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Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Armour & Cavalry units

Item number: 2/6/13

Item: 1 Armoured Personnel Carrier
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Narrative

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Summary and Annex E

[1-31 Dec 1966]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 707-4-1

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 1 APC Sen RASC

From 1 Dec 66

To 31 Dec 66

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Narrative (AF C2118)

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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 starting at B.

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DISPOSAL

13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.

14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.

15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.

b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence, to AHQ. The inner envelope must be plainly marked:

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ANNEX Z to

Commanders Diary of..... (Formation or Unit)

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

c. The duplicate supplementary diaries must be despatched as shown in Paragraph 14 as soon as receipt of the original has been acknowledged.

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8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no annexes for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are submitted by a particular headquarters, stating as follows:

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR

Nov - Dec 66

REFERENCE MAP

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UNIT/FORMATION

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
GR 606 708	29 Nov	1800	Saw LEAGUER.	
	30 Nov	0800.	3 + 4 TPs MOVED TO SWEEP GIVEN AREAS EAST OF TH 328. NEGATIVE RESULTS.	
GR 590 703	" "	1600.	2 TP SECURED LZ FOR GRAR RESUP.	
GR 603 712.	" "	1800	Saw LEAGUER.	
	1 Dec.	1530	Cs 3 + 4 RV AT GR 591 706 TO MOVE 2 COYS OF GRAR TO PRELIMINARY CONCENTRATION AREA AT GR 6168.	
GR 591 706	" "	1800	Saw LEAGUER.	
Q	2 Dec		5 TP MOVED	
GR 611 689.	2 Dec.	0800	Saw MOVED TO FUP FOR RETURN WITH GRAR 23 TP MOVED EAST OF ROAD & 4 TP WEST IN SOUTH DIRECTION FLANKED BY 2 COYS. CASUALTIES SUFFERED BY BN ON MOVE DUE TO CD MINES.	
GR 598 639	" "	1500.	DIFFICULTIES CROSSING RIVER DUE TO FAST MOVING CURRENT. A TP ACROSS FIRST & ASSISTED GRAR SECURE WEST BANK.	

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UNIT/FORMATION.....

COMMANDING OFFICER.....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
GR 578635	2 Dec	1800.	3 + 4 TP MOVED TO LINK UP WITH A + C Coy 6RAR FOR NIGHT LEAGUER. SHQ GROUP AND 2 TP LEAGUERED WEST OF RIVER	
" "	3 Dec	0700	SHQ GROUP MOVED TO 3 + 4 LOC AND PREPARED FOR MOVE TO DAT DO CS 2 SECURED LZ IN NIGHT LOCATION FOR RETURN OF D Coy 6RAR.	
" "	" "	0945	SON MINUS 2TP BEGAN MOVE WEST ON BOTH SIDES OF ROAD. 2TP JOINED SON AT DAT DO.	
DAT DO	" "	1200	2TP DETACHED TO JOIN 1/43 ARVN BN OP MOVING THROUGH DAT DO AT GR 539576. 2 COYS OF VC WITHDRAWN NORTH + NORTH EAST OF THAT LOCATION + SO CAWBER FIRE DIRECTED ACROSS SONG BA DAP RIVER. NEGATIVE RESULTS. OPERATION CANCELLED OFF + 2TP RETURNED TO SON BASE AT NW DAT BS 1600 H.	

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UNIT/FORMATION

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
GR 3261	4 Dec.	0700 to 1000	SON LIFTED 5 RAR TO HIGHWAY 15 FOR COMMENCEMENT OP "CANARY" 4 TP REMAINED WITH 9 VETS AT FSB - GR 294 624.	
GR 3261	5 Dec.		4 TP CONTINUED IN SP OF OP "CANARY" AT FSB.	
Long Phouc	" "	1740	CS 32 MOVED TO GR LONG PHOUC AND AND PICKED UP 6 RAR & HALF PLATOON PATROL WHO HAD COMPLETED A SUCCESSFUL AMBUSH AGAINST 11 VC, HAD 5 VC KIA PLUS INFANTRY WERE TAKEN TO SECTOR + INFANTRY PATROL RETURNED TO BASE LOC.	
GR 3261	6 Dec		4 TP CONTINUED IN SP OF OP "CANARY" AT FSB.	

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UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC Sqn

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj Hegerty

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Route 15	6 th Dec 66	-	4Tp on operation "Canary" Securing Route 15 from Bania to Phu My. in Support of SBAR. 5 vehs US - 8 Gcd - 1 limited mainly suspension problems.	
Binh Ba Area.	7 th Dec 66	0715H 1710H	2Tp plus Support Section Mounted Patrols in Binh Ba Rubber Area	
Route 15	7 th Dec 66	1400 1630	OC with own Veh plus 98A. Conducted resup and repair Run to 4tp out on Op Canary.	
Nui Dat.	7 th Dec 66	1900	Premature 105mm Rd in 101 Batt showered Troop Areas. no damage or injury sustained by Squadron. 12 vehs US awaiting parts	
Nui Dat.	8 th Dec 66	-	Neg to report on day.	
Nui Dat	9 th Dec 66	-	11 VEHs US	

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UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC Sqn

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj Hogarty

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
HOVN TRF AREA 363618	10 th Dec 66	0820	D troop plus Spt Sect. Lateral 1 Coy of 6RAR to HOVN TRF AREA in follow up to battle of the 9 th Dec	
Route 15	10 th Dec 66	1400 1600	Change over of Troop on Operation Conary. M. Roberts OC mixed Tp in Spt 6RAR and 101 Bty. 22 at GR 25 7737 with B Coy 6RAR 30A at FSB Conary with 76 BHQ GR 264 680 20B at GR 289 635 with A Coy 6RAR 33 at GR 340 612 with D Coy 6RAR	
Nui Dat	11 th Dec 66	-	5 VEHs US 11 Grounded.	
Route 15	12 th Dec 66	0940 1600	98A Escorted Troop to Recheck Vehs on Op Conary and Conduct Road Wheel Change on 22. 5 vehs US 15 Gd	

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UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC Sqn

COMMANDING OFFICER May. Hagerty

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Route 15	15 Dec 66	0905 1515	9E Resup 3 Troop on OP Duck.	
GS 2961	"	0940	98 Called out to assist deboying of C/S 22.	
Route 15	"	1325	31 Moved out to OP Duck AREA. Taking out RCL to J.61 and replaced 33.	
Nui Dat	"	1820	43 Scrambled with IS 23. To Area of ABTY 1 st /83 rd . for additional night security due to Reports of a Mortar Base plate in GS 4165. and large Squad VC at GR. 355623.	
Nui Dat	"	1920	PRACTICE Stand to Condition Red. for 1hr 5 mins. 4 Vehs US. 2 at Vung Tau for Turret fitting. 8 Grounded.	
Nui Dat	16 th Dec 66	0658	43 Moved back after nite Security Task.	
"	"	1030	Test Fire all Wpns. till 1200.	
Route 15	"	1315	23 exchanged with c/s 22 on Op Duck. 4 VEHs US. 2 at Vung Tau for Turret fitting. 6 Grounded.	

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UNIT/FORMATION.....

COMMANDING OFFICER.....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
GR 463724	17 th Dec 66	0730	Spt Sec Picked up 1 Sick Aust Infantry for Return to Hospital. 4 VEHs US. 2 V-Tan Turret Fitting. 3 VEHs Grounded	
GR 350611	18 th Dec 66	0615	C/S 30B ASSISTED IN CLEARING RD BLOCK on Route 15. 4 VEHs US 3 Grounded.	
GR 700440	19 th Dec 66	0651	Spt Sec Drop off of 5RAR Standing Patrol for Route Security.	
Route 15 S/L		0730	33 Moved out for IATF Convoy Escort. Cat ho - Nui Dat.	
Th 2		0835	Spt Sec Escort Engineer Stores to Binh Giac and to Secure Route Binh Ba - Binh Giac for Survey work Pty. RTU 1636.H.	
Binh Ba AREA.		1545	Spt Sec Minus 1 C/S (Remained Security on Rd Survey Pty) Moved into GS 4575 in attempt to cut off Escaping VC after contact with IS patrol at GR 454756. Neg Result.	
Route 15 S/L		1635	C/22 Completed Afternoon Convoy Escort from Cat ho - Nui Dat. 3 VEHs US 2 VEHs V-Tan. 3 VEHs Grounded	

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UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC Sqn

COMMANDING OFFICER Mag Hagerty

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Route 15 Sil	20 Dec 66	0745	Departed to RV at Car ho with IATF Convoy to Escort to Nui Dat. Task Completed at 1000H.	
Hau Long.	"	1010	c/s 33 with Element of 15 Commenced Clearing Sweep West of Hau Long.	
Route 15 STH.		1355	Spt Sec Same Task as for morning Convoy.	
" " West		1455	OC Took out Resup for c/s 2 in Op Duck Posn.	
TL2 + R+ 15.		1555	Spt Sec Completed Convoy Escort from Sth and Continued to Binh Gio to Escort Engineer Convoy Back to Nui Dat.	
Route 15 - TL2	21 Dec 66	0745	c/s 22 moved out to RV IATF Convoy and Escort to Nui Dat.	
Route 15 West.		1330	c/s 33 Escorted Refuel Tanker from Baria to c/s 2' hoc on Op Duck.	
Route 15 - TL2		1355	c/s 22 After Noon Convoy Escort to Nui Dat.	
Nui Dat		1410	Test FIRING ALL WPNS.	
Nui NGH. GR396719		1910	High at Nui NGHE Reported by all Sentries. Arty Engaged at 1920 Reported By 3 tp on TGT. 3 VEHs US 2 VT for Turret Filling 3 GD.	

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UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC Sqn

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj Hagerthy

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Nui Dat.	22nd	-	Nothing To Report on Day. Negative movement of Troops.	
Route 15 W.	23rd Dec	1445	2 and 4 troop Moved GRAR Back to Nui Dat. Completion of Op Duck.	
Long Tan		1510	3 troop moved SAS patrol to Start Pt in GS 4865.	
Binh Ba.		1555	4 TROOP MOVED SRAR AMBUSH PARTIES INTO BINH BA RUBBER ESTATE. 3 VEHs US 2 GD	
Binh Ba	24th Dec	1115	22 Dropped IS and Engineer Elements off on task in Binh Ba.	
		1330	Parade at Air strip for General Johnson US CHIEF OF STAFF.	
GR 416 694	25th Dec	1335	Drop of of A Coy S RAR Patrol. Returned at. 1745H.	

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REFERENCE MAP Xu Binh Ba

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC Sqn

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj Hagerty

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
GR 580530	27 th Dec	0630	Spt Sec Engaged in HF onto Feature Han Vung	
GR 493553		0700	Sqn Less Spt Sect Moved to pick up ARVN for repositioning at GR 500513.	
Dat Do		0915	Orders for day changed due to presence of VC Squad in Dat Do Mkt. plus reports of VC BN in Dat Do Area.	
Dat Do		0930	3tp moved to GS 4962 and Searched Hill AREA. 4tp moved to GS 5260 and Cleared in a SE Circle Arriving at GR 495575 9.9E plus 2tp in Reserve at GS 5161	
GR 495520		1315	Spt Sect Remained in GS 4853 in Supt of GRAR move.	
GR 512543		1330	Sqn picked up GRAR for their return to Op Duck phase II Area Contact Cnd Det Mine Cpl Buckingham Received Injury to Eyes subsequent Hospitalization at 36 Med Evac Vung Tau.	
Route 15 West.		1630	All I6 posn in Op Duck II area 4travc Remained in Support. Remainder moved back to Nui Dat. 3 VEHs US 3 GP	

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REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC Sqn

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj Hagerty

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
355 614	28 th Dec 66	0730	3 Troop Posn 5 RAAC Coy and RTU at 0940H	
Nui Dat		0900	Spt Sec carried Engineer Recce Party along IATF Western Perimeter for Recce of By Pass Rd. RTU at 1200.	
Nui Dat		0915	Spare parts Flow out to 4: Loc 2 VEHs US. 2 VEHs Gch. 2 VEHs V. Taa Turret Fitting.	
Xa Phouc hoi	29 th Dec 66	0647	Sector Sweep in Area. Xa Phouc hoi Xa Hoi My and East approx 5,000 yds. C/S 81 less tubes attached for Task. RTU 1440	
Route 15 West		1330	21 escorted Resup Tanker from Baria to Op Duct Area for fueling of 4. RTU 1600	
Route 15 West		1145	RAEME Rep with 4tp Medevac replacement sent out next day. Med Evac Cfn Tink Replacements Cfn Armstrong	

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

1 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
310001H to 312400H Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK TWO and patrolling of TAOR. There was negative contact.

(ii) LRRP.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron continued in support of Operation DUCK TWO. There was negative contact.

(iv) Task Force artillery remained in support of Operation DUCK TWO. A total of 15 H and I missions were fired in the period up to 310700H.

(v) 5RAR continued in support of Operation DUCK TWO and platoon patrolling of TAOR. There was negative contact.

(vi) 6RAR continued Operation DUCK TWO with negative contact. B/6RAR was helilifted to 1 ATF Base by RAAF at 310700H and remains there overnight.

(vii) Air support. There were no airstrikes in the reporting period. Air surveillance continued.

(viii) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation DUCK TWO continues. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continues.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives ~~no~~ change

D. Forces

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Company Nil

Platoon 6

Squad 3

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(S3)

INFO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ IV Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK TWO and patrolling of TAOR. There was negative contact.

(ii) 1 ATF

a. Number of patrols expected of less than 24 hours duration - Nil.

b. Number of patrols expected of more than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(iii) 1 ATF Squadron continued in support of Operation DUCK TWO. There was negative contact.

(iv) 1 ATF Force artillery remained in support of Operation DUCK TWO. A total of 12 B and 1 mission were fired in the period up to 310001Z.

(v) 1 ATF continued in support of Operation DUCK TWO and patrolling of TAOR. There was negative contact.

(vi) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK TWO with negative contact. 1 ATF was alerted to 1 ATF Base by 1 ATF at 310001Z and remains there overnight.

(vii) Air support. There were no aircraft in the reporting period. Air surveillance continued.

(viii) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation DUCK TWO continues. Patrolling of TAOR continues.

c. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (3) no change

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

- G. Objective no change
- H. Force
- I. Issues/Status
- J. MI
- K. MI
- L. MI
- M. MI
- N. MI
- O. MI
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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31 Dec 66

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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK II with 6RAR, 5RAR, 1 APC Squadron and Task Force artillery with negative contact. Patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(ii) LRRP.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - ONE.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron continued to support Operation DUCK II with negative contact.

(iv) Task Force artillery continued to support Operation DUCK II. Locations remain unchanged. 67 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(v) 5RAR continued in support of Operation DUCK II. B/5RAR replaced D/5RAR at the FSB YS2765. Company and platoon patrolling continued with negative contact.

(vi) 6RAR continued Operation DUCK II with negative contact. One SOUTHBOUND convoy and a NORTHBOUND ARVN convoy passed through the AO without incident.

(vii) Air Support. At 300810H a preplanned airstrike was conducted onto a VC camp area at YS428823. Results:

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100% target coverage, two large huts destroyed. At 300842H an airstrike was conducted onto a fortified trench system at YS366814. Results: 100% on target and one bunker burning. At 300954H an airstrike was conducted onto a VC base camp at YS575807. Results: 100% on target, 100 feet of trench exposed and the camp was badly damaged. At 301200H an airstrike was conducted onto VC fortifications at YS386767. Results: 80% on target. No further BDA due to foliage and smoke. At 301345H an airstrike was conducted onto a VC camp at YS425855. Results: 100% on target. Trench complex and 8 huts were destroyed.

(viii) Plans for the next 24 hours. Operation DUCK II continues. Patrolling of the TACR continues.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives - no change
 D. Forces
 K. Losses/Damages
 K1 NIL
 K2 NIL
 K3 NIL
 K4 NIL
 K5 Company - NIL
 Platoon - 3
 Squad - 3

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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30 Dec 66

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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK II with 6RAR, 5RAR, 1 APC Squadron and Task Force Artillery with negative contact. Patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(ii) LRRP.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron continued in support of Operation DUCK II with negative contact. One troop operated with PHUOC TUY Province forces in sweep vicinity YS5157 with negative results. Troop closed to 1 ATF at 291500H.

(iv) Task Force Artillery remained in support of Operation DUCK II. Location remains unchanged. A total of 48 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(v) 5RAR continued in support of Operation DUCK. Company and platoon patrolling of TAOR continued. There was negative contact.

(vi) 6RAR continued Operation DUCK II. There were no US convoys through the AO. Locations remain unchanged.

(vii) Air Support. At 290900H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC staging area at YS378722. Two structures were destroyed. There was negative further BDA due to smoke and foliage. At 291055H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to two VC locations at YS594787 and YS591792. There was negative BDA due to foliage. At 291145H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC camp at YS588694. Result: 2 structures destroyed. At 291345 FAC received ground fire from YS498795. A preplanned airstrike was diverted on to this but there was negative BDA due to foliage. At 291330H FAC sighted 6 VC running at YS427824 and received small arms fire from them. An immediate airstrike was conducted and results were 3 VC KBA, 4 VC KBA probable. 30 bags of rice destroyed, 3 buildings damaged, 1 secondary explosion, 4 secondary fires.

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(viii) Plans for the next 24 hours. Operation DUCK II continues. Patrolling of TAOR continues.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change

D. Forces.

K. Losses/Damages

K1 NIL

K2 NIL

K3 NIL

K4 NIL

K5 Company 1

Platoon 2

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS FIRST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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29 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 280001H to 282400H Dec 1966.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK II with 6RAR, 5RAR
1 APC Squadron and Task Force artillery. Company and
platoon patrolling of the TAOR continued with minor
contact.

(ii) LERP.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24
hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24
hours duration - NIL.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron continued in support of Operation
DUCK II with negative contact.

(iv) Task Force artillery continued in support of
Operation DUCK II. Locations remained unchanged.
59 H and I missions were fired in the reporting
period.

(v) 5RAR continued in support of Operation DUCK II
with negative contact. Company and platoon
patrolling of the TAOR continued with minor
contact. At 281050H a patrol of JC/5RAR contacted
1 VC at YS389701. Results: Aust - 1 WIA. At
281106H C/5RAR contacted 2 VC at YS389701 who
escaped SOUTH. There were no casualties. The
engineers with C/5RAR recovered a quantity of
documents while searching and destroying a tunnel
at YS389701. Between 281430H and 281815H B/5RAR
and C/5RAR were airlifted to the base area.

(vi) 6RAR continued Operation DUCK II with negative
contact.

(vii) Air Support. There were no airstrikes in the
TAOR today. Visual reconnaissance continued.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives - No change.
D. Forces

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D1	C/5	281050H/281055H	Aust	NIL	NIL
D2	C/5	281106H/281110H	Aust	NIL	NIL
K.	Losses/Damages				
K1	Enemy				
D1	C/5RAR	1/UNK	NIL	NIL	NIL
D2	C/5RAR	2/UNK	NIL	NIL	NIL
K3	Friendly				
D1	C/5RAR	1/UNK	1 VIA	NIL	NIL
K4	NIL				
K5	Company 1				
	Platoon 1				
	Squad 3				

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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28 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 270001H to 272400H Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued assistance to PHUOC HUY Province forces in LONG HAI Mountains centre of mass YS4751. There was negative contact. 1 ATF commenced Operation DUCK 2 without incident. Saturation patrolling of TAOR continued with minor contact.

(2) IRRP.

(a) No of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL

(b) No of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - ONE.

(3) 1 APC Squadron supported Province forces and conducted sweep 2000 meters NORTH, SOUTH and EAST of DAT DO YS4960 with negative results. At 271330H a command detonated mine was exploded near an APC at YS509547. There were negative casualties or damage. The Squadron deployed 6 RAR to locations along Highway 15 for Operation DUCK 2 and one troop remains in support. Remainder closed to 1 ATF base at 271700H.

(4) Task Force Artillery continued to support Province Forces. At 271400H 101 Battery redeployed from Fire Support Base at YS475579 to Fire Support Base at YS276655 for Operation DUCK 2. A total of 37 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR continued saturation Company and Platoon patrolling of TAOR. At 270745H C/5 RAR contacted one local VC at YS425618. VC fled EAST. There were negative results. At 271100H B/5 RAR contacted two local VC at YS368687. VC fled SOUTH WEST. Results: Aust, 1 KIA 1 WIA; Enemy unknown. At 271119H E/5 RAR contacted 4 VC at YS377678. VC fled SOUTH. Results 2 VC KIA by body count 2 VC WIA by bloody trail. One Thompson submachine gun and quantity of documents captured. 5 RAR commenced support for Operation DUCK 2.

(6) 6 RAR terminated assistance to Provincial forces at 271240H with negative contact. Battalion deployed by trucks and APCs to locations along Highway 15 and commenced Operation DUCK 2. There was negative contact. Night locations are:

Battalion CP B/6 RAR YS272655 C/6 RAR YS293624
A/6 RAR YS252726 D/6 RAR YS329618

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(7) Air Support. At 270857H a preplanned airstrike was conducted onto a VC base camp at YS573815. Two secondary fires resulted. At 271230H a preplanned airstrike was conducted onto a VC supply area at YS420824. There was one secondary fire.

b. Major Unit Operations

- (1) Operation DUCK II.
- (2) Road Security.
- (3) Secure Highway 15.
- (4) PHUOC TUY (YS000000)
- (5) 6 RAR, 5 RAR, 1 APC Squadron, Task Force Artillery.
- (6) 1 ATF
- (7) 271430H Dec 66
- (8) Unk.
- (9) NIL

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives

- C1. PHUOC TUY YS000000 Road Security DUCK 2 271430H/NIL
- C2. No change.

D. Forces

- D1. C/5 RAR C2 270745H/270800H AUST NIL NIL
- D2. B/5 RAR C2 271100H/271115H AUST NIL NIL
- D3. B/5 RAR C2 271119H/271200H AUST NIL NIL
- D4. 1 APC Sqn C2 271330H/271335H VC NIL NIL

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy Losses

- D1. C/5 RAR 1/unk NIL NIL NIL
- D2. B/5 RAR 2/unk 2 KIA (BC)
2 WIA 1 Thompson
submachine
gun NIL
- D4. 1 APC Sqn unk/unk NIL NIL NIL

K2. Enemy Damages

- D3. B/5 RAR 4/unk NIL Quantity documents

K3. Friendly Losses.

- D2. B/5 RAR 2/unk 1 KIA 1 WIA NIL NIL

- K4. NIL

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K5. Company NIL

Platoon 4

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K5A. Company 1

Platoon 1.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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27 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 260001H to 262400H Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued company and platoon patrolling of the TAOR with minor contact. 1 ATF also assisted PHUOC TUY Sector forces in heavy contact during their operation in the LONG HAI mountain area centre of mass YS4752, at their request.

(2) LRRP.

(a) No of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(b) No of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - FIVE.

(3) 1 APC Squadron at 261230H lifted 6 RAR less one coy to the vicinity of YS4852 in support of a Sector operation in the LONG HAI mountain area. There was negative contact and the APCs will remain with 6 RAR until the completion of this operation.

(4) Task Force artillery supported the Sector operation in the LONG HAI mountains. At 261230H 101 Battery moved to a fire support base at DAT DO YS476598 to support 6 RAR. In addition 55 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period after 260700H.

(5) 5 RAR continued company and platoon patrolling of the TAOR with minor contact. At 261630H 6 VC were contacted by D/5 RAR at YS375686. Results were one VC KIA (BC), one VC WIA (blood trail). There was no further contact.

(6) 6 RAR less one company at 261230H moved by APCs to YS4852 to support the Sector operation in the LONG HAI mountains. There was negative contact. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR continued.

(7) Air Support. A preplanned airstrike conducted at 261015H on a VC camp at YS541718 was 100% on target. There was negative BDA. An immediate airstrike was conducted at 261055H on 15 VC at YS374688. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage. A preplanned airstrike conducted at 261408H on a VC camp at YS339780 was 100% on target. There was no further BDA due to smoke and foliage.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

26 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP).
From 250001H to 252400H Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
JI Field Force, Vietnam (4)
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued security operations of TAOR with saturation patrolling with negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(3) 1 APC Squadron conducted road patrols and infiltrated a company size patrol into YS405697. All elements closed to 1 ATF base at 251900H. There was negative contact.

(4) Task Force artillery remained at 1 ATF base. There were NO missions fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR. There was negative contact.

(6) 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR. There was negative contact.

(7) Air support. There were negative airstrikes in the reporting period. Surveillance of the TAOR continued with sightings of heavy local movement in the TAOR.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Preliminary operations for Operation DUCK II commence. Saturation patrolling of TAOR continues.

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b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) No change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives No change.

D. Forces.

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Nil.

K2. Nil.

K3. Nil.

K4. Nil.

K5. Company - 1
Platoon - 9
Squad - 4

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM.

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25 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 240001H to 242400H Dec 66

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF conducted saturation patrolling of TAOR with only minor contact. At 240130H a Task Force platoon size ambush contacted 4 VC at YS412646. Results were 1 VC KIA by body count 1 VC WIA from blood trail.

(2) LRRP.

(a) No of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(b) No of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - ONE.

(3) 1 APC Squadron remained at 1 ATF base.

(4) Task Force artillery fired only one mission in the reporting period prior to 240700H.

(5) 5 RAR continued platoon patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.

(6) 6 RAR continued platoon patrolling of TAOR. At 241115H at YS435630 C/6 RAR sighted 5 VC approaching their position. VC fired with at least one automatic weapon and then fled NORTH and EAST. There were negative results.

(7) Air Support: There were no airstrikes during the reporting period. Aerial reconnaissance continued.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR will continue.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change.

D. Forces.

D1.	1 ATF	240130H/240135H	AUST	NIL	NIL.
D2.	C/6 RAR	241115H/241117H	VC	NIL	NIL.

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K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Enemy Losses.

D1. 1 ATF 4/unk ONE ONE 60.

D2. C/6 RAR 5/unk NIL NIL NIL.

K2. NIL.

K3. NIL.

K4. NIL.

K5. Company NIL

Platoon 6

Squad 3.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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24 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 230001H to 232400H Dec 66

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF terminated Operation DUCK at 231530H with negative contact. Company and platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) No of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(b) No of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - ONE.

(3) 1 APC Squadron terminated support for Operation DUCK and closed to 1 ATF Base at 231610H. There was negative contact.

(4) Task Force artillery terminated support for Operation DUCK and closed to 1 ATF base at 231610H. A total of 60 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR terminated support for Operation DUCK. There was negative contact. Company and platoon patrolling of TAOR was conducted with negative contact.

(6) 6 RAR terminated Operation DUCK and CP closed on 1 ATF base at 231530H. Northbound convoy moved through AO without incident. There was negative contact.

(7) Air Support. At 230900H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC medical camp at YS591671. There was negative BDA due to foliage. At 231300H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC camp at YS341705. Negative BDA due to foliage.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Saturation patrolling of TAOR will be commenced.

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- b. Major Unit Operations
 - (1) through (7) no change.
 - (8) 231530H Dec 66.
 - (9) No change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change

D. Forces

K. Losses/Damages

K1. NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. Company 1

Platoon 4

Squad 4

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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23 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 220001H to 222400 Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK with 6 RAR, 5 RAR, 1 APC Squadron and Task Force artillery with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) No of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(2) No of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(3) 1 APC Squadron continued in support of Operation DUCK with negative contact.

(4) Task Force artillery continued in support of Operation DUCK. Locations are unchanged. 32 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR continued in support of Operation DUCK with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR continued with negative contact. A patrol of Support/5 RAR at YS462726 sighted 2 VC at 221045H who escaped to the SOUTH.

(6) 6 RAR continued Operation DUCK with negative contact. Convoys passed through the AO without incident. Locations remain unchanged.

(7) Air Support. An immediate airstrike was conducted at 221035H on to known VC occupied location at YS346702. Negative BDA due to smoke. A preplanned airstrike was conducted at 221154H onto a VC Battalion camp at YS430787. There was 100% target coverage but no further BDA due to smoke and foliage. A preplanned airstrike was conducted at 221430H on to a VC base camp area. There was 100% target coverage but no further BDA due to smoke.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation DUCK continues. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR continues.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change.

D. Forces.

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. NIL.

K2. NIL.

K3. NIL.

K4. NIL.

K5. Company NIL

Platoon 2

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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22 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 210001H to 212400H Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK with 6 RAR, 5 RAR, 1 APC Squadron and Task Force artillery with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with one minor contact.

(2) LRRP

(a) No of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(b) No of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(3) 1 APC Squadron continued in support of Operation DUCK with negative contact.

(4) Task Force artillery continue in support of Operation DUCK. Locations remain unchanged. A total of 34 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR continued in support of Operation DUCK with negative contact. Commencing at 210700H A/5 RAR was helilifted from fire support base at YS275653 to 1 ATF base. At the same time B/5 RAR was helilifted to fire support base to continue protection role. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued. At 211930H C/5 RAR at YS396642 contacted 3 local VC dressed in black moving from West to East. Patrol engaged. Results 1 VC KIA possible, 1 VC WIA.

(6) 6 RAR continued Operation DUCK with negative contact. Convoys passed through the AO without incident. Locations remain unchanged.

(7) Air Support. At 210840H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC supply camp at YS339780. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage. At 211110H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on a VC storage area at YS420825. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage. At 211233H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on a VC camp at YS507724. There was negative BDA due to foliage. At 212255H a Combat Proof was conducted on to a trail used at night at YS350793. There was negative BDA.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation DUCK continues. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continues.

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b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

D. Forces

D1. C/5 RAR C2 211930H/211950H NIL NIL

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy Losses

D1. C/5 RAR 3/unk 1 Poss KIA NIL NIL
1 WIA

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. Company NIL

Platoon 4

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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21 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 200001H to 202400H Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK with 5 RAR, 6 RAR, 1 APC Squadron and Task Force artillery with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR continued with negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(3) 1 APC Squadron continued in support of Operation DUCK. At 202021H elements deployed to YS353612 with infantry following reported VC attempt to demolish a bridge in that area. There was negative contact.

(4) Task Force artillery continued in support of Operation DUCK. Locations remain unchanged. At 202010H fire missions were fired in support of VN troops reported in contact at YS355627. Results unknown. A total of 62 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR continued in support of Operation DUCK with negative contact. D/5 RAR located a tunnel 30 feet long at YS422648 at 201220H. The tunnel was inspected by engineers but had not been used for six months. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR continued with negative contact.

(6) 6 RAR continued Operation DUCK. Convoy moved through AO without incident. At 202021H D/6 RAR with APCs cleared area of Highway 15 from YS339612 to YS353612 following reported VC attempt to demolish the bridge at YS353612. There was negative contact and D/6 RAR closed to YS339612 at 202230H. Locations remained unchanged.

(7) Air Support. An airstrike at YS555809 at 200834H destroyed a concrete dam, also an immediate airstrike at YS607772 at 200857H, which appeared to be a VC camp under the trees, produced 100% coverage, a small secondary fire and white smoke. An airstrike was carried out at YS551808 at 201230H, a VC camp. There was 100% coverage of the target but negative BDA due to smoke and foliage. An airstrike at YS434787 at 201430H, a VC camp, was 100% on target but there was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.

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A preplanned airstrike at YS622829 at 201640H was 100% on target, which was a VC camp, and produced three secondary fires with black smoke. An airstrike at YS433782, a VC camp, destroyed two huts, one of which blew up and then burst into flame with white smoke. There was 100% target coverage. A Night Owl was conducted over YS3981/3982 and the area bounded by YS370810/YS370825/395825/YS395810 from 201900H to 202000H. Many lights were seen and ground fire was received. At 201930H an airstrike on YS412831 was carried out with 6 Napalm, 100% target coverage but no BDA. A further strike was carried out with CBU on approximately 30 lights on the trail at YS393820. The SPOOKY aircraft during this time also, fired 15,000 rounds and 32 flares. Negative BDA.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation DUCK continues with convoys moving at 210830H and 210930H approximately. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR will continue and there are three preplanned airstrikes.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change.

D. Forces.

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. NIL.

K2. NIL.

K3. NIL.

K4. NIL.

K5. Company NIL.

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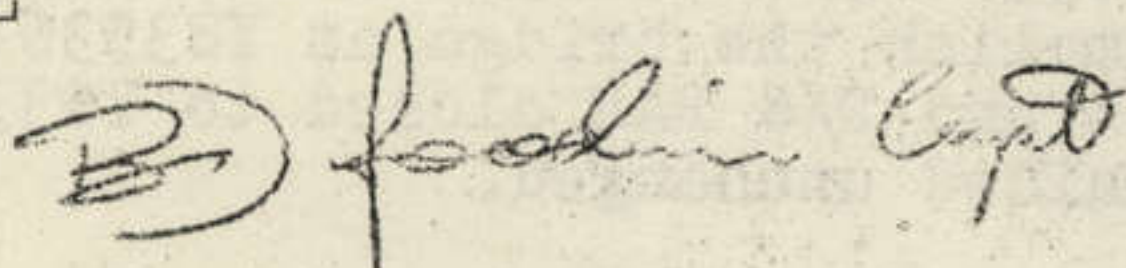
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

20 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 190001H to 192400H December 1966.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK with 6 RAR, 5 RAR, 1 APC Squadron and Task Force Artillery with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) No of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(b) No of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - FOUR.

(3) 1 APC Squadron continued in support of Operation DUCK with negative contact.

(4) Task Force artillery continued to support Operation DUCK. Locations remain unchanged. A total of 35 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR continued in support of Operation DUCK with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(6) 6 RAR continued Operation DUCK. Northbound and Southbound convoys moved through 1 ATF AO without incident. Locations remain unchanged.

(7) Air Support. At 190009H an immediate Combat Proof was conducted on to YS622705 after ground fire had been received. At 190024H another immediate Combat Proof was conducted on to YS579732 following ground fire being received. There was negative BDA. At 191255H a preplan airstrike was conducted on to YS513706. All ordnance was on target. There was negative BDA due to foliage. Between 192045H and 192105H a Night Owl was conducted on to VC camp and supply area at YS612762. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation DUCK continues. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continues.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change.

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change.

D. Forces.

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. NIL.

K2. NIL.

K3. NIL.

K4. NIL.

K5. Company NIL.

Platoon 3.

Squad 3.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

19 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily situation Report (SITREP)
From 180001H to 182400H

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK with 6 RAR, 5 RAR, 1 APC Squadron and Task Force artillery with minor contact. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR continued with minor contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - ONE.

(3) 1 APC Squadron continued to support Operation DUCK, with negative contact.

(4) Task Force artillery fired 42 H and I missions during the period. Locations remain unchanged.

(5) 5 RAR continued in support of Operation DUCK and carried out platoon patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.

(6) 6 RAR continued Operation DUCK. C/6 RAR reported a contact at YS319625 at 181115H/181200H with two local VC, one dressed in black pyjamas and one in shorts and shirt with weapons of the M1 and M2 Carbine type. There were no casualties.

(7) Air Support. Air surveillance continued and there were several reports of freshly used tracks and digging. A concrete dam 25-30 ft long was seen at YS555809. An airstrike was carried out on a suspected VC base camp at YS539789 at 180725H. There was 100% ordnance on target but BDA was restricted by smoke and foliage. Airstrikes were carried out at YS496836 at 181050H and YS539789 at 180725 on VC used trails with 100% coverage. No BDA was possible due to foliage. An airstrike on YS574783 at 181325H destroyed 4 bunkers and one hut in a VC camp. A further strike on YS432796 at 181230H destroyed a VC supply area. A second VC supply area at YS394821 was attacked at 181340H but BDA was restricted by smoke and foliage. Three COMBAT PROOF missions were carried out on YS50188205, YS58567983 and YS52107081. All were 100% on target with negative BDA due to foliage. These occurred at 172320H, 180020H and 180030H.

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(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation DUCK continues. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR is to continue. Three preplanned airstrikes are to be conducted.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change.

D. Forces.

D1. C/6 RAR 181115H/181120H AUST NIL NIL

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Enemy losses.

D1. C/6 RAR 2/UNK NIL NIL NIL

K2. NIL.

K3. NIL.

K4. NIL.

K5. Company NIL.

Platoon 3.

Squad 3.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

* 18 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
from 170001H to 172400H Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK with 6 RAR, 5 RAR, Task Force Artillery and 1 APC Squadron with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact. Heavy artillery support was given to PHUOC TUY province forces in contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(3) 1 APC Squadron continued in support of Operation DUCK with negative contact.

(4) Task Force Artillery continued Operation DUCK. Locations remained unchanged. A total of 32 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. From 171900H to 172200H 28 fire missions were fired in support of PF outpost at YS517535 which had received 100 rounds of 82mm mortar. Results are unknown but mortaring ceased and VC assembly area was seen to be broken up.

(5) 5 RAR continued in support of Operation DUCK with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(6) 6 RAR continued Operation DUCK. South bound convoy moved through the AO without incident. There was negative contact. Locations remain unchanged.

(7) Air Support. At 170802H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to YS519714 a VC supply area and base camp. One small secondary fire resulted. No further BDA due to foliage. At 171028H an airstrike was conducted on to YS496836, an area where 20 ox-carts had been sighted. There was negative BDA due to foliage. At 171325H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to YS574783 a VC camp with fresh trails. There was negative BDA due to foliage. At 171400H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to YS574805 a VC camp with fresh trails. Result was one VC KBA.

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(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation DUCK continues. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continues. There will be 5 preplanned airstrikes.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) No change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives No change.

D. Forces.

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Nil.

K2. Nil.

K3. Nil.

K4. Nil.

K5. Company - Nil
Platoon - 4
Squad - 4

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

17 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
from 160001H to 162400H Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK with 6 RAR, 5 RARm Task Force artillery and 1 APC Squadron with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(3) 1 APC Squadron continued in support of Operation DUCK with negative contact. One section deployed as ready reaction force with infantry was released at 160643H Dec 66.

(4) Task Force artillery continued in support of Operation DUCK. Locations remain unchanged. A total of 50 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR continued in support of Operation DUCK with negative contact. The platoon located at YS422657 as ready reaction force with a section of APCs was released at 160643H Dec 66. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR continued with negative contact.

(6) 6 RAR continued in support of Operation DUCK. At YS280664 at 151830H, a patrol of B/6 RAR found a small enemy camp of 12 weapon pits in a defensive layout. No overhead protection. The camp was approximately one month old and had not been used recently. At YS225739 at 160920H a patrol of A/6 RAR found two boats. These were destroyed. At YS243725 at 160930H A/6 RAR found a VC Company size camp. The camp had two mortar pits and crawl trenches. Camp was constructed approximately twelve months ago. It has not been used for approximately six months. Well established but not recently used foot and bullock cart trails run EAST/WEST into clearings at YS232725 and YS231731. Boat unloading points were found at YS230734, YS229738, YS225738. All have been struck by air in the past and have not recently been used.

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There was no convoy movement through the AO during the reporting period.

(7) Air Support. Air surveillance of the TAOR continued with no significant results. A pre-planned COMBAT PROOF was conducted at 160620H Dec 66 against YS564677. There was no significant BDA due to foliage. At 160855H Dec 66 at YS530740 a preplanned airstrike was carried out against a VC camp. Results - 100% on target, 100% target coverage. Negative BDA due to foliage. At 160955H Dec 66 at YS513682, a preplanned airstrike was carried out against a VC supply base. Results - 100% on target, 100% target coverage. Negative BDA due to foliage. At 161300H Dec 66 at YS406821 to YS412820, a pre-planned air strike was conducted against a VC base camp. Result - 80% on target, 100% target coverage. Negative BDA due to foliage.

(8) Plans for next 24 Hours. Operation DUCK continues. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR continues.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (8) No change.

(9) Results (accumulative).

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Nil

ENEMY

Platoon Size Camp
Company size Camp
2 boats (destroyed)

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

c. Objectives No change.

d. Forces.

k. Losses/Damages.

K1. Nil.

K2. Nil.

K3. Nil.

K4. Nil.

K5. Company - Nil
Platoon - 3
Squad - 3

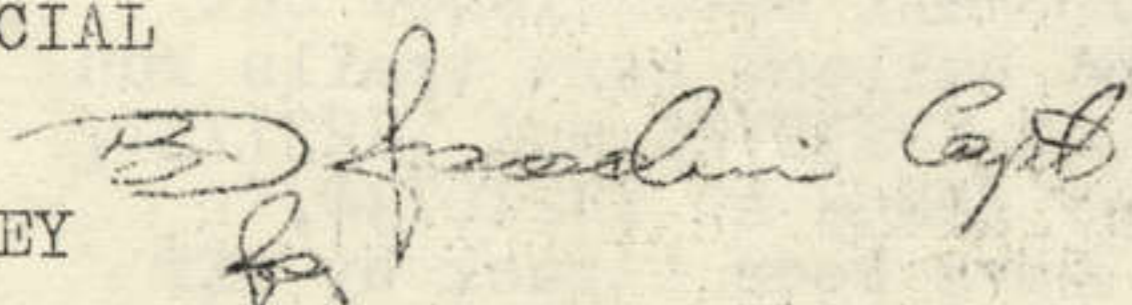
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

16 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's daily Situation Report (SITREP)
150001H to 152400H Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK with 6 RAR, 5 RAR, Task Force artillery and 1 APC Squadron with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(3) 1 APC Squadron continued in support of Operation DUCK with negative contact. At 151900H one section deployed to YS422657 as ready reaction force with infantry following a report of a VC mortar in HOA LONG vicinity YS4264.

(4) Task Force artillery continued in support of Operation DUCK. Locations remain unchanged. A total of 34 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR continued in support of Operation DUCK with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact. At 151900H a platoon was moved with APCs to YS422657 as ready reaction force on immediate notice to support HOA LONG vicinity YS4264.

(6) 6 RAR continued Operation DUCK with saturation platoon patrolling to sanitize the AO around Highway 15. There was negative contact.

(7) Air support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued with no significant results. There were no airstrikes in the reporting period.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation DUCK continues. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continues. Four preplanned airstrikes will be conducted.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) No change.

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives No change.

D. Forces.

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Nil.

K2. Nil.

K3. Nil.

K4. Nil.

K5. Company -- Nil.
Platoon -- 2
Squad -- 3

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

14 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
130001H to 132400H Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276


COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
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1. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation CANARY with 5 RAR, 6 RAR, 1 APC Squadron, Task Force Artillery and Engineer combat teams with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR was continued with negative contact. Heavy artillery fire support was given to Province forces reported in contact.
- (2) LRRP.
 - (a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - Nil.
 - (b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - Nil.
- (3) 1 APC Squadron continued in support of Operation CANARY with negative contact.
- (4) Task Force artillery remained in support of Operation CANARY. Locations remain unchanged. Between 2100H and 2300H 36 fire missions were fired in support of Sector forces in contact at YS360617. Continuous illumination as well as HE was fired in the period. In addition 58 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.
- (5) 5 RAR continued Operation CANARY with negative contact. Convoys passed through the Task Force AO without incident. Company locations remain unchanged.
- (6) 6 RAR continued in support of Operation CANARY with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.
- (7) Air support. Surveillance of TAOR continued without significant results. There were no airstrikes conducted in the reporting period.
- (8) Plans for next 24 hours. Contingent upon time at which convoy clears the Task Force AO Operation CANARY will close. 5 RAR (minus) will return to base and 6 RAR will conduct operations to further secure Highway 15 for Operation DUCK.

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b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (8) No change.

(9) Results (accumulative).

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Nil

ENEMY

1 KIA (BC)

1 WIA

1 M1 rifle

1 Company size camp

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives No change.

D. Forces.

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Company - Nil

Platoon - 4

Squad - 3

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

13 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
120001H to 122400H Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation CANARY with 5 RAR, 6 RAR, 1 APC Squadron, Task Force artillery and Engineer Combat teams with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(3) 1 APC Squadron continued support for Operation CANARY with negative contact.

(4) Task Force artillery remained in support of Operation CANARY. 103 Field Battery and a Platoon of Battery A 2/35 Regiment remained at Fire Support Base YS255686. A Bty 1/83 Artillery now has one platoon of 8 inch howitzers in position YS421656. A total of 72 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR continued Operation CANARY. At 121205H at YS288720 Recon Pl sighted 3 VC armed and dressed in black. Light Fire Team engaged. No known results. At 121700H at YS264727 B/5 RAR was fired on by a sniper. Area was engaged by artillery. No known results. At 121843H at YS262747 B/5 RAR contacted two VC. One VC KIA (BC) and one M1 rifle captured. One WIA escaped to the NORTH. The patrol was withdrawn to the company base. At 121910H at YS257737 B/5 RAR saw movement on the base perimeter to the NORTH of their position. One figure was sighted. Sighting was engaged by M79. Results not known. Convoys passed through the AO without incident.

(6) 6 RAR remained in support of Operation CANARY with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(7) Air Support. At 121240H a preplanned air strike was conducted on a VC Staging Area at YS422784. Results 100% on target, 100% target coverage, negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation CANARY will continue. Platoon patrolling of TAOR will continue.

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b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (8) No change.

(9) Results (accumulative)

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Nil

ENEMY

- 1 KIA (BC)
- 1 WIA
- 1 M1 Rifle
- 1 Company size camp

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives No change.

D. Forces.

D1. Recon/5 RAR	121205H/121305H	AUST	NIL	NIL
D2. B/5 RAR	121700H/121715H	ENIRF	NIL	NIL
D3. B/5 RAR	121843H/121857H	AUST	NIL	NIL
D4. B/5 RAR	121910H/121905H	AUST	NIL	NIL

K. Losses/Damage.

K1. Enemy.

D1. Recon/5 RAR	3 VC/Unk	Unk	Nil	Nil
D2. B/5 RAR	1 VC/Unk	Unk	Nil	Nil
D3. B/5 RAR	2 VC/Unk	1 KIA 1 WIA	1 M1 rifle	Nil
D4. B/5 RAR	1 VC/Unk	Unk	Nil	Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Company - Nil
 Platoon - 2
 Squad - 3

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

12 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
110001H to 112400H Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation CANARY with 5 RAR, 6 RAR, 1 APC Squadron, Task Force artillery and Engineer Combat teams with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(ii) LRRP.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron continued support for Operation CANARY with negative contact.

(iv) Task Force artillery remained in support of Operation CANARY. 103 Field Battery and a Platoon of Battery A 2/35 Regiment remained at Fire Support Base YS255686. A total of 30 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(v) 5 RAR continued Operation CANARY with negative contact. Convoys passed through the AO without incident. At 110930H A/5RAR at YS288666 found a Company size camp measuring 100 metres by 40 metres. Camp contained 30 weapon pits with overhead cover and was one month old. Camp was destroyed. Night locations remain unchanged.

(vi) 6 RAR remained in support of Operation CANARY with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(vii) Air Support. At 111030H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC staging area at YS532799. There was negative BDA due to foliage.

(viii) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation CANARY will continue. Platoon patrolling of TAOR will continue.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (8) no change

(9) Results (accumulative)

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Enemy

Nil

Company size Camp

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

D. Forces

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Nil

K2. Enemy Damages

D1. A/5RAR Company/Unk 1 Company size camp Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Company Nil
 Platoon 1
 Squad 3

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

11 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
100001H to 102400H Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation CANARY with 5 RAR, 6 RAR, 1 APC Squadron, Task Force artillery and Engineer Combat teams with negative contact.

(ii) LRRP.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron continued support for Operation CANARY with negative contact.

(iv) Task Force artillery remained in support of Operation CANARY. 103 Field Battery and a Platoon of Battery A 2/35 Regiment remained at Fire Support Base YS255686. From 100815H to 101600H 161 Field Battery RNZA was displaced to a Fire Support Base at YS395627 to provide additional support. From 092055H to 100230H Task Force artillery was employed in support of ARVN during a contact in vicinity YS363620. A total of 106 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(v) 5 RAR continued Operation CANARY. Highway 15 was secured. Two NORTH and one SOUTH bound convoys moved through AO without incident. At 101200H at YS298681 a squad size installation, one week old was found astride an oxcart track. Night locations remained unchanged from previous sitrep.

(vi) 6 RAR continued in support of Operation CANARY with negative contact. At 100800H at YS435634 two VC suspects were seen. Suspects had been living in a bunker and withdrew EAST on sighting 6 RAR patrol. At 100900H C/6RAR was positioned at YS340611 to provide a ready reaction force if required to assist ARVN operations NORTH of BARIA. This company returned to base at 101700H.

(vii) Air support. At 101204H an immediate airstrike was conducted on YS359655 as a result of a sighting by Visual Reconnaissance. 100% ordnance on target, 100% target coverage. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage. At 101245H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on a VC staging area at YS564679. 100% target coverage. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.

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(viii) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation CANARY will continue. Platoon size patrolling of TAOR will continue.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

D. Forces nil

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

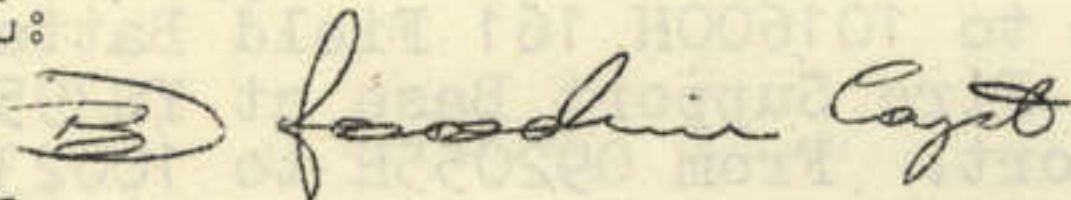
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Platoon	2
Squad	3

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

10 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
090001H to 092400H Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation CANARY with 5 RAR, 6 RAR, 1 APC Squadron, Task Force artillery and Engineer Combat teams with negative contact. Platoon patrolling or TAOR continued with negative contact.

(ii) LRRP.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron continued support for Operation CANARY with negative contact.

(iv) Task Force artillery remained in support of Operation CANARY. 103 Field Battery and Platoon of Battery A 2/35 Regt remained at Fire Support Base YS255686. A total of 17 H and I missions were fired in the twenty four hours.

(v) 5 RAR continued Operation CANARY. Highway 15 was secured and South bound convoy moved through AO with out incident. There was negative contact. Night locations remain unchanged from previous SITREP.

(vi) 6 RAR continued in support of Operation CANARY with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(vii) Air Support. At 091015H preplanned airstrike was conducted on to YS608759. Results were one hut destroyed, one large secondary fire, and two small secondary fires. At 091515H an airstrike was conducted on to YS622766. There was negative BDA due to foliage.

(viii) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation CANARY will continue. Platoon size patrolling of TAOR will continue.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

D. Forces

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Company Nil
Platoon 2
Squad 3

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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9 Dec 66

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
080001H to 082400H Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

- (i) 1 ATF continued Operation CANARY with 5 RAR, B/6RAR, 1 APC Squadron, Task Force Artillery and Engineer Combat teams with negative contact. Patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.
- (ii) LRRP.
- a. Patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.
- b. Patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.
- (iii) 1 APC Squadron continued Operation CANARY with negative contact. At 081045H one section 1 APC Squadron escorted B/6RAR from BARIA YS3860 to Fire Support Base YS255685. During the afternoon one troop deployed one section of APC's to each company of 5 RAR.
- (iv) Task Force Artillery continued to support Operation CANARY with 103 Field Battery and one platoon of Battery A 2/35 Regt remaining at Fire Support Base YS255685. A total of 25 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (v) 5 RAR continued Operation CANARY with negative contact. During the period 5 RAR redeployed companies into final base locations for security phase of Operation. All companies reported in location at 081605H. At 080715H a member of C/5RAR tripped a booby trap at YS273652. It is not known at this stage if the booby trap was set by VC or friendly forces in vicinity. At 081430H A/5RAR discovered oxcart trail running from YS298655 to YS297661. Estimate trail used in last two or three days. Night locations are:
- CP 5RAR and FSB YS255685
 - A/5RAR YS288633
 - B/5RAR YS257736
 - C/5RAR YS254688
 - D/5RAR YS389611
- (vi) 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. At 081045H B/6RAR was lifted by TCV, with APC escort, from Task Force Area to Fire Support Base YS255685. B/6RAR assumed responsibility for security of Fire Support Base. One company 6 RAR remained on standby as ready reaction force for Operation CANARY.

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(vii) Air Support. At 080735H airstrike was conducted against VC comms centre and bunker system at YS608813. One bunker was destroyed, no further BDA due to foliage. At 081155H airstrike was conducted against a VC camp at YS581795. There was negative BDA due to foliage. At 081615H airstrike was conducted against VC camp at YS608759. Two structures were destroyed and one water tower damaged.

(viii) Plans for next 24 hours. 1 ATF to continue Operation CANARY. At 090635H 5 RAR to commence road clearance of AO with armoured and engineer support. AO to be secured by 090900H. 6 RAR minus to continue platoon size patrolling of TAOR.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through to (8) no change

(9) Results (accumulative)

Friendly

Enemy

1 WIA

1 Friction type grenade

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

D. Friendly Forces

D1. C/5RAR C1 080715H/080716H Unk None No

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Losses/Damages

D1. Unk/Unk 1 WIA Nil Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Company Nil

Platoon 6

Squad 12

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8 Dec 66

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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation CANARY with 5 RAR, 1 APC Squadron, Task Force artillery and Engineer Combat teams with negative contact. Patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(ii) LRRP.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - THREE.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron continued Operation CANARY with negative contact. One troop conducted a patrol with Infantry in area XA BINH BA rubber plantation centre of mass YS4474 with negative contact.

(iv) Task Force artillery continued to support Operation CANARY. 103 Battery and Platoon of Battery A 2/35 Regt deployed to new Fire Support Base at YS255685. A total of 17 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(v) 5 RAR continued Operation CANARY with negative contact. Saturation patrolling of area of AO to East of Highway 15 was conducted. Night locations are:

Battalion CP and FSB YS255685
A/5RAR YS288633
B/5RAR YS257736
C/5RAR YS254688
D/5RAR YS339611

(vi) 6 RAR continued patrolling TAOR with negative contact. A/6RAR (minus) with APCs conducted patrol of XA BINH BA rubber plantation centre of mass YS4474. There were negative results.

(vii) Air Support. At 070915H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to YS333751 a VC supply base. There was negative BDA due to foliage. Mission expended ordnance on YS615795 and one secondary fire with white smoke resulted. At 071345H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to YS618810. Result 2 structures damaged. Mission expended on YS616767 with negative BDA due to foliage.

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(viii) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation CANARY continues with 5 RAR clearing and securing area in immediate vicinity of Highway 15. Patrolling of TAOR will continue.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

D. Forces

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Company 1
Platoon 2
Squad 3

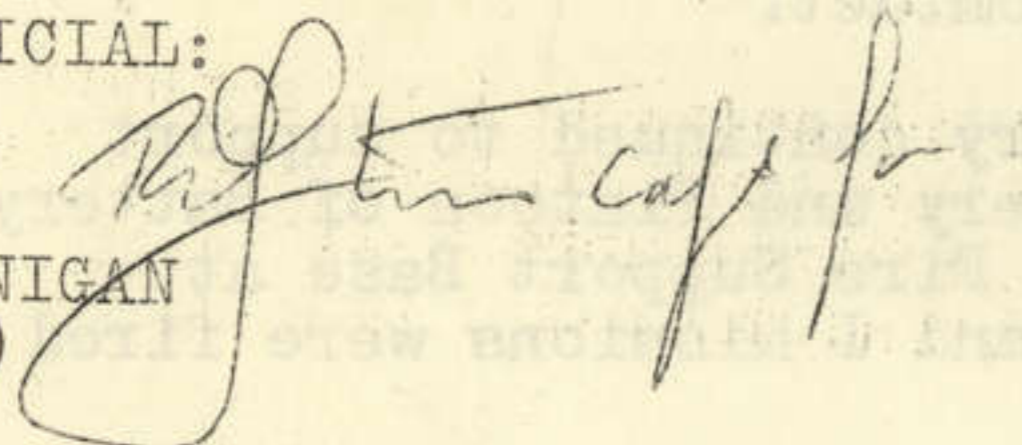
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7 Dec 66

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060001H to 062400H Dec 66.

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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation CANARY with 5 RAR, 1 APC Squadron, Task Force Artillery and Engineer Combat Teams with negative contact. 6 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of TAOR with minor contact.

(ii) LRRP.

a. Patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - ONE.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron continued Operation CANARY with negative contact. One troop 1 APC Squadron remained in AO PETER in support of 5 RAR.

(iv) Task Force Artillery continued Operation CANARY with 103 Field Battery and one platoon Battery A 2/35 Regt remaining at Fire Support Base YS291620. A total of 19 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(v) 5 RAR continued Operation CANARY with all companies conducting search of areas dominating Route 15. There were negative contacts during the reporting period. At 060830H B/5RAR discovered two unexploded drums of CS gas at YS282687. This Southern end of CS strike conducted Nov 66. Drums were destroyed. At 060935H D/5RAR discovered observation post at YS339635. Estimate observation post had been occupied by four men in last four days. At 061040H D/5RAR discovered small Pagoda which had been used as observation post at YS347634. At 061145H D/5RAR discovered four huts with lighted candles inside at YS347630. At 061210H C/5RAR discovered a boat hide at YS234713. Estimate boats were removed yesterday. Night locations:

CP 5RAR	YS293621
A/5RAR	YS292623
B/5RAR	YS263688
C/5RAR	YS313620
D/5RAR	YS339619

(vi) 6 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of TAOR with minor contact. One company remained on standby as Ready Reaction Force for Operation CANARY. B/6RAR prepared for participation in Operation CANARY. At 061145H a patrol of C/6RAR apprehended three suspects at

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YS468661. Suspects were evacuated to the Task Force for interrogation.

(vii) Air Support. Surveillance of AO was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. At 061035H airstrike was conducted against VC base camp at YS532799. There was negative BDA due to foliage. At 061150H airstrike was conducted against VC base camp at YS622828. BDA, one secondary explosion, two secondary fires with white smoke, three structures destroyed.

(viii) Plans for next 24 hours. 1 ATF to commence Phase 3 of Operation CANARY with the redeployment of companies of 5 RAR along Highway 15 from YS254744 to YS382602. Each company to have in support one section of APC's and one Combat Engineer Team. Redeployment to be completed by 071600H. Companies of 5 RAR to establish bases as follows:

A/5RAR	vicinity	YS288634
B/5RAR	"	YS256740
C/5RAR	"	YS260683
D/5RAR	"	YS340613

CP 5 RAR, 103 Field Battery and platoon of Battery A 2/35 Regt to redeploy to Fire Support Base vicinity YS258682. At 070800H two sections 1 APC Squadron and two platoons 6 RAR will commence sweep and ambush operation in the general area of Binh Ba YS4474.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

- C. Objectives no change
- D. Friendly Forces
- D1. C/6RAR Nil 061145H/061200H Friendly None No
- K. Losses/Damages
- D1. 3/UNK 3 VCS Nil Nil
- K2. Nil
- K3. Nil
- K4. Nil
- K5. Company Nil
- Platoon 2
- Squad 1

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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation CANARY with 5RAR, 1 APC Squadron, Task Force artillery and Engineer combat teams with negative contact. 6RAR continued platoon size patrolling of TAOR with minor contact.

(ii) LRRP

a. No of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. No of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron continued Operation CANARY with negative contact. At 051730H one section was despatched to assist platoon of 6RAR in contact at YS435638. APCs made negative contact and returned to 1 ATF base at 051900H.

(iv) Task Force artillery continued Operation CANARY with 103 Field Battery and platoon Battery A 2/35 remaining at Fire Support Base YS291620. A total of 15 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(v) 5RAR continued Operation CANARY searching the hill masses that dominate Highway 15. A/5RAR and D/5RAR searched Southern area of NUI DINH mountains and NUI THI mountains centre of mass YS3465. B/5RAR searched NUI ONG TRINH mountain vicinity YS280687. At 050930H A/5RAR at YS326641 found a newly constructed area 200 metres by 50 metres consisting of one tin hut, 4 grass huts, one hut frame, wooden lookout tower. All were destroyed. Night locations are:

Battalion CP, C/5RAR, FSB	YS291620
A/5RAR	YS325655
B/5RAR	YS281687
D/5RAR	YS336643

(vi) 6RAR continued platoon size patrolling and prepared to take part in Operation CANARY. At 051732H a platoon of C/6RAR at YS435638 contacted 12 VC. Platoon was moving across country to night ambush

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position when scout heard talking and on investigation located 12 VC, heavily armed, eating evening meal. Patrol deployed and engaged enemy. Results were 5 KIA by body count, 4 VC WIA from separate blood trails, 12 individual weapons, large quantity small arms ammunition equipment, clothing and documents captured. Bodies were evacuated to HOA LONG sub-sector vicinity YS422637 for possible identification. All captured items have been evacuated for examination.

(vii) Air Support. At 050855H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to VC base camp at YS315748. Result was one secondary fire with white smoke. Aircraft expended ammunition on YS608813, an area from which ground fire had been received on 4 Dec 66. Results were 4 huts, one pillbox and one water tower damaged. At 051425H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to YS598806, a VC supply base. Result was 3 structures destroyed.

(viii) Plans for the next 24 hours. Operation CANARY continues with 5RAR further clearing hill masses prior to securing Highway 15. Platoon patrols of TAOR will continue.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change.

D. Forces

D1 C/6RAR 12/UNK 051732H/051800H AUST NIL NIL

K. Losses/damages

K1 Enemy losses

D1 C/6RAR 12/UNK 5 KIA (BC) 12 individual SA weapons
4 WIA and ammunition

K2 Enemy damages

D1 A/5RAR UNK/UNK 6 huts NIL

K3 NIL

K4 NIL

K5 Company NIL

Platoon 2

Squad 3

K5A Platoon 1

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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(1) At 040710H 1 ATF commenced Operation CANARY, the securing of Route 15, with 5RAR, 6RAR, 1 APC Squadron, Task Force artillery and 1 Field Engineer Squadron. There were negative contacts during the reporting period.

(ii) LRRP.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(iii) At 040710H 1 APC Squadron commenced Operation CANARY escorting 5RAR, Artillery elements and Engineer elements from Task Force area to AO PETER. Movement was completed at 040930H. One troop 1 APC Squadron remained at Fire Support Base YS283621 in support of 5RAR. There were negative contacts during the reporting period.

(iv) At 040710H 103 Field Battery and one platoon of Battery A 2/35 Regiment deployed from Task Force area to Fire Support Base YS283621 in support of Operation CANARY. A total of 23 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(v) At 040710H 5RAR commenced Operation CANARY with the lift of the Battalion by APC and TCV from the Task Force area to AO PETER. 5RAR commenced

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preliminary operations with A/5RAR, B/5RAR and D/5RAR conducting clearing operations in areas NUI THI VAI Mountains, centre of mass YS2970, and NUI DINH, NUI THI Mountains centre of mass YS3465. C/5RAR secured Fire Support Base. At 041340H B/5RAR discovered a CHICOM friction grenade at YS277679. Grenade was destroyed. Night locations:

CP 5RAR, C/5RAR	YS283621
A/5RAR	YS324635
B/5RAR	YS281687
D/5RAR	YS353645

(vi) 6RAR commenced platoon size patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. One company remained on standby as Ready Reaction Force for Operation CANARY.

(vii) Air Support. Surveillance of AO was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. At 041030H airstrike was conducted against VC Base Camp at YS541713. There was negative BDA due to foliage. At 041350H airstrike was conducted against VC staging area at YS373804. There was negative BDA due to foliage. At 041600H airstrike was conducted against VC Base Camp at YS385813. There was negative BDA due to foliage. At 041600H CESSNA 180 received concentrated small arms fire from vicinity YS620823. At 041620H same CESSNA reported that a projectile, thought to be an RCL or similar type weapon was fired at aircraft from vicinity YS596814. Areas were engaged by Light Fire Team with unknown results.

(viii) Plans for the next 24 hours. 1 ATF to continue Operation CANARY with 5RAR continuing preliminary operations in mountain areas. 6RAR to continue platoon size patrolling of TAOR.

b. Major Unit Operations

- (1) Operation CANARY
- (2) Route security
- (3) Secure Route 15 from BARIA YS3860 to PHU MY YS2573.
- (4) PHUOC TUY YS000000
- (5) 5RAR, 6RAR, 1 APC Squadron, Task Force artillery, 1 Field Engineer Squadron.
- (6) HQ 1 ATF
- (7) 040710H Dec
- (8) Continuing
- (9) Results (accumulative)

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FRIENDLY

ENEMY

NIL

1 x CHICOM friction grenade

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives
C1 PHUOC TUY YS000000 Road Security CANARY 040710H/
cont

D. Friendly forces
D1 C/5RAR C1 041340H/041350H Friendly None No

K. Losses/Damages
K1 Enemy losses
D1 UNK/UNK NIL NIL 1 x CHICOM grenade
K2 NIL
K3 NIL
K4 NIL
K5 Company NIL
Platoon 3
Squad 1

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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY.

a. General

(i) 1 ATF concluded Operation INGHAM at 031200H with negative further contact.

(ii) LRRP.

(a) No of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(b) No of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron terminated Operation INGHAM at 031200H. 2 Troop 1 APC Squadron were diverted to assist PHUOC TUY province forces in a contact vicinity YS5055. The were negative results and the troop returned to 1 ATF base.

(iv) Task Force Artillery. 161 Battery RNZA was helilifted by CH47 from fire support base at XUYRN MOC YS655683 to 1 ATF base closing at 031210H. A total of 21 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. 16 Fire missions were fired in support of PHUOC TUY forces in contact at YS5055. Results unknown. At 021930H 8 Fire missions were fired in support of Sector forces around DAT DO (YS490600). All targets were suspected VC locations.

(v) 5 RAR terminated Operation INGHAM and made final preparations for Operation CANARY. There was negative contact.

(vi) 6 RAR terminated Operation INGHAM at 031200H when Battalion CP closed to 1 ATF base. One company and Battalion HQ were helilifted back to 1 ATF. Two companies moved with 1 APC Squadron by road. There were negative contacts,

(vii) Air Support. At 031430H a preplan airstrike was conducted on to YS402752 a reported VC base camp. All ordnance was on target but there was no further BDA due to foliage. At 031725H a preplan airstrike was completed on to YS395837 a VC base camp. Result was one secondary fire with heavy black smoke. There was no further BDA.

(viii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR, 6 RAR with armoured, artillery and engineer support commence Operation CANARY. Preliminary operations will clear NUI THI VAI Mountains centre of mass YS2970 and NUI DINH and NUI THI Mountains centre of mass YS3465.

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- b. Major Unit Operations.
 - (1) through (7) no change.
 - (8) 031200H Dec 66.
 - (9) No change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change.

D. Forces NIL.

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. NIL.

K2. NIL.

K3. NIL.

K4. NIL.

K5. Company NIL.

Platoon NIL.

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NUI DAT

3 Dec 66

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020001H to 022400H Dec 66.

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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation INGHAM with 5RAR, 6RAR, Task Force Artillery, 1 APC Squadron and combat engineers with minor contact.

(ii) LRRP.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron continued Operation INGHAM with sweep operations in support of 6RAR, South along Route 328 and then West along Route 23. There were negative contacts during the reporting period. Night locations YS598638.

(iv) Task Force Artillery continued Operation INGHAM. 161 Field Battery remained at Fire Support Base YS654684. At 021030H 101 Field Battery was lifted by CH47 from Fire Support Base YS606706 to Task Force area. Lift was completed at 021150H. A total of 28 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(v) 5RAR continued Operation INGHAM and platoon patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. At 020800H platoon of 5RAR, securing Fire Support Base at YS654684 was lifted by RAAF helicopter back to the Task Force area. At 021545H B/5RAR minus one platoon was lifted by Airmobile company from Fire Support Base ... cont.

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Support Base YS606706 back to Task Force area.

(vi) 6RAR continued Operation INGHAM with minor contact. During period 6RAR conducted search and destroy operations with 1 APC Squadron SOUTH along Route 328 then West along 'oute 23. At 020930H B/6RAR contacted 3 local VC at YS622655. Results 1 VC KIA (BC), 2 VCS, no weapons were captured. At 021120H a VC claymore mine was detonated against D/6RAR at YS634653. Trail was followed with negative results. Results 1 friendly KIA, 10 friendly WIA and 3 civilians wounded. At 021150H a VC mine was detonated against C/6RAR at YS627657. Results 1 friendly WIA. Wires from mine were followed EAST with negative results. At 021214H B/6RAR discovered and destroyed an anti tank mine at YS623651. Wires from mine lead SOUTH 100 metres to unoccupied bunker. At 021440H D/6RAR apprehended 3 VCS at YS618653. VCS were mingling with civilians. VCS were evacuated to Task Force area. Night locations. 6RAR minus concentrated vicinity YS598638.

(vii) Air Support. Surveillance of AO was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. Airlifts were conducted by RAAF Iroquois, CH47s and Airmobile Company as reported. At 021220H airstrike was conducted against VC staging area and base camp at YS352793. Strike resulted in one secondary fire, there was no further BDA due to smoke and foliage.

(viii) Plans for the next 24 hours. 1 ATF to conclude Operation INGHAM. At 030900H one company 6RAR and Battalion Headquarters 6RAR to be lifted by Airmobile Company from vicinity YS598638 to Task Force area. At 031200H, platoon of B/6RAR to be lifted by RAAF Iroquois from YS654684 to Task Force area. At 031400H 161 Field Battery RNZA to be lifted by CH47 from Fire Support Base YS654684 to Task Force area. At 030900H 1 APC Squadron and two companies of 6RAR to move, by road, back to the Task Force area. 5RAR to continue platoon patrolling of TAOR.

b. Major Unit Operations

- (1) through (8) no change
- (9) Results (accumulative)

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ENEMY

2 KIA	10 VC KIA (BC)
19 WIA	8 VC WIA
1 APC slightly damaged	1 VC KBA probable
	19 VCS

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- 4 CHICOM rifles
- 2 GARAND rifles
- 3 M1 carbines
- 1 MOSSIMNAGENT rifle
- 65 tons ride
- 10 oxcarts
- 1 PRC 10 radio
- 2 HT/1 radios
- 1 DH 10 claymore mine
- 1 DH 8 claymore mine
- 1 CBU
- 1 aerial fragmentation bomb (US) 201b
- 2 large unidentified bombs
- 2 82mm mortar bombs
- 2 60mm mortar bombs
- 3 75mm RCL rounds
- 7 grenades
- 9 magazines
- 650 rounds SAA plus further quantity of assorted rounds
- 100 20mm shell cases
- 12 point 5 shell cases
- 1 typewriter
- 1 sewing machine
- 18 huts
- 1 fishing boat
- 4 PRC 25 set batteries
- 400 feet cable
- large quantity clothing
- 144 assorted torch batteries
- 18 bolts cloth
- 5 phials Chinese medicine
- 1000 lbs sugar
- 113 gallons lard
- 32 tins US milk
- 10 tins fruit
- 4 battalion sized camps
- 3 company sized camps
- 3 platoon sized camps
- 1 squad sized camp
- 2 staging areas
- documents

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change

D. Friendly forces

D1 B/6RAR C1 020930H/021000H Friendly None No

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D2	D/6RAR	C1	021120H/021145H	Enemy	NONE	NO
D3	C/6RAR	C1	021150H/021200H	Enemy	NONE	NO
D4	D/6RAR	C1	021440H/021505H	Friendly	NONE	NO

K.	Losses/Damages					
K1	Enemy Losses					
D1	3/local	1	VC KIA (BC)/2	VCS	NIL	NIL
D4	3/UNK	3	VCS		NIL	NIL
K2	NIL					
K3	FRIENDLY LOSSES					
D2	UNK/UNK	1	KIA/10	WIA	NIL	NIL
D3	UNK/UNK	1	WIA		NIL	NIL
K4	NIL					
K5	Company	NIL				
	Platoon	2				
	Squad	3				

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
010001H to 012400H Dec 66.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation INGHAM with 5RAR, 6RAR, Task Force Artillery, 1 APC Squadron, combat engineers with negative contact.

(ii) LRRP

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron continued Operation INGHAM. There was negative contact. Night location is YS591709.

(iv) Task Force Artillery continued Operation INGHAM. 161 Battery was helilifted to new Fire Support Base at Xuyen Moc YS606705. At 010800H two platoons of Battery A 2/35 Regiment deployed to Xa Binh Ba YS450740 and fired a total of 36 H and I missions into area North West. The platoons returned to 1 ATF base at 011600H. In addition to this H and I, a total of 23 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(v) 5RAR continued Operation INGHAM and platoon patrolling of TAOR. A platoon of B/5RAR was helilifted to new Fire Support Base at Xuyen Moc YS655683. B/5RAR (minus) remains at Fire Support Base YS606705. One company remained as Ready Reaction Force for Operation INGHAM. At 010800H D/5RAR (minus) escorted platoons of Battery A

2/35 Regiment to Xa Binh Ba YS450740 and provided protection while H and I missions were fired. They returned to 1 ATF base at 011600H. There were negative contacts.

(vi) 6RAR continued Operation INGHAM. The Battalion concentrated for resupply in the morning and prepared for the next phase of the operation. B/6RAR moved South to new location YS611676 and D/6RAR deployed South, also to a new location, YS617680. At 011813H at YS611672 B/6RAR apprehended one Vietnamese dressed in shorts and T-shirt. He will be evacuated. Night locations are:

Battalion CP, A/6RAR, C/6RAR - YS591702
B/6RAR - YS611676
D/6RAR - YS617680

(vii) Air Support. At 010700H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC base camp at YS576832. 100% of ordnance was on target and one secondary fire with grey smoke resulted. There was no further BDA due to foliage.

(viii) Plans for the next 24 hours. Commencing at 020800H a platoon of B/5RAR will be helilifted by RAAF from Fire Support Base at Xuyen Moc to 1 ATF base. At 021200H platoon of 6RAR will be lifted by RAAF to Xuyen Moc. At 021600H Airmobile company will lift one company (minus) of 6RAR back to 1 ATF base. Commencing 021030H CH47s will lift 101 Battery from Fire Support base YS606705 to 1 ATF base. 6RAR less one company, commencing vicinity YS613677 will clear both sides of Highway 328 to area vicinity YS629655. Will then clear either side of LTL23 to Dat Do vicinity YS496600.

b. Major Unit Operations

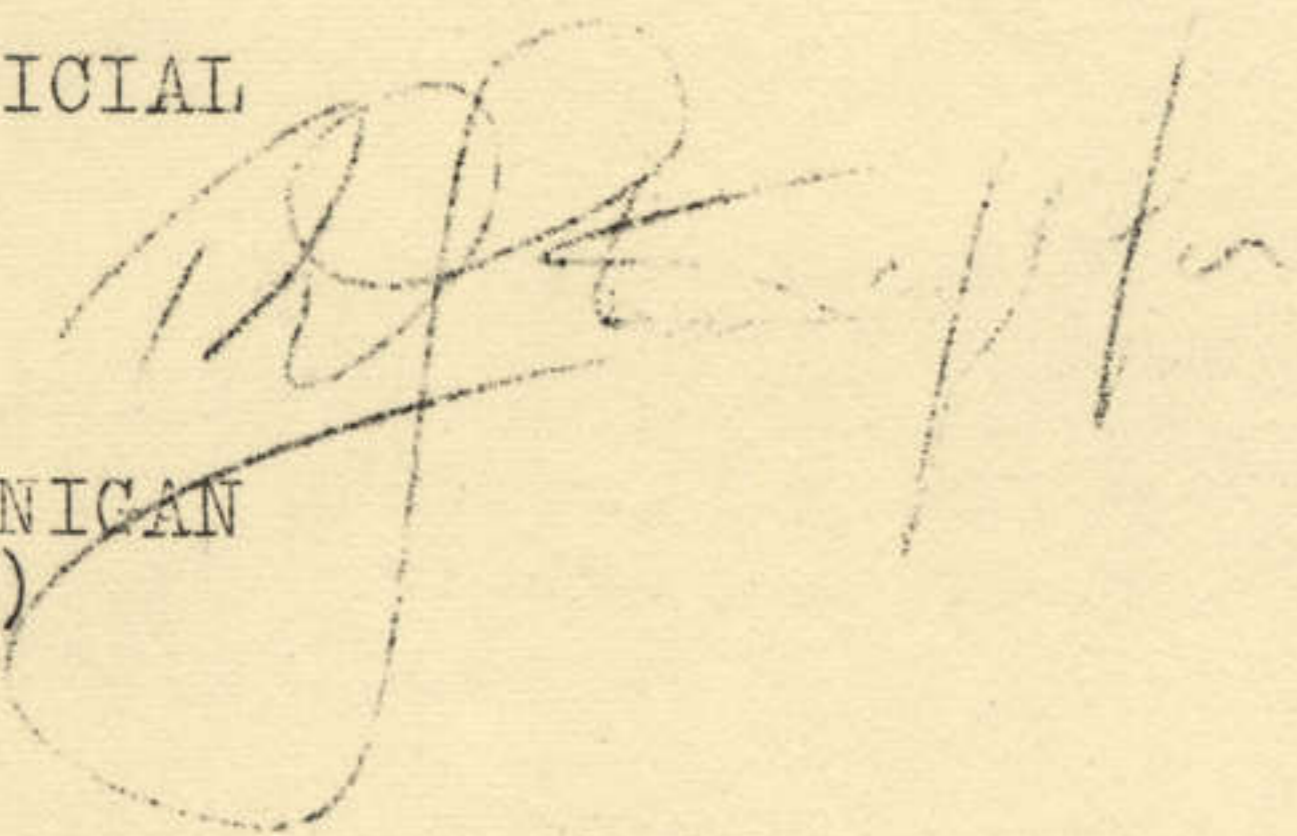
(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

- C. Objectives no change
- D. Forces
- K. Losses/Damages
- K1 NIL
- K2 NIL
- K3 NIL
- K4 NIL
- K5 Company 1
- Platoon 2
- Squad 3

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- 2. PERIOD COVERED FROM 310001H TO 312400H DECEMBER 1966.
- 3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD. There were NO contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY - NIL

b-c OMITTED

d. AIR ACTIVITY

(1) Reference item (6) of Air Activity of Intsum No 211. Grid Reference should read YS425855 repeat YS425855.

(2) (311630H). Air Intelligence reveals no significant change within the Task Force TAOR during the present Truce period.

e-h OMITTED

4. NIL

5. No change to Intsum No 102.

6-10. OMITTED

11. No change to Intsum No 153.

12. No change to Intsum No 196.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force LINTSUM No 211, CP location YB4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 300001H to 302400H December, 1966.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITIES - INTL

b-c OMITTED

d. AIR ACTIVITIES

- (1) (300610H) An airstrike was conducted against a VC supply point and base camp at YB428823. 100% target covered, 100% on target. No BPA due to foliage.
- (2) (300842E) An airstrike was conducted against a VC fortified position at YB377814. 100% on target, 100% target covered. Two large hootches destroyed, one bunker burning.
- (3) (300945H) An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YB575807. 100% target covered, 100% on target. 100 feet of trenches exposed, considerable camp damage.
- (4) (301010E) An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp and supply area at YB427814. 100% target covered. 100% on target. Two hootches destroyed, one hootch damaged.
- (5) (301215E) An airstrike was conducted against a VC fortified position at YB336767. 80% on target, 100% target covered. No BPA due to smoke and foliage.
- (6) (301225H) An airstrike was conducted against a VC camp at YB425885. 100% on target, 100% target covered. Trench complex destroyed, eight hootches destroyed, one secondary fire with white smoke.

h. GROUND ACTIVITIES

- (1) (301000E) An agent report was received from SECTOR HQ that a VC force intended to attack BINH BA village (YB4574) on the night of 30 December 1966 between 2000H and 2100H. C-20 (CHAU DUC District Coy) in conjunction with a VC Bn are to carry out the attack. US evaluation B-3.

4. NIL
5. No change to LINTSUM No 102
- 6-10 OMITTED
11. No change to LINTSUM No 153
12. No change to LINTSUM No 195

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2. PERIOD COVERED FROM 290001H TO 292400H DECEMBER 1966.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD. There were NO contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY - NIL
 - b-c OMITTED
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY
 - (1) (290813H) An airstrike was conducted on the area YS57136820. The airstrike was 100% on target but there was no further result due to foliage.
 - (2) (290900H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC staging camp under trees at YS378722. Results were: 2 structures destroyed and no further results due to foliage and smoke.
 - (3) (291055H) An airstrike was conducted on YS591792. Results unknown.
 - (4) (291055H) An airstrike was conducted on YS588694. Results unknown.
 - (5) (291145H) An airstrike was conducted on YS588694. There were 2 structures destroyed and no further results due to foliage.
 - (6) (291345H) FAC received an unknown number of rounds of ground fire from vicinity of YS498795.
 - (7) (291500H) An airstrike was conducted on a logging area at YS503798. There were three small secondary fires with white smoke.
 - (8) (291500H) An airstrike was conducted on an estimated 6 VC at YS427824 after FAC had received SA fire. Results of the strike were: 3 VC KBA (Body Count by FAC) and 4 VC probable, also 30 bags of rice, 1 metal roofed building destroyed, 1 metal house damaged, 1 secondary explosion and four secondary fires. Two of the secondary fires produced WHITE smoke and the other two fires produced BLACK smoke.
 - e. OMITTED
 - f. Secondary explosions.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Friendly aircraft (2) 6x750 Napalm 2xMk 82s 1x Hi Drag Dud 20mm cannon (3) 3 (4) Unknown (5) White (6) Unknown 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Friendly aircraft (2) 2x750 Napalm 4x CBU 2s 20mm cannon (3) 5 (4) Unknown (5) White and black (6) Unknown
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 - g-h OMITTED
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

a.	KIA by AIR FORCE	CONFIRMED 3	POSSIBLE 4
b.	NIL		
5. No change to INTSUM No 102
- 6-10 OMITTED
- 11 No change to INTSUM No 153

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM NO ~~208~~, CP location YS4366.
2. Period covered from 280001H to 282400H December 1966.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity for the Period. There were two contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY

- (1) (281020H) A patrol from 1 Aust Reinforcement Unit found a tunnel at YS421651. It was searched with negative results.
- (2) (281050H) C/5RAR contacted 1 VC at YS389701. The result was 1 Aust WIA.
- (3) (281106H) C/5RAR contacted 2 VC at YS389701, 40 metres from their perimeter. The VC withdrew SOUTH. Negative results.

b-c OMITTED

d. AIR ACTIVITY: Visual Reconnaissance reported the following:

- (1) (280810H) There is a possible base camp at YS312688, revealed by foot trails leading into the area.
- (2) (280810H) There is a possible OP site at YS295707. It consists of a space under a large rock, and has been walled up with stones. There is a timber frame in the doorway.
- (3) (281103H) A possible bunker system and fortification was sighted at YS386767, and a wide road running from WEST to SOUTH-EAST.

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4. NIL
5. No change to INTSUM No 102.
- 6-10 OMITTED
- 11 No change to INTSUM No 153.
- 12 No change to INTSUM No 196.

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2. PERIOD COVERED: From 270001H to 272400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were three contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) (270745H). 10/D/5 RAR contacted one local VC at YS425678 who withdrew WEST. He was followed up with negative results. (FRI).

(2) (270840H). 3/A/6 RAR found an old coy sized position at YS479524. Tracks of ten men were found heading EAST-SOUTH-EAST, approx 20 hours old.

(3) (271100H). B/5 RAR contacted 2 VC at YS377684 who withdrew SOUTH. Results; 1 Aust KIA, 1 Aust WIA. One diary was captured. (ENI).

(4) (271119H). B/5 RAR contacted 4 Regional Force VC at YS377678 resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC WIA (escaped EAST). Documents captured included books and diaries with lists of names, contact reports, frequencies and 1 X Thompson carbine. (FRI.)

(5) (271330H). A mine was command detonated against APC elements from the WEST side of the road at YS509547 resulting in 1 Aust WIA. (ENI).

(6) (271810H). 8/C/5 RAR found a VC camp consisting of 30 weapon pits, one well and a tunnel complex with three entrances. Tunnels will be searched and camp destroyed tomorrow.

b - c OMITTED.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) (270930H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS573815 with unknown results.

(2) (271050H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft observed 50-60 bags of rice in two large stacks at YS420824. The bags were partially covered with green plastic. Suspecting a VC supply point an airstrike was conducted against the area with negative results to the bags although a secondary fire resulted approx 100 meters to the WEST.

(3) (271130H). Visual reconnaissance observed a concrete house in a clearing at YS428822 is being used, three well worn tracks lead to the house. NORTH of the house, on the NORTH side of the road is heavily interlaced with foot tracks between small clumps of scrub and single bushes. Possibly a camouflaged defensive position.

(4) (271300H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS588694 with unknown results.

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g. NOT KNOWN

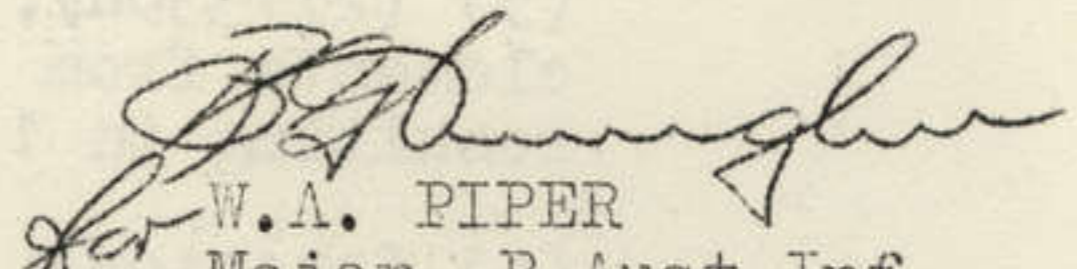
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4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:
- a. KIA by CONFIRMED POSSIBLE
Ground Forces 2
 - b. NIL
 - c. a. Thompson carbine
b. One
c. USA
d. YS377678
e. Not known
 - d. A quantity of books and diaries.
5. No change to INTSUM No 102
- 6 - 10. OMITTED.
11. No change to INTSUM No 153.
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2. PERIOD COVERED: From 260001H to 262400H Dec 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were two contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) (261135H). B/5 RAR contacted 2 VC at YS382684. The VC withdrew WEST and one VC was seen to drop his weapon which was not recovered. (FRI)

(2) (261300H). An explosion with white smoke was sighted in square YS3372. There were no airstrikes or artillery in the area.

(3) (261630H). B/5 RAR contacted at least 6 VC at YS37556865. The results were 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC WIA. 1 pair of sandals, 1 hat and 2 rice bags were recovered. The VC withdrew WEST. Artillery engaged with unknown results. (FRI).

b - c OMITTED

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) (260930H). Visual reconnaissance revealed that Route 328 had been used by at least 3 trucks in the last 24 hours. The trucks have travelled between YS573682 to join Route 328 at YS611686, then NORTH to YS632861. At this point their load appears to have been transferred to oxcarts. There are a large number of oxcart tracks to the EAST. There has been medium foot traffic to the WEST of this point into the vicinity of YS627862.

(2) (261015H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC camp at YS591718. The fighters were diverted to a squad of 15 VC at YS374688. No BDA.

(3) (261408H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC camp at YS339780. Negative BDA.

e - f OMITTED

g. Unknown.

h. OMITTED

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a. KIA by	Confirmed	Possible
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Ground Forces	1	-
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b. Nil

c. Nil

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 207, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: 250001H to 252400H Dec 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There was no contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) Late Entry (242215H). About 5-6 people were spotted on the wire in front of 1 Field Squadron. Engaged the people with fire. Results unknown. (ENI)

(2) (251645H). 10/D/6 RAR sighted a possible 6 VC moving EAST at YS398641. The enemy were not engaged.

b - c. Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) Late Entry (241400H). There is a possible landing point at YS563568. This area shows medium activity and tyre tracks from vehicles with dual wheels are shown in the firm sand. Also some weapon pits were sighted in Grid Square YS5456.

(2) (250800H). There are 27 graves which look to have been recently dug in a clearing at YS663601. An airstrike was conducted for 1 ATF on an unknown number of VC in this vicinity at YS668608 on 14 Dec at 1035 hrs. Also 6 men were sighted at YS657604.

(3) (251000H). There has been considerable movement on Route 328 during the past 48 hours and in the last 24 hours it has been used by rubber tyred vehicles.

(4) (251245H). There are 24 fresh graves at YS675594. These could be the results of a Sector request for an airstrike or the result of H and I fire in the area.

(5) (251700H). The main route between Thua Tic (YS617819) and the Cu Bi plantation (YS415824) has been used by a large force on foot. The ground has been trampled hard to a width of about 2-3 ft.

Comment. It is possible that elements, if not all of 274 Regt, are making use of the truce period to move EAST across Interprovincial Route 2. Should this be the case, 274 Regt will be avoiding further contact with US forces WEST of the HAT DICH and will be in a position to join forces with 275 Regt currently located at YS6191.

(6) (252030). There has been a marked increase in wheeled and foot traffic during the period. Motor vehicle traffic along Route 328 was the heaviest yet observed by 1 ATF. There has been a significant increase in activity across the beach in the vicinity of YS6556. Heavy foot activity continued between Route 2 and Route 328 NORTH of Binh Gia YS5077. Two sightings of motor vehicles ($\frac{1}{2}$ ton) in Long Tan (YS4965) were the first made by 1 ATF. It has not yet been confirmed that the vehicles belonged to VC sympathisers but it is believed they did.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 206, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: 240001H to 242400H Dec 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were two contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) (240130H). A patrol had a contact with an unknown number of members of the HOA LONG guerilla platoon. An illumination mission was fired in support. Results were 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC WIA. (FRI).

(2) (241115H). C/6 RAR had a contact with 5 VC at YS435630. One VC was wearing green and carried a Thompson submachine gun. Several documents were taken relating to the CHAU DUC district guerillas. There were NO casualties. (ENI).

(3) (241710H - 241900H). A Task Force patrol observed 13 armed VC moving SOUTH at YS377685. 30 minutes later a party of 17 armed VC moved through their position in the same direction. At 241818H a further party of 5 armed VC moved through the position and at 241900H another party of 5 armed VC moved down the track in a SOUTHERLY direction. Comment. Likely tasks for a group of that size are harrassing of targets in BARIA (YS3760); HOA LONG (YS4264) and VAN KIEP training centre (YS399609), mortaring of 1 ATF or sabotage and demolition raids along Hwy 15.

b - c OMITTED.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) (241000H). Route 328 has had heavy traffic during the last three days. There were many tyre marks observed, suggesting that motor vehicles are using the road as well as oxcarts. The tracks NORTH and NORTH EAST of BINH GIA at YS5077 are still receiving heavy use.

(2) (241207H). A FAC aircraft received ground fire from YS2776 while returning to Sector HQ. Height and flying speed of aircraft are unknown.

e - h OMITTED.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES

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|----|--|-----------|----------|
| a. | KIA | CONFIRMED | POSSIBLE |
| | Ground Fire | 1 | - |
| b. | NIL. | | |
| c. | WEEKLY STATUS REPORT OF DETAINEES AND RETURNEES FOR PERIOD | | |

(a) Summary of Detainees

(1)	3
(2)	NIL
(3)	MIL
(4)	NIL
(5)	3

(b)	PW	RETURNEES	DETAINEES
	VCPW -	-	INNOCENT CIVILIANS -
	NVAPW -	-	CIVIL DEFENDANTS -
	TOTAL -	-	DOUBTFUL CASES 3

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(c) Names of Doubtful Cases.

- (1) Tran Van Bao
 - (2) Nguyen Thi Hoa
 - (3) Duong Thi Duoc
- All of these are new cases.

(d) Disposition of Doubtful Cases.

All three are being held by the National Police pending records checks.

(e) NIL

- 5. No change to INTSUM No 102.
- 6.- 10. OMITTED.
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 205, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 230001H to 232400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (1) Late entry. (222155H). A sentry observed movement outside the perimeter wire in area YS4366. The sentry challenged and on receiving no reply fired two rounds with negative results. (ENI)
 - b - c OMITTED
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (230900H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC camp at YS589673 with unknown results.
 - (2) (231105H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft received sustained rifle fire from YS478542, YS480538 and YS482534. (ENI)
 - (3) (231300H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC camp at YS341705 with unknown results.
 - e -f OMITTED
 - g. Unknown
 - h. OMITTED
4. NIL
5. No change to INTSUM No 102.
- 6.-10. OMITTED
11. No change to INTSUM No 153.
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 204. CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: 220001H to 222400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There was one contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (1) Late Entry. (212200H). An RF company contacted an unknown number of VC at YS437785. The results of the encounter were, 4 VC KIA, 2 VCPW and 1 friendly KIA. (FRI).
 - (2) (221045H). Recce platoon of 5 RAR contacted 2 local VC at YS467726. The VC moved SOUTH on contact and on following the platoon found a camp with pits. Results were NO casualties. (FRI)
 - b - c OMITTED.
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (221115H). An airstrike was conducted on YS346702. Results unknown.
 - (2) (221315H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC Bn sized camp at YS430787. Results unknown.
 - (3) (221500H). An airstrike was conducted on YS368812. Results unknown.
 - e - h OMITTED
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES: NIL.
5. NO CHANGE TO INTSUM NO 153.
- 6 - 10 OMITTED.
11. NO CHANGE TO INTSUM NO 153.
12. NO CHANGE TO INTSUM NO 196.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 203, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 210001H to 212400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There was one contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) (211930H) 9/C/5 RAR contacted 3 local VC at YS396642. they were dressed in black and one wore a white shirt. They were running when they came through the patrol location. No weapons were seen to be carried. The results were 1 VC KIA (possible), 1 VC WIA, and 1 VC withdrew to the EAST. FRI

b - c OMITTED.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) LATE ENTRY. (201430H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS434787. Results unknown.

(2) (210855H). An airstrike was conducted in the area of YS 339780. BDA unknown.

(3) (211015H). A Visual Reconnaissance aircraft received one round of SA fire from YS423824. The aircraft was not damaged.

(4) (211130H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC storage area and ox cart trails. No BDA.

(5) (211300H). An airstrike was conducted on YS415823, YS 395825 and YS396797. The results were 1 small fire at YS415823 and 4 small fires at YS395825. FAC received ground fire from YS396797.

e - h OMITTED

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES :

a. KIA by ground forces	CONFIRMED	POSSIBLE
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b - c NIL.

5. No change to INTSUM No 102.

6 - 10 OMITTED

11. No change to INTSUM No 153.

12. No change to INTSUM No 196.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 202. CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 200001H to 202400H December 1966.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (201030H). A vehicle which was part of 1/83 convoy received fire approx 700 meters SOUTH of HOA LONG village. The fire was received from the WEST side of the road.
 - (2) (201350H). D/5 RAR found a concealed tunnel entrance at YS422648. The entrance ran in to a bunker tunnel system which had NOT been used in years. The Engineers called in to assist did NOT destroy it.
 - b - c OMITTED
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY
 - (1) Late entry. (192045H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC camp and supply area at YS612762. Results unknown.
 - (2) (200834H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC camp and dam at YS555809. The dam was destroyed.
 - (3) (200857H). An airstrike was conducted on YS607772. A small secondary fire resulted which produced white smoke.
 - (4) (201230H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC camp at YS551808. Results unknown.
 - (5) (201715H). An airstrike was conducted at YS622828. Three secondary fires resulted which produced black smoke.
 - (6) (201800H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC camp at YS433782. Two huts were destroyed, one of which burst into flame producing dense white smoke.
 - (7) (202025H). Many lights in grid square YS3981 and YS3982 and also area bounded by YS370810, YS370825, YS395825 and YS395810. Friendly aircraft drew fire in these areas and strikes were conducted on YS412831 and also on YS393820 where 2 CBUs were dropped directly on about 30 lights. Results unknown.
 - e. OMITTED.
 - f. SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS:

(1) Friendly aircraft	(1) Friendly aircraft
(2) 2 x M117s and 20mm	(2) 4 x 750 GP, 4 x NAP, 20mm.
(3) 1	(3) 3
(4) NOT known	(4) NOT known
(5) White	(5) Black
(6) NOT known	(6) NOT known

(1) Friendly aircraft
(2) 4 x 117s, 4 x 750lb, NAP and 20mm
(3) 1
(4) NOT known
(5) Dense White
(6) NOT known
 - g - h OMITTED
4. NIL
5. No change to INTSUM No 102

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6 - 10 OMITTED

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12. No change to INTSUM No 196.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 201, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 190001H to 192400H December 1966.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (191520H). Security forces received an unknown number of SA rounds from YS454756. Enemy estimated at 4 VC; there were no casualties. An APC patrol was despatched with negative results.
 - b - c OMITTED.
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (190031H). An airstrike was conducted against YS622705 and YS579732. Bo BDA.
 - (2) (191255H). An airstrike was conducted on a suspected enemy base camp at YS513706. There resulted 1 small fire with white smoke.
 - (3) (191405H). Trails in the vicinity of YS5380 show signs of extensive use during the past 48 hours.
 - (4) (191430H). An airstrike was conducted against an enemy base camp and supply area at YS350793. Negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.
 - (5) (191740H). An aerial observer fired rockets at a concealed hut at YS574694 which resulted in his sighting people running from the area. Artillery engaged with no further results.
 - (6) (192045H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC camp and supply area at YS612762. No BDA.
 - e - h OMITTED.
4. Nil.
5. Obstacles and Barriers. No change to INTSUM No 102.
- 6.- 10. OMITTED.
11. No change to INTSUM No 153.
12. No change to INTSUM No 196.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 200, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 180001H to 182400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR PERIOD: There was one contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) (181340H). C/6 RAR contacted 2 local VC at YS319626. One VC was dressed in black pyjamas and one in shorts and white hat. The weapons they carried were 1 X M1 rifle and 1 X M1 or M2 carbine. After contact the VC withdrew in a WEST to SOUTH WEST direction. 1 black jacket and 1 white hat were recovered. There were NO casualties.(FRI.)

b - c OMITTED.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) LATE ENTRY (171615H). There are heavily used foot trails in grid squares YS3578 and YS3579. A VC base camp is possibly located in area YS350793.

(2) (180750H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC camp at YS539789. The trail was damaged and no further BDA due to smoke and foliage.

(3) (181230H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC camp at the junction of two trails YS432796. One trail was damaged.

(4) (181230H). An airstrike was conducted in the area of YS443798. There was one large secondary explosion and one small secondary explosion and also 100 mats were destroyed.

(5) (181340H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC Supply area at YS394821. The strike cut one trail and no further results known due to smoke and foliage.

(6) (181500H). At YS555809 there is a concrete dam diverting the river water into the trees. The dam's dimensions are 25 to 30 feet long, 4 feet wide and 8 feet high. Most of the concrete is under the trees. 100 meters SOUTH WEST of the dam there is another bridge under the trees and at YS551808 there is another bridge over the river. This area has been heavily used recently.

(7) (181837H). An airstrike was conducted in the area YS365812. One secondary fire produced white smoke, other results unknown.

(8) (182010H). An airstrike was conducted in the area YS426793. Results unknown.

(9) (182010H). An airstrike was conducted in the area YS420824. Results unknown.

(10) (182110H). Flare ship reported gun flashes 500 meters NORTH WEST of the road intersection at YS6266 and returned fire. At YS6178 the Flare ship again received ground fire and recoilless rifle fire with airbursts between 2000 and 4000 feet.

(11) (182130H). At YS5877 the Flare ship received fire from the NORTH edge of the plantation where it runs EAST to WEST. Flare ship again returned the fire.

(12) (18182140H). At YS616644 ground fire was received by FAC and the Flare ship again returned the fire.

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e. Omitted.

f. SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS:

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|---|-------------------------------|
| (1) Friendly aircraft | (1) Friendly aircraft |
| (2) 4 CBU, 4 Mark 82HD
& 4 500lb LD. | (2) 6 Mark 82 LD, 2 CBU 12's. |
| (3) 2 | (3) 1 |
| (4)) | (4) Unknown |
| (5)) | (5) White |
| (6)) UNKNOWN | (6) Unknown |

g. OMITTED

h. (181430H). Sympathisers have reported that a VC squad move into HAO LONG village at YS418644 about 1600H every day and leave about 1700H. Their mission is to shoot at single military vehicles and in particular officers.

4. NIL

5. No change to INTSUM No 102.

6 - 10 OMITTED

11. No change to INTSUM No 153.

12. No change to INTSUM No 196.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 199, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 170001H to 172400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR PERIOD: There was one contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY.
 - (1) (171600H). A vehicle received several rounds of SA fire from the vicinity YS421645. There were NO casualties.
 - b-c. Omitted.
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY.
 - (1) Late Entry (161430H). Visual reconnaissance reported that there are cleared areas under heavy foliage along the stream in area YS526812. Indication of a possible Base camp.
 - (2) Late Entry (161430H). Heavily used foot trails lead into area YS530789. Indication of a possible Base or Staging camp.
 - (3) Late Entry (161500H). There is heavy traffic on route 328 between YS604769 and YS612677 and only light traffic from this point SOUTH to route 23. At YS612677 the heavy traffic leaves route 328 and moves SOUTH around the plantation and then SOUTH WEST to rice area above SONG RAI in grid square YS5966.
 - (4) (170825H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC Supply area and Base camp. Results unknown.
 - (5) (171045H). An airstrike was conducted in area of YS496836. Results unknown.
 - (6) (171247H). An airstrike was conducted in area of YS418780. Results unknown.
 - (7) (171247H). An airstrike was conducted in area of YS549789. Results unknown.
 - (8) (171300H). Activity in area of YS488733. There are a few ox-carts and heavily used foot trails in this area.
 - (9) (171345H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC camp at YS574783. Four bunkers were destroyed.
 - (10) (171355H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC camp at YS574805. Four bunkers were destroyed and 1 VC was KBA.
 - e-h. Omitted.
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.
 - a. KIA CONFIRMED POSSIBLE
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 - b-c. Nil.

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5. No change to INTSUM No 102.
- 6-10. Omitted.
11. No change to INTSUM No 153.
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 198, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 160001H to 162400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) Late Entry. (151830H). 5/B/6 RAR found a small enemy camp at YS280664. Camp consisted of 12 weapon pits in a defensive layout, no OHP. Camp approximately one month old.

(2) (160915H). 1/A/6 RAR found 2 boats, some small camps and unloading points at YS228739. The boats were destroyed.

(3) (161400H). 6 RAR found a Coy sized position at YS243725. Camp consisted of 2 mortar pits and crawl trenches approx 12 months old, not used in the last 6 months. Some well established, but not recently used, foot and bullock cart trails run East-West into clearings at YS232725 and YS231731. Unloading points were found at YS230734, YS220738 and YS228738. All have been subjected to airstrikes in the past and have not been recently used.

b-c. Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY.

(1) (160830H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC training camp at YS530740 with unknown results.

(2) (161000H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC supply area at YS573682 with unknown results.

(3) (161130H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS406821 with unknown results.

(4) Late Entry. (151745H). 3 heavily laden ox-carts were observed at YS394825 and engaged by artillery from Duc-Thanh resulting in 6 oxen KBA.

4. Nil.

5. No change to INTSUM no 102.

6-8. Omitted.

9. ESTIMATED NUMBER AND TYPE OF VEHICLES OR CRAFT:

a. A document captured by 1 ATF on 26 Nov 66 at YS584666 was originated by Group 84 (Rear Services Unit) and dealt with the matter of reporting. Some of the information required in quarterly reports includes:

(1) Transportation specialists (drivers, sailors, mechanics).

(2) Transport equipment:

(a) Trucks, including GMC, 4 x 4 Dodge and NANNOMAG trucks.

(b) Outboard motor boats equipped with BROTER, LENDOU and ZANA motors.

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b. There has been evidence in the past month of vehicular movement along Route 328 (West of Xuyen Moc YS6568) from THUA TICH (YS6181) to approximately YS6168. The AP THUAN BEN area YS6758) has also been referred to in captured documents and by Project 1211 as a sea-infiltration point.

c. It would appear that the VC are landing supplies along the coast at YS6758, manhandling them to YS6168 and then moving them by vehicle to the MAY-TAO secret zone or possibly further North to War Zone D.

d. Air intelligence generated by this unit tends to support the VR reports contained in para 3 h (2) (f) of 2 FFV PERINTREP No 39 dated 121200H Dec 66. Tracks have been followed from the suspected landing points North-West to the vicinity of BAU-MANG (YS6679).

10. Omitted.

11. No change to INTSUM No 153.

12. No change to INTSUM No 196.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 197, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 150001H to 152400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY.
 - (1) LATE ENTRY. (142000). From YS444666 lights 300 metres from the wire were sighted on a bearing of 1740 mils.
 - b-c. Omitted.
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY.
 - (1) LATE ENTRY (142020H). FAC sighted 2 camp fires NORTH of BINH GIA which were put out after FAC flew over. The approximate location was YS515810.
 - (2) LATE ENTRY (142130H). FAC sighted lights in the jungle in the vicinity of YS4973. Artillery engaged and extinguished the lights.
Comment: Lights are probably being used by local farmers to harvest or transport rice for the VC.
 - (3) (151500H). All cart tracks in the area NORTH of BINH GIA (YS5977) from Route 2 NORTH EAST to THUA-TICH (YS6181) have received moderate to heavy use in the past 48 hours. There are possible VC base camps at YS502820, YS574805 and YS585796. A search of square YS5578 for a reported VC battalion disclosed moderate fresh foot trails in the area and a weapon pit in the vicinity of YS549788.
 - (4) (151630H). There is a freshly used ox-cart track in the area of YS519714 and YS522708. Traffic has come into the area from the NORTH.
 - e-h. Omitted.
4. Nil.
5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS. No change to INTSUM No 102.
- 6-10. Omitted.
11. No change to INTSUM no 153.
12. No change to INTSUM No 196.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 196, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 140001H to 142400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a-c. Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY.

- (1) (141035H). An airstrike was conducted against an unknown number of VC at YS668608. Ordnance 100% on target, no further BDA due to foliage.
- (2) (141130H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS355738 with unknown results.
- (3) (141300H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS354792 with unknown results.
- (4) (141500H). Vehicle traffic from Route 2, through plantations at YS5083 and YS5284, East to SONG RAI at YS584856 and then to Route 328 in vicinity of XON-XA-NAM has had heavy ox-cart and foot traffic in the last two days. This trail has been only used by light foot traffic in the last three months. There appears to be a large heavily used staging area or base camp on the West side of the SONG-RAI at YS5885 and YS5785.
- (5) (141757H). An Albatross aircraft received an unknown number of rounds from YS348648. (ENI).
- (6) (142120H). While checking suspect lights a FAC drew an unknown number of rounds from YS4380. FAC remained in the area to direct artillery fire which engaged with unknown results. (ENI).



e-g. Omitted.

h. Other Activity:

- (1) (141700H). A civilian sympathiser from GINH-GIA (YS4978) reported one VC Bn in green uniforms and steel helmets at YS492802.

4. Nil.
5. No change to INTSUM No 102.
- 6-10. Omitted.

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11. No change to INTSUM No 153.

12. a. An increasing number of agent and other reports indicates that 274 Regt has probably moved towards Route 2, away from friendly operations in the North-West HAT-DICH.

b. Agent reports and trail activity North-East of BINH-GIA (YS5077) indicate this village a likely target in the near future. Attacking force would probably be 275 Regt. An attack on BINH-GIA would probably include a smaller attack on DUC-TANH (YS4677) and Sub-Sector HQ.


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1. 1 Australian Task Force Intsum No 195, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 130001H to 132400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.
 - a-c. Omitted.
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY: Visual reconnaissance revealed the following:
 - (1) (131630H). A trail complex around YS5180 extending into YS5080, YS5081 and YS5280. At least 4 ox-carts have used the trails within the past 24 hours.
 - (2) (131630H). A vehicle track on Route 328 heading NORTH turns off on an established trail at YS605776.
 - (3) (131630H). Route 328 has had recent heavy traffic at YS588758.
 - (4) (131630H). There is a suspected hut at YS568774.
 - (5) (131630H). An ox-cart was seen entering the jungle at YS475818.
 - e-h. Omitted.
4. Nil.
5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS: No change to Intsum No 102.
- 6-10. Omitted.
11. No change to INTSUM No 153.
12. No change to INTSUM No 194.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 194, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 120001H to 122400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY: There were several contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) (121205H). A reconnaissance platoon of 5 RAR sighted 3 armed VC dressed in black at YS288720. A LFT engaged the area with unknown results. The Recce platoon then swept the area with negative results. COMMENT: The location of this sighting is very close to a base camp reported to be at YS287716 by NGUYEN-VAN-CAU, a PW captured by 173 ABN BDE (SEP) at YS224790. There have been no base camps or rice caches located in this area since operation QUEANBEYAN in October this year. (FRI).

(2) (121700H). 6/B/5 RAR received an unknown number of SA's rounds from a sniper at YS264727. The area was engaged by artillery with negative results. (ENI).

(3) (121825H). 5 RAR contacted 2 VC at YS262747 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA and one weapon captured. The VC WIA escaped North to North West. (FRI).

(4) (121910H). B/5 RAR observed movement of one figure to the North of their perimeter at YS257734. The area was engaged with M79 fire with unknown results. B/Coy reported further movement on their perimeter at 1920H. (ENI).

b-o. Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) (121100H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC staging area at YS422784. Results unknown.

(2) (120950H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft received one round of SA's fire from YS604745. Aircraft flying South-East at apprx 50ft, speed 100kts. The shot sounded very close. (ENI).

(3) (121600H). Visual reconnaissance observed signs of heavy activity in the area of YS366732.

e-f. . Omitted

g. Not known.

h. Omitted.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a. <u>KIA by</u>	<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>POSSIBLE</u>
Ground Forces	1	-
b. Nil		
c. (a) Not known at this stage.		
(b) 1.		
(c) Unknown.		
(d) YS262747		
(e) Unknown.		

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5. No change to No 102.

6-10. Omitted.

11. No change to INTSUM No 153.

12. Conclusions:

a. Indications are that 275 Regt is again ready to go on the offensive. Likely targets are in Southern LONG KHANH Province. In PHUOC-TUY, possible ~~VC~~ targets are XUYEN MOC (YS6668) and BINH-GIA (YS4878).

b. 274 Regt is unlikely to ambush Hwy 15 during operations Canary or Duck, but an ambush is possible at the conclusion of these operations. The most likely area is North of PHUOC HOA (YS2863). An attack on PHU MY (YS2377) is also likely at any time as is an attack on BINH BA (YS4574), DUC-TANH (YS4677) and BINH-GIA.

c. D445 Bn is continuing its current series of offensive operations and likely targets in the coming weeks are DAT-DO (YS5059), LONG-DIEN (YS4260), XUYEN-MOC (YS6668) and AN-NGAI (YS4459).

d. In the wake of recent VC successes in PHUOC-TUY increased guerilla activity can be expected.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 193, CP location YS4366.

2. PERIOD COVERED: From 110001H to 112400H December 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) Late Entry. (100210H) A/5RAR found an old ambush position 30 metres from the road in the vicinity of YS275653. It consisted of 10 weapon pits in line and facing the road. They covered a distance of 100 metres. The pits were from 3 feet to 4 feet 6 inches deep.

(2) (110930H) 2/A/5RAR found a company sized installation covering an area of 100 metres by 40 metres, 70% of the weapon pits have OHP. They were approximately one month old.

COMMENT: These pits may have been dug in preparation for an ambush on Highway 15 as revealed in NAM HUNG'S note book.

b-c. Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) (111030H) An airstrike was conducted on a suspected VC staging area at YS532799.

(2) (111412H) A rice mat and hutches were sighted in the area of YS345762. Artillery engaged with unknown results.

e-h. Omitted.

4. Nil.

5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS: No change to INTSUM No 102.

6-10. Omitted.

11. No change to INTSUM No 153.

12. No change to INTSUM No 149.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 192, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 100001H to 102400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) Late Entry. (092010H) Two ARVN Coy's were attacked by up to a Bn of VC at YS363621. The VC engaged from the East with 57 MM RR's, 12.7 MM HMG's and SA's inflicting the following casualties: 11 KIA, 26 WIA, 184 MIA, captured: 1 x 81 MM mortar, 79 rifles and possibly 1 x 60 MM mortar. The VC Bn was not positively identified but is thought to have been either 265 Bn/274 Regt or D445 Provincial Bn. After contact was broken the VC withdrew either North or East. Enemy losses were 2 VC KIA (BC).
- (2) (101215H) 5 RAR found a squad sized installation astride an ox-cart track at YS292681, approx 1 week old.

b-c. Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) (101240H) An immediate airstrike was conducted against a VC Bn at YS359655. Ordnance 100% on target, no further BDA due to smoke and foliage.
- (2) (101245H) An airstrike was conducted against a suspected VC staging area at YS564679. 100% target covered, no further BDA due to foliage.

e-h. Omitted.

4. Nil.
5. No change to INTSUM No 153.
- 6-10. Omitted.
11. No change to INTSUM No 153
12. No change to INTSUM No 149.

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2. PERIOD COVERED: From 090001H to 092400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a-c. Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY

- (1) (090937H) An airstrike was conducted against a VC camp at YS608759 and YS605797. One large secondary fire and two small fires with white smoke was observed on the first strike area, and one small secondary fire with white smoke was observed on the second strike. No further BDA.
- (2) (091515H) An airstrike was conducted against a VC camp at YS622766. 100% on target, 100% target coverage. Results: One hut destroyed, no further BDA due to smoke and foliage.

e-h. Omitted.

4. Nil.
5. No change to INTSUM No 102.
- 6-10. Omitted.
11. No change to INTSUM No 153.
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 190, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 080001H to 082400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (081422H) RF brought in a 75mm RCL projectile which was found in a camouflaged position at YS280662. This could be one of a supply for a future attack.
 - b - c. Omitted.
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (080735H) An airstrike was conducted against a water tower, and bunkers in the areas of YS608813 and YS629827. 1 bunker was destroyed. There was no further BDA due to foliage.
 - (2) (080945H) An old ox-cart track at YS520680 which runs North to 126 feature (YS5271) has been used by 6 ox-carts for the first time in three weeks.
 - (3) (081000H) There was heavy ox-cart traffic from the South into a clump of timber in the vicinity of YS546664. There was medium traffic moving North to LO - O stream. There is a possible staging area at YS546664.
 - (4) (081030H) There has been very heavy ox-cart and foot traffic in the vicinity of YS564679 during the past 24 hours.
 - (5) (081155H) An airstrike was conducted against a VC camp and bunkers in the areas of YS581795 and YS609813.
 - (6) (081615H) An airstrike was conducted against a VC camp in the areas of YS608759 and YS608813. 2 structures were destroyed, and the camp was completely saturated.
 - (7) (081540H) A number of weapon pits were sighted under rubber trees in the vicinity of YS443829.
 - (8) (081540H) In the North West of the TAOR all tracks have had light to medium use within the past 24 hours.
 - e - h. Omitted.
4. Nil.
5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS: No change to INTSUM No 102.
- 6-10 Omitted.
11. No change to INTSUM No 153.
12. No change to INTSUM No 149.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 189, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 070001H to 072400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

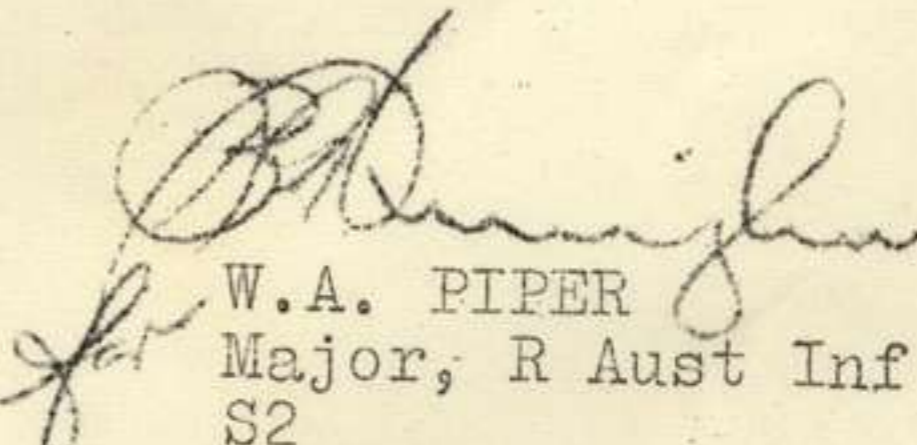
a. - c. Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) (070915H) An airstrike was conducted against a VC camp at YS333751 with unknown results.
- (2) (071300H) An airstrike was conducted against a reported VC Bn with unknown results.
- (3) (070707H) An aircraft observed that fires emitting white smoke were still burning at the site of yesterday's airstrike at YS615795.
- (4) (071440H) Visual reconnaissance observed signs of mass movement of ox-carts South along HWY 328 to YS603769. Then South-East to YS615759, East to YS622760 and North-East to YS628770. A foxhole was observed under the trees at YS628769. Also signs of heavy traffic at YS626774 to YS607776, East to YS638774 and North-East to YS645793, crossing a creek.
- (5) (071500H) Visual reconnaissance observed signs of heavy use of foot tracks in the area YS404825, YS419825, YS404817 and YS419817. Also a number of weapon pits have been dug in this area under the bamboo and heavier timber.

e - h. Omitted.

4. Nil.
5. No change to INTSUM No 102.
- 6 - 10. Omitted.
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2. Period covered from 060001H to 062400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY.

- (1) (061010H) D/5RAR discovered an OP at YS39635. The OP had been occupied by 4 men in the last four days.
- (2) (061230H) C/5RAR discovered a boat hide at YS234713. Estimate the boats were removed yesterday.

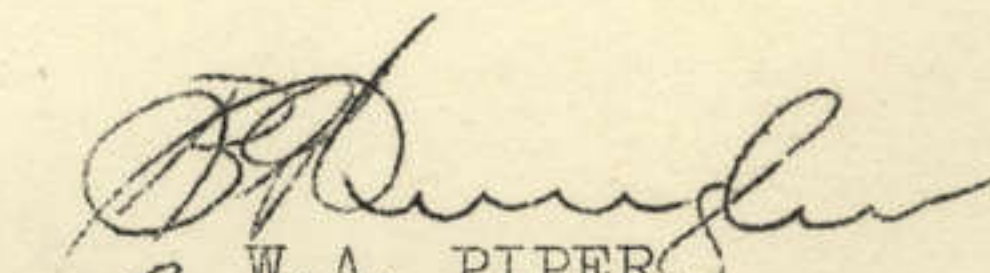
b-c Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY.

- (1) (061035H) An airstrike was conducted against VC base camp and staging area at YS532799. No BDA.
- (2) (061210H) An airstrike was conducted against VC base camp at YS622828. There was one secondary explosion with an orange ball of fire and two secondary fires with white smoke, three structures were destroyed. Some ordnance was also dropped on YS615795, a VC charcoal processing area. Negative BDA due to smoke.

e-h Omitted.

4. Omitted.
5. No change to INTSUM No 102.
- 6-10 Omitted.
11. No change to INTSUM No 153.
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2. Period covered from 050001H to 052400H December 1966.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD. There was one contact with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY.

- 1) (050930H) A/5RAR found a small hamlet widely scattered over an area of 200 x 50 metres at YS326641. It consisted of 1 tin hut, 4 ATTAP huts and 1 hut frame. They were all destroyed. 120lbs rice and a small quantity of female accessories and clothing were found in caves in the area. Some books and documents recovered all believed to be Buddhist literature. There was also a wooden look-out placed in a high rock facing SOUTH and SOUTH-EAST, and a 20 feet deep well was found in the area. This may have been the location from which a light aircraft received ground fire during Operation ROBIN.
- (2) (051732H) 8/C/6RAR contacted 12 VC at YS435638. They were probably local VC. The results were 5 VC KIA and 12 weapons were captured. The VC withdrew SOUTH WEST (FRI)

b-c omitted

d. AIR ACTIVITY

- (1) LATE ENTRY. (041755H) In the area of YS5981, YS6282 and YS6281 there are fresh gardens and huts. There is an antenna on a water tower at YS608813. FAC has received jamming from this position.
- (2) (050855H) An airstrike was conducted at YS315748.
- (3) (050925H) An airstrike was conducted at YS608813.
- (4) (051425H) An airstrike was conducted against a suspected VC supply base at YS598806.

e-f omitted

g unknown

h omitted

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES

a. KIA by	<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>Possible</u>
Ground Forces	5	-
b. NIL		
c. (a) S/A weapons		
(b) 12		
(c) Unknown		
(d) YS435638		
(e) Unknown		

5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS
No change to INTSUM No 102.

6-10 omitted

11 No change to INTSUM No 153

12 No change to INTSUM No 149

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 186, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 040001H to 042400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (041340H). B/5 RAR found a friction grenade at YS277679, which was destroyed.
 - b. - c. Omitted.
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (041030H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS541713. No BDA due to foliage.
 - (2) (041350H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC staging area at YS373804. No BDA due to foliage.
 - (3) (041600H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS385813. No BDA due to foliage.
 - (4) (041600H). A Cessna aircraft received a burst of concentrated SA fire from YS620823. The aircraft was flying SOUTH, height 1200 feet, speed 90 knots. A LFT was called in and the Cessna was requested to remain in the area. At 1620H the Cessna was flying low below a ridge which hid it from the area of previous fire, when a projectile was fired at the aircraft from YS596814. The projectile appeared to have a yellow flame about 3-4 feet long and about 3-4 inches thick. It was thought to have been fired from an RCL or a similar type of weapon. The Cessna was flying SOUTH WEST, at ground level, speed 100 knots. LFT engaged the area with unknown results. (ENI)
 - e. - f. Omitted.
 - g. Unknown.
 - h. OTHER ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (021915H). D/5 RAR sighted flashing lights at YS361660. Engaged by artillery with unknown results.
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:
 - a. Nil.
 - b. Nil.
 - c.
 - (a) Friction grenade
 - (b) One
 - (c) CHICOM
 - (d) YS277679
 - (e) Not known
5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

No change to INTSUM No 102.
6. - 10. Omitted.
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2. PERIOD COVERED: From 030001H to 032400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. - c. Omitted.
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (031430H). An airstrike was conducted against a suspected VC concentration at YS402751. 100% on target and 100% coverage, there was no further BDA.
 - (2) (031730H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC base area at YS395837. All ordnance was on target and there was 100% coverage. One secondary fire with heavy black smoke was observed during the strike.
 - e. - h. Omitted.
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:
 - a. Nil.
 - b.

<u>Captives</u>	<u>Returnees</u>	<u>Suspects</u>
1	Nil	6
 - c. Nil.
5. No change to INTSUM No 102.
6. Omitted.
7. NEW IDENTIFICATIONS:

(Ref INTSUM No 179 Sub-para (2)). Interrogation revealed that VCC was a member of D455 which attacked PHUOC HAI on the 21 Nov 66. Interrogation report follows.
8. - 10. Omitted.
11. No change to INTSUM No 153.
12. No change to INTSUM No 149.

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2. PERIOD COVERED: From 020001H to 022400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There was minor contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (020930H). B/6 RAR contacted 3 VC at YS622655 and at YS623652. The VC were moving from EAST to WEST. The results were 2 VCS including 1 female, 1 VC KIA. (FRI)
- (2) (021140H). VC command detonated a mine against D/6 RAR at YS634653. This action resulted in 1 Aust KIA, 10 Aust WIA and 3 civilians wounded. (ENIRF)
- (3) (021200H). VC detonated a mine against C/6 RAR at YS627657. There was 1 Aust WIA. (ENIRF)
- (4) (021230H). B/6 RAR discovered an anti-tank mine at YS623651. They followed the mine cable SOUTH of this location to an unoccupied bunker.

b. - f. Omitted.

g. Unknown.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) (021950H). B/5 RAR reported probing on their perimeter, by at least one man, in the vicinity of YS443688.
- (2) (022145H). C/5 RAR sighted a light 100 metres from the wire. Artillery engaged with unknown results.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a.	<u>KIA by</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>Possible</u>
	Ground Forces	1	-
b.	<u>Captives</u>	<u>Returnees</u>	<u>Suspects</u>
	-	-	2
c.	Nil.		

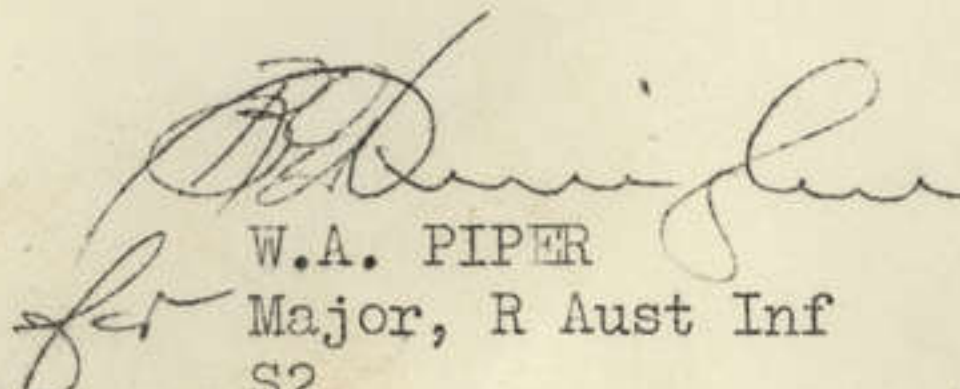
5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

No change to INTSUM No 102.

6. - 10. Omitted.

11. No change to INTSUM No 153.

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2. PERIOD COVERED: From 010001H to 012400H December 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (011130H). A 5 RAR patrol detained 8 civilians at YS445715, one of whom was of military age and not in possession of an ID card. This detainee was evacuated to this location where he proved to be an illiterate Montagnard. He was then evacuated to 10th MID Det for interrogation.
- (2) (011812H). B/6 RAR detained one male dressed in shorts and a T-shirt, at YS611672. He will be evacuated to this location for interrogation.

b. - c. Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) (010730H). An airstrike was conducted on a suspected VC base camp at YS576832. One secondary fire of grey smoke resulted. No further BDA due to foliage.
- (2) (010930H). Visual reconnaissance observed well used foot trails at YS395837, indicating a possible VC base camp.
- (3) (011030H). Visual reconnaissance observed that all cart tracks and trails NORTH of the HAT DICH area showed signs of medium to heavy use in the past 24 hours.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a. Nil.

<u>Captives</u>	<u>Returnees</u>	<u>Suspects</u>
VC	-	2

c. Nil.

5. No change to INTSUM No 102.

6. - 10. Omitted.

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4. Except when acting in the course of his duty, a member will not deliver or transmit to, or attempt to deliver or transmit to, any other person, or acquire in any way from, or attempt to acquire in any way from, any other person, firearms or explosives which are the property of the Commonwealth.
5. Where unaccompanied baggage of members serving overseas is being forwarded to Australia, it will be inspected by MFO, or the responsible officer concerned, prior to its acceptance for despatch. Any unauthorised firearms and explosives will be removed.
6. When any member is charged with an offence in respect of any act, conduct or omission described by this instruction, the offence will be dealt with summarily without the approval of superior authority.

PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS - ENTRY INTO AUSTRALIA

162. Members who wish to import privately owned firearms and ammunition into Australia are to comply with the following requirements :-
- Obtain from Commonwealth and State authorities, where relevant, the necessary permission, registration or certificate. Commonwealth and State requirements are tabled in Annex 'A' to this order.
 - Apply in writing, through unit, to HQ AFV for permission to take a weapon to Australia. Relevant Customs permission, State licence, etc., are to be attached to the application. These will be returned to the member by HQ AFV.
2. Because of the ban on firearms in NSW, members returning to their home State through Sydney are required to surrender any privately owned firearms in Sydney for immediate dispatch to their home state.

DECLARATION OF PREVALENT OFFENCE - LOSS OF IDENTITY CARDS (AAF A129)

163. A large number of cases have been recorded in the Force where Identity Cards (AAF A129) have been lost or misplaced by members.
2. As the Identity Card is a security document, and its loss of serious consequence, such loss is declared a prevalent offence from the date of publication of this order.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

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OFFICER COMMANDING 1 ATF SGN BAAC

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NOTE

MALARIA

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1. During recent operations there has been a significant increase in malaria. The type of malaria is MALIGNANT TERTIAN (MT) (Falciparum).
2. There have been 17 cases in five days and it is expected that up to 20 more cases may occur.
3. This instruction lays down the Task Force policy on the precautions to be taken.

BASE AREA

4. Because infected persons have returned to the base area there is a possibility that MT Malaria could be contracted in the base area. This means:-
 - a. Every pool and waterhole must be covered with kerosene/diesel oil to prevent breeding. 1 ATF Hygiene squad will take care of those not in unit/sub unit areas.
 - b. Maximum use is to be made of swing fog and Teiffer machines.
 - c. Maximum use is to be made of knockdown aerosol spray in tents and buildings.
 - d. At night, picquets/sentries are to wear mosquito veils and use insect repellent on the exposed parts of the body.
 - e. Mosquito nets must be used.
 - f. Sleeves are to be rolled down from dusk (1830 hours) to dawn (0630 hours).

DURING OPERATIONS

5. Depending on the tactical situation every effort must be made to harbour at least 500 yards clear of likely infected areas. These areas are VC camp sites (which have been occupied during the preceding 10 days), villages and hamlets.
6. Insect repellent is to be used on the exposed parts of the body and clothing, day and night.
7. Mosquito veils are to be worn by all picquets, sentries and ambush parties from dusk to dawn.
8. Mosquito nets are to be carried and used.

R and R / R and C

R AND R - R AND C

9. All members going on R and R, R and C are to be issued with sufficient paludrine to last them over the anticipated period of absence.
10. Members are to be warned that if they become feverish they should report sick to the nearest medical installation. Their fever may be MF Malaria.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11. Clothing is to be treated with anti mite solution once per month. This treatment assists in keeping the mosquito off the clothing.
12. All outer clothing and mosquito nets/veils are to be sprayed with Amazon pressure pack repellent every other day.
13. ~~Company~~ Troop commanders are to personally ensure clothing is treated.
14. Mosquito nets/veils are to be inspected as often as possible. This inspection must occur before and after each operation or at least fortnightly.

MEDICAL OFFICERS

15. Medical officers have received special instructions through medical channels on the diagnosis and treatment of malaria.

CONCLUSION

16. Paludrine appears to be 100% safeguard against Benign Tertian (BT) Malaria but only 30% proof against MF Malaria.
17. Because of the 70% of resistant MF Malaria all officers, all non-commissioned officers must be more than careful in ensuring mosquito precautions are carried out. They must be fanatical not merely efficient.

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HOUSE

155. To be notified.

AFHS (AFV SIG A14245 refers)

156. Army health benefits society closes Albert Park Barracks and reopens Chaney House, 483 Bourke St, MELBOURNE as from 10 Nov 66.

1 ATF PX (

157. The 1 ATF PX will be open for business with effect of 1000 hrs on the 30 November.

HOURS OF TRADING. 1000 - 1600 hrs daily except Sundays.

The facilities for purchase of attractive items such as watches, tape recorders, radios etc are not available to the following units who have drawn their unit allocations:-

- 1 Pd Regt
- 5 RAR
- 6 RAR
- 3 SAS.

The facilities for purchase of other gift lines and toys are available to all troops.

ALL PERSONNEL WILL REQUIRE ID CARDS AND PX CARDS which will be required to be produced prior to such services.

LUSCOMBE FIELD

158. With immediate effect, the following restrictions will be applied to LUSCOMBE airfield 1 ATF.

a. Vehicle Movement.

- (1) There is to be ~~NO~~ vehicle movement on the airstrip proper or the cleared area either side other than engineer construction vehicles.
- (2) A road is to be constructed SOUTH of the airstrip, parallel to CANTIERIA Avenue. Entry to the loading area will be from the EAST along the road.

b. Helicopter Operations.

- (1) It is planned to construct a helicopter landing site SOUTH of the western end of the airstrip. This LS will be used for major 5 RAR air mobile operations.

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- b. (2) Until this LZ is constructed, 5 SAR helicopter operations may be mounted from the cleared area, SOUTH of the Eastern end of the airstrip, and EAST of the proposed transport aircraft hard standing and loading area.

2/ Disciplinary action will be taken against personnel not observing the above instructions.

PREVALENT DISEASE - HEPATITIS

159. From 25 Oct to 25 Nov 66 (5) five cases of hepatitis have been reported.

Each case was investigated and it appears that the most probable cause of the outbreak is due to the followings:-

- a. Contaminated food consumed in VIETNAMESE establishments.
 - b. Drinks, contaminated either by local ice or water consumed in bars at BAHIA or VUNG TAU.
2. To prevent further cases of hepatitis from occurring the following measures are to be taken by all soldiers visiting VUNG TAU or BAHIA:-
- a. Obtain food from US or AUSTRALIAN source only e.g. R & C Centre, Beachcenter, SnackBar at the airfield.
 - b. Not to drink water or consume ice in VIETNAMESE establishments.
 - c. As glass washing facilities are very primitive it is preferable to drink out of a bottle or can.
 - d. Swim at Beach Beach only.
3. All abdominal complaints, especially in respect to food handlers, are to be reported immediately to MED.


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NOTICE

TO ALL PEOPLE IN THE III CORPS TACTICAL ZONE:

The safety of all people of the III Corps Tactical Zone is of great concern to bot of us; not only safety from the VC, but also safety upon our highways and roads.

It is obvious that in order to support the combat troops fighting the VC, vast amounts of supplies, food, ammunition and equipment must be moved by vehicular means along all roads of the III Corps area. Because of the limited network of roads and the large vehicles, traffic has become more congested, increasing the traffic accident potential.

Safety of all persons is of utmost concern to us. Therefore, we ask that all of you, pedestrians and drivers alike, abide by these simple rules:

- Be courteous to the other driver or pedestrian.
- Be patient - many vehicles on narrow roads will cause delays.
- Do not drive at excessive speeds - adjust your speed to the conditions.
- Signal your turns well in advance.
- Do not follow the vehicle in front too closely - he may have to stop suddenly.
- Obey all traffic laws.
- Make sure your vehicle is in good mechanical condition.
- Pedestrians should look both ways when crossing streets.
- Do not let your children dash into the street.

If we all observe these simple rules the loss of property and lives will be greatly lessened.

We, the Commanders of the VIETNAMESE and AMERICAN Forces in the III Corps Area, pledge that all Armed Forces Personnel shall exercise maximum courtesy, caution, and consideration and will abide by the rules above.

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Frag Order 2-15-66 to Opord 1-15-66 (Op INGHAM).

Reference: Same as Opord 1-15-66 (Op Ingham).

1. This supplements Opord 1-15-66 and is issued as Confirmatory Notes to a Coordinating Conference on Op INGHAM held at HQ 1 ATF at 161500H November 1966.
2. Amend paragraph 3b(1) to read as follows:
 - "(1) Provide protection for fire support bases as follows:
 - (a) Displace one company plus two platoons to fire support base vicinity YS4565 by TCV on D Day to secure the area for and protect 161 Fd Bty RNZA.
 - (b) Move one company forward by foot on D Day to vicinity YS5065. Secure fire support base vicinity YS5065 by 0800 hours D plus 1 prior to occupation by 101 Fd Bty RAA, one pl Bty A, 2/35 US Arty, and one pl 5 RAR.
 - (c) Return one platoon to 1 ATF Base Camp by foot from fire support base vicinity YS4565 on D plus 1 after the displacement forward to second fire support base by 161 Fd Bty RNZA, and move one platoon with 161 Fd Bty in APCs to the second fire support base.
 - (d) Place fire support base protective elements under command OC 101 Fd Bty RAA from 0830 hrs D Day."
3. Amend paragraph 3 d (2) to read "Displace 161 Fd Bty RNZA by TCV to fire support base vicinity YS4565 on D Day."
4. Amend paragraph 3 d (3) to read "Displace 101 Fd Bty RAA, one pl Bty A, 2/35 US Arty to fire support base vicinity YS5065 by APC on D plus 1."
5. Add paragraph 3 d (4) to read "Redeploy 161 Fd Bty RNZA to fire support base vicinity YS5065 by APC on D plus 1 after the displacement of 101 Fd Bty RAA and one pl Bty A, 2/35 US Arty is completed."
6. Amend paragraph 3 e (1) to read "Place Sqn in support 6 RAR for duration of operation and under command 6 RAR at times to be advised."
7. Delete paragraph 3 e (3).
8. Renumber paragraph 3 e (2) to read 3 e (3).
9. Add new paragraph 3 e (2) to read "Place Sqn (minus) under command 1 Fd Regt RAA from 1400 hours D Day until released on D plus 1."
10. Add paragraph 3 e (7) to read "Escort 161 Fd Bty RNZA to fire support base vicinity YS4565 on D Day."
11. Add paragraph 3 e (8) to read "Convey 101 Fd Bty RAA, one pl Bty A, 2/35 US Arty to fire support base vicinity YS5065 on D plus 1."
12. Add paragraph 3 e (9) to read "Carry one pl 5 RAR and 161 Fd Bty RNZA from fire support base vicinity YS4565 to second fire support base vicinity YS5065 on D plus 1 after the displacement of 101 Fd Bty RAA and one pl Bty A, 2/35 US Arty is completed."
13. Add paragraph 3 h (3) to read "One light fire team is to be available at LZ Kangaroo on call from 0800 hours D Day for duration of operation."

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- 14. Amend paragraph 5 a (1) to read "Current SOIs remain in effect for duration of operation unless otherwise advised".
- 15. Delete paragraph 5 a (2).
- 16. Add paragraph 5 a (2) to read "Current KAC-JJ codes remain in effect for duration of operation unless otherwise advised."
- 17. Add paragraph 5 a (3) to read "A rebroadcast station will be established at the second fire support base and will displace from 1 ATF Base Camp with 101 Fd Bty RAA."
- 18. Add Annex F (Sequence of Events) attached and amend list of annexes on page 4 accordingly.

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Annex F (Sequence of Events) to Frag Order 2-15-66 to Opord 1-15-66
(Op INGHAM).

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1	D Day to D plus 1		6 RAR move by APC and foot via intermediate concentration area YS513700 to final concentration areas YS530704, YS543716, and YS553719 by last light D plus 1.
2	D Day	0800 hrs	One APC sec plus one engr demolition team conduct Route clearance of Inter Provincial Route 2 (LT2).
3	D Day	0900 hrs	9 TCVs report to 5 RAR and 6 TCVs report to 161 Fd Bty RNZA.
4	D Day	1000 hrs	One coy plus two pls 5 RAR displace from 1 ATF Base Camp to fire support base vicinity YS4565.
5	D Day	1030 hrs	One coy plus two platoons 5 RAR secure fire support base. 161 Fd Bty RNZA occupies fire support base.
6	D Day	AM	One coy 5 RAR moves forward by foot to vicinity second fire support base YS5065.
7	D plus 1	1000 hrs	One coy 5 RAR secure second fire support base.
8	D plus 1		101 Fd Bty RAA and one pl Bty A, 2/35 US Arty displace from 1 ATF Base Camp to second fire support base by APC.
9	D Plus 1		161 Fd Bty RAA and one pl 5 RAR displace from first fire support base vicinity YS4565 to second fire support base vicinity YS5065 by APC.
10	D plus 1		One Platoon 5 RAR departs first fire support base vicinity YS4565 and returns to 1 ATF Base Camp by foot

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From HQ 1 ATF

To 1 APC SQN 1 FD REGT
1 FD SQN RAE
103 SIG SQN 5 RAR 6 RAR 3 SAS SQN
1 AUST RFT UNIT

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OPERATION INGHAM . COORDINATING CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT HQ 1 ATF
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Annex D (Civil Affairs/Psywar) to Opord 1-15-66 (Op INGHAM)

1. SITUATION: See Basic Order.
2. MISSION: To provide Civic Action and Psyops support for Operation INGHAM.
3. EXECUTION:
 - a. Concept of Operation:
 - (1) Civic Action/Psychological Ops Support Teams will take advantage of the opportunity to operate in DAT DO (centre of mass YS 4960) and XA XUYEN MOC (centre of mass YS 6568) during this operation. Duration will be approximately one to two weeks depending upon the tactical situation.
 - (2) Psyops in the form of Audio Broadcast and/or leaflets will be provided upon request.
 - b. Med caps: One medcap will be held in each DAT DO and XUYEN MOC. The DAT DO medcap will be held on D plus one. The XUYEN MOC. medcap will be held when the opportunity presents itself.
 - c. Dent caps: One dentcap team will accompany each medcap team.
 - d. Psyops Team: One Psyops Team will accompany each medcap and dentcap team. Educational and Propaganda movies will be shown, literature (newspapers, health leaflets, etc) will be distributed.
 - e. CA Teams: CA Teams will distribute clothing and food to local Vietnamese in both these villages. An overall check will be made on the various needs of schools, hospitals, etc.
 - f. Coordinating Instructions: The CA/Psyops and Medcap/Dentcap Teams will operate from vicinity A Bty 2/35 Arty positions in DAT DO. Location for teams at XUYEN MOC will be advised later.

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OPS 355

Frag Order 3-15-66 to OPORD 1-15-66 (Op INGHAM)

Reference: Same as OPORD 1-15-66 (Op INGHAM)

1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Current Intsum.
- b. Friendly Forces: Current Sitrep.
- c. Attachments and Detachments: NO change.

2. MISSION: 1 ATF will block and destroy D445 Bn and its installations in Area B. (See Basic Order)

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) 6 RAR (minus) moves into Area B, generally from the NW to fix and destroy D445 Bn.
- (2) 1 APC Sqn (plus) moves across River SONG RAI; adopts blocking positions to NE, EAST and SE of Area B.
- (3) 1 Fd Regt displaces one fd bty from fire support base to XUYEN MOC centre of mass YS 6568.

b. 5 RAR:

- (1) Continue to provide one company plus one platoon for protection of current fire support base.
- (2) Provide further one platoon to move by RAAF UH1B 250700H Nov to new fire support base XUYEN MOC to be under command field battery in location.
- (3) Continue to provide one company ready reaction force. (See Basic Order).
- (4) Released from requirement for providing one platoon for 1 APC Sqn base location and 1st Bn, 83d Artillery base location.

c. 6 RAR:

- (1) Retain one company under command 1 APC Sqn.
- (2) Commence fix and destroy operations against D445 Bn in Area B 250700H November.

d. 1 Fd Regt RAA:

- (1) Retain one fd bty and one pl Bty A, 2/35 Arty at current fire support base.

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- (2) Place one fd bty in fire support base area XUYEN MOC. To move by CH-47 internally loaded commencing 250700H November.
- (3) Release section 1 APC Sqn from under command at 250700H November.

e. 1 APC Sqn:

- (1) Conduct reconnaissance for crossing positions over River SONG RAI on 24 November.
- (2) Retain command one company 6 RAR and Mortar Platoon (minus) 6 RAR and one fd tp RAE.
- (3) Reassume command of one APC section from fire support base at 250700H November.
- (4) Commencing 250700H November cross River SONG RAI, move to vicinity of Route 328.
- (5) Move NORTH astride Route 328.
- (6) Occupy blocking positions from approximately river bend YS 595716 southward to approximately YS 589669. To be in position ASAP but not later than last light 25 November.
- (7) Remain in blocking position until completion of search of Area B and Area C by 6 RAR.

f. 1 Fd Sqn: Retain one fd tp under command 1 APC Sqn.

g. 3 SAS Sqn: Retain surveillance patrols in location as at present including Area E.

h. Aviation (Army):

- (1) 161 Recce Flt: No change to Basic Order.
- (2) CH-47 support required from 250700H November for displacement of one fd bty to new gun position XUYEN MOC. Number of sorties to be advised.

i. Aviation (RAAF):

- (1) No change to Basic Order.
- (2) Provide maximum UHIB capacity for movement of one platoon 5 RAR from LZ TIGER V to XUYEN MOC commencing 250700H November.

j. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Areas of Operation. See Basic Order.
- (2) Air. FAC cover to be provided during movement 1 APC Sqn from present locations to blocking positions EAST of River SONG RAI.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: Omitted.
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Basic Order:

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OP INGHAM

1. SIT

a. En Forces Annex A

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Coy 5 RAR will protect the fire base during the operation when guns are deployed outside 1 ATF Base Area.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn will provide medium recce and hunter/killer groups to NORTH and NE of AO to report on and harass en attempts to interfere with ops.

c. Atts and Dets

(1) Under Comd

1 APC Sqn (except for rationing and replenishment ammo and POL)
One Tp 1 Fd Sqn RAE

(2) In Direct Sp

161 Bty RNZA

(3) In Sp

1 Fd Regt (-)
Bty A 2/35 US Arty
Coy 5 RAR
H 13 - 161 (Indep) Recce Flt
UHIBs - 9 Sqn RAAF
FAC (airborne)
Lt fire team USAF.

2. MSN. 6 RAR is to destroy enemy and installations in AO particularly to destroy D445 Bn.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Ops

(1) Approach March

- (a) By APCs to YS 470706
- (b) By foot to intmed conc area YS 513700, then to conc areas YS 530704, YS 543716, YS 553719 (Annex Q)

(2) Recce to SE to determine pattern of en activity and search known VC track systems to line ZEBRA.

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- (3) APC Sqn with Tp 1 Fd Sqn and Mor Pl under comd to search and clear area SOUTH and WEST of SUOI LO O NHO and then adopt a blocking posn with one coy, SW of Area B.
- (4) Search Area B to line BRAVO; locate and fix suspected en forces and instls. Recce and destroy en tp concs, base instls and dumps
- (5) Move to SE and conduct similar ops in Area C to line CHARLIE
- (6) Move on decision Comd 1 ATF to search and destroy en in areas D or Area E or search and destroy in Area E and Area F (Annex Q)
- (7) Throughout Op air surveillance NE of AO to detect possible interference or rft by other elms of 5 VC Div.
- (8) Final extraction by hel or hel and APC.
- (9) Resup
 - (a) Until maj contact:-
 - i. Hel to LZ YS 5168 then by portorage to bn conc areas (first resup)
 - ii. APCs (Second resup)
 - (b) After maj contact. By air as normal.

b. Gen Outline

- (1) Prelim ops (D day - D + 1). Move by APC and foot via intmed conc area YS 513700 to final conc areas YS 530704, YS 543716, YS 553719. To be in position by last lt D + 1 and preferably earlier.
- (2) Phase 1 (D + 2 - D + 4)
 - (a) Search and destroy ops SE to line ZEBRA.
 - (b) Bn moves astride main known VC track systems and searches all other track systems loc.
 - (c) Bn HQ with bn res (One Coy) moves astride centre route.
 - (d) D + 3 CENTRE search coy moves astride track from YS 551691 - YS 538690 clearing as it moves, to LZ at YS 5168. It will receive and porter resup (2 days) to bn conc area YS 553696.
 - (e) Resup to bn D + 3 - D + 4
 - (f) APC Sqn sweeps area SOUTH and WEST of SUOI LO O NHO.
 - (g) D + 4 - D + 5 WEST search Coy moves SOUTH to RV with APC Sqn to assist as blocking force.
- (3) Phase 2 (D + 5 - D + 10)
 - (a) Recce, fix and destroy en tps and suspected base instls in area B.
 - (b) Blocking force of APC Sqn, one coy, 1 Fd Tp (-) and Mor Pl deployed SW of Area B from line ZEBRA YS 547675 to YS 589662.
 - (c) Bn gen axis of mov - Annex Q.
- (4) Phase 3 (D + 11 - D + 15)
 - (a) Recce, fix and destroy suspected en tps and base instls in Area C.
 - (b) Bn gen axis of mov - Annex Q.

(5) Subsequent Phases (D + 16 -)

- (a) As determined on decision Comd 1 ATF to operate in Area D or Area E, or Area E and Area F.
- (b) Extraction by hel or hel and APC from locs to be determined.
- (c) Orders for phases subsequent to phase 3 will be given when phase 3 is completed.

c. A Coy

(1) Grouping

In Sp - One Engr Combat Dml Team.

(2) Tasks

(a) Preliminary Ops (D - D + 1)

- i. Second Coy in approach march to conc areas.
- ii. Protect Bn HQ.
- iii. Harbour in conc area YS 543716 by last lt D + 1.

(b) Phase 1 (D + 2 - D + 4)

- i. CENTRE search Coy until last lt D + 2
- ii. First lt D + 3 - move astride track YS 551691 - YS 538690 to LZ at YS 5168 and take bn resup. (2 days) Responsible to secure LZ.
- iii. Porter resup to bn conc area YS 553696 issuing D Coy with their rats en route.
- iv. Resume task as CENTRE search coy until completion Phase 1.
- v. Harbour in conc area at YS 543716 by last lt D + 4.

(c) Phase 2 - 3 (D + 5 - D + 15)

Orders to be issued by CO prior to commencement of each phase.

d. B Coy

(1) Grouping

In Sp - One Engr Combat Dml Team

(2) Tasks

(a) Preliminary Ops (D - D + 1)

- i. Third Coy in approach march to conc areas.
- ii. Bn reserve.

(b) Phase 1 (D + 2 - D + 4)

- i. Bn reserve move in rear Bn HQ.
- ii. Protect Bn HQ.
- iii. D + 3 - Protection of hy gear left in loc by A Coy
- iv. Limited search tasks as ordered by CO.

(c) Phase 2 - 3 (D + 5 - D + 15)

Orders to be issued by CO prior to commencement of each phase.

e. C Coy

(1) Grouping

In Sp - One Engr Combat Dml Team.

(2) Tasks

(a) Preliminary ops (D - D + 1)

- i. Leading Coy in approach march to conc areas. Responsible for securing intmed conc area and protection of bn harbour party which will move with C Coy on D day.
- ii. Harbour at YS 553719 by last lt D + 1

(b) Phase 1 (D + 2 - D + 4)

- i. EASTERN search Coy
- ii. Move astride tracks (Annex Q) to search area to line ZEBRA

(c) Phase 2 - 3 (D + 5 - D + 15)

Orders to be issued by CC prior to commencement of each phase.

f. D Coy

(1) Grouping

In Sp - One Engr Combat Dml Team

(2) Tasks

(a) Preliminary ops (D - D + 1)

- i. Secure APCs dismounting area YS 470706 and protect Bn deploying for approach march.
- ii. Last Coy in approach march to conc areas.
- iii. Harbour at YS 530704 by last lt D + 1

(b) Phase 1 (D + 2 - D + 4)

- i. WEST flank search coy
- ii. Move astride tracks (Annex Q) to search area to line ZEBRA and RV with 1 APC Sqn by last lt D + 4, at a loc to be advised.
- iii. Comes under comd 1 APC Sqn as from time of RV, to be notified.

(c) Phase 2 (D + 5 - D + 10)

Blocking posn as ordered by OC 1 APC Sqn.

g. Mor Pl

(1) Grouping

- (a) One sect remains base loc for def of base.
- (b) Two sects under comd 1 APC Sqn from D + 3.

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(2) Tasks

(a) Phase 1 (D + 2 - D + 4)

Move as part of 1 APC Sqn Gp in Search and Sweep of area to WEST of SUOI LO O NHO.

(b) Phase 2 (D + 5 - D + 10)

i. As ordered by OC 1 APC Sqn - blocking position to SW of Area B.

ii. Fire missions as required

(c) Phase 3 (D + 11 - D + 15)

Tasks as ordered by CO 6 RAR

h. Atk Pl

Remains in Base Loc

i. Aslt Pnr Pl

(1) Tasks

(a) Preliminary Ops/Phase 1 (D - D + 4)

i. Move with Bn HQ

ii. Assist in protection Bn HQ.

iii. Tasks as ordered by CO.

(2) To carry rope, hand saws, axes and an appropriate range of explosives.

(3) One sect remains 6 RAR Base Loc for maint Aslt Pnr stores and erection KINGSTRANDS.

j. 1 APC Sqn

(1) Grouping

Under Comd - 1 Fd Tp, less Combat Dml Teams with rifle coys.
Two sects Mor Pl
D Coy 6 RAR (from first lt D + 5)

(2) Tasks

← provide sec to FSB - D+1.

(a) Preliminary ops (D - D + 1)

i. Rd mov of 6 RAR in Coy gps to rel P YS 4707'6 D Day.

(b) Phase 1 (D + 2 - D + 4)

Search and sweep of Op area WEST and SOUTH of SUOI LO O NHO - to be completed by NO LATER THAN last lt D + +

(c) Phase 2 (D + 5 - D + 10)

i. Adopt blocking posn along SUOI LO O NHO from YS 547675 to YS 589662 to prevent en mov from and into Area B.

ii. Tasks as ordered by CO 6 RAR

iii. Recce for crossings over SONG RAI SOUTH of YS 586667.

(d) Phase 3 (D + 11 - D + 15)

Tasks as ordered by CO 6 RAR

*AGY-FSB
20 APC lead
10/ Coy (100 APC)
1400 hrs D Day.
Move out 0700-0730
to Lonestand D+1.
Return to Suoi SARBANE
road 16, Coy + move
to FSB Lonestand.*

*See for plans
& set/camp 16/ Coy
to Lonestand.*

*Separate about 0800 to
clear route thru
long phase flow,
mov 17/10.*

k. Arty

(1) Grouping

Under Comd for mov - Coy 5 RAR

(2) Tasks

(a) Preliminary Ops (D - D + 1)

i. D day. Fire Sp - base loc.

ii. D + 1 Move under orders 1 Fd Regt to fire base YS 5168.

(b) Phase 1 - 3 (D + 2 - D + 15)

Fire Sp.

(c) Fire plan - Annex R.

l. Tp 1 Fd Sqn

(1) Grouping

(a) One Combat Dml Team each A, B, C and D Coys to report to Coy locs by last lt D - 1.

(b) 1 Fd Tp (-) under Comd 1 APC Sqn from D + 3 - D + 10.

(2) Tasks

(a) Phase 1 (D + 2 - D + 4)

Move as part of 1 APC Sqn Gp in search and sweep of area WEST of SUOI LO O NHO

(b) Phase 2 (D + 5 - D + 10)

As ordered by OC 1 APC Sqn - blocking position to WEST of Area B.

(c) Phase 3 (D + 11 - D + 15)

Tasks as ordered by CO 6 RAR

off + 25 00h

m. Coy 5 RAR

(1) Grouping

Under Comd for movement of 1 Fd Regt.

(2) Tasks

All phases - protection of Arty fire base.

n. Coord Instrs

(1) D day - 18 Nov 66

(2) H Hr. - 0730 hrs

(3) Preliminary Ops

(a) Rd mov

i. Order of march

- D Coy
- C Coy incl Bn Harbour Party
- A Coy
- Tn HQ (incl Aslt Pnr Pl)
- B Coy

Antenna - AWIB
1400 Thursday.
3 1/2 Comds.
3 1/2 offrs.
Capt HUGHES
to STEIN BLOCK.

115 per coy. H.A.D.

ii. Pick up pts and Time of Departure

- D Coy - CANBERRA AV outside main Q - 0730 hrs.
- C Coy - CANBERRA AV outside main Q - 0815 hrs.
- A Coy - A Coy loc - 0900 hrs
- Bn HQ - } Entrance to HQ 6 RAR - 0900 hrs
- Aslt Pnr - }
- B Coy - A Coy loc - 0945 hrs

← *permissible to depart 10-15 mins late.*

NOTE: APCs to report 10 mins before departure time

iii. Dismounting Pt. YS 470706.

(b) Foot move

i. Order of march D Day

- C Coy - incl Bn Harbour Party
- A Coy
- Bn HQ (incl Aslt Pnr Pl)
- B Coy
- D Coy

Rules of engagement

ii. Order of march D + 1

- C Coy
- A Coy - incl Harbour parties for Bn HQ and B Coy
- Bn HQ (incl Aslt Pnr Pl)
- B Coy
- D Coy

(c) Harbour Party

- i. D day. Coy representatives report to Bn 2IC at C Coy pick up point NO later than 0800 hrs. Move with C Coy.
- ii. D + 1. Harbour party modified to incl only Bn HQ and B Coy guides - move with A Coy.

(d) Routes, conc areas, harbour areas - Annex Q.

(4) Air

- (a) H13, UH1Bs in sp for duration of Op.
- (b) FAC - continuous daily surveillance of op area.
- (c) Lt fire team on call 1 ATF Base Area.
- (d) Tac air sp on call
- (e) Radio rebro ac on call

(5) Local security

- (a) Coys are to leave at least 16 - 20 troops in coy areas for local security
- (b) Each company area will maintain at least one standing patrol by day and by night.
- (c) OC A Ech is appointed OC 6 RAR Base Loc and is delegated the powers of a Det Comd.

Agm

*LAS - Dry running kit.
- Long rope 150'
- " nylon "*

4. ADMIN AND LOG

a. Rats

4 days one - man rations (AUST) carried on the man.

b. Water

- (1) Local sources only until D + 6 at earliest.
- (2) Millbank filters to be carried as maj sources of water are very muddy.

c. Resup

- (1) AQ Sect with Bn HQ - call sign 95A on administrative net
- (2) First resupply by helicopter D + 3.
- (3) 2 days rations plus one battery each radio will be landed.
- (4) A Coy will porter resupply from LZ and deliver to other companies as detailed in para 3 c. (2) (b).
- (5) Second resupply of 3 days rations and batteries anticipated by APC then portorage on D + 6. → *by for Evac. (Rats)*
- (6) Due to portorage requirement sub-units are not to request additional items prior to D + 6 unless operationally vital, and then only through AQ Sec.

*Rats for Foo
Munson
logs.*

d. Med.

- (1) FMO with Bn HQ.
- (2) Only casevac and serious medevac cases are to be evacuated from the search areas prior to D + 6. Evac by hel.

e. Ammo

- (1) Minimum - first line scaling on the man.
- (2) Three first lines 81 mm Mor ammo with the weapon, with each tube.

f. Reports and Returns

SOPs.

g. Miscellaneous

- (1) Sec Aslt Pnr Pl in Base Loc is to maint at A Ech, flame equipment and chain saws ready for movement forward by any means from D + 2 onwards.
- (2) All ranks are to carry one empty sandbag.

h. Mail

- (1) Letter mail only will be sent with the first resup.
- (2) NO newspaper or parcel mail will be taken into the AO

*A shifts.
Mark's paper*

Take Carl's...

Mon...

Car 1/2"...

Repair & inventory

Shroads / Barrett / M79 /

Risk after D+8

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5. COMD AND SIG

a. Bn HQ

- (1) Preliminary Cp. Moves behind A Coy.
- (2) Phase 1. Moves on CENTRE search route behind A Coy

b. Comms

- (1) Radio only. No line to be carried.
- (2) Radio rebro ac aval on call

SOI remains in use until advised.

c. Command

- (1) All 2ICs will deploy with Coys.
- (2) OC 1 APC Sqn is appointed Comd Blocking Force. Change of Comd this force to OC D Coy will occur only
 - (a) When ordered by CO.
 - (b) When Blocking Force becomes involved in ops which are primarily undertaken by inf coy with APC fire Sp. OC 1 APC Sqn will change comd to OC D Coy when he assesses this is so, and notify CO.

OC 1 APC Sqn at 1st priority as per delay to have

d. Codes

- (1) Current SOIs will apply
- (2) Additional points of origin:
 - FISH 5673
 - FLOWER 5568
 - TREE 5970

e. Met

Moon phase - Annex B.

Lt Col
(C M TOWNSEND)
CO 6 RAR

ACK

- ANNEXES -
- A En Sit
 - B Moon phases
 - F VC tracks, other tracks and en installations etc.
 - Q Conc areas, routes, bdrys etc.
 - R. Fire Plan

DISTRIBUTION

- List F
- HQ 1 ATF 6
- 1 APC Sqn
- 1 Fd Regt RAA 6
- 1 Fd Sqn 2
- 5 RAR 3

OFFICIAL

P C Smeaton

P C SMEATON Maj
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MOON PHASE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PHASE</u>	<u>MOON RISE</u>	<u>MOON SET</u>
18		1206	2353
19		1251	-
20	FIRST QTR	1333	0043
21		1410	0131
22		1446	0215
23		1522	0259
24		1556	0342
25		1634	0426
26		1714	0512
27		1756	0661
28	FULL	1845	0654
29		1938	0751
30		2035	0849
DEC			-
1		2135	0947
2		2236	1045
3		2334	1138
4		-	1229
5	LAST QTR	0021	1314
6		0125	1358
7		0219	1442
8		0312	1525

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TASK TABLE

ANNEX R to 6 Bn RAR
OP INGHAM

ORIGINATOR...39.....Fire Plan..TEKUITI.....Task in support..6.RAR...H hr.....Sheet.1..of..3..
OP INGHAM Date time of orin..141100H.....

Ser	Time		Tgt No	Grid Ref & ht or Description	Guns to engage				Ammo Rate		Remarks	Ammo	Exp
	B	C			F	G	H	J	K	L			
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M		
1	ALL ON CALL		JM3911	507 714					HE	IRFFE	Fired From BASE AREA		
2			JM3912	517 708							" "		
3			JM3913	514 694							" "		
4			JM3914	523 714							" "		
5			JM3915	535 718									
6			JM3916	539 727									
7			JM3917	555 728									
8			JM3918	565 718									
9			JM3919	540 700									
10			JM3920	547 702									
11			JM3921	554 705									
12			JM3922	558 708									
13			JM3923	572 705									

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OP INGHAMOriginator 39 Fire Plan TEKUITI Tasks in support 6 RAR H hr sheet 2 of 3
OP INGHAM Date time of origin 141100H

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	B	C			F	G	H	J	K	L			
14.			JM 3924	582 698									
15.			JM 3925	527 686									
16.			JM 3926	534 680									
17.			JM 3927	552 690									
18.			JM 3928	558 687									
19.			JM 3929	568 691									
20.			JM 3930	573 688									
21.			JM 3931	593 687									
22.			JM 3932	563 684									
23.			JM 3933	572 682									
24.			JM 3934	549 679									
25.			JM 3935	549 674									
26.			JM 3936	563 677									

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	B	C			F	G	H	J					
27			JM 3937	572 676									
28			3938	586 672									
29			3939	597 676									
30			3940	566 668									
31			3941	579 665									
32			3942	597 661									
33			3943	589 651									
34			3944	580 641									

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ANNEX A (ENEMY SITUATION) TO 6 RAR OP PLAN 1 - 11 - 66 OF 14 ²⁰⁰ H NOV 66

1. The VC have prior to May 1966, used the SUOI DA BANG as a regular axis. The main VC supply route coming from the NW crossed ROUTE 2 South of BINH GIA and extended as far as the NUI DAT feature to the East before going NW. On the arrival of 1 ATF and as a result of the subsequent patrolling and OP HOBART the VC reorganised and changed their routes further to the East.
2. The Intelligence picture is quite definite but complex, to present the picture fully, Company Commanders will receive :-
 - a. A trace showing VC tracks, tracks as observed by vis recce, known en installations etc - in fact a complete picture - Annex P
 - b. A chronological list of events within the area. (Appendix 1)
 - c. ORBAT of 5 DIV, 274th Regt, 275th Regt and D445 Bn. Any elements of which may be encountered. (Appendices 2,3,4 and 5)
3. The area of operations covers a VC supply area. It is known that rice is stored within the area also that a main VC supply route passes through the area. If the VC have a large storage point or points in the area it is not unlikely that they will be prepared to stand and fight to protect them as was proven recently within III Corps area.

Serial	Date	Grid Reference	Incidents
1.	4 Oct	YS 583635	Agent report 2nd Oct VC Bn (US F3)
2.	4 Oct	YS 560680	Agent report VC Bn 803
3.	4 Oct	YS 587670 YS 595666 YS 620646	U/I VC Bn (F3)
4.	5 Oct	YS 545640 YS 568690	Rallier reports location of D 445 Bn
5.	7 Oct	YS 562565	ARVN Contacted 1 VC Pl.
6.	9 Oct	YS 503587	ARVN Contacted unknown No VC (2VC KIA 1 VCC BC)
7.	12 Oct	YS 565688	FAC Received ground fire
8.	14 Oct	YS 560680	Report of 300 VC moving (Doubtful Info)
9.	16 Oct	YS 570730	Information that there was VC base, guarded, by a coy.
10.	18 Oct	YS 566681	New wooden foot bridge with rope rail
11.	20 Oct	YS 596673	Bn HQ D 445 (From rallier from D 445)
12.	20 Oct	YS 573686	2 Coys of D 445 (From rallier from D 445)
13.	20 Oct	YS 566678	VC Base Camp & supply point

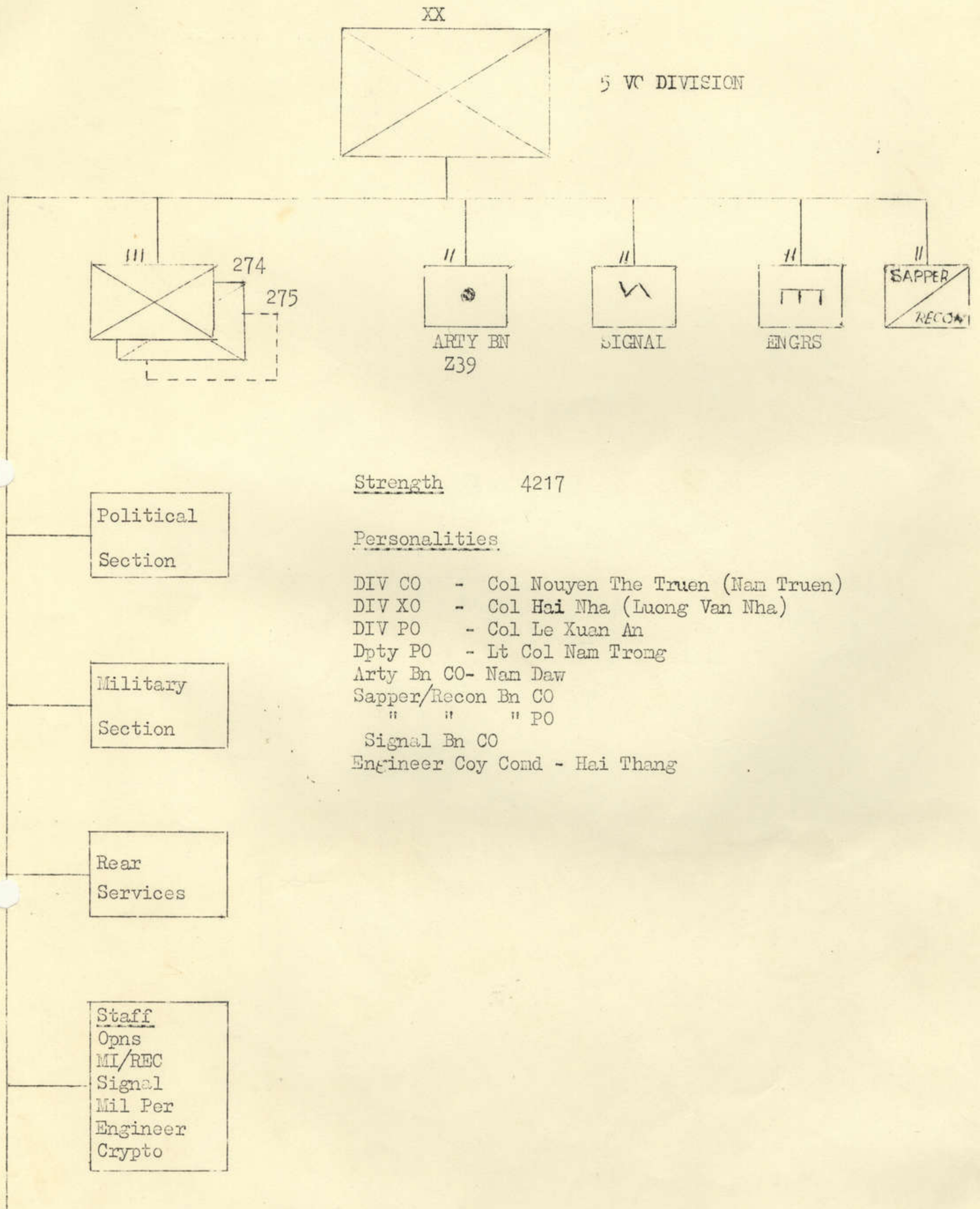
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14	21 Oct	YS 510600	U/I VC Coy
15	22 Oct	YS 655467	Vis recce NW area of Grid Square shows signs of activity & numerous clearings under trees.
16	22 Oct	YS 596673	From Air Strike 5 K B A & 1 secondary explosion.
17	22 Oct	YS 589662 593663	New foot bridge
18	25 Oct	YS 521742	Agent from Bin Gia, reported a VC Bn at this location
19	26 Oct	YS 515660	From Sector 300 VC (US F3)
20	26 Oct	YS 560680	Rallier from D 445 stated that on 4 Oct his Bn was located in the Cinh Mao area (see incident No 2)
21	27 Oct		V/R. Saw footbridges at the following GR's 594716, 582702, 566681, 589662. Also trails in Grid Squares 5966, 6066 going north
22	27 Oct	YS 587671	1 Rear services coy (US F3)
23	30 Oct		Diary of NAM HUNG Cof S of 274 Regt. Rice storage areas. LAM XUAN 5785, XUAN SON 5677, CU NHI 5780, BAU CHIN 4980.
24	30 Oct	YS 593653	Two huts under construction, hole north of hut either a well or a tunnel.
25	31 Oct	YS 545674	Rice cache (VC name the 'ROCKS')
26	1 Nov	YS 540680	A large VC unit Bn + (US C3)
27	1 Nov	YS 589662 YS 593662	Previously destroyed bridges have been re-built

28	3 Nov	YS595678	ALO - Old foxholes on edge of trees.
29	3 Nov	YS570675	Chien Hoi reports D 445 last loc at 0900 31 Oct (Current loc believed to be 565690)
30	4 Nov	YS513663	A/6 found En camp - 1 VC sighted. Camp not used for at least 2 months.
31	5 Nov	YS579739/584738	Two new foot bridges.
32	12 Nov		En VC Regt (306) moved from YS 615820 to YS 540680 on 27 Oct. Est strength 1800, Dress black yellow green. Many weapons, and receiving food from DAT LJ at night.

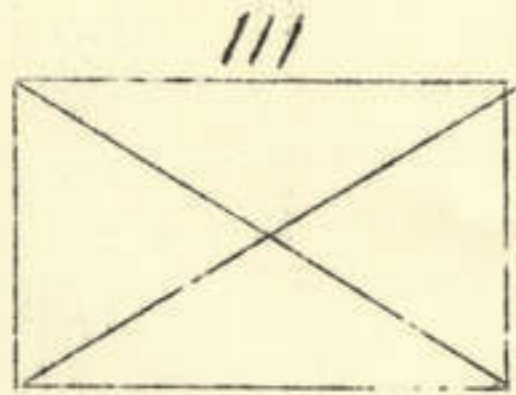
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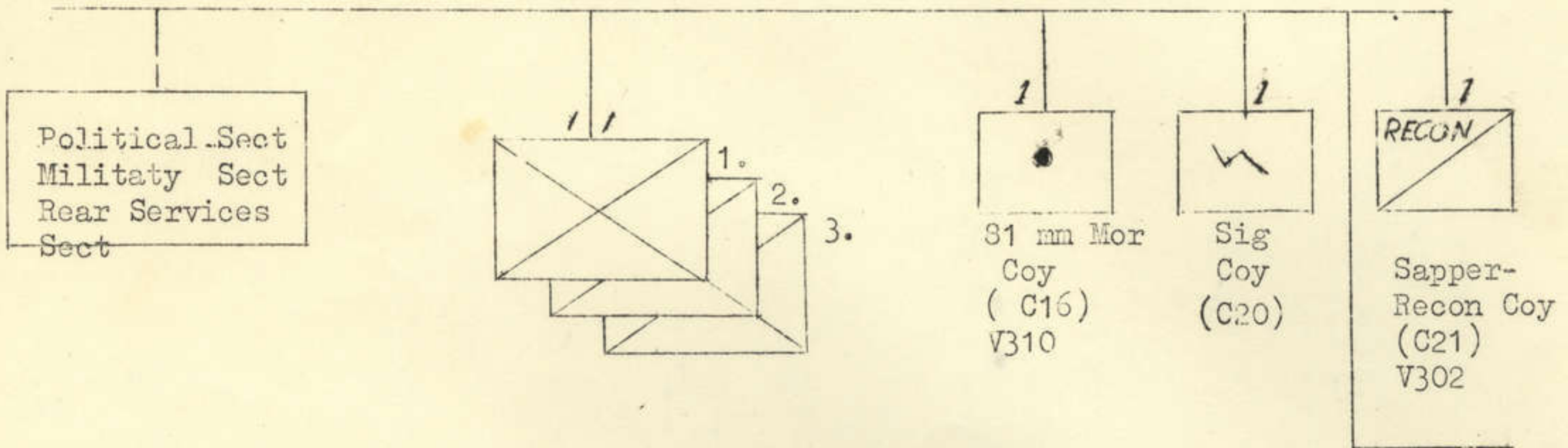


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APPENDIX 3 (274 Regt (11F)) TO 6RAR OP PLAN 1 - 11 - 66 OF 14~~2000~~ H Nov 66



274 Regt
 AKA's Q4, Dong Nai Regt



STRENGTH Confirmed 2000 (Oct 66)

PERSONALITIES
 REGT CO - AKA LE HONG PHONG
 REGT XO - MAJ LE HAI PHONG OR THONG
 REGT PO - NAM HUNG
 CHIEF/STAFF - MAJ BA KY
 ASST C OF S - CAPT TAM PHAI
 - Snr Lt HAI

1 BN AKA (D800) - (D1) - (H12)

BN CO - HO VAN NAM
 BN PO - NGUYEN VAN PHE

2ND BN AKA (D308) - (D2) - (H14)

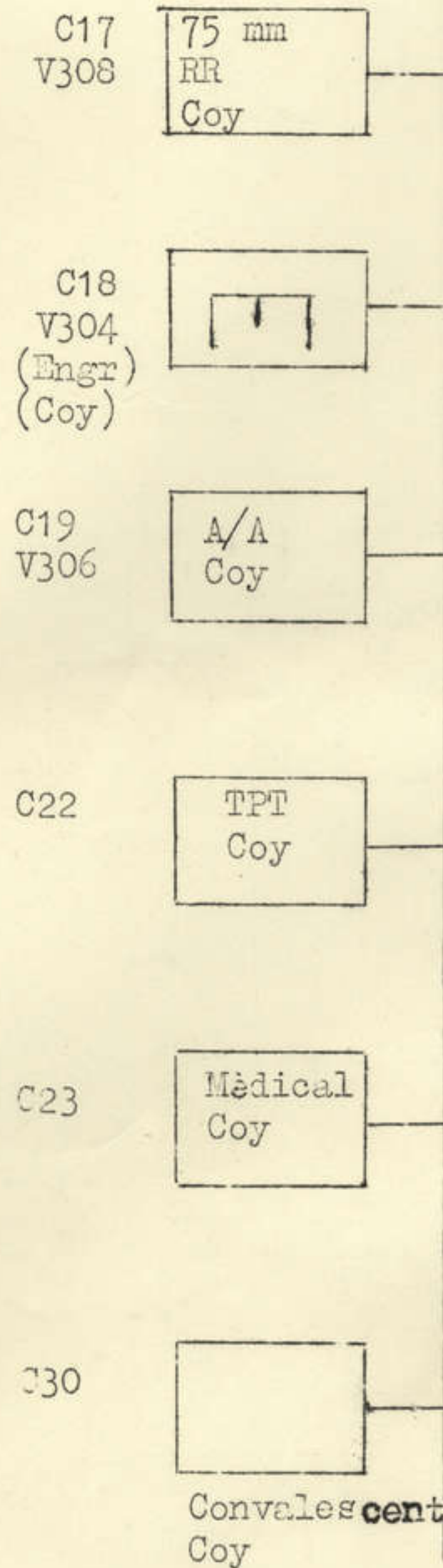
BN CO - LE HUONG
 BN PO - NGUYEN VAN THANH

3RD BN AKA (265) - (D3) - (H16)

BN CO - BA THANH
 BN PO - HI CHU

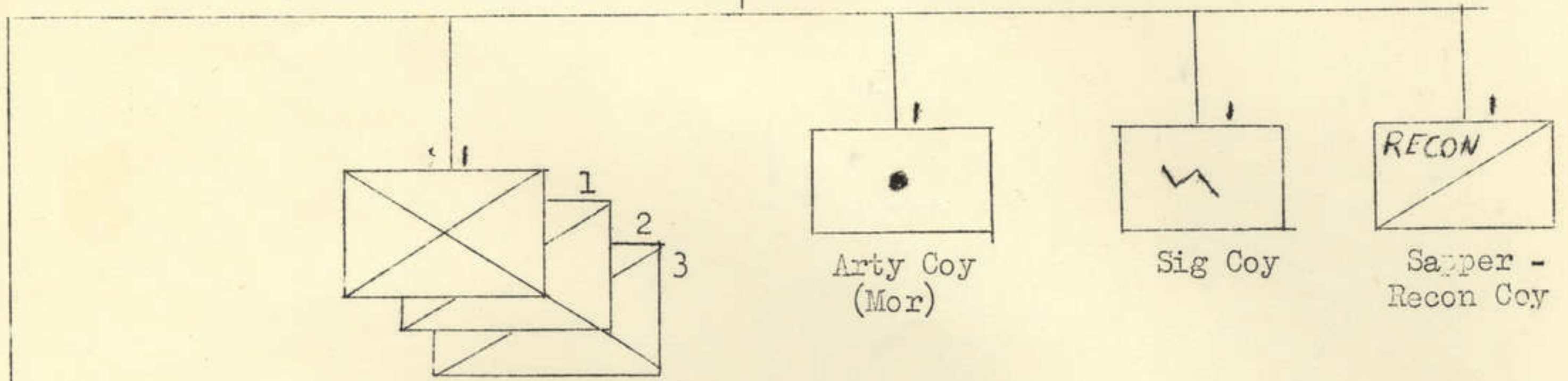
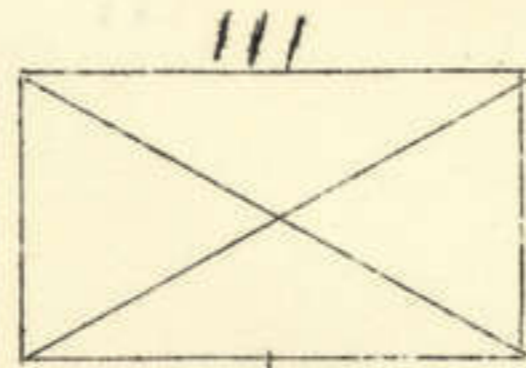
WEAPONS

81 mm Mortars	8	HMG 7.62	3
60 mm Mortars	12	LMG	12
75 mm SK2	3	M 79	9
57 mm SK2	6	Assorted SA	
MG AA	9	AN/PRC 10 Sets	10
MG 12.7	3		
AR	108		



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APPENDIX 4 TO ANNEX A TO 6 RAR OP FLAN 1-11-66 DATED 14 2000 H NOV 66



STRENGTH (APPROX) 1800

PERSONALITIES

REGT CO - SN Capt UT THOI
 REGT XO - Maj BA DUC (AKA HANH)
 REGT PO - Maj BAC CU
 REGT C of S - SAU THANH
 REGT PO Offr - Snr Capt BA DUONG
 DEPUTY C of S - 2Lt NGUYEN THANH

1ST BN

BN CO - TAM BAO
 BN XO - NUAN
 BN PO - BA XUAT
 ASST PO - DONG

2ND BN

BN CO - HAI PUONG
 BN XO - BA XUYEN
 BN PO - NAM TINH

3RD BN

BN CO - HAI PHUONG
 BN XO - HAI TUHN
 BN PO - TAI TY

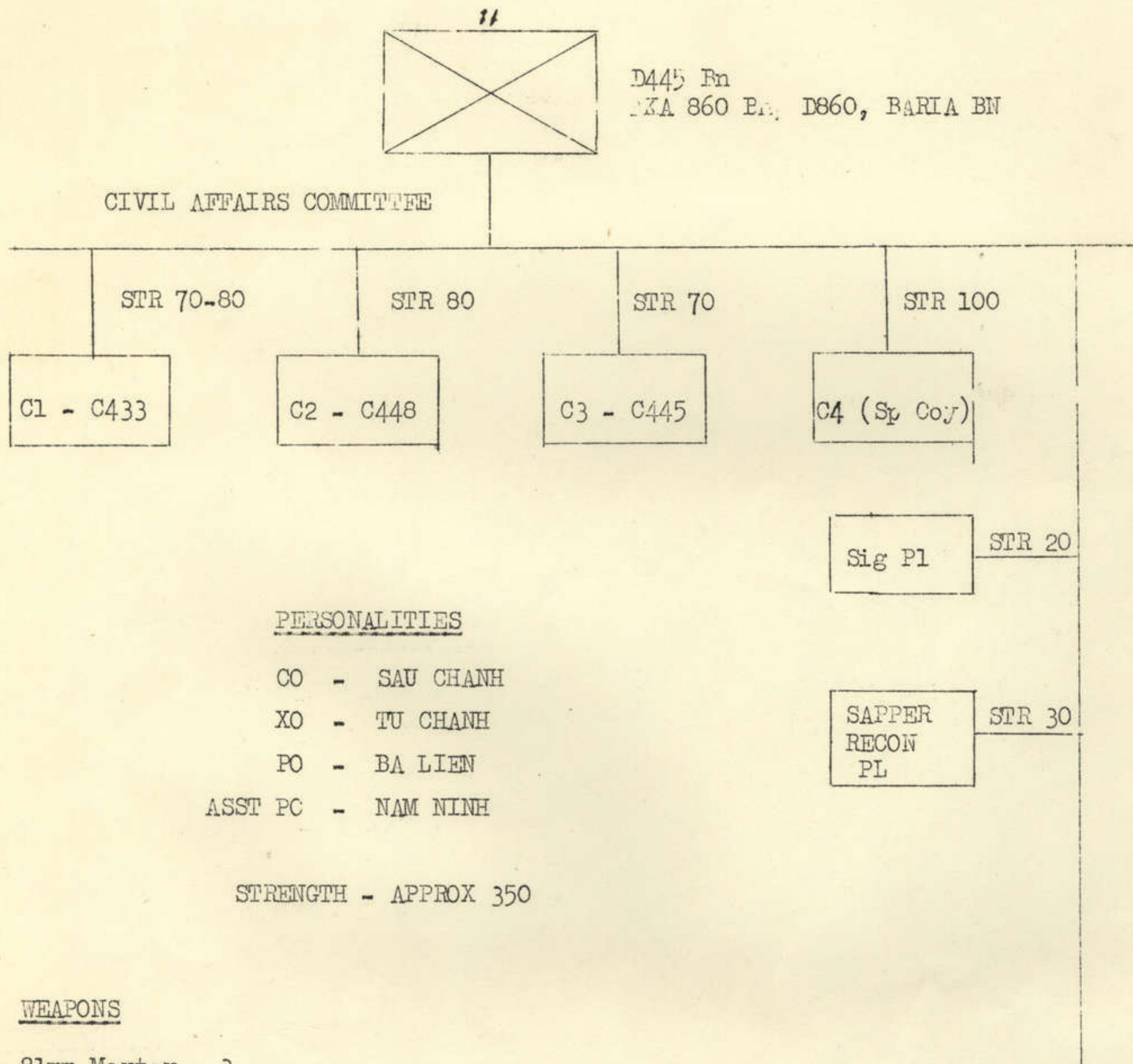
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 Military Sect
 Rear Service Sect

WEAPONS

60mm Mor - 16
 81mm Mor - 6
 SK2 7mm - 10
 12.7MG - 12
 50 cal MG - 18
 30 cal MG - 8
 AR - 63
 AA M6 - 2
 Individual Weapons

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WEAPONS

81mm Mortar 3
60mm Mortar 2
75mm RR 2
57mm RR 3
B40 10
MG .50 cal 1
MG .30 cal 2
ASSORTED SMALL ARMS

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OPORD 1-15-66 (Op INGHAM)

Reference: Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000 series L7014 sheet 6430 II
VIETNAM 1:25,000 series L8015 sheet 6430 II SW

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces:

- (1) The objective area vicinity YS5768 includes portions of three GVN districts of PHUOC TUY Province. These are DUC THANH, XUYEN MOC, and DAT DO. It is remote from the headquarters of these three districts but control of the objective area gives the Viet Cong easy access to large numbers of peasant farmers living outside the sphere of government control and influence.
- (2) The area overlooks the main rice producing region of the province and is one of the main points of entry into the VC controlled area of PHUOC TUY. It is astride the SONG RAI waterway and close to the VC controlled Route 328; both of these routes are extensively used by the VC.
- (3) Substantial rice caches were found in this area close to streams and rivers during Operation ABILENE 30 Mar 66 - 15 Apr 66 and Operation TOLEDO in Sep 66.
- (4) There was considerable VC activity in the area between 27 Oct 66 and 9 Nov 66. The activity indicated that the VC were moving large quantities of stores, probably rice, to their main force units further NORTH; possibly even to War Zone D. Most of this movement was conducted by night using both ox-carts and human labour.
- (5) Enemy forces known to operate in the area are D445 Bn, C300 (Transportation Unit of Group.84), C23 (XUYEN MOC District Pl) and squads of local guerilla forces.
- (6) During September 1966 one battalion of 274 Regt was employed for approximately ten days on a rice transportation task in this area and there are indications that another main force unit was similarly employed during late October 1966 and early November 1966. This could re-occur at any time.
- (7) 274 Regt is believed to have moved from vicinity YS 3880 to the EAST of Inter-Provincial Route 2, and to be located to the NE of BINH GIA (YS4977). Being only 15,000 metres from the objective area there is a possibility of interagency by this regiment but such action is unlikely.

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(8) 275 Regt has moved back into PHUOC TUY from the MAY TAO Secret Zone and is located approximately 10,000 metres north of XUYEN MOC (YS6668) and approximately 15,000 metres from the objective area. Its intentions are unknown but could include tasks in support of VC plans to secure the PHUOC TUY rice harvest in December. Contact with elements of 275 Regt is possible but it is unlikely that the regiment will launch a major operation against 1 ATF forces.

(9) Current strengths and locations of VC units are:

UNIT	STRENGTH	LOCATION
274 Regt	1700	NE BINH GIA (YS 4977)
275 Regt	1200	YS 6679
D445 Bn	300	(Co-located in area bounded
C300	80	(by YS540670 - YS540700
		(YS580670 - YS580700. Some
		(elements could be located further
		(NORTH in vicinity YS 5673.
C23	55	unknown

(10) Annex A shows previous sightings, and contacts with VC in the objective area, and also shows the area most likely to contain VC hard installations.

(11) At Annex B is an overprint showing additional map information obtained from aerial photography.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) ARVN/RF/PF dispositions at 131400H. Annex C.

(2) USN gunfire support is available on call.

c. Attachments and Detachments. No change.

2. MISSION. 1 ATF will conduct offensive operations in the TAOR extension centre of mass YS 5770, to locate and to destroy D445 battalion.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations:

(1) Movement to the AO will be initially in APCs, then on foot.

(2) Approach to the suspected VC base areas will be from the NORTH, across a broad front, moving on foot and carrying four days rations.

(3) All helicopter movement will be kept to a minimum until major contact is made with the enemy. Until this time re-supply by helicopter will be taken at maximum distance from the main area of operations and supplies carried by armed porters.

(4) Every effort will be made to surprise D445 battalion and associated local troops in their base areas.

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b. 5 RAR

- (1) Provide protection for fire support bases as follows:
101 Fd Bty and 161 Fd Bty vicinity YS 5065 - one company plus one platoon.
one platoon A Bty 2/35 US Arty vicinity YS 4759 - one platoon.
- (2) Provide one platoon from 0800 hrs D+2 for defence of 1 APC Sqn Base Camp Area.
- (3) Provide one company ready reaction force at 30 minutes notice to move by helicopter or APC.

c. 6 RAR

- (1) Move in APCs to debussing area vicinity YS 4770 then move on foot to a dispersal area vicinity of YS 5169, then, remaining SOUTH of 72 northing, deploy to harbour areas of not less than company strength.
- (2) Conduct search to the SE along known VC track systems.
- (3) Conduct offensive operations in Area B.
- (4) Conduct offensive operations in Area C.
- (5) Be prepared to conduct search and destroy operations in Areas D, E and F.

d. Arty

- (1) Retain current affiliation.
- (2) Displace ~~101 Fd Bty~~ and 161 Fd Bty to fire support base vicinity ~~YS 5065~~ *YS 5065* *as by* *Y TW*
- (3) Displace one platoon A Btry 2/35 US Arty to fire support base vicinity YS 474599.

e. 1 APC Sqn

- (1) Place Sqn under command 6 RAR, except for administration and logistics, for duration of operation.
- (2) Be prepared to lift 6 RAR to debussing area vicinity YS 4770 on D Day.
- (3) Be prepared to assist in displacement of artillery as required during the operation.
- (4) Be prepared to provide a blocking force as required during the operation.
- (5) Be prepared to move ready reaction force company, at 30 minutes notice, provided by 6 RAR.
- (6) Be prepared to lift 6 RAR back to base camp at the conclusion of the operation.

f. 1 Fd Sqn. Place one troop minus under command 6 RAR for duration of operation to provide combat engineer teams.

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- g. 3 SAS Sqn. Provide patrols in the NORTH of and to the EAST of the TAOR extension to give early warning of approach of large enemy forces. Separate Orders.
- h. Aviation (Army)
- (1) 161 Recce Flt:
 - (a) Provide one H13 daily in direct support of 6 RAR at EAGLE FARM and one H13 in direct support of HQ 1 ATF at KANGAROO.
 - (b) Be prepared to provide fixed wing aircraft with observer for surveillance, including at night using Starlight Scope.
 - (c) Be prepared to provide continuous fixed wing support for radio rebroadcast if required.
 - (2) Airmobile company may be required for movement of ready reaction force and for extraction at conclusion of operation.
- i. Aviation (RAAF). Provide two UH1Bs in direct support of 6 RAR for duration of operations. Aircraft to be on standby at EAGLE FARM from 0800-1700 hrs daily unless released by 2ic (XO) 6 RAR.
- j. Coordinating Instructions
- (1) D Day. 18 Nov 66.
 - (2) Duration. Approximately 16 days.
 - (3) Air. USAF FAC to provide cover of the operation area.
 - (4) Civil Affairs/Psywar. Annex D. Issued later.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Annex E.
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.
- a. Signal:
 - (1) Current SOIs
 - (2) Radio rebroadcast is available if required.
 - b. Command. HQ 1 ATF remains in base camp location.

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Annexes:

- A. Intelligence
- B. Additional Topography
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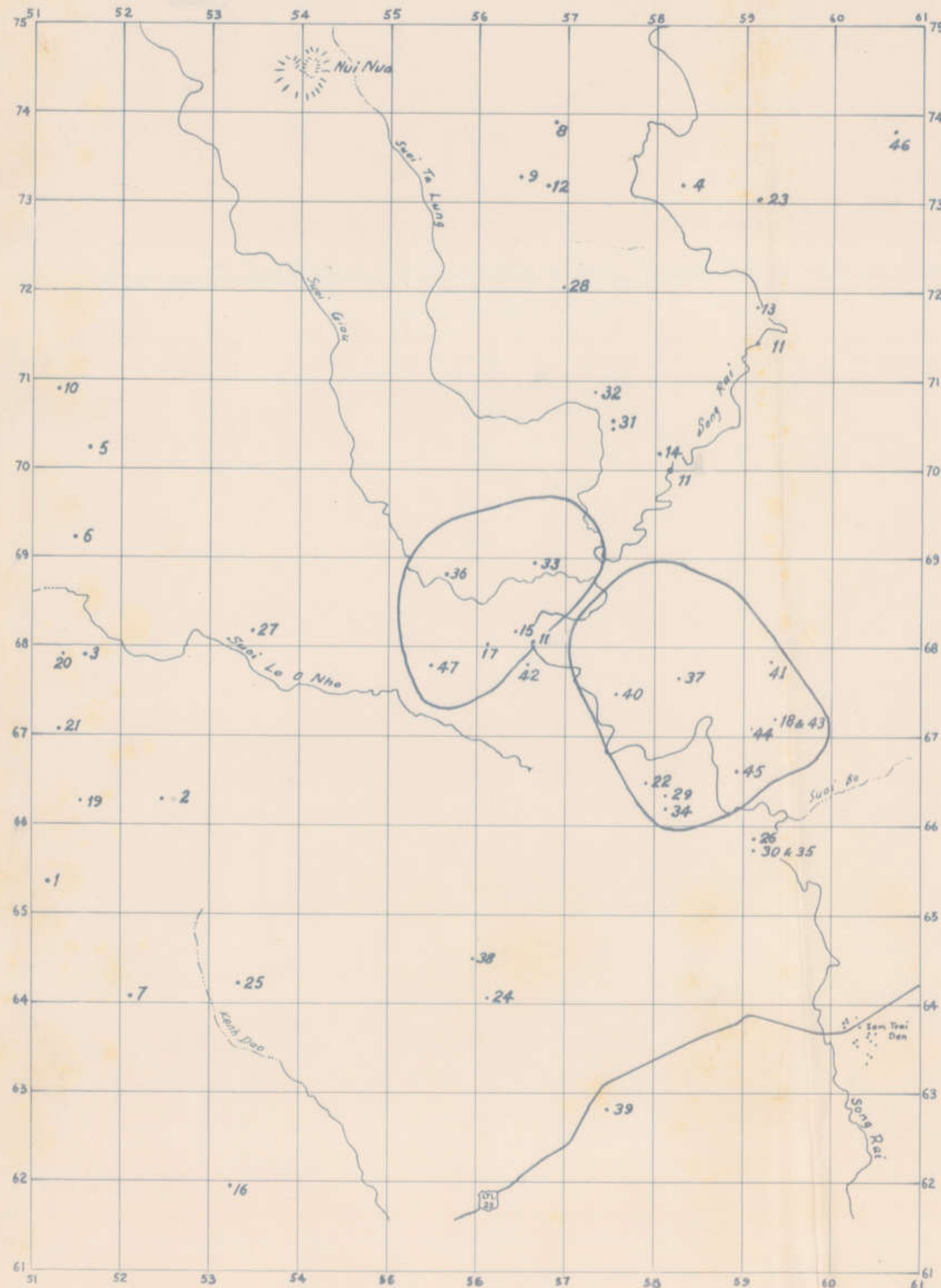
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Annex A (Intelligence) to Opord 1-15-66 (Op INGHAM)

Reference Map :- VIETNAM 1:50000 Series L7014 Sheet N° 6430 11.

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- 1 Coy size camp
- 2 Fresh en camp
- 3 Abandoned camp
- 4 Trench lines
- 5 6 months old coy size camp
- 6 En size position
- 7 2 wks old pl size camp
- 8 Digging & chopping heard
- 9 New coy sized camp. En in area
- 10 2 suspected anti-aircraft pits
- 11 Foot bridges (3)
- 12 Pl size camp
- 13 Bridge
- 14 Bridge
- 15 Bridge
- 16 Coy size installations
- 17 Interrogation report :- D445 Bn concentrated for reorg & training.
- 18 173 Bde located recently used dispensary hut.
- 19 Large installation 2-3 months old found.
- 20 Small camp one wk old.
- 21 2 Huts with caches found
- 22 Empty cache 2 wks old found
- 23 ALO observed 10 huts
- 24 VC Bn defending food dump
- 25 Houses sighted by VR
- 26 ⁹ Huts sighted by VR (heavily used)
- 27 Aircraft received ground fire
- 28 Heavy weapon heard.
- 29 SAS fired on one VC
- 30 ALO received ground fire. Sky spot employed
- 31 En sighted on 3 occasions - apparently close to base camp
- 32 En sighted.
- 33 Anti aircraft fire
- 34 Contact
- 35 Anti aircraft fire
- 36 Red Haze
- 37 " "
- 38 " "
- 39 " "
- 40 Huts, dispensary & rice cache
- 41 Contact
- 42 3 Mines found
- 43 Oil Cache
- 44 Coy size base camp
- 45 Cart track to 5 huts
- 46 VCS apprehended
- 47 Huts & rice cache.

 Most likely areas for VC Base Camps.

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Annex C (Friendly Forces) to Opord 1-15-66 (Op INGHAM)

ARVN/RF/PF DISPOSITIONS - AT 131400H

Unit Locations:

1/43

Bn HQ & 3d Coy	384614
1st Coy	500570
2d Coy	419637

HQ

DAT DO	477597
LONG DIEN	435596
XUYEN MOC	655686

RF Coy

DAT DO	771 Coy	477597
	576 Coy	488583

LONG DIEN -	1 P1 772, 19th PF P1	
XUYEN MOC -	611 Coy	655686

PF P1s

22		464592
33, 34	DAT DO	477597
35	DAT DO	477597
36 Sqd C	DUC THANH	463778
46	XUYEN MOC	655686
47	XUYEN MOC	655680
48	XUYEN MOC	647682
49	XUYEN MOC	647692

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Annex E (Administration and Logistics) to Opord 1-15-66 (Op INGHAM)

1. Material and Services:

a. General:

- (1) TFMA remains present location.
- (2) Logistic support through unit echelons remaining in 1 ATF Base.
- (3) Forecast of unit logistic requirements in format as per Annex E to 1 ATF SOP to HQ 1 ATF (Q Branch) by 1000 hrs 15 Nov 66. Parent units to submit forecast for sub units participating except supported units are to include permanent attachments e.g., FO parties.

b. Ammunition:

- (1) ASR notified in 1 ATF R1300-1-10 of 2 Nov 66 applies. If FFORCE V require 48 hours notice to obtain increase except in tactical emergency.
- (2) Artillery (105mm):
 - (a) With guns.
 - (b) Replenishment from 1 Fd Regt Stocks.
- (3) Mortar (81mm):
 - (a) Replenishment from unit stocks.
 - (b) Nil held TFMA.
- (4) Small Arms (Ball):
 - (a) Replenishment from unit stocks.
 - (b) Stocks held in TFMA.
- (5) High Explosives and Pyrotechnics:
 - (a) Limited range smoke grenades in TFMA.
 - (b) Other items NOT held in TFMA.

c. POL:

- (1) AVGAS 115/145. 500 gals to be located LZ EAGLE FARM.
- (2) JP4. Nil available 1 ATF Base NUI DAT.
- (3) MOGAS and DIESO. Available in drums 55 gals (US) in response to MAINTDEMS. Units responsible for decanting into own jerry cans.

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d. Rations:

(1) Variations to US 'A' ration feeding pattern to be advised ASP and NLT 1000 hrs 15 Nov to HQ 1 ATF (ST Rep).

(2) Combat Rations:

(a) 24 hour and 10 man available in TFMA.

(b) US C Ration currently not available in VUNG TAU.

e. Water: Unit arrangements.

f. Transport (Road): Unit requirements to be advised by no later than 1000 hours 15 Nov 66.

g. Ordnance: 1 OFP remains open present location and prepared to meet OPDEM/MAINTDEM demands.

h. Repair and Recovery: Units to advise requirements beyond own resources.

i. Engineers: 1 Fd Sqn continues work in 1 ATF Base Area.

2. Medical/Evacuation and Hospitalisation:

a. Det 2 Fd Amb remains open in present location.

b. DUSTOFF aircraft located 1 ATF Base from 0730 hours to 1700 hours daily. Otherwise to be on 30 mins standby at VUNG TAU during operation.

c. Requests for DUSTOFF through HQ 1 ATF.

3. Personnel:

a. Provost: Continue current duties and be prepared to man Detainee Processing Centre NUI DAT and provide escorts for PW from there to LONG BINH.

b. Detainees: to be evacuated to Detainee Processing Centre NUI DAT for processing and disposal.

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