATTITUDE IN VIETNAM.

2. AM CONCERNED THAT BRITISH INITIATIVE MIGHT STRAIN QUADRIPARTITE RELATIONSHIPS IF KNOWLEDGE OF VISIT IS KEPT FROM US AND IS LATER DETECTED BY THEM. DO YOU THINK THE US KNOW OF THE VISIT QUERY. HOW DID YOU FIND OUT QUERY.

3. INSOFAR AS YOUR JOINING THE BRITISH TOUR IS CONCERNED I THINK THIS MIGHT BE UNWISE. IF THE US GOT TO KNOW OF THIS SECOND HAND IT MIGHT INJURE OUR RELATIONSHIPS. SECONDLY DO NOT INTEND TO ASK UK FOR REPORTS UNLESS IT IS CLEAR THEY WANT AUSTRALIA TO KNOW OF VISIT OR ALL CONCERNED HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR JOINING TOUR. PLEASE ADVISE

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FROM: Amtrap Vietnam

TO: Army Canberra

INFO: ATMHBOT

PREFIX: GR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: AQ 1696

FOR DMI PLS PASS DSTI ARMY (O) REF OUR TINT 1671 (O) NOT TO ATMHBOT (O) MODEL AND ESCORT DEPARTED SAIGON (O) ETA RICHMOND 171630 LOCAL (O) PLEASE CONFIRM RECEPTION WITH COPY ATMHBOT (O) ATMHBOT PLEASE ADVISE LCDL NAPPER PASSENGER ON BV623 DEPARTING 16 SEP OF RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS WHEN KNOWN

Internal CMEC proces off

FACT 1 OF 1 FACTS

FILE REFERENCE: 459-1-2

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CLASSIFIED: [X] YES [ ] NO

DRAFTER'S NAME: SHAW

OFFICE: DAA AMS

TEL. NO.: T4366

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IMMEDIATE		129725Z	

FROM: AUSTCP VIETNAM

TO: ATMA BOOK SIN

INFO:

PRIOR: CIR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: MOV 1689

REF OUR CONFIDENTIAL MOV 1675 OF 110215Z SEP 72 Ⓒ REQUEST CONFIRMATION ASAP Ⓒ KIWI B170 NON DEPARTING SAIGON 13080 (LOCAL) SEP 72 WITH MODEL AND ESCORT

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CYCLES TO MESSAGE: YES

CLASSIFIED: ☑ YES ☐ NO

DRAFTER'S NAME: MORLOCK

OFFICE: MOV

TELEPHONE: 5846

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ROUTINE		110705Z SEP 72	

TOR: C2

FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO:

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: T INT 1677

FOR DMI PLEASE PASS TO DSTI (ARMY)

FROM AUST PROJECT OFFR CMEC. REF YOUR CONFIDENTIAL INT 35781 OF 010515Z SEP 72. ANSWERS ARE.

ALPHA. NOMENCLATURE Pt 63/85 NOW USED BY CMEC CMM TAKEN FROM FIG 63/35 STAMPED INTO AFV GUN BREECH RING.

BRAVO. REGRET ERROR CMM FREQUENCY OF A 220 RADIO IS VERIFIED AS 20 TO 22.375 MHZ.

CHARLIE. 12.7 MG ON TURRET NO 767 HAS LIGHTER BARREL CMM CURRENT LOC OF AFV UNKNOWN CMM INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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MESSAGE FORM

DELTA. WILL CHECK Pt63/85 BARREL LENGTH NEXT TRIP CMM IT IS POSSIBLE MEASUREMENT PREVIOUSLY GIVEN EXCLUDES THE FUNCTIONAL LENGTH OF BORE EVACUATOR.

ECHO. INVESTIGATION AS FOR DELTA.

FOXTROT. ADDITIONAL INFO REGARDING Pt63/85 FWD YOUR LOC BY SEPARATE MEANS THIS DAY INCLUDES EST OF AMMO (SAA) STOWAGE.

GOLF. GUN STABILISATION APPEARS TO BE IN ELEVATION PLANE ONLY. FIRE DAMAGE IN TURRETS OF AVAIL AFVS MAKES INVESTIGATION DIFFICULT AT THIS TIME.

[redacted].

HOTEL. WILL INVESTIGATE. CONCENCUS OF CMEC OPINION IS THAT THIS IS A MODIFICATION OF THE SOVIET 14.5mm ZPU 1 AA MG WITH SHIELDING

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

CHICOM PRC MG TYPE 67

1. Herewith the report and photography covering the PRC MG Type 67.

2. The weapon is not yet available for release to CMEC. When it is available the Project Officer will attempt to obtain one for Australia.

(EJ ELLIS)
Major
Aust Project Offr CMEC

Enclosures: 1. Technical Intelligence Report
2. Photography

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

2ND T54 MBT COY, 203RD NVA ARMOURED REGT

1. Herewith a report forward in accordance with your request for information regarding NVA ORBAT.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

CHICOM LIGHT AMPHIBIOUS TANK Pt 63/85

1. Herewith some additional information regarding the subject report.

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Enclosures: 1. Report.
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ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: TINT 16 71

FROM: AUSTCP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO:

FOR DMI PLEASE PASS DSTI (ARMY)

OUR TINT 1636 FROM AUST PROJECT OFFR CMEC.

ONE MODEL WILL BE IN ~~CARE~~ CUSTODY

OF 45140 LCPL NAPPER

RTA C130 FLT BU 623 ARRIVING RICHMOND 171530

(LOCAL).

PLEASE ARRANGE RECEPTION AND HANDOVER.

TWO. PACKAGE IS 68 INS BY 12 INS BY 17 INS WEIGHT

73 POUND AND IS FRAGILE.

THREE. REQUEST YOU CONFIRM RECEPTION AND ENSURE

THAT MODEL IS RETURNED IN GOOD CONDITION

BY 6 OCT 72

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DRAFTER'S NAME: SHAW

OFFICE: DAMADMS

TEL NO: T4366

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8 Aug 72

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DMI (DSTI Army)
For Information
Hq AAAGV

TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT
MONTH OF AUGUST 1972

General

1. The purpose of this report is to describe the activities of the Project Officer CMEC during the period 1 Aug - 7 Sep 72 and to comment upon matters of technical intelligence.

Programme

2. a. 3-7 Aug - Accompanied the UK MOD technical intelligence party on its tour of MR I.

b. 8 Aug - Saigon.

c. 9-12 Aug - Negotiations in Huê and Đà Nẵng concerning the release of captured AFVs to Australia.

d. 13-20 Aug - Saigon. Preparation of reports including PT 63/85.

e. 21-28 Aug - Battlefield recovery and remedial maintenance on AFVs earmarked for presentation to Australia. Final negotiations.

f. 29-30 Aug - Saigon. Preparations for receipt of AFVs.

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g. 31 Aug - 4 Sep - Handover ceremony and preparation for sailing completed at Đà Nẵng.

h. 5 Sep - Saigon.

i. 6-7 Sep - Loading and sailing at Đà Nẵng.

British Technical Intelligence Party

3. The British Technical Intelligence Party consisted of the following officers:

a Major DDA Linaker - Ministry of Defence.

b Major PEHL Holte - Assistant Military Attache Saigon.

c Major EJ. Ellis - Australian Project Officer CMEC.

4. The programme was as follows:

a. 3-7 Aug - MR I concentration in Huế with major interest centred upon an evaluation of the Chicom M1967 APC and the Chicom PT 63/85. Other interests were Chicom small arms and Atk weapons.

b. 8 Aug - MR II concentration in Pleiku/Kontum - Not accompanied by Maj Ellis - interest believed to be T34 variants, ATGW 3 and SA7.

5. The principal results of this visit appear to be:

a. Closer relationships between the GVN and the UK Government including a

exchange of technical intelligence information and materiel possibly without the US being privy to the exchanges.

b. The completion of technical intelligence reports on the Chicom M1967 APC and the Chicom PT 63/85 which will be far more accurate and detailed than anything at present available to the USA. These reports by agreement will only be released to the USA with prior GVN approval.

c. An attempt to obtain the following materiel is anticipated to be imminent:

(1) Chicom M1967 APC

(2) SA 7

(3) RPG 2 and 7 series weapons and ammunition.

Procurement of Captured AFVs

4. Negotiations concerning the procurement of captured AFVs have taken up the greater part of the month of August and the first week of September. This report was delayed so as it could contain information on the actually departure from Vietnam of the items.

5. The AFVs are:-

a. one Soviet origin Chicom supplied T54 MBT; and

b. one Chicom origin M1967 APC

6. Both vehicles have been recovered from the Đức Lăng battlefield near Quảng Trị where they were captured under fire. The APC in particular shows ample evidence of penetration by hostile armaments. The equipments spent some time in various equipment collection points and back-loading points before a decision was made to present them to the Australian Government. As a result they have suffered the ravages of souvenier hunters, military vandals and the hostile climate. Many major items of equipment are missing. The principal emphasis in priority of work during the preparation of the vehicles for shipment has therefore been upon bringing the vehicles up to a reasonable standard of maintenance. Happily, this priority has resulted in both vehicles now being 'runners' despite their otherwise slightly derelict appearance.

7. Both vehicles will require further cleaning during guarantees in Australia. The period between handover on 1 Sep and sailing on 6 Sep was unfortunately attended by a tropical cyclone in Đà Nẵng which precluded detailed cleaning. While the GVN authorities accepted the expert assistance of the Australian Project Officer CMEC during maintenance activities completed prior to handover, it was thought imprudent to insist on a high standard of cleanliness until the vehicles actually passed into Australian custody. The advent of the cyclone thwarted this plan.

8. The actual hand-over ceremony was an occasion of high interest in GVN circles and among the local population at Đà Nẵng. The GVN appeared to take every opportunity to publicly reveal evidence that it does have allies other than the USA. This is particularly significant in the current atmosphere of NVA aggression in the Northern Provinces of MR I and no doubt was a factor in the ready acceptance of Đà Nẵng as the place of hand-over. It is unfortunate that the Australian Army PR release was as inaccurate as it was and should it become known to the GVN can only damage our relations. They are particular sensitive to press inaccuracies and the ramifications of suggestions that:

a. 'the tank was captured at Tam Ky' - see a map of the area. Huế would have had to be in NVA hands for this to occur!

b. 'the tank was trapped in a bomb crater and unable to pull itself out.' - No glory in capturing that one for the Airborne Division.

c. 'the APC is reported to have run out of fuel' - the vehicle was obviously captured after a fight as can be seen by its condition.

will not be lost upon them.

9. There has been a considerable amount of very favourable comment about the manner in which the Commander ADGV expressed the Australian Government's gratitude and honour at the Ceremony. Formation commanders and members of the SV marine and Airborne

were impressed by the request made by the Cond AAASV that soldiers of the capturing units should participate in the ceremony in order that he could personally thank them and present them with some small token of our gratitude. It is worth noting that a similar release of a Chicom T59 M8T made to the USA recently was not marked by any ceremony whatsoever and a rumour persists in Saigon that this release was for a period of only 12 months and involved the payment of $US 100,000:00. If this is true then the advantages of doing things our way are obvious and should be continued.

SA 7 'STRELLA'

10. With the recent capture of 14 SA 7s by ARVN units and their subsequent passage into CMEC custody, it was considered the time was opportune to again ask for SA 7 to be released to Australia for technical intelligence evaluation. At the same time it was made known to CMEC that a model or loan of a model was desirable for the period of the CGS Exercise. After some delay largely due to a change in ACofS J2 MACV and the departure on emergency leave of the incoming ACofS a reply was received which, among other things stated:

"Unfortunately, the United States Government has not received sufficient SA 7 missiles to provide resources for a minimum test programme. I'm sure that you will agree that it is better to conduct one complete exploitation program than to divide the available assets in order to conduct two programmes."

11. An SA 7 model has now been made available for loan to Australia until 15 Oct 72 at which date it must be returned to CMEC. The model is now in the hands of HQ AMAGV and will be moved to Australia by air under safe hand arrangements within the coming week. It is recommended that an officer be made available by DSTI (Army) to meet the courier on his arrival at Richmond Air Base for transhipment to Canberra and that similar arrangements be made for the return of the model. A lot may depend on how precisely we keep our end of the bargain and because the model and its packaging are both fragile every care should be exercised.

Swap Material

12. The current GVN policy is that new or unusual equipment when captured is put on display. The soldiers who actually capture the equipment accompany it on a tour of populated areas and this provides a welcome respite from the battlefield. The soldiers and indeed commanders at all levels are naturally reluctant to release any attractive kit. In addition, the ARVN is still relatively feudal in

nature with booty and spoils playing a significant part in maintaining the soldiers incentive to fight. For example, a ready market exists among base-employed US GIs for war trophies. As a result many things which are urgently required are with-held. In these circumstances it is naive to expect equipment to be readily forthcoming in exchange for a plaque or some other symbolic gesture and this problem is exercising our minds at present.

13. One suggestion which has some merit is that for any substantial piece of equipment a bounty or exchange be made. The bounty should be in the form of some attractive item such as a radio or watch made to officers or soldiers. The exchange is aimed at commanders specifically, and should be an item of unusual Australian equipment suitably mounted. The type of thing envisaged is an unserviceable 'Owen SMG' or 'SLR' which would be an unusual and attractive war trophy particularly if it bore the inscription;

"used by the Australian Forces in Phuoc Tuy Province (or Republic of Vietnam) 1962-1971"

(E J Ellis)
maj
Australian Project Officer CMEC

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ROUTINE		060530	Z Sep 72

FROM: AUSTGD VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO: FOR DMI Please pass to DSTI (Army)

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATORS NUMBER: TINT 1636

Our TINT 1485 of 190420Z Aug 72 CMM request for SA7 missiles.

ONE. Regret not possible to obtain SA7 at this time.

TWO. Have accepted US offer of loan of model SA7 for period Sep/Oct 72 CMM. Will advise mov details when firm.

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Routine		060345 Z	Sep 72

FROM: Austgp Vietnam

TO: Army Canberra

INFO:

PREFIX: GR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: Restd

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: AQ 1635

YOUR OPS 35825 PRESS RELEASE

CAPTURED AFVS@

ONE@ M113 · CAPTURED 12JUL72

CMM T54 CAPTURED 4JUL72@

TWO@ BOTH VEHICLES CAPTURED MAI LANG

NEAR QUANG TRI@

THREE@ M113 HAS BEEN HIT BY

ANTI TANK MISSILE OF SOME KIND AND

DAMAGE TO LEFT REAR IS QUITE

APPARENT TO EVEN CASUAL OBSERVER@

FOUR@ NO AMMUNITION IN VEHICLES@

FIVE@ TEXT OF LOCAL PRESS RELEASE IF ANY

BEING SOUGHT CMM UNDERSTAND EVENT WAS GIVEN

PUBLICITY BY LOCAL TV STNS@ WILL ADVISE

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ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: SD 1637

FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: DEFENCE CANBERRA

INFO: ARMY CANBERRA

FOR DEFENCE SCIENCE (.)

INFORMATION RECEIVED REGARDING SAM FIRING ON US ARMY HELE (.) QUOTE (.)

1. (C) AT 1645 ON 3 SEPTEMBER 72, A UH-1H ON A MISSION WAS SHOT AT BY AN SA-7 MISSILE.

2. (C) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED:

A. LOCATION: XS 031704

B. ALTITUDE AND AIRSPEED: 1200' AND 70K

C. NR RDS FIRED: 1

D. NR HITS TAKEN: 0

E. REPORTING UNIT: C/16 CAV

F. WEATHER: 1800' BROKEN

G. INDICATIONS OF MISSILE LAUNCH: FLASH ON THE GROUND, WHITE CONTRAIL.

H. COLOR OF SMOKE: WHITE

MACV 2100/1 (2-69)

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I; ANGLE OF LAUNCH; HIGH - BELOW AIRCRAFT

J; DIRECTION OF LAUNCH FROM AIRCRAFT NOSE; 8 O' CLOCK

K; MISSILE FLIGHT PATH; SPIRALING

L; MISSILE FLIGHT TIME; 2 SECONDS

M; AIRCRAFT EVASIVE MANEUVERS; NONE

N; MISSILE MISS DISTANCE ; 25 METERS; 8 O'CLOCK

O; MISSILE DID NOT DETONATE;

P; PILOT/ CREW OBSERVATIONS; SEE G; ABOVE

Q; AIRCRAFT WAS EQUIPPED WITH IR SUPPRESSION KIT;

3; (U) THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR THE WIDEST POSSIBLE DESSIMINATION;

4; (U) GDS DECLASSIFICATION DATE 31 DECEMBER 1978;

ARMY CANBERRA FOR AVN

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DRAFTER'S NAME: MEAD

OFFICE: G303

TEL. NO.: 3824

FILE REFERENCE: 454-4

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6 SEP 72 ..... Date

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the sum of ——— SEVENTEEN ——— dollars

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6 Sep 72

PAYMASTER
HQ AAAGV

INCIDENTIAL EXPENSES - ARMOURED VEHICLE HANDOVER

Ref A: OPS 35545 of 31 Aug 72.

1. Enclosed vouchers for grant to cover incidential cost involved in the handover of captured armoured vehicles at DANANG on 1 Sep 72.

(L.H. SHAW)
Maj
DAA&QMG

Enclosure: Annex A Detailed costing

ANNEX A TO
HQ AAAGV R459/1/2
DATED 6 SEP 72

DETAILED COSTING

1.	Two presentation plaques	12.00
2.	Two presentation cufflink sets	24.00
3.	Cigarette gifts	22.96
4.	Entertainment expenses	41.24
5.	Total	US$100.20

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From Major E J Ellis

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96222

Aust Project Offr CMEC
MQ AAAGV
AFPO1
GPO Sydney 2890
5 Sep 72.

DD 173 (Army)

EQPT IDENTIFIED IN COUNTRY FOR FIRST TIME

1. Enclosed are photographs of equipment identified in country for the first time. One is an AFV mounted AA gun and the other is a Chicom TLC. The vehicles have not yet been examined by me. DAI - USA has tentatively classified these vehicles as follows:-

a. T34 (63/37 dual AA gun) and
b. Chicom m1959 TLC.

2. Photographs of the Soviet ATS 59 already captured in country in quantity is enclosed for comparison with the m1959 TLC.

3. Further details will be forwarded when available

E J Ellis Maj
Aust Project Offr CMEC.

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TO: ARMY CANBERRA

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FOR DMI PLEASE PASS TO DSH (ARMY)
FROM AUST PROJECT OFFR CMEC.

FORWARDED TODAY PHOTOGRAPHS OF EGPT IDENTIFIED IN COUNTRY FOR FIRST TIME. THESE ARE AFV MOUNTED AA GUN TENTATIVELY CLASSIFIED AS T34 (63/37 DUAL AA GUN) AND CHICOM TLC TENTATIVELY CLASSIFIED AS M1959. HAVE INCLUDED PHOTOS OF SOVIET TLC ATS 59 FOR COMPARISON WITH M1959. WILL FORWARD DETAILS ON NEW ITEMS WHEN AVAIL. CMM PLEASE NOTE ELLIS HAS NOT SEEN THE ACTUAL EQPTS YET

AUTHENTICATION	RELEASE TO FOREIGN GOVT	ORIGINATOR NAME	DATE	TIME
[illegible]	NO YES ☐ NO	E J ELLIS	CMEC	924 3735

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FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

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ORIGINATORS NUMBER

T INT 1623

FOR DMI PLEASE PASS TO DSTI (ARMY)

FROM AUST PROJECT OFFR CMEC

HAVE INFO SUGGESTING THE EXISTENCE OF CHICOM FIELD GUNS TYPE 60 - 122 MM AND TYPE 66 - 152 MM WILL FORWARD DETAILS AND SOURCE SEPARATELY

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THIS REFERENCE

LINKS TO PREVIOUS REFERENCE

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☐ YES ☐ NO

DELIVERED NAME: EJ ELLIS

OFFICE: CMEC

TELEPHONE: 924 3735

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FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

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ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: T INT 1622

FOR DMI PLEASE PASS TO DSTI (ARMY)
FROM AUST PROJECT OFFR CMEC.

ANSWERS TO YOUR CONFIDENTIAL INT 35781 OF 100515Z SEP 72 WILL BE AVAL IN APPROX 7 DAYS. DELAY DUE CYCLONE IN MRI AND NEED TO CONCENTRATE OF PROBLEMS CONCERNING LOADING OF JOHN MONASH. PLEASE NOTE THAT ELLIS HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING BOTH AFVS PRESENTED BY GVN TO RON. BOTH ARE DEFICIENT MANY ITEMS OF EQPT AND MEASURES ARE UNDERWAY TO OBTAIN THESE. EXPECT JOHN MONASH TO SAIL TOMORROW

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TO: ARMY CANBERRA

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ROUTINE		050510Z Sep 72	

FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

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PREFIX: CR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED

ORIGINATORS NUMBER: T INT 1621

FOR DMI PLEASE PASS TO DSTI (ARMY)
FROM AUST PROJECT OFFR CMEC.
PROJECT OFFR ABSENT SAIGON FOR DUTIES ASSOCIATED
WITH JOHN MONASH AS FOL. ONE. 31 AUG - 4 SEP 72
. TWO. 6 SEP - 7 SEP 72

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FROM: Austgp Vietnam

TO: Army Canberra

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: Confidential

FOR DMI AND TPT (MOV) ⊙

Return of captured AFVS ⊙

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: AQ 1603

ONE ⊙ HANDOVER CEREMONY TOOK PLACE 1 SEP 72 AS PLANNED ⊙ AFVS NOW LOC DANANG PORT ⊙

TWO ⊙ VESSEL UNABLE TO LOAD AFVS DUE TO BAD WEATHER CHAM CURRENTLY AWAITING IMPROVEMENT IN WEATHER CONDITIONS ⊙

THREE ⊙ REPORT FROM MUST PROJECT OFFR INDICATES VESSEL HAS PROBLEM WITH OILER ⊙ DMI PLEASE PASS TO DSTI

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OFFICE: DMG DMS

TEL NO: Tel

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BRAVO. CHINESE M19 APC.

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TO AUST GP VIETNAM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L INT 35781

FOR AUST PROJECT OFFICER CMEC FROM DMI ON BEHALF DSTI(ARMY) PD PD

REFERENCE YOUR CHICOM APC AND LIGHT TANK REPORTS PD VERY MANY THANKS

FOR SUCH EXCELLENT WORK PD THER ARE SOME MINOR COMMENS AND UN

RESOLVED QUESTIONS ON THE LIGHT TANK PD

ALPHA IS THE MOMENCLATURE PT63/85 VIETNAMESE OR CHINESE

BRAVO FREQUENCY OF A220 RADIO IS NORMALLY 20 TO 22.375 MHZ

AND NOT 3 TO 5 MHZ AS YOU QUOTED PLEASE CHECK

CHARLIE THE 12.7 MM MACHINE GUN ON TURRET NO 767 IS NOT A

STANDARD SOVIET OR CHINESE COPY OF THE DSHK PD IT IS PROBABLY

BASICALLY THE SAME EXCEPT IT APPEARS TO HAVE A LIGHTER BARREL

CAPABLE OF QUICK CHANGE PD PLEASE INVESTIGATE AND SEND MARKINGS

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE STRIPPED GUN AND DESCRIPTION OF ANY OTHER CHANGES

DELTA YOUR FIGURE FOUR

LENGTH OF 85 MM GUN TUBE EXCLUDING THE

MANTLET A 2.57 METRES IS SURPRISING AS THE SAME MEASUREMENT OF THE

85MM GUN IN THE CHINESE TYPE 62 LIGHTTANK IS OF THE ORDER 2.9

METES PD IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THIS IS A NEW GUN OR A LIGHTENED

85MM GUN TO CUT DOWN BANALNCE PROBLEMS RECOIL FORCES TO REDUCE

POWER REQUIRED FOR POWER ELEVATION AND STABILIZATION IF ANY

ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU CAN DISCOVER ABOUT THIS GUN WOULD BE A

GREAT HELP PD SKETCHES OR PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE BREECH AND INSIDE

OF TURRET WOULD ALSO BE A GREAT HELP LD

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PAGE 2 RAYWC 279 C O N F I D E N T I AL

ECHO ACCEPTING YOUR FIGURE FOR GUN BARREL LENGTH OF 2.57

METRES AND OVERALL LENGHT OF TANK EXCLUDING GUN TO BE 7.16 M THEN

IF THE OVERALL LENGTH WITH GUN AT 12 OCLOCK IS TO BE 8.50 METRES

AS YOU STATE THE TURRET FRONT WOULD HAVE TO BE IN LINE WITH

THE REAR OF THE DRIVERS HATCH WHICH IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT PD

PLEASE INVESTIGATE THIS FIGURE OF 8.50 METRES PLUS ALSO WOULD

YOU GICE THE DISTANE FROM FRONT EDGE OF TANK TO TURRET FRONT AND

TURRET REAR TO BACK PLATE PD

FOXTROT IN YOUR ANALYSIS OF AMMUNTION STOWAGE YOU DID NOT GIVE

ANY FIGURES FOR THE AMOUNT OF 7.62.. AND 12.7MM MACHINE GUN

AMMUNITION CARRIED

GOLF YOU INDICATE IN YOUR REPORT THAT THERE MAY BE SOME FORM

OF SUN STABILISATION PD CAN YOU PLEASE CONFIRM THIS AND

IF THERE IS WHICH MODE PD TRAVERSE CMM ELEVATION OR BTTH QUERY

HOTEL IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS THERE

IS A SOVIET APC BTR 50 PK STANDING

NEXT TO TANK NO 767 ON THE APC THER IS A STRANGE BOX OR SHIELD

ON THE REAR DECKING PD PLEASE INCESTIGATE

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TO RAMARL/AUSTGP VIETNAM

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BT

UNCLAS OPS35825 CAPTURED ARMOURED VEHICLES. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED IN CANBERRA TONIGHT

QUOTE. TWO ARMOURED FIGHTING VEHICLES CAPTURED DURING THE CURRENT NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFENSIVE WILL SHORTLY ARRIVE IN AUSTRALIA.

THE TWO VEHICLES, A HEAVY TANK AND AN ARMOURED PERSONNEL CARRIER, HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY BY SOUTH VIETNAM.

THE TWO WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED ON THE SAME DAY, APRIL 27, ABOUT A HUNDRED MILES APART.

THE TANK WAS CAPTURED AT TAN MY BY SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARATROOPERS AND THE APC WAS TAKEN NEAR HUE BY A UNIT OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE MARINE DIVISION.

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BBOTH VEHICLES ARE IN NEAR PERFECT CONDITION, HAVING BEEN ABANDONED BY THEIR CREWS.

THE TANK WAS TRAPPED IN A BOMB CRATER AND WAS UNBALE TO PULL ITSELF OUT, WHILE THE APC IS REPORTED TO HAVE RUN OUT OF FUEL DURING BATTLE. UNEXPENDED AMMUNITION WAS FOUND IN BOTH VEHICLES.

THE CAPTURED TANK WEIGHS 36 TONS, HAS A CREW OF FOUR AND IS ARMED WITH A 1ØØMM GUN AND THREE MACHINE GUNS. IT IS FITTED WITH A 52Ø HP V12 DIESEL ENGINE AND IS CAPABLE OF A SPEED OF 3Ø MPH.

LITTLE IS KNOWN OF THE ARMOURED PERSONNEL CARRIER. IT IS OF RECENT CHINESE MANUFACTURE, DESIGNED TO CARRY INFANTRY AND PROVIDE THEM WITH PROTECTION FROM SMALL ARMS FIRE. IT IS ARMED WITH ONE MACHINE GUN AND IS AMPHIBIOUS.

ON ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA THE VEHICLES WILL GO TO THE ARMY DESIGH ESTABLISHMENT IN MELBOURNE WHERE THEY WILL BE TECHNICALLY EVALUATED.

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FM AV JOHN MONASH

TO AUST FORCE VIETNAM

BT

UNCLAS A649. ADVICE REQUIRED URGENTLY DETAILS OF BERTHING AT NEXT PORT OF CALL. VESSEL WILL BE AT HALF DOLLAR IN SEVEN HOURS

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FROM: (AS) AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: JOHN MONASH.

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED

ORIGINATORS NUMBER: SD 1595

BERTHING DANANG (.) INFO REC FROM MAJ. ELLIS CMD PORT FREQUENCY 5100 (.) PORT AUTHORITIES DO NOT WISH YOU TO BERTH UNTIL EXPECTED TROPICAL STORM PASSES (.) ~~HE~~ IS TRYING TO PROCURE CHAINS AND SHACKLES CMDR EXPECTS TO SUCCEED (.) ACK

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TO AUSTGP VIETNAM

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R E S T R I C T E D OPS35824. RETURN OF CAPTURED EN EQUIPT

M. REF OUR

OPS35624 OF 3106457 AUG 72. REQUEST CONFIRM URGENTLY THAT TANK AND APC HANDED OVER TODAY BY GVN. INFO REQUIRED TO ALLOW PRESS RELEASE TO BE MADE HERE IN TIME FOR SATURDAY MORNING PAPERS

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FROM: AUSTGP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

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ORIGINATORS NUMBER: SD/594

RETURN OF CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIP (RESTRICTED OPS) REF YOUR OPS 35824 OF 010712Z (S) TANK AND APC WERE HANDED OVER THIS DAY BY GVN

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FILE REFERENCE: 459-1-2(5)	CLASSIFIED: ☒ YES ☐ NO	MILLICAN	SCA	14680

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Info ARMY CANBERRA
ATMASIN

1. ETA DANANG 021100 SEP 72 LOCAL. 2. VESSEL WILL REQUIRE 3 SETS
(12 CHAINS AND SHACKLES) TANK LASHINGS.
3. CAN YOU ADVISE BERTHING ARRANGEMENTS.
4. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED OF ANY CHANGE TO ETA

Pass to Maj Ellis

CMEC Fd HQ DANANG 8 - 957 - 4817
by phone 1400h 31 Aug 72

1. Maj Moyes arriving 021100 Local
2. Require 3 sets tank lashings (12 Chain + shackles)
3. Please advise berthing details
4. Will update ETA as necessary

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RAYAFL/ARMY MOV MELBOURNE

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FOLIO
30 AUG 1972

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOV35388 RETURN OF CAPTURED AFVS TO AUSTRALIA. REF AUSTGP VIETNAM AQ 1552 OF 260440Z AUG 72 NOTAL.

ONE. MAX EFFORTS TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE RETURN OF AFVS DOES NOT CONTRAVENE QUARANTINE REGULATIONS. EQPTS TO BE CLEANED TO MAX EXTENT POSSIBLE OF ALL SOIL AND VEGETABLE MATTER BEFORE LOADING BY THOROUGH WASHING AND CMM IF POSSIBLE CMM BY STEAM CLEANING

TWO. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER QUARANTINE UNTIL CLEARED BY DEPT OF HEALTH OFFICIALS AT PORT OF DISCHARGE. MOV DET AT PORT OF DISCHARGE TO ADVISE HEALTH AUTHORITIES OF REQUIREMENT FOR QUARANTINE CLEARANCE AND TO EFFECT NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS

THREE. MELBOURNE PREFERRED PORT OF DISCHARGE FOR AFVS. HOWEVER CMM ACTUAL PORT OF DISCHARGE DEPENDENT ON CLN

ALFA. SUITABLE FACILITIES FOR UNLOADING AND QUARANTINE CLEARANCE

BRAVO. POSSIBILITY INDUSTRIAL ACTION

FOUR. FOR ARMYMOV ADDRESSEES. EQPTS ARE

ALFA. ONE BY T54 MBT. WT CMM APPROX 40 ST

RAVO. ONE BY 1967 MODEL APC. WT CMM APPROX 11 ST

FIVE. FOR AAAGV. REQUEST ADVISE FULL DETAILS OF WT (IN SHORT TONS) AND DIMENSIONS TO ALL ADDRESSEES ASAP

SIX. FOR ARMYMOV MELBOURNE FOR MAJ BLUMENFELD. APPRECIATE EARLIEST ADVICE REF MATTERS PARA 3 ABOVE

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PRIORITY		300900 Z	Aug 72

FROM: Austgp Vietnam

TO: Army Canberra

INFO:

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: TINT 1580

YOUR MOV 35388 O

ONE O WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO REMOVE ALL SOIL AND VEGETABLE MATTER FROM EXTERIOR OF VEHICLES CMM BUT CONSIDER THAT THEY WILL STILL REQUIRE FINAL CLEANING ON ARRIVAL O

TWO O WEIGHTS AND DIMENSIONS O

alpha O T54 O LENGTH 25 FT CMM WIDTH 11 FT CMM HT 8 FT CMM WT 40 SHORT TONS O

bravo O M1967 O LENGTH 20 FT CMM WIDTH 10 FT CMM HT 8 FT CMM WT 12 SHORT TONS

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FILE REFERENCE: R459-1-2

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PRIORITY		310315Z Apr 72	

FROM: Aust Sp Vietnam

TO: Army Canberra

INFO:

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFD

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: SD 1585

for DAI O from INT 350940 Gen HFV O

ABC rep has indicated intention to send down story and possibly film on handover of HFVs O when he first contacted us he knew types of HFV and method of Tpt O he has been given some unclas info on vehicles O

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PRIORITY		300430	2 Aug 72

FROM: Austgp Vietnam

TO: Army Canberra

INFO:

PREFIX: GR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: & CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: AQ 1577

your INT 27755 of 10 Jul 72
our INT 1217 of 24 Jul 72

Request approval to expend dollars five hundred Australian for incidental expenses involved in ceremony associated with handover of captured AFVs. expenses to be vouchered. this does not include expenses likely to be ~~incurred~~ incurred for loading of AFVs onto vessel. from those will be advised when and if account is received for hire of crane

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ROUTINE		3005202 AUG72	

FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO:

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATORS NUMBER: TINT 1S 78

FOR DMI PLEASE PASS TO DSTI (ARMY)

FOL REPORTS AND PHOTO TO YOU THIS DAY • ONE • M1967 CHICOM APC CMM 130MM HE SOVIET AMMO CMM CHINESE 85MM HE AMMO CMM CHINESE 57MM RCL AMMO CMM SOVIET MODEL ZD STEREOSCOPIC RANGE FINDER CMM BTR 50P MODEL II APC • TWO • PHOTOS • PRESENT CONDITION OF T54 AND M1967 BEING PRESENTED BY GUN TO AUST CMM ADDL INFO PT63/85 CMM ADDL INFO M1967 APC

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P 2900207 AUG 72

FM ARMY CANBERRA

TO AUSTGP VIETNAM

BT

HQ AAAGV REGISTRY
DAA 4849
R 459- 1-2
FOLIO 64

C O N F I D E N T I A L INT35094 EN AFV. YOUR SD 1556 DTG 2803207 AUG .

ONE. APPROVAL GRANTED TO DOWNGRADE SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF FACT THAT AUST ARMY OBTAINING EN AFV FROM GVN. ANY RELEASE YOU MAKE SHOULD BE COORD WITH GVN SO AS NOT TO STEAL THE LIMELIGHT.

TWO. SUGGEST ADVICE TO AUST PRESS BE ALONG FOL LINES QUOTE IN APPRECIATION OF AUST SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN THE DEFENCE OF THEIR COUNTRY AGAINST AGRESSION FROM THE NORTH CMM THE GVN ARE GIVING AUSTRALIA TWO CAPTURED EN AFV. THE TWO VEHICLES ARE A TANK (T54) AND AN APC WHICH WERE CAPTURED BY GVN FORCES DURING THE CURRENT NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFENSIVE. BOTH VEHILCES WILL BE RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA FOR INSPECTION OF EVALUATION UNQUOTE.

THREE. ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF MOVEMENT CMM NATURE OR QUANTITCMQ OF OTHER ITEMS ALSO BEING OBTAINED AND DEFENCE/ARMY INTEREST IN DETAILED TECHNICAL EVALUATIOCH ARE TO REMAIN CLASSIFIED

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PRIORITY		280320 Z	Aug 72

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FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO:

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFD

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: SD 1556

for DAIO

GVN intends to hand over captured AFVs in Danang with [redacted] publicity. Ca 1 Sep. O matter has been treated to date as classified. O Aust news reps in Saigon are asking questions. O Request matter be downgraded to UNCLAS. O reply urgently

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ORIGINATORS NUMBER
TINT 1553

FROM: AIRTGP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO:

DMI FOR PASSAGE TO DSTI ARMY FROM PROJECT OFFR @ CMEC@ ONE@ WHUE OBTAINED QTY FOUR ROUNDS T54 AMMN CMM QTY TWO ARE HE CMM QTY TWO ARE APHY@ TWO@ AM ATTEMPTINS TO OBTAIN APHE ROUNDS CMM 85 MM RDS AND GUIDANCE SYSTEM SAGGER

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PRIORITY		[redacted] 26	

FROM: AUSTGP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

[redacted]: JOHN MONASH

PREFIX: GR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: [redacted] CONFIDENTIAL

OUR [redacted] AQ 1533 O

ORIGINATORS NUMBER: AQ 1552.

ONE O DATE OF HANDOVER AFVS 1 SEP 72 LOCATION DANANG O REQUEST VESSEL BE IN POSITION FOR PICK UP PREFERABLY AFTERNOON OF 1 SEP ALTERNATIVELY OR MORNING OF 2 SEP O

TWO O FOR JOHN MONASH O PLEASE CONTACT THIS STATION WHEN IN RANGE TO CONFIRM ITINERARY O FREQUENCY AND CALLSIGN AS ARRANGED WITH FIRST SIG.

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PRIORITY		250700 Z	Aug 72

FROM: Austgp Vietnam

TO: Army Canberra

[redacted] John Monash

Ref one ⊙ alpha ⊙ Army Canberra MOV 34649 ⊙ bravo ⊙ John Monash G 610 Notal ⊙

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: Confidential

ORIGINATORS NUMBER: AQ 1533

one ⊙ Tentative date for [redacted] handover of AFVs in 1 Sep 72 comm location DANANG ⊙ two ⊙ will confirm on return of Australian project officer from DANANG on 29 Aug 72

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FM ARMY CANBERRA

TO AUST GP VIETNAM

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HQ AAAGV REGISTRY
R 454-1-2
FOLIO 59

23 AUG 1972

C O N F I D E N T I A L INT 34286 FOR AUST PROJECT OFFICER CMEC FROM DMI ON BEHALF DSTI(ARMY) REFERENCE YOUR REPORTS ON SAGGER ATGM CMM GRAIL SA7 CMM AND CHICOM 130 MM GUN. MANY THANKS FOR THESE THEY ARE A GREAT HELP. OUR COMMENTS ARE.

ALPHA. SAGGER. PHOTOGRAPHS OF CONTROL UNIT AND PERISCOPIC SIGHT. PERSICOPE SHOULD BE ROTATED THROUGH 180 DEGREES SO THAT OPERATOR CAN TRACK THE MISSILE USING THE JOYSTICK FORWARD OF THE OPTICS.

BRAVO. GRAIL. NO COMMENT.

CHARLIE. CHICOM 130 MM OUR ASSESSMENT NOW IS THAT THIS IS A DEV-ELOPMENT OF D74 EMPLOYING STRENGTHEND GIW MOUNTS AND REC/S 7034-594 OF GREATER CAPACITY IN ORDER TO WITHSTAND GREATER FORCES TRANSMITTED BY LARGER SLIDING MASS OF 130 MM TUBE AND BREECH CMM OR HIGHER GUN PRESSURE. ITOULD YOU CONFIRM OVERALL LENGTH OF TUBE FROM BREECH FACE TO MUZZLE EXCLUDING MUZZLE BRAKE. ALSO OUTSIDE DIMENSIONS OF TUBE AT MUZZLE AND AT POINTS WHERE IT CHANGES. ARE THEY SIMILAR TO M46 OR D74. APPRECIATE ALSO IF YOU COULD SEND RUBBINGS OR PHOTOGRAPHS OF ANY CHINESE CHARACTERS. (THIS ALSO APPLIES

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TO ALL CAPTURED MATERIEL). REALISE ALL THIS MAY BE ASK NG TOO MUCH BUT ANY OF THIS INFO WILL BE A GREAT HELP

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: SO 1527

FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM
TO: DEFENCE CANBERRA
INFO: ARMY CANBERRA
AIR CANBERRA

FOR DEFENCE SUENCE(.)

INFORMATION RECEIVED REGARDING TWO SAM FIRINGS ON US ARMY HELES(.)
QUOTE
ALPHA(.)

1. (C) AT 1430 ON 19 AUG 72, A UH-1M ON A CA MISSION WAS SHOT AT BY AN SA-7 MISSILE.

2. (C) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED:

A. LOCATION: AT 932254

B. ALTITUDE AND AIRSPEED: 5000'/80K

C. CO. RDS. FIRED: 1

D. NO. HITS TAKEN: 0

E. REPORTING UNIT: ANTI-TANK PLATOON, 1ST AVN BDE

F. WEATHER: PARTLY CLOUDY (4000 SCATTERED, 10,000 SCATTERED) SLIGHT HAZE

G. INDICATIONS OF MISSILE LAUGNCH: SMOKE TRAIL FOR APPROX. 1000' BEHIND MISSILE.

[redacted]

H. COLOUR OF SMOKE: WHITE

I. ANGLE OF LAUNCH: 70 DEGREE

J. DIRECTION OF LAUNCH FROM AIRCRAFT NOSE: 3 O'CLOCK

K. MISSILE FLIGHT PATH: STRAIGHT

L. MISSILE FLIGHT TIME: 15 SEC

M. AIRCRAFT EVASIVE MANEUVERS: NONE

N. MISSILE MISS DISTANCE: 3/4 MILE

O. MISSILE DETONATED WHEN IT FELL BACK TO EARTH.

P. PILOT/CREW OBSERVATIONS: MISSILE CLIMBED TO APPROX. 7000', THEN FELL BACK TO EARTH. MISSILE APPEARED TO BE SHORTER THAN A 2.75" FFAR, BUT LARGER IN DIAMETER

Q. AIRCRAFT WAS EQUIPPED WITH I.R. SUPPRESSION KIT.

3. (U) THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR THE WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION.

4. (U) GDS DECLASSIFICATION DATE 31 DECEMBER 1978

~~SECRET~~ (NOFORN) (C)

1. (C) AT 1435 ON 18 AUG 72, A UH-1H ON A DCS MISSION WAS SHOT AT BY A SUSPECTED SA-7 MISSILE.

2. (C) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED:

A. LOCATION: YT5804

B. ALTITUDE AND AIRSPEED: 3000'/85K

C. NO RDS FIRED: 1

D. NO HITS TAKEN: 0

E. REPORTING UNIT: 120 CAC

F. WEATHER: 3500 SCATTERED TO BROKEN

G. INDICATIONS OF MISSILE LAUNCH: FLASH ON GROUND

H. COLOR OF SMOKE: GREY

I. ANGLE OF LAUNCH: 45 DEGREE

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J; DIRECTION OF LAUNCH FROM AIRCRAFT NOSE; 9 O'CLOCK

K; MISSILE FLIGHT PATH; STRAIGHT

L; MISSILE FLIGHT TIME; 2-3 SEC

M; AIRCRAFT EVASIVE MANEUVERS; 90 DEGREE RIGHT DESCENDING TURN

N; MISSILE MISS DISTANCE; 50' -60'

O; MISSILE DID NOT DETONATE

P; PILOT/CREW OBSERVATIONS; CE WAS THE ONLY CREWMAN TO SEE MISSILE; SAID THAT HEAD WAS LIGHTER THAN BODY

Q; IR SUPPRESSION KIT WAS INSTALLED ON THE AIRCRAFT;

3; (U) THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR THE WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION;

4; (U) GDS DECLASSIFICATION DATE 31 DECEMBER 1978;

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FM ARMY CANBERRA

TO AUST GP VIETNAM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L INT34016 FOR AUST PROJECT OFFICER COMEC FROM DMI ON BEHALF DSTI(ARMY). IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME TIME BEFORE JOHN MONASH RETURNS TO VIETNAM WE THINK IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ACCUMULATE SOME FURTHER ITEMS OF CAPTURED EQUIPMENT FOR RETURN.

TWO. THE FOLLOWING CMM WHICH INCORPORATES PREVIOUS REQUESTS IS A GUIDE TO COLLECTION, AND IS ADDITIONAL TO ITEMS ADVISED IN YOUR INT1211 OF 24JUL72.

ALFA. CHINESE 12.7MM AAMG (IF NOT WITH APC)

BRAVO. CHINESE COPY OF SOVIET ZPU2 14.5MM AAMG

CHARLIE. SOVIET ZU23-2 AAMG

DELTA. CHINESE 12.7MM AND 14.5MM AMMO VARIOUS TYPES.

ECHO. SOVIET 23MM APIT AND HEIT AMMO

FOXTROT. CHINESE TYPE 67LMG

GOLF. CHINESE 82MM MORTAR

HOTEL. ADDITIONAL ROUNDS 60 AND 82MM MORTAR AMMO WITH FUZES NVA

AND CHINESE.

INDIA. 100MM TANK AMMO HE CMM HEAT AND APHE

JULIET. NVA RPG7 AND RPG2 FRAGMENTATION ROUNDS

KILO. ADDITIONAL 122MM AND 107MM ROCKETS WITH FUZES

LIMA. ADDITIONAL M1943 7.62MM AMMO

MIKE. ADDITIONAL AK47 ASSAULT RIFLES

NOVEMBER. SA7 GRAIL WITH LAUNCHER

OSCAR. NVA STEEL HELMETS

PAPA. NVA BULLET PROOF VESTS

QUEBEC. THICKENER FOR LPO FLAME THROWER FUEL

ROMEO. CHINESE HF SOLID STATE TRANSCEIVER

SIERRA. CHINESE VHF SOLID STATE TRANSCEIVER

TANGO. CHINESE RESPIRATOR MOULDED RUBBER WITH INTEGRAL FILTER AND SPEECH TRANSMITTER.

UNIFORM. CHINESE TYPE 65 82MM RCL.

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FROM: AUSTCP VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO:

FOR DMI. PLEASE PASS TO DSTI (ARMY)

FMEN: CR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: T INT 1486

REF YOUR CONFIDENTIAL INT 33734 OF 180100Z AUG 72 • ONE • PROJECT OFFR CMEC AWARE OF REQUIREMENT FOR NO PUBLICITY CMM IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH ARVN IN MRI CMM WILL ADVISE DETAILS AND DATE WHEN AVAL • TWO • NO EVIDENCE OF CHINESE TYPE 62 LMG CMM CHECK WITH US AND UK SOURCES SUGGESTS THIS COULD BE A REF TO CHINESE TYPE 1967 COUNTERPART OF SOVIET 7·62 mm RPK/PK CMM IF SO IT IS NOT AN ORIGINAL CHINESE DESIGN BUT A ~~RE ARRANGEMENT~~ CONGLOMERATE OF PARTS FROM OTHER LMGS • REPORT FOL ASAP

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ROUTINE		190402Z AUG72	

FROM: AUSTAG VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO:

PRIORITY: GR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: TINT 1485

FOR DMI PLEASE PASS TO DSTI (ARMY)

• SA 7 STRELLA • HAVE LODGE FORMAL REQUEST FOR SA7 AS BELIEVE TIME NOW MOST OPPORTUNE DUE CAPTURE OF 14 SA7 YESTERDAY • HAVE ALSO REQUESTED MODEL IN LIEU PENDING RELEASE OF MISSILE • HOPE TO HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU BY CES EXERCISE

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UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96222

Project Officer CMEC
HQ AAAGV
AFPO 1
GPO Sydney 2890
20th August 1972

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DSTI (Army)

CHICOM 1967 APC

1. Herewith some supplementary notes and photography on the Chicom 1967 APC. The notes have been written in amplification of the CMEC intelligence report on this AFV. The CMEC report has been completed by a USA officer and will shortly be available for distribution.

2. These notes have been prepared by the Aust Project Officer CMEC.

(EJ ELLIS)
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R 180100Z AUG 72

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TO AUST GP VIETNAM

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HQ AAAGV REGISTRY
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C O N F I D E N T I A L INT33734 FOR AUST PROJECT OFFR CMEC FROM DMI AND DSTI (ARMY) PD REF YOUR INT 1464 DTG 160605Z AUG 72 PD

ONE PD WHILST WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE JGS ARVN FOR PRESENTING US WITH THE T54 AND APC M1967 CMM WE WOULD PREFER THAT NO PUBLICITY IS GIVEN PD HOWEVER REALIZE THIS MAY BE UNAVOIDABLE PD REQUEST HOWEVER THAT NO REPEAT NO MENTION IS MADE OR ALLUDED TO OF INTELLIGENCE EXPLOITATION OF VEHICLES OR OF JIO OR ARMY TECH INT INVOLVEMENT PD

TWO PD JIO/DMI ALSO CONCERNED THAT UNNECESSARY PUBLICITY COULD HAVE POLITICAL AND/OR INDUSTRIAL REPERCUSSIONS DURING RETURN VOYAGE OF AV JOHN MONASH PD PRESENTATION OF AMF PLAQUES TO CAPTURING UNIT AND/OR TRANSFERRING AUTHORITY MAY HELP ALLEVIATE SOUR PROBLEM AND SATISFY ARVN OF OUR GENUINE GRATITUDE DESPITE RETICENCE ON PUBLICITY PD PLAQUES CAN BE DESPATCHED AS SOON AS YOU INDICATE THAT THEY HAVE VALUE PD

THREE PD HAVE INFO FROM BRITISH SOURCE OF POSSIBILITY OF CAPTURE

OF CHINESE TYPE 62 LMG PD HAVE NOT HEARD OF THIS BEFORE PD HAVE YOU ANY INFORMATION INCLUDING WHETHER THIS POSSIBLE NEW WEAPON IS A COPY OF A SOVIET TYPE EG RPK OR A NATIVE CHINESE DESIGN PD

FOUR PD PLS ADVISE CMM INCL FIRM DATE OF AVAILABILITY OF AFV

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ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: SD 1470

FROM: AUST GP VIETNAM

TO: DEFENCE CANBERRA

INFO: ARMY CANBERRA

DEPAIR CANBERRA

FOR DEFENCE SCIENCE (.)

INFORMATION RECEIVED REGARDING TWO SAM FIRINGS ON US ARMY HELES (.) QUOTE

1, (C) AT 1715 HRS 11 AUG 72 A UH-1H ON A DOS MISSION WAS FIRED ON WITH AN SA-7 MISSILE,

2, (C) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED:

A, LOCATION: WS 9862

B, ALTITUDE AND AIRSPEED: 4000'/90K

C, NO, RDS FIRED: 1

D, NO HITS TAKEN: 0

E, REPORTING UNIT: 12TH CAG

F, WEATHER: 1500' SCATTERED, VSBY UNLIMITED

G, INDICATION OF MISSLE LAUNCH: SMOKE TRAIL

H, COLOR OF SMOKE: WHITE

I, ANGLE OF LAUNCH: 20 DEGREES

J, DIRECTION OF LAUNCH FROM NOSE OF AIRCRAFT: 3 O'CLOCK

K, MISSILE FLIGHT PATH: STRAIGHT

L, MISSILE FLIGHT TIME: 2SEC

M, AIRCRAFT EVASIVE MANEUVERS: HARD LEFT DESCENDING TURN

N, MISSILE MISS DISTANCE: 20', 4130 POSTION TO AIRCRAFT NOSE,

O, MISSILE DID DETONATE

P, PILOT/ CREW OBSERVATIONS: SAW WHITE SMOKE TRAIL

Q, THE I/R SUPPRESSION KIT WAS INSTALLED ON THE AIRCRAFT.

3, (U) THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR THE WIDEST DISSEMINATION POSSIBLE,

4, (U) GDS DECLASSIFICATION DATE 31 DECEMBER 1978,

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SECOND FIRING (-)

1. (C) AT 0945 HRS 13 AUG 72, AN AH-1G ON A VR MISSION WAS SHOT AT BY AN SA-7 MISSILE.

2. (C) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED:

A. LOCATION: XT 742432

B. ALTITUDE AND AIRSPEED: 1400' AND 85K

C. NO. RDS. FIRED: 1

D. NO. HITS TAKEN: 0

E. REPORTING UNIT: F/9 CAV

F. WEATHER: 1500' BROKEN

G. INDICATIONS OF MISSILE LAUNCH: SMOKE, VAPOR TRAIL

H. COLOR OF SMOKE: WHITE

I. ANGLE OF LAUNCH: 30

J. DIRECTION OF LAUNCH FROM AIRCRAFT NOSE: 7 O'CLOCK

K. MISSILE FLIGHT PATH: STRAIGHT, APPEARED TO BE HOMING.

L. MISSILE FLIGHT TIME: 2-5 SEC

M. AIRCRAFT EVASIVE MANEUVERS: 180 TURN AND DIVE TO TREES.

N. MISSILE MISS DISTANCE: 50-100 METERS, 9 O'CLOCK.

O. MISSILE DID NOT DETONATE.

P. PILOT/CREW OBSERVATIONS: NEG

Q. THE IR SUPPRESSION KIT WAS INSTALLED ON THE AIRCRAFT.

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4. (U) GDS DECLASSIFICATION DATE 31 DECEMBER 1972 (-)

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• ONE • EVAC OF AFVS FROM OP AREAS

• TWO • CURRENT MIL SIT IN AND AROUND DA NANG

• THREE • JGS INTENTION TO ARRANGE HANDOVER CEREMONY INCL FILMING AND PRESS COVERAGE

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DMI (for DSTI Army)

SOVIET SURFACE TO AIR GUIDED MISSILE.
SA 7 STRELLA

Reference: A. AHQ Confidential Int 32146 of 080215 Z (Aug 72)

1. CMEC advises that the report prepared on the SA 7 missile is not yet available for distribution outside the USA. It will be forwarded as soon as it becomes available.

2. Efforts are being continued toward obtaining a missile and launcher complete for evaluation in Australia.

3. Photographs released by CMEC are enclosed.

Enclosure. 15 photographs.

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SOVIET ANTI-TANK WIRE GUIDED MISSILE
AT-3 SAGGER

Reference: 1. AHQ Confidential Int 32146 of 080215 Z (Aug 72)

1. Herewith a report and photography completed by CMEC on the above equipment. The report is not a good one and it is hoped a better one will be available soon.

2. CMEC has been unable to assess the launcher and guidance equipment. However they regard it as being of modern modular component construction well up to the current state of the art in the world today. It has been returned to the USA for evaluation.

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Enclosure: Report and ~~20~~ 19 photographs.

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DMI (For DSTI Army)

CHICOM 130MM GUN

REFERENCE: A. Army Canberra Confidential Int 32834 of 110505Z Aug 72.

GENERAL: 1. (C) Two Chicom 130mm guns and one D74 122mm gun are available for comparisons in MRI. They are all in poor condition as a result of air and ground assaults by fire employed in the capture of them. Parts of the gun shields, elevation gear, traversing clear, and gun laying instruments are missing on each of them and the recuperators of one 130mm gun and the D74 gun have been ruptured.

2. (C) Reference A was not received until the project officer returned to Saigon. However, this report does contain much of the information required. Instruments to carry out the bore tests described in Reference A are not available at the moment and an attempt is currently being made to obtain them.

MARKINGS: 3. (C) The markings given in Annex A were taken from the breech blocks of the 130mm guns.

RECUPERATORS:

4. (C) The 130mm recuperators are similar in almost every respect to those on the D74 gun examined. The right-hand recuperator in each case is thinner and longer than the left-hand one. Average dimensions are:

	130MM		D74	
	RH	LH	RH	LH
a. Length:	60 5/8 in	58 3/4 in	60 5/8 in	55 3/4 in
b. circumference:	18 3/4 in	22 1/8 in	17 in	22 1/2 in

NOTE: These measurement were obtained with a small tape and are not expected to be precise. They will be rechecked when calipers are available.

5. (C) In each case the two recuperators are separated by a small cylinder which contains the recuperator fluid reservoir. Small diameter metal tubes provide for transfer of fluid between all three cylinders. A thin metal shield covers the forward half of the recuperators system.

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RUN-OUT INDICATOR: 6. (C) Each type employs the same type run-out indicator. This is mounted on the breech ring shield on the left hand side.

7. (C) A description of this indicator is given at Annex A.

BREECH BLOCK AND BREECH RING:

8. (C) Both the breech block and breech ring are of similar design and operation for each gun. The only apparent difference is that the 130mm breech ring is longer than that of the D74.

9. (C) Both have vertical sliding wedge breech blocks fitted with two extractor arms. The breech is opened by a mechanical lever mounted on the right-hand side. It is locked open by luggs on the extractor arms which lock into recesses in the breech ring. The breech is closed by the action of the cartridge case rim carrying the extractor levers forward. After firing the breech opens automatically on run-out.

10. (C) Dimensions of the breech rings are:

		130MM	D74
a.	Length:	21½ inches	18 inches
b.	Width:	19½ inches	19½ inches
c.	Height to clino planes	13 3/4 inches	13 3/4 inches

NOTE: The breech blocks could not be removed for detailed comparisons but appear to be identical. There are two clinometer planes on each type; one longitudinal; one horizontal. They are mounted at right angles to each other in the left-hand rear corner of the breech ring top.

ELEVATION GEAR:

11. (C) Elevation of both types of gun is by means of a rack and pinion gear centrally located under the gun barrel and mantlet. There are two leveling pistons; one on each side of the elevation rack. These are connected at the base through a ball and socket arrangement to a substantial metal bar. The 130mm gun has these pistons connected at the base by a thin metal tube while the D74 does not.

12. (C) Drive to the elevation rack is transferred from a handwheel through a worm and bevel gear.

TRAVERSING GEAR:

13. (C) In each case the gun pivots on a central post and platform and is moved in azimuth by a telescopic cylinder actuated by a handwheel drive. The telescopic cylinder is connected to the gun by means of a half-universal joint and bar. The action of the cylinder contracting and expanding moves the gun. The gun trail is also similar to that of the

D74 gun in that it is split with each leg having a small solid wheel. When mounted these wheels permit the gun bo be rapidly moved through 360°.

CARRIAGE, FRONT JACK AND LEVELING DEVICE: 14. (C) These are each similar for both guns. The only detectable difference is in the circumference of the levelling pistons. These measurements are:

a. D74 external measurement: 15 inches

b. 130mm external measurement: 16¼ inches

CALIBER: 15. (C) A positive caliber check is yet to be completed. (see also gun markings Annex A).

BARREL: 16. (C) Both the 130mm and D74 guns have similar barrels and muzzle brakes. The 130mm gun has a longer barrel. Dimensions are:

	130mm	D74
a. Barrel length incl muzzle brake 22 in:	18 ft 1 inches	14 ft 11 inches
b. Circumference at mantlet:	32½ inches	32½ inches
c. Circumference of mantlet under the piston heads:	48 inches	48 inches

AMMUNITION: 17. (C) No ammunition has been positively identified as being peculiar to this gun nor is it yet known wheter the Soviet 130mm ammunition can be fined from it.

SUMMARY: 18. (C) The Chicom 130mm gun differs from the D74 gun in the following ways:

a. Caliber (yet to be confirmed)

b. Markings

c. Right-hand recuperator circumference

d. Breech ring length

e. Connection for fluid by-pass at base of levelling pistons

f. Levelling pistons external circumference

g. Barrel length

CONCLUSION: 19. (C) The Chicom 130mm gun is an adaption of the D74 gun and not a copy of the M46 Soviet 130mm gun.

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Annexures: A. Gun markings etc.

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ANNEX A TO CHICOM 130 MM
GUN REPORT - 16 AUG 72

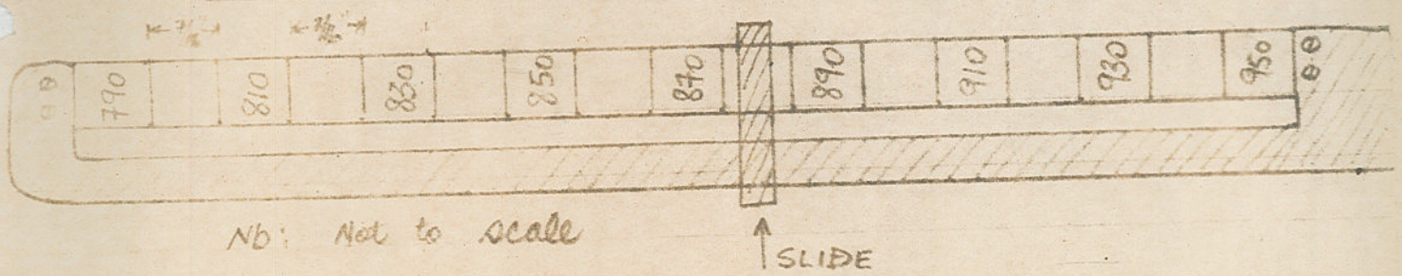
DETAILS

1. Gun breech block markings 130 mm guns.

59 - 1 - 130 M
(17)
No 30051

59 - 1 - 130 M
(17)
No 20174

2. Run-out indicator 130 mm and D74 guns



Nb: Not to scale

SLIDE

3. Barrel marking on one 130 mm gun

a. Muzzle brake
MB 30051 (Nb = Gun Breech No.)

b. Barrels

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