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Annex A
Circ No 2

BC's TAC HQ's LOG
IOS FD BTY RAA
OP SYDNEY I, II 6-23 JUN 66
PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

HMS
or
Unit.....

BC - IOS FD BTY RAA

Name of Circuit or Net.....

Operating Position.....

FCC - RAR

Date from 6 JUL 19 66

Date to 23 JUL 19 66

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR KEEPING THE WIRELESS OPERATOR'S LOG

1. The Wireless Operator's Log is to be written up in pencil and in original only. This log is used by Wireless Operators in each Service.
2. The log will normally be kept by the operator himself, whether messages are recorded by hand or typewriter.
3. If, on frequencies on which messages are recorded by typewriter, circumstances are such that the operator is unable to record messages and keep the log, for example, on a fast Broadcast Service, the log is to be kept by the rating or other rank responsible for decrypting call-signs or delivery groups. He will enter the detail required by the following instructions, obtaining them from the typewritten record passed to him by the operator.
4. On taking over the watch the operator is to sign the log and make a note of the frequency in use. Any subsequent alteration in frequency is also to be noted, together with the time at which it was made; this entry to be underlined. On relief the operator is to sign the log immediately after the last entry, inserting the time.
5. Only the identities of messages which are recorded on message forms are to be entered in the log, together with the times of receipt.
6. Messages transmitted to or from the operator's station which are not recorded on message forms are to be ENTERED IN FULL IN THE LOG.
7. Data sufficient to identify all other calls, messages, answers, signals or signs transmitted or received on the frequency in use are to be entered in the log.
8. During silent periods, entries are to be made in the log at least every 15 minutes to indicate whether the receiver is working satisfactorily or not.
9. When logging Voice transmissions, the logging abbreviations listed inside the back of the cover are to be used. Voice call-signs may be abbreviated to one or two letters, and/or figures, taking care not to choose letters which are the same as the other abbreviations. When a complete record of Voice transmissions is made by typewriter, times of receipt and message identities only need be entered.
10. The strength of signals of each station heard is to be noted at the first opportunity after the operator comes on watch. Any subsequent changes in strength of signals are to be entered.
11. Any interference experienced, with the cause if known, strength and other details is to be noted. Details of any unauthorized transmission heard are also to be noted.
12. Times are to be inserted in the left hand column at frequent intervals but not necessarily against each entry. Times are to be inserted against all entries referred to in 5 above.
13. The Signal Officer is responsible that this log is properly kept and that its confidential nature is preserved. He will inspect the log daily.

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Date.....

Time

1130.

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070655

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✓ 1045

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Date 6 - 7 - 1966 Own Callsign 19 Place OP. SYDNEY

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
1130.			c/s 19 and Battalion HQ moved out on OPERATION 'SYDNEY'. COY's moved out. previously at APPROX. 1 hour intervals.	
1030			F/H 4 found grave GR 418 710 6 months old	
1500.			ARRIVED. at destination at GR 43157060 no incidents on move.	
			Final loc stats. c/s 1 GR 412 707	
			BHQ + c/s 2 GR 431 706	
			3 GR 418 717	
			4 GR 418 710	
1530			F/H 4 found unexploded bomb GR 417 713	
1815	COO 1-2-95	19	TIDDER TINTRUNK PASSED	
			DF FIRST ON LIST FOR C/S 1 TGT P 123/	
2015	19-2-1	19	TINTRUNK. ORIG 19 DTO 061815 Hrs SER 5-7-8-9-10-11 up graded to Mike Targets	
070655	AHLSTHS	+	Time check	
0707	14	19	F/H 4/54 moving now.	
0715	1-19	1	Bty commenced to move to new loc. 1st lift	
0935	CG 11	1	1 Ready. ALPHA.	
✓ 1045	1-2	95	FM RIGBT GR 443657 S A FIRE AT FAC	
1055	13-19	13	Coy commenced to move.	

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Place 431705

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending or Message Identity
	To	From	
1105	11-19	11	A coy commenced to move
1110	14-19	14	D coy commenced to move.
1320	19	12	Stadia returned to F/H 9's roc complete task later.
1330	19	1	Bdy position at CR431705
1448	ALL STAFF	+	Time check
1817	19	19	ready on photo grid
1959	1-19-95	19	Sudder TT 9 serials.
1947	-	-	H/E D Coy, VC camp 6 mth old. Burial huts. 3 graves of 415725
2115	1-19-95	19	roc stats F/H Surrey this c/s c/s 1 & F/H 2 CR431705 F/H c/s 1 CR389 710 CR431 706 B 397 735 4 415 724
2110	19-1-95	19	PP1139 mound 150 north 1142 100 West 1339 200 north
			all ser TT upgraded & approved

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Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
2125	BTYCP	FCC	Sitrep HQ 1 as at 072130H Enemy - no contacts or sightings whatsoever. Own Ips - loc stats as sent at 072115H F/H 1,394 will commence their search of area fold tomorrow. Communication difficulty being experienced to c/s 11, 9 & 13 and due to nature of terrain & vegetation is not likely to improve. Adm - Expect further 300 rds ammunition tomorrow.	

BC's Note : Salient Points 072145H.

1. Guns moved by M113 APC's in two lifts of 13 (total sorties 26) carrying full tac load and 650 rds ammo (boxed). Mov proceeded satisfactorily.
2. ~~Regt~~ Theatre grid provided by Regt Svy Panel, team of 4
 - a. Orientation : Simultaneous obsn of sun. and
 - b. Fixation : Tellurometer from BP loc on NUI DAT
 Pl had some double finding posn of intervisch-
-clit, & to NUIDAT

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	To	From					
	3. Gun	posn	protected by B Coy		Asst Pers		
	and	ATR	PL (Bu HQ)		- also loc within		
					complex)		
	4. Silent	policy	enforced		ie. NO firing.		
	from	posn	until		auth by col SRAR.		
					Reasons:		
			a. Continuation		deception policy		
			to convince		VC NO guns on posn		
					to		
			b. Achievement		of tac surprise		
			(ie. VC		will not think we will not		
			move		and of rgt of guns loc Nui DAT		
			as he		does not (?) know presence of		
			guns		this area.		
	5. Bty,	posn	is set in		banana plantation		
			giving		excellent cov from obsn		
			NUI		ONG CAU and NUI NGHE features		
	6. During		the course		of the day CO/BC		
			discussed		possibility of op extending		
			to		WEST (ie. foothills of NUI ONG CAU) or		
			to		NORTH (ie. west of BINH BA rubber		
			plantation.		Due to a lack of APC's (?)		
			CO		wants to move only one		
			see		guns in APC's fwd if move is we		
			Adv		hed against this because		
			a. 1, 3		or 6 guns still make a		
					very attractive tgt and		
			b. Lack		of fire sp when he is		
			outside		of rgt of re-inforcing		
			arty		of Nui DAT.		

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Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	or Message Identity
	To	From		
			c. Inspecter of how many guns moved a coy is still smallest possible force unit that would be required. Therefore he would not be gaining any significant increase in his reserve forces.	
080755			Gr 394746	2+ VC sighted by IATF
080803	1,19	12B	FH 23	+ 12B moving
0809	1,19	13	Moving	
✓ 0824			HABU strike grid 395744. FAC RTO had difficult comm with abu FAC and HABU CONTROL (IATF loc). FAC switched to C coy frequency without informing us.	
✓ 0850	1,19	11	Moving	
✓ 1027	19	14	Situp - F/H c/s 42 discovered blood trail at 401727 not yet dry leads N-S. Close to this loc old poochie sights for 8-10 people approx 2 days old.	
1043	19	14	F/H c/s 41 found 7 graves 3-9 months old at GR 409729	
✓ 1058		Plan	GR 410720. Old camp bunker old	
✓ 1103	19	12B	Element of F/H c/s 2 found installations tunnels & bunkers	

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Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
			at GR 424708. an investigation area had not been used for a long time.	
✓ 1300		Klay	Gr 378705 - fish traps discovered in creeks	
✓ 1410	12B	19	at GR 429713 elements of F/H c/s 2 found a bunker & tunnel system I'm investigating. Apparently last used 2-3 weeks ago	
✓ 1410	19	11	F/H c/s 11 found company sized diggings at GR ³⁷⁶⁷⁰⁸ 377707	
1515			Could 1 ATF visited Bu Land. Verbal order.	
1630	19	13	Final loc Decoded as <u>399728</u> THIS WAS INCORRECT (correct 393728)	
1645	19	11	Contact F/H c/s 11 GR ³⁷⁶⁷¹⁰ 375710, 4XWIA, local, 1XMI carbine	
1645	2	19	Kay on Bq 5600 - Clearance obtained CS 3771-3770	
1655	19	13	Ground Firing from Bq 5500 + appears to be firing at person. 4/c	
1657	19	13	Sitrep - F/H c/s 11 contacted 4vc who broke north, had weapon. VC were wearing civilian clothes. F/H thought they may have hit one.	
1708	13	19	F/H reported of ground fire to south of c/s 13. 11 single shots and a short burst of automatic fire. 13 told to engage ground fire originating to south of his loc	

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Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
✓ 1710	2	13	FM BTY CR 396 724 DM 6400 Program received gr from IRDFEE.	
1715	13	19	Clear to file 396724 from 19,95	
1720	2	13	File - STOP Check grid ref - CR correct (from 2)	
			Last rds fell in our posn.	
	13	19	Send sitrep ASP	
1730	19	13	1 x friendly car (later imp a better missile case) 3 rds from IRDFEE fell into this posn - car caused by freeburst.	
	13	19	Confirm your loc at PIG L 1.1 02.8 (CR 399728)	
	19	13	My locstat PIG L 1.7 01.8 BC's Note: This corresponded with JT locstat sent by 13 at 1640 hrs. However it had been incorrectly decoded due to illegibility of sigs writing, and when correct locstat plotted CR 13 was +600 m at Sgt along CT line & on reverse side of NOI NGHE a high hill.	
1740	13	19	Your final locstat incorrectly plotted on my Tac map. If it had been correct would not have been granted. Rds have missed crest and gone on into your posn.	

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Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
✓ 1710	19	11	F/H C/S discovered but one of the VC moved into it and apparently fired on 1979. 6 Bags were discovered.	of 375710
→ 1950	21	19	GR 365 715 } NOT fired. two 372 725 } 372 732 } 49th ch 7	
1900 Postal Coy (final)			selected for navigation shoot for F/H C/S 12 - he had failed to make RV with coy & was lost?	
1415729 - 4,41,43				
409727 42				
2100	11	19	Conduct I'll shoot on GR. 370700 + 400700 only. WP disallowed by TF due to unknown proximity of SAS.	
2100	2	11	FM 1600 GR 400700 AMC (RFFE) C/S 2 could not engage this target	
2125	3	11	C/S 3 engaged 370700 2 " 400700. Results gave 11 an "impossible loc" but carried on as relative posns FH 1 & 12 may be gained. 19 suggested to 11 that WP had to EAST would give by comparison bgs FH 1, 12 a relative posn of FH 12 to NORTH or SOUTH of FH 1 loc	
2130	1-19-95	19	Saddle Tin trunk 10 serials passed. - damaged late due to FO's	
2130	1-19-95	19	Photo all serials clear to fire except Ser 3	

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Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	or Message Identity
	To	From		
2158	R	"	F-M 1 gm CR 396714 WP AMC RFFE EM 2220 hr.	
2200	99	95	Jiddler DTD 082155 all serials approved & upgraded.	
2225	19,95	11	fin results appear to have been gained from WP gas. We are now trying to reconcile locstat sent by FH (hr) after the shoot	
2300	19,95	11	locstat c/s 12 (FH) CAT L41 U2.1 grid 379711	FINAL LOCSTAT A(-) 380713
090733		Aloy	grid 380711 .2x lge bldgs. Burnt.	
090855	11-1-1995	11	Sitrep F/H c/s 12 contacted 1 VC in greens Bg 600 ft armed with M1. no cas CR 383717. Moved S-W.	
0908	14	2	F/H c/s 22 found but at CR 428704 Investigating.	
0925	19-14-1	14	Sitrep - Found old VC camp at CR 418723. apparently not used for 12 months capable of holding 20 people	
1040	14	14	Sitrep 5 VC dressed in black at CR 411735 moving E-W Two moved East, three moved west	

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Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending or Message Identity
	To	From	
1050	19	14	Sitrep-3 VC changed Direction to 2100 + They are carrying weapons.
1135	19	11	Sitrep - F/H e/s 12 discovered at CR 381714 an installation with hospital building and 2 class rooms at CR 383715 located with rice cache of approx 1 ton. Will be destroyed.
1140	19	13	Sitrep F/H elements found a life raft which was thought may be possible OR but zone of obs. was 6400-4800 and 7600
1155	1904	14B	Contact 2 VC 1 KIA 1 WIA no arty required one person carried an ID card no weapons carried. Grid 4204937
1343	11-19	11	F/H e/s 13 found coy size position CR 378719. 15 Cook houses underground. Human waste 2 hrs old?
1619	11-19	11	Contact F/H e/s 1 hoc 381712 Sitrep on # Initial contact occurred at 1615H when F/H 1 fired on VC appearing to West at this time F/H 1 had two elements to his north & west. VC appeared between these and main body of F/H 1

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	To	From		
			<p>which prevented arty firing. After a brief but heavy fire fight enemy withdrew to WEST & NW. A report by F/4 13 indicated a bullock track running N-3 within 300m to west. There were signs of very recent movement. And found a clay more mine & 1 grenade VC strength approx 10-20 (7-8?) dressed in black with 10-26 webbing & armed with 1 BAR 1045 SMG and chion rifles 1 probable VC KIA. Friendly :- 3X WIA</p> <p>Locators F/4 1</p>	
1705	2	Pos 7	<p>F/M Bty PR 372 713 DM 1500hr</p>	
			<p>1st ranging and fired then shoot delayed by dust off then terminated at 1725</p>	
1930	19-1-95	19	<p>Tidder & swirl passed.</p>	

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Time	Call		Event or	Text and Ending	or	Message Identity
	To	From				
			loc stats	F/H	1	385716
					2	433707
					3	398722
					31	394724
					32	395724
					4	418733
					R1B	435707
					R2B	431705
					R5	430705
<h1>OVERLORD TCTS</h1>						
			M1435	CA	4180	7040
			M1230	"	4250	7080
			M1231	"	4350	7130
			M1232	"	4260	7010
			M1233	"	4410	7030
			M1234	"	4410	7100

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Date 10 - 7 1966 Own Callsign 19 Place 431705

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending or Message Identity
	To	From	
1155	19	13	F/H c/s 3 found an abandoned VC camp CR 424707. 1 destroyed hut & bullock cart. Several pits.
1030			Rec'd FRAG ORDER PHASE 4 ^{cleaning areas} EC HQ, FOX TROT
1200			May Mehusch arrived this hoc to interview all concerned in incident when a member of C Coy was killed on 8-7-66 during FM Bty at CR 396724 at 1740 hrs.
1310	14-19-95	14	C Coy arrived TENNIS to relieve B Coy. F/H c/s 43 found coy sign camp at CR 405733 approx 6 months old.
1330	19	14	Gnr haws evacuated from c/s 14 party by dust off. Replaced by Gnr Matthews
1700	95	19	<i>anaemic dysentery??</i> Plato Serials 12, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12 cleared to fire
1600			Well used track grid 407738. NE-SW.
1706			Serials 10 11 12 13 cancelled.
1745	19	14	Final hoc c/s 14 407734
1805	14	14	No contact with c/s 11 due to his position behind main at ^{the} life
2013	1-19-95	19	Tiddler 9 sn passed

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Date 10-7 1966 Own Callsign 19 Place 431705

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
2100			Loc Stats - F/H 1	383723
				2 403716
				3 431705
				4 407734
			STANDING PTHS	432709
				430702
				426706
2100	19	95	Cleared Ser 7,8,9.	Photo
2104	95	19	Ser 7 cancelled.	
			Comms with e/s 11 not improved can be contacted through e/s 12.	

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Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	or Message Identity
	To	From		
			Gen Outline of forthcoming Events	
10 Jul	a.		Resub + Commencement Phase 4	
	b.	A Coy	→ ECHO clear 6,7,8 area	
		D Coy	→ FOXTROT " " " "	
		B Coy	→ area NORTH end of CHARLIE + be prepared to assist A, D Coys	
		C Coy	→ TENNIS + relieve B Coy Assume prot of guns + Bunker	
11/12			Continue clearing ECHO, FOXTROT possibly HOTEL.	
13/14			Clean HOTEL - primarily B Coy A Coy assumes palace guard Guns return NUI DAT? End Phase 4.	
15 Jul			Resub	
16 Jul			Cordon + search village 445 730	
17/18			Resub, amenities, re-org open rd BINH RA, BA RIA	
19-22 Jul			Clear out to Suoi Sa GONG ^{LO O NHO} approx 3000 m EAST TL2	

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Date 11-7-66 19

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Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending or Message Identity
	To	From	
1150	1-19	14B	Old coy sized base - great track. Elements of F/H e/s 4 found old VC camp BR 400746 capable of accommodating 6 men. 6 months old.
1302	19	14	FAC AC fired WP rocket approx GS 3873. No other details. A/c silver in colour.
1246 1503		Blay	Grid 391700. 10 VC light tracks. Rocket firing FAC A/c returned fired another rocket approx GS 3875.
1530 1955	99	19	COMAFV visited gun pos to see GPO. all serials T TRUMK DTD 102000 H cancelled. JM Jgts still in force.
1630 1952	A-95	Blay 19	from 392721 to 391750. Chs surrounded by WP pits. Siddle 13 ser passed.
1959	ALLSTAS	+	Datum 2 Gridde amended.
2020	95	19	ser 15 PLUTO DTD 110945 cancelled.
2020	99	19	all serials T/T accepted & upgraded except 1006 & 1007.
2037	1-19-95	19	With ref to specific policy relating to fire support of e/s 1 to sup of BHD this policy lapses for targets out of range of e/s 2.
2050			Experienced some difficulty with 11-12-14

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Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending or Message Identity
	To	From	
2154	1-95	19	Sitrep - a dog barked return c/s 29 21B suspect 4vc with dog near c/s 21B no further details.
2150			c/s 1 laid on JP 1213. This to be DFSOS for tonight
2215	19	12	Explosions to north east & south of this loc : Unexplained
			loc stats this c/s 431706 F/H c/s 1 383722 2 370734 3 431706 4 397746 61 424730 21B 370732
			Note: A Coy delayed in sector ALPHA ordered to complete task there. B Coy moved to west end of Echo and assumed clearance role Echo. A TR in HOTEL?
			was 7 & 8 only. A Coy still had responsibility to clear E6.

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Date 12-7-66 19 Own Callsign 19 Place BR 431705

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
0625	19	12	Contact F/H c/s 21 loc	
			Guns Raid on JP 1214 DH 6400 3 or 4 VC fleeing west. Engaged 3R FFE	
0655	12	19	Sitrep - #4 VC seen when 21B moved into position last night @ 2 VC seen @ 5 min later were joined by 2 more it appeared both parties went to ground 30m apart and waited for daylight at 0624 H VC moved to urinate @ c/s 21B fired possibly wounding 1 VC VC dressed in greens weapons not known @ VC fled west. JP 1214 then fired @	
0916	19	11	Elements F/H c/s 1 found track 150-300m capable of taking bullock carts at CR. c/s 11 investigating track 379724 runs N-S track 397718 runs SE Track at 382712 runs N. Track at 380712 runs N. all capable of taking traffic	
1200	11	19	F/H c/s 1 saw 2 people on hill at CR 397720	

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Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
1214	R	11	K/M Bty CR 397720 DM 650m AMC ART FIRE. 2 persons on hill Engaged 3RFFE. Rds fell where people were last seen	
1345			BC interviewed BSM re ammo & NCO's	
1859	1-19-95	19	T. TRUNK TIDDER 10 ser sent. JP 12/16 First on list.	
1900	1-19-95	19	All Photo serials clear to fire	
1900	"	"	loc stats sent. F/H summary c/s 4 " 3 c/s 19	431706
			c/s 1	382706
			c/s 2	382741
			c/s 4	409745
			4R	417745
			4R B	417746
2130	+	ALL STNS	AMMENDMENT TO BRIDLE	

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Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
			late Entries from CP	
			F/H c/s 3 Found anti tank mine rigged as booby trap CR 427713.	
1018			c/s 61 found air holes 9" in diameter & 4'6 deep at 432732 several tunnels in area.	
0809			c/s 61 found small tunnel & hut etc 435734. Signs of habitation in last 4 days	
			c/s 2 found at CR 370732	

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Date 13 - 7 19 66 Own Callsign 19 Place OP. SYDNEY 431705

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Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	or Message Identity
	To	From		
0800	FCC	CP	Ammo State	
			Y Z	
			1 19 785 HEMSI	
			4 54 WP	
			5 39 ILL	
			8 17 671 PD	
			10 195 195 MTSQ	
0810	12	19	New PRL sent to c/s 2 loc & us set to be returned to c/s 1	
1000	FCC	CP	4 VC moving up to est 2 loc	
	19	12	FM BTY 396748 WP will adig 4-6 VC sighted by hero AMC I RFFE. Engaged 11 RFFE with comms.	
1107	19	14	Req 5 P1464 to remain in force	
1123			c/s 1 fired fr 585750 398750 392735 for navigation shoot.	
1745	19	95	Amended times for shooting outside TOR are cleared.	
1807	1	19A	FM 3 guns 375746 DN BT RER TOF AMC WP RAMBINE DATUM site 007 DTIME ORRM. 4 27 300 200m	

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Date 19 Own Callsign Place

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
1840	1-19-95	19	Loc stats sent	
			F/H 3 F/H S/RAY c/s 8	451705
			c/s 1	384718
			c/s 2	39007357
			c/s 4	412744
			43A	417745
			43B	417746
1910			Interference experienced on all sets in this area.	
1932	19	95	Jiddler TT 11 serials	
1934	1-19-95	19	Jiddler T.T. 9 ser sent.	
2017				
2030	19-95	19	TT DTD 131845 ser 1-6 & 9-10 cancelled.	
2042	19	12	Req reason for cancellation of P1219. First on the list allotted new P1221	
2047	19	12	Req JP 1219 be reinstated as 1st on the list	
2215			40VC Reported at CB 3970 3870 Engaged by c/s 2 & 3	
2305	95	19	JP 1230 made SOS for c/s 2 by special request of 19 due to above report which originally transmitted as 400 VC. Bn. i. had 2x SOS	

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Time	Call		Event	or	Text and Ending	or	Message Identity
	To	From					
			<u>Little John</u>				
			Fire plan LT was essentially a H&I programme hoping for some destructive effects. Selected fgt's were out to maximum range Ch 6 from TENNIS and within AO GOLD & YELLOW over all previous sightings contact installations, tracks etc or any other signs of VC activity. Over Approx 75 fgt's were fired. Several AO and area to NORTH outside AO but within gun range were grouped into according to areas of search allotted by SRAR with Zulu being the group of targets outside AO GOLD & YELLOW. He				
			OTHER JOHN for inspection				
			Each group of fgt's were treated as separate fire plans and H in for each (except Zulu) were notified to go con & 75 when each group became clear from infantry withdrawing from AO's GOLD, YELLOW. A debate was conducted prior to firing ALPHA and connections applied for ALPHA, CHARLIE, BETA.				
			Amms' allotment 100 RPG				
			" expenditure 81 RPG				
			101458				

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Date 12-7-66 19 Own Callsign 19 Place 431705

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
0001			Fire Plan ^{little jam} commenced 25 Serials	
0200			little jam yulu completed.	
0503			little jam yulu commenced & terminated at 0700	
0630	FCC	BTYCP	Warning order issued by BC for return to the Dpt. No more before 141400H more by APC. Cease fire issued by this c/s	
0715	BTY FCC	CP BTY	Ann o State	
			1	Y 323 Z 462 HEM51
			2	
			4	12 42 Snd WP
			5	39 ILL
			8	323 348 PD
			10	145 195 MTSQ

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Date 14-7-66 19 Own Callsign 19 Place 431705

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending or Message Identity
	To	From	
0841	19-95	19	H Hour Little John E 0845 H.
0908	19-95	19	Proposed H Hour Little John F 0930 H.
0956	19-95	19	H Hour Little John F set at 1000 H.
1125	1-19	14	JP1464 cancelled
1145	2	19A	FM 3 Guns - Registration BR 3777 700 9 for Lt John ADJ FIRE DIY CT AMC CONVERGE Datum correction L8 x D156.
1240			H Hour Little John A 1240 H Completed at 1338 hrs Rds falling gen + on tgt
1329	19	14	Returned to this loc (431705)
1341	1	19	Empty Guns. Cease fire - gun returned base loc
1353	19-1-95	19	Amendment to Little John e all ser cal F Bellis 1 Little John D cal F 1 insert 1 cal F 1

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Time	Call		Event or	Text and Ending or	Message Identity
	To	From			
14					
1427	19	19-2-95			
1455	19	11			
1500	19-95	+			
1602	1419	1			
1622					
1640	19	+			
1840	+ 95	19			
1845	19-95	+			
1852	19	1			
1859	1-19-95	19			
1930					

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Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
			Photo <u>forestals</u>	
			All FH Elms returned to TENNIS at conclusion of OP SYDNEY. Orders for OP SYDNEY TWO to be issued tomorrow @ 151200 hrs. Bu harbour posn occupied in 14/15 - fresh rats, eek packs, hot showers, NO standing ptls. ???	
			Rece of routes to vic village PHASE I SYDNEY TWO conducted in 14/15 under comd Capt O'NEILL.	
			I believe that surprise in intended cordon & search op has been compromised by large, excessive number of helicopters rece flight over village by SRAR.	
			105 Bty returned to NUI BHT after firing night through to 200 hrs. Will support OP SYDNEY TWO from that loc.	

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Date 15-7-66 19

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Place 431705

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
			F/H c/s ^s 293 moved back to Base hoc. BRAR moved out on report ovc Br within 3-4000 m from our Pat.	
			F/H c/s ^s 2029 & 1723 hrs.	
0930.			BC & FO's had morning coffee & discussed OP SUDNEY. Points raised were	
			a. Safe Planning Dist :- 600m.	
			b. No of DF's / Coy 3 or 4	
			c. Poor comms gen agreed caused by	
			(1) by vegetation	
			(2) Rain & atmospherics	
			(3) NUI NGHE	
			worst comms since arrival at in RVN	
			d. Gen. slowness of response by infantry to call for fire	
			↳ Inexperience?	
			e. Navigation shoot procedure	
			(1) c/s 12 082100	
			NOT very satis factor	
			with illum rets	
			(2) c/s 12 BIN3	
			Very satis factor	

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Date 15-7-66 19 Own Callsign _____ Place 41705

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
1730			CO SRAR O'Gr OP SYDNEY TWO	
1530 <u>52</u>			1 ATF order 2 coys SRAR to return NUI DAT as rear area security. Reason VC BN (NVN) reported 3 G3164, 6RAR, 161R2, to move & attempt to find.	
1655	19	12	Moving CO suspended OP SYDNEY TWO	
1645 <u>52</u>			BK visited g FIC	
2038	CON, 95	19	Passed NO CHANGE O'LOD TIDLER 270 141900H	
1702	19 13	13	} arrived base loc at 1 ATF.	
1723	19 11	11		
2035	1-19-95	19	No Change in Aurlord JM 1013 DF SOS for c/s 1	
2158	95	1	FM Bty CR 384650 AMC Delight 3 Rdo FFE	

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Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
1027	11-1-19	11	F/H c/s 12 found 2x81 mm mor blind holdfast destroyed	
1305			Bdr Lane brought forward Gnr matthews returned to base hce	
1959	95	1-19-95	Cancel ser 12-13-14 Pluto unsafe DIO 161400H	
1828	95	19	Any Target which fall in a line joining following grid to be cleared with F/H jets outside gr 420695 - 443 695 455 726 420 736 or clear to fire	
1930	1	95	F/M Bty CR 385665 DN 4460 HUT AMC 3 RFFE Engaged 6 RFFE with R200 cannon Sgt Rd.	
1945	19	11	7 flare sighted Bq 5000 m from c/s 1	
2035	95	1	4 Flares sighted to west burning approx 90 seconds c/s 7 asked to observe. Observed flares Bq 5000 m	
2140	19	95	Lights on definitely 7 flare to west continuous till to west definitely originating from flare ship	

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Date 16-7 19 66 Own Callsign 19 Place

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending or Message Identity
	To	From	
2030	19	95	c/s 7 observed light Bq 5320 & 5410 m and these were apparently obscured by strong light from Bq 5110 believe CR 315713
2030			Intrep from advisor at Phu My from VC sympathizer 3000 VC in BS 3070. Mission of VC is to attack Phu My on the 17th. Evaluation F4. Advisor would like arty from Phu My & c/s 3 to engage.
2252	19	95	From STADIA. Lights appear every night at same loc up to 2000m away appear to be troops operating in area.
2200	1	95	FM Bq 413 652 DN 4100 (TTBR 6 1/2 min) Total of 9 RFFE In sp of PR/RP for us Ya Long Report was that fire effective 1 poss KIA observed 1 man limb dragged away. PR Cap 2x women.

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Date 17-7 1966 Own Callsign 19 Place 431705

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
0945	1919495	11	F/H e/s 11 moved out to patrol area adjacent to this loc	
0917	1-19-95	14	F/H e/s 41B moved out on patrol	
0950	1-19-95	14	F/H e/s 14B returned	
1030	1-19-95	14	F/H e/s 43 moved out on patrol	
1115	1-19-95	11	F/H 11 returned this loc	
1234	1-19-95	11	F/H 13 moved out on patrol	
1350	1-19-95	14	F/H e/s 42 moved out on patrol	
1415			Sunray e/s 9 visited this loc	
1622	1-19-95	11	F/H e/s 13 now in this loc	
2000	1-19-95	19	loc stats sent. F/H Sunray F/H 89 e/s 11 + F/H 1 e/s 14 F/H 4 F/H 619 629 e/s 19 GR 431 705 C/S 12 & F/H 2 6RAR loc C/S 13 & F/H 3 5RAR loc	
2015	1-19-95	14 19	Clearance confirmed Pluto. originator Sunray DTO 171100 H except per 1-6-12-16 cancelled. by e/s 95	

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Date 18 - 7 19 66 Own Callsign 19 Place 431705

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending or Message Identity
	To	From	
0825			BC left this hoc to visit Bty area
0901	1-19-95	11	F/11 C/S 12 moved out on patrol
0942	19	95	What are explosions to your south. Explosions turned out to be Holdfast elements.
0941	FCC	CP	6 AC ^{sighted} by person AC BR4420704
0945			Person 6 AC forced down with engine trouble 200-300m south of this hoc (CR431703)
1615			BC Returned this hoc.
1855	1-19-95	19	Overlord DTD 141900 to remain in force.
2010	1-19-95	19	Postal same as last night except that C/S 139 F/113 returned to 5 RAR base area.
2200 - 2215	1	95	FM BC 413652 In 4100 VC contact in AF PF Ya Tung Total of 9 RFFE. Report was that fire was effective, 1 poss KIA

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COMMENCEMENT OF OP SYDNEY TWO

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Date 19-7 1966 Own Callsign 19 Place 431705

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending or Message Identity
	To	From	
0923	19-95	19	Sgt J M 1014 Cancelled
1630			REC A left CR 431705 by APC on first phase Sydney 2. moved to CR. 433715. All F/H c/s in this hoc by 1900H.
1705			CO's Tac Pty departed TENNIS for Rear Bn Assy Area
1805	219	95	PHOTO SER 6-20-23 Cancelled
1940	1-14-95	219	hoc stat sent
2117			F/H 4 90/19A commenced move on foot to Duc by four 446723
2122			F/H 2 commenced to move.
			CO's Tac Pty moved with B,D Coys to fwd assy area 453734 arriving 200130H. Staged through Bn rear assy area grid 446723 where food & some sleep was had. Move from rear to fwd assy area through rubber. Two c/s moved in single file with cohesion by FH 3 who had previously reconnoitered route. Each man linked by toggle rope. Phosphorescent the vegetation & duck in hats were remarkably efficient aids to following man in front

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SYDNEY II

Date 20-7 1966 Own Callsign 19 Place 450730

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending or Message Identity
	To	From	
0600			Fee left night harbour position by APC to take up position at Duc My village.
0615			Arrived in position at Duc My
0640	Z19	19A	C/S 11 In position
0605	Z19	12	3 VC contacted 2 WIA. 3 susps captured 1 male 1 female. Weapons captured 1 carbine 1 french single shot 1 not known.
	Contact occurred minutes after B Coy moved from feed area. All coys in cordon by 0620.		
0700	Z19	13	Contact CR 444728 1 VC escaping
0813	Z19	11	1 VC surrendered NO weapon
0842	Z19	19A	Man found in bunker forced out by tear gas 2 minor wounds. Interrogating proceeding a lot of men about not many women & children. Med cap programme proceeding team feeding woman suffering malnutrition. One man captured while trying to get through F/H 1 cordon
0930	Z19	19A	Large bag of med supplies captured they were well hidden.
0955			COY BC returned to Bn CP area.
1126	Z19	11	F/H 1 Contacted 1 VC. 1 VC KIA
1600	19	11	F/H 1 contacted 1 local VC at CR 444736 neg results

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Cordon for lifted. Coys began to depart
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Date 20 - 7 19 66 Own Callsign 19 Place _____

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
1750	19	13	c/s 3 contacted 3 VC at GR 465 716 at 1750 H 1 VC KIA 1 WIA	
1800			Left Duc My for new area by APC. Raining hard. Everybody wet, tired & very muddy	
2020	1-19-95	19	loc stats B9 BHQ 462 705 A 465 714 C 454 728 D 467 729	
			Amb plts 444 736 450 734 443 731 448 726	
2100	1-19-95	19	TTRUNK Liddle 13 serials sent.	
2230			Opsum - as at 202000 H at 0641 hrs F/10/51 fired at party of VC at GR 444 724 with neg results @ at 0642 hrs c/s 2 contacted party of VC at GR 446 734 1 VC KIA - 2 WIA	

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Date 20-7-66 19 Own Callsign 19 Place 461705

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending or Message Identity
	To	From	
			C/S 3 fired at several VC in cordon at 0645 H. 1 VC WIA.
			C/S 4 found 1 man in tunnel in village at 0740 H.
			C/S 4 found concrete tunnel 4' x 4' x 30"
			C/S 1 contacted 1 VC at 1126 H 1 VC KIA.
			C/S 1 contacted 1 local VC at 444 736 at 1600 H neg results.
			C/S 3 contacted 6 VC at GR 436 737 at 1630 H C/S bl swept area neg results.
			C/S 1 contacted 2 VC cooking GR 465 716 at 1750 H. 1 VC KIA. 1 WIA
			Total 3 VC KIA 1 WIA 3 WIA + Captured 15 SUSPECTS 5 rifles 1 Grenade 1 Claymore Qty of food sup and pers equipment.

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Date 27-7-66 19 Own Callsign 19 Place 461705

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
0815	19	13	all F/H c/s 3 s/plts returned to hqe.	
0858	19	13	F/H c/s 3 commenced patrolling Area India.	
0930	19	14	F/H 4 commenced patrolling area "Julut".	
0940	95	19	Serials 1-10 TT DTO 202100	
1030			Report received that 3-500 VC were at 460729 F/H c/s 1 investigating. Clearance Requested CS 4573. Pass 5 to observe area.	
1110	19	14	F/H c/s 42 found old cart track 100m east of his hqe apparently not used for some time.	
1130	19	13	Contact CR 470725 4VC 2 fled north & east	
1148	1	19	FM BTY CR 465735 DN BT Blocking fire in supp c/s 13 contact AMC 1RFPR Engaged 6RFPR with covms. Good shooting from F/H results hq.	

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SYDNEY 2

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Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending or Message Identity
	To	From	
1325	19	14	Contact at CR 471723 1 VC KIA. Found 1x M26 gun blood trail being followed. No Weapon captured.
1647	1919	14	FM Pty CR 480 720 DM 2900 AMC IRFFE Engaged IRFFE
1758	19	14	Contact this loc turned out to be friendly c/s 43 + F/H 32 No Casualties
1815	95	19	Photo DIO 210830H Clear to fire
1830	1-19-95	19	loc stats sent except F/H 3 & 4 to be sent later. Some confusion in these loc stats
2030	1-19-95	19	T/TRAUM 11 ser sent.
2015	1-19-95	19	Lights seen 200m south of this loc

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OYDNEY 2

Date 22-7 1966 Own Callsign 19 Place 461 705

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending or Message Identity
	To	From	
0710	1-19-95	14	F/H 4 commenced to move
0723	1-19-95	14	1 commenced move to base loc
0750	1-19-95	13	3 commenced to move
0910	1-19-95	14	Contact 1 VC wounded and captured 1 weapon captured. F/M in support at GR 482728 not engaged. From information from VC it appeared he belonged to 50th platoon who were 2 platoons situated in a banana plantation by a stream. OP extended for 1 more day F/H c/s 3 + 4 to search area to north in an attempt to find this platoon. Coy to move north, then sweep south and D Coy to act as blocking force GR 485718
1115	1-19-95	14	F/H c/s 42 has seen 2 VC dressed in black moving NW from GR 429718
1240	1-19-95	14	Contact 1 VC seen FM Bty in support at GR 475711 DM 3600 not engaged F/H c/s 41 swept area no developments.
1255	1-19-95	19	Plato 13 serials for c/s 4 sent
1400	95	4	Ready A.

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Date 25-7-19 Own Callsign 19 Place

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending or Message Identity
	To	From	
1636			Commencement of Platoon DTO RR1245 no troops within 2000m
1650	95	19	Platoon DTO RR1030 clear to fire
1651	19	14	Contact F/H of 54 3-4 VC in recently occupied camp fled north. FM Bty CR 483734 DN400 engaged BRFFE VC fled N & NE.
1830	19	12	F/H of 52 Returned this loc
1837	1+12	12	Reinstated Sgts JP 1246 1248 1249
1840	1+19	14	Amended loc of VC camp 484 727
1950	1-19-95	19	Jidda T/TRANK 10 sep passed
2000	1-19-95	19	Loc stats - F/H Senroy F/H 2 61, 62, 8, C/S 19 CR 461705 F/H 1 Base loc 5RAP 3 474743 4 483725
	FCC	OP	VC Regt Reported at P.O. 3572, 4172, 4169 3868

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Date 23-7 1966 Own Callsign 19 Place ST

Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity
	To	From		
0805	19	14	F/H 143+14B commenced to move	
0840	All str	95	Amendment to current address groups sent.	
0912	19	12B	F/H 23 found ve resting place at CR 473706	
1120			All e/s commenced move back to base area	
1420			Arrived back base area.	
1600			All F/H elements in Base hoc	
1820			Locstat passed. all Base hoc	
1935	1-19-95	19	JM 5052 first on the list	
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Date 24 1966 Own Callsign 19 Place 2-22

Date Time	Call		Event or Text and Ending	Message Identity	
	To	From			
LIST OF CONTACTS / INCIDENTS OF HOSTILITY					
			DESCRIPTION	ARTY USED	REMARKS
6/Jul			NIL.		
081645		11	4 loc VC	• X	
081710		13	ground fire	✓	no sighting
090855		11	1 VC in greens	• X	
091040		14	5 VC, 1 KIA, 1 WIA	X	En split. Later 2 KIA
091618		11	Squad size MF?	• X	FH elms dispersed.
112154		2	Dog barking	X	
120625		12	4 VC	✓	
121200		11	2 VC on NUI NGHE	✓	
131000		12	4-6 VC sighted by ac	✓	
180941		Possum	6 VC sighted by Possum	X	Possum later crashed.
200605		12	6 VC, 1 KIA, 2 WIA, 2 VCC	X •	DUC MY
0700		13	1 VC	X •	} GORDON + SEARCH
0842		14	1 VC in bunker, WIA	X •	
1126		11	1 VC KIA	X •	
1600		11	1 VC	X	
1750		13	3 VC, 1 KIA, 1 WIA	X	
1630		13	6 VC	• X	
211130		13	4 VC	✓	observed by FH
211325		14	1 VC WIA	X •	
220910		14	1 VCC WIA	X •	
1115		14	2 VC	X	from FH42
1240		14	1 VC	X	
1651		14	3-4 VC in camp	✓ X	
081125		11	1 VC entering belt		

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VOICE LOGGING ABBREVIATIONS

ACTION (in the address) TO		INTERROGATIVE	? or INT	SILENCE	SIL
ACKNOWLEDGE	ACK	LOUD AND CLEAR	LC	SILENCE LIFTED	SIL LIF
AFFIRMATIVE	AFFIRM	MESSAGE FOR	MF	STARBOARD	STAR
ALL AFTER	AA	MESSAGE RELAYED	MR	SPEAK SLOWER	SSL
ALL BEFORE	AB	NEGAT	NEG	SPELL	SP
ANSWER	ANS	NOTHING HEARD		STAND BY TO WRITE	SBW
AUTHENTICATE-ION	AUT	(FROM)	NH	STAND BY	SB
BREAK	=	NUMBER, STATION		THIS IS	DE
CHECK	CH	SERIAL NUMBER	NR	THAT IS CORRECT	C
CORRECT-ION	C	ORIGINATOR	A	THROUGH ME	THM
DISREGARD THIS TRANSMISSION	DISR	OUT	+	TIME	TM
DISTORTED	D	OVER	K	UNKNOWN STATION	AA
DO NOT ANSWER	F	RAPID EXECUTE	RIX	VERIFY	J
EXCEPT	EX	READABLE	RDL	VERY WEAK	VW
EXECUTE	--	READ BACK	RB	VERY WEAK AND	
EXECUTE TO FOLLOW	IX	RELAY TO	RYT	DISTORTED	VWD
EXEMPT	XMT	RELAY VIA	RYV	WAIT	AS
EXERCISE MESSAGE	XMSG	ROGER	R	WAIT OUT	AS+
FOR EXERCISE	X	REPORT WHEN		WILCO	WC
FORMATION	FMN	RELAYED	RWR	WRONG	WG
GROUPS	GR	SAY AGAIN	SA	WORD AFTER	WA
HOW DO YOU HEAR ME?	HR?	SEND YOUR		WORD BEFORE	WB
INFORMATION		MESSAGE	SYM	WORDS TWICE	WDT
(in the address)	INFO	SIGNAL SERVICE			
INTERFERENCE HEAVY	IH	MESSAGE	SVC		
INTERFERENCE SLIGHT	IS	SIGNAL STRENGTH	SS		

Abbreviate CALL-SIGNS to one or two letters and/or figures, other than those above.

- NOTES—1. Abbreviation for "I Check", "I Spell", etc. is "ICH", "ISP".
 2. Abbreviation for "You" is the letter "U", e.g., "MFU".

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COMMANDER'S DIARY
OF
105 FD BTY RAT

Battery Commander May PNO TEDDER.
From . . . 1 Jul 66 . . . to 31 Jul 66 . . .

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

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COVERING LETTER

Reference No.....

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) *Calt.*

Appointment *FO*
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

RECEIPT FORM

(To be detached and returned by recipient)

Please return to
this address: {

I hereby acknowledge receipt of:

Army Form C 2118 (Adapted)..... (Month and year)

Signature.....

Date.....

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation *105 Fd Bty RAA*

From *1 Jul 66* To *31 Jul 66*

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COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

1. The aim of a Commanders Diary is to provide data on which to base future improvements in Army training, equipment, organization and administration, and to furnish historians with a record of the activities of units and formations in operational and non-operational periods in peace and in war.

GENERAL

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

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

4. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled by commanders of all formations.

During Operational Periods (1)

5. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled in duplicate by:
 - a. Commanders of all formations.
 - b. Each branch of the staff at formation headquarters commanded by a brigadier or above.
 - c. Heads of services not below the rank of lieutenant colonel.
 - d. Personal staffs and officers holding special appointments.
 - e. Unit commanders.
 - f. Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
 - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
 - b. Index as printed on cover.
 - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.
7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.
8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, the relevant papers should be grouped as annexes starting at B.
9. Documents concerned with future planning for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET Supplementary Diary" of the formation originating the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as shown in Paragraph 16.

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10. The diary is to contain:
 - a. Changes in command, (giving place names as well as map references), establishment, equipment and organization.
 - b. Information received, decisions made and orders given.
 - c. Where applicable, a short summary of the day's fighting, including company movements.
 - d. Opinions and recommendations of the commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization and morale.
 - e. Progress of defensive works.
 - f. Weapon state.
 - g. Weather and ground conditions, if of potential importance.
 - h. Major causes and number of casualties to officers, men and equipment.
 - i. A note of all prisoners and enemy equipment captured.
 - j. A statement showing how the unit was employed in the time not accounted for. The type of training, etc, should be specified.
11. In order to ensure accuracy and completeness and to save work as much information as possible is to be included in annexes consisting of copies of documents issued and received, routine returns, etc. All annexes are to be referred to in the column provided and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.
12. The narrative is to supplement and connect the annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

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This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C 2119 (Adapted).

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AF-C 2118 (Adapted)
Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/FORMATION *105 2d Bty LAM*

MONTH AND YEAR *Jul 66.*

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER *Wing PHOTOGRAPHER*

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<i>AN 940</i>	<i>1 Jul</i>	<i>1510</i>	<i>Visit land to Bty by members of B Coy 5RAR - FM fresh as demo.</i>	
			<i>5RAR distributed minute regarding use of artillery to aid in navigation.</i>	<i>Encl no. 9 Annex 4</i>
			<i>Work continued on gun/ammunition bays. Heavy timber for CP not avail. More sand obtained from Hung Tau for gun bays.</i>	
	<i>2 Jul</i>	<i>1109</i>	<i>C/S II lost FH 9543 had contact with 3 VC - 2 VC KIA.</i>	
		<i>1645</i>	<i>C/S II with FH 43 had contact with unknown no VC -</i>	

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COMMANDING OFFICER May P/O 108

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<u>AN 144</u>	<u>2 Jul 66</u>		<p>- Results Results 1 Aust KIA 1 Aust WA. Bty Fred FM in ch. Reg results.</p> <p>17d Regt issued instr. re H&I Task Tables - "PLUTO"</p> <p>17d Regt issued instr concerning additional US Artillery in TF area</p>	<p>Annex L Encl No <u>10</u></p> <p>Annex N Encl No <u>11</u></p>
	<u>3 Jul</u>		<p>Op Ord 7-66 issued by 5RAR for Op "SYDNEY".</p> <p>Bty spent day evening ground where living quarters are to be established.</p>	<p>Annex D Encl No <u>3</u></p>

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COMMANDING OFFICER Major P. H. T.

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<u>AN PHU</u>	<u>4 Jul</u>		<p><u>2 FM's Regt fired during day at 2 groups of 6 VC. Neg results. Regt not all that could be desired during shoots.</u></p> <p><u>1215 Some Aust Paratroopers visited to battery briefly.</u></p> <p><u>Bty sent after firing for FH course shooting from NW 1 DAS.</u></p> <p><u>1645 Guns fired by visiting Americans to celebrate INDEPENDENCE DAY - PR took photos.</u></p>	

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COMMANDING OFFICER

May P/O T

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<i>and PTHU</i>	<i>5 Jul</i>	<i>1630</i>	<i>BC's Orders for "of SYDNEY" — BC also gave verbal orders — O/O not issued.</i>	<i>Annex C Encl No. 12</i>
		<i>2205</i>	<i>Message received from Capt 1st Regt w/ loss of ANPREC 25 set by 1 ATF — expected jamming.</i>	
			<i>Bty spent day setting perimeter and erecting tents for living quarters.</i>	
	<i>6 Jul</i>	<i>0800</i>	<i>Op "SYDNEY" commenced. Cks 19 + Bn HQ departed at 1130 hrs. ^{BC's log} _{^ refers} Bty prepared for this Op in readiness for move on 7 Jul. JF Task table att. Map & trace of NUI N6HE 1:10000 issued.</i>	<i>Annex A Encl No 2 Annex N Encl 14 Annex N Encl 18</i>

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COMMANDING OFFICER

Major P. H. T.

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<i>AN PHU</i>	<i>7 Jul</i>	<i>0715</i>	<i>Bty commenced moving to area "JENNIS" (GR 4315 7060) by APC. Bty ready 0915 hrs. Comd Post log refers</i>	<i>Annex "A" Encl No 1</i>
			<i>Minute issued by CO 1st Regt RATT on line of Fire Procedure.</i>	<i>Annex L Encl No 13</i>
	<i>8 Jul</i>		<i>of "SIDNEY" continued. Bty visited by Task Force Comd - Brig OD JACKSON OBE. Bty protected by B Coy 5RAR, Asst Pnt, and A Jk Pl (Bn HQ at at same area). DF and PHOTO Task Tables att.</i>	<i>Annex N Encl 14</i>

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COMMANDING OFFICER Major P. D. T.

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Area "TERRIS"	9 Jul		<p>Op SYDNEY continued. Bty in "no fire" role at present, unless ordered by CO SRAR.</p> <p>Frag order 7-1-66 for Op SYDNEY Phase 4 issued by SRAR, for clearing areas "E" + "F".</p> <p>Map "NUI PAT COMPOSITE" (Scale 1:25,000) issued with areas of search marked.</p>	<p>Annex D Encl no. 4</p> <p>Annex N Encl no. 16</p>
	10 Jul	1330	<p>"No fire" policy still in force.</p> <p>Guns & ANS (FO party of 14) OVERSEEN by officer - Sustained and anaesthetic by by party - replaced by gun MATTHEWS. Smart day for Bty.</p> <p>DF + PLUTO Desk table moved</p>	<p>Annex N Encl 14</p>

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COMMANDING OFFICER *May P No 1*

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<i>Op Area GR 4315 7060.</i>	<i>11 Jul</i>	<i>1545</i>	<i>COMAFV - May Gen MACKAY visited by low. It continued. DF + PHOTO task table issued</i>	<i>Annex N Encl 14</i>
	<i>12 Jul</i>	<i>0633</i>	<i>FM fired by thy - first on this Op - I of 9H cl 2. Contact with H VC - neg results.</i>	
		<i>1000</i>	<i>CO SRAR + BC visited gun form - CO briefed on tgt records. Quiet day for the thy. DF + PHOTO task table issued.</i>	<i>Annex N Encl 14</i>

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COMMANDING OFFICER Major PNOT

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Of area.	13 Jul	1100	Received of Ord 8-66 (Of SYDNEY - Prelim orders) (K5 69-1-6) from 5RAR	Annex D Encl. 5
		1630	Bty received task tables "LITTLE JOHN," A, C, D, E, F & Z. BC's log refers - see note. DF & PHOTO task tables also issued.	Annex N Encl. 14
	14 Jul	0001	"LITTLE JOHN" signals commenced. On Signal 16 of "Little John" Zulu, Bty found its 23,000 # sound since arrival is SVN.	
		0630	Wing O by BC for Bty for return to base by tracks.	
		1345	Bty ceased firing & and returned to NUI PNT (base bc)	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<i>14 Jul</i>	<i>1530</i>	<i>Move back to camp successful.</i>	
			<i>WFO serial issued</i>	<i>Annex N.</i>
		<i>1600</i>	<i>All FH ops returned to "TENNIS" - Bn Harbour.</i>	<i>Encl 14</i>
			<i>End Op SYDNEY I</i>	
			<i>Op Order for Op. SYDNEY II issued by SP4B - 020nd R-66</i>	<i>Annex D</i>
				<i>Encl no 6</i>
	<i>15 Jul</i>	<i>0930</i>	<i>FO's visited BC at Fce for morning coffee and discussion of Op. SYDNEY I</i>	
		<i>1230</i>	<i>CO SP4R O.G. for Op. SYDNEY II</i>	
		<i>1530</i>	<i>Op. SYDNEY II suspended, due to departure of SP4R in search of reported VC Bn.</i>	

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COMMANDING OFFICER May PNOT.

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
105 An Phu	15 Jul	1635	BK visited FCC. Photo Jack table produced	Annex N. Encl 14
	16 Jul	1515	Bty dispatched 8 men lth to clear area (GR 428663) of locals back to village. Bty spent day erecting tents and spent first ni since arrival in TF area under 16x16 tents. Photo signals raised	Annex N. Encl 14

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COMMANDING OFFICER

May PVO J.

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<i>AN PHU</i>	<i>17 Jul</i>		<p><i>OK SYDNEY II still suspended. c/s 12, 13. back with FH in 6 PAR + SRAR base areas re- qs 19, 11, 14 with rest FH at TENNIS</i></p> <p><i>Make & mend day for fly.</i></p> <p><i>Photo seals issued</i></p>	<p><i>Annex N. Encl No 14</i></p>
	<i>18 Jul</i>	<i>0825</i>	<p><i>Be left FCE to visit fly team. Demo shoot by gun for 3 US Colonels.</i></p> <p><i>Frag Order 8-2-66 issued by SRAR for OK SYDNEY II (Phase 3).</i></p> <p><i>Photo seals issued</i></p> <p><i>Map enlargements (1:5,000) plus trace issued of BINH ON SOUTH</i></p>	<p><i>Annex D Encl no 7 Annex N. Encl 14 Annex N. Encl 17.</i></p>

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COMMANDING OFFICER May PNO T

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
AN 844	19 Jul	1630	Op SYDNEY II commenced. BC's log refers Bty spent day sitting and digging when hits, all 2-man with 0' lead cover. Some bty stores arrived from VUNG TRU with a refrigerator.	Annex A Encl to 2
	20 Jul		Op SYDNEY II continued with search of DUC 104 village. BC with CO SRAR & Infantry part. Bty fired a number of FM's. Problem with gun rule of no. 5 gun, with consequent range error. Little admin work done on form due to operational requirements.	

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COMMANDING OFFICER May Noi

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>21 Jul</u>		<p><u>Op SYDNEY II continued. Report of 300-500 VC in vic of 460 729. FH ops 3 checked out - neg results. A number of contacts by FH during day - a no. of menos fixed.</u></p> <p><u>A little work done on gun boys. Some stores arrived from BIKEN HOA.</u></p>	
	<u>22 Jul</u>	<u>1305</u>	<p><u>Op SYDNEY II continued with a number of contacts mainly with FH ops 4. Info obtained from a prisoner led to an extension by one day of the Op. A number of FMs fixed by the.</u></p> <p><u>A Bty of 2/35 (?) Bn, (155 mm. M109 SP)</u></p>	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
AN THU	22 Jul		<p>arrived in the area. BC is Capt G EURE. Bty provided per to assist in their orientation. No 5 gun damaged after firing Ch. 7. More per and stores arrived from BIEN HOA.</p>	
	23 Jul		<p>Op SYDNEY II concluded. All FMH ds returned to base loc by 1630 hrs. LAD inspection of No 5 gun - will be out of action for some time. Day spent in bty improving form, put cones on pits, putting PSP on gun pits etc. More stores arrived from VUNG THU.</p>	

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COMMANDING OFFICER

Wing PWO T

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
AN PACH	24 Jul		Quiet day for bty. Bty spent day building + completing defence pits. Large no. of H&I tabs fired during day.	
	25 Jul		SRAR and 161 Fd Bty RNZA departed on Ch "HOBART". Quiet day for the bty. Report of elements of SRAR + 16 Bty being mortared. More bty stores arrived from BIEN HOA. Minute issued by CO 1 Fd Regt ref. accidental discharge of Wms. SRAR debrief of of SYDNEY (6-23 Jul) R569-1-6	Annex L encl no. 15 Annex N encl no 8.
	26 Jul		PC returned to bty area to live. FO's to alternate for duty at FCC at SRAR. Bty continued to work on gun platforms. Briefing	

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COMMANDING OFFICER

May P. O. T.

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<i>AN P. O. T.</i>	<i>26 Jul</i>		<i>tent flooring completed by CP per.</i>	
	<i>27 Jul</i>	<i>1200</i>	<p><i>CO 1 Fd Regt PAA gave directions that as from this time,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>(i) No tgs to be engaged, initially, closer than 1000* metres to friendly troops</i> <i>(ii) No tgs to be recorded, unless registered by shooting, closer than 500 metres to friendly troops</i> <i>(iii) These safety distances will only be reduced only at the specific request of the supported G. arm commander and he must be then prepared to accept responsibility for any friendly cas.</i> <p><i>By open day improving area. Engrs assisted.</i></p> <p><i>2250 Atty (unit to South) and APC (unit to Atty's north) heard over on west perimeter. Fresh</i></p>	

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COMMANDING OFFICER

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	28 Jul	.	All oshs went to vans + su and were cleaned Work continued on gun bays and briefing tent.	
		2215- 2400	A Bty (to Bty's South) and 1st AC Sqn (to Bty's North) heard movement on their Western perimeter. Both units engaged with 50 cal & then Bty's were engaged with 103 + 161 Bty. CO 17th Regt + OC 1st AC Sqn corrected fire. Morning - no bodies on the wire. Bty's standing 1st withdrawn during fire.	
	29 Jul	1000 1520	FM 1 gun fired by Bty - new gun to replace NO.5. CHINOOK ac received by ground fire in area	

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COMMANDING OFFICER Wing Lt Col

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	29 Jul		<p>of Western TAOR. Several FMs left first into sus in areas.</p> <p>SRAR received Wing O to move out & clear area. 105 Bty in DS.</p> <p>17th Regt received instr of key pos & appointments of A Bty 2/35 Cnty Co</p>	<p>Annex I Encl 15</p>
	30 Jul		<p>SRAR of cancelled. Bty cleaned up area after large ammo resupply to us before.</p>	
	31 Jul	<p>0930 0930 1245</p>	<p>Offrs of Bty played & beat 25th Lw Cnty Offrs at volleyball.</p> <p>CO, 2IC 17th Regt plus US Colonel WILLIAMS, visited Bty. Bty had market mend day.</p>	

ENCLOSURE 1

Date..... 1 Jul 66

OP LOG

Sheet 1.....

Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0530	Stand - To	
0600	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol departed	
0613	FM 3 guns PLUTO Serial 7	
0630	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol returned NTR	
0630	Stand - down	
1030	PLUTO Serial 8 may be cancelled	
1035	PLUTO Serial 8 cancelled	
1300	PLUTO Serial 9 cancelled	
1315	PLUTO Serial 10 will be fired at 1330 hrs and 1715 hrs	
1330	FM 3 Guns PLUTO Serial 10	PR Officer with ABC News photographer to take film
1345	Cancel TIN TRUNK JP 1903, JP 1904, JP 1905.	
	TIN TRUNK 3 serial received in SP F c/s 31 and 31B	Passed to Regt CP
1510	FM 1 gun G399699 Firing Demonstration for B Coy 5 RAR	
1645	Ref TIN TRUNK Orig c/s 19 Date Time of Origin 301930 Serials	
	7 and 8 upgraded to JM Tgts	
1650	Received PLUTO 10 Serials Orig c/s 95	
1715	FM 3 guns PLUTO Serial 10 Orig c/s 95	
1853	FM Bty PLUTO Serial 1 Orig c/s 95	
1915	Stand-to	
1915	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol departed.	
1930	Received TIDDLER TIN TRUNK Orig c/s 19 14 Serials	
1940	Serials 3, 4 and 9 of PLUTO Orig c/s 95 Date Time of Origin 011200 hrs	

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Sheet 2.....

Time	Message	Action/Remarks
1945	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol returned - NTR	
2006	FM 3 guns PLUTO Serial 2	
2015	Stand down	
	Sitrep 14, Period from 301900 hrs to 011900 hrs. EN NTR OWN. Work continued on gun/ammo bays. CP stores were serviced. No further work can be done on the CP until heavy timber is aval. More sand was obtained from VUNG TAU for gun bays. Bty area was visited by PR Officer and officers/Sgts from B Coy 5 RAR Admin. Laundry returned filthy from local laundry service.	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0133	FM 3 guns PLUTO Serials 5 Orig c/s 95	
0307	FM 3 guns PLUTO Serial 6 Orig c/s 95	
0457	FM 3 guns PLUTO Serial 7 Orig c/s 95	
0530	Stand - to	
0600	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol departed.	
0615	FM 3 guns PLUTO Serials 8 Orig c/s 95	
0630	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol returned - NTR	
0630	Stand-down	
1115	c/s 11 with FH c/s 43 had contact with 2 VC - 2 VC KIA, 3 wpns captured plus webbing and pers belongings blood trails followed - suspect a third VC - no results.	
1500	Received PLUTO Orig c/s 95 12 serials	
1645	FM Bty G 386 691 c/s 11 with FH c/s 43 had a contact to their SOUTH WEST. Results unknown Recorded as JP 1131	
1735	FM Bty G 448713 2 suspected VC Results unknown.	
1801	All serials PLUTO clear to fire from c/s 19 except serial 3 which is cancelled at the request of c/s 19.	
1852	PLUTO Serial 1 FM 3 guns FM Bty PLUTO Serial 2	
1915	Stand - to	
1915	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol departed	
1940	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol returned - NTR	
1940	Received TIDDLER TIN TRUNK Orig c/s 19 13 serials	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
2015	Stand - down	
2145	FM Regt JM 4008 lights seen by c/s 3	
2253	FM 3 guns PLUTO Serial 4	
	<p>SITREP 15. Period from 011900 hrs to 021900 hrs. In at 1109 hrs c/s 11 with FH c/s 43 had a contact with 3 VC at GR 395695, 2VC KIA. 3 wpns captured plus some webbing and pers effects. Blood Trail followed with negative results. At 1645 hrs c/s 11 with FH c/s 43 had a contact at GR 386691 onto which was fired a FM Bty onto likely escape route. Results unknown. At 1715 hrs c/s 13B sighted 2 pers suspected VC at GR 452713 onto which was fired a FM Bty. Results unknown. At 2145 hrs, FM Regt JM 4008 GR 3660 6950. Lights seen by c/s 3. own. Work continued on gun/ammo bays. ADMIN. NIL</p>	

Date..... 3 Jul 66.....

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0157	FM 3 guns PLUTO Serial 5	
0211	FM 3 Guns PLUTO Serial 6	
0303	FM 3 Guns PLUTO Serial 7	
0530	Stand - to	
0600	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol departed.	
0618	FM 3 Guns PLUTO Serial 8	
0630	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol returned	
0630	Stand - down	
0915	GPO visiting OPs	
1020	Serial 9 PLUTO clear to fire	
1048	Serial 9 PLUTO fired	
1200	GPO returned	
1241	PLUTO Serial 10 cancelled	
1627	FM 3 guns PLUTO Serial 11	
1640	c/s 11 TIN TRUNK 2 Serial, passed to c/s 19 cancel JP 1131, JP 1450, JP 1452	
1703	FM Bty PLUTO Serial 12	
1805	Received PLUTO 8 Serials Orig c/s 95	
1805	Received PLUTO 1 Serial Orig 1 Fd Regt RAA	
1810	Received TIDDLER TIN TRUNK 10 Serials Orig c/s 19	
1922	FM 3 Guns PLUTO Serial 1	
1915	Stand - to	
1957	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol departed.	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
1916	FM Regr GR 3810 6610 Engaged by c/s 92 2 VC moving towards hut.	
1945	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol returned	
2011	FM Bty PLUTO Serial 2 Orig c/s 95	
2015	Stand - down	
2150	Light seen at Bg 4500 A	
2245	FM 3 Gms PLUTO Serials 3 SITREP 16. Period from 021900 hrs to 031900 EN NTR. OWN. Bty spent the day levelling the ground where the tents (living quarters) are to be placed also "making and mending"	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0012	FM 3 guns PLUTO Serial 4	
0336	FM 3 Guns PLUTO Serial 5	
0518	FM Bty PLUTO Serial 6	
0530	Stand - to	
0600	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol departed	
0625	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol returned - NTR	
0630	Stand - down	
0745	FM Regt GR 409 668 6 VC near hut	
0755	FM Regt GR 392 663 6 VC near hut - ,The Regt Net was an absolute disgrace during this shoot. Control is NOT doing its job properly It readily corrects any errors made by pers on the defence net which are basic errors made by pers who are NOT normally operators - but its knowledge on procedure for fire orders is limited, it appears as nothing is done to prevent the Regt Net becoming a shambles during a FM Regt.	
0942	FM 3 Guns PLUTO Serial 7	
0950	FM Bty Engaged by c/s 13B Covering Fire	
1215	Visit by parliamentarians - very brief	
1423	FM Bty GR 376682 Course shooting	
1443	FM 3 guns GR407672 Course shooting	
1500	FS 3 guns GR 366662 Course shooting	
1545	FM 3 Guns GR 407 667 Course shooting	

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Sheet 2

105 FD BTY RAA

Time	Message	Action/Remarks
1551	FM 3 Guns G R 391698 Course shooting	
1558	FM 3 Guns GR 368667 Course shooting	
1645	FM Bty GR 390,618 Public Relations photographs. ,Guns fired by AMERICANS to celebrate Independence Day	
1700	Recieve PLUTO 9 Serials Orig c/s 95 and TIDDLER MAIN ROAD Orig c/s 95 18 Serials	
1915	Stand - to	
1915	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol departed	
1940	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol returned - NTR	
2015	Stand - down	
2052	FM 3 Guns PLUTO Serial 2	
2215	PLUTO Serial 3 Cancelled	
2348	FM 3 guns PLUTO Serial 4	
	SITREP 17. Period from 031900 hrs to 041900 hrs EN. At 0745 hrs c/s 24 saw 6 VC near a hut at GR 409668 and 6 VC near a hut at GR 392663 onto which he fired a FM Regt on both occassions. OWN. A ^T 1215 hrs some AUSTRALIAN Parliamentarians paid a brief visit to t the Bty area. The bty spent the afternoon doing some course shooting for FOXHOUND elements situayed on NUI DAT. At 1645 hrs FM Bty the guns being fired by visiting AMERICANS to celebrate INDEPENDANCE DAY - Public Relations to photograph. ADMIN NIL	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0113	FM 3 guns PLUTO Serial 5	Orig c/s 95
0241	FM 3 guns PLUTO Serial 6	Orig c/s 95
0530	Stand to	
0555	FM 3 guns PLUTO Serial 7 Orig c/s 95	
0600	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol departed/	
0630	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol returned NTR	
0630	Stand down	
1013	FD Bty PLUTO Serial 8	
1535	FM 3 guns PLUTO Serial 9	
1630	BC's 0 Gp OP SYDNEY	
1730	Received PLUTO 17 Serials Orig c/s 95	
1845	Serials 6 and 10 PLUTO Orig c/s 95 cancelled	
1915	Stand to	
1916	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol departing	
1917	FM 2 guns PLUTO Serial 1	
1930	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol returned NTR	
2025	Stand Down	
2032	FM 2 guns PLUTO Serial 2	
2119	FM 2 guns PLUTO Serial 3	
2150	PLUTO Serial 4 cancelled	
2150	FM Regt GR 378640 1 RFFE	SLAR Contact
2205	Message from adjt concerning Loss of 25 Sgt	

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Sheet 2

105 FD BTY RAA

Time	Message	Action/Remarks
	Jamming coming up through Freq Regt may be affected in next few days	BC to pass on to FOs Message to Sig Cen
2238	FM 2 guns PLUTO Serial 5	
2240	PLUTO Serial 15,16,17 cancelled	
2252	Prepare Fire Plan MAIN ROAD	Ready Serial
2307	Cancel MAIN ROAD	
2318	FM 2 guns PLUTO Serial 7	
2340	FM 2 Guns PLUTO Serial 8	
	SITREP 18. Period from 041900 hrs to 051900 hrs EN 2 shots reported by own standing patrol. At 1545 hrs Bg 2500m 250 metres OWN. 1630 BC BCs 0 Gp for OP SYDNEY, Bty spend day wiring plus erecting tents. ADMIN NIL	

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105 Fd Bty RAA

Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0003	FM Regt PLUTO Serial 9	Orig c/s 95
0117	FM 2 guns PLUTO Serial 11	
0200	FM 2 guns PLUTO Serial 12	
0357	FM 2 guns PLUTO Serial 13	
0452	FM 2 guns PLUTO Serial 14	
0530	Stand to	
0600	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol departed	
0630	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol returned	
0630	Bty test fire small arms	
0635	Stand down	
1605	No PLUTOs tonight for c/s 1	
1815	Recieved TIN TRUNK from c/s 95	
1915	Stand to	
1915	Clearing patrol moved out.	
1945	Clearing patrol returned plus Day standing patrol	NTR
2114	Fire plan HOT TIME cancel JM 4009 JM 4012 JM 4013	
0452	FM 2 guns PLUTO Serial 14	
0530	Stand to	
0600	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol departed	
0630	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol returned.	
0630	Bty test fire small arms	
0635	Stand down	

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105 FD BTY RAA

Time	Message	Action/Remarks
1605	No PLUTOs tonight for c/s 1	
1815	Received TIN TRUNK from c/s 95	
1915	Stand to	
1915	Clearing patrol moved out	
1945	Clearing Patrol returned plus day standing ptrol NTR	
2114	Fire plan HOT TIME cancel JM 4009, JM 4012, JM 4013	
	<p>STIREP 19. Period from 051900 to 061900. EN. At GR 426702 c/s 13 with FH c/s 3 found bicycle. FH c/s 2 found 3 huts at GR 435702 inside the huts there was partly consumed food, believed to be as fresh as this morning. OWN. Bty prepared for Op SYDNEY ADMIN . NIL</p>	
1130	Bn HQ and BCs Tac HQ departed base loc	
1500	Arrived TENNIS 4315 7060	No incidents FCC is deserted hut. Clean dry and comfortable
	<p>Final locstats</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A Coy 412707</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Bn HQ B Coy 431706</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">C Coy 412717</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">D Coy 418710</p>	

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Sheet 1 ..

105 FD BTY RAA

Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0715	Bty commenced moving to TENNIS by APCs in two lifts of 13 (one troop). Battery ready by 0915 hrs. Move proceeded satisfactorily. 660 rds ammo moved in boxes. Guns concealed in banana plantation. silent policy imposed. All routine targets to be handled by 103 Fd Bty.	
1045	FM regt GR 443657, ground fire at FAC, 1 RFFE, No results	
1817	Bty ready on Theatre grid	(1) Orientation
	Three Regt svyrs had accompanied bty on deployment	Simultaneous Obsvsn of sun
2125	Locstat	(2) Fixation by Tellurometer from NUI DAT
	A Coy 389710	
	B Coy and Bn HQ 431706	
	C Coy 397735	
	D Coy 415 724	
2125	SITREP No 1 as at 072130H	
	EN : NTR	
	Own Tpt : Search of AO GOLD commenced tomorrow. Comms are poor with c/s 11. 13 Distance only 4000m over relatively flat ground but very thick vegetation has been encountered.	
	ADMIN : 300 rds ammo will arrive tomorrow	

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105 FD BTY RAA

Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0824	Air strike GR 395744 Known on base camp and ground activity	
1027	Foxhound 42 discovered blood trail 410727 and small camp for 8-10 men approx 2 days old	NOT as a result of any contact.
1500	Comd 1 ATF arrived TENNIS. Issued Verbal Orders to Bn CO	
1645	Contact FoxHound 11 4 x local VC Arty not used / 1 possible WIA	
1720	FM Bty GR 396724 Possum ac received ground fire. One round passed over crest and landed in C Coy 1 KIA, 1 WIA	Coy located on Revers slope of target on crest
2100	Navigation shoot using illuminating and WP. Foxhound 12 had not RV at base camp. Shoot reasonably successful	

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105th FD BTY RAA

Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0855	E/4 12 sighted 1 VC dressed in greens with M1carbine	
1155	Contact, 1 X VC KIA, 1 X VC WIA GR 420737. No artillery	
1618	Contact A Coy. Brief but by firefight. VC will armed and controlled 3 X WIA friendly.. One claymore discovered Locstats A Coy 385716 B Coy 433707 C Coy 398722 D Coy 418733	Probable MF

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105 FD BTY RAA

Time	Message	Action/Remarks
1030	Recieved Written orders for clearing of additional area ECHO, FOXTROT to NORTH of AO GOLD	
1200	C Coy arrived TENNIS by relieve B Coy in role of protection of guns and Bn HQ.	
1805	Lost contact c/s 11	
2100	Locstats A Coy 383723 B Coy 403716 C Coy 431705 D Coy 407734	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0530	Stand to	
0545	Stand down	
0645	Cease firint in preparation for move out on Op SYDNEY	
0715	Recce party moved out in APCs on Op SYDNEY	
0830	First lift (left Section plus CO and R Stores, plus respective pers and 300 rounds of ammo) left NUI DAT for Op SYDNEY	
0940	Bty Ready on Bty Grid GR 431705	
1130	Left section (Second lift) arrived at Bty posn- consisting of 350 round of ammo plus accosiated pers.	
1610	Bty ready on THEATRE GRID	
1900	Received TIDDLER 10 Serials TIN TRUNK Orig c/s 19	
1900	Stand to	
1900	Received TIDDLER TIN TRUNK Origc/s 19 10 Serials	
2000	Stand down	
	<p>SITREP 20 Period from 061900 hrs to 071900 hrs EN. NTR. OWN. Bty moved out on Op SYDNEY - the complete battery moving by APCs.. The guns were not stripped when placed inside the APCs - and no difficulties were experienced by moving them this way which is far better than moving the guns stripped. The bty posn is in the middle of a banana plantation, well camouflaged and with reasonable gun platffrms. FH elements of FH c/s 2 are one three sides of the perimeter with the front of the bty position being the btys responsibility for local defence. Clearing patrols are carried out by FH elements. The bty is in direct support of 5 RAR. The bty has a silent policy in force which will NOT be broken without prior approval from CO 5 RAR. 103rd Bty is at priority call. ADMIN. There is a shortage of water - eing no resupply from B Ech.</p> <p><u>Operation SYDNEY</u></p> <p>1. <u>Units invdved</u></p>	

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105 FD BTY RAA

Time	Message	Action/Remarks
	<p>a. 5 RAR</p> <p>b. 1 APC Sqn RAAC</p> <p>c. 105 Fd Bty RAA</p> <p>d. 103 Fd Bty RAA</p> <p>2. <u>Msn</u> 105 Fd Bty is in DS of 5 RAR</p> <p>3. <u>Movement</u>. The bty moved out on the operations in APCs No difficulties being experienced.</p> <p>4. <u>Gun Position</u>. Se SITREP</p>	

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105 FD BTY RAA

Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0530	Stand to	
0630	Stand down	
0930	300 round were received on the position having been brought from NUI DAT by APCs.. BK and R _e gt Svy Party left gun position for return to NUI DAT.	
1537	Bty position visited by Brig O D JACKSON OBE - Task Force Commander	
1649	FH c/s 11 and a contact at GR 275710	
1656	Ref contact. no further details from FH - all shboting our side contact very short -m2 VC fled when fired on.	
1706	Ref contact - now 4 VC - withdrew NORTH WEST.	
1740	Tgt fired by c/s 2 at c/s 13s request resulted in 3 rounds falling near FH c/s 3 resulting in one casualty from a tree - burst	
	SITREP 21 Period from 071900 hrs to 081900 hrs. EN. c/s 11 had a contact with 4 VC VC fled NORTH WEST - no casualties. OWN. A	
	quiet day for bty due to no fire policy CO 5 RAR. ADMIN. Ammo resupply completed.	
2115	Received TIDDLER TIN TRUNK Orig c/s 19 10 Serials	

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105 FD BTY RAA

Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0530 S	Stand to	
0630	Stand down	
1200	c/s 13 loc VC camp at GR424707 - Not used for quite some time	
1300	FH c/s 2 and c/s 12 departure Fire Sp Base and FH c/s 3 and c/s 13 took over local defence of Fire Sp Base.	
1302	FH c/s 43 loc VC camp Coy size at GR 405733. Camp is approx 6 months old	
1350	Gnr LAWS OTTER SKIN from c/s 14 Gnr MATTHEWS to replace him at 1445 hrs	
1510	Gnr LAWS taken from c/s 14's loc - replaced by Gnr MATTHEWS	
1915	Stand to	
2000	Received TIDDLER TIN TRUNK Orig c/s 19 9 Serials	
2015	Stand down	
	SITREP 23 Period from 091900 hrs to 101900 hrs . EN. VC Camps Loc at GR 424707 and GR 405733 . OWN . Gnr LAWS replaced by Gnr MATTHEWS at c/s 14's loc Gnr LAWS OTTERS KIN. Quiet day - no firing. ADMIN NIL	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0530	Stand to	
0630	Stand down	
0858	FH c/s 12 contacted 1 VC approx 10 mins ago he was wearing greens and carrying a M1 rifle there were no casualties.	
0926	c/s 14 located an old VC camp at GR 418732. It had not been used for 12 months and was capable of holding 20 pers	
1040	c/s 14 Saw 5 VC dressed in black at GR 411735 moving EAST to WEST.	
1137	FHc/s 12 discovered hospital 2 classrooms, 1 ton polished rice at GR 383715 contacted 1 VC at GR 383712	
1342	FH c/s 13 found coy size Loc at GR 378719.	
1620	c/s 11 had a contact. - details later.	
1915	Stand - to	
1920	c/s 24 saw 6 VC at GR 386737 running due WEST. They were dressed in black	
2010	Received TIDDLER TIN TRUNK Orig c/s 19 9 serials	
2015	Stand down	
	<p>SITREP from FH c/s 1 Ref contact at 1620 hrs. When FH c/s 1 initially fired on VC they moved to WEST. FH c/s 1 had two elements to his NORTH and WEST at this time thus preventing use of artillery as the VC were between these elements and the main body. On his arrival at FH c/s 1's loc, FH c/s 13 reported that a bullock track existed running NORTH to SOUTH then 300 metres to the WEST. FH c/s 13 saw signs of recent mov then found 1 Claymore and 1 Grenade set up. Thus assuming that the en using this track had heard or seen FH c/s 13 and turning about had subsequently run into FH c/s 1. Estimated VC strength 20-30, dressed in black, heavily armed iVC probable KIA.</p> <p>SITREP 22. Period from 081900 hrs to 091900 hrs. EN. FH c/s 1 contacted 20-20 VC. Results 1 VC probable KIA. Contact in Grid Square 3771. At 0926 hrs c/s 14 loc an old VC camp at GR 418732. At 1137 hrs FH c/s 12 loc hospital, 2 classrooms and 1 ton of polished rice at GR 383715 contacted 1 VC at GR 383712. FH c/s 13 found Coy size loc at GR 378719 OWN. No fire policy still in effect for bty. Area well camouflaged. ADMIN . NIL</p>	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0530	Stand to	
0630	Stand down	
1155	c/s 14 located en camp GR 400746	
1645	Bty posn visited by Maj Gen MACKAY. Commander Aust Forces VIETNAM	
1915	Stand to	
1950	Received TIDDLER TIN TRUNK Orig c/s 19 13 Serials	
2015	Stand down	
2155	Dog barked between FH c/s 2 and FH c/s 21 B Suspect 4 VC with dog near FH c/s 21B	
	SITREP 24. Period from 101900 hrs to 112400 hrs. En At 2155 hrs c/s 12 reported that a dog barked between FH c/s 2 and FH c/s 21 Bs loc at GR 370734. Own. A quiet day for the bty No fire policy still in effect - however informed by SUNRAY that any tgts in the future which were Charge 7 to c/s 2 would be engaged by US ADMIN NIL	

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105 Fd Bty RAA

Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0515	Stand to	
0615	Stand down	
0618	Contact c/s 12s loc - lay on JM 1213 details later	
0632	Lay on JM 1214 3-4 VC moving WEST	
0650	SITREP from c/s 12 ref contact with 4 VC. When FH c/s 21 B were moving to their final loc they saw 2 VC. 5 min later after they had gone to ground the 2 VC were joined by another 2 VC. Both parties went to ground within 30 metres of each other. At 0624 hrs 1 VC moved to urinate FH c/s 21B they fired on the VC, wounding him. VC were dressed in a mixture of greens, wpns unknown. VC then fled WEST. JM 1214 was then engaged. Results unknown.	
1000	CO 5 RAR and BC visited CP, CO briefed on target records.	
1845	Received TIDDLER TIN TRUNK Orig c/s 9 Serials	
1945	Stand to	
2015	Stand down SITREP 25 Period from 112400 hrs to 122400 hrs EN. At 0618 hrs FH c/s 21B contacted 4 VC at GR 370734. Suspected 1 VC fled WEST tgt JM 1214 was engaged by c/s 1 with results unknown. OWN. Another quiet day -, Silent policy broken at 0633 hrs - when a tgt was engaged which was charge 7 to c/s 2 ADMIN . NIL	

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105 FD BTY RAA

Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0530	Stand - to	
0630	Stand down	
1004	4 VC sighted by "ALBATROSS" near c/s 12's loc	
1005	FM Bty GR 396 748 4 VC sighted by "ALBATROSS" Results unknown	
1123	FM 3 guns navigation check for c/s 12	
1630	Received Task Tables LITTLE JOHN Z, E, F, A, C, D Orig c/s 19	
1915	Stand to	
2000	Received TIDDLER TIN TRUNK 9 serials Orig c/s 19	
2015	Stand down	
2048	Ref TIN TRUNK Orig c/s 19 Date Time of Origin 132000 Serial cancelled. Serial 10 added.	
2115	Serials 4, 19, 22 LITTLE JOHN Z cancelled.	
2205	Report OT 400 VC in Grid Squares 3869, 3969 (3000 metres to SOUTH WEST) from c/s 19	
	SITREP: 26 Period from 122400 hrs to 132400 hrs . EN. 4 VC sighted fro air near c/s 12s loc - c/s 12 fired FM Bty GR 396748 Results unknown. OWN. Gnr FLEMING dispatched to c/s 14s loc. BK visited gun position. Busy evening in CP with 64 tgts to plot (57 tgts from LITTLE JOHN TIDDLER and 7 tgts from TIN TRUNK) A generally quiet day. ADMIN. Received clothing resuppl6 - the first for 2 months.	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0001	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 1	
0004	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 2	
0009	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 3	
0016	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 5	
0019	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 6	
0022	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 7	
0024	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 8	
0032	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 9	
0040	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 10	
0053	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 11	
0058	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 12	
0101	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 13	
0108	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 14	
0116	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 15	
0122	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 16 (Fired 23,000th round since	
0127	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 17 arrival in SVN	
0132	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 18	
0145	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 20	
0147	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 21	
0152	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 23	
0155	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 24	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0157	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 25	
0500	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN Z Serial 1 - 25 except 4, 19 and 23	
0700		
0530	Stand - to	
0630	Stand down	
0845	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN E Serial 1	
0855	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN E Serial 2	
0858	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN E Serial 3	
0906	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN E Serial 4	
0910	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN E Serial 5	
1000	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN E Serial 1	
1005	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN E Serial 3	
1008	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN E Serial 4	
1001	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN E Serial 5	
1013	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN E Serial 6	
1240	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN A Serial 1	
1244	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN A Serial 2	
1248	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN A Serial 3	
1255	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN A Serial 4	
1301	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN A Serial 5	
1304	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN A Serial 6	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
1315	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN A Serial 7	
1320	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN A Serial 8	
1321	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN A Serial 9	
1325	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN A Serial 11	
1330	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN A Serial 12	
1335	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN A Serial 13	
1336	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN A Serial 14	
1337	FM Bty LITTLE JOHN A Serial 15	
1345	Cease firing	
1435	Bty left Op area - TENNIS - for return to NUI DAT	
1530	Ready C GR 742852.8 Ht 120'	
1840	FM Regt LITTLE JOHN D Serial 1	Orig c/s RCP
1847	FM Regt LITTLE JOHN D Serial 2	
1850	FM Regt LITTLE JOHN D Serial 3	
1857	FM Regt LITTLE JOHN D Serial 4	
1901	FM Regt LITTLE JOHN D Serial 5	
1906	FM Regt LITTLE JOHN D Serial 6	
1914	FM Regt LITTLE JOHN D Serial 7	EN
1915	STAND TO - additions to PLUTO 141400H	Serials 13 - 14 Orig 95
1915	Clearing patrol out	
1945	Clearing patrol in	

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105 FD BTY RAA

Time	Message	Action/Remarks
1925	Cancel JM 1230 JM 1231, JM 1234	c/s 95
2100	Cancel TIN TRUNK 132000H	Orig c/s 19 - JM 1220 JM 1223 JM 1467 JM 1157
2201	FM Regt PLUTO Serial	JM 1159 Jm 1160 JM 1219 c/s 95
	SITREP 27. Period from 132400 hrs to 14200 hrs En NTR. OWN. Bty did quite a lot of firing from FIRE PLANS. Move back to NUI DAT by APCs was quite successful - no problems ADMIN NIL	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0301	FM Regt PLUTO Serial 14	Orig c/s 95
0530	Stand to	
0550	Clearing patrol out	
0618	FM Regt PLUTO Serial 12	Orig c/s 95
0630	Clearing patrol in	NTR
0632	Stand down	
1856	Clearing and standing patrols moved out	
1905	Road Block personnel moved out	1 NCO and 3 ORs
1915	Stand to	
1927	Clearing patrol reported in	NTR
2015	Stand down	JM 1013
2030	DFSOS confirmed by c/s 19	
2125	FM Bty - Orig 95 - No rds fired	Vehicle lights grid 3865
2156	FM Bty - Orig 95 - 10 rds fired	Vehicle lights grid 3865
	SITREP 28. period from 142400 hrs to 152400 hrs. EN NTR. OWN. Bty spent the day maintainancing guns and preparation of tent sites for erection of tents. ADMIN. NIL	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0530	Stand - to	
0600	Clearing ptl and day standing ptl departed.	
0630	Clearing ptl returned - NTR	
0630	Stand Down.	
0645	Road block party returned	
1515	Ptl of 8 men dispatched to GR 428 663 to clear area of locals.	Two groups seen - 10 children and 1 women who were feeding oxen and picking bananas and 3 children and 1 woman who were picking bananas - both parties driven back to village.
1605	Clearing ptl for above returned.	
1845	Road block patrol departed.	
1900	Clearing ptl and ni standing ptl departed	
1917	Engaged PLUTO tgt Right Sec GR 472 695 Left Sec	
1930	FM Bty GR 385 655 Orig C/S 95 suspected VC hut. Tgt Round on hut.	
1948	FM 3 Guns GR 380 718 H & I	
1950	Clearing ptl - NTR	
2015	Stand Down	
SITREP 29 Period from 152400 hrs to 162400 hrs EN. Ptl despatched at 1515 hrs to clear area of locals XXX consisting of women and children. OWN. Bty spent the day erecting tents and spent their first ni since 22 May 66 under 16'x 16' tents. ADMIN - Hot Beer - No Ice.		

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0530	Stand - To	
0600	Clearing ptl and day standing ptl departed.	
0630	Clearing ptl and ni standing ptl returned - NTR	
0910	Stand - Down	
1915	Stand - To	
1940	Clearing ptl and day standing ptl returned - NTR	
1945	Serial 6 PLUTO Orig C/S 95 Cancelled. No PLUTO's for the bty for the ni.	
2015	Stand Down	
	SITREP 30 Period form 162400 hrs to 172400 hrs. EN. NTR OWN. Most of unit stores left BIEN HOA.	Make and Mend day for bty. ADMIN. Hot beer again.

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0530	Stand - To	
0600	Clearing ptl and day standing ptl departed.	
0625	Clearing ptl and ni standing ptl returned - NTR	
0630	Stand - Down.	
1700	FM 1 Gin No 4. GR 403 677. Demonstration shoot for 3 American Colonels.	
1705	PLUTO 181200H Orig C/S 9 Received.	
1845	PLUTO 181630H Orig C/S 36 Received.	
1915	Stand - To	
1915	Clearing ptl and ni standing ptl departed.	
1940	Clearing ptl and day standing returned.- NTR	
2020	Stand - Down	
2159	FM Bty GR 413 652.	No Results
2317	FM Regt PLUTO Serial 9.	Orig C/S 9.
SITREP 31. Period from 172400 hrs to 182400 hrs. EN Gp of VC withdrew from GR 413 652, at 2159 hrs FM Bty - No results available. OWN. Bty spent day digging pits, D Gun put on short demonstration for 3 American Colonels.		

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0530	Stand - To	
0600	Clearing ptl and day standing ptl departed.	
0635	Clearing ptl and ni standing ptl returned - NTR.	
0645	Stand - Down.	
1855	Clearing & Standing ptls departed	
1900	Road block Pers departed.	
1925	Clearing ptl & Day Day standing reported - NTR.	
2019	Stand Down.	
	SITREP 32. Period from 182400 hrs to 192400 hrs EN. NTR. OWN. The bty spent the day siting and digging weapon pits, all pits were 2 man, of design approved by BK. Heavy rain in the afternoon prevented digging of pits. However time was spent siting, and in a few cases, commencement of the laying of tent floors. A few of the bty's stores arrived from VUNG TAU, including a refridgerator. ADMIN. NIL.	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0530	Stand - To	
0600	Clearing ptl and day standing ptl departed	
0605	Contact at FH C/S 2's loc with 3 VC. 1 VC KIA 2 WIA, later on 3 suspects detained.	
0627	Clearing ptl and ni standing ptl returned -NTR.	
0631	Stand - Down	
0635	Contact at GR 444 728. FH C/S 1 fired on VC trying to escape.	
0645	Road block pers returned.	
0806	From C/S 11 we have one VC prisoner who surrendered to us when found by clearing ptl. He was wearing webbing but had no wpn.	
0845	From C/S 19A, man found in bunker has been extracted. He has two minor wounds. Also with him were a woman and a new born baby - both suffering from malnutrition. Man being interrogated.	
0920	Large bag of med supplies found.	
1133	Contact C/S 11's loc 1 VC KIA 1 M1 carbine captured.	
1400	SITREP from C/S 19. Things now coming to a head. 2 VC KIA 3 VC WIA. 1 Ralltier captured. Change in plan of FH now moving direct to area of operations.	
1623	VC sighted by FH C/S 31 shielded by a herd of cattle. When FH C/S 31 opened fire the cattle were driven towards the VC by a woman making engagement difficult. VC did NOT return fire.	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0530	Stand - To	
0600	Clearing ptl and day standing ptl departed	
0625	Clearing ptl and ni standing returned - NTR	
0635	Stand - Down	
1040	FH SUNRAY received orders that all elements are to stay together.	
1045	SITREP from C/S 1. Report has been received that there are 300 - 500 VC at GR 460 729 C/S 1 and FH C/S 4 are probing at present loc whilst FH C/S 3 are moving to check report.	
1050	FH C/S 42 found an old cart track approx 100 m EAST of his loc. It has NOT been used for some time.	
1115	FH C/S 3 trying to find LZ for OTTER SKIN.	
1155	Contact 4VC FH C/S 3 2 VC fled NORTH. 2 VC fled EAST FM Bty GR 465 735. Blocking Fire.	
1305	C/S 14B had a contact with 3 VC Request clearance GR 475 715	
1325	Delete request for clearance GR 475 715	
1335	Ref contact of C/S 14B 1 VC KIA Captured bag containing grenade. Following blood trail at GR 471 723.	
1630	2 VC seen moving SW. 1 Chicom and 1 Claymore mine discovered. From C/S 14.	
1633	FM Bty GR 472 522 1 VC Results unknown. Engaged by C/S 14.	
1816	Contact FH C/S 61's loc	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
1845	Road block party departed.	
1940	Clearing ptl and ni standing ptl departed.	
1915	Stand - To	
1935	Clearing ptl and day standing ptl returned - NTR	
2015	Stand - Down	
2030	Received TIDDLER. TIN TRUNK Orig C/S 19 11 Serials.	
	<p>SITREP 34. Period from 202400 hrs to 212400 hrs. EN. At 1045 hrs C/S 19 VC at GR 460 729. At 1155 hrs FH C/S 3 contacted 4 VC XXXXXX FM Bty GR 465 735 blocking fire. Results unknown. At 1305 hrs C/S 14 B contacted 3 VC vic GR 475 715. 1 VC KIA 1 bag containing grenade captured. Blood trail followed at GR 471 723. At 1633 hrs FM Bty GR 472 522 1 VC. Results unknown. At 1816 hrs contact XX at FH C/S 61's loc - no further results. OWN. A little work was done on gun bays Bty provided 1 Sgt and 8 OR's for wiring party for American posn. ADMIN. Some stores from BIEN HOA arrived.</p>	<p>Received a report that there are 300-500</p>

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0530	Stand to	
0600	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol departed	
0630	Clearing patro and night standing patrol returned - NTR	
0637	Stand down	
0700	Road block party returned - NTR	
1005	From c/s 14. 1 VC moved towards our loc. Sentry spotted him and opened fire wounding him. He is now being treated by STARLIGHT	
1100	VC captured by FH c/s 4 at 0920H has provided information leading to extention of operation for further 24 hrs.	
1110	FH c/s 42 sighted 2 VC at GR 484718	
1130	FH intentions. FH c/s 1 moves to your loc and provides support for RMF . FH c/s 2 remains in this loc and continues in his present tasks. FH c/s 3 after receiving fire fly is to move to vic 470745 and sweep SOUTH EAST AND SOUTH. FH c/s 4 after receiving fire fly to move to vic GR 485715 and block	
1245	Contact c/s 14s loc FM Bty GR 475711 EM before firing.	
1255	SITREP from c/s 14 ref contact. FH c/s 41 is sweeping immediate area. FH c/s 43 is returnign to FH c/s 4sllloc no further developments.	
1600 Received	TIDDLERS LAWRENCE DAY THREE, PLUTO Orig c/s 19 and PLUTO Orig c/s9	
1703	FM Bty GR 483734	VC camp 3 - 4 VC fled NW when fired on

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
1710	No 5 gun out of action damaged elevating gear	LAD informed - inspected gun will fix in morning Adjut informed
1830	LAWRENC' SERIAL 1 cancelled	Orig CP
1851	FM 4 guns LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 2	Orig c/s 9
1910	Clearing patrol/night patrol out	
1918	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 3	LAWRENCE DAY THREE serials 21.22.25.26.27.28.29 and 32 cancelled
1926	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 4	
1928	FM 4 guns LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 5	
1945	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol returned NTR	
2007	FM 4 guns LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 6 cancelled	
2015	Stand down	
2030	Received TIN TRUNK 221930H	Orig c/s 19
2101	FM2 guns LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 7	
2307	FM 2 guns LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 8	
2341	FM 2 guns LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 9 SITREP 35. PERIOD from 212400H to 222400H. EN. 1 VC WIA capture- ed by FOXHOUND with c/s 14 2 VC sighted at GR.484718 at 1255 hrs contact at c/s 14 loc. At 1703 VC camp engaged 3-4 VC escaped NW OWN A Btry arrived in new loc at 1305 hrs provided wire party to A Btry area in morning also provided guides for occupation of	VC provided information leading to extension of 5 RAR operation for further 24 hrs

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
	<p>area by A Btry CP finished wpn pits. Guns worked on gun bays No 5 gun out of action after firing C7 damaged elevating gear. LAD inspection on gun will try to fix in morning.</p> <p>ADMIN. More stores and pers arrived from BIEN HOA with A Btry Bdr HENDERSON and Gnr GILLANDERS are only members of battery still at BIEN HOA. They began the journey with A Btry, however their vehicle broke down and the battery was later advised that they had returned to BIEN HOA</p>	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks	
0026	FM 2 guns LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 10	Orig c/s 9	
0122	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 11		
0241	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 12		
0429	FM 5 Guns LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 13		
0456	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 14		
0517	FM 4 guns LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 15		
0533	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 16		
0535	Stand to		
0548	FM 4 Guns LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 17		
0609	FM 4 Guns LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 18 clearing patrol and day		
0619	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 19 standing patrol out		
0622	FM 4 guns LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 20		
0630	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol returned Stand down		NTR
0803	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 23		
0805	DUST OFF OTTER SKIN. Person involved c/s 13 G Minor		
0841	FM 4 guns LAWRENCE DAY THREE Serial 24		
0915	13 JM tgt cancelled JM 1015, 1017, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, JM 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028		
1100	Received report from LAD that No 5 Gun could be out of action for a considerable time depending on HOA LONG it took to receive spare parts. The worm wheel on the elevating gear has lost some teeth and both the worm and the worm wheel are damaged. No definite answer was to HOA HOA LONG the gun will be out of action can be given until it is found out if the spare part is available in SVN. The fact that the gun is out of action was reported to BC and Adjt.		
1400	Received TIDDLERS LAWRENCE DAY FOUR Orig c/s 9 36 serials and PLUTO Orig c/s 6 10 Serials.		

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
1828	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 1 - Day 4 -	3 & 4 guns
1847	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 2 - Day 4 -	1,2,3,4,6 guns (No 5 out of action)
1658	Clearing patrol reported in	NTR
1908	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 3	5 Guns
1914	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 4	2 Guns
1918	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 5	5 Guns
1931	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 6	5 Guns
1946	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 7	5 Guns
2015	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 8	5 Guns
2111	Fire LAWRENCE Serial 9	2 Guns
2219	Fire LAWRENCE Serial 10	2 Guns
2221	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 11	2 Guns
2311	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 12	2 Guns
2341	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 13	2 Guns
<p>SITREP. Day was spent improving all Gun platforms, to receive PSP as supports for gun knife spades. Overhead cover was erected on majority of new weapon pits. Beautification in the form of clearing grass cutting and erecting of fences was continued. A further load of Bty Stores arrived from VUNG TAU.</p>		

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0029	Fired LAWRENCE Serial (Cancelled)	
0127	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 15	1 Gun
0239	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 16	2 Guns
0436	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 17	5 Guns
0452	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 18	5 Guns
0505	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 19	5 Guns
0529	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 20	5 Guns
0558	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 22	5 Guns
0618	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 23	5 Guns
0631	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 24	5 Guns
0631	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol back	NTR
0714	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 25	2 Guns
0751	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 26	2 Guns
0759	Fired LAWRENCE Serial 27	2 Guns
0833	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FOUR Serial 28	
0923	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FOUR Serial 29	
1020	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FOUR Serial 30	
1107	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FOUR Serial 31	
1220	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FOUR Serial 32	
1339	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FOUR Serial 33	
1536	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FOUR Serial 34	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
1657	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FOUR Serial 35	
1728	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FOUR Serial 36	
1847	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 1	
1905	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol departed	
1912	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 2	
1915	Stand to	
1915	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 3	
1918	FM 2 Gnd LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 4	
1935	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 5	
1937	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol returned - NTR	
1951	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 6	
2015	Stand down	
2019	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 7	
2058	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 8	
2217	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 9	
2259	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 10	
2344	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 11 SITREP. 37 Period from 222400 hrs to 242400 hrs EN. NTR. OWN. Battery spent the day building and completing defence pits. ADMIN NIL	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0010	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 12	
0124	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 13	
0241	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 14	
0421	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 15	
0521	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 16	
0526	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 17	
0530	Stand to	
0555	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY FIVE Serial 18	
0600	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol departed	
0630	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol returned - NTR	
0630	Stand down	
1900	Protection party for 161 Fd Bty departed	
1905	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol departed	
1915	Stand - to	
1935	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol returned NTR	
1937	Serials 1,3,8 and 15 LAWRENCE DAY SIX cancelled	
2008	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY SIX Serial 2	
2015	Stand down	
2110	FM 4 Guns LAWRENCE DAY SIX Serials 4	
2230	MORTREP A1 G 4360 D2128 hrs G Med 1 4	E 2130 hrs F SQUARE 3562
2142	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY six Serial 5	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
2150	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY SIX Serial 6	
2211	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY SIX Serial 7	
2319	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY SIX Serial 9	
2347	FM 4 Guns LAWRENCE DAY SIX Serial 10	
	<p>SITREP 38 period from 242400 hrs to 252400 hrs EN. 6 RAR had a few contacts and were mortared as was 161 Fd Bty RNZA. This c/s was in no way connected with either units. OWN. Bty spent the day building gun bays and internal fencing. ADMIN. More stores arrived from BIEN HOA via VUNG TAU.</p>	building

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0011	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY SIX Serial 11	
0113	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY SIX Serial 12	
0209	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY SIX Serial 13	
0259	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY SIX Serial 14	
0428	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY SIX Serial 16	
0523	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY SIX Serial 17	
0530	Stand - to	
0600	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol departed	
0614	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY SIX Serial 18	
0630	Clearing patrol and night standing patrol returned	
0635	Stand down	
0645	Protection party for 161 Fd Bty Position returned	
0805	c/s 12 and FH c/s 2 Moving to snow	
1130	Received TIDDLER OVERLORD Orig c/s 13 5 Serials	
1207	Received amendment of Serial 2 OVERLORD Orig c/s 13	
1600	Received TIDDLER OVERLORD Orig c/s 95 26 Serials 260900H	
1915	Stand to. Clearing patrol and night standing patrol departed.	
1942	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY SEVEN Serial 1	
1945	Clearing patrol and day standing patrol returned	
2011	FM 2 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY SEVEN Serial 2	
2011	FM 2 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY SEVEN Serial 2	

Bty had already received TIDDLER of same Date/
 Time/Origin but with 18 Serials c/s 95 informed
 Orig c/s 95
 NTR

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
2025	Stand down	
2037	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY SEVEN Serial 3	
2042	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY SEVEN Serial 4	
2048	2 Flare reps sent ot ref CP	
2102	FM 4 guns LAWRENCE DAY SEVEN Serial 5	
2119	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY SEVEN Serial 6	
2142	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY SEVEN Serial 7	
2154	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY SEVEN Serial 8	
2211	FM Bty LAWRENCE DAY SEVEN Serial 9	Orig c/s 95
2223	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY SEVEN Serial 10	
2248	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY SEVEN Serial 11	
2329	FM 2 Guns LAWRENCE DAY SEVEN Serial 12	
2340	FM 4 Guns LAWRENCE DAY SEVEN Serial 13	
2347	FM 4 Guns LAWRENCE DAY SEVEN Serial 14	
<p><u>SITREP 39</u>: Period from 252400H to 262400H EN. At 1045 hrs 7VC seen between GR 534669 and 532669 i VC KIA 1 WIA possibly and one weapon captured. 11VC KIA as result of fire by 161 Bty on 25 Jul 66 11 graves found and at 1940 c/s 12 moved out with B Coy at 1940 hrs VC Camp 2 Pl size discovered GR 513661, c/s 4 engaged Flares sighted SOUTH and WEST of loc. OWN. at 0805 c/s 12 moved out with b Coy 5 RAR to Sp 6 RAR. Guns continued work on gun platforms, C Gun checked by LAD. Flooring Briefing Tent completed by CP personnel</p>		

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0937	c/s 13 requests clearance GR 476646. Mov observed 10 mins ago. 1 person moving WEST	
1325	c/s 13 saw people wearing black and coolie hats running away from a hut at GR 485635	
1500	Received LAWRENCE DAY EIGHT 25 Serials Orig c/s 95 to be fired during the night	
1530	Received TIN TRUNK Orig c/s 7 Serials	
2113	MORTREP BG 4150 / 8 rounds . later notified to be ARVN SITREP 40 Period from 262400 hrs to 272400 hrs EN. At 0937 hrs 13 observed mov at GR 476636 1 pers moving WEST. At 1325 hrs 13 saw pers wearing black and coolie hats running away from a hut at GR 485635, OWN . The Bty spent the day improving gun plat- forms weapon pits, and the erection and flooring of the Bty Briefing Tent. New latrines and kitchen grease - traps were dug by Engrs The building of a four point shower commenced ADMIN NIL	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0145	Lights of 5 vehs were seen 'X' at Bg 5200m at the base of the mountain range. Report matter to Regt CP	
1000	Received Fire Plan LINUS Orig c/s 95 Amend FIRE PLAN LINUS "Secs to engage" to read "Btys to engage"	
1430	Received LAWRENCE DAY NINE TIDDLER Orig c/s 95 25 serials and DF Tgt List No 5 OVERLORD	
1900	Received TIDDLER TIN TRUNK Orig c/s 29 4 Serials	
2025	SITREP from c/s 19. At 281945H En. c/s 33 had a contact at 1317 hrs No Grid given OWN. c/s 3 returned to base loc at 1715 hrs. c/s 2 now reverted to direct support.	
2235	IRONSIDES' (unit to our NORTH) standing patrol fired on mov to their front	
2240	A Btry (Unit to our SOUTH) saw mov to their WEST	
2250 2400	Artillery fired to the front of IRONSIDES and A Btrys positions by c/s 2 and c/s 3 IRONSIDES and A Btry also fired their 50 cal weapons on what they suspected to be VC near their position.	
0012	FM Bty GR 415659 suspect VC escape route	
0035	Standing patrol returned recalled by 2 IC no reports of EN SITREP 41 Period from 272400 hrs to 2900 35 hrs. EN At 2235 hrs IRONSIDES (the unit to our NORTH flank) fired on mov to their front. At 2240 hrs A Btry (the unit to our SOUTH flank) saw mov to their WEST. During the period 2250 hrs to 2400 hrs both these units fired their .50Cal wps and had artillery fired to their fronts by c/s 2 and c/s 3. At 0012 FM Bty was fired on a suspected VC escape route. At 290035 hrs this c/s standing patrol returned to this loc and remained in this loc and remain- in this loc for the night.	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
	<p>They had nothing to report on en activiteis. More artillery was fired by c/s 2 and c/s 3 to the WEST of IRONSIDES' loc after our standing patrol had returned. All was quiet at 290045. suspected that en had withdrawn. OWN. All vehicles went to VUNG TAU and were cleaned. Work continued on gun bays and the briefing tent., ADMIN NIL</p>	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
1000	c/s 12 and c/s 13 returned to base loc after Op HOBART	
1000	FM 1 Gun GR 386676 Firing new gun	
1125	FM Regt GR 394673 suspected VC Bn	
1520	FM Regt GR 403682 CHINOOKS receiving ground fire	
1643	FM Regt GR 385696 CHINOOKS receiving ground fire	
1645	FM Regt GR 390682 CHINOOKS receiving ground fire	
1650	FM Regt GR 400668 CHINOOKS receiving ground fire	
1807	FM Regt GR 395618 CHINOOKS receiving ground fire	
	<u>SITREP:</u> CHINOOKS have received a great deal of ground fire. WNG 0 from the Tac HQ on 30 Jul 5 RAR to move out to clear area where CHINOOK received ground fire. 105 Fd Bty DS / 5 RAR 161 Fd Bty DS 101/7d/Bty/ 6 RAR who are returning to base loc 30 Jul 103 Fd Bty in sp 5 RAR A Btry in sp 5 RAR at pri call for CB	
1810	Received TIDDLER LAWRENCE DAY TEN Orig c/s 95	
2039	TIDDLER LAWRENCE DAY TEN cancelled/	
2045	Received WNG 0 for 18 Serial FIRE PLAN	
2100	Received TIDDLER 19 Serial Orig c/s 95	
2115	Received TIDDLER PRESSEL PEARCE 10 Serials Orig c/s 95	
2158	Engaged FIRE PLAN TANGLES 18 Serials (66 round per gun)	
2249		
	SITREP 42 Period from 290035 hrs to 292400 hrs EN. CHINOOK ac received ground fire from GRs 403682, 385696, 390682,	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
	<p>400668, 395618 onto to which were fired FM Regts, and an airstrike was also called in . At 2158 hrs engaged 18 Serial FIRE PLAN. OWN. The new gun was fired for the first time.</p> <p>ADMIN NIL.</p>	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
1230	From c/s 19, Cancel JM 5902, 5913, 5059, 5904, 5062	
1400	Received LAWRENCE DAY TEN 25 Serials , Orig c/s 95	
1805	Recieved 1350 fuzed HE ROUNDS.	
2105	FM Bty Orig c/s 14 Flickering lights	
2300	FM Bty Orig c/s 95 suspected VC route	
	<u>SITREP 43.</u> Period from 292400 hrs to 302400 hrs en NTR. OWN. Battery spent the morning cleaning up the gun position after each gun had recieved 100 rounds in the rain the night before leaving the gun position. very untidy. The afternoon was spent resting. ADMIN NIL	

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Time	Message	Action/Remarks
0930	VOLLEY BALL Match between Off5s of 25 Div Arty and 1 Fd Regt on Bty Volley Ball Court. 1 Fd Regt Offrs victorious.	
1250	FM 1 Gun G 400663 People to be scared out of TAOR	
1445	Visit of Battery by AMERICAN Col WILLIAMS plus CO and 2IC of 1 Fd Regt	
1600	Received TIDDLER HOME RUN Serial 10 - 11	
1615	Received TIDDLER LAWRENCE DAY TWELVE Orig c/s 95 44 Serials to be fired during the night	
1840	Received Serial 11 TIDDLER HOME RUN <u>SITREP 44</u> Period from 302400 hrs to 312400 hrs En NTR, OWN. Battery had a make and mend day. At 1250 hrs FM 1 Gun GR 400663 pers to be scared outside of TAOR. Volley ball court used by 1 Fd Regt Officers in a math against 25 Div Arty Officers. 1 Fd Regt Officers Victorious. Gun position visited by Col WILLIAMS 25 Div Arty Admin NIL.	

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Encl No 3.

5 RAR
AP AN-PHU

3 Jul 66

OPORD 7 - 66 (OPERATION SYDNEY)

Reference - A Pictomap Series L8020 Sheets No 6430 2S and 3S
1 : 25000.

Time Zone used throughout order : HOTEL

1. SITUATIONa. En Forces

(1) Continued mov of small groups of VC in and adjacent to 5 RAR TAOR.

(2) VC Regular forces are known to be NORTH and NW of BINH BA 4574.

(3) Preliminary recee of NUI NGHE 3972 indicates NO large en force in the area.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 173 Abn Bde (Sep) is loc NORTH of BINH BA.

(2) 6 RAR Op ENOGERRA is to be completed before Op SYDNEY commences.

c. Atts and Dets(1) In DS and under comd for mov¹ from 060700H 105 Fd Bty. *103 Bn in sp & at pri call*(2) In sp - from 040700 to 070700 one tp 1 APC Sqn.
from 070700 to 071600 1 APC Sqn
from 071600 to completion of op - Mor sect
of 1 APC Sqn
one sect of
1 APC Sqn(3) In sp from 060700 to completion of op - one coy of
6 RAR
four RAAF IROQUOIS

(4) In sp from 060700 to completion of op - one SIOUX

2. MISSION 5 RAR is to clear area GOLD (see Annex P)3. EXECUTIONa. Gen Outline Phases as follows :(1) Phase 1. Preliminary ops 4 Jul - 6 Jul. One tp of APC Sqn with one pl 5 RAR to patrol towards NUI NGHE each day.(2) Phase 2. Estb fwd base at HOCKEY on 6/7 Jul.(3) Phase 3. Search and clear area GOLD.(4) Phase 4. Return to base area. (Details to be advised)b. A Coy(1) Grouping. NO change

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(2) Tasks

(a) Phase 1. Provide one pl 4 Jul to escort APC tp.

(b) Phase 2. 6 Jul. Depart present loc approx 060900H on orders from Bn HQ. Move via route indicated to area BERT.

(c) Phase 3. On order of Bn HQ move to Area HOCKEY and collect 3 days X 24 hour rat and move to SW corner of Sector ALFA and clear areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 from SW to NORTH.

c. B Coy

(1) Grouping

(a) Mor sect under comd for mov to HOCKEY Phase 2.
(b) Normal atts

(2) Tasks

(a) Phase 1. One pl under comd 1APC Sqn to escort APC's on 6 Jul prior to departure of coy from main base.

(b) Phase 2. Move approx 1100 hrs on order of Bn HQ to HOCKEY on route indicated. Bn HQ Aslt Pnr Pl and A Tk Pl mov rear B Coy. 100 mor rds to be carried. B Coy to secure HOCKEY.

(c) Phase 3. Secure HOCKEY and 105 Fd Bty

d. C Coy

(1) Grouping NO change

(2) Tasks

(a) Phase 1. Provide one pl 5 Jul to escort APC tp.

(b) Phase 2. Depart present loc approx 060800H on order of Bn HQ for Sector NOEL by route indicated. Secure Area NOEL

(c) Phase 3. Mov to HOCKEY on order of Bn HQ. Collect 3 days x 24 hr rat and mov to NORTH end Sector CHARLIE and search and clear areas from NORTH to SOUTH in order 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

e. D Coy

(1) Grouping NO change

(2) Tasks

(a) Phase 2. Move to Area PAUL approx 061000H on order of Bn HQ and secure Area PAUL.

(b) Phase 3. Move to HOCKEY on order of Bn HQ and collect three days x 24 hour rat. Move to Sector IFLTA and search and clear areas from SW to NE in order 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

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f. Mor Pl

(1) Grouping

- (a) Sect under comd 5RAR (Rear) 060900H to completion of op.
- (b) Sect under comd B Coy for mov to HOCKEY 6 Jul.
- (c) Sect under comd APC tp for mov to HOCKEY 7 Jul.

(2) Tasks

(a) Sect in base area.

- i. Provide sp for mov of coys to op area.
- ii. Provide sp for base area.

(b) Sect with B Coy.

- i. Provide sp for coys from HOCKEY.

(c) Sect with APC

- i. Provide sp for bn and base till 070700H.
- ii. Provide sp for bn from HOCKEY.

(d) No firing from HOCKEY unless cleared by Bn HQ.

(e) 100 rds to be carried by B Coy Bn HQ gp 6 Jul.

(f) 400 rds to be carried by APC Sqn on 7 Jul.

(g) Sect to remain in APCs at HOCKEY.

g. Anti Tk Pl

(1) Grouping No change.

(2) Tasks

(a) Phase 2 Move with and protect Bn HQ.

(b) Phase 3

i. Be prepared to establish ambush at 406714 on 7/8 Jul.

ii. Be prepared to act as part of bn res.

h. Aslt Pnr Pl

(1) Grouping No change.

(2) Tasks

(a) Phase 2

i. Move with Bn HQ.

ii. Be prepared to act as part of bn res.

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i. Armd

(1) Grouping. Under comd of tp 1 APC Sqn for protection.

4 Jul - Pl A Coy

5 Jul - Pl C Coy

6 Jul - Pl B Coy

(2) Tasks 13 load carrying vehs.

*BK to liaise APC
to re use of tracks*

(a) Phase 1 Sweep of TAOR towards HOCKEY on reg'd.
4, 5, 6 Jul.

(b) Phase 2

i. Move 105 Fd Bty and one sect mors to HOCKEY on 7 Jul.

ii. Report gun and mor area 070700H depart 070800H.

iii. Move 3 days rat and 400 x mor rds.

(c) Phase 3 One sect and one sp sect remain HOCKEY for general use, protecting HOCKEY and casevac.

*left 1
Rati
mors
Xplos
Gun Recce
& CP
1 arty gun
ammun.*

*2
Gun Sp.*

j. Arty

(1) Grouping No change.

(2) Tasks

(a) Phase 1 Sp move of 5 RAR to op area.

(b) Phase 2 105 Fd Bty move in APCs to HOCKEY 070800H. Fire base estb at HOCKEY protected by B Coy. No firing from HOCKEY without approval of CO.

k. Co-ord Instrs

(1) Timings

(a) Forecast of events. Annex A

(b) Phase 1. 4 - 6 Jul.

(c) Phase 2.

i. 6 Jul. Approx (8)00 hrs C Coy depart base area
(9)00 hrs A Coy depart base area
1000 hrs D Coy depart base area
1100 hrs B Coy/Bn HQ depart base area.

ii. 7 Jul 0800 hrs 105 Fd Bty, mor sect depart base area for HOCKEY.

(2) Move to HOCKEY 7 Jul. On orders Bn HQ in order C Coy, A Coy, D Coy, B Coy.

(3) Routes. Annex P.

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- (4) Area of search. Annex P.
- (5) Bn Res. Phases 2 and 3, Anti Tk Pl, Aslt Pnr Pl under comd 2IC B Coy.
- (6) Security of base area. 6 RAR is to provide one coy to be located as follows:
 - (a) Bn HQ - Coy HQ
 - (b) A Coy area - Pl
 - (c) B Coy area - Pl
 - (d) C Coy area - Pl
 - (e) See SOPRAs for detail

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Dress

- (1) Marching Order
- (2) Carl Gustavs will NOT be carried

b. Rat

- (1) One day on departure 6 Jul.
- (2) Hot breakfast bn area 6 Jul.
- (3) Collect 3 days 24 hr rat at HOCKEY 7 Jul. These rat to move on APCs with mor sect on 7 Jul.
- (4) Resupply by hel. or APC to be advised.

c. Water. Obtain locally and sterilize.

d. A Ech :

- (1) Remain present loc.
- (2) 10 men to D Coy area and 15 men to Bn HQ area for security each night.

e. AQ Cell at Bn HQ. QM, Drum Major, Q Clerk

f. Med

- (1) RMO with Bn HQ.
- (2) SBs normal allocation .
- (3) APCs evac to HOCKEY if no helicopter avail then DUSTOFF.1 ATF area.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Bn HQ. Move from present loc to HOCKEY 6 Jul by foot.

b. Radio

- (1) Frequencies. As per current SOIs
- (2) Call words. As per current SOIs

*Comms of
105 A Sch
4 5 RAR A Sch*

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- c. Passwords, Points of Origin, Q Hours. As per current SOIs.
- d. KAC Code. As per current SOIs.
- e. Synchronization of Watches.

Acknowledge.

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Lt Col
CO 5 RAR

Annexes:

A Sequence of events.

P Talc of routes and areas of search. Issued separately at O Gp.

Distribution

A Coy	(2)	CO
B Coy	(2)	XO
C Coy	(2)	S1
D Coy	(2)	S2
Sp Coy		S3
Mor Pl		Asst S3
Anti Tk Pl		S4
Aslt Pnr Pl		RSM
Sig Pl		Comd's Diary (3)
Admin Coy	(3)	File
1 APC Sqn		Spare (5)
1 Fd Regt		
105 Fd Bty	(2)	
6 RAR	(2)	
HQ 1 ATF	(3)	

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Annex A (Sequence of Events) to OP ORD 7/66 (OPERATION SYDNEY)

ITEM	DATE	TIME	EVENT	REPORTED BY
1.	4 Jul 66	0800	A Coy pl on 30 mins notice to move with APCs. Pl Comd available to attend orders by APC tp ldr.	A Coy
2.	4 Jul 66	0900	APC/A Coy Pl orders completed, ptl moving off	A Coy
3.	4 Jul 66	PM	A Coy pl back in base loc, sweep completed.	A Coy
4.	5 Jul 66	0800	C Coy pl on 30 mins notice to move with APCs. Pl Comd available to attend orders by APC tp ldr.	C Coy
5.	5 Jul 66	0900	APC/C Coy pl orders completed, ptl moving off	C Coy
6.	5 Jul 66	PM	C Coy pl back in base loc, sweep completed	C Coy
7.	6 Jul 66	0700? (As warned by OC 1APC Sqn)	B Coy pl on 30 mins notice to move with APCs. Pl Comd available to attend orders by APC tp ldr.	B Coy
8.	6 Jul 66	0800?	APC/B Coy pl orders completed, ptl moving off.	B Coy
9.	6 Jul 66	0800	C Coy on move from base loc.	C Coy
10.	6 Jul 66	0900	A Coy on move from base loc.	A Coy
11.	6 Jul 66	1000	D Coy on move from base loc.	D Coy
12.	6 Jul 66	1030	B Coy pl back in base loc, sweep completed.	B Coy
13.	6 Jul 66	1100	B Coy on move from base loc.	B Coy
14.	6 Jul 66	PM	Initial objectives secured.	Coys

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ITIM	DATE	TIME	EVENT	REPORTED BY
15.	7 Jul 66	0700	APCs report 105 Bty and 5 RAR mor line	
16.	7 Jul 66	0800	APCs depart 105 Bty and 5 RAR mor line	1 APC Sqn
17.	7 Jul 66	1200	Delivery of 105 Bty, mors, rat complete	1 APC Sqn
18.	7 Jul 66	PM	Resup complete	Coys
19.	7/8 Jul 66		Search of sectors commenced	Coys
20.	7-10 Jul 66		Area No.....clear (as cleared)	Coys

Annex D Encl no 4
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9 Jul 66

FRAG ORDER 7-1-66 (OPERATION SYDNEY (PHASE 4))

Reference: A. Pictomap Series L8020 Sheets No 6430 2S and 3S 1:25000

Time Zone used throughout order : HOTEL.

1. SITUATION.

a. En Forces.

(1) As for OPORD 7-66.

(2) Two contacts at vic 373710 with small party of VC on 8 Jul 66 also a rice cache of 1600 lb found and destroyed at same loc.

(3) POSSUM took ground fire from vics 396724 and 368747 on 8 Jul 66.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 173 Abn Bde (Sep) is loc NORTH of BINH BA.

(2) Projected ops of 5 RAR could extend to 22 Jul 66.

(3) Phase 5 for which further orders are to be issued concludes on 18 Jul 66 when hot showers canteen sups (incl goffers) will be available

c. Atts and Dets. No change.

2. MISSION. 5 RAR is to clear the extended Area GOLD (See Annex P)

3. EXECUTION.

a. Gen Outline.

(1) Phase 4 of OPORD 7-66 is cancelled.

(2) New Phase 4 now covers the searching and clearing of Sectors ECHO, FOXTROT and HOTEL by one coy in each sector during the approx period 10 - 12 Jul 66 incl.

(3) Further FRAG ORDERS are to be issued for later phases.

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change from normal atts.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Clear Areas 6 - 8 of Sector ECHO in that order.

(b) Be prepared to return to TENNIS on conclusion of Phase 4 and on orders from Bn HQ to relieve C Coy in def of the gun area.

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change from normal atts.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Hand over def of gun area to C Coy on 10 Jul 66.

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(b) Move on orders of Bn HQ to Area NORTH of NUI NGHE on creek SOUTH of Sectors ECHO and FOX-TROT and be prepared to assist A or D Coys.

(c) Be prepared to move to Sector HOTEL and search Areas 1-7 on orders of Bn HQ.

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change from normal atts.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Relieve B Coy in def of gun area on 10 Jul 66.

(b) Be prepared to handover to A Coy on conclusion of Phase 4.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change from normal atts.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Search Areas 6 - 8 of Sector FOXTROT in that order.

(b) Be prepared to move to Sector HOTEL on conclusion of Phase 4 and on orders from Bn HQ.

f. Mor Pl.

(1) Grouping.

(a) One sect remains under comd 5 RAR (Rear) until completion of op.

(b) Two sects (one mounted in APCs) at TENNIS.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide sp throughout op.

(b) No firing from TENNIS without clearance by Bn HQ.

g. Anti Tk Pl.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Def of Bn HQ.

(b) Be prepared to act as part of bn res.

h. Aslt Pnr Pl.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Def of Bn HQ.

(b) Be prepared to act as part of bn res.

i. Armd. One sect and one sp sect remains at TENNIS for gen use, protecting TENNIS and casevac.

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- j. Arty.
- (1) Grouping. No change.
 - (2) Tasks.
 - (a) Provide sp throughout op.
 - (b) No firing from TENNIS without approval of CO.
- k. Coord Instrs.
- (1) Timing Phase 4. 10 - 12 Jul 66 approx.
 - (2) Extended Areas of Search. See att Annex P.
 - (3) Bn Res. As for Phases 2 and 3, Anti Tk Pl and Aslt Pnr Pl under comd 2IC B Coy.
 - (4) Method of Search. When searching Sectors ECHO and FOXTROT, A and D Coys are to move closed up with pls under tight con.
 - (5) Security of 5 RAR Rear. No change.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Rat. Resup is to be effected AM 10 Jul 66 then again on AM 13 Jul 66.
- b. Canteen Requirements. To C/S 92 by 1800 hrs on day preceding resup at latest. Normal accounting to apply.
- c. Ech Bags. If required, C/S 92 to be advised by 1800 hrs on day preceding resup at latest.
- d. LZs. Locs required ASP before resup.
- e. Water. No change.
- f. OPDEMS/MAINTDEMS. As required and as per SOPs.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. No change.

Acknowledge

(J. A. WARR)
Lt Col
CO 5 RAR

Annexes:

P Areas of Search and Sectors.

Distribution

A Coy	(2)	Sig Pl		XO	File
B Coy	(2)	Admin Coy	(3)	S1	Spare (5)
C Coy	(2)	1 APC Sqn	(2)	S2	
D Coy	(2)	1 Fd Regt	(5)	S3	
Sp Coy		105 Fd Regt	(2)	Asst S3	
Mer Pl		6 RAR	(2)	S4	
Anti Tk Pl		HQ 1 ATF	(16)	RSM	
Aslt Pnr Pl		CO		Comds Diary (3)	

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13 Jul 66

OPORD 8 - 66 (OPERATION SYDNEY TWO - PRELIMINARY ORDERS)

Reference: A. Pictomap Series L8020 Sheets No 6430 2S and 3S 1:25000.
B. BINH BA SOUTH Special Enlargement 1:5000.

Time Zone used throughout order: HOTEL.

1. SITUATION

a. En Forces

(1) Instl reports reveal extensive use of the CP SYDNEY area in the past. Most instls are 6 - 12 months old but contacts and sign in the vic of camps indicate that the en still use the area, probably as access routes to and from the BINH BA village complex. It is likely that the area is occasionally patrolled by VC mobile forces.

(2) The BINH BA village complex consists of:

(a) DUC TRUNG (GR453746) population approx 700.

(b) BINH BA (GR448739) population approx 1800.

(c) DUC MY (SOUTH of BINH BA vic 445733) population approx 500. This is the village of particular immediate interest.

(3) There are 26 VC members, either Main Force or Local, in DUC MY. Although they do NOT reside permanently in the village, they do visit occasionally to see relatives.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 173 Abn Bde (Sep) has extended its ops further to the NORTH away from BINH BA.

(2) 5 RAR OP SYDNEY is to conclude on 14 Jul 66 when the unit regroups at Area TENNIS vic 432707.

(3) 5 RAR OP SYDNEY TWO is to cover the cordon and search of DUC MY village, vic 445733, and subsequent activities up until the return of the unit to its home base loc. Preliminary activities for OP SYDNEY TWO are to commence on 13 Jul 66 and the op is likely to continue until 22 Jul 66 approx. Further OPORDS to be issued.

c. Atts and Dets

(1) Under comd from 141400H for the duration of the op.

One tp of 1 APC Sqn
and one mor sect of
1 APC Sqn.

(2) Remaining under comd for the duration of the op.

Elms of 3 Fd Tp.

(3) Remaining in DS and under comd for mov.

105 Fd Bty.

(4) Remaining in sp for the duration of the op.

One coy of 6 RAR.

(5) Remaining in sp for the duration of the op.

One SIOUX ac.

(6) Remaining in sp for the duration of the op.

Four RAAF IROQUOIS.

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/(7) In sp

(7) In sp from 170600H until conclusion of op.

One additional SIOUX ac (making total of TWO).

2. MISSION. 5 RAR is to cordon and search the DUC MY village to locate VC, VC suspects, weapons, ammo and suspect food and stores.

3. EXECUTION

a. Gen Outline

(1) A, B and D Coys are to return to Area TENNIS on orders of Bn HQ via the att routes on 14 Jul 66 on conclusion of current searches and prepare for the new op.

(2) Recce parties (where practicable under Coy 2ICs, and incl coy guides extracted AM 13 Jul 66) are to conduct a ground recce of the approaches to the village (incl going for APCs) and of the cordon positions, on the ni 14/15 Jul 66.

(3) The guns of 105 Fd Bty are to be returned to the NUI DAT area by APC on PM 14 Jul 66 and continue to sp 5 RAR from that loc.

(4) The cordon is to be of the fol sub-units in the areas as listed:

(a) A Coy - SOUTH EAST, SOUTH and SOUTH WEST.

(b) B Coy - EAST

(c) C Coy - WEST

(5) The search gp moving in from the NORTH is to be D Coy with all att Engrs under comd.

(6) 5 RAR is to move from TENNIS at 1700 hrs 16 Jul 66 to an assembly area in Sector HOTEL Area 5. Movement into the cordon and search commencement locs is to be during ni 16/17 Jul 66 with all elms in position by first light.

(7) The mov of D Coy is to be by APC and after the cordon gps are estb.

(8) Each APC sect is to carry one sect of Anti Tk Pl as close escort. APC sects are to be loc at critical pts around the village after dropping D Coy.

(9) Bn HQ, mors and Aslt Pnr Pl are to be loc EAST of the cordon behind B Coy.

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS

a. 13 Jul 66. Two days rat delivered by hel to nominated LZs.

b. 14 Jul 66.

(1) Coy COMSs and clerks to move to TENNIS to receive their coys. Return AN PHU ni 14 Jul 66.

(2) Hot showers to be brought fwd to TENNIS and remain until 16 Jul 66.

(3) Hot box evening meal to be brought fwd to TENNIS by APCs returning from base gun area.

(4) Mail, canteen sups and one can of beer per man to be brought fwd to TENNIS.

(5) Ech bags to be brought forward to TENNIS.

c. 15 Jul 66.

(1) All three fresh meals to be moved fwd to TENNIS by APC.

(2) Mail, canteen sups and beer as for 14 Jul 66.

d. 16 Jul 66

(1) Hot box breakfast and lunch to be moved fwd to TENNIS by APC.

(2) Three days cbt rat to be issued to commence lunch Sun 17 Jul.

(3) All showers, pumps and admin gear to be returned to base loc by APCs.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Bn O Gp. May be anticipated PM 15 Jul 66.

b. Coy O Gps Rehearsals etc. AM 16 Jul 66.

c. Q Hrs, Points of Origin, Passwords. To be issued at Bn O Gp.

Acknowledge

(J. A. Warr)
Lt Col
CO

Annexes: Routes back to TENNIS (To A, B and D Coys only).

Distribution:

A Coy (2)
B Coy (2)
C Coy (2)
D Coy (2)

Sp Coy
Mor Pl
Anti Tk Pl
Aslt Pnr Pl
Sig Pl
Admin Coy (3)
1 APC Sqn (2)
1 Fd Regt (5)
105 Fd Bty (2)
HQ 1 ATF (15)
1 ATF ALO
CO
XO
S1
S2
S3
Asst S3
S4
RSM
Comds Diary (3)
File
Spare (5)

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(R. G. THOMPSON)
Lt
Asst S3

Amex 1
Encl No 6.

1 FD REGT

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14 Jul 66

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OPORD 8 - 66 (OPERATION SYDNEY TWO)

Reference: A. Photomap Series L8020 Sheets No 6430 2S and 3S 1:25,000.
B. BINH BA SOUTH Special Enlargement 1:5000.

Time Zone used throughout order : HOTEL.

1. SITUATION.

- a. En Forces. No change from preliminary orders.
- b. Friendly Forces. No change from preliminary orders.
- c. Atts and Dets. As listed in preliminary orders plus the fol:
 - (1) In sp from 161300H Jul 66 until completion of the search of DUC MY.
 - Six additional Vietnamese interpreters.
 - Six Vietnamese policemen.
 - (2) In sp from 170600H Jul 66. One voice ac.

2. MISSION. 5 RAR is to cordon and search the DUC MY village to locate VC, VC suspects, weapons, ammo and suspect food and stores.

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EXECUTION

a. Gen Outline.

(1) Phase 1. The cordon and search of DUC MY village, vic 445733 on 17 Jul 66 as fols:

(a) Preliminary Recces

- i. Air Period 14 - 16 Jul 66.
- ii. Ground Ni ~~14/15~~^{15/16} Jul 66 by guide parties.

(b) Cordon In loc before first lt. See Annex P. In gen:

- i. A Coy SOUTH EAST, SOUTH and SOUTH WEST.
- ii. B Coy EAST.
- iii. C Coy WEST.
- iv. Elms of 1 APC Sqn. Three sects locs at critical pts around village after dropping A Coy at cordon. Each APC sect to carry close escort/reaction gp of one sect of Anti Tk Pl.

(c) Search Gp. D Coy plus att Engrs. Move to SL on foot arriving at 0615 hrs. Search from NORTH to SOUTH. See Annex P.

(d) Bn HQ/Fire Base/Res. Loc EAST of village between B Coy cordon and road. See Annex P. Some elms carried by APCs. Group consists of:

- i. Bn HQ
- ii. Two Sects of Mors. (One sect mounted in APCs)
- iii. One sect of mor APCs. (three APCs)
- iv. Elms of tp HQ (min three APCs plus Anti Tk escort)
- v. Aslt Pnr Pl (Bn res)

(e) Reorg On completion of search, (est last light) all elms move to harbour as shown on Annex P. In gen:

- i. A Coy plus one APC sect vic 441721.
- ii. B Coy vic 452725.
- iii. C Coy plus one APC sect vic 437737.
- iv. D Coy plus one APC sect vic 453734.
- v. Bn HQ Gp Loc with B Coy vic 452725.

(2) Phase 2 The clearing and securing of the inter provincial route TL2 between the AP AN PHU bridge, vic 437691, and the BINH BA estate at vic 451737. This phase is to extend over the period 18-19 Jul 66 and a separate FRAG ORDER is to be issued. It is NOT considered further in this order.

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(3) Phase 3. Clearing from the EASTERN edge of the BINH BA estate SOUTH to the 5 RAR base loc, remaining EAST of TL 2. The approx duration of the phase is 20 - 21 Jul 66 and a separate FRAG ORDER is to be issued. It is NOT considered further in this order.

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Engr atts to cease and all Engrs to be under comd D Coy reporting by 160800 H Jul 66.

(b) Att interpreter to revert to Bn HQ by 151600 H Jul 66.

(c) APCs to be in sp as fols

i. One APC for carriage fwd of coy packs.

ii. Three sects (incl vehs carrying A, C and D coy packs for carriage of pers to cordon position. To report to A Coy on completion of loading packs (Total 9 APCs).

iii. One sect to strengthen coy harbour ni 17/18 Jul 66. (three APCs.)

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide a guide party for bn con recce ni ~~14/15~~ ^{15/16} Jul 66.

(b) Provide the cordon force to cover the SOUTH EAST, SOUTH and SOUTH WEST of the village as shown on Annex P. All mov to be on APC. APCs to cross TL2 from EAST at 0600 hrs.

(c) Harbour at vic 441721 on ni 17/18 Jul 66 on order from Bn HQ.

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Engr atts to cease and all Engrs to be under comd D Coy reporting 160800 H Jul 66.

(b) Elms of tp HQ of APC tp to be in sp for carriage fwd of packs, (one APC only) and also to strengthen harbour ni 17/18 Jul 66 (full sect)

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide a guide party for bn con recce ni ~~14/15~~ ^{15/16} Jul 66.

(b) Provide the cordon force to cover the EAST of the village as shown on Annex P. All mov to be on foot departing fwd as embly area 0545 hrs.

(c) Provide protection for Bn HQ in the harbour at vic 452725 on ni 17/18 Jul 66. Move on order from Bn HQ.

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Engr atts to cease and all Engrs to be under comd D Coy reporting 160800H Jul 66.

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(b) Att interpreter to revert to Bn HQ by 151600H
Jul 66.

(c) One sect of APCs to be in sp for carriage fwd
of packs (one APC only) and to strengthen coy harbour
ni 17/18 Jul 66 (full sect).

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide a guide party for bn con recce ni ~~14/15~~^{15/16}
Jul 66.

(b) Provide the cordon force to cover the WEST of the
village as shown on Annex P. All mov to be on foot.
Cordon to be in position at NW junct pt at 0615 hrs. Throw
smoke from bunker position on approach of D Coy. Liaise
by radio.

(c) Harbour at vic 437737 on ni 17/18 Jul 66 on order
from Bn HQ.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) All Engrs att to 5 RAR for OP SYDNEY are to come
under comd D Coy for this phase. Engrs to report by
160800 H Jul 66.

(b) In sp from 161400 H until completion of Phase 1
6 Additional
interpreters
6 Policemen.

(c) APCs to be in sp as fols:

i. One APC for carriage fwd of coy packs.

ii. One sect to strengthen coy harbour ni
17/18 Jul 66. (Three APCs).

(d) Att f om 161400 H Jul 66. RMO, Bandmaster and
SB Sgt.

(e) CO's tac party to move with D Coy.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide a guide party for bn con recce ni ~~14/15~~^{15/16}
Jul 66.

(b) Provide the search force to search DUC MY village
from NORTH to SOUTH. Move to SL by foot departing fwd
assembly area 0600 hrs. Make contact with C Coy 0615 hrs.
Watch for C Coy smoke. Liaise by radio.

(c) Harbour at vic 453734 ni 17/18 Jul 66 on order
from Bn HQ.

f. Mor Pl.

(1) Grouping.

(a) One sect under comd 5 RAR (Rear) until complet-
ion of op.

(b) One sect to remain mounted in mor AT's under
comd of Bn HQ.

(c) One sect to be dis mounted for mov in third mor
APC under comd Bn HQ.

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(2) Tasks.

(a) Sect in base area. Provide sp for base area.

(b) Remainder.

i. Provide sp for cordon mov (APC mounted mors)

ii. Provide sp for op from fire base vic 448731.

(c) Carry fwd 100 rounds per mor within mor APCs. Total 400 rounds.

g. Anti Tk Pl.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Pl HQ and one sect to move and remain with the HQ vehs of the APC tp.

(b) One sect to move and remain with each of the other three APC sects.

(c) All marrying up to be complete by 161330H Jul 66.

(2) Tasks.

(a) To provide close escort for the APCs.

(b) To act as mounted reaction force as required.

h. Aslt Pnr Pl.

(1) Grouping No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Bn res.

(b) Assist with protection of Bn HQ.

(c) Construct three suspect holding cages with toilets and screening in the Bn HQ/ Fire base position.

(d) Provide security for the holding cages.

(e) Man a road block on route TL 2 at the rear of the Bn HQ position.

i. Armd.

(1) Grouping. One tp plus one mor sect to be under comd of 5 RAR for the op.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide APCs to assist in admin and op moves during the period 14-16 Jul 66.

(b) Marry up with the Anti Tk Pl by 161330H Jul 66.

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- (c) Provide one mor sect to move mors with Bn HQ Gp.
- (d) Provide one APC sect to harbour with each of A, C and D Coys on ni 17/18 Jul 66 to strengthen coy perimeters. One APC from each of these sects is to report to their respective coys at 161345 H Jul 66 for loading with coy packs.
- (e) The tp HQ is to harbour with the Bn HQ/B Coy gp on ni 17/18 Jul 66 to strengthen perimeter def. It is also to provide vehs for the fol tasks:
- i. One APC to each of B Coy and Bn HQ at 161345 H Jul 66 for loading of packs.
 - ii. One APC to be set up as ambulance veh.
 - iii. One APC to act as a comd veh.
- (f) Provide three sects to A Coy on completion of the loading of A, C and D Coy packs. These nine APCs are to carry A Coy, ~~Engr~~ elms and Anti Tk Pl escorts fwd from TENNIS, stage through the rear bn assembly area and then to move on to the A Coy cordon area. The APCs with A Coy are to cross TL 2 from EAST to WEST at 0600 hrs. The sects are then to move to the cordon position as shown on Annex P.
- (g) The tp HQ APCs are to lift elms of the Bn HQ fwd from TENNIS via the rear bn assembly area to the fire base position vic 448731. These vehs are to travel after the A Coy APCs. APCs to be prepared to evac suspects to HQ 1 ATF.
- j. Arty.
- (1) Grouping. Normal atts.
 - (2) Tasks. 105 Fd Bty to provide DS for the op from the NUI DAT area.
- k. Engrs.
- (1) Grouping. All att elms of 3 Fd Tp to revert to under comd D Coy by 160800 H Jul 66.
 - (2) Tasks. Assist with village clearance as directed.
- l. Avn.
- (1) Grouping.
 - (a) Two SIOUX ac to be under con of the XO.
 - (b) Voice ac to be under control of the XO.
 - (c) Four RAAF IROQUOIS in gen sp as required by Bn HQ.

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(2) Tasks

(a) SIOUX Air obsn by XO over cordon area from 170600H Jul 66. Second ac to wait fueled up at TIGER pad to act as relief ac as required.

(b) Voice ac Psy ops over village from 170615H. To be guided and con by XO.

m. Coord Instrs

(1) Timings See att Sequence of Events. Annex A.

(2) Assembly Areas, Routes, Cordon Positions, Harbour Locs, See att Annex P.

(3) Mov of Cordon Guided on foot by recce parties.

(4) Cordon Formations Within each coy:

(a) Two pls up each with three sects up and men posted in pairs every 20 metres approx.

(b) One depth pl approx 75-100 metres rear of the cordon line.

(5) Rules of Engagement

(a) Fire only:

i. When fired at

ii. When a suspect is about to commit a hostile act.

iii. If a suspect attempts to run through a cordon and fails to halt after challenge.

(b) If in doubt don't shoot.

(c) Don't fire into the cordon area unless the fire is controlled and the target can be clearly seen.

(d) **If** fired on from a house:

i. Take cover

ii. Call interpreter fwd.

iii. Get loud hailers.

iv. Have interpreter advise occupants to surrender.

v. If no success, call for the village chief and have him speak to the householder.

vi. If the occupants still refuse to surrender, burn the house.

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(e) These are the only circumstances under which houses are to be burnt.

(f) All males of military age are to be taken to the Bn cage. (Call fwd APCs from Bn HQ as required)

(g) Don't harrass women and children.

(h) Soldiers will not search women.

(6) Bn Cage The Aslt Pnr Pl is to construct three separate cages at the Bn HQ loc under direction of the IO. Two cages are to incl screened toilet facilities and one a screened interrogation area.

(7) Interrogation To be conducted by the IO assisted by the A and D Coy interpreters and Pte SIMPSON of Sig Pl. Pte SIMPSON is to report to the IO at TENNIS AM Sat 16 Jul 66 for att to the Int Sect. IO to arrange.

(8) Evac of Suspects fro Bn By APC to 1 ATF.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Rat

- (1) Fresh. From evening meal 14 Jul 66 to midday meal 16 Jul 66. To be brought fwd in hotboxes by APCs.
- (2) Cbt Rat. Meals have already been issued to cover evening meal 16 Jul 66 ~~and breakfast 17 Jul 66~~. A further three days are to be issued 16 Jul 66 to commence ~~midday~~ *b'fast* 17 Jul 66.
- (3) Rat for Civs. 50 x 24 hr packs are to be delivered to the QM 16 Jul 66 for mov fwd to the Bn cage.

b. Water

- (1) Full bottles on departure from TENNIS 16 Jul 66. Thereafter local water.
- (2) Normal sterilization to apply.

c. Admin Pers

- (1) CQMS's and clerks are to move to TENNIS daily commencing 14 Jul 66 for admin tasks with their coys. They are to return to base each night. On AM 16 Jul 66 CQMS's are to liaise with the QM and assist with the return of all surplus stores to the base area.
- (2) The armourer is to be available at TENNIS on 15 Jul 66.

d. Ammo

- (1) Normal scale of SAA and grenades to be carried.
- (2) Coys are to ensure that ample coloured smoke is carried to facilitate ident of cordon sectors from the air. This smoke is to be thrown on orders from the XO. *or when requested by neighbouring coys.*
- (3) Cry Baby grenades are to be carried within each coy. In particular D Coy is to ensure that these are available down to sect level.
- (4) D Coy is also to ensure that incendiary material is available for burning if necessary.

e. Med

- (1) Normal med atts and eqpt remain.
- (2) The RMO, Bandmaster and SB Sgt are to be att to D Coy from 161400H Jul 66. They are to carry out MELCAP as necessary during the search. Medcap stores are to move in D Coy APCs.
- (3) The RAP Sgt is to be att Bn HQ from 161400H Jul 66.
- (4) Medevac from the village or cordon is to be by APC to Bn HQ thence by air.

f. Canteen Sups. To come fwd daily during 14 - 16 Jul and to include one can of beer per man per day.

g. Additional Stores. The fol additional stores are to be brought fwd by midday 16 Jul 66. QM is to arrange.

- (1) Loud Hailers. All of 5 RAR hailers. In addition 3 extra loudhailers are to be obtained from 1 ATF (All to be issued to D Coy)

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(2) Wiring Stores

(a) 12 coils of concertina wire.

(b) 36 x 8 ft pickets.

(c) 3 x Dollys.

(To be issued to Aslt Pnr Pl for carriage fwd on mor APCs).

(3) Mine Detectors (8) For issue to RAE elm with D Coy.

(4) Industrial Marking Pencils (16) For issue to D Coy.

(5) Respirators (12 minimum) for issue to RAE elm.

(6) Explosives Qty to be determined by QM, OC Aslt Pnr Pl. and senior RAE rep.

(7) Hessian for screening toilets. Issue to Aslt Pnr Pl.

h. Removal of Surplus Gear QM is to arrange back-loading AM 16 Jul 66.

i. Loading of Packs By Coys into APCs at 161345H Jul 66.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Bn HQ

with D Coy

(1) CO's party moves ^{with D Coy} from TENNIS at 161700H Jul 66 to rear bn assembly area. Then to fwd bn assembly area and SL with D Coy on 17 Jul 66.

(2) CP Gp, Bn HQ recce Gp, Int Gp with protective elms move on remaining Tp HQ APCs to rear bn assembly area, then behind A Coy, to the bn fire base position.

(3) The remainder of the Bn HQ gp move on foot to the rear bn assembly area ^{161700H} then again on foot on 17 Jul 66 to the fire base position. The first move is following after D Coy from TENNIS and the second after the APCs.

(4) On ni 17/18 Jul 66, the Bn HQ gp is to harbour with B Coy.

b. Radio

(1) Frequencies As per current SOIs.

(2) Callwords As per current SOIs.

c. Passwords, Points of Origin, Q Hrs. As currently issued.

d. KAC Code As per current SOIs.

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e. <u>Nicknames</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Issued By</u>
TIGHT LIPS	Radio Silence	Bn HQ
CLOSED DOOR	In position In cordon	Bn/Coys/APCs
CHATTER BOX	Break silence	Bn HQ
COUNTRY PUB	B and D Coys in bn fwd assembly area	B and D Coys

f. Synchronization of Watches

Acknowledge

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CO 5 RAR

Annexes :

- A . Sequence of Events .
- P Assembly Areas, Routes, Cordon and Harbour Positions.

Distribution

A Coy	(2)	CO
B Coy	(2)	XO
C Coy	(2)	S1
D Coy	(2)	S2
Sp Coy		S3
Mor Pl		Asst S3
Anti Tk Pl		S4
Aslt Pnr Pl		RSM
Sig Pl		Comds Diary (3)
Admin Coy	(3)	File
1 APC Sqn	(2)	Spare (5)
1 Fd Regt	(5)	
105 Fd Bty	(2)	
1 Fd Sqn	(2)	
6 RAR	(2)	
HQ 1 ATF	(15)	
1 ATF ALO		

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ANNEX 1 (Sequence of Events) to OPORD 8 - 66 (OPERATION SYDNEY TWO)

ITEM	DATE	TIME	EVENT	REPORTED BY
1	15 Jul 66	-	Air recces as required A, B and D Coy officers	IO (S2)
2	15 Jul 66	AM	Admin elms fwd at TENNIS (Picked up by APCs, times org by QM)	QM (Asst S4)
3	15 Jul 66	1200H	CO s O Gp	S3
4	15 Jul 66	PM	OC s O Gp	-
5	15 Jul 66	PM	Evening meal brought fwd by APCs - Admin pers returned to base (Times org by QM)	QM (Asst S4)
6	15 Jul 66	1830H	APCs back at TENNIS	Tp Comd
7	15 Jul 66	PM	Recce elms out	Ptl leaders
8	16 Jul 66	AM	Recce elms in	Ptl leaders
9	16 Jul 66	AM	Meals and admin pers fwd (picked up by APCs, time org by QM)	QM (Asst S4)
10	16 Jul 66	0930H	Final coord conference	S3
11	16 Jul 66	1300H	Backloading of surplus admin stores completed and APCs back at TENNIS	QM and Tp Comd
12	16 Jul 66	1330H	Anti Tk Pl and APC Tp marrying up completed	OC Anti Tk Pl
13	16 Jul 66	1330H	Issue of all essential special stores completed	QM (Asst S4)
14	16 Jul 66	1345H	APC report to respective coys for loading of packs	Coys
15	16 Jul 66	1400	Loading of packs and essential stores completed	Coys
16	16 Jul 66	1430H	Three sects of AP's report to A Coy	A Coy
17	16 Jul 66	1430H	Tp HQ APCs report to Bn HQ	Asst S3
18	16 Jul 66	1640H	Mors ready to move	Mor Pl Comd
19	16 Jul 66	1645H	A Coy and Bn HQ elms mounted on APC depart TENNIS	A Coy and S3
20	16 Jul 66	1645H	COs tac gp joins D Coy	D Coy
21	16 Jul 66	1700H	Remainder of Bn depart TENNIS on foot in order B Coy, C Coy (To be confirmed), D Coy, remainder of Bn HQ and Aslt Pnr Pl.	Coys Aslt Pnr Pl Comd QM Asst S4
22	16 Jul 66	1715H	A Coy and Bn HQ mounted elms arrive rear assembly area	A Coy ans S3

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ITEM	DATE	TIME	EVENT	REPORTED BY
23	16 Jul 66	1900H	Remainder of bn (less C Coy) arrive in rear assembly area	Coys Aslt Pnr Pl Comd, QM
24	17 Jul 66	0300H (approx)	B and D Coys depart rear assembly area led by guides	Coys
25	17 Jul 66	0500 (approx)	B Coy and D Coy arrive fwd assembly area	Coys
26	17 Jul 66	0545H	B Coy departs fwd assembly area	B Coy
27	17 Jul 66	0545H (approx)	A Coy/Bn HQ mounted elm depart rear assembly area	A Coy, S3
28	17 Jul 66	0600H	D Coy depart fwd assembly area and A Coy on APCs cross TL 2	A and D Coys
29	17 Jul 66	0605H	Bn HQ mounted elms in bn fire base position	S3
30	17 Jul 66	0615H	C Coy cordon arrive NW junct pt. Cordon in position	C Coy
31	17 Jul 66	0615H	D Coy search gp in position	D Coy
32	17 Jul 66	0615H (approx)	A and B Coy cordons in position	Coys
33	17 Jul 66	0615H	XO in SIOUX and voice ac over village	XO
34	17 Jul 66	0615H	H Hr	D Coy

NB. All C Coy timings except ITEM 30 are subject to confirmation. (Recce on ni 15/16 Jul 66 is to confirm.)

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ANNEX D

End NO 7

5 RAR
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SOUTH VIETNAM

R569-1-6

18 Jul 66

FRAG ORDER 8-2-66 (OPERATION SYDNEY TWO (PHASE 3))

Reference: A. Pictomap Series L8020 Sheets No 6430 2S and 3S 1:25000

Time Zone used throughout order : HOTEL.

1. SITUATION.

a. En Forces. It is known that there are approx 97 VC who have relatives or friends in the BINH BA estate village complexes. In the past there have been numerous indications of continual VC movement within the estate area and surrounding jungle and as OP SYDNEY failed to reveal any recent large VC installations to the WEST of BINH BA, it is possible that forces may be based in the area to the EAST.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Phase 2 of OP SYDNEY TWO (the opening of TL 2) has been deferred for the present.

(2) The 6 RAR op onto WARBURTON MOUNTIAN is due to conclude PM 18 Jul 66 releasing 5 RAR to resume OP SYDNEY TWO.

(3) 173 Abn Bde (Sep) has extended its ops further to the NORTH away from BINH BA.

c. Atts and Dets.

(1) Remaining under comd for Phase 3 One mor sect of 1 APC
Sqn
elms of 3 Fd Tp

(2) Remaining in DS for Phase 3 105 Fd Bty

(3) Remaining in sp for Phase 3 One coy of 6 RAR
One SIOUX ac

2. MISSION. 5 RAR is to clear area of ops PURPLE to the EAST of TL 2.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Gen Outline.

(1) The bn is to regroup fol the completion of Phase 2 (village search).

(2) The area PURPLE is to be subdivided into three coy sized areas to be searched simultaneously during the period 21/22 Jul 66.

(3) Separate ambush stops are to be placed at selected locs by the Aslt Pnr and Anti Tk Pls.

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Revert to normal atts by 210645 H Jul 66.

(b) Engr atts to rejoin A Coy from D Coy by 210645 H Jul.

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(2) Tasks.

- (a) First coy to move at approx 210700 H Jul 66 on orders from Bn HQ on route indicated.
- (b) Move to area KIL0 and clear it from NORTH to SOUTH.
- (c) Report details of all tracks in the area.
- (d) Be prepared to return to the base area by the route indicated on PM 22 Jul 66.

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Revert to normal atts by 210645 H Jul 66.
- (b) Engr atts to rejoin B Coy from D Coy by 210645 H Jul 66.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Bn res.
- (b) Move with Bn HQ to vic 462706 via indicated route.
- (c) Protect Bn HQ gp at that loc.
- (d) Move after A Coy when ordered by Bn HQ.
- (e) Provide a pl of 29 all ranks to move to 5 RAR (Rear) by 211700 H Jul 66 for move to R and C Centre on 22 Jul 66.
- (f) Coy less one pl to be prepared to return to the base area on PM 22 Jul 66 via route indicated.

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Revert to normal atts by 210645 H Jul 66.
- (b) Engr atts to rejoin C Coy from D Coy by 210645 H Jul 66.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Move after D Coy 21 Jul 66. Not before 210730 H.
- (b) Move on orders from Bn HQ.
- (c) Move to area INDIA and clear it from WEST to EAST.
- (d) Be prepared to return to the base area on PM 22 Jul 66 via route indicated.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Revert to normal atts by 210645 H Jul 66.
- (b) Return Engr atts to A, B and C Coys by 210645 H Jul 66.

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(2) Tasks.

(a) Move after A Coy on orders from Bn HQ at approx 210700 H Jul 66.

(b) Move via route indicated to JULIET and clear area from NORTH to SOUTH.

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- (c) Report details of all tracks in the area.
- (d) Be prepared to return to the base area by the route indicated on the PM 22 Jul 66.

f. Mor Pl.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) One sect under comd 5 RAR (Rear) until completion of op.
- (b) One sect to remain mounted in mor APCs under comd of Bn HQ.
- (c) One sect to be dismounted for mcv in third mor APC under comd Bn HQ.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Sect in Base Area. Provide sp for base.
- (b) Remainder.
 - i. Provide sp during search and withdrawal.
 - ii. Carry fwd 100 rounds per mor within the APCs TOTAL 400 rounds.

g. Anti Tk Pl.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Pl to be regrouped at Bn HQ by 210645 H Jul 66.
- (b) Aslt Pnr Pl to be under comd for mov from 462706 to the SUOI DA BANG.
- (c) One additional operator and 25 set to join pl by 210645 H Jul 66.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Move with Bn HQ, B Coy and Aslt Pnr Pl to vic 462706 then continue on with Aslt Pnr Pl to the SUOI DA BANG.
- (b) Separate from Aslt Pnr Pl and move on to estb two half pl ambushes at vics 483701 and 484701.
- (c) Be prepared to return to base via route indicated on orders from Bn HQ on PM 22 Jul 66.

h. Aslt Pnr Pl.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) One additional operator and radio to join pl by 210645 H Jul 66.
- (b) Pl to be under comd of Anti Tk Pl for mov from vic 462706 to the SUOI DA BANG.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Move with Bn HQ, B Coy and Anti Tk Pl to vic 462706 then continue on with Anti Tk Pl to SUOI DA BANG.

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(b) Separate from Anti Tk Pl and move on to estb two half pl ambushes at vic 473701 and 476698.

(c) Be prepared to return to base loc via route indicated on orders from Bn HQ on PM 22 Jul 66.

i. Armd.

(1) Grouping.

(a) One tp att for Phase Two (village search) reverts to under comd 1 APC Sqn 210800 H Jul 66.

(b) One mor sect remains under comd 5 RAR for remainder of op.

(2) Tasks.

(a) 210615 H Jul 66 : Tp.

i. Return Anti Tk Pl close escorts to Bn HQ/B Coy loc.

ii. Collect engr deta from D Coy loc and return them to A, B and C Coys respectively.

(b) 210645 H Jul 66 : Tp.

i. Depart 5 RAR loc carrying att interpreters, Vietnamese Police and medcap elms plus stores back to 5 RAR (Rear) then 1 ATF.

ii. Return to 1 APC Sqn

(c) Mor sect. Provide sp to move one mor sect mounted one mor sect dismounted and 400 rounds with Bn HQ gp.

(d) (a) and (b) above on orders Bn HQ.

j. Arty. No change.

k. Engrs.

(1) Grouping. Atts to revert to coys by 210645 H Jul 66.

(2) Tasks. Provide engr assistance as required.

l. Avn.

(1) Grouping. One SIOUX ac to be in sp from 210700H for duration of op.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Air OP.

(b) Gen sp tasks as allotted.

m. Coord Instr.

(1) Areas of Search, Routes, Ambush Positions

See Annex P (issued at 0 gp).

(2) Rules of Engagement. As already promulgated

(3) Move off 21 Jul 66. When ordered by Bn HQ.

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(4) Bn Res. B Coy less one pl.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Rat. Rat up to midday Fri 22 Jul 66 incl before departure from TENNIS 19 Jul 66. Hot water on return to base ni 22 Jul 66.

b. Water. Local. Normal sterilization.

c. Med.

(1) Normal atts to coys.

(2) Normal stores/kits to be carried.

(3) RMO and other med pers att to D Coy for Phase 2 rejoin Bn HQ PM 20 Jul 66.

(4) Casevac by APC or air dependant on loc and time.

5. COMMAND AND SIGS.

a. Bn HQ. With B Coy throughout. Estb vic 462706 AM 21 Jul 66

b. Radio.

(1) Frequencies Normal

(2) Callwords Normal

c. Passwords, Points of Origin, Q Hrs. As issued.

d. KAC Code. As issued.

e. Additional Atts. One additional operator and set to go to each of Aslt Pnr Pl and Anti Tk Pl by 210645 H Jul 66.

f. Synchronization of Watches.

Acknowledge.

(J. A. WARR)
Lt Col
CO 5 RAR

Annexes.

Annex : P. Areas of Search, Routes, Ambush Positions.

Distribution

A Coy	(2)	1 APC Sqn	(2)	S2
B Coy	(2)	1 Fd Regt	(5)	S3
C Coy	(2)	105 Fd Bty	(2)	Asst S3
D Coy	(2)	1 Fd Sqn	(2)	S4
Sp Coy		6 RAR	(2)	RSM
Mor Pl		HQ 1 ATF	(15)	Comds Diary (3)
Anti Tk Pl		1 ATF ALO		File
Aslt Pnr Pl		CO		Spare (5)
Sig Pl		XO		
Admin Coy	(3)	S1		

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1 Fd Regt RAA
NUI DAT

2 Jul 66

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BC 105 Fd Bty RAA
BC 103 Fd Bty RAA
BC 161 Fd Bty RNZA

ADDITIONAL US ARTILLERY

1. Within the next few months, additional US Artillery will be placed in support of I ATF and under operational command of 1 Fd Regt. The order of arrival is as follows:-

- a. One 155mm battery (M109 SP - 6 guns)
- b. One 8in battery (SP - 4 guns)
- c. Battalion HQ and one 175mm battery (SP - 4 guns)

2. The first battery should join us in about 14 days and will be sited immediately SOUTH of 105 Battery. In general, the Regiment will sponsor this battery in all operational and administrative respects except where the normal US command and administrative system makes this unnecessary. Officers and Sergeants will be invited to join the respective Regimental Messes.

3. The battery will join the Regimental net as call sign 4 (with associated call signs as necessary) and will observe relevant parts of our SOPs. Calls for fire on this battery may be made by any Regimental OP and should be addressed to an ANZAC LO to be provided at the battery CP (call sign 4). The LO will pass fire orders. The battery will, in return, provide a LO at Tac HQ for fire planning purposes. The US LO will NOT be on the Regimental net.

4. When the US batteries are complete they will form a composite artillery battalion. Communications and fire control arrangements applying when there are two batteries but before the Battalion headquarters has assumed command, will be separately dealt with.

5. For interest, the following characteristics of the weapons are given:-

	<u>155mm SP(M109)</u>	<u>SP 8in gun</u>	<u>SP 175mm</u>
Range Max	14,500	17,000	32,800
(metres) Min	4,000	7,000	12,000
Wt of shell	90 lbs	200 lbs	170 lbs
Rate of fire (rpgpm)	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$

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Commanding Officer

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Annex I

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1 Fd Regt RAA
NUI DAT

29 Jul 66

BTRY A 2/35 BN USA

KEY PERSONNEL AND APPOINTMENTS

BC	-	Capt GT EURE
XO	-	Lt H L GRACE
FDO	-	Lt C K McLAIN
LO	-	2lt C R HEINDRICHS
FO	-	2lt G L STEINBROOK
FO	-	2lt R N MINICH
First Sgt	-	WO1 J H FRANCIS
Ammo Sgt	-	Sgt L J CHOVANEC
Chief of Firing Btry	-	Sgt J R DUKE
Comms Chief	-	Sgt A E HARDY
FDC NCO	-	Sgt F R HICKS
Motor Sgt	-	Sgt J W NEWTON
Gun Sec Chief	-	Sgt M L HASSELL
Gun Sec Chief	-	Sgt C O MATTSON
Gun Sec Chief	-	Sgt R L RICHARDS
Gun Sec Chief	-	Sgt J J RIVERA
Gun Sec Chief	-	Sgt H L THORNTON
Gun Sec Chief	-	Sgt B W TRACY
Mess Steward	-	Sgt R L STEARNS
Sup Sgt	-	Sgt C S ELLIOTT
Club Manager	-	Sgt C G HEALD
Svy Chief	-	Sgt R E GLASGOW
Medic	-	Sgt L J M KELLY
Crypto Sgt	-	Sgt C R COOKE

A Thomas Capt

Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

DISTRIBUTION

List B
plus -
105 Fd Bty (3)
103 Fd Bty (3)
161 Fd Bty (3)
HQ Bty (3)
Spare (6)

BC

Annex K
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1 Fd Regt RAA
NUI DAT

2 Jul 66

H & I TASK TABLES
"PLUTO "

1. While it is not essential that H & I tasks be classified, it is naturally preferable that we do not hand the information to the enemy by broadcasting in clear.
2. Effective forthwith a simple code, "PLUTO CODE", is to be used. This code should provide security at least until the first serial is fired, and if broken will not affect other codes in use within the Task Force.

3. Pluto Code

a. The following are examples of code words to be used:

COUNTRY LAD
COLD TURKEY
FIELD WORKS
ROTHMAN FIG
HUNGRY LADS
MATCHBOXES
SOBER MATCH

- b. Codeword "ROTHMAN FIG" is in effect forthwith. Future code words will be detailed in the unit Sig instruction.
- c. The figures 0 to 9 are placed over the letters in the code word, 0 over the first letter, 1 over the second letter etc. The grid reference is then encoded by interchanging letters for numbers.

e.g. 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
R O T H M A N F I G

Grid Reference

42707610 would be encoded as

Grid Reference

M T F R F N O R

d. This code is only to be used for H & I Tiddlers

A. H. ...
Captain
Adjutant

Distribution

105 Fd Bty	(6)	CP	(2)
103 Fd Bty	(6)	CO	
161 Fd Bty	(6)	2IC	
Tac HQ	(2)	Sig O	
		Comd's Diary	(4)
		Spare	(6)

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MINUTE PAPER

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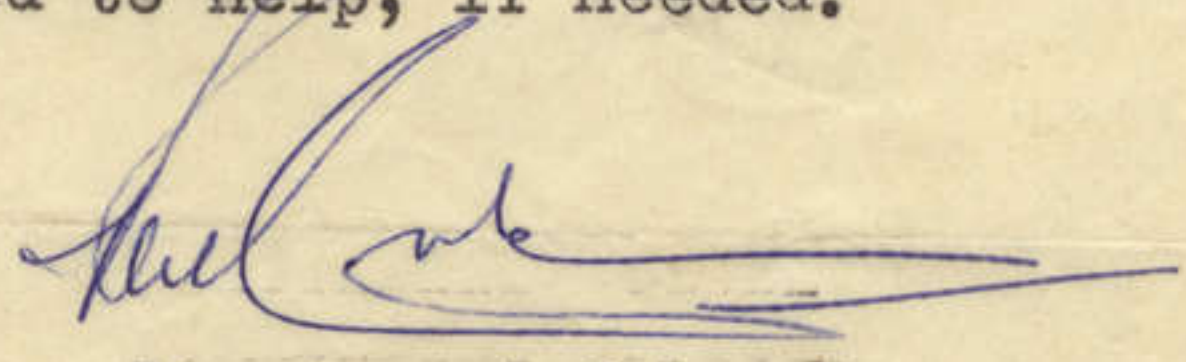
To BC 105 Fd Bty RAA BC 103 Fd Bty RAA BC 161 Fd Bty RNZA

Subject LINE OF FIRE PROCEDURE

1. There is a possibility (and, let me reassure you, nothing more than a possibility) that we may be called on to provide small groups of guns (two or three) in support of projected infantry operations. These groups or sections would need to be equipped only with essentials and I have in mind making provision should either battery resources or available movement facilities restrict the use of a battery CP.

2. In anticipation of this, I consider the conduct of small shoots by line of fire procedure a useful drill for OPs to know particularly if it renders unnecessary the presence of a full CP with plotters etc. I would be grateful therefore, if you will take the earliest opportunity of instructing your officers in line of fire procedure and giving them opportunities to practise such shoots when convenient.

3. Apart from anything else, a knowledge of line of fire shooting is a useful quality in OPs. As Harry and I are, I fancy, the only people left who were brought up on line of fire, I am sure we would both be delighted to help, if needed.



Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

7 Jul 66

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Received 25 Jul 66.

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MINUTE PAPER

Encl 14

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FILE NO.

FOLIO

To: 30 HQ Bty, 30 103 Fd Bty, 30 105 Fd Bty, 30 161 Fd Bty

Subject: ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES OF WEAPONS

1. There has been another case in the Task Force of accidental discharge of a weapon which involved the death of a soldier. This death can be attributed solely to stupidity on the part of another soldier and his failure to observe the relevant safety orders.

2. The Commander has directed that severe disciplinary action is to be taken against any person who fails to exercise care in the handling of his personal weapon. For this Regiment, this policy will also apply to those who lose weapons, fail to maintain them, fail to look after them in addition to those who accidentally fire their weapons.

3. The Commander requires that the following orders are to be given by an officer to every officer and soldier under your command.

a. Weapon Readiness and Safety

This applies to all small arms.

STAGE	ACTION	WHEN APPLICABLE
ONE	(1) Breech empty. Working party forward. (2) Safety catch applied (3) Full magazine in pouch or when without webbing, in pocket	In operation base and log area
TWO	As for stage ONE but magazine on weapon	(1) Travelling in vehicles when outside operational base or log area (2) Stand-to in bases outside operational base.
THREE	(1) Round in breech Action cocked (2) Safety catch applied (3) Full magazine on weapon	(1) On entering VC controlled area on foot (2) Vehicle sentries on vehicles outside operational base (3) When ordered by an officer
FOUR	As for stage THREE but with safety catch off	(1) When action is imminent (2) Leading scouts on patrol (3) When ordered by an officer

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- (b) (i) All ranks are to clear weapons before entering the operational base
- (ii) The M79 or M72 is NOT to be carried in the READY TO FIRE condition.

(c) Weapon Handling

- (i) You are never to handle a weapon carelessly, or point a weapon at anyone except as a deliberate military act against a known or suspected enemy.
- (ii) Except in an operational emergency when in contact with the enemy, you are never to hand a weapon to another person, unless you first clear the weapon and show that person that there is no magazine on the weapon and that there is NO round in the breech
- (iii) At no time except in an authorised load as in para 3a will the action be cocked with the magazine still on the weapon or magazine placed on a cocked weapon. This applies particularly to cleaning.
- (iv) When carrying HE grenades, you are to carry them only inside an authorised pouch and you are to ensure that the pin is correctly and safely splayed to prevent accidental withdrawal. Grenades will always be passed, never thrown to another soldier

4. Each Officer and NCO is to be safety conscious at all times and correct breeches or likely breeches on the spot.

5. These orders are to be given to any officer or soldier who subsequently joins your command.


Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

*Received
25 Jul 66*

HEADQUARTERS
2D BATTALION, 320TH ARTILLERY
1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division
APO 96347

AVADD

21 July 1966

Commanding Officer
105th Field Battery
Royal Australian Artillery
Bien Hoa

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Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM R. MADDEN JR
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Commanding

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For RO's. Returns letter ASP.

Paul. 19/9

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MINUTE PAPER

To..... BC 105 Fd Bty, BC 103 Fd Bty, BC 161 Fd Bty.....

Subject..... MISTAKES IN CPs AND ON GUNS.....

1. There are no safety officers on the gun position, in war, to provide safety checks. In addition, for operational reasons, safety tolerances are much reduced. It is therefore, all the more important that in war mistakes occur - and a heavy responsibility thus falls on all whose duties involve them in the firing of guns.
2. If the prescribed drills and checks are observed, both on the gun and in the command post, the possibility of errors occurring is removed. I therefore require you ensure that the most careful attention is paid to drills and checks prescribed in the gun drill and other relevant training publications and that all command post staffs and gun detachments are aware of their obligations in the matter of safety.
3. Disciplinary is to be taken against any person who is guilty of carelessness or who otherwise allows an error to occur when it is within his power to prevent it occurring.

..... 24 Jun 66

(Date)

Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

MINUTE PAPER

To..... BC 105 Fd Bty, BC 103 Bty, BC 161 Fd Bty, BC HQ Bty.....

Subject..... SAFETY PRECAUTIONS = SHOOTING.....

Reference: 1 Fd Regt RAA R746.1.1 dated 16 Jun 66

1. In the reference I laid down certain safety precautions to be observed in shooting and I have, verbally, laid down as a policy that opening rounds on targets should not normally be directed to a point closer than 1,000 metres to the nearest friendly troops. In addition I have pointed out that should any doubt exist concerning the accuracy of an infantry location, fire should be withheld until either the location is satisfactorily determined or the Battalion Commander has assumed responsibility for the consequences and directed fire to proceed.
2. The nature of our operations in this theatre make it clear that no relaxation in safety consideration can be permitted unless friendly forces (i.e. normally infantry battalions) accept the risk of casualties. In order that the infantry commander is in the position to make what must always be a difficult decision, BCs and OPs must clearly explain the consequences if fire is directed under conditions which are anything but manifestly safe.
3. For these reasons and, until further notice, the following orders are to be observed :-
 - a. No target is to be selected or recorded within 1,000 metres of the nearest friendly troops unless the infantry commander requests it. (This restriction does not apply to a target whose initial engagement was at a point more than 1,000 metres from friendly forces but whose recorded location after registration by shooting is closer than 1,000 metres.)
 - b. No target is to be initially engaged at a grid reference closer than 1,000 metres to the nearest friendly forces unless either the conditions specified in a. above apply or the supported Arm Commander, at the time concerned, has accepted responsibility for the consequences and directed fire to proceed.
 - c. Unless the target is clearly safe or unless exceptional operational reasons require otherwise, shooting should open with an initial ranging round rather than with one or more rounds at fire for effect. OPs, particularly, are to be reminded that a prescribed drill for the engagement of close targets exists and this is to be followed unless exceptional reasons otherwise justify. Modifications to the close target procedure are permitted provided the circumstances at the time justify such modifications.
 - d. The minimum number of guns considered sufficient is to be employed. There is no need to fire two guns when one will suffice, nor six when three will do. This is particularly to be borne in mind when a large number of infantry groups are scattered about the general area in which fire is required.

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4. Gunners should not make mistakes and simply cannot afford to make any mistakes at all in the field of safety. I therefore require Battery Commanders, now, to inform me of any doubts that they should have concerning either the efficiency of individual members, or our techniques, drills and checks, with a view to preventing the possibility, so far as it is within our capacity, of any harm which may result from human error or fallibility. Above all Battery Commanders must bring to the attention of the Officers, NCOs, and soldiers under their command, not only the specific rules for safety which I have outlined in this minute and in the reference, but also the consequences of carelessness in terms of disciplinary action.

..... 26 Jul 66
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(Date)

Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

From : Maj P N O TEDDER

Quote in Reply

DO PT 10

ADDRESS

105 Fd Bty RAA
AFPO 3.
HQ Australian Forces
VIETNAM
SAIGON

18 Jul 66

Lt Col W H NORDIN
Commanding Officer
3/319 Arty Bn
APO US Forces 96250
VIETNAM

Dear Sir,

I have been meaning to write to you for some time but what with R & R and Operation SYDNEY following immediately afterwards time has been short or the situation inappropriate to the writing of letters.

I would like to express once again sincere admiration for you organization and reiterate that serving in 173rd Abn Bde was a unique and happy period of our service in Vietnam. It is a fact that such organizations where the Allies serve together can either fail dismally or achieve out-standing success. By a process on both sides of common sense, compromise and above all a desire to see a professional job done there is no doubt in my mind that we achieved the later standard.

We wish the Bde and above all 3/319 Bn the very best of luck and good hunting

Yours sincerely,

Peter Lead

PS. After drafting this letter have sighted the scroll entitled "Artillery - King of Battle". Does this mean I can now say - Airborne, All the Way.

Oc 105 Fd Bty

Australian Military Forces

ROUTINE

5 RAR
AP AN PHU
SOUTH VIETNAM

R569-1-6

30 Jul 66

1 ATF (2)

COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT
OPERATION SYDNEY ONE

Reference: A. Pictomap Series L8020 sheets No 6430 2S and 3S 1:25000.

1. Name of Operation: SYDNEY ONE.
2. Dates of Operation: 6 Jul 66 - 14 Jul 66.
3. Location: NUI NGHE 3972
4. Control headquarters: Bn HQ 5 RAR
5. Advisors or Liaison Officers: Nil
6. Task organization
 - a. 5 RAR
 - b. In DS and under comd for mov 105 Fd Bty
 - c. In sp from 040700 to 070700 One tp 1 APC Sqn
from 070700 to 071600 1 APC Sqn
from 071600 to completion of op Mor sect of 1 APC Sqn
One sect of 1 APC Sqn
from 060700 to completion of op One coy from 6 RAR
Four RAAF Iroquois
from 060700 to completion of op One Sioux
from 067000 to completion of op One tp 1 Fd Sqn

7. Supporting Forces

a. Armed

(1) One tp of 1 APC Sqn was employed each day on 4, 5 and 6 Jul to sweep the 5 RAR TAOR, NW of Route 2 to establish the pattern prior to moving 105 Fd Bty by APCs to a new gun area at vic 431706. This tp was escorted by one pl 5 RAR as close protection.

(2) 1 APC Sqn was employed on 7 Jul to move 105 Fd Bty inside the APCs to the gun area vic 431706. A total of 40 APC loads were required to lift 105 Fd Bty and 960 rounds of 105 mm. Details of each lift are as follows:

070715	Gun recce party	1 APC
	3 x 105mm guns	3 APC
	330 rds ammo)	
	Gun crews)	10 APC
	CP element	1 APC
071045	3 x 105 mm guns)	
	330 rds ammo)	13 APC
	Gun crews)	

/080700

080700 300 rds ammo 6 APCs

(3) The sp sect of 1 APC Sqn remained with 5 RAR in the vic of 431706.

(4) One sect of 1 APC Sqn was used at the gun area to strengthen the defence of the gun area, to provide a comd APC for Bn HQ and to make resupply runs to the base area.

b. Arty.

(1) 105 Fd Bty was moved by APC to gun area in vic 431706 as the bty could not cover the area of ops from its original loc. The bty was not used until the coys were beyond the range of 161 NZ Bty. At the conclusion of the op 105 Fd Bty was employed in conjunction with 1 Fd Regt on an extensive H and I programme on targets located by coys and in particular targets beyond the range of 161 NZ Bty and 103 Fd Bty .

c. Engrs. These were allocated to rifle coys on the basis of two per pl and were employed on demolitions.

d. Sioux. The Sioux was employed on reconnaissance, liaison radio relay, assistance to ground troops in navigation and arty fire direction.

e. RAAF Iroquois. Four Iroquois were allocated in sp of 5 RAR for the operation but the RAAF were not aware either of the allocation or its implications. Resupply by RAAF Iroquois was effected on 11 Jul and 14 Jul. On 11 Jul three coys were resupplied simultaneously and as all communications to coys by the Iroquois was made on the bn comd net , some confusion could have occurred but in fact proved to be no problem. On 14 Jul the Iroquois used the coy nets which is a more suitable arrangement provided the pilots are adequately briefed. On 14 Jul the Iroquois were late due to bad weather. On 11 Jul one rifle coy was not ready to receive the resupply at the time requested by the coy. It is essential that both RAAF and battalion members acquire a better understanding of each others problems and capabilities.

8. Intelligence.

a. SAS patrols had been in the area of operations immediately prior to the commencement of OPERATION SYDNEY and confirmed that no large enemy forces were in the area at that time. Two SAS patrol commanders gave a good briefing to coy etc comds of the battalion on 5 Jul. Valuable information regarding the terrain was obtained from the briefing.

b. Reports from US Sector HQ in BA RIA had indicated a VC battalion position on NUI NGHE (3472) plus regular use of the many tracks running generally SW to NE between the hill masses in the SW corner of the province and BINH BA (4574) - BING GIA (4977). Aerial photographs of NUI NGHE failed to reveal any traces of a battalion position . As NUI NGHE provided good observation onto most of the Task Force base area and SOUTH down the valley towards BA RIA the possibility of striking enemy OPs was considered.

c. Prior to the operation it was therefore concluded:

- (1) No main force units would be encountered .
- (2) Most contacts would come from trail watchers, snipers, couriers or small parties moving to the NE or SW to carry out specific tasks.
- (3) Caches, camps and resting places would be found probably along creeks and in thick areas of undergrowth.
- (4) The type of enemy encountered would be local.

d. Contacts with the enemy were fairly consistent with pre-operational assessment. Many camps and caches were found and except for a few instances were concentrated to the NE and SW of NUI NGHE along river banks. All contacts and sightings were with local force VC except the following:

On 9 Jul at 1615 hrs at 381712 A Coy made contact with a party of 10 enemy well armed with automatic weapons and wearing packs and webbing. The fire fight lasted about 15 minutes after which a CHICOM weapon and a claymore mine were located. There was no indication as to whether the VC belonged to the C860 Battalion or not, but as the C860 Battalion has been reported constantly EAST of route LTL 2 it is possible that the enemy could have be : Main Force.

9. Mission Clear area GOLD.

10. Concept of Operations.

a. One tp of APC Sqn with one pl of 5 RAR to patrol towards NUI NGHE each day on 4, 5, 6 Jul to establish a pattern.

b. Preliminary ground reconnaissance to select a suitable fire base area for 105 Fd Bty and mor pl less one sect.

c. Mov rifle coys on foot on 6 Jul to area BERT, NOEL and HOCKEY to:

(1) give protection of fire base which was established on 7 Jul;

(2) position coys as close to their areas of operations as possible.

(3) disguise the move of coys to the area of search.

d. Carry the maximum rations with the troops to reduce the requirement for aerial resupply and its consequent loss of security and surprise.

11. Execution.

a. See Annex A for chronology of events.

12. Results.

a. Enemy losses KIA (BC) - 1
 WIA - 4

b. Weapons captured 1 x Chicom weapon
 1 x Claymore

c. Friendly losses WIA - 3 Aust.

13. Administrative Matters.

a. Members carried up to four days rations which is possible but reduces mobility. Resupply was by air, see sub sub para 7. (e) above. Soldiers became tired of the 24 hour ration pack very quickly. Soldiers should be given the choice of C rations, 24 hour ration packs, the two man training packs or rice. The weapons carried are adequate except that the OMC should be replaced by the M16 or SLR.

b. Maintenance was satisfactory except that some sub units failed to check adequately prior to the operation that all equipment was serviceable and available as a resupply. Some unnecessary demands were made during the operation.

c. Casualties were treated at 36 Casevac Hospital.

d. Medical evacuation was by helicopter.

14. Special Equipment.

Nothing to report

15. Commander Analysis.

a. The operation indicated that the VC are prepared to fight only when surprised and trapped or when as a result of choosing the time and place to fight victory appears to be certain. When information on the enemy is vague surprise must be sought. Movement by helicopter will reduce the possibility of surprise being obtained. Soldiers must therefore be capable of operating for up to 5 days without resupply. It was noticeable that after the first air resupply was conducted, no significant contact occurred.

b. It is possible to move a field battery inside APCs and for the battery to be operational within 30 minutes of arrival at the new gun area. Surprise in the use of guns can be achieved by this means.

16. Recommendations.

a. Minimum use be made of resupply by air when surprise is required.

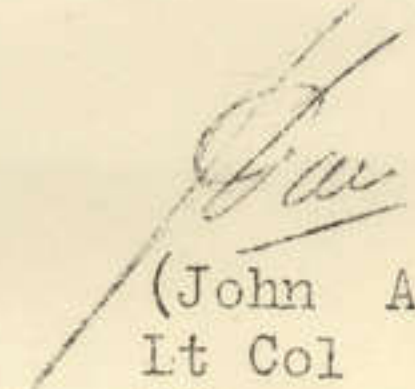
b. Troops be given the choice of rations to be carried.

c. The OMC be replaced by the M16 or SLR.

d. No time limit be imposed on search and destroy missions so that coys/pls etc can move at the most suitable time for them.

e. Operations from the base area should not extend beyond 14 days as after that time the number of minor medical problems such as skin complaints, stomach disorders etc magnify greatly.

f. An internal admin net is required for the passage of maintdems/opdems etc


(John A Warr)
Lt Col
CO

Copies for Information:

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C Coy
D Coy
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FILE
Comms Diary (3)

BC 105 BT9

SUB UNIT OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS REPORT

1. Sub Unit A Coy
2. Comd 240195 Maj A P CASSIDY
3. OP Name SYDNEY
4. Duration 6 Jul - 22 Jul 1966
5. Outline Tasks
- Phase 1. Sweep and Search area around NUI NGHE
- Phase 2. Cordon and Search DUC MY Village
- Phase 3. Sweep and Search area EAST of base camp
6. Sequence of Events See Annex A
7. Record of Statistics See Annex B
8. Assessment of OP
- (a) The OP could be considered successful Many lessons learnt during OP HARDIHOOD were applied. Movement improved considerably Particularly when the Coy moved as a group.
- (b) It was found during phase 1 that great difficulty exists in making night RVs, where the country is thick. As a result this Coy leaves a night harbour posn and moves to a base area from which sub unit ptls depart. Each ptl is limited in time, and returns to the base which moves again and the process repeated. It was found that this system adequately seaches ground and saves time in ptls looking for their home base at night.
- (c) The one major contact in phase 1 leaves many doubts in my mind as to wether the VC party which contacted the base area, were planning an attack or had stumbled on us. The sitting of the claymore mine indicates a deliberate attempt, while the evidence of Lcpl ANTHONY who a group of 6 to 8 VC standing in an open patch 20 metres from yhe FEBA indicates that they were unaware of our presence. We will never know.
- (d) While there was a lot of evidence to show VC activity in A Coy area, none of it was new. Many installations had been prepared, most of them quite extensive, and they stretched NORTH and EAST from the river. One of particular intrest was the school/hospital installation which indicates that at some stage the VC have remained static in the area.
- (e) The number of installations also permits any large number of VC to fall back on prepared posns if pressed.
- (f) Phase 2 showed up the problems of Inf/Armour Ops, when the tracks were unable to cross the creek obstacle well short of their objective This despite previous recce. As a result A coy was late into the Cordon and in fact originally was too close to the village.
- (g) In this phase the need for an interpreter with each cordon group was also apparent.
- (h) Phase 3 clealy showed the advantages to be gained by not advertising your presence with resup helis. The mobility of the Coy group was highlighted and certainly the VC in the area must have been kept guessing.

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(j) From the search in area KILO, no results whatever were obtained and no sign of VC was seen.

(k) Medevacs in A Coy were higher than in OP HARDIHOOD. It appears that the maximum duration of an OP should be 14 days. After this time, skin complaints, stomach disorders etc magnify beyond the stage where the Coy Medic can keep them in check.

(l) Reception arrangement by A Coy echelon staff was very good, but these were nullified by an additional task being allotted on arrival. However, morale in the Coy was of such a high order that these tasks were met willingly and without complaint.

(m) It is felt that an admn net should op for passage of maintdems. c/s 92 should be able to take maintdems direct rather than on the comd net. There are sufficient radios at coy level for one of these to be used to come onto the 92 Admn net either when ordered to by 92 or when required by the coy. there would be a requirement for 92 to listen on this net at all times.

Albany.....Maj
OC A Coy
24 Jul 66

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. 6 July 66

Moved to Area BERT - NTR

2. 7 July 66

Moved on ptl and at GR 389710 found instillation approx 400 metres running NORTH/SOUTH with a trench running along the Eastern side.

Comments

The trench faced fairly open ground and was possibly used for quick deployment. It was a minimum 4 feet deep and 5 feet across. This trench was followed to each end and it petered out in natural re-entrants.

3. 8 July 66

Moved from area of instillation to bottom half Area 1 and commenced patrols. At 1400 hrs 1 Pl located a dam and fish traps. These were destroyed. At 1640 hrs 1 Pl contacted 4 VC at GR 375710 on Western bank of creek. 1 VC WIA and carried off by mates. (See Contact report). 1 Pl went NORTH along creek following up and contacted 2 VC at a hut by a creek. One VC fired one shot and the second VC was hit and fell into the creek. Search failed to find body. An Ox cart loaded with 600 lb of rice was found and destroyed. Ox cart tracks led to the creek from the WEST and it appeared that this party were loading rice since a cache of a further 1200 lbs was found nearby.

Comment

All activity in this area was WEST of the creek. No new sign was found in Area 1.

2 Pl Comd contacted 1 VC while on a recce NO result either side.

1 Pl was given permission to ambush the area of the hut/ox cart and 2 Pl was ordered to RV. Due to thickness of country RV was not made.

Comment

Great difficulty exists in making RVs if country is thick. As a result at least $\frac{1}{2}$ days patrolling was lost because 2 Pl could not link up. This in turn kept the CHQ and Sp Pl static for too long with dire results.

4. 9 July 66

2 Pl rejoined at 0900 and 3 Pl sent on patrol. At GR 383713 an installation was found which included a lecture hut complete with blackboards and what could have been a hospital hut.

Comment

While not having been used for at least 9 months, this installation indicated a permanency not previously seen. 1 Pl joined the RV at 1000 hrs and 2 Pl went on Patrol.

At GR 379714 3 Pl found an installation which included a rice mill and approx 6 cubic yards unhusked rice. This report was received at 1615 hrs.

At 1615 hrs an unknown number of VC were contacted at the CHQ location. The VC were heavily armed with auto wps which included a BAR. (This was confirmed by shells found in area later. They were dressed in black, with equipment and were black turban type headdress.

These VC were seen by a sub unit comd from 1 Pl who was on recce just outside the FEBA. He opened fire and believes he hit at least 1 VC. He was wounded in the return fire.

A fire fight developed during which the VC moved around the perimeter. There was evidence of strict fire control by them. At this stage 3 Pl who were returning to the scene discovered a claymore type mine directed at the CHQ loc. A grenade was lying beside the mine and it was armed but without a firing device.

The VC broke contact after about 15 minutes. Results were 3 WIA own troops and it is believed 1 VC was WIA.

Comments

It is believed, no evidence except the claymore exists, that the VC had reced the area and were planning an attack at night. This was made possible because the CHQ had remained for 24 hrs in the one location up to the time of the contact. It is also felt that they could have followed 1 Pl from the river that morning. The amount of fire power they had, and their use of a claymore makes it unlikely that they stumbled on the position, although the evidence of Lcpl ANTHONY who saw 8 standing in a group in a open patch, leads to this theory.

It is considered that no patrol or unit base should remain static for more than 6 to 8 hrs during daylight, and also that a subunit returning to a base should drop off an ambush on their track some distance from the base area.

After casevac base moved to ni harbour.

5. 10 July 66

Moved at first light to border of area 3 & 2 at GR 385724. Two ptls patrolled out - NTR. Bases at GR 383725. One subunit of 2 Pl on water recce failed to return to base.

Comment

Even after leaving a known loc it is not impossible to miss the base on the return journey.

6. 11 July 66

At GR 380725 2 Pl loc installation by the creek. (See installation report).

7. 12 July 66

Patrolled areas 3 & 4 NTR.

8. 13 July 66

Received resup - NTR.

9. 14 July 66

Returned to TENNIS. Due to time factor, rice catches located by 3 Pl on 9 Jul could not be found.

10. 15 July 66

At TENNIS - NTR.

11. 16 July 66

At TENNIS - local ptls NTR

3/ 12. 17 July 66

12. 17 July 66

At TENNIS - local ptls - NTR

13. 18/19 July 66

At TENNIS - local ptls - NTR 18th. On 19th 2 Pl located large installation at GR 430711. (See installation report),

14. 20 July 66

Moved out in APCs at 1645 hrs to fwd assy area fo Phase 2 Op SYDNEY.

15. 21 July 66

Moved by APC to cordon area. On turn in point across route 2, one shot fired by sniper. No action taken. Apc~~s~~ failed to cross stream and as a result cordon was 10 minutes late getting in and was too far NORTH, in fact right on the outskirts of the village.

Orders were received from the CP that no change was to be made in the cordon positions, but despite this C Coy relocated it's RIGHT flank and created a gap which was not closed for at least an hour.

Comment

NO comment.

At 0820 hrs a rallier surrendered to a sub unit of 3 Pl who were conducting sweeps to the rear of the cordon.

Comment

Although willing to talk, the lack of an interpreter in each cordon, made it impossible to extract any information which might have been acted on immediately.

At 1130 hrs, 2 Pl sighted a VC attempting to break through the cordon. VC was KIA.

Comment

The VC waited until heavy thunderstorm was in progress before making his move, thinking, correctly, that most people would be interested more in keeping dry than other things. He was wrong in this case!

Search of village completed at 1400 hrs and A Coy moved to ni harbour at GR 456716. At 1750 hrs sentry of 2 pl saw smoke approx 200 metres NORTH in low scrub. A sub unit of 2 Pl sent to investigate and saw 2 VC in a basha over fire. They noticed one carbine and equipment. As ptl approached nearer they heard a wpn cock and opened fire. 1 VC was KIA and the other headed NORTH leaving a blood trail (see contact report).

16. 22 July 66

Moved EAST to area KILO - GR 480709 patrolled northern sector NTR. Held in loc pending outcome of C Coy search ethereal 500.

17. 23 July 66

Moved to GR 483709, continued ptls - NTR. At 230900, 2 Pl found bullock track running NORTH/SOUTH at GR 485706. Last used approx 2 months ago. Returned to Base Camp at 1600 hrs.

Comment

Next time a route is planned, please study the map before drawing lines of march.

Annex 'B' to A Company
Operational Analysis Report dated
24 July 66

OP SYDNEY

CASEVAC / MEDEVAC

61570	Pte	DL	GEORGE	susp appendicitis	7 Jul 66
212700	Cpl	EJ	MADDEN	FUO	"
2781523	Pte	RN	WALTER	Gunshot face shoulder/shoulder	9 Jul 66
17105	Lt	JC	HARTLEY	Shrapnel left heel	9 Jul 66
215582	Lcpl	G	ANTHONY	Gunshot thigh/stomach	9 Jul 66
3786783	Pte	PE	FALZON	Sprained ankle	18 Jul 66
212700	Pte	HC	EVANS	Skin	18 Jul 66
4717650	Pte	TA	TURNER	FUO	19 Jul 66
6410173	Lcpl	MG	CROSS	Eye trouble	20 Jul 66

VC KILLS / WOUNDED / WPNS REC

1 Pl	1 wounded	GR 376710	8 Jul 66
1 Pl	1 wounded	GR 376711	8 Jul 66
3 Pl	1 Rallier	DUC MY	21 Jul 66
2 Pl	1 KIA	DUC MW	21 Jul 66
2 Pl	1 KIA	GR 465716	21 Jul 66
2 Pl	1 wounded	GR 467716	21 Jul 66
2 Pl	1 M1 carbine at	DUC MY contact with 45 rounds.	

RICE CACHES

1 Pl	1800 lbs	GR 375710	8 Jul 66
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ROUTINE

25 0200 Z

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FROM 5RAR

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

TO A Coy (5) B Coy (5) C Coy (5)
D Coy (5) Sp Coy (6) Admin Coy (5)
CO 2IC CP FCC

OPS 3

SITREP No 1 from 231600H to 242000H (.) ONE (.) ENEMY (.) ALPHA (.)
There were NO contacts in 5 RAR TAOR (.) BRAVO (.) 6 RAR contacted
two VC dressed in BLACK at GR 446670 231940Hrs (.) VC returned
the fire and fled SOUTH and then SOUTH EAST (.) CHARLIE (.) FAC
sighted 6 ox carts at GR 292638 at 0800 Hrs (.) DELTA (.) AOP
sighted ³man unloading at GR 209792 at 1420 hrs (.) TWO (.)
OWN SIT (.) ALPHA (.) 5 RAR patrolled TAOR with one $\frac{1}{2}$ pl fighting
ptl (.) BRAVO (.) A Coy under comd 1 APC Sqn escorted returning
US Army vehicles to LONG BIN (.) CHARLIE (.) 6 RAR commenced
operation HOBART (.) Tasks (.) Search and destroy in village
and surrounding area of XA LONG TAN (.) DELTA (.) Arty fired total
of 46 H and I missions in the 1 ATF TAOR (.) ADMIN (.) NTR

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From 5RAR

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OPS 4

To A Coy (5) B Coy (5) C Coy (5)
D Coy (5) Sp Coy (6) Admin Coy (5)

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SITREP No2 from 242000H to 251900H . ONE . ENEMY . ALFA
NO contacts in 5RAR TAOR . BRAVO . Contacts by 6RAR .
FIRST . 250800H GR488690 bootmarks less than 24 hrs old found
heading SE . 250910H GR495694 cart tracks less than 24 hrs old
found . 251015H GR 497694 tracks of a coy size force heading SE
3 - 4 hrs old . GR498692 coy size camp found . 251110H GR484687
2 tons of rice found recently camouflaged . 251135H GR515686 1
VC possibly of a party of 5 seen . VC fled SE . 251310H
GR 514678 B Coy contacted coy size force . VC withdrew SOUTH
leaving party of 15 as delaying force . 251355H GR515669 10 VC
contacted by C Coy . at this time B Coy recieved 82 and 60mm rds
mor estimated posn GR 520666 . C Coy heard bugles sounding after
their contact . Estimate 4 VC WIA . 1 LMG and 2 automatic
wpns recovered . 20 VC sighted moving SE at GR517683 party split
into 2 groups at bridge GR509678 . 251700H B Coy contacted 1 VC
whilst carrying wounded to LZ . Results 4 pos VC WIA 2 Aust KIA
11 WIA . SECOND . Agent report . VC Coy equiped with AA
wpns reported in vic GR480678 on 23 Jul . TWO . Own sit .
C Coy remained as protection force to 161 NZ Bty . THREE .
Admin . NTR

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27 1100 Z

From 5 RAR

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To A Coy (5) B Coy (5) C Coy (5) D Coy (5)
Sp Coy (5) Admin Coy (5)

SITREP No 4 from 262000H to 272000H . ONE . EN . ALFA . MAIFORCE (B and C Coys) sighted mov in grid sq 4764 and group of up to 50 at GR 488639 and GR 492691 at 271250H . BRAVO . FIRST . 6 RAR located large camp vic 525663 to 520666 . camp could accommodate up to 200 . semi permanent installation with admin facilities . C and D Coy of D445 Mobile Bn were probably located in this camp 48 hrs before . SECOND . GR 511655 at 271000 H pl sized camp found . mor sighted in vic . Arty engaged CMM result not known . THIRD . GR 511654 at 271120H coy size camp found . FOURTH . GR 511657 at 271220H rice and clothing found . FIFTH . GR 515678 at 271410H coy size camp 2 months old found . wpn magazine and some grenades discovered . SIXTH . five bags of rice found at GR 517669 . 15 tins of cooking oil found at GR 517673 . 20 tins of cooking oil found at GR 519699 . SEVENTH . Mov seen at GR 516661 at 271130H . EIGHTH . 2 figures dressed in black seen entering hut at GR 516646 . Arty engaged CMM neg result . NINTH . possible standing ptl posn found at GR 518653 at 271305 H . CHARLIE . SAS contacted 7 VC at GR 351768. result 5 VC KIA 2 VC WIA . DELTA . Further to armed CHINOOK sortie reported in SITREP No 3 . Hy SA fire received from vic 5063 to 5163 approx 100 VC sighted . CHINOOK fired 20mm CMM 40mm CMM 50mm MG fire and rockets . results unknown . Fire also received from GR 500645 . TWO . OWN SIT . ALFA . MAIFORCE continued its protection tasks of 161 Bty RNZA . BRAVO . 6 RAR continued Op HOBART . CHARLIE . Arty fired 80 H & I msns . DELTA . airstrike on GR 500630 at 270900H. result 6 huts destroyed CMM 5 damaged . THREE . ADMIN . MAIFORCE resupplied by APC 271645H

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D Coy (5) Sp Coy (5) Admin Coy (5)

OPS 1

SITREP No 5 from 272000H to 282000H. ONE. EN. ALFA. elms of 6 RAR discovered one small vacated camp of about pl size at GR 500676. BRAVO. an armed CHINOOK engaged on a suppressive fire mission was fired on from vics 551648 and 572649. fire was returned results unknown. TWO. OWN SIT. ALFA. air strike by armed CHINOOK in area bounded by vics 474680 470673 486665 490672 preceded a sweep by elms of 6 RAR. BRAVO. MAIFORCE provided stops along the creek between vics 470674 and 475683 working in conjunction with 6 RAR sweep. MAIFORCE is at present loc vic 472678. Negative result from sweep. intended that MAIFORCE return this loc AM tomorrow. Anti Tk pl 5 RAR and elms of mor pl 5 RAR returned 281600 H. THREE. ADMIN. NTR

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SP COY (5) ADM (5)

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SITREP NO 6 from 291200 H to 302000 H. ONE . EN . ALPHA. No contacts by ground forces . BRAVO. Armed CHINOOK received hvy automatic fire from vic NUY NGHE and from vic GR 4068 CMM 3868 CMM3869 . Ground attack aircraft also received ground fire during their run in for airstrikes on those posns during afternoon 29 July. CHARLIE .6 RAR reported probes on its perimeter at 292145H . 1 ARU reported receiving one round SA at 3002445H from direction of TF HQ . 1 FD SQN fired mg burst at 1 or 2 persons on CHATHAM AVE at 300140H . OP on NUI DAT reported observing 4 people acting suspiciously at GR 384655 . ARTY engaged . Results not known . DELTA . FAC reported groups of 30 40 people mainly woman and children at GR 430645 at 301450H . ECHO . B COY 5RAR found BOOBY TRAP approx month old at 301390H . Sign of small groups heading SE and SW approx 24 HRS old in VIC 404687. FOXTROT .6RAR reported sighting group of 10 VC VIC 448664 at 301920H . Arty and Mortars engaged . Result not known TWO. Own SIT . ALPHA . B Coy and ATK Pl 5 RAR established ptl base at GR 404687 and patrolled from base . BRAVO .6 RAR extracted by helicopter to base area late 29 July . 6RAR established Coy ptl here to east of TF base area and patrolled Nand NE on 30 July . CHAELIE Air strikes conducted on position from which CHINOOK received ground fire during afternoon 29 July. Air strikes from altitude of 20000 ft conducted during night using SKY SPOT techniques on tgts in vic NUI NGHE . DELTA . Arty conducted 18 serial regimental fire plan from 292155H at tgts from which ground fire received . 14 H I serials fired. THREE . ADMIN . NTR .

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To: A Coy (5) B Coy (5) C Coy (5) OPS 1
 D Coy (5) Sp Coy (5) Admin Coy (5)
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SITREP No 8 from 312000 H to 012000 H

ONE. ENEMY. ALPHA. Activities around 5 RAR base. FIRST. Trip flare initiated on CANBERRA AVENUE at 312015 H. 1 figure carrying weapon seen. SECOND. Further trip flare initiated vic CANBERRA AVENUE and mov reported at 312400 H.

BRAVO. 105 Bty reported 2 figures moving WEST at GR 427669 at 010125 H.

CHARLIE. Arty fired on suspected VC infiltration into HOA LONG at GR 408642.

DELTA. 6 RAR standing ptl observed 3 VC GR 446655 at 011235 H.

ECHO. D Coy 6 RAR located 2 VC bodies and one rifle at scene of C Coy 6 RAR contact during OP HOBART. at GR 511683.

FOXTROT. FAC reported large group of men at GR 340746.

GOLF. D Coy 5 RAR reported movement at GR 432688. Mors engaged. FAC saw no sign of mov in vic.

HOTEL. VC ambushed road convoy vic GR 243764. Outpost at PHU MY GR 253745 received mor and small arms fire at the same time. Lt Fire team received coy automatic SA fire and one ac was forced to land with 14 hits in the fuselage. Regional force coy sent from PHU MY to relieve convoy was attacked. Results not known. Outpost to NORTH PHU MY also attacked.

TWO. OWN SIT. ALPHA. FIRST. 3 Coy 5 RAR returned to base.

 SECOND. D Coy 5 RAR commenced patrolling WEST of TAOR.

 THIRD. COUGAR FORCE conducted OP ROAD RUNNER SOUTH.

BRAVO. 6 RAR continued patrolling TAOR.

CHARLIE. SAS ptls extracted from area NORTH of WARBARTON MOUNTAIN due to considerable en forces in the area.

DELTA. Air strike vic NUI NGHE at 011700 H.

ECHO. 68 M & I Serials fired during reporting period.

THREE. ADMIN. NTR.

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From 5RAR

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To A Coy (5) B Coy (5) C Coy (5)
D Coy (5) Sp Coy (5) Admin Coy (5)

Info CO 2IC IO CP FCC

SITREP No 9 from 012000 to 022000H

ONE . ENEMY . ALFA . SITREP No 8 refers . Results of PHU MY action . 32
ARVN KIA 14 ARVN WIA 6 ARVN missing . 14 M1 rifles CMM 4 carbines CMM 1 X 60mm
mor CMM 1 X 30 cal MG lost .

BRAVO . D/5RAR activities . FIRST . D Coy found one RUSSIAN
or FRENCH 7.62mm rifle at GR398703 . SECOND . Camp found at GR397705 contain-
ing 12 huts incl hospital and 60 foot well and classrooms . Trg pamphlets dated
1 Mar 66 and many other documents . THIRD . Contact at GR390703 at 021335H .
1 VC KIA 1 VC WIA . Dress black trousers CMM green shirts and bushhats with
yellow hatbands . 1 M1 rifle recovered .

CHARLIE . 6RAR contacted 2 VC at GR4567 at 021115H . Mors
engaged . Results unknown .

DELTA . Arty fired on VC installation routes into HOA LONG at
012020H . 1 Fd Regt reported flares to SOUTH at 010300H .

TWO . OWN SIT . ALFA . D/5RAR continued patrolling .

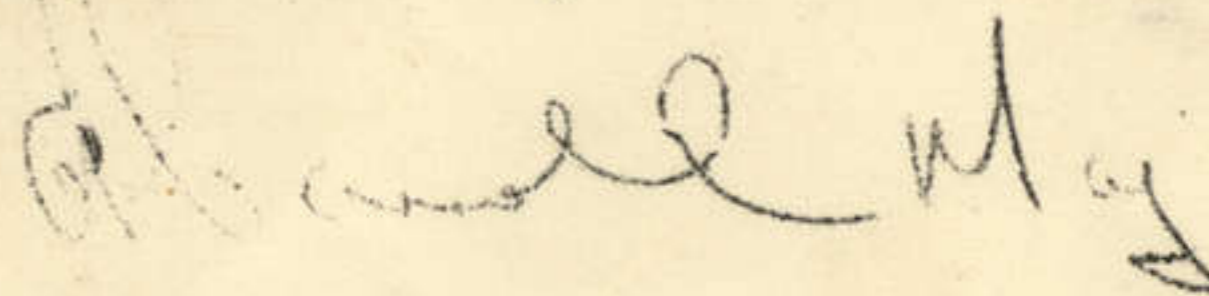
BRAVO . D/6RAR returned to base .

CHARLIE . Air strikes using SKY SPOT techniques on GR352668
at 020600H .

DELTA . Bty A fired destruction shoot at GR361646 on a sus-
pected tunnel or cave .

THREE . ADMIN . NTR

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TO: A Coy (5) B Coy (5) C Coy (5)
D Coy (5) Sp Coy (5) Admin Coy (5)

INFO: CO 2IC IO CP FCC

SITREP No 10 from 022000 H to 032000 H Aug.

ONE. ENEMY. ALFA. Documents discovered by D/5 RAR 2 Aug were political indoctrnation material for coy level. BRAVO. 6 RAR contacted 3 VC dressed in black at vic 451643. 1 VC WIA. CHARLIE. 6 RAR contacted 20 VC at vic 450635. Engaged by arty results unknown. TWO. OWN SIT. ALFA. D/5 RAR returned to base. BRAVO. 1/A/ 5 RAR patrolled NORTH and NORTH EAST of 5 RAR base NTR. THREE. ADMIN. NTR


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SITREP 11. From 032000H to 042000H. ONE. EN. ALPHA. 6 RAR apprehended 1 VC at 041427H GR 455635. The VC had NO wpn cmm tried to escape and was shot dead. BRAVO. 1 Fd Regt reported muffled explosion by 3400 mils from GR 444648 at 041300H. CHARLIE. 1 Fd Regt reported 4 VC at GR 424657 time 041300H. Engaged by 155mm Sp Bty. Results unknown. TWO. OWN SIT. ALPHA. 5 RAR patrolled TAOR NTR. BRAVO. 41 H & I serials fired. CHARLIE. Pre planned air strike on tgt at GR 354688 at 041115H. 50 percent of bombs on tgt. THREE. ADMIN. NTR

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OPS 2

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SITREP No 12 . From 042000H to 052000H . ONE . ENEMY . ALFA .
 1 Fd Regt reported sighting 2 figures running across clearing vic GR 383645 .
 Area swept by APC ptl . neg result . BRAVO . FAC reported supply
 route NE of BINH GIA used during last 24 hrs . TWO . OWN SIT . ALFA .
 C Coy 5 RAR departed base at 051200H to set up ptl base . final loc of ptl base
 GR 436725 . Coy encountered six women at planned base loc therefore base moved
 to present loc . BRAVO . Pre-planned airstrike on mountains to SW cancelled
 due to low cloud conditions . CHARLIE . 1 Fd Regt conducted trial loading
 of eqpt in CHINOOK ac . DELTA . 30 H and I msns fired . THREE .
 ADMIN . NTR

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FROM: 5 RAR

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
OPS 2

TO: List B

INFO: CO 2IC IO CP FCC

SITREP No 13 from 052000 H to 062000H.

ONE. ENEMY. ALPHA. 6 RAR reported mov and sounds of dog barking to the N and S of their base camp at 069201H. BRAVO 1 Fd Regt reported hearing SA fire BG 3600 mils at 060711 H. CHARLIE Air OP reported seeing three dead cattle which appeared to have been butchered and the remains camouflaged vic GR 375686 at 061500 H. DELTA. 10 pl D Coy 5 RAR found one 44 gal drum half full of rice vic GR 451707 at 1035H. ECHO. FAC reported rd between GR 551615 and 580635 had been "key holed". FOXTROT. Armed CHINOOK fired rockets at a large platform that appeared to conceal a hole in the ground vic 388675 at 061615 H.

TWO. CVN SIT. ALPHA. 10 pl D Coy patrolled TAOR EAST of TL 2. BRAVO. Air strikes on VC Bn base vic GR 300720. 4 x 500 lb bombs 75 % on target. VC wounded vic GR 3877 strafed by 20mm cannon. CHARLIE. Arty fired 30 H & I tgts.

THREE. ADMIN. NTR.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Quote in Reply

R798-1-1

ADDRESS

105 Fd Bty RAA
NUI DAT RVN

26 Aug 66

1 Fd Regt RAA

6400 MILS SHOOTING

Ref : 1 Fd Regt R798-1-1 of 9 Aug 66.

1. From experience the preferred combination is :-
 - a. Two sets of aiming posts at 1600 yd and 4800 yd respectively from the centre of arc, with
 - b. A parallelscope as an alternative third GAP.
2. The present single set of aiming posts can be split thus providing two sets. Thick or undulating country may produce a problem with the short posts.
3. The parallelscope.
 - a. Advantages
 - (1) Less light at night.
 - (2) Contained within gun platform (in extremely tight gun areas space for aiming posts may be difficult to find within the perimeter)
 - (3) Quicker to put up than aiming posts
 - b. Disadvantages
 - (1) During heavy firing on soft platforms (as is nearly always the case during the wet) the image is often lost
 - (2) Clumsy gun numbers disturbing the setting in routine work around the platform (this is very easy to do)
4. Recommendations
 - a. Natural GAPs are still the most preferred method. One, well selected, can be sufficient for 6400 yd shooting.
 - b. The parallelscope should be used as an alternative GAP only.
 - c. Two parallelscope though sufficient for 6400 yd would not produce the best answer.
 - d. A second set of aiming posts and lights should be issued to each gun.
 - e. A system should be devised of switching the aiming post lights on from the gun platform. At present gun numbers may have to walk outside the perimeter to do this

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