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**Item: 1 Armoured Personnel Carrier
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Narrative

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Summary and Annex E1-F1

[1-31 Jul 1966]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No 707-4-1

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) *[Signature]*

Appointment OC 1 APC SQN
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 1 APC SQN

From 1 July 66 To 31 July 66

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COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

GENERAL

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

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
 - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
 - b. Index as printed on cover.
 - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.
7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.
8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NII will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

EVENTS

as well as map references), establishment, equipment

and orders given.

the day's fighting, including company movements.

Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

of potential importance.

of officers, men and equipment.

of equipment captured.

of personnel employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

of orders and to save work as much information as possible is to be given. All documents issued and received, routine returns, etc. All dates and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

of the annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

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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:

TOP SECRET

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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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

RAUPTIME ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJ R E HAGERTY

OFFICER COMMANDING

1 APC BKN

NUL DAT

9 JUL 66

SERIAL 4

Numbers 39 + 45

DUTIES

39. 2 Tp Monday and Tuesday, 3 Tp remainder of week.

EDUCATION

40. NO Education courses will be conducted until tactical situation permits, possibly August or September.

ROAD USAGE WITHIN HQ 1 ATF BASE CAMP AREA

41. 1. Visitors. Main access is off IAFZ along INGLEBURN Ave.
2. 2 Pd Amb. Entrance is off CANBERRA Ave in SE corner of HQ 1 ATF Base Camp Area.
3. Civil Affairs and UCC.C. entrance is off IAFZ between CANBERRA Ave and INGLEBURN Ave.
4. Internal Administration. Access is off INGLEBURN Ave. Road terminates in a roundabout HQ Coy 1 ATF Kitchen.

DRESS

42. 1. This RO Supplements Serial 1 RO 3.
2. Local Leave. T Shirts, short sleeved, shirts, sandals, thongs and boots. Shirts are to be worn tucked in. Clothing is to be neat and worn correctly.
3. Base Camp. Uniform except shoes.
4. Australian personnel will only wear Australian pattern clothing.
5. RO No 3 (1)(b) is amended. Shorts may now be worn till 1815 hrs daily.

ASCO IN VIETNAM

43. 1. During the week commencing 15 Jul 66 a bulk distribution point for canteen supplies will be set up in TFMA.
2. After the arrival of the second ASCO detachment in late July a retail canteen for sale of attractive items will be set up in the TFMA. Items such as radios, cameras, watches etc will be available. It is envisaged that the sale of these items will be on a restricted basis as per the current American PX card.
3. Prices. Initially prices will be the same as purchases from the American wholesale facilities. It is anticipated that in future discounts will be available to unit canteens and messes for the purchase of spirits.
4. Commissary supplies such as food stuffs, freshments etc should also be available.





WEAPONS SAFETY IN 1 ATF

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44. 1. a. Weapon Readiness and Safety

This applies to all small arms.

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

- b. (1) All ranks are to clear weapons before entering the operational base.
(2) The M79 or M72 is NOT to be carried in the READY TO FIRE condition.

2. a. Weapon Handling

You are never to handle a weapon carelessly, or point a weapon at anyone except as a deliberate military act against a known or suspected enemy.

- b. Except in an operational emergency when in contact with the enemy, you are never to hand a weapon to another person, unless you first clear the weapon and show that person that there is no magazine on the weapon and that there is NO round in the breech.
- c. At no time, except in an authorised locality as in para 1a, will the action be cocked with the magazine still on the weapon or magazine placed on a cocked weapon. This applies particularly to cleaning.

3. When carrying HE grenades, you are to carry them only inside an authorised pouch and you are to ensure that the pin is correctly and safely ~~and~~ ^{is} deployed to prevent accidental withdrawal. Grenades will always be passed never thrown to another soldier.

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

5. Patrol comds of clearing patrols and day/night standing patrols will authorize the patrol to come to stage THREE when the patrol has passed through the perimeter wire. On return the patrol comd will ensure that all weapons are returned to stage ONE before entering the perimeter wire.

5. 50 Cal M1 - WEAPON READINESS

STAGE	ACTION	WHEN APPLICABLE
ONE	(1) Chamber empty (2) Bolt in breech and bolt forward, with first round against bullet stop, and under extractor.	In op base and log area.

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|-------|---|--|
| TWO | As for stage ONE | As above. |
| THREE | (1) Round in breach
Action cocked. | Outside of base and log
area. |
| | (2) "Safety" round jammed
between trigger bars and
barrel extension | Vehicle will halt at TF area
check points, when entering
or leaving, to alter weapon
readiness accordingly. |
| FOUR | As for stage THREE, but with
safety round removed | (a) When ordered by an officer
(b) When action is imminent. |

7. Members will not carry or have in their possession non Australian issue weapons. Members in possession of such weapons will dispose of them immediately or apply to the SQES for them to be stored in Sqn Armoury.

8. Stripping of Weapons

- a. All ranks are warned that the unauthorised additional stripping of personal weapons will cease forthwith.
- b. Instances have occurred where members have completely stripped a weapon, and replaced parts incorrectly causing damage to the working parts.
- c. Additional stripping will only be carried out under the control of OC LAD.

DIESEL FUEL

45. 1. Diesel engines are very sensitive to fuel contaminated by water, dust and preservative oil remaining in fuel tanks after depot storage.
2. Users will take action to ensure diesel storage tanks and dispensing equipments are regularly checked for water and other foreign material. All dispensing units will be maintained in good order.
3. By paying carefull attention to above detail, this will decrease diesel engine failure rates.

[Handwritten Signature]
Maj
OC 1 APC SQn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJ R E HAGERTY

OFFICER COMMANDING

1 APC SQN

NUI DAT

16 JUL 66

H-2

SERIAL 5

Numbers 46 - 58

DUTIES

46. Sp Coy Tp is duty troop for week 18 Jul 66 to 24 Jul 66.

SQN Q STORES (OUT OF BOUNDS)

47. With the Exception of OC, SSM and Sqn Q Staff, Sqn Q Stores are OUT OF BOUNDS to all ranks.

CANTEEN HOURS

48. Hours of business for Sqn Canteen is between 1630 - 1730 hrs daily. Troop Sgts are to conduct Troop Canteen business between these hours.

Troop Sgts to contact SQMS if canteen stocks are required outside above timings for troops in the field, or arriving back late in Sqn Area.

SPEEDING Ref RO 4/66

49. All drivers are once again warned to adhere to the speed limits laid down for all vehicles.

Speeding has now been declared a prevalent offence.

VEHICLES

50. All members are warned that NO vehicle will be left unattended when outside 1 ATF and HQ ALSG Base areas.

THROWING OF ARTICLES OUT OF VEHICLES

51. Instances have occurred where personnel travelling in the back of moving vehicles have thrown onto the roadway, sweets and biscuits, to local VIETNAMEESE children.

This practice will cease - disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

RUBBISH TIP

52. RO 21/66 is ammended by deleting para 1.

A rubbish tip has now been established at GR 441667.

WEAPONS INTO AUST

53. Confirmation has been received from Higher Headquarters that permission to take weapons back to AUSTRALIA will not be granted.

Personnel with NON pattern weapons are advised to despose of same.

All non issue weapons can be stored in the Unit Armoury at owners risk.

FREE WORLD FORCES MEDAL

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

54. The Free World Forces Medal has been approved for all allied servicemen who complete more than six(6) months satisfactory service in the theatre of operations.

IN COUNTRY REST AND CONVALESCENCE

Quote in Reply

55. Each member of the forces is entitled to one 5 day period of R & C for rest periods. The R & C Centre is located at VUNG TAU.

Members require on their person :-

- a. ID Card
- b. Leave Pass.
- c. Pay Book.
- d. Authority to Draw Pay (if necessary)

Weapons are to be carried on movement down and back and will be stored at the R & C Centre.

4. Uniform is required for trip down and back only. Civilian clothes may be worn at the R & C Centre and on leave.

Members proceeding on R & C are to assemble at SHQ by 0930 hrs on the day due to commence R & C. Members will travel down with road convoy and act as shotguns. Assembly point corner of CANBERRA Ave and NATIONAL Route 2 at 1000 hrs.

CARE OF WEAPONS

56. Damage is being caused to barrel portions of 7.62 mm weapons by having the barrel extending beyond the sides of vehicles and hitting obstructions.

2. Such damage is subject to a NOT FAIR WEAR inspection report by RAEME personnel.

3. All ranks are to be informed that weapons are not to be extended beyond the sides of vehicles.

VEHICLE RECOVERY WITHIN 1 ATF BASE AREA

57. Units are responsible for first line recovery. EME Rep HQ 1 ATF is responsible for co-ordination and control of second line recovery within 1 ATF Base Area.

2. Drivers of vehicles which have broken down or bogged, are to contact their first line recovery. The following information is essential:-

- a. Accurate location of casualty.
- b. Type of vehicle.
- c. Nature of breakdown (ie requires tow or lift-tow)
- d. Condition of road.
- e. Information on enemy or need for protection.

3. From the above, the supporting RAEME element of the unit can assess whether or not the task is within their capability. If beyond unit resources EME Rep HQ 1 ATF will arrange provision of suitable recovery support.

DESPATCH OF EXPLOSIVES THROUGH THE MAIL

58. The PMG Department have been requested to advise AFPO3 of the names and units of all offenders.


Maj
OC 1 APC SQN

NOTICE

Major R J G HALL RAAC has produced a book called 'Short History of the Australian Light Horse.'

The book begins with the pre-federation cavalry and the association with all Aust mounted regiments.

It is not an individual history of each regiment but throws light upon all the light horse units whose traditions and names we perpetuate in the RAAC.

Cost of the book is \$1.50 (Aust)

Maj HALL is calling for subscribers to assist with the expenses of an initial addition. Receipts will be issued and book posted in due course.

Any member of the Sqn desirous is requested to place his order, with money - through troop Sgts.

Troop Sgts to then contact Adjutant.

It is requested that all details be finalized by 22 Jul 66.



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MAJ R E HAGERTY

OFFICER COMMANDING

1 AFG S/M

HUI DAT

26 JUL 66

4-3

SERIAL 6

Numbers 59 - 65

VC SURRENDER PROCEDURES

59. VC in our area of operations have been advised by Psyops leaflets and broadcasts that if they wish to surrender they are to remove their shirts and to sling weapons over their shoulders with the muzzle pointing to the ground, and surrender to nearest security force element with hands raised above their heads.

VEHICLE MOVEMENT TO VUNG TAU

60. 1. Unit B vehicles detailed for duties in VUNG TAU will be required to report to Start Point 1 AFG Area 10 minutes prior to departure time.
2. Driver and passenger incl shotguns are to carry weapons, steel helmets, field dressing, messing gear and bedding including mosquito net in case an overnight stay is unavoidable. Vehicle first aid kit to be carried on vehicle.
3. All unit B vehicles are to be equipped with spare wheel, tyre changing equipment and a tow rope.
4. Single vehicles may move between HUI DAT and BARIA with two (2) shotguns.
5. Single vehicles may ~~NOT~~ ~~NOT~~ move between BARIA and VUNG TAU.
6. Vehicles moving between BARIA and VUNG TAU and return will only move in Authorized 1 AFG convoys which depart HUI DAT GR YS 428659 and VUNG TAU Beach Road near American Swimming Area at times nominated by HQ 1 AFG.

CARRIAGE OF PERSONNEL ON CONVOYS

61. Members who desire to travel back to 1 AFG Base Camp Area in the logistic convoys and who require transport, will report to the duty officer HQ 1 AFG by 2000 hrs the night before. A nominal roll will be prepared and given to the convoy Commander. Members whose names do not appear on the roll will not be permitted to travel on the convoy.

ARMY NEWSPAPER REPRESENTATIVE

62. 1. 2Lt D WATTS is appointed Sqn Representative for the Army Newspaper.
2. One article is required per month to be submitted to reach Pro 1 AFG Maj R ROSS SMITH HQ 1 AFG by the 15th of each month.

LANYARDS - PISTOL

63. 1. It has been noticed that Pistols are being worn without a Lanyard attached.
2. As from the date of this order NO pistol will be worn in any type of holster without being secured by a Lanyard.

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AIRCRAFT SAFETY

64. 1. Vehicles will not be driven closer than 40 ft to a helicopter.
2. Approach helicopters from the front and only on signal from the pilot.
3. Hats/Berets will be removed when approaching or leaving helicopter.

VOICE PROCEDURE

65. The proword break is being used in voice conversations on 1 ATF Radio Nets. This proword is for use only in the transmission of formal messages and not in voice conversations between users or operators or in passing unregistered messages.


Maj
OC 1 APO SQN

NOTICES

1. RESOLUTION CARRIED AT UKRAINIAN RALLY

At a rally held in PERTH WESTERN AUSTRALIA, members of the Ukrainian community carried unanimously a resolution expressing their great appreciation of the role of the Australian Task Force in Vietnam.

The resolution in full is set out below:

"The members of the Ukrainian community in Perth, Western Australia, greatly appreciate and applaud the contribution of the Australian Armed Forces in South Vietnam, to the struggle against communism, since communism threatens individual and national liberty. Ukrainians fought and died in the same continuing battle, which for Ukrainians began in 1918 against the Russian Bolsheviks.

The fame and stature of the Australian soldier reverberates throughout the world, because it conjures up a capable fighting man, who has often fought bravely, in the defence of truth and freedom. Those of us present here at a rally of protest against the destroying of Ukrainian culture by the communists, send you a heartfelt greeting, and also a fraternal greeting to those Australian soldiers of Ukrainian descent who we know stand in your ranks. God be with you."

2. It is requested that the

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

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)
Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC SON

MONTH AND YEAR JULY 66

REFERENCE MAP 1:50,000 XA BINH BA

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<u>Son hoc ATT</u>	<u>31 JUL</u>	<u>0900</u>	<u>2 TP provides two sections (21,22) plus 20B for road convoy escort to VUNG TAN. Also provided section for road clearance (23)</u>	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION **T APC SQN**

MONTH AND YEAR **July 1966**

REFERENCE MAP **1:50,000 XA BIN BA**

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
ATE NUI DAT TO VUNG TAU	30 July	0835 to 1700	Support Troop provided Convoy escort duties for resupply movement between Vung TAU and ATE. 2 Troops, day of rest, repair and replenishment. 3 Troop continued defensive wiring, most of the Tp, in fact 12 carriers still off the road for lack of replacement parts.	
ATE NUI DAT	30 July		The carrier 20B drowned whilst on Op HOBART in course of a ck crossing, suffered damage to its engine (con rod) and ancillary radio equipment. SHTP continued to develop its defensive posns. and carried out normal administration.	
"	30 July			

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION **T APC SON**

MONTH AND YEAR **JULY 1966**

REFERENCE MAP **1:50,000 XA BINH BA**

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SON LOC ATF	29 JUL	0620	2 TP moved out to area of GRAR to assist in PARK II OP "HOBART" 208 was flooded when crossing SOU DA BANH river, due to missing drain plug. Recovered and returned to SON LOC.	
SON LOC ATF	29 JUL	0810	Sp Coy TP supplied night callipers for road escort to MUNG TAN (80A 80B 82 84)	
GRAR B HQ	29 JUL	1520	2 TP returned to base relieved of task with GRAR.	
SON LOC ATF	29 JUL	1530 to 1650	SON placed on stand to condition RED after a CHINOOK helicopter on a staffing run over grid square 3967 received heavy ground fire from this area.	

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AF-C 2118 (Adapted)
Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/FORMATION **T APC SQN**

MONTH AND YEAR **July 66**

REFERENCE MAP **1:50,000 XA BINH BA**

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
SQW Loc ATF	28 JUL	0630	2 TP PROVIDES ROAD CLEARING SECTION. CALLSIGN 23.	
SQW Loc ATF	28 JUL	0730	2 TP PROVIDES ROAD ESCORT TO VUNG TAU. CALLSIGNS 20B, 29M, 29J, 23 (SECTION)	
SQW Loc ATF	28 JUL	1030	VISIT BY BRIGADIER HUGHES, COMMANDER 6 ATF.	
SQW Loc ATF	28 JUL	1400	2 TP PROVIDES SAME ROAD ESCORT GROUP TO TAKE ATF CONVOY TO VUNG TAU.	
Gun Posn Approx GR 462657	28 JUL	1500 to 1700	ELEMENTS OF 2TP AND SP TP LIFTED 161 Bty RNZA FROM POSN AT LONG PHUC TO THEIR POSN IN ATF AREA. CALLSIGNS USED: 20A SECTIONS 21 AND 23 (MINUS) & ALSO 80A 80B 81 82 and 84 (SECTION) TOTAL OF 13 VEHICLES.	
GRAR BHD Approx GR 515674	28 JUL	1735	2 TP PLACED ON STAND BY TO MOVE AT 0800 TOMORROW AND PLACED UNDER COMMAND OF GRAR FOR PHASE II OP "HOBART". LT GUYMER WENT BY HELICOPTER TO GRAR BHD TO LIASE BEFORE MOVE TOMORROW.	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR July 1966

REFERENCE MAP 1:50 000 KA BINH BA

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC SON

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Squ location ATE	2 July	0630	2 Tp provides Road clearing section Callboys 22	
SON DASH op base GR 462657	2 July	0800	2 Tp carries out uplift of ammunition for 161 Bty RZA	
Squ loc ATE	2 July	0800	now at HONG PHUOC in sp of 6RAR on op HOBART	
Squ loc ATE	2 July	0800	At this time 3 Tp has still only one carrier not being worked on by the LAD. Track and suspension stations being replaced.	
Squ loc ATE	2 July	0930 till 1200	Squ carried out a zeroing practice from Sp Troop 4 new	
Squ loc ATE	2 July	0800 till 1630	dmg work toward WHI THE guns function well w/p handling fair.	
Squ loc ATE	2 July	0800 till 1630	SHP elements continued to develop bunkers and defense aspects of SHP similarly troops from 3 and Sp Tp	
Squ loc ATE	2 July	0800 till 1630	developed 2 nd line of wire around the Squ perimeter.	
Mor poon GR 462657	2 July	1500	2 Tp Callboys 23 uplifted mortar bombs to resupply mortars	
Mor poon GR 462657	2 July	1500	from 5 RAR located with 161 Bty RZA. Callboys 20B and	
Mor poon GR 462657	2 July	1500	22 escorted B Vehicles to UNG TAU and returned as escort	
Mor poon GR 462657	2 July	1500	for the ATE units convoy	

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UNIT/FORMATION **1 APC SON**

MONTH AND YEAR

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	24 July 66	0630	Load change patrol - NTR operation Roundlet II completed - return of B vehicles used to transport 2/35 Bly into position Nue Lat to Point Ba Long But. Task completed 1500 2P still in support 5RAR	
	25 July 66	0630 0700	Load change patrol - NTR. 2P escorted 1st Bly and Coy 5RAR into the support base for Op Hobart. 3P conducted resupply assisted by C/S 8 ammunition resupply.	
	26 July 66	0630	Load change patrol NTR 2P lifted Coy 5RAR to the support base	
	27 July 66	0630	Load change patrol - NTR	

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MONTH AND YEAR

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	21 July 66	0630	Load clearing patrol - NTR 2 still in support 5RAR of Sydney. boway escort - very low - New stat a return - N.T.R.	
	22 July 66	0630	operation Gauntlet - escort of by A 2/35 Artillery from Long Bent 7 to 606 to New Stat. Control control helicopter used plus artillery and an cover. completed by 1400 no contact 2 Tp still in support 5RAR on op Sydney 2	
	23 July 66	0630	Load clearing patrol - N.T.R. boway escort very low to New Stat a return N.T.R. Remaining defences strengthened	

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UNIT/FORMATION **1 APC SQN**

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REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	18 July 66	0630	Road clearing patrol - NTR	
		0700	3TP conducted road mine operation	
			to Pto My. with D/Ber - no contact	
		0900	Sqn lifted 6 LST from of Busbani back to location - completed by 2000	
			Suspicious incident	
		2030	piece of white cloth found hanging on perimeter wire by C/S 2. Sqn increased strength of standby patrol NTR	
	19 July 66	0630	Road clearing patrol NTR	
		1040	Sqn placed on 30 mins to move Pto My under attack - N.T.R.	
	20 July 66	0630	Road clearing Patrol - N.T.R	
			C/S 2 assigned 5 LST to cordon and search BINH BA	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR

July 66

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UNIT/FORMATION

1 APC SQN

COMMANDING OFFICER

Major Hazlett

Place and grid reference

Date

Time

Event or information

Annex letter and enclosure number

15 July 66 0630

Lead chain patrol - NTR.
Escort daily resupply convoy being
taken to New Seat & return NTR

11000

Lead Lumber Operation conducted on route
15 area covered was from YS 375609 to
YS 286631 - N.T.R.

16 July 66 0630
0800

Lead chain patrol - NTR
Gen involved in lifting 6 LTR into
position for op Brisbane GS YS 3063.
3 LTR and elements of C/S B remained
in support - 2 LTR left in 161 Bly
became bogged toward load - once
empty no trouble.

17 July 66 0630

Gen Dutoff Melwac to bust
Lead chain patrol NTR
daily escort convoy being taken to New Seat
C/S B & elements C/S B in support 6 LTR

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UNIT/FORMATION **1 APC SQN**

MONTH AND YEAR **July 66**

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER **MAJ Hagerly**

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			2 tp still in support of Sydney 5 RR.	
	11 July 66	0630	Lead Blaney patrol - N.T.R.	
		1225	2 tp still in support of Sydney Capt Wilson whilst reassembling - 50 cal in at replacing the back plate - had a '50 cal round explode in his hand - Went to 36 base hosp.	
	12 July 66	0630	Lead Blaney patrol - N.T.R. 2 tp and elements c/s with 5 RR of Sydney	
	13 July 66	0630	Lead Blaney patrol - N.T.R. c/s 8 escort of Conway New stat - Vung tau and return - N.T.R.	
	14 July 66	0630	Lead Blaney patrol - N.T.R. c/s 2 escort of Conway - New stat - Vung tau and return N.T.R.	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR July 66

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC SQN
COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ HAGBERG

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NW1 DAT	5 July 6 July	0630	Ld clearing patrol. NTR	
		1330.	3 TP engaged on op Enoggera returned to Base Camp. Perimeter fence constructed	
	6 July 66	0630	Ld clearing patrol NTR	
			2 TP in support 5 lat for op Sydney Perimeter fence constructed	
	7 July 66	0630	Ld clearing patrol NTR	
			2 TP in support of Sydney Perimeter fence constructed.	
	8 July 66	0630	Ld clearing patrol op Sydney	
			2 TP in support of Sydney Perimeter fence constructed.	
	9 July 66	0630	Ld clearing patrol	
YS4 28669	10 July 66	0945	Received 1st lat from rifle into area nearby 3 TP/LSO - Sweep carried out - Negative result	

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UNIT/FORMATION **T APC SON**

MONTH AND YEAR

REFERENCE MAP

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
L	4 July 65	0615 1200 0855 1330 1800 2215	<p>Load Chummy Patrol. 4TR.</p> <p>Visit by Parliamentarians to Unit Area.</p> <p>one expressed a desire to see Sgt Brown - Brown not available as member on of Enoggera.</p> <p>ops 2TP moved out on a dash with 5RAR</p> <p>there was also a big run to "Shake" down the hoop.</p> <p>ops 3- returned to Unit Area on completion of op Enoggera.</p> <p>Det Bengstock returned with stores etc</p> <p>been done.</p> <p>OC gave his preliminary orders for op "Pydorky" committing 2TP and Op Coy/Op Amn Op.</p> <p>141 (standing patrol) saw a light moving from det. The 1st on unit western flank</p>	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION **1 APC SQN**

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	2 July 66	1825	in burning of 2 VC killed by 5 RAR C/S 33 carried out a patrol of destruction action Long & Phuoc village area. 2nd VC village area. Sgt Lewis - Sgt Houston Sgt O'Rourke.	
	3 July 66	0615	Lead clearing patrol by 2 P 20TR. C/S 23 worked party of US Engineer vehicles from BSRD to this location. S/M/Adman to construct a tent for the party of - 50.	
		1737	Request by C/S 3 for a DR to replace Sgt Behan who had contacted a skin disease. OC laid down that each track would carry - 2 links section plus 2 track pins	
		1330 to 1630	Make and mend for all troops	
		1330	W/O/S left on visit to 36 Evac Hospital to see Sgt Muthoff - Sgt Johnson + C - Sgt Kelly Sgt O'Sha and Sgt Anderson	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR July 66

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC SQN

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
<p>NUI DAI YS 432 672</p>	<p>1 July 66</p>	<p>2000 0930 0615 1030</p>	<p>Son BIRTHDAY 1 year old. Grevelly 2 night standing patrol day standing patrol Road clearing patrol 2 loops. (22) Field inspection of SMO/ADMIN Loop. Lichen and L.S. areas. No Gen Birthday celebration - 37 on the Enogqua. Vehicle returned from NWC to NW - one member reported the loss of an axe. C/S 3 with one vehicle with broken drive shaft in transfer box.</p>	
	<p>2 July 66</p>	<p>0615 1205 1300</p>	<p>Load clearing patrol N.T.L. Bulldozer and for 1 hour work to clear area of perimeter for fence C/S 31 has broken down shaft Sun Hoa - backload of stores from 17 Area. Request for C/S 23 to assist help</p>	

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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
010001H to 012400H.

TO 11 F FORCE V

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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 6 RAR continued with Operation ENOGERA with Engineer and Armoured assistance. 5 RAR continued their second company and platoon ambush operations. There were no contacts in the reporting period.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS 437690 and secured the road for the convoy at 0715H. One troop remained in support of 6 RAR on Operation ENOGERA.

(3) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force firing a total of 11 H and I missions. No fire missions were fired in support of the infantry.

(4) 5 RAR continued their company and platoon ambush operation. There were no contacts in the reporting period.

(5) 6 RAR continued with Operation ENOGERA. The only finds made were of 1000 lbs rice, a small quantity of medical stores and some documents at YS 451639 and YS 449638. These are being back loaded. Several small tunnels were destroyed by Engineers of 1 Field Squadron.

(6) Air support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal. Airstrikes were carried out at 1030H on YS 512638 and at 1130H on YS 516678. No known results.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 6 RAR continue Operation ENOGERA. 5 RAR continue company and platoon size ambush patrol. Airstrikes are scheduled for 0730H at YS 492657 and for 1130H at YS 517676.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives - No change

D. Friendly Forces - Nil

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Nil

K2.

D1. UNK/UNK

Nil

1000 lb rice, medical stores,
documents

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
300001H to 302400H.

TO: II F FORCE V

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I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. GENERAL

(1) 6 RAR continued with Operation ENOGGERA with further discoveries of tunnels and stores. 5 RAR completed the four day Company and Platoon size ambush operation and commenced Company and Platoon size saturation patrolling of TAOR out to Line ALPHA.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437290 and secured the road for the resupply convoy at 0700H. One troop remains in support of 6 RAR on Operation ENOGGERA. Troop at present engaged in resupply and evacuation of VC stores and equipment located within LONG PHUOC and tactical movement of ground forces as required.

(3) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force firing 9 H and I missions. No missions were fired in support of Infantry.



(4) 5 RAR completed the four day Company and Platoon size ambush operation and commenced Company and Platoon size saturation patrolling of TAOR. A total of 14 patrols were conducted during the reporting period with nil contact.

(5) 6 RAR continued Operation ENOGGERA with further discoveries of tunnels, supplies and documents. At 301015H B/6 RAR discovered tunnel at YS446640, destroyed. At 301150H B/6 RAR discovered 1000lb of rice plus documents at YS442637. At 301300H B/6 RAR discovered 13 bags of cement at YS444640 together with one damaged 20MM shell. Cement damaged by water not recoverable. At 301430H C/6 RAR discovered 7 tons of rice at YS448640. Rice to be evacuated 2 July 66.

(6) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal. At 301820H aircraft reported sighting 2 Vietnamese at YS495675 who moved into bamboo on sighting aircraft. Also noticed many frequently used cart tracks and foot tracks in area.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 6 RAR to continue Operation ENOGGERA, 5 RAR to continue saturation patrolling of TAOR. Air strikes scheduled to be conducted at YS512688 and YS516678 at 011030H respectively. Both targets suspected VC Base Camp.

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- b. MAJOR UNIT ACTIVITIES
(1) thru (9) No change

II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives - No change

D. Friendly Forces

D1.	B/6 RAR	C2	301015/301120H	Friendly	None	No
D2.	B/6 RAR	C2	301150/301230H	Friendly	None	No
D3.	B/6 RAR	C2	301300/301400H	Friendly	None	No
D4.	C/6 RAR	C2	301430/301510H	Friendly	None	No

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Nil

K2.

D1. UNK/UNK 1 tunnel Nil

D2. UNK/UNK Nil 1000lb rice and documents captured and evacuated

D3. UNK/UNK Nil 13 bags cement destroyed

D4. UNK/UNK Nil 7 tons of rice captured and evacuated

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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SUBJECT - COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)
290001 H to 292400 H

TO - II F F V

INFO - AUST FORCE VIETNAM
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

(a) GENERAL

- (i) 6 RAR continued Operation ENOGERA with some further discoveries of tunnels and stores. 5 RAR continued Company and Platoon size ambush operation. No contacts were made in the reporting period..
- (ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS 426647 to YS 437290 and secured the road for the resupply convoy at 0700H. One troop remains in support of 6 RAR on Op ENOGERA. This troop is engaged in resupply duties, evacuation of VC stores and equipment located by the infantry, and move of troops as required.
- (iii) TASK FORCE Artillery continued to support the Task Force firing a total of eleven H and I missions. No fire missions in support of infantry were fired in the reporting period. 161 Field Battery RNZA remains in support of 5 RAR. 103 Field Battery remains in general support.
- (iv) 5 RAR continued with ambush operations through out the area of operations. At 0910H B/5RAR reported sighting 2 VC at YS 455718. VC were not engaged as range was too great. Nil results.
- (v) 6 RAR continued searching tunnels previously located. Only two new very small tunnels were found in YS4464 and these led to nothing. The following equipment and stores were found and are being evacuated from the area-
 - (a) At YS 446640 by B/6 RAR 500 lbs of rice. To be backloaded.
 - (b) At YS 449642 by C/6RAR small quantity medical stores and documents. These are being listed and evaluated and further information will be forwarded.
- (vi) Plans for next 24 hrs. 6 RAR continue Op ENOGERA. 5 RAR continue ambush patrol program.

(b) MAJOR UNIT ACTIVITIES

(i) through (ix) No change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change.
D. Friendly Forces
K. Losses/damages
K1. Enemy losses
K2 UNK/UNK Nil 500 lbs rice Medical stores
K3 Nil
K4 Nil
K5 Nil

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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
280001H to 282400H Jun 66

TO: IIF FORCE V.

INFO AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM

I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. GENERAL

- (1) 5 RAR continued four day Company and platoon size ambush operation within the TAOR. 6 RAR continued Operation ENOGGERA with further discoveries of VC tunnels and supplies within LONG PHUOC Village YS 4464. Only minor contacts were made in the reporting period.
- (2) I APC SQN cleared the road from YS 426647 to YS 437260 at 280700H and secured the road for the resupply convoy as normal. At 280920H provided escort for Engr convoy from BA FIA YS 3861 to task force area. At 281555H one APC hit mine of unknown origin at YS 441640, vehicle damaged but no casualties. Road had been cleared previously.
- (3) Task Force Artillery conducted H and I missions and Defensive Fire Tasks in support of the Task Force, A total of 12 H and I missions were fired.
- (4) 5 RAR continued with ambush operations within the TAOR without contact.
- (5) 6 RAR continued Operation ENOGGERA in LONG PHUOC Village vicinity YS 4464. At 280800H a sniper at YS 442638 fired two shots at D/6RAR. No casualties. At 281245H D/6RAR contacted 6 VC at YS 445635 VC moved SOUTH and contact was lost. At 281300H 2 VC were contacted by D/6RAR at YS 445634. Blood trail followed to YS 440631, then lost. Suspect one VC WIA, one 7.62mm Chicom rifle recovered. At 281410H D/6RAR contact 4 VC dressed in khaki and carrying packs at YS 438635, VC withdrew NW. At 281030H a tunnel was discovered at YS 445637 The following items were recovered:-
 - a. 50 tins of milk
 - b. 8 lengths of rubber tube 6 ft by 1 in
 - c. 9 by 4 gal cans shell kerosene
 - d. 12 by 26 oz bottles alcohol
 - e. 12 cakes of soap
 - f. 300 candles
 - g. 8 lb of herbs
 - h. 6 tins of peanut oil
 - j. 20 kgm Mona sodium glutinate
- (6) Air support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with negative results. Air strike at 280815 cancelled due to poor visibility over target area.

Plans for next 24 hours

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(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR continues Company and platoon size ambush operations within TAOR. 6 RAR continue Operation ENOGERA. Air strike will be conducted at 291200H on huts suspected used by VC at YS 348638.

b. MAJOR UNIT ACTIVITIES

- (1) Thru (8) no change
- (9) Results (cumulative)

AUST LOSSES

Nil

ENEMY LOSSES

- 1 KIA (BC)
- 2 KIA (Possible)
- 3 WIA (Possible)
- Weapons
- 1 MI
- 1 7.62mm CHICOM
- 1 Unknown type

II STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives, no change

d. Friendly Forces

D1.	D/6RAR	C2	280800H/280805H	None	No
D2.	D/6RAR	C2	281245H/281300H	None	No
D3.	D/6RAR	C2	281300H/281405H	None	No
D4.	D/6RAR	C2	281410H/281430H	None	No
D5.	D/6RAR	C2	281030H/281300H	None	No

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy/Losses

D1.	1/Unk	Nil/Nil	Nil	Nil
D2.	6/Unk	Nil/Nil	Nil	Nil
D3.	2/Unk	1 WIA Suspected	1 x 7.62 CHICOM rifle	Nil
D4.	4/Unk	Nil/Nil	Nil	Nil

K2. Enemy/Losses

D5. Unk/Unk One tunnel Captured items as stated in sub -para 1(a) (5)

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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f. While searching outside the house at YS 445637 a cache of dental supplies was discovered. The cache consisted of an earthenware urn, of the type used for water storage, buried in the ground with a tin lid over it. The supplies which were wrapped in plastic consisted of:

- (1) A set of dental equipment for the extraction repair and replacement of false teeth.
- (2) Dental mechanics denture making outfit including moulds, shapers and spare teeth.

(6) Airstrikes were conducted as follows:

- a. At 0800H at YS 348638.
- b. At 1000H at YS 501649.
- c. At 1100H at YS 348638.

Results not known.

(7) Plans for next twenty four hours. 6 RAR continue Op ENOGERA. 5 RAR continue Company and Platoon size ambush operation. An airstrike will be conducted at 280800H on huts suspected used by VC at YS348638.

b. Major Unit activities

- (1) through (8) no change.
- (9) results (Cumulative)

Aust losses

Nil

Enemy losses

- 1 KIA (BC)
- 2 KIA (Possible)
- 2 WIA (Possible)
- Weapons 1 M1
- 1 unknown type

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change.

D. Friendly Forces

D1. B/5RAR C1 1315H/1317H Enemy None No

D2. A/6RAR C2 1050H/1052H Enemy None No

D3. A/6RAR C2 1055H/1055H Enemy None No

K Losses/Damages

K1 Enemy Losses

K2 UNK/UNK Nil 7000lbs rice, Dental equipment

K3 Friendly Losses

D1 UNK/UNK 0/1/0/0 Nil Nil

K4 Nil

K5 Nil

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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
270100H to 272400H.

TO: 2 FFV.

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM
1 ALSG

1. Operational Summary


(a) General

- (1) 6 RAR continued with Op ENOGGERA with further discoveries of tunnels trenches and supplies within LONG PHUOC Village YS 4464. 5 RAR continued their four day Company and Platoon size ambush operation within the TAOR. Only minor contacts were made in the reporting period.
- (2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS 426647 to YS 437290 at 270700H and secured the road for the re-supply convoy as normal. One troop remained in support of 6 RAR on Op ENOGGERA.
- (3) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force firing a total of 19 H and I missions.
- (4) 5 RAR continued with ambush operations throught the area of operations. At 1315H one grenade was received by a platoon of B Coy together with some small arms fire in their ambush base vicinity YS 467703. Area was searched but without result.
- (5) 6 RAR continued Op ENOGGERA in LONG PHUOC Village vicinity YS 4464. At 1050H A Company 6 RAR was fired on by an unknown number of VC, possibly a sniper at YS 460649. Nil result. At 1055H one soldier received minor wound from VC booby trap vicinity YS461648.

The following discoveries were made:

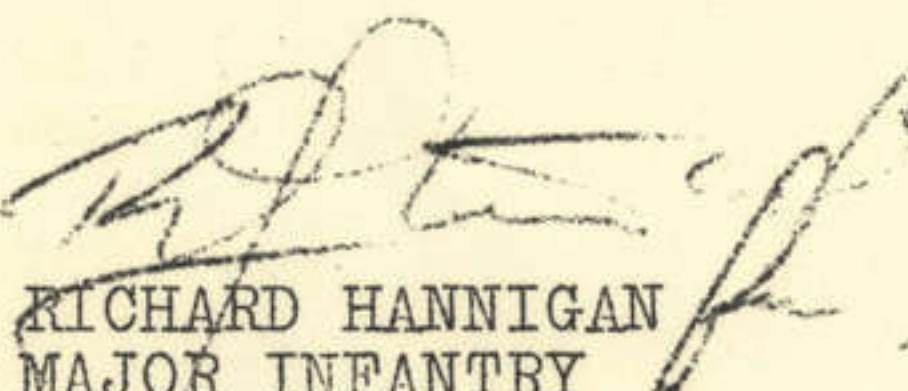
- a. YS439635, several pits 20 feet deep, to be investigated.
- b. At YS 445637, a tunnel was found one arm of which was 50 feet long and the other 200 feet and contunuing. Possible to walk upright in it. Being further investigated. Some fresh food and tins of milk were located in the tunnel.
- c. A total of 7 tons of rice was found at YS 449644 and YS 450644. Being back loaded.
- d. At 450644 a sleeping place for 4 persons was found.
- e. At 1500H while engineers were investigating a tunnel entrance at YS 444637 two VC approached the area. They were dressed in green and armed with automatics. They apparently sighted the infantry protection party at the tunnel entrance at the same time as they were sighted, because they immediately turned and fled. They were followed to a house about 100 metres away but disappeared down a tunnel entrance inside the house before they could be apprehended.

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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
260001H to 262400H.

TO: 2 FFV

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM
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1. Operational Summary

(a) General

(1) 6 RAR continued Operation ENOGGERA with further search and destruction of trenches and tunnel systems within LONG PHUOC village YS4464. 5 RAR commenced a four day Company and platoon size ambush operation within the TAOR. A total of five ambushes were established during the reporting period. Patrolling of TAOR continued on a lesser scale than normal.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 2601715H and secured the convoy as normal. One troop remained in support of Operation ENOGGERA. Assisted in back loading of rice and other captured material.

(3) Task Force Artillery conducted H and I missions and Defensive Fire tasks in support of the Task Force. A total of 22 H and I missions were fired. At 261918H fired Defensive Fire Task at YS466699 in support of B/5 RAR contact.

(4) 5 RAR commenced a four day Company and Platoon size ambush operation within the TAOR, a total of five ambushes being established. At 261918H B/5RAR contacted two local VC at YS466699. One VC KIA by body count, recovered VC's weapon and equipment. Weapon, as yet, not identified.

(5) 6 RAR continued Operation ENOGGERA. At 261135H one VC at YS441639 fired four rounds at A/6 RAR and fled South, no casualties. At 261200H a medical cache was discovered at YS45216473 by A/6 RAR.

The following items were recovered from the cache:-

- a. 18 Ampules of quinine
- b. 100 Ampules of Vitamen C
- c. 18 Ampules of Enegal
- d. 2000 Sulphur tablets
- e. 100 Ampules of Adrenaline
- f. 100 CC's of anti -tetanus vaccine
- g. 1000 Aspirin tablets
- h. 2 bottles Sulphur powder
- j. 1 bottle Streptanycin

At 261330H 30 sandbags of polished rice and a set of hospital records were discovered at YS45256469. Back loaded to Task Force Area.

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- (6) Air support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with negative result.
- (7) Plans for next 24 hours. 6 RAR continues Operation ENOGERA; 5 RAR continues ambush operation.

b. Major unit activities

- (1) Thru to (8) no change
- (9) Results (Cumulative)

Aust Losses

Enemy Losses

Nil

1 KIA (BC)
 2 KIA (Possible)
 2 WIA (Possible)
 Weapons 1 MI
 1 Unknown type

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

D.. Friendly Forces

D1. B/5RAR	C2	261918/261950H	Friendly	None	No
D2. A/6RAR	C1	261135/261140H	Friendly	None	No
D3. 6 RAR	C1	261200/261600H	Friendly	None	No
D4. 6 RAR	C1	261330/261500H	Friendly	None	No

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy Losses

D1. 3/Unk 1 KIA (BC) One Rifle Personal Eqpt

D2. 1/Unk Nil Nil Nil

K2. Enemy Losses

D3. Unk/Unk Tunnels As per para 1 (a) (5)

D4. Unk/Unk Tunnels 30 Sandbags
 polished rice
 hospital records

K3. Friendly Losses Nil

K4. Friendly Losses Nil

K5. Nil



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(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 6 RAR continues Op ENOGGERA, 5 RAR continues saturation patrolling TAOR.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through to (8) no change

(9) Results (Cumulative).

Aust Losses

NIL

Enemy Losses

2 KIA (possible)

2 WIA (possible)

Weapons 1 M1

Material 6000 lb salt

3000 lb rice

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

D. Friendly Forces

D1. A/5RAR C2 251745/251800H Friendly None No

D2. C/6RAR C1 250727/250730H Friendly None No

D3. C/6RAR C1 251110/251120H Friendly None No

D4. SAS SQN C2 252137/252143H Friendly None No

K. Losses/Damages

K. Enemy Losses

D1. 3/UNK Nil Nil Nil

D2. 1/UNK 1 WIA Nil Nil

D3. UNK/UNK 1 KIA Nil Nil

D4. 5/UNK Nil Nil Nil

K2. Enemy Losses

D2. UNK/UNK Tunnels 3000 lb rice

K3. Friendly losses Nil

K4. Friendly losses Nil

K5. Nil

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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
250001H to 252400H Jun 66

TO: II F Force V

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM
ALSG

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 6 RAR continued OP ENOGGERA with further searching and destroying tunnels and trenches. 5 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with minor contacts. A Total of 12 Company and Platoon size patrols were conducted during the reporting period.

(2) 1 APC Squadron secured the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 250700H and secured the route for the convoy as normal. One troop remained with 6 RAR on OP ENOGGERA. At 1045 hrs one section of APCs transported Assault Pioneers to area of VC defensive positions discovered by 5 RAR patrol vicinity YS 395688 and YS467695.

(3) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force firing 28 H and I fire missions in the reporting period. A battery fire mission was fired at 1048H on YS448644 in support of C Company 6 RAR. No known result. At 1750H a battery fire mission was fired at YS385669 at 3 VC. Result not known.

(4) 5 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR. A Company 5 RAR destroyed trenches and bunkers at YS408705 as previously reported. A/5 RAR also located recently dug position at YS395688 containing 25 to 30 trenches and bunkers. This was destroyed. Another trench system was located at YS467695 and this was also destroyed. At 1745H 3 local VC were contacted at YS385669. Artillery fire mission was fired with no known result. Follow up search revealed many signs of movement but was abandoned due to failing light.

(5) 6 RAR continued Operation ENOGGERA. At 0727H sniper fire was received from tree at YS450647. Sniper was seen to fall 25 feet from tree and is possible WIA. At 1110H C/6RAR was fired on from YS447644. One VC was seen to go into hut which was immediately engaged with 2 x 81 mm mortar rounds. Result one possible KIA. Further major tunnels were searched and destroyed. Backloading of rice and salt to Task Force Base Area continued.

(6) At 2137H 3 SAS Squadron standing patrol at YS443688 fired on 5 VC who returned fire and withdrew. Results not known.

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240001H to 242400H Jun 66.

TO: II F FORCE V

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM
1 ALSG

1. Operational Summary.

(a) General -

- (i) 6 RAR continued Operation ENOGGERA with armoured and engineer assistance. 5 RAR and SAS continued saturation patrolling of area of operations with a total of 15 Company and Platoon size patrols. Light contacts only were made during the reporting period.
- (ii) 1 APC Squadron secured the road from YS 426647 to YS 437690 at 240715H and secured the route for the convoy as normal. One Troop remained in support of Operation ENOGGERA.
- (iii) Task Force Artillery continued H and I and Defensive Tasks in support of Infantry. At 241340H engaged 4 VC at YS 458691 in support of B/5 RAR patrol. At 241740H engaged fire mission at YS 448646 in support of 6 RAR.
- (iv) 5 RAR continued saturation patrolling of Area of Operations with only minor contacts. At 241340H B/5 RAR contacted 4 VC at YS 458691. Enemy were fired on by patrol, one VC dropped on M1 rifle plus his equipment which were recovered. Patrol followed blood trail to SOUTH. Located at YS 457692 a dug position 400 metres by 75 metres consisting of shallow slit trenches used recently. Evidence of damp cooked rice was found in the area. At 241620H A/5 RAR found small water hole at YS 416681, heard movement and the sound of a rifle being cocked. Also a footprint was observed in wet mud. A search of the area was made with no result.
- (v) 6 RAR continued Operation ENOGGERA to further search and destroy tunnels and bunkers in LONG PHUOC vicinity YS 4464. Between 240700H and 241200H following were discovered:
- (a) At YS 44306450 2200 panjis in bundles.
- (b) At YS 45006484 6000 lb of salt. Salt to be back loaded to Task Force base area at 250700H.
- (c) At YS 44636462 following medical supplies:
- (i) 5 empty plasma bottles.
- (ii) Intravenous hyperdermic needles.
- (iii) 1 empty quinine bottle.
- (iv) box of medical equipment.
- (v) note book.
- At 241740H C Co was fired upon by enemy party of suspected squad strength. Enemy party was engaged by artillery and mortar fire. Suspect one VC KIA, to be checked by search.
- (vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no sightings. At 240740H air strike was conducted against suspected VC location at YS 392731. Results unknown.

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230001H to 232400H

TO: II F FORCE V

INFO: AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM
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1. Operational Summary.

(a) General.

(i) 6 RAR continued Operation ENOGGERA with Armoured and Engineer assistance. 5 RAR and SAS continued saturation patrolling of Area of Operations with a total of 18 Company and Platoon size patrols during the reporting period.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron secured the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 230700H and secured the route for the convoy as normal. One troop remained in support of 6RAR.

(iii) Task Force artillery continued H and I program in support of the Task Force. A battery fire mission was fired at 2250H at suspected VC movement at YS372688. Results not known.

(iv) 5 RAR perimeter received minor pipes from 222148H until 222210H with one grenade being thrown by own troops. No results. At 1101H 5 RAR patrol sighted one local VC moving North to South vicinity YS399279. Nil result. C/5RAR located a company size defensive position consisting only of foxholes at YS405678 which had recently been occupied. Position was destroyed.

(v) 6 RAR proceeded with operation ENOGGERA to further search and destroy areas in LONG PHUOC vicinity YS4464. 1000lbs of salt which was discovered at YS452652 was evacuated. A 105mm shell which had been prepared as a booby trap was discovered and destroyed at YS450652. Tunnel systems were found commencing at YS443645 and YS446645, the latter containing some medical supplies. A further tunnel system located at YS441646 is considered to be the system discovered and recorded by 173 Bde Abn. Bunkers and an open trench system were found in vicinity YS 439644. Search and destruction of these tunnel systems has been hampered by cave-ins. Dumps of panjis set in concrete blocks located in small quantities throughout the area.

(vi) Plans for next 24 hours. 6 RAR continues Operation ENOGGERA. 5 RAR continues saturation patrolling of 10.

(b) Major Unit Operations.

(i) through (9) no change

C. Objectives. No change

D. Friendly Forces:

D1. A/5RAR C2 231101H/231102H None No

D2. D/5 RAR 02 231215H/231215H NOM NO
 K. Losses/Damages
 K. Enemy Losses
 D1. Unk/Unk Nil .000 lbs of salt recovered
 K3. Nil
 K4. Nil

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220001H to 222400H

TO: II F FORCE V

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM
1 ALSG

1. Operational Summary.

(a) General.

- (i) Extensive company and platoon patrolling continued by 5 RAR to increase and secure the TAOR. 6 RAR with Armoured and Engineer assistance continued Operation ENOGGERA.
- (ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared road from YS 426647 to YS 437690 at 220630H and secured route for convoy as normal. One troop remained in support of 6 RAR.
- (iii) Task Force Artillery continued Hand I programme in support of Task Force.
- (iv) 5 RAR continued patrol responsibility for TAOR with only one contact. At 221806H B/5RAR contacted 3 local VC at YS 398674, VC moved NORTH. 19 rounds of small arms ammunition was recovered.
- (v) 6 RAR continued with Operation ENOGGERA with no enemy contacts. At 220920H continued search of tunnel at YS 451655, found additional 1,300 lb of rice. Rice was evacuated back to Task Force Headquarters. Tunnel was explored to a length of 300 ft generally running EAST to WEST. Stores dump contained 10 rifles was discovered in tunnel. Rifles evacuated to Task Force Headquarters for identification. At 221730H a further tunnel was discovered at YS 449650 with indications of leading to main tunnel. Further investigation to be conducted 230700H.
- (vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no enemy sightings. At 220715H an air strike was conducted against VC fortified village YS 445643. Air strike BDA 6 huts destroyed, 5 damaged.
- (vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to continue saturation patrolling of TAOR. 6 RAR continue Operation ENOGGERA.

(b) Major Unit Operations.

- (i) thru (viii) no change
- (ix) Results (accumulative)

<u>Aust Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Losses</u>
7 KIA	15 KIA (BC)
10 WIA	1 VCC
	7 possible WIA

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2. Statistical Summary of Operations.

C.	OBJECTIVES.		No change		
D.	FRIENDLY FORCES				
D11	B/5RAR	C2	221806/221810H	None	No
D2.	6 RAR	C1	220715/220730H	3xF100's	No
D3.	A/6RAR	C1	220920/221230H	None	No
D4.	A/6RAR	C1	221730/221800H	None	No
K.	Losses/Damages				
K1.	Enemy Losses				
D1.	3/unk	Nil	Nil	19 rds S/arms ammo	
D3.	Unk/unk	Nil	10 Rifles		
K2.	Enemy Losses				
D2.	Unk/unk	6/5	6 huts destroyed 5 damaged		
D3.	Unk/unk	Nil/1300	1300 lb rice recovered to Task Force area.		
K3.	NIL				
K4.	NIL				

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210001H to 212400H Jun 66

TO: II F FORCE V

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

- (1) Extensive company and Platoon patrolling continued to increase the patrol area outside the base area. In addition 6 RAR with Engineer assistance commenced Operation ENOGGERA.
- (2) 1 APC Squadron cleared road from YS 426647 to YS 437690 at 0745H and secured route for convoy as normal. APCs assisted with evacuation of rice discovered by 5 RAR in vicinity YS 456695. During this operation 1 APC was damaged by a mine vicinity YS441704 at 0820H. There were no casualties and damage to APC was not major. Mine was believed to be pressure mine type not known. APC was recovered to Squadron harbour. One troop is deployed with 6 RAR on operation ENOGGERA and will remain attached for duration of operation.
- (3) Task Force Artillery continued H and I programme in support of the Task Force.
- (4) 5 RAR assumed patrol responsibility for whole TAOR to allow 6 RAR to be relieved for Operation ENOGGERA. D Company 5 RAR located 79 bags of rice, total weight 15800 lbs, vicinity YS456695. This was in area of previous finds reported earlier. Rice was evacuated to Task Force Headquarters by APCs for use in civic action program. During this evacuation one APC detonated a road mine (refer sub para (2) above). A second cache of rice was discovered vicinity YS414696 in an old VC village which showed no sign of recent use. A total of 500 lbs of mouldy rice was discovered and because of its unusable condition permission was given for its destruction in situ. No VC were contacted by 5 RAR in reporting period.
- (5) 6 RAR commenced Operation ENOGGERA at 0700H to clear LONG PHUOC vicinity YS4464 and destroy the bunkers and extensive tunnel system known to be there. No VC opposition was encountered although three Vietnamese were detained and evacuated via Task Force HQ to HOA LONG sub sector HQ. Digging tools were discovered in houses and small tunnel system vicinity YS448657. Tunnel located YS437650 was of four arms 30 ft long and 3 ft high all of which were deadends. 1000 lbs of loose rice was discovered at YS444651 in tunnels and wells. Rice is being bagged and will be evacuated 22 June. Tunnels and wells were destroyed. Tunnel at YS451655 was explored initially 50 feet and thought to be part of major tunnel complex but this was later disproved. It would appear main tunnel system has not yet been located.

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- (6) Task Force Headquarters at 1800H a Military Policeman was shot and KIA by VC sniper fire in Northern part of HOA LONG village vicinity YS4264. The MP was travelling in the front passenger seat Landrover (Jeep size) vehicle which was returning to 1 ATF after convoying 3 VCs to Province Interrogation Centre when he was shot from behind. The driver states that he was forced to slow down by a crowd of about 20 civilians on the road, which included women and old people. On hearing the firing he observed that the MP had been shot so he sped away from scene. Investigation commenced which will be continued at first light on 22 Jun 66.
- (7) Air Support. At 0900H an air strike was carried out by three F4Cs on YS566696, a suspected VC position. No bomb damage assesment was possible due to heavy foliage.
- (8) Plans for next 24 hours. 6 RAR continues Operati-on ENOGERA and 5 RAR continues responsibility for Task Force TAOR.

b. Major Unit Operations.

- (1) Operation ENOGERA
- (2) Search, clear and destroy VC village and tunnel system.
- (3) To destroy VC tunnel complex.
- (4) PHUOC TUY province, LONG PHOUC Village vicinity YS4464.
- (5) 6 RAR, 1 Engineer Field Squadron, 1 Troop APC Squadron.
- (6) Battalion Headquarters 6 RAR.
- (7) 210700H Jun 66.
- (8) Continuing.
- (9) Results (accumulative)

<u>Aust Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Losses</u>
7 KIA	15 KIA (BC)
10 WIA	1 VCC
	7 Possible WIA

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C Objectives

C1 LONG PHUOC YS4464 Search, Destroy ENOGERA 210700H

C2 No change to previous

D Friendly Forces

K Losses/Damages

K1 Enemy/Losses Nil

K2 Enemy Losses

D1 Unk/Unk 12 bunkers/Nil Nil/Nil/1000lbs rice

D2 Unk/Unk Nil/Nil Nil/Nil/15,800lbs rice

K3 Friendly/ Losses

D1 Unk/Unk 1/Nil/Nil/Nil Nil None

K4 Nil

K5 Nil

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200001H to 202400H Jun 66.

TO: 11 F FORVE V.

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM.
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1. Operational Summary.

a. General.

(1) Further Company and Platoon saturation patrolling continued to increase the patrol area outside the base. A total of 17 company and platoon patrols were conducted during the reporting period resulting in only minor contacts.

(2) 1 APC Sqn cleared road from YS 426647 to YS 437690 at 200700H and secured route for convoy as normal.

(3) Task Force Artillery continued normal H and I tasks in support of the Task Force. At 200930H engaged target at YS 448647, results unknown. Mortar pit located by 6 RAR at 191200H at YS 444659 has been confirmed as the one plotted by radar approximately 7 days ago.

(4) 5 RAR. Continued to expand their area of operations by extensive patrolling. At 201045H B/5 RAR located nine bunkers at YS 452698, destroyed. B/5 RAR with assistance of Engineer party continued search and destruction of extensive bunker and tunnel systems at YS 463699. The following installations were destroyed:-

- a. 14 foot by 14 foot by 5 foot pit with hut above and slit trench along side.
- b. 14 kitchen utensils plus dishes and water containers.
- c. 2 huts with bunkers along side.
- d. 2 pits 14 foot by 14 foot by 5 foot with huts above and bunkers along side.
- e. Large quantity of 8 foot pickets.
- f. 2 bunkers.
- g. 2 rooms 10 feet by 6 feet with 10 foot ceilings connected by tunnel.
- h. 2 drums of gasoline.

At 201845H D/5 RAR located 1800 lbs of rice at YS 458697. Rice to be recovered back to BARIA by 1 APC Sqn at 210730H.

(5) 6 RAR continued company and platoon patrolling of Area of Operations. Battalion prepared for Operation ENOGERA. No contacts were made.

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- (6) Air Support. At 200800H and 201815H air strikes were conducted on VC Mortar locations in LONG PHUOC Village YS 445650, results unknown. Surveillance aircraft at 200625H sighted track system approximately 15 feet long by 4 feet deep at YS 429659. A light aircraft reported intense small arms fire and automatic fire from YS 497760. Beyond artillery range.
- (7) Plans for next 24 hours. Commencement of Operation ENOGGERA, a battalion size operation supported by APC's and Engineer demolition teams for the complete destruction of VC tunnels and defensive installations within LONG PHUOC village YS 4464. Operation to be conducted by 6 RAR. During operation 5 RAR accepts responsibility for the Task Force TAOR.

(b) MAJOR UNIT ACTIVITIES

- (1) Thru (8) Nil
(9) Results (Cumulative)

Enemy Losses

15 KIA (BC)
1 VCC
7 POSSIBLE WIA

Aust. Losses

6 KIA
10 WIA

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C.	Objectives no change				
D..	Friendly Forces				
D1.	B/5 RAR	C1	201045/201100	None	No
D2.	B/5 RAR	C1	191600/201600	None	No
D3.	D/5 RAR	C1	201845/201900	None	No
K..	Losses/Damages				
K1.	Enemy/Losses		Nil		
K2.	Enemy Losses				
D1.	Unk/Unk		9/Nil		9 Bunkers destroyed
D2.	Unk/Unk		As per 1, a, (4)		
D3.	Unk/Unk		1800 lb		1800 lbs rice recovered
K3.	Nil				
K4.	Nil				
K5.	Nil				

(c) Air Support. At 200800Z and 201200Z air strikes were conducted on VC mortar locations in Long Thung Village. Results are unknown. Surveillance aircraft at 200800Z reported that a mortar was approximately 15 feet by 4 feet deep at 13 480000. A light mortar was reported to have been fired and the mortar was from 13 480000. Beyond artillery

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MAJOR UNIT ACTIVITIES

- (1) 13 480000
- (2) 13 480000 (Creative)

Enemy losses

13 480000 (BC)

13 480000

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STATISTICS & SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Category	Count	Notes
C. Defenses no change		
D. Enemy forces		
D1. R/S BAR	01	201045 201100
D2. R/S BAR	01	19 500 20 500
D3. R/S BAR	01	201045 201100
E. Losses/cases		
K1. Enemy/losses		
K2. Enemy losses		
D1. Unknown		
D2. Unknown		
D3. Unknown		
K1. Unknown		
K2. Unknown		
K3. Unknown		

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190001H to 192400H June 66.

TO: II F Force V

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM
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1. Operational Summary.

a. General.

(1) Further Company and Platoon saturation patrolling continued to increase further the patrol area outside the base. A total of 18 Company and Platoon Patrols were conducted during the reporting period resulting in discovery of considerable earthworks.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 180700H and secured route for convoy as normal. At 181530H Assisted 5 RAR to move Engineer demolition party to site of discovered tunnels and bunkers at YS463699. At 181630 evacuated 11 civilians detained by 6 RAR from vicinity YS454660.

(3) Task Force Artillery continued normal H and I tasks in support of the Task Force.

(4) 5 RAR continued to expand their patrolling area in their Area of Operations. Further search of Huts at YS456713 revealed quantity of documents and sketches. These are now being examined and evaluated. An extensive bunker and tunnel system was located by B Company 5 RAR measuring 150 metres by 100 metres in dimensions vicinity YS463699. Engineer assistance was used to demolish approximately 70 percent of these earthworks before last light. Remainder will be destroyed tomorrow. One rifle (Springfield M1) and 1000 rounds of 7.92 were recovered.

(5) 6 RAR continued increase of patrolling area with extensive patrolling. Located enemy mortar pit with overhead cover vicinity YS444659. Other weapon pits were in general area and were complete with overhead cover. At 1145H sighted 2 VC vicinity YS458660. Nil result. At 1150 hrs 11 civilians were apprehended vicinity YS458660 and evacuated from area.

(6) Air Support. Air surveillance was flown over TAOR. Air strike was conducted at 1430H on YS5570. Results not known.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. Continued demolition of earthworks in areas discovered today. Further enlargement of patrolling area. Airstrikes are scheduled for 1800H on YS447642 with alternate YS437634 and 0730H on YS453640 with alternate YS447642.

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b. Major Unit Activities

- (1) through (8) Nil
- (9) Results (cumulative)

<u>Enemy Losses</u>	<u>Aust Losses</u>
15 KIA (BC)	6 KIA
1 VCC	10 WIA
7 possible KIA	

11. Statistical Summary Of Operations

c. Objectives No change

d. Friendly Forces

d1. B/6 RAR CI 191145H Friendly None No

k. Losses/Damages

k1. Enemy Losses

k2. Nil

d2. Unknown 4/nil 11 bunkers

d3. Unknown 5/nil 12

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180001H to 182400H Jun 66

TO: II F FORCE V

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

- (1) Extensive company and platoon patrolling continued increasing the patrol area outside the base. A total of 16 company and platoon patrols were conducted during the period resulting in several contacts.
- (2) 1 APC SQN cleared road from YS 426647 to YS 437690 at 180630H and secured route for convoy as normal. Assisted 6 RAR in evacuation of VC suspects.
- (3) Task Force artillery continued normal H and I and defensive fire in support of Infantry. At 181203H engaged enemy movement at YS 453707, results unknown.
- (4) 5 RAR continued extensive patrolling of Area of Operation. The following contacts were made. At 181115H B/5 RAR located small group of huts at YS 444708, bunker complex in vicinity possibly extending to WEST of main route. At 181203H B/5 RAR contacted three VC at YS 453707. VC were dressed in black and carrying weapons. Action was followed up with negative result. At 181415H, B/5 RAR located a group of four bunkers at YS 445672 destroyed at 181415H. At 181705 B/5 RAR located a large house, 2 bunkers, a claymore firing device at YS 456713. Two panji pits were discovered and destroyed.
- (5) 6 RAR continued extensive patrolling of Area of Operations. The following contacts were made. At 180850H C/6 RAR contacted 2 VC suspects at YS 425664. One VC suspect with weapon escaped, the other was wounded and evacuated. At 181152H B/6 RAR located hide at YS 448662. At 181410H B/6 RAR discovered old fighting pits at YS 442651. At 181450H 6 RAR captured 2 VC suspects at YS 398639, evacuated by APC to Task Force Area. Thence to BA RIA. At 1225H A/6 RAR fired on three enemy at YS 466672. Recovered one M72 and some small arms ammunition in a bamboo pole. At 181345H C/6 RAR found hide at YS 398662. Hide contained 2 bags of rice and newly dug well. Unable to carry out so spread over ground. At 181400H B/6 RAR contacted 1 local VC at YS 395652, VC moved WEST. At 181745H B/6 RAR contacted one VC at YS 456712, VC withdrew EAST. Follow up action, no result.
- (6) Air support. Air surveillance flown over TAOR. No airstrikes conducted.
- (7) Plans for next 24 hours. Continuation of company and Platoon patrol operations to enlarge patrol area outside base area. At 191430H an air strike is scheduled to be conducted on YS 5570 with secondary YS 3972.

/ Major unit activities

b. MAJOR UNIT ACTIVITIES

(1) Thru (8) Nil

(9) Results (Cumulative)

ENEMY LOSSES

15 KIA (BC)

1 VCC

7 Possible KIA

AUST LOSSES

6 KIA

10 WIA

11. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

c. Objectives : no change

d. Friendly Forces

d1.	B/5 RAR	C1	181203/181206H	FRIENDLY NONE NO
d2.	B/5 RAR	C1	181415/181430H	FRIENDLY NONE NO
d3.	B/5 RAR	C1	181705/181800H	FRIENDLY NONE NO
d4.	C/6 RAR	C1	180850/181000H	FRIENDLY NONE NO
d5.	6 RAR	C1	181450/181500H	FRIENDLY NONE NO
d6.	A/6 RAR	C1	181225/181230H	FRIENDLY NONE NO
d7.	C/6 RAR	C1	181345/181400H	FRIENDLY NONE NO
d8.	B/6 RAR	C1	181400/181420H	FRIENDLY NONE NO
d9.	B/6 RAR	C1	181745/181800H	FRIENDLY NONE NO

k. Losses/Damages

k1. Enemy losses

d1.	3 VC /unk	Nil	Nil	Nil
d4.	2 VC/ unk	1 VC suspect	Nil	Nil
d5.	2 VC/ unk	2 VC suspect	Nil	Nil
d6.	3 VC/ unk	Nil	M72	SA ammo qty as yet not known
d8.	1 VC/ unk	Nil	Nil	Nil
d9.	1 VC/ unk	Nil	Nil	Nil
k2.				
d2.	Unknown	4/ Nil		4 bunkers
d3.	Unknown	5/ Nil		2 bunkers 1 Claymore firing device 2 Panji traps
d7.	Unknown	3/ Nil		2 bags of rice Newly dug well

k3. Nil

k4. Nil

k5. Nil

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170001H to 172400H Jun 66.

TO: II FFORCE V

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

1. Operational Summary

a. General.

(1) Company and Platoon patrolling outside Base area continued. In the 24 hour reporting period a total of 18 Company and Platoon sized patrols were conducted resulting in only minor contact with VC.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 170700H and secured route for convoy as normal. 40 Vietnamese were evacuated from vicinity YS411649 to BA RIA Village YS3861.

(3) Task Force artillery normal H and I and defensive fire in support of infantry.

(4) 5 RAR proceeded with Company and Platoon size patrols in Area of Operations. At 1100 hrs H patrol contacted 2 VC vicinity YS447693. VC did not sight patrol but pursuit was unsuccessful. Result Nil VC casualties. At 1740 hrs H patrol of 5 RAR triggered VC grenade booby trap vicinity YS434096. Result 2 friendly WIA. Both evacuated to YUNG TAU.

(5) 6 RAR continued Company and Platoon sized patrolling in their Area of Operations. Received probes on perimeter from 0130H to 0230H with no contact resulting. At 1100H patrols located two huts vicinity YS437652. One contained grinding tools and the other a quantity of 20 MM cartridge cases. 40 Local Vietnamese found vicinity YS411649 were evacuated by trucks.

(6) Logistic Support Company received small VC probes from 0244H to 0333H. Engaged with small arms. Result one friendly KIA, VC not known. Search in daylight located fresh tracks but follow up patrol produced no results.

(7) Air Support. Air surveillance flown over TAOR. No air strikes conducted.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Operations enlarging patrol area outside base increase with more intensive Company and Platoon size patrolling.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) thru (8) NIL
(a) Results (Cumulative)

Enemy Losses

15 KIA (BC)
1 VCC
7 possible WIA

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Aust Losses

6 KIA
10 WIA

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c. Objectives. No change

d. Friendly Forces.

- d1. 5 RAR 171100/171105H Friendly None No
- d2. 5 RAR 171740H VC None No
- d3. Logistic Coy 170244/170333H VC None No

k. Lessee Damages

- d1. 5 RAR unk 0/2/0/0 Nil None
- d2. Logistic Company unk 1/0/0/0 Nil None

k4. Nil

k5. Nil

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160001H to 162400H Jun 66

TO: II F FORCE V

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

1. a. GENERAL

- (1) Company and platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with only minor contacts. Operation HARDIHOOD (security of Task Force Base) was concluded at 151800H. During the period 051800H Jun to 151800H a total of 132 company and platoon size patrols were conducted with a total of 43 VC contacts.
- (2) 1 APC Sqn cleared the road from YS426647 to YS 437690 at 160700H and secured convoy as normal. One section was employed in escort duties with engineer party during construction operations around HOA LONG Village YS4264. At 161830H two APC's were used to evacuate nine casualties from 6 RAR location YS444678. Casualties caused by lightning.
- (3) Task Force Artillery continued normal H and I and defensive fire in support of Infantry. At 161500H engaged suspected VC location at YS401702.
- (4) 5RAR continued company and platoon size saturation patrolling of their Area of Operations. At 161410H D/5RAR reported ground fire including tracer being directed against aircraft from map square YS3972. PAC investigated, no result. No other contacts were made.
- (5) 6 RAR commenced company and platoon size patrolling of their Area of Operations. At 161139 sighted 3 VC at YS402653 moving out of thick clump of bamboo VC immediately went back heading SW. No other contacts were made.
- (6) Logistic Support Company. At 160515H forward pits sighted 2 or 3 persons approx 50 meters away at YS436672 heading SOUTH towards Engineer area. Check at daylight revealed footprints, suspected not European. Follow up patrol, no result. At 162035H fired upon by of unknown number, suspect one VC KIA, will confirm in morning. Direction of VC movement unknown.
- (7) Air Support. At 161335 air strike was conducted on a suspected VC Camp at YS331658, results unknown. Light aircraft conducted surveillance of TAOR as normal.
- (8) Plans for next 24 hours. Commencing operations to enlarge TAOR.
- (9) Major Unit Activities.
 - (1) Thru (8) NIL
 - (9) Results (Cumulative)

Enemy Losses

15 KIA (BC)
1 VCC
7 possible KIA

Aust Losses

5 KIA
8 WIA

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II. Statistical Summary of Operations

c. Objectives no change.

D. Friendly Forces

D1. 6 RAR. (1) 161139/161140H Friendly None No

D2. LOGISTICS COY (1) 162035/162040H Friendly None No

K. Losses Damages

K1. Enemy Losses

D1. 3VC NONE NIL NIL

D2. Unknown Unknown NIL NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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150001H to 152400H Jun 66.

TO: II F Force V

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

1. Operational Summary.

a. General.

(1) Saturation company and platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with only minor contact.

(2) Task Force Artillery fired fire mission at 151117H at YS455663, one VC seen running into brush. Results not known. At 151120H fire mission at YS 411664, 4 VC seen moving SOUTH. One VC apparently WIA observed being carried away.

(3) 1 APC Squadron located two 155 mm shells at YS413645 with fuzes removed. Shells had been hidden in brush apparently for future use as booby traps. Due to close vicinity of houses shells were removed from area before being destroyed.

(4) Commander issued orders for future operations - OPLAN 1-66.

(5) Plans for next 24 hours. Move forward of 3 Special Air Service Squadron to 1 ATF location.

(6) Major Unit Activities

(1) Thru (8) no change

(a) Results cumulative

Enemy losses

15 KIA (BC)

1 VCC

8 possible WIA

Aust Losses

5 KIA

8 WIA

II Statistical Summary of Operations

a. Objectives - no change

d. Friendly Forces

d1. 5 RAR C1 1120H/1125H Friendly None No

k. Losses/Damages

k1. Enemy/Losses

d1. 1 VC None Nil Nil

d2. 4 VC None Nil Nil

k2. Nil

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TO:

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Operational Summary

k3. Nil

k4. Nil

k5. Nil

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Statistical Summary of Casualties

12.	Nil	None	None	None
11.	1 VC	None	None	None
10.	4 VC	None	None	None
9.	1 VC	None	None	None
8.	1 VC	None	None	None
7.	1 VC	None	None	None
6.	1 VC	None	None	None
5.	1 VC	None	None	None
4.	1 VC	None	None	None
3.	1 VC	None	None	None
2.	1 VC	None	None	None
1.	1 VC	None	None	None

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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
140001H to 142400H

TO: II F FORCE V

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. GENERAL

- (1) Company and Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued, with only minor contacts. During the morning 6 RAR was airlifted from VUNG TAU to LZ YS 432659 at Task Force Area.
- (2) 1 APC SQN cleared the road from YS 426647 to YS 437690 at 140700H and secured the convoy as normal. One troop lifted B/5 RAR from YS 444684 to LZ 432659 at at 140700H. B/5 RAR was securing party for LZ.
- (3) Task Force artillery continued normal HAND and I and defensive fire in support of infantry. At 141940H fired mission on suspected enemy area Ys 434690
- (4) 5 RAR continued Company and Platoon saturation patrolling of TAOR. B/5 RAR at 140730H secured LZ YS 432659 for duration of fly-in of 6 RAR. During afternoon, companies of 5 RAR moved NORTH to new locations as 6 RAR occupied allotted areas of operations. The following contacts were made during the reporting period. At 141310H 5 RAR at YS 465669, contacted three local VC carrying rifles, one dressed in black, remainder in grey green. Enemy withdrew NW, no result. At 141455H D/5 RAR reported small arms fire on a bearing of 3400 mils vicinity HOA LONG village YS 4264, no result. At 141930H 3 VC sighted by A/5 RAR at YS433691. Enemy engaged by artillery as VC were out of small arms range. Results unknown.
- (5) 6 RAR commenced airlift from VUNG TAU to LZ YS 432659 at 140900H. Aircraft on task. H1 1D and Chinooks. Move was completed at 141140H. 6 RAR moved off by companies, to allotted areas. At 141800H 6 RAR assumed responsibility for area of operations. Standing patrols were positioned 300 metres in front of each company location.
- (6) Air support. Surveillance of TAOR continued as normal no sightings were made.
- (7) Plans for next 24 hours. Commanders coordination of the Task Force defensive layout, planning and preparation for future operations in TAOR.
- (8) Major Unit Activities

- (1) Thru (8) no change
- (a) Results (Cumulative)

Enemy Losses
 15 KIA (BO)
 1 VCC
 7 possible WIA

Aust Losses
 5 KIA
 8 WIA

11 Statistical Summary of operations

e. Objectives no change.

d. Friendly Forces

d1 5 RAR. C1 14 1310H/141320H FRIENDLY NONE NO

d2 A/5 RAR C1 141930/141945H Friendly None NO

k. Losses/Damages

k1. Enemy/Losses

d1 3 VC None Nil Nil

d2 3 VC Unknown Unknown Unknown

k2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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130001H to 132400H Jun 66.

TO: II F Force V

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

1. Operational Summary.

a. General.

(1) Company and platoon size patrolling of TAOR continued as normal, with only minor contacts. Task Force commenced planning for the arrival of 6 RAR into area morning 14 Jun 66.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 130720H and secured convoy as normal. One mine was located at YS427654 and was identified as Atk M1A1. Mine appeared to have been laid on the afternoon 12 Jun 66. Mine blown. Secured Engineer work party at HOA LONG YS4364 for the erection of a fence around the village, by district Chief.

(3) Task Force Artillery continued normal H and I and Defensive Fire in support of Infantry. No major targets were engaged.

(4) 5 RAR continued company and platoon size saturation patrolling of TAOR. Investigation of area in vicinity of area in vicinity of area engaged by artillery night 12/13 Jun revealed following: At 131040H 3 Pl A Coy found hut that had been hit by artillery fire at YS428684. Two persons fled from area on approach of patrol. Search revealed five rolled mattresses concealed in bush 50 metres from hut. Left in situ as possible ambush target. 131155H 3 Pl A Coy found one grenade, grey in colour, foreign unidentified, lying beside track at YS428687. Left in situ, examined by assault pioneers and destroyed. At 131200H elements of 2 Pl A Coy returned after checking area YS434685 where numerous lights were seen night 12/13 Jun. Area was well served by well defined tracks. Two sets of bare foot prints made last night were quite distinct in the mud. An area of grass had been flattened by squad size group lying down. Numerous evidence of fall of artillery. At 2000H minor probing of perimeter occurred around Battalion Headquarters YS441682.

(5) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR continued as normal; no sightings were made. At 131830H airstrike was conducted on enemy mortar sights YS449635 and YS445637, results unknown.

(6) Plans for next 24 hours. Airlift of 6 RAR from VUNG TAU to Task Force area LZ434661 to commence at 140900H. 6 RAR to move to area of operations on EAST of Task Force Area; to be in location by 141800H.

(7) Major unit activities:

(1) thru (8) no change

/(a) Results

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(a) Results cumulative:
 Enemy losses:
 15KIA (BC)
 1 VCC
 7 possible KIA
 Aust losses:
 5 KIA
 8 WIA

II Statistical Summary of Operations.

C. Objectives no change.

D. Friendly forces. NIL

K. Losses/damages. NIL

K1. Enemy losses.

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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120001H to 122400H Jun 66.

TO: II F Force V

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

I. Operational Summary.

a. General.

(1) Company and platoon size saturation patrolling of the TAOR continued with minor contacts. D Company Group 5 RAR conducted a sweep of NE Section of HOA LONG YS 4365 from 121200H to 121700H for check of position from which light enemy mortars had fired during the last two nights. A small number of light enemy mortar rounds were received during this operation. No signs of mortar positions were found in the search area and it is now believed that the enemy is carrying light mortars into this area from the EAST during the hours of darkness. Received one KIA and Two WIA during this operation believed to be from enemy mortar fire. Casualties were suffered at YS 436643, approximately 2000 metres from perimeter.

It is now 48 hours since the Task Force has had any ground contact with enemy. This change of previous pattern of enemy may be significant.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS 426647 to YS 437690 at 120725H and secured convoy as normal. One troop of 1 APC Squadron was employed in the D Company operation for additional security and troop lifting of blocking force.

(3) Task Force Artillery - continued normal H and I and defensive fire in support of Infantry. At 121255H Artillery engaged suspected mortar location at YS 438643, results unknown. Enemy mortars were located by AN/KPQ1 Radar at LONG PHUOC village YS 4564.

(4) 5 RAR continued Company and platoon size saturation patrolling of TAOR. D Company group 5 RAR conducted sweep operation of the NE section of HOA LONG YS 4365 as detailed in paragraph (1) The following contacts were made during the reporting period. At 200830H 5 RAR observed 12 Vietnamese in black dress with white hats at YS 407665 heading NW. Vietnamese were kept under observation. At 121230H movement was located at YS 367667 by platoon on NUI DAT feature YS 4367. Light aircraft investigated with no result. At 121320H two grenades were found by A Coy 5 RAR in a hut at YS 436690. Demolished by engineers.

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(5) Surveillance of the TAOR was conducted by light aircraft at 120700H and 121800H with no results. Close air support, Nil.

(6) Plans for next 24 hours. Company and platoon patrolling to continue in TAOR.

(7) Major Unit activities.

(1) thru (8) no change.

(9) Results (cumulative)

Enemy Losses.

15 KIA (BC)

1 VCC

7 Possible WIA

Aust Losses.

5 KIA

8 WIA

II. Statistical Summary of Operations

C. Objectives no change.

D. Friendly Forces.

D1. D/5 RAR CI 121200H/121700H En None No

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Enemy Losses.

D1. Unknown Nil Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Friendly Losses.

D1. Unknown 1 KIA/ 3 WIA

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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110001H to 112400H Jun 66.

TO: II F FORCE V.

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM.

I. Operational Summary.

a. General.

(1) Company and platoon size saturation patrolling of the TAOR continued with minor contacts. Several large bodies of Vietnamese were located in the area and evacuated to BA RIA YS3760. Artillery continued engagement of known mortar location and Defensive Fires in support of 5 RAR.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared road from YS426647 to YS437692 at 110725H and secured convoy as normal. No contacts were made during this task. At 0800H 1 APC Squadron lifted counter Bombardment Officer to YS424666 scene of mortar attack on 101745H. Fragments of enemy projectiles were collected and despatched to 2 FFV for analysis. At 111115H the Squadron assisted in the evacuation of 15 Vietnamese from YS437696 to Task Force Headquarters YS 4366. At 111630 provided escort for slow moving convoy of Engineer plant from VUNG TAU to Task Force area.

(3) 5 RAR continued Company and platoon sized saturation patrolling of the TAOR. The following contacts were made enemy probing in the vicinity of 5 RAR Headquarters YS442683, and 5 RAR echelon YS437684 between 110030H and 110230H. Illumination was fired but nothing was seen. At 110900 A/5 RAR contacted a male of military age, 2 women and 7 children at YS439699. Male had no identification card evacuated back to Task Force HQ. At 110945 local Vietnamese were sighted working in fields at grid squares YS 4166, 4066, 4167. Two fled into hills remainder all had identification cards. At 111035H platoon on NUI DAT feature YS 4367 reported 5 or 6 figures on high feature bearing 4450 mils, approx YS 386660 not engaged by arty because of air safety. At 111106 A/5 RAR collected 15 Vietnamese at YS 437696, Vietnamese were scavenging old 173 Abn Bde (Sop) Headquarters location. Personnel were evacuated by 1 APC Squadron back to Task Force Headquarters.

(4) Task Force Artillery continued engagement of targets in support of Infantry; H and I as normal. At 111031 engaged mortar located at YS 347645, results unknown. At 2015H engaged 3 VC YS 405657, result unknown.

(5) Air support. Light aircraft surveillance of TAOR. At 110735 aircraft reported movement of ox carts down tracks in map squares YS 3064, 3065, 3066, 3164 FAC alerted from BARIA to investigate. Reported to be wood cutters. At 111126H light aircraft received ground fire from 337690, FAC was alerted and investigated. No result. At 111610H an airstrike was conducted on suspected gun or mortar location YS 365645. Results unknown.

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(6) Plans for next 24 hours. Company and platoon size patrols continue to secure the TAOR, destroy VC caches, and evacuate civilians. Operation PARKES commences at 121200H. This is a company plus size operation with APCs to search out suspected mortar locations in HOA LONG VILLAGE YS 4265 and 4365.

(7) Major Unit Activities.

(1) thru (8) no change.

(9) Results (cumulative)

Enemy Losses

15 KIA (BC)
1 VCC
7 possible WIA

Aust Losses

4 KIA
5 WIA

II. Statistical Summary of Operations

C. Objectives no change.

D. Friendly Forces.

D1. 5 RAR CI 110030H/110230H En None No

D2. USAF CI 111610H/111650H Friendly Yes No

K. Losses Damages

K1. Enemy/Losses

D1. Unknown None Nil Nil

D2. Suspected Mortar locations Unknown Nil Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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100001H to 102400H Jun 66.

TO: II F FORCE V.

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM.

I. Operational Summary.

a. General.

(1) Three Company size sweeping patrols were conducted in the TAOR during the day with major contacts being made during the evening.

(2) One troop of 1 APC Squadron cleared road from YS426647 to YS437692 at 100725H and secured, convey as normal. Assisted 5 RAR in clearing operations to YS432700.

(3) 5 RAR with three Company sweeps continued search of Task Force area. The following contacts were made. At 0600H VC attempted to draw fire of 5 Battalion Headquarters YS442684 by rattling the wire. At 100910H A/5 RAR contacted four local VC at YS422694 at 100910H. One VC WIA. VC withdrew WEST then SOUTH leaving strong blood trail. One 7.62mm Chicom semi automatic rifle was recovered. Patrol followed blood trail for 500 metres and then lost it. Same patrol discovered a suspected VC Camp at YS419684 that could have contained 6 VC. At 1200H 3 VC were sighted at YS443664 by B/5 RAR. VC were dressed in black shorts, one was carrying a rifle, VC moved NE. At 101655H A/5 RAR triggered booby trap, one WIA evacuated by DUSTOFF. At 101610H C/5 RAR was fired on by 3 VC at YS461657, returned fire and followed blood trail. Result 1 VC KIA by body count. One grenade recovered. At 101745H VC mortars fired onto D/5 PAR patrol at YS 425660 result 2 KIA 4 WIA. Details of mortaring as follows. Mortars were plotted at YS 413659 and YS 412656, two suspected 82 mm mortars, and at YS 361671 (range approximately 6000 metres) suspected 120 mm mortar. Plotting was by ground observation and radar (AN/KPQ1). A total of 10 by 120 mm and 6 by 82 mm bombs landed at YS 425660. Artillery engaged 82 mm mortar locations at 101815H and an air strike was conducted against 120 mm mortar location at 361671 at 101845H. Results unknown.

(4) Task Force Artillery. During period artillery engaged routine H and I and fire missions. At 101215H artillery engaged 3 VC at YS 456664, result unknown. At 101815H Arty fire mission against two 82 mm mortar locations YS 413659 and YS 361671. At 101015H bombardment on feature map square 3972 light seen this location by FO light extinguished.

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(5) Plans for next 24 hours. A patrol to enemy mortar base plate positions as mentioned in para (3) to investigate results of fire mission. Continued Company and Platoon sized saturation patrolling.

(6) Major Unit Activities.

(1) Thru to (8) no change.

(9) Results (cumulative)

Enemy Losses

15 KIA (BC)
1 VCC
7 Possible KIA

Aust Losses

4 KIA
5 WIA

II. Statistical Summary of Operations.

C. Objectives no change.

D. Friendly Forces.

D1.	A/5	RAR	CI	100910H/100920H	Friendly	None	No
D2.	B/5	RAR	CI	101200H/101300H	Friendly	None	No
D3.	C/5	RAR	CI	101610H/101700H	Friendly	None	No
D4.	D/5	RAR	CI	101745H/101800H	En	USAF Ac	NO

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Enemy/Losses.

D1.	4	One VC	WIA	7.62 mm	Nil
				Chicon rifle	
D2.	3	Nil		Nil	Nil
D3.	3	1 VC	KIA	One Grenade	Nil
D4.	Unknown	Unknown		Nil	Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Friendly/Losses.

D4.	Unknown	2 KIA	4 WIA	Nil	None
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K4. Nil

K5. Nil


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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
020001H to 022400H.

TO: II F FORCE V

HQ AFV

INFO: 1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY.

a. General.

(1) 5 RAR. Continued their second company and platoon ambush operation with several minor contacts. 6 RAR continued with Operation ENOGGERA with further discoveries of tunnels and supplies.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 and secured the road for convoy at 0700H. One troop remained in support of 6 RAR on Operation ENOGGERA.

(3) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force firing a total of 10 H and I missions. At 1650H fired mission at YS386691 12 VC moving EAST. Results unknown.

(4) 5 RAR continued company and platoon ambush operation with several minor contacts. At 021045H D/5 RAR contacted 2 VC dressed in black, at YS395697, followed up to YS395695 then lost. At 021100H D/5 RAR contacted 2 VC at YS395695, possibly same as previously reported, VC headed EAST. At 021115H D/5 RAR contacted 3 loc 1 VC at YS395695, results 2 VC KIA by body count and one MIA, one MI and two 7.62 mm weapons plus 2 grenades and equipment captured. Patrol followed up blood trail with negative result. At 021645H a patrol of D/5 RAR was ambushed by VC of suspected strength three at YS392692. Results one friendly KIA and MIA. Enemy party followed up with negative result.

(5) 6 RAR continued with Operation ENOGGERA. At 021340H A/6 RAR discovered 1 1/2 tons of rice at YS447645, evacuated to Task Force. At 021450H C/6 RAR located 5 tons of rice at YS436641. At 021500H A/6 RAR discovered tunnels at YS450640, YS447638 and YS452634. All tunnels to be destroyed 3 July 66.

(6) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with negative sightings.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR continues company and platoon ambush operations. 6 RAR continues Operation ENOGGERA.

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b. Major Unit Activities.

(1) thru (8) no change.

(9) Results (accumulative)

Friendly losses

1 KIA
1 WIA

Enemy losses

2 KIA (BC)
2 KIA (possible)
4 WIA (possible)

Weapons

2 M1
3 7.62 mm CHICOM

II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. objectives, No change.

D.

D1.	D/5 RAR	C1	021045H/021050H	Friendly	None	No
D2.	D/5 RAR	C1	021100H/021155H	Friendly	None	No
D3.	D/5 RAR	C1	021115H/021150H	Friendly	None	No
D4.	D/5 RAR	C1	021645H/021700H	Friendly	None	No
D5.	A/6 RAR	C2	021340H/021400H	Friendly	None	No
D6.	C/6 RAR	C2	021450H/021520H	Friendly	None	No
D7.	A/6 RAR	C2	021500H/021530H	Friendly	None	No

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Enemy/Losses.

D1.	2/unk	Nil/Nil	Nil	Nil
D2.	2/unk	Nil/Nil	Nil	Nil
D3.	8/unk	2 KIA/Nil	1 M1 2x7.62mm	2 grenades
D4.	3/unk	Nil/Nil	Nil	Nil

K2. Enemy Losses.

D5.	unk/unk	Nil	3000 lb rice
D6.	unk/unk	Nil	1000 lb rice
D7.	unk/unk	Nil	3 tunnels located to be destroyed

K3. Friendly Losses.

D4. 3/unk 1 KIA/1 WIA Nil Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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SUBJECT; COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)
030001H to 032400H

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FROM: 1 AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

TO: II F FORCE V
HQ AFV

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

(a) General

- (i) 6 RAR continued Operation ENOGGERA with Engineer and Armoured support. 5 RAR continued with prolonged Company and Platoon patrolling of TOAR.
- (ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 and secured the road for the convoy at 0705H. One troop remained in support of 6 RAR on Op ENOGGERA.
- (iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 12 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. At 1915H a Regiment fire mission was fired at YS 381661 at 2 VC sighted near a hut. Results not known.
- (iv) 5 RAR continued with company and platoon patrolling of the TOAR. No contacts were made in the reporting period. At 1100H a Support Company patrol found two well maintained huts at YS459695. Blood stained bandages were found in the roof and coils of barbed wire were found concealed. Huts were destroyed.
- (v) 6 RAR continued Operation ENOGGERA. Tunnels as reported in previous Sitrep were destroyed. Backloading of rice continued and approximately 10 tons of rice still remain to be evacuated.
- (vi) Air surveillance of TOAR continued. An airstrike was conducted on a suspected enemy base camp at YS516678 at 1030H. Results not known.
- (vii) Plans for next 24 Hours. Op ENOGGERA continues with 6 RAR with Engineer and Armoured assistance. 5 RAR continue company and platoon size patrolling of TOAR. An airstrike is scheduled for 1130H on YS488658.

(b) Major Unit Activities

(i) through (ix) no change

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change
D. Friendly Forces - Nil
K. Losses/Damages
K1. Nil
K2. UNK/UNK 2 Huts Nil
 tunnels
K3. Nil
K4. Nil
K5. Nil

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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
040001H to 042400H.

TO: II FORCE V (2)

INFO: HQ AFV
1 ALSG

1. Operational Summary.

a. General.

(1) 5 RAR commenced preliminary patrolling with one troop of 1 APC Squadron as cover plan for Operation SYDNEY (Clearance Area GOLD). At 041300H 6 RAR completed Operation ENOGGERA and returned to Task Force Base Area C/6 RAR remained in ambush positions in LONG PHUOC Village YS4464. Full report of Operation ENOGGERA to be forwarded on completion.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 YS437690 and secured the road for resupply convoy at 0700H. One troop remained in support Operation ENOGGERA until 041300H then returned to base. One troop came in support of 5 RAR for cover plan Operation SYDNEY.

(3) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force firing a total of 10 H and I missions. At 040941H Battery target fired at YS444703 in support of 5 RAR patrol.

(4) 5 RAR commenced preliminary patrolling with one troop of 1 APC Squadron as cover plan for Operation SYDNEY (Clearance Area GOLD). All major ambush patrols returned to base during day.

(5) At 041300H 6 RAR completed Operation ENOGGERA and returned to Task Force Base Area. C/6 RAR remained in ambush position in LONG PHUOC Village YS4464. At 041300H C/6 RAR discovered enemy camp site at YS447620. Hot water was still in utensils. Recovered gerrand rifle ammunition and two grenades. At 041530H C/6 RAR contacted one local VC at YS433615. VC was fired on and seen to fall, blood trail was followed with negative result. A few rounds of ammunition and one grenade recovered.

(6) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with negative sightings. At 041130H an air strike was conducted on village YS4865.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to continue preliminary patrolling with one troop of 1 APC Squadron whilst remainder of battalion prepares for Operation SYDNEY. 6 RAR to commence saturation patrolling of TAOR and prepare to assume responsibility of security of Task Force area from 5 RAR for period of Operation SYDNEY. At 051130H an air strike is scheduled to be conducted at YS377685 and YS359702 with the view to interdicting track.

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b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) thru (8) No change

(a) Results (Accumulative)

Friendly losses

1 KIA
1 WIA

Enemy losses

2 KIA (BC)
2 KIA (possible)
5 WIA (possible)
2M1
3 7.62mm CHICOM

II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

D. Friendly forces

D1. C/6 RAR C2 041300H/041315H Friendly None No

D2. C/6 RAR C2 041520H/041600H Friendly None No

K. Losses/Damage

K1. Enemy/Losses

D1. UNK/UNK NIL Garrand ammo
Two grenades

D2. 1/UNK 1 WIA NIL Garrand ammo
One grenade

K2. NIL

K3. Nil

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
060001H to 062400H.

FROM: 1 ATF

TO: II F Force V

INFO: Austforce VIETNAM
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 5RAR commenced Operation SYDNEY Phase 2, the movement forward of companies to base areas and the establishment of a Fire Support Base, with negative contact. 6RAR assumed responsibility for the security of the Task Force Area and commenced saturation patrolling of the TAOR.

(2) 1APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 0700H and secured the road for the convoy. One troop in support 5RAR for Operation SYDNEY.

(3) Task Force Artillery continued to support 5RAR for Operation SYDNEY. At 061845H fired battery fire mission on YS383651, VC movement. Result two possible KIA. At 2200H fired battery fire mission at YS431645 in support of ARVN Commando unit HOA LONG Village YS420640. Results unknown.

(4) 5RAR commenced Operation SYDNEY with the movement forward of companies to base areas and the establishment of a Fire Support Base at YS432702 in preparation for clearance of area NUI NGHE feature YS3972. At 061050H C/5RAR located a booby trapped bicycle in a tree at YS426705, destroyed. At 062003H ASSAULT PIONEER Patrol discovered remains of hut at YS 438703. Tunnel entrance adjacent extending 50 metres being investigated. Some spears and concertina wire found.

(5) 6RAR assumed responsibility for security of Task Force area and commenced saturation patrolling of TAOR with negative contacts.

(6) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with the following sightings. At 061600H reported 20 to 30 Vietnamese at YS453648, 12 whom headed SE. At 061435H observed aircraft wreckage, tail no 72828 at YS280810. Wreckage appeared to be old. No airstrikes were conducted during reporting period.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5RAR continues preparation of base locations prior to Phase 3 of Operation SYDNEY. 105 Fd Bty move forward to Fire Support Base, move to be secured by troop of 1 APC Squadron, 6RAR to continue saturation patrolling of TAOR.

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b. Major Unit Activities.

- (1) Operation SYDNEY.
- (2) Clearing Operation.
- (3) Clear area of NUI NGHE feature YS3972.
- (4) As for (3)
- (5) 5RAR, 1 APC Squadron, 105 Fd Battery R.A.
- (6) 5RAR
- (7) 060700H
- (8) NIL.
- (9) NIL.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives.

- C1. PHUOC TUY YS0000 S&D SYDNEY 060700H/cont.
C2. PHUOC TUY YS0000 Security NIL 060700H/cont.

D. Friendly Forces.

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|-----|-----------|----|-----------------|------|----|
| D1. | 1 Fd Regt | C2 | 061845H/061855H | None | No |
| D2. | C/5RAR | C1 | 061050H/061100H | None | No |
| D3. | 5RAR | C1 | 062003H/062030H | None | No |

K. Losses/Damages.

K1 Enemy losses.

- D1. 2/unk 2 possible KIA NIL NIL

K2. Enemy losses

- D2. unk/unk NIL One bicycle

- D3. unk/unk One tunnel to be destroyed. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
050001H to 052400H

TO: II F Force V

INFO: Austforce VIETNAM
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 6 RAR concluded Op ENOGGERA and returned to their base location. 5 RAR commenced preliminary operations for Operation SYDNEY.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS 426647 to YS 437690 at 0705H and secured the road for the convoy. The troops engaged on Op ENOGGERA reverted to Squadron command.

(3) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of eleven H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours. At 1455H movement was sighted at YS 395720 and a fire mission was fired. Results not known. At 1930H camouflaged huts at YS 378674 were engaged with a fire mission. Huts were damaged and road nearby pockmarked. At 2150H following receipt of a Spar Report suspected VC location at YS 378640 was engaged by a Regiment fire mission after clearance by Sector HQ at BARIA. Results not known.

(4) 5 RAR conducted preliminary operations as cover for Op SYDNEY. Reconnaissance of some areas was carried out and as a result some minor alterations to proposed areas were made. These will be promulgated. No contacts were made.

(5) 6 RAR 'stay behind' elements who had remained in ambush in LONG PHUOC village returned to base location and Op ENOGGERA finished at 051300H. No contacts were made.

(6) Air support. At 1430H a FAC reported receiving one round of heavy ground fire giving air burst. No damage to aircraft. Round came from vicinity YS 395725. At 1455H movement was seen in same area (see para (3) above) and immediate air strike was called. Three F 100s using 500 pound bombs and napalm carried out the strike. Further assessment not possible due to foliage.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR commences Op SYDNEY with Armoured and Artillery support. 6 RAR carries out saturation patrolling of area of operations

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through (8) no change

(9) results (accumulative)

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Friendly Losses

1 KIA
1 WIA

Enemy Losses

3 KIA (BC)
2 KIA (suspect)
4 WIA (possible)

Weapons

2 M1
3 7.63mm CHICOM

11. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change.

D. Friendly Forces

D1. TF FAC C2 051415H/051630H Friendly F100s. USAF. No.

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy/Losses

D1. UNK/UNK 1/NIL NIL NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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070001H to 072400H

FROM: 1 AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

TO: II F F V

INFO: AUST FORCE VIETNAM
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

- (1) 5 RAR continued Op SYDNEY finishing phase 2 and commencing phase 3 with negative contact. 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with only minor contact.
- (2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS 426647 to YS 437690 at 0730H and secured the road for the convoy. One troop remained in support of 5 RAR for Op SYDNEY.
- (3) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force firing a total of 17 H and I missions during the 24 hours. At 1050H a regiment fire mission was fired at YS443657 from where it had been reported shots had been heard being fired at FAC in area. Results not known. At 2045H battery fire missions were fired at YS387663 and YS393665 at lights sighted. Results unknown.
- (4) 5 RAR completed phase 2 of operation SYDNEY and progressed to phase 3. No contacts were made. At 1515H D/5 RAR located a six months old camp at YS 415724 which contained some huts that had been burnt down in the past, 6 weapon pits in good condition were discovered.
- (5) 6 RAR continued patrolling TAOR. D/6RAR at 0925H heard an estimated 8 shots while FAC was in air in vicinity YS443657. An artillery fire mission was fired with results unknown. At 2115H lights were seen moving outside the Battalion perimeter in vicinity YS450674. 81 mm mortar illumination was fired but with little advantage due to screening by rubber trees. At 2005H C/6 RAR detained 2 VC suspects at YS452652. They are being held overnight and will be evacuated for interrogation tomorrow.
- (6) Plans for next 24 hours. Op SYDNEY continues in Phase 3 with 5 RAR with Armoured and Artillery support. 6 RAR continues patrolling TAOR.

b. Major Unit Operations.

- (1) through (9) no change.

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Friendly Forces

D1.	1 Fd Regt	C2	071050H/071055H	None	No
D2.	1 Fd Regt	C2	072045H/072050H	None	No
D3.	6 RAR	C2	072115H/072200H	None	No

K. Losses Damages

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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080001H to 082400H

FROM 1 AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

TO: II F FORCE V

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM
1 ALSG

I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY


a. General

- (1) 5RAR continued Operation SYDNEY with only minor contact. 6RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with negative contact.
- (2) 1APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 0715H and secured the road for the convoy. One troop remained in support of 5RAR for Operation SYDNEY.
- (3) 5RAR continued Phase 3 of Operation SYDNEY, the clearance of Area GOLD, with minor contacts. At 080845H A/5RAR discovered estimated company sized installation at YS389710 consisting of 8 bunkers and trench 400 metres long running North to South. Installation not to be destroyed until later. At 081015H D/5RAR discovered fresh blood trail at YS410727 on track bearing North to SE. Blood trail lost after 300 metres. At 081045H B/5RAR discovered 2 pits with overhead cover, one without overhead cover, 2 ox carts, 1 water well at YS423708. At 081400H B/5RAR discovered dugouts and several bunkers at YS429713, estimate approximately 2 weeks old. At 081540H A/5RAR found a company sized camp at YS376708, estimate approximately 12 months old. At 081645H A/5RAR contacted 4VC at YS375710, suspect one VC WIA. At 081710H A/5RAR sighted 1VC at YS375710 entering one of two huts, VC was fired upon, one bunker in area destroyed. 1600lb of rice recovered, 1VC contact lost. Rice destroyed as patrol unable to recover.
- (4) 6RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with negative contacts.
- (5) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force firing a total of seven H and I missions. 105 Fd Battery in support of 5RAR Operation SYDNEY.
- (6) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal. At 080730 FAC aircraft sighted VC movement at YS395746. Immediate airstrike was conducted at 080845H BDA unknown due to dense jungle.
- (7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5RAR continue Operation SYDNEY with armoured and artillery support. 6RAR continues patrolling TAOR.

b. Major Unit Operations

- (1) through (9) no change

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II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change.

D1. A/5RAR C1 081645/081700H None No

D2. A/5RAR C1 081710/081800H None No

K. Losses/Danages

K1. Enemy/Losses

D1. 4/UNK 1 possible WIA Nil Nil

D2. 1/UNK Nil Nil Nil

K2. Enemy/Losses

D2. UNK/UNK Nil 6 bags of rice (1600lb)

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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 090001 H to 092400 H.

FROM: 1 Australian Task Force.

TO: 11 F Force V.

INFO: Austforce Vietnam
 1 ALSG.

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 5 RAR continued Operation SYDNEY with some contacts. 6 RAR continued patrolling TAOR with some contacts.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS 426647 to YS437690 at 0715H and secured the road for the convoy. One troop remained in support of 5 RAR for Operation SYDNEY.

(3) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of nine H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(4) 5 RAR continued Op SYDNEY. The following contacts were made:

(a) At 0900H A/5 RAR at YS 379711 sighted 1 VC dressed in green carrying M1 rifle. VC moved SOUTH WEST. Nil result.

(b) At 0920H D/5RAR at YS 418732 discovered a VC Camp capable of accommodating 20 people. Camp had not been used for twelve months.

(c) At 1040H D/5RAR at Ys 411735 sighted 5 VC dressed in black moving EAST to WEST. VC separated 3 moving SOUTH WEST and 2 moving WEST. Results nil.

(d) At 1155H D/5RAR at YS 420737 contacted 2 VC dressed in black wearing green floppy hats. Results 1 VC KIA and 1 VC WIA and captured. VC WIA was evacuated and interrogated.

(e) At 1145H C/5RAR at YS 397422 found cave which had been used one hour before discovery. One compass found.

(f) At 1148H A/5RAR at YS 381714 found a camp containing a number of huts including 2 school rooms with school books and other school requisites, and a medical clinic.

(g) At 1148H A/5RAR at YS 383715 found 1 ton of rice. Rice was destroyed as patrol was unable to recover it.

(h) At 1615H A/5RAR at YS 381712 contacted 6 or 7 VC dressed in black, carrying equipment and armed with automatic weapons. Results 1 possible VC KIA, friendly 3 WIA.

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(5) 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR. The following incidents occurred in the reporting period:

- (a) At 0445H C/6RAR at YS 453634 contacted an unknown number of VC when Platoon ambush was sprung. Results VC 1 KIA by body count. Own troops 1 KIA 2 WIA. One .30 Winchester automatic recovered. VC had small party forward, when they were ambushed a large party counter attacked.
- (b) At 0645H C/6RAR at YS 443644 sighted 1 suspected VC. VC moved WEST. Results nil.
- (c) At 1000H C/6RAR at vicinity YS 447647 detained 27 civilians with oxen and carts and evacuated them.

(6) Air support. Air surveillance was conducted with no significant results.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR continue Op SYDNEY with armoured and artillery support. 6 RAR continue patrolling of TAOR.

(b) Major Unit Operations

(1) through (8) No change.

(9) Results (accumulative)

Friendly Losses

3 WIA

VC Losses

1 VC KIA (BC)
2 VC Captured

Weapons

1 Winchester Automatic.

2.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Friendly Forces

D1.	A/5RAR	C1	090900H/090905H	None	No
D2.	D/5RAR	C1	091040H/091050H	None	No
D3.	D/5RAR	C1	091155H/091220H	None	No
D4.	A/5RAR	C1	091615H/091630H	None	No
D5.	C/6RAR	C2	090445H/090500H	None	No
D6.	C/6RAR	C2	090645H/090700H	None	No

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy/Losses

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 - (b) At 0645H C/6RAR at YS 443644 sighted 1 suspected VC. VC moved WEST. Results nil.
 - (c) At 1000H C/6RAR at vicinity YS 447647 detained 27 civilians with oxen and carts and evacuated them.
- (6) Air support. Air surveillance was conducted with no significant results.
- (7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR continue Op SYDNEY with armoured and artillery support. 6 RAR continue patrolling of TAOR.

(b) Major Unit Operations

- (1) through (8) No change.
- (9) Results (accumulative)

Friendly Losses

3 WIA

VC Losses

1 VC KIA (BC)
2 VC Captured

Weapons

1 Winchester
Automatic.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Friendly Forces

D1.	A/5RAR	C1	090900H/090905H	None	No
D2.	D/5RAR	C1	091040H/091050H	None	No
D3.	D/5RAR	C1	091155H/091220H	None	No
D4.	A/5RAR	C1	091615H/091630H	None	No
D5.	C/6RAR	C2	090445H/090500H	None	No
D6.	C/6RAR	C2	090645H/090700H	None	No

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy/Losses

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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
100001H to 102400H.

FROM: 1 AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

TO: II MFORCEV

INFO: 1AFV
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I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General.

X (1) 5 RAR continued Operation SYDNEY with minor discoveries of enemy installations. 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with minor contacts in area LONG PHUOC Village YS4464.

X (2) 1APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 100715H and secured road for convoy. One troop remained in support of 5 RAR for Operation SYDNEY. At 100945H a troop of 1APC Squadron received one shot from YS428669, area was swept with negative result. At 101330H one section escorted Engineer party from Task Force area to tunnel discovered by C/6RAR at YS439634 for thorough investigation.

(3) 5 RAR continued Phase 3 of Operation SYDNEY with minor discoveries of enemy installations. Further to A/5RAR contact at YS381712 at 091615H. Sweep of area at 101130H after contact revealed a Chinese claymore mine. At 101230H D/5RAR discovered enemy installation and bunker system at YS405733, also located in same area was a "crowd" trench system estimated 4 weeks old. At 101415H D/5RAR discovered large enemy camp at YS409725. Camp of company size estimated to be 1 to 2 months old. At 101415H D/5RAR discovered large enemy defensive position with water point at YS403735, estimated two months old.

(4) 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with minor contact. At 100920H C/6RAR contacted one VC on bicycle at YS442642, VC was fired upon and killed. Results one VC KIA by body count. At 100913H C/6RAR contacted three VC running across trail in front of the patrol at YS440640. The patrol was fired on, returned the fire, results one VC WIA. WIA was removed by other 2 VC. At 101200H D/6RAR was fired on by 3 VC at YS439634. During follow up action tunnel was located at YS430635, Engineers investigated and destroyed. Whilst investigating tunnel D/6RAR was fired on by 4 VC with 2 automatic weapons, follow up action negative result. At 101940H 6 RAR contacted 2 VC at YS443630, results one VC KIA (BC) VC moved South.

(5) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force with H and I fire and Defensive fire, a total of 5 H and I missions were fired during reporting period. 105 Field Battery remained in support of 5 RAR for Operation SYDNEY.

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(6) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with negative sightings. No airstrikes were conducted during period.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR continues Operation SYDNEY with armoured and artillery support. 6 RAR continues saturation patrolling of TAOR. Air strikes have been requested for strikes against enemy base camps at YS512688 and YS539694 at 111400H and 111700H respectively.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (8) no change.

(9) Results (accumulative)

Friendly

3 WIA

Enemy

3 VC KIA
1 VC WIA
2 VCC

Weapons

One Winchester automatic

II.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives, no change

D1. 1/LPC Sqn	C2	100945H/101030H	Nil	No
D2. A/5RAR	C1	101130H/101200H	Nil	No
D3. C/6RAR	C2	100920H/100921H	Nil	No
D4. C/6RAR	C2	100913H/100920H	Nil	No
D5. C/6RAR	C2	101200H/101230H	Nil	No
D6. C/6RAR	C2	101230H/101300H	Nil	No
D7. 6RAR	C2	101940H/102000H	Nil	No

K. Losses Damages

K1. Enemy/Losses

D1. 1/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil
D2. UNK/UNK	Nil	Nil	1 chinese claymore mine
D3. 1/Local	1KIA (BC)	Nil	Nil

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D4. 3/UNK	1WIA	Nil	Nil
D5. 3/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil
D6. 4/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil
D7. 2/UNK	1 KIA(BC)	Nil	Nil
K2. Nil			
K3. Nil			
K4. Nil			
K5. Nil			

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120001H to 122400H.

FROM: 1 AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

TO: II F FORCE V

INFO: HQ AFV
1 ALSG

I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 5 RAR continued Operation SYDNEY with only minor contact. 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with only minor contact.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 120715H and secured the road for convoy as normal.

(3) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force a total of 11 H and I missions being fired during the reporting period. 105 Field Battery remained in support of 5 RAR for Operation SYDNEY.

(4) 5 RAR continued Phase 3 of Operation SYDNEY with only minor contact. At 121215H A/5RAR observed two people on NUI NGHE feature YS397720, engaged by Artillery, results unknown. At 121310H C/5RAR discovered a booby trapped anti tank mine at YS427713, mine was destroyed. At 121320H D/5RAR discovered a small improvised wharf at YS370732. Wharf showed no signs of recent use.

(5) 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with only one contact. At 121521H A/6RAR discovered a hut containing 70lb of rice and a miners helmet at YS416672. Also discovered in close proximity to hut was one 105mm unexploded bomb. At 121920H C/6RAR contacted 6 to 8 VC at YS450635. VC fired on patrol with estimated two automatic weapons. Patrol returned fire and swept area with negative result.

(6) Air Support. Air surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant reports. No air strikes were conducted during the reporting period.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR completes clearance of Area GOLD and YELLOW and concentrates in vicinity Area TENNIS YS432702 to prepare for Operation SYDNEY 2. 6 RAR continues saturation patrolling of TAOR.

B. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change

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II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives, no change

D1. A/5RAR	C1	121215H/121300H	None	No
D2. C/5RAR	C1	121310H/121330H	None	No
D3. A/6RAR	C2	121521H/121600H	None	No
D4. C/6RAR	C2	121920H/121935H	None	No

K. Losses Damages

K1. Enemy/Losses

D1. 2/UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
D2. UNK/UNK	Nil	Nil	one anti tank mine	
D4. 6-8/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

K2. Enemy/Losses

D3. UNK/UNK	Nil	70lb rice		
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K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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110001H to 112400H

FROM: 1 Australian Task Force

TO: II Force V

INFO: Austforce Vietnam
1 ALSG

I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 5 RAR continued Op SYDNEY with only minor discoveries of VC installations. 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with only minor contact.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 0700H and secured the road for convoy as normal.

(3) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 13 H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours with results unknown. 105 Field Battery remained in support of 5 RAR.

(4) 5 RAR continued Phase 3 of Operation SYDNEY. At 1112H A/5RAR at YS380725 discovered VC camp installation approximately 7 to 9 months old. It extends 400 metres by 200 metres along a creek. Many pits not used for many months. Ox trail runs adjacent to installation. This could have been used within last month. This camp will be destroyed. At 1129H D/5RAR discovered an enemy camp with a bunker at YS400746. This was approximately 6 months old and is being destroyed. At 1500H D/5RAR discovered many weapon pits approximately 6 months old. These pits are on both sides of a stream between YS393751 and YS397750. These pits will be destroyed.

(5) 6 RAR continued patrolling TAOR. At 1420H C/6RAR sighted 1 local VC at YS463646. VC moved North and contact was lost. Nil result.

(6) Air support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued with no significant reports. An airstrike was conducted at 1400H at YS512688 on a suspected VC base camp. No BDA due to foliage. Another airstrike was conducted at 1700H at YS539694 on a suspected VC base camp. No BDA due to foliage.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR continue Op SYDNEY with armoured and artillery support. 6 RAR continue saturation patrolling of TAOR.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D1. C/6RAR C2 111420H/111430H Nil No

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy/Losses
Nil

K2. Enemy/Losses
Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
130001H to 132400H

FROM: 1 AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

TO: II F FORCE V

INFO: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 5 RAR continued Operation SYDNEY with negative contact. 6 RAR continued with saturation patrolling of TAOR with only minor contact.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 130710H and secured the road as normal for the convoy. One troop escorted the daily resupply convoy from VUNG TAU to NUI DAT and return. There were no incidents.

(3) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of twelve H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. At 2210H a Regiment Fire Mission engaged targets at YS386701, YS390700, YS397705 and YS408705 based on intelligence reports of VC activity in this area. Results not known.

(4) 5 RAR continued Op SYDNEY. At 0910H at YS397747 a RAAF resupply helicopter sighted 6 suspected VC. A regiment fire mission was fired with unknown results.

(5) 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR. At 0727H C/6RAR at YS439623 sighted 1 VC moving North East. VC disappeared into jungle. Results negative. At 0949H C/6RAR found a body unburied at YS450640. Body had gunshot wounds in the legs. Considered to be VC engaged by C/6RAR night of 8 Jul.

(6) Air support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued but with no significant findings.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR concludes Op SYDNEY and preliminary operations for Op SYDNEY TWO commence. 6 RAR continues patrolling TAOR.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change

II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

D1. C/6RAR	C2	130727H/130745H	None	No
D2. C/6RAR	C2	130949H/130950H	None	No
D3. RAAF	C1	130910H/130940H	None	No
D4. 1ATF Artillery	C1	132210H/132230H	None	No

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FROM: 1 AUSTRALIAN TANK FORCE

TO: 11 T. FORCE V

INFO: AUSTRALIAN VICTIMS

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

at General

(1) 5RAR continued Operation SYDNEY with negative contact. 6RAR continued with negative contact of TANK with only minor contact.

(2) 1RAR Squadron cleared the road from Y245847 to Y245700 at 130700H and secured the road as normal for the day. One troop escorted the daily resupply of TANK to WUI DAT and returned. There were no VC activity in this area. Results not known.

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(4) 5RAR continued Operation SYDNEY. At 0910H VC 1st Regiment fire mission was fired at WUI DAT. Results not known. (5) 6RAR continued saturation patrolling of TANK. At 0120H VC (1st of Y245847) attacked 1 VC moving North East. VC disappeared into jungle. Results negative. At 0045H VC (1st of Y245847) body captured at Y245847. Body had gunshot wounds in the legs. Considered to be VC engaged by 6RAR night of 5 Jul.

(6) Air support. Air surveillance of TANK continued but with no significant findings.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5RAR continues Op SYDNEY and preliminary operations for Op SYDNEY TWO commences. 6RAR continues patrolling TANK.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (3) no change

II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

c. Objectives to be changed

01. CLEAR	02	130700H/130750H	None
02. CLEAR	03	130045H/130050H	None
03. HAD	04	130700H/130750H	None
04. HAD	05	132400H/132450H	None

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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
140001H to 142400H July 66.

FROM: 1 AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

TO: II F FORCE V

INFO: HQ AFV
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I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 5 RAR completed Operation SYDNEY I with negative contacts. All companies concentrated in general area YS432702 in preparation for Operation SYDNEY II. 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with only minor contact.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 140705H and secured the road as normal for the convoy. One troop escorted the daily resupply convoy from VUNG TAU to Task Force area and return with negative incidents.

(3) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. 105 Field Battery returned to Task Force area on completion of Operation SYDNEY I. During the reporting period 7 H and I missions, and 6 fire plans containing 61 targets, were fired.

(4) 5 RAR completed Operation SYDNEY I at 141600H with negative contact. All companies concentrated in general area YS432702 in preparation for Operation SYDNEY II. At 140900H B/5RAR discovered enemy camp at YS400733. Camp was found to contain aircraft parts as follows:-

- (a) A gun or socket panel SB/327 - ARC 44
order number 52715-PP-66
- (b) One panel number 0600253 also HT 101-0600226
- (c) One wheel 10 diameter
- (d) Second wheel number 75679511 of 10 inch
diameter and 150 pounds air pressure.

This information was reported direct to ALO II F FORCE V. At 141030H D/5RAR discovered tracks of two people approximately 12 hours old at YS410729, investigated with negative result.

(5) 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with only minor contact. At 141008H A/6RAR contacted one VC at YS460696. VC detonated claymore mine with negative casualties. VC was wearing green uniform with green bush hat, moved off NE after contact, followed up by patrol. At 141130H same patrol discovered paltoon sized installation at YS46576729 estimated to have been used two to three weeks ago. Area considered to have been evacuated due to high waters and Task Force Artillery harrassing fire. The following were located in the area:-

- (a) Empty US ration packs
- (b) Boat harbour
- (c) Number of Australian fatigues with laundry
marks

Follow up action on Australian fatigues is being conducted by Intelligence.

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(6) Air surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. At 141430H air strike was conducted against VC huts at YS3476, result unknown.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR remains in present location and commences preparation for Operation SYDNEY II. 6 RAR continues saturation patrolling of the TAOR. Air strike requested to be conducted against VC huts YS3476 at 151400H.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change

II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives, no change

D1. A/6RAR	C2	141003H/141020H	None	No
D2. A/6RAR	C2	141130H/141230H	None	No

K. Losses Damages

K1. Enemy Losses

D1. 1/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
K2.	Nil			
K3.	Nil			
K4.	Nil			
K5.	Nil			

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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
150001H to 152400H

FROM: 1 AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

TO: II F FORCE V

INFO: HQ AFV
1 ALSG

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I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 5 RAR concentrated in preparation for Operation SYDNEY TWO, 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with only minor contact.

(2) 1APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 0700H and secured the road for the convoy as normal. One troop escorted the resupply convoy from VUNG TAU and return with negative results. At 1100H a Road Runner operation was conducted on Route 15 with concurrence of Province Chief. Area covered was from YS375609 to YS286631. There no contacts.

(3) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force firing a total of twelve H and I missions. At 0955H a battery fire mission was fired in support of C/6RAR at YS475673 with no known results. At 2155H a Battery Fire Mission was fired at YS384650 at suspected vehicle lights. Results not known.

(4) 5 RAR concentrated in vicinity YS435703 in preparation for Op SYDNEY TWO. There were no contacts.

(5) 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR. At 0952H C/6RAR at YS475673 sighted 8 VC, 6 of whom were wearing green uniform and green hats and 2 of whom were wearing black. VC separated into 2 groups, one group moving North, the other South West. No known results. C/6RAR at 1200H at YS459669 discovered 1950lbs of rice. Rice was unusable and approval was given to destroy.

(6) Air Support. At 1400H an airstrike was conducted on YS315649. One building was damaged and further BDA was not possible due to foliage.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR continue preparations for Operation SYDNEY TWO. 6 RAR carry out unscheduled operation, OPERATION BRISBANE. Details of this operation have been sent by separate message.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change

II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

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- C. Objectives, no change
- D1. C/6RAR C2 150952/151000H None No
- K. Losses/ Damages
- K1. Nil
- K2. Enemy losses
- D1. UNK/UNK 1 Building NIL
- K3. NIL
- K4. NIL
- K5. NIL

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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
160001H to 162400H July 66.

FROM: 1 AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

TO: II F FORCE V

INFO: HQ AFV
1 ALSG

I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

- (1) 5 RAR continued preparation for Operation SYDNEY II. Operation now delayed 24 hours due to commitment of 6 RAR on Operation BRISBANE. At 160800H 6 RAR commenced Operation BRISBANE a search and destroy Operation of Area BLUE. Battalion at present located general area YS3064. Deployment of 6 RAR by APC took place with negative contact. Extensive patrolling of area was commenced at 161400H with negative contact.
- (2) 1APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 160700H and secured road for convoy. At 160800H 1APC Squadron lifted 6 RAR, in a total of two lifts, from Task Force area YS4467 to area of Operation BRISBANE YS3063. One troop remained under command 6 RAR for duration Operation BRISBANE.
- (3) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force firing a total of 8 H and I missions. 161 Field Battery moved to Area BLUE by APC for support of 6 RAR during Operation BRISBANE.
- (4) 5 RAR continued preparation for Operation SYDNEY II with negative contacts. Operation now delayed 24 hours due to commitment of 6 RAR on Operation BRISBANE.
- (5) At 160800H 6 RAR commenced Operation BRISBANE a search and destroy operation of Area BLUE. Deployment of 6 RAR by APC was achieved with negative contact. Extensive patrolling of area was commenced at 161400H with negative contact. Battalion at present located general area YS3064.
- (6) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. An AIRCAP was provided from 0800 to 1230H for movement of 6RAR to Area BLUE. Airstrikes were conducted against suspected enemy locations at YS354677 at 161005H and YS355685 at 161200H.
- (7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR continue preparation for Operation SYDNEY II. 6 RAR continue search and destroy operations in Area BLUE. AIRCAP requested for Operation BRISBANE from 170830H to 171230H.

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b. Major Unit Operations

- (1) Operation BRISBANE
- (2) Search and Destroy
- (3) Search and Destroy enemy in area BLUE
- (4) PHUOC TUY YS3064
- (5) 6 RAR
- (6) HQ 1ATF
- (7) 160800H
- (8) To be advised
- (9) Nil

II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives

C1. No change

C2. PHUOC TUY. YS000000 S&D BRISBANE 160800H/Cont

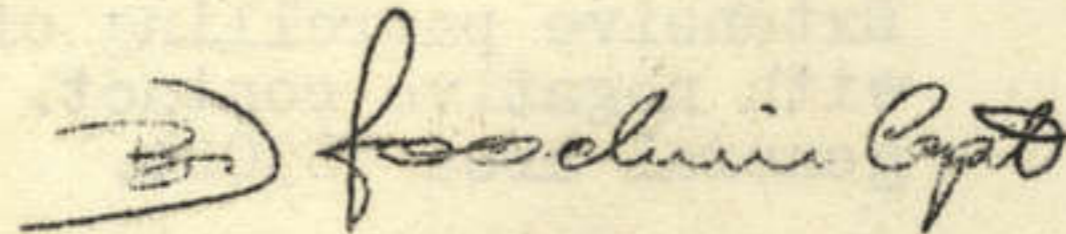
K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil



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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
170001H to 172400H

FROM: 1 AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

TO: II F FORCE V

INFO: HQ AFV
1 ALSG

I. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 6 RAR continued Operation BRISBANE with negative contact. 5 RAR remained concentrated for Operation SYDNEY TWO while providing two companies to patrol TAOR.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 0700H and secured the road for the convoy. In addition one troop escorted the daily resupply column from VUNG TAU and return without incident. One troop remained in support of Op BRISBANE.

(3) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of nineteen H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours.

(4) 5 RAR remained concentrated at position TENNIS vicinity YS435703 in preparation for Operation SYDNEY TWO. Two companies patrolled from their base areas providing continued protection for the base camp. There were no contacts.

(5) 6 RAR continued Operation BRISBANE. There were no contacts.

(6) Air support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued with no significant result.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. A road runner operation will be conducted along Highway 15 from vicinity YS370611 to YS238774. 6 RAR conclude Operation BRISBANE.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change

II. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. No change

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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SUBJECT : COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)
180001H to 182400H JULY 1966

FROM : 1 AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

TO : II F FORCE V

INFO : HQ AFV
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

(a) General.

- (i) 5 RAR remained concentrated for Operation SYDNEY TWO while providing two companies to patrol TAOR. 6 RAR conducted Road Runner Operation along highway 15 from vicinity YS370611 to PHU MY YS238774 with negative contact or sighting. On completion of Road Runner Operation 1 APC Squadron lifted 6 RAR and 161 Field Battery back to Task Force area. Operation BRISBANE concluded at 181700H.
- (ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 180700H and secured road as normal. One troop with D/6RAR conducted Road Runner Operation as reported above. 1 APC Squadron lifted 6 RAR in a total of two lifts from vicinity YS 3063 to Task Force area. Lift completed 181700H.
- (iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 12 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. At 182157H fired Battery mission at YS413652 in support of HOA LONG YS4364.
- (iv) 5 RAR remained concentrated at position TENNIS vicinity YS435703. Two companies patrolled Task Force base area providing continued protection for the Task Force. There were negative contacts during the reporting period.
- (v) At 180900H D/6RAR supported by a troop of 1 APC Squadron conducted a Road Runner Operation along Highway 15 from vicinity YS370611 to PHU MY YS 238774 with negative contact. The remainder of 6 RAR supported by 1 APC Squadron remained in vicinity YS 3064 as ready reaction force for Road Runner Operation. On completion of Operation 1 APC Squadron lifted 6 RAR in a total of two lifts from vicinity YS 3063 to Task Force area. Operation BRISBANE concluded at 181700H.
- (vi) Air Report. Air surveillance to TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. AIR CAP was provided for Road Runner Operation from 180900H to 181100H.
- (vii) Plans for next 24 hours. Companies of 5 RAR at present located Task Force Area to be moved by 1 APC Squadron to area TENNIS YS4370 at 190900H. 5 RAR to continue preparation for Operation SYDNEY TWO. 6 RAR to assume responsibility for security of Task Force Area.

(b) Major Unit Activities

- (i) through (ix) no change.

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2. /2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

- C No Change
- K NIL
- K2 NIL
- K3 NIL
- K4 NIL
- K5 NIL

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SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
190001H to 192400H

FROM: 1 AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

TO: 11 FIELD FORCE V
1 AUSTRALIAN LOGISTIC SUPPORT FORCE

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 5 RAR commenced Operation SYDNEY TWO with no contact. 6 RAR continued heavy patrolling of TAOR with minor contact. In addition 6 RAR was brought to 30 minutes standby to assist PHU MY vicinity YS251745.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS 437690 at 0715H and secured the road for the convoy. At 1040H the Squadron was put on thirty minutes notice to move following a report that PHU MY vicinity YS251745 was under attack. Assistance was not required and the Squadron reverted to normal status.

(3) 5 RAR commenced Operation SYDNEY TWO at 1700H moving on foot to forward assembly areas. All Companies and Battalion HQ were still moving at midnight into their cordon positions. There were no contacts.

(4) 6 RAR conducted saturation patrolling of TAOR. At 1007H D/6RAR at YS 466664 discovered an air ventilation hole in the ground and also a camouflaged well with sharpened sticks in it. At 1050H D/6RAR at YS470660 contacted 3 VC. VC were dressed in khaki shirts black trousers and khaki web equipment and were possibly main force. Result 1 VC KIA by body count. One 7.62 mm automatic weapon recovered. Remaining 2 VC withdrew east. At 1130H D/6RAR at YS 443655 searched tunnels that had been discovered previously and found one M26 grenade without fuze or striker. At 1050H 6 RAR was placed on 30 mins notice to move following a report of an attack on PHU MY. At 1245H notice to move was withdrawn.

(5) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of twenty H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours. At 1050H 161 Battery was placed on 30 mins notice to move following report of attack on PHU MY. At 1245H notice to move was withdrawn.

(6) Air Support. At 1650H an airstrike was conducted on YS327666 on a suspected occupied VC camp. No BDA due to foliage.

(7) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR continue Op SYDNEY TWO with armoured and artillery support. 6 RAR continue saturation patrolling of TAOR.

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b. Major Unit Activities.

- (1) Operation SYDNEY TWO
- (2) Cordon and search
- (3) Cordon and search DUC MY village vic YS445733
- (4) PHUOC TUY YS 4457
- (5) 5 RAR
- (6) HQ 1 ATF
- (7) 191700H Jul 66
- (8) Not known
- (9) Nil

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

- C Objectives
- C1 No Change
- C2 PHUOC TUY YS445733 Cordon and Search. SYDNEY TWO 191700/Cont
- D Friendly Forces
- D1 D/6RAR C1 191050H/191100H Friendly None No
- K Losses/ Damages
- K1 Enemy/Losses
- D1 D/6RAR 3/UNK 1 KIA 1x 7.62 mm AW NIL
- K2 Nil
- K3 Nil
- K4 Nil
- K5 Nil

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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21 Jul 66.

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

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ FORCE VIETNAM
1 ALSG

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General:

(i) 5 RAR commenced and completed Phase I of Operation SYDNEY TWO, the search and cordon of DUC MY village (YS 445733) with minor contacts. 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TACR.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS 426647 to YS 437690 at 200700H and secured the road for the convoy. One troop remained under command 5 RAR for Operation SYDNEY TWO.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of TWENTY H and I missions were fired in the 24 hour period.

(iv) 5 RAR commenced and completed Phase I of Operation SYDNEY TWO, the search and cordon of DUC MY village (YS 445733) with minor contacts. The Operation was conducted as follows:-

(a) During night 19/20 July 5 RAR moved forward by foot from Area TENNIS (YS 435703) to forward Assembly Areas, C/5RAR at YS 433737 and the remainder of 5 RAR at YS 445720.

(b) Before first light all companies moved in and formed cordon around DUC MY village, the cordon being in position at 200620H.

(c) At 200725H C/5RAR commenced clearing operation from North to South of village. At 200620H loudspeaker aircraft flew overhead and warned all villagers to remain inside their homes.

(d) Search of village was completed at 201405H.

The following contacts were made. At 200617H B/5RAR contacted 3 VC attempting to break through cordon at YS 447728, VC were fired on. Results one VC KIA (BC), two VC wounded and captured, two 7.62 mm CHICOM rifles one M26 grenade and some ammunition recovered.

The two VC were evacuated by helicopter to Task Force Area for preliminary interrogation and there back to ARVN Hospital VUNG TAU. At 200755H D/5RAR contacted one VC in tunnel at YS 445735. Tear gas was employed and VC was captured. At same time one VC surrendered to D/5RAR. Both VC evacuated to Task Force Area for Interrogation. At 201140H A/5RAR contacted one VC at YS 443731, one VC KIA (BC), one weapon recovered. At 201600H C/5RAR sighted 6 VC at YS 444736. VC were carrying weapons and wearing packs, VC withdrew NW. At 201737H C/5RAR contacted 2 VC at YS 464715. VC were fired on, results one VC KIA (BC) and one VC WIA. Blood trail was followed for some distance and lost. VC were wearing Khaki dress with webbing.

During the Operation the medical officer 5 RAR treated 40 patients. Of the total population of 200 many were suffering from malnutrition and disease. Rice and foodstuffs including canned milk were flown into the area.

A total of 150 Vietnamese were released back to village after screening.

(v) 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR negative contact. At 200456H claymore mine set by A/6RAR ambush patrol was detonated. Check at first light revealed nothing.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. At 202015H an air strike was conducted against enemy camp at YS 328665, BDA unknown.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to commence Phase III of Operation SYDNEY TWO, the clearance of Area Purple EAST of Inter-Provincial Route 2. 6 RAR to continue saturation patrolling of TAOR.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(i) through to (8) no change.

(9).

AUST Losses

NIL

ENEMY Losses.

- 3 KIA (BC)
- 3 WIA
- 3 VCC
- 1 Rallier
- 15 VCS
- 2 x 7.62 mm CHICOM Rifles
- 1 x Rifle not yet identified.
- 1x M26 grenade

2. (C) STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives No change.

D. Friendly Forces.

D1.	B/5RAR	C1	200617H/200630H	Friendly	None No.
D2.	D/5RAR	C1	200755H/200830H	Friendly	None No.
D3.	A/5RAR	C1	201140H/201200H	Friendly	None No.
D4.	C/5RAR	C1	201600H/201630H	Friendly	None No.
D5.	C/5RAR	C1	201737H/201800H	Friendly	None No.

K. Losses/Damages.

D1.	3/unk	1/2	2/7.62mm CHICOM Rifle	1xM26 Gren
D2.	2/unk	-/2	NIL	NIL
D3.	1/unk	1/-	1 Rifle	NIL
D4.	6/unk	NIL	NIL	NIL
D5.	2/unk	1/-	NIL	NIL
K2.	NIL			
K3.	NIL			
K4.	NIL			
K5.	NIL			

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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22 Jul 66.

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 210001H to 212400H. (U)

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ FORCE VIETNAM
1 ALSG

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General:

(i) 5 RAR continued Operation SYDNEY TWO with minor contact. 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with no contact.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS 426647 to YS 437690 and secured the road for the convoy at 0715H. A section of APCs escorted the convoy from VUNG TAU and return. One Troop remained with 15 RAR on Operation SYDNEY TWO.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of fifty five H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours.

(iv) 5 RAR continued with Operation SYDNEY TWO into Phase III. Minor contacts were made. At 1139H C/5 RAR sighted 4 VC at YS 464728. VC broke up, 2 moving North and 2 moving East. They were pursued but with no result. At 1230H D/5 RAR at YS 471723 contacted 3 VC. VC were dressed in grey shirts and brown trousers and were carrying 1 AW, 1 rifle and some M 26 grenades. D company opened fire and VC fled across stream to East. A blood trail was followed with negative results. Results of contact 1 VC KIA (BC) 1 VC WIA one M26 grenade recovered.

At 1640H D/5 RAR sighted 2 VC (possibly more) at YS 478727. VC were carrying at least one AW and they fled South West. Results one Chicom Claymore recovered.

(v) 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with Company and platoon size patrols. There was no contact.

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(vi) Air surveillance of the TAOR continued with no significant result.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR conclude Operation SYDNEY TWO and return to base area. Operation GAUNTLET, an armoured convoy escort commences. Task is to escort Battery A 2/35 Artillery from LONG BINH YT 0606 to NUI DAT YS 4366 and returning vehicles. Units involved are 1 APC Squadron and A/6 RAR.

b. Major Unit Operations

(i) through to (8) No change.

(9)

AUST LOSSES

NIL

ENEMY LOSSES

- 4 KIA (BC)
- 4 WIA
- 3 VCC
- 1 Rallier
- 15 VCS
- 2 x 7.62 mm CHICOM rifles
- 1 x rifle not yet identified
- 2 x M26 grenades
- 1 x CHICOM claymore

2. (C) STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Friendly Forces

D1.	C/5RAR	C1	211139H/211145H	Friendly	None	No
D2.	D/5RAR	C1	211230H/211245H	Friendly	None	No
D3.	D/5RAR	C1	211640H/211700H	Friendly	None	No

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy/Losses

D1.	4/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil
D2.	3/UNK	1KIA/1WIA	1 M26 grenade	
D1.	2/UNK	Nil	1 Chicom Claymore	Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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HEADQUARTERS, 1 ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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23 Jul 66 .

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 220001H to 222400H.(U).

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ FORCE VIETNAM
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1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

a. General:

(i) 5 RAR continued Operation SYDNEY TWO with minor conduct. As a result of intelligence information obtained from interrogation of VC captured by D/5RAR, Operation SYDNEY TWO has been extended for an additional 24 hours. Operation now due to be completed evening 23 July. 6RAR continued patrolling of TAOR and commenced preparation for Operation HOBART, a search and destroy operation in area LONG TAN YS4865.

(ii) 1APC Squadron conducted Operation GAUNTLET, the escorting of Battery A 2/35 Artillery from vicinity LONG BINH YTO606 to NUI DAT YS4366, Battery A 2/35 Artillery being in location NUI DAT YS428664 at 221400H. Elements of 1APC Squadron remained in support 5 RAR on Operation SYDNEY TWO.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 9 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(iv) 5 RAR continued Phase III of Operation SYDNEY TWO with minor contact. At 220920H D/5RAR contacted one local VC dressed in black at YS478721. VC was wounded and captured, one M1 Carbine recovered. On initial interrogation VCC stated he was member of 50 platoon which was at this stage scattered in general area. As a result of this information Operation SYDNEY TWO has been extended for an additional 24 hours. Operation now due to be completed evening 23 July. At 221115H D/5RAR sighted 2VC dressed in black at YS484718. VC were heading NW. At 221243H D/5RAR contacted 1VC on perimeter at YS479721. Follow up sweep was conducted with negative results. At 221700H D/5RAR sighted 4VC dressed in black at YS483726. At same location D/5RAR discovered

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platoon sized camp estimated occupied some time during the day by 4 to 6 persons. Camp contained pits with overhead cover, empty C ration tins and mosquito repellent tins branded AMAZON.

(v) 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR and commenced preparation for Operation HOBART, a search and destroy Operation in area LONG TAN YS4865. At 221928H D/6RAR contacted one VC dressed in khaki uniform and equipment, and carrying weapon, at YS442668. VC withdrew South.

(vi) Air Support. Air surveillance of TAOR was conducted with no significant results. At 221315H AIRCAP for Operation GAUNTLET conducted air strike on suspected VC area YS4774, negative BDA due to dense foliage.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to continue Phase III of Operation SYDNEY TWO the search and clearance of Area PURPLE, Operation to terminate at approximately 231800H. 6 RAR to continue saturation patrolling of TAOR and finalize preparation for Operation HOBART.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) thru (8) no change

(9) AUST LOSSES

NIL

ENEMY LOSSES

4 KIA (BC)
4 WIA
4 VCC
1 RALLIER
15VCS
2 x 7.62 CHICOM rifles
1 x rifle not yet identified
1 x M1 Carbine
2 x M26 grenades
1 x CHICOM claymore

2. (C) STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Friendly Forces

D1.	D/5RAR	C1	220920H/221000H	Friendly	None	No
D2.	D/5RAR	C1	221115H/221130H	Friendly	None	No
D3.	D/5RAR	C1	221243H/221300H	Friendly	None	No
D4.	D/5RAR	C1	221700H/221710H	Friendly	None	No
D5.	D/6RAR	C2	221928H/222000H	Friendly	None	No

K. Losses Damages

K1. Enemy Losses

D1.	1/UNK	-/1VCC	1xM1 Carbine	Nil
D2.	2/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil
D3.	1/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil
D4.	4/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil
D5.	1/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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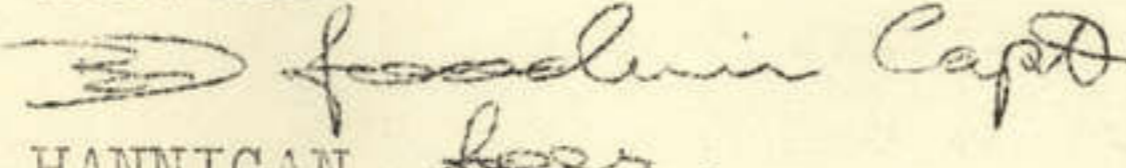
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS, 1 ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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24 Jul 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 230001H to 232400H.(U).

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
1 ALSG

1. (C) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General:

(1) 5 RAR concluded Operation SYDNEY TWO with no contact. 6 RAR continued final preparation for Operation HOBART which commences tomorrow 24 Jul as well as patrolling TAOR. There was one contact.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 and secured the road for the convoy as normal. One Section escorted the convoy from VUNG TAU and return. Elements with 5 RAR returned to base.

(3) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 42 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(4) 5 RAR concluded Operation SYDNEY TWO at 231600H. There were no contacts in the reporting period.

(5) 6 RAR made final preparations for Operation HOBART. Close patrolling of TAOR was also carried out. At 1930H C/6RAR contacted 2 VC at YS 446667. Own troops fired first and VC replied with single shots. VC fled SOUTH then SOUTH EAST and contact was lost. Dressed in black. Nil results.

(6) Air surveillance of TAOR was continued with no significant reports.

(7) Next 24 hours. 6 RAR commence Operation HOBART, a search and destroy operation, with artillery and armoured support. 1 APC Squadron conduct operation to return to LONG BINH stores vehicles used to transport Battery A 2/35 to NUI DAT. 5 RAR commences Company and Platoon patrolling of TAOR.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through (9) no change.

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2. (C) STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

- C. Objectives No change
- D. Friendly Forces
- D1. C/6RAR 231930H/231940H Friendly No Nonc
- K. Losses/Damages
- K1. Nil
- K2. Nil
- K3. Nil
- K4. Nil
- K5. Nil

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS, 1 ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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25 Jul 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 240001H to 242400H July (U)

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ FORCE VIETNAM
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1. (C) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR assumed responsibility for security of the Task Force area and commenced patrolling of TAOR. 6 RAR commenced preliminary operations of Operation HOBART, a search and destroy operation to the area East and NE of XA LONG TAN YS4865. 1APC Squadron with one company of 5 RAR completed Operation GAUNTLET.

(ii) 1APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 and secured the road for the convoy as normal. Squadron with one company of 5 RAR completed Phase II of Operation GAUNTLET, the escorting of trucks that arrived with Battery A 2/35 Artillery to LONG BINH, at 241500H. (One troop came under command 6 RAR for Operation HOBART.)

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 40 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. 161 Battery Artillery came under command 6 RAR for Operation HOBART.

(iv) 5 RAR assumed responsibility for the security of the Task Force area and commenced patrolling of TAOR. One company came under command 1APC Squadron as Infantry escort for Operation GAUNTLET. One company assumed responsibility for the security of 6 RAR Base area for the period of Operation HOBART. There were negative contacts during the reporting period.

(v) 6 RAR commenced preliminary operations of Operation HOBART, a search and destroy operation to the East and NE of XA LONG TAN YS4865. Battalion supported by one troop 1APC Squadron, 161 Battery 1 Field Regiment, one company 5 RAR. At 241815H 6 RAR moved into harbour position general area YS488688. There were negative contacts during the reporting period.

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(vi) Air Support. Air surveillance of the TAOR was conducted as normal. At 240800H FAC observed 6 ox carts at YS292638 and three ox carts at YS287632. At 241605H observed large tunnel entrance 4 to 5 feet across at YS288733. At 241008H Aircap for Operation GAUNTLET conducted air strike on suspected VC area at YS522727. Negative BDA due to dense foliage.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR. 6 RAR to conduct Phase I of Operation HOBART with the commencement of search and destroy operations in the area to the East and NE of XA LONG TAN YS4865. 161 Field Battery to move with elements of 1APC Squadron as escort and one company 5 RAR to area YS4665 to establish Fire Support Base for Operation HOBART. Airstrike scheduled for 251100H on suspected VC area YS5272.

b. Major Unit Activities

- (1) Operation HOBART
- (2) Search and Destroy
- (3) Clearance of area to East of Task Force Base
- (4) PHUOC TUY YS4765
- (5) 6 RAR
- (6) HQ 1 Task Force
- (7) 241000H
- (8) to be advised
- (9) Nil

2. (C) STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives

C1.	PHUOC TUY	YS470650	S&D	HOBART	241000H/Cont
C2.	PHUOC TUY	YS430670	Security	Nil	240800H/Cont

D. Nil

- K. Nil
K1. Nil
K2. Nil
K3. Nil
K4. Nil
K5. Nil

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HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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26 Jul 66.

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From 250001H to 252400H July (U).

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

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1. (C) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. One company came under command 6 RAR for Operation HOBART. 6 RAR commenced Phase I of Operation HOBART, a search and destroy operation with Armoured and Artillery support in the area to the EAST and NORTH EAST of XA LONG TAN YS 4865, with major contact.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS 426647 to YS 437690 and secured the road for the convoy as normal. At 250700H one troop escorted 161 Field Battery Artillery and one company 5 RAR from Nui Dat YS 4366 to Fire Support Base for Operation HOBART YS 462656. Lift completed at 250925H. At 251530H one troop conducted an ammunition resupply to 6 RAR Fire Support Base, a total of 300 rounds being lifted.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 38 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Battery fire missions in support of 6 RAR were fired as follows:-

(a) 1325H at YS510682 in support B/6RAR.

(b) 1340H at YS513679 in support C/6RAR.

(c) 1349H at YS520670 in support B/6RAR.

This target was engaged, with corrections, until 1506H.

(d) 1810H at YS510683 in support C/6RAR.

(iv) 5 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. One company came under command 6 RAR for duration of Operation HOBART with the following tasks:-

(a) Security of 6 RAR Fire Support Base.

(b) Act as blocking force.

(v) 6 RAR, with armoured and artillery support, commenced Phase I of Operation HOBART, a search and destroy operation in the area to the East and NE of XA LONG TAN YS4865, with major contact. At 250910H 6 RAR discovered fresh bullock cart trails less than 24 hours old leading in a South - Easterly direction from YS495694.

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Follow - up action revealed signs of a company size force heading SE from YS497694. Trails were less than three hours old. A camp site was discovered in same vicinity at YS498692. There were no signs of recent occupation. At 251110H D/6RAR discovered 2 tons of bagged rice at YS504687. Camouflage over rice was estimated only 24 hours old. At 251135H D/6RAR sighted one local VC, possible member of party of fire at YS515686. VC withdrew SE. At 251230H D/6RAR sighted 3 VC moving South at YS514688. Five rounds GARRAND ammunition was recovered at YS520680. At 251308H C/6RAR contacted estimated VC company at YS514678. Bugles were heard. VC split into two groups, fifteen remained at location to cover the withdrawal South and East of the remainder. At 251355H B/6RAR contacted 2 VC groups of unknown size at YS512669. On re deployment B/6RAR came under mortar bombardment, possibly 81/82 mm. At 251525H D/6RAR contacted 1VC at YS525674, VC withdrew South. No result. At 251600H C/6RAR sighted 20 VC moving SE along stream at YS517683. Trails indicated group split into two parties at bridge YS509678. Part of a carbine was found near bridge. At 251640H D/6RAR contacted one VC at YS524672. VC withdrew West after firing one shot. At 251700H C/6RAR sighted 1VC at YS515678. Withdrawal route not known. At 251725H C/6RAR discovered unoccupied VC camp containing 20 trenches with overhead protection at YS513678, not destroyed. At 251855H D/6RAR sighted and fired on 4 to 5 VC at YS528670. Enemy were heading North. Artillery engaged possible escape route, results unknown. At 251900H C/6RAR discovered squad size unoccupied enemy camp at YS517679, not destroyed. At 251935H A/6RAR received one 81/82mm mortar round at YS522677. Summary of casualties. Friendly. Contact C/6RAR at 251308H two WIA. Contact B/6RAR at 251355H 2 KIA, 11 WIA. At 251935H A/6RAR 4 WIA. Enemy. Contact C/6RAR at 251308H 1KIA, 4WIA, all possible. Contact B/6RAR at 251355H. 7 VC WIA from small arms and 8 VC WIA by Artillery, all possible. Possibility of conducting airmobile operations into area was considered, but decision was made against this as it was thought that 6 RAR did not need reinforcement and there was insufficient indication of withdrawal route.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with several minor sightings. At 250705H sighted a piece of material, colour, international orange, at YS352718. Material was 6 to 12 inches wide, 6 feet long, positioned in centre of rice field. At 250707H sighted 17 ox carts carrying wood along road from YS305653 to YS296636. At 250810H sighted 6 people in LONG TAN village YS480658. At 251100H airstrike was conducted against suspected VC area at YS5274. Negative BDA due to dense foliage.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. One company plus one platoon of 5 RAR to move to 6 RAR Fire Support Base YS4565 to constitute Ready Reaction Force for Operation HOBART. 5 RAR with one company plus one platoon to continue Phase I of Operation HOBART with intention of searching areas East and SE of today's contacts. Airstrike scheduled at 260900H on enemy ground activity vicinity YS3972.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) thru to (8) no change

(9) AUST LOSSES
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(9)	<u>AUST LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
	2 KIA	1 KIA (poss)
	17 WIA	19 WIA (poss)
	(includes 2WIA-NZ)	5 rounds 7.62mm ammo

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Forces

D1.	D/6RAR	C1	251135H/251137H	Friendly	None	No
D2.	D/6RAR	C1	251230H/251232H	Friendly	None	No
D3.	C/6RAR	C1	251308H/251430H	Friendly	None	No
D4.	B/6RAR	C1	251355H/251630H	Friendly	None	No
D5.	D/6RAR	C1	251525H/251540H	Friendly	None	No
D6.	C/6RAR	C1	251600H/251630H	Friendly	None	No
D7.	D/6RAR	C1	251640H/251645H	Friendly	None	No
D8.	D/6RAR	C1	251855H/251910H	Friendly	None	No
D9.	A/6RAR	C1	251935H/251945H	Enemy	None	No

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy Losses

D1.	D/6RAR	5/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil
D2.	D/6RAR	3/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil
D3.	C/6RAR	Company/UNK	1KIA/4WIA	Nil	Nil
D4.	B/6RAR	UNK/UNK	15WIA	Nil	Nil
D5.	D/6RAR	1/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil
D6.	C/6RAR	20/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil
D7.	D/6RAR	1/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil
D8.	D/6RAR	5/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil
D9.	A/6RAR	UNK/UNK	Nil	Nil	Nil

K2. Enemy Damages

D1.	D/6RAR	UNK/UNK	Nil	2 tons rice
D2.	D/6RAR	UNK/UNK	Nil	5 rounds 7.62mm

K3. Friendly Losses

D1.	C/6RAR	Company/UNK	2WIA	Nil	Nil
D2.	B/6RAR	UNK/UNK	2KIA/11WIA	Nil	Nil
D3.	A/6RAR	UNK/UNK	4WIA	Nil	Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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27 Jul 66.

SUBJECT : COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)
FROM 260001H to 262400H JULY (U)

TO : Commanding General
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1. (C) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

- (i) 5 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. Two companies remain under command 6RAR for Operation HOBART with the tasks of securing Fire Support Base YS 462657 and constituting ready reaction force for operation. One company secured 6RAR base area YS4467. 6RAR continued Phase 1 of Operation HOBART the search and destroy operation to the EAST of XA LONG TAN YS4865 with minor contact.
- (ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 and secured the road for the convoy as normal. One troop 1 APC Squadron lifted B/5RAR from NUI DAT YS4468 to Fire Support Base YS462657. Lift completed at 261005H.
- (iii) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force a total of 66 H and I missions being fired during the reporting period. 161 Battery Artillery remained under command 6 RAR for Operation HOBART.
- (iv) 5 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. B/5RAR escorted by one troop of 1 APC Squadron moved to 6 RAR Fire Support Base YS462657 with the task of constituting a Ready Reaction Force for Operation. C/5RAR remained in Fire Support Base YS462657 as security force. D/5RAR secured 6 RAR Base area YS4467.
- (v) 6RAR continued Phase 1 of Operation HOBART, the search and destroy operation to the EAST of XA LONG TAN YS4865 with minor contact. At 261400H Battalion Headquarters 6RAR was airlifted from YS 490688 to new location YS 515670, due to extended lines of communications to companies. At 261029H D/6RAR contacted 2 VC presumed local at YS 532669. VC were carrying one automatic weapon and one rifle, fled south on contact. At 261030H D/6RAR contacted 5 VC dressed in black and carrying weapons, at YS534669. One VC KIA (BC) one 7.62 mm carbine, one grenade and one M79 launcher recovered. At 261230H B/6RAR discovered 2 VC bodies killed by artillery fire at YS 511659. VC dressed in green uniforms with baseball type caps. Also there was evidence of 60mm mortar having been in area. At 261330H D/6RAR contacted one local VC dressed in black at YS 536665. VC withdrew NORTH then SOUTH. At 261430H B/6RAR discovered 2 VC bodies killed by artillery fire at YS512668. At 261445H B/6RAR discovered 2 VC bodies killed by artillery fire at YS517673.

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Documents taken from body indicate that he was an officer of D445 Batalion, possibly commander of C1/445 company. At 261500H D/6RAR discovered a camp for estimated ten men at YS530680. Estimate camp was used last night. At 261530H D/6RAR discovered rice, fish heads and eggs at YS534663, destroyed. At 261800H C/6RAR discovered enemy camp at YS514662. Estimated company plus camp and was of semi permanent nature. All entrance and exits well camouflaged. Camp appeared to have been used last night, the departure of troops apparently being unhurried. Detailed investigation to be conducted at a later date.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with minor sighting. At 261601H FAC reported sighting a new gun emplacement at YS 378698. At 261630H two armed chinooks engaged suspected enemy mortar location at YS5063 and YS 5163. During strike pilots sighted large group of suspected VC in this area. At 262300H lighting bug operated in area YS 515640, YS560640, YS 560640, YS 617673, YS 638628 and YS 515580. Results as yet not known. At 260900H airstrike was conducted against enemy ground activity at YS3972.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR and continue to provide support to 6RAR as stated. 6 RAR to continue Phase 1 of Operation HOBART with two companies searching and two companies providing blocking force. Air strike scheduled for 270830H on suspected enemy area at YS 5369.

b. Major Unit Activities.

(1) through (3) no change.

<u>AUST LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
2 KIA	7 KIA (BC)
17 WIA	1 KIA (POSS)
(includes 2WIA -NZ)	19 WIA (POSS)
	1 x 7.62mm rifle
	5 rounds 7.62 mm ammo
	1 x M79

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C Objectives no change

D Friendly Forces

D1	D/6RAR	C1	261029H/261033H	Friendly	None	No
D2	D/6RAR	C1	261030H/261045H	Friendly	None	No
D3	B/6RAR	C1	261230H/261300H	Friendly	None	No
D4	D/6RAR	C1	261330H/261345H	Friendly	None	No
D5	B/6RAR	C1	261430H/261445H	Friendly	None	No
D6	B/6RAR	C1	261445H/261500H	Friendly	None	No

K Losses/Damages

K1 Enemy Losses

D1	2/UNK	NIL	NIL	NIL	
D2	5/Suspect	1/-	7.62 mm rifle	NIL	
	D445 Bn				
D3	2/UNK	2/-	NIL	NIL	
D4	1/UNK	NIL	NIL	NIL	
D5	2/UNK	2/-	NIL	NIL	
D6	2/UNK	2/-	NIL	NIL	

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1. (C) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

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(i) 6 RAR continued Operation HOBART in area EAST of XA LONG TANH vicinity YS 4865 with no contact. 5 RAR continued to patrol the TAOR as well as provide two companies under command 6 RAR for Operation HOBART.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS 437690 to YS 426647 at 0705H and secured the road for the convoy as normal.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 80 H & I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(iv) 5 RAR continued to patrol TAOR with no contact. In addition two companies were under command 6 RAR for Operation HOBART and were stationed at the Fire Support base at YS462657 as a ready reaction force.

(v) 6 RAR continued Phase 1 of Operation HOBART with no contact. At 1023H A/6RAR and C/6RAR discovered extensive VC base area extending from YS 513655 to YS 513658. Camp contained administrative and command elements and accommodation for approximately 150 people. It is believed this was occupied by elements D445 Battalion. At 1410H 6 RAR at YS 515658 a company size VC camp was discovered. This had not been occupied for approximately two months. At 0709H D/6RAR at YS 524662 discovered a camp approximately 250 metres long running SOUTH WEST/NORTH EAST. This was believed to have been occupied by approximately 50 persons and to have been evacuated within the last 72 hours. At 1305H 6 RAR at YS 518653 discovered squad size position thought to have been a standing patrol position. At 0930H C/6RAR discovered at YS 519669, 700 pounds of rice 40 gallons of cooking oil, all of which was destroyed as irrecoverable.

(vi) Air support. At 0900H an air strike was conducted on a suspected VC camp at YS 500630. Results were 6 huts destroyed, 5 huts damaged.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 6 RAR continue Operation HOBART using two companies searching and two companies blocking. In addition a company of 5 RAR will be used as a further block.

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b. Major Unit Activities.

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C Objectives no change

D Friendly Forces NIL

K Losses/damages

K1 NIL

K2 Enemy/Damages

D1 C/6RAR UNK/UNK NIL 700 lbs rice 40 gals cooking oil

D2 Airstrike UNK/UNK 6 huts destroyed NIL
5 huts damaged

K3 NIL

K4 NIL

k5 NIL

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(v) 6 RAR continued to patrol...
(vi) 6 RAR continued to patrol...
(vii) Plans for next 24 hours...
(viii) 6 RAR continued to patrol...
(ix) 6 RAR continued to patrol...

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

29 Jul 66

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1. (C) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. Two companies moved from Fire Support Base YS463658 to blocking position vicinity YS470675 to YS473679 in support of Operation HOBART I. Remaining elements of 5 RAR at Fire Support Base moved back to Task Force area during the afternoon. 6 RAR continued Operation HOBART I with a two company sweep from vicinity YS4966 to 5 RAR blocking force with negative contact. Operation HOBART I was completed at 281900H.

(ii) 1APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 and secured the road for the convoy as normal. One troop lifted 161 Battery Artillery and remaining elements of 5 RAR from Fire Support Base YS463658 to Task Force Area. Lift was completed at 281700H.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force a total of 60 H and I missions being fired during the reporting period. 161 Artillery Battery was lifted back from Fire Support Base YS463658 to Task Force Area.

(iv) 5 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. B/5RAR and C/5RAR moved from Fire Support Base YS463658 to blocking position vicinity YS470675 to YS473679 in support of Operation HOBART I. Remaining elements of 5 RAR at Fire Support Base were lifted back to Task Force area by APC during the afternoon. D/5RAR continued to secure 6 RAR Base Area YS4467.

(v) 6 RAR continued Operation HOBART I with a two company sweep by C/6RAR and D/6RAR West from vicinity YS4966 to 5 RAR blocking force with negative contact. At 281430H Battalion Headquarters was lifted by HUIB from YS516670 to new location YS489673. At 281100H D/6RAR discovered old enemy camp with 20 to 30 pits at YS499669. At 281600H D/6RAR discovered small enemy camp for less than a platoon at YS500676. Extensive VC camp discovered by C/6RAR at 271518H at YS513655 was partially destroyed prior to departure of battalion from area. At 281700H 6RAR discovered body of VC in shallow grave about three weeks old. Credited to 6 RAR from past operations. Operation HOBART I was completed at 281900H. Operation HOBART II, the search and destroy operation with armoured and artillery support in XA LONG TAN YS4865, commenced at 281901H.

/(vi) Air Support.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal. At 280950H FAC reported 4 ox carts and 40 people at YS4565. At 281530H FAC reported gun emplacement filled with water at YS378694. At 281100H 2 armed A/CH47 conducted strike in area bounded by coordinates YS486665, YS490672, YS474680 and YS470673. Results unknown. At 281600H 2 armed A/CH47 engaged REDHAZE targets YS540638, YS550648, YS573647 and YS593638. Aircraft received ground fire from YS550648 and YS573648, targets were suppressed by A/CH47 and engaged, on completion, by artillery.

(vii) Plans for Next 24 hours. 5 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR. B/5RAR and C/5RAR at 290700H to return from blocking location vicinity YS472678 to 5 RAR Base Area. 6 RAR to continue Operation HOBART II with the search and clearing by two companies of village XA LONG TAN YS4865. Air strike scheduled for 291100H on suspected VC Battalion Camp at YS3566.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through to (9) No change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. No change

D. Friendly Forces Nil

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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Jul 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 290001H to 292400H July (U)

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

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

a. General

(i) 6 RAR concluded Operation HOBART TWO at short notice and returned to Task Force base. No contacts were made in the reporting period. 5 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with no contact. Major occurrence in reporting period was the finding of a probable major VC unit and the subsequent suppression of the area with airstrikes and artillery.

(ii) 1APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 0655H and secured the road for the convoy. One troop of APCs moved Engineer elements to 6 RAR on OP HOBART TWO to assist in search of XA LONG TANH vicinity YS4865 at 1010H. Troop returned to base location at 1700H.

(iii) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. At 1146H 161 Battery RNZA fired a fire mission at 6 VC seen at YS501686. Result 3 VC KIA (possible). At 1515H and 1640 Regiment fire missions including Battery A 2/35 were fired on YS385696, YS390682, YS400668 which were areas from which aircraft had received fire. Results not known. At 1810H Battery fire missions were fired at YS395715 and YS402727 following further ground fire at aircraft. Results not known. At 2155H 18 Regimental fire missions including Battery A 2/35 were fired on targets in area where ground fire was aimed at aircraft. Results not known. A total of 31 H and I missions were fired in the twenty four hours.

(iv) 5 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR. Two companies which had been operating with 6 RAR on Op HOBART returned to their base location. There were no contacts.

(v) 6 RAR concluded Op HOBART TWO at short notice. At 1145H C/6RAR sighted 6 VC at YS501686. A Battery fire mission was fired by 161 Battery RNZA with the result of 3 VC KIA (possible). C G 1ATF recalled Battalion to base location at 1615H and was helilifted back to base commencing at 1700H and being completed at 1915H.

(vi) Air Support. At 1500H armed CH47s engaged targets in vicinity YS3869, YS3968 and YS3967 following intelligence reports of some possible VC in this area. While carrying out this task the aircraft received concentrated small arms fire from YS385695, YS388682, YS401669, YS400687, YS402683. Immediate airstrikes were

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called in and 4 airstrikes were carried out using a total of 12 aircraft. There was no BDA due to foliage. Whilst airstrike was in progress ground fire was directed at the strike aircraft from vicinity YS3972, NUI NGHE feature. At completion of airstrike this area was engaged by artillery. At 1630H armed CH47s conducted a strike on area bounded by YS370750, YS410750, YS370710 and YS410710. Heavy multiple automatic weapon fire was received from YS403727, YS405723, YS397727 and YS405731. As well small arms fire was received in whole general. This area was engaged at 2155H by 18 regiment fire missions. Airstrikes, shy spot, were conducted commencing 2340H on to these areas. Not yet complete.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. Extensive Company and Platoon patrolling will be conducted to establish extent and size of VC force in area.

b. Major Unit Operations

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

AUST LOSSES

2 KIA
17 WIA
(includes 2WIA-NZ)

ENEMY LOSSES

7 KIA (BC)
4 KIA (poss)
19 WIA (poss)
1x7.62mm rifle
5 rounds 7.62mm ammo
1x M79

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Friendly Forces

D1. C/6RAR C1 291145H/291155H Friendly None No

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy

D1. 6/UNK 3 poss KIA Nil Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR commenced a company plus size patrol operation in the general vicinity of YS4068. 6 RAR commenced a company plus size patrol operation in the general area to the EAST of the Task Force Base. Tasks of patatrolls were:

- (a) To determine extent of enemy action in area.
- (b) Seek indications of recent enemy movement.
- (c) Locate and destroy enemy camp.

Both battalions continued patrolling of TAOR.

(2) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 0655H and secured the road for the convoy.

(iii) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 34 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. At 301415H OP on NUI DAT YS4367 observed four men acting suspiciously at YS384655. Target engaged enemy withdrew NORTH. At 302300H LNO at HOA LONG YS4365 requested battery target on VC exfiltration route at YS411648.

(iv) At 301200H B/5 RAR plus one platoon commenced a patrol operation in the general vicinity YS4068. The company established a firm base at YS403688 and commenced patrolling in all directions. None of the patrols made contact or provoked enemy fire. At 301415H B/5 RAR reported movement to front vicinity YS 422688. Investigation revealed depression in grass where body had lain. Movement of withdrawal was heard. At 301340H B/5 RAR discovered booby trap estimated one month old at YS426688. At 301500H B/5RAR discovered signs approximately two days old of estimated 10 men at YS402688. At same location was discovered further sign, one day old, of groups of approximately 6 men heading SW and SE. 5 RAR less one company continued patrolling TAOR with negative contact.

(v) At 301300H D/6 RAR plus one platoon commenced a patrol operation in the general area to the EAST of the Task Force Base. D/6 RAR established a firm base at YS473724 and commenced patrolling in all directions. None of the patrols made contact or provoked enemy fire. 6 RAR less one company commenced to patrol the TAOR. At 301905 C/6 RAR

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contacted estimated 7 VC wearing black shorts and shirts at YS445667. Results 1 VC KIA possible, 2 VC WIA possible. Artillery and mortars engaged VC withdrawal SOUTH.

(vi) Air Support. Air surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal. At 301430H reported 30 to 40 people, mostly women and children at YS430645. At 301745 reported newly cut trees and stumps at YS369727. Poorly kept gardens in same area. No air strikes were conducted during the reporting period.

(vii) Plans for Next 24 hours. B/5 RAR to continue patrolling of area to the WEST of TASK FORCE Base. 5 RAR less one company to continue patrolling of TAOR. D/6 RAR to patrol EAST and SOUTH of present location. 6 RAR less one company to continue patrolling of TAOR.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (8) NIL

(9) Results cumulative.

AUST LOSSES

NIL

ENEMY LOSSES

1 VC KIA (poss)
2 VC WIA (poss)

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C OBJECTIVES NIL

D FRIENDLY FORCES

D1 C/6RAR 301905H/301930H Friendly None No

K LOSSES/DAMAGES

K1 ENEMY LOSSES

D1 10/UNK 1 KIA poss 2 WIA poss NIL NIL

K2 NIL

K3 NIL

K4 NIL

K5 NIL

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PRECEDENCE-ACTION ROUTINE	DATE-TIME-GROUP 29 0015 Z	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTE
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From 5 RAR

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
OPS 1

To A Coy, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy,
Sp Coy, Admin Coy, 1 APC Sqn,
105 Fd Bty, CO, XO, Adjt,
IO, Bandmaster, WO Caterer

Info RSM

DEBRIEF OP SYDNEY AND OP SYDNEY TWO. debrief to be held at
Bn HQ 1000 hrs Sun 31 Jul 66. XO all coy OCs BC IO OC
1 APC Sqn OC armd tp participating in op requested to attend.
the morning debrief is to fol by lunch at 1300 hrs to which all
bn offr BC and arty FOOs OC 1 APC Sqn and armd tp offr are
invited. debrief to resume at 1400 hrs and RAAF reps to attend

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE
CARROLL	CP

RELEASING OFFICER'S
SIGNATURE AND RANK

Capt

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file + BF to
OC 2 Sp.

5 RAR
AP AN PHU
SOUTH VIETNAM

Obt 26/7.

25 Jul 66

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OPERATION SYDNEY 6 JUL - 23 JUL 66

DEBRIEF

1. The following points which arose from OPERATION SYDNEY will be used as the basis for discussion during the debrief on the operation by coy comds on 26 Jul.
2. Weapons.
 - a. Many coys are still carrying belts exceeding 100 rounds on their M 60, C Coy and Anti Tk Pl were observed carrying 100 rd belts on the guns.
 - b. Test firing was not carried out regularly prior to the operation with the result that 40 weapons were sent to the armourer on 5 Jul and a number on 6 Jul at least 5 members of A Coy were still at the armourer on 6 Jul when the coy was moving out on the operation.
 - c. It is realised that the OMC has little stopping power and a request is being made to 1 ATF to obtain more M 16 and/or SLRs to replace OMC.
3. Equipment.
 - a. A Coy has experimented with carrying link belts inside li - lo inner tubes.
 - b. C Coy has experimented with an ammunition carrier for the M60.
 - c. Requests have been submitted to 1 ATF to obtain additional M60s, telephones and switchboards to improve the defensive capabilities in the base area
 - d. The resupply of equipment in the field requires attention at all levels see 5 RAR R980-1-1 dated 23 Jul 66.
 - e. New CP tents for CP and FCC are required.
 - f. Filter bags which have been issued to all ranks are not being carried.
 - g. Coys must hold a supply of gold tape to issue to attachments, reinforcements etc.
 - h. All members have the choice of how to carry equipment but this must be such that patrol order can be adopted quickly. Patrol order must allow each member to operate for 24 hours. The soldier must carry:
 - rations for 24 hours
 - tent half shelter
 - towel
 - toilet gear
 - mosquito net
 - all fighting equipment - entrenching tool
 - machete
4. Administration.
 - a. Strength states must be given to the AQ representative by safe means on the day of departure from the base area and as often

/as safe means

as safe means will allow during the operation. One coy gave an initial strength state which differed to the actual strength on the ground.

Strength states must not be passed in clear by radio. It is passed each evening after stand down as plus or minus last correct figure. Rations etc will be delivered in accordance with the stated coy strength.

b. Nominal Rolls. Must be checked and reproduced immediately prior to each operation. Coys must check off accuracy of Army Nos, laundry Nos, spelling of names and initials.

A check after the operation commenced revealed:

38 errors in C Coy roll
40 errors in Bn HQ, Sp Coy, Admin Coy.

No laundry Nos for:

A Coy	3
B Coy	1
C Coy	4
Sp Coy	23
Admin Coy	7

Members detached to other coys must use a laundry No of the coy to which they are attached.

e.g. MFC s use rifle coy laundry Nos
SAS use Nos of coys at which attached.

5. Communications.

a. Spare radios have been issued to rifle coys. These additional sets constitute the battalion reserve. If coys do not take the sets on operations they must:

(1) Return the spare sets to Sig Pl for valuation or use as the battalion pool.

(2) Inform the CP of the number of sets returned to the Sig Pl.

b. 5 RAR (Rear) must use the correct call sign.

c. Voice procedure requires improvement:

(1) Think before speaking.

(2) Don't waffle keep the air clear.

(3) Watch security

d. Keep off the air when a contact occurs.

e. The proximity of sets of Bn HQ caused interference and is being investigated.

f. The use of more appropriate fixed call signs is being investigated.

e.g. A with a call sign will be used only to designate that the operator and not the officer is talking.

e.g. operator B. Coy is 2A
CO will be 9
CO's operator 9A
2IC 91
AQ cell at Bn HQ 92
AQ cell at Bn HQ LZ 93
A Echelon 95

/Coys will use

Coys will use 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, etc
Further details will be published separately.

6. Resupply.

- a. All arrangements for resupply will be made by coys with AQ cell at Bn HQ, not discussed with 2 IC on unit command net.
- b. A Echelon will not send stores or men to coys by air or other means unless cleared by the AQ cell at Bn HQ.
- c. Maintdems will be sent by coys on the day preceeding a resupply and not daily.
- d. A **separate** Admin link will be provided at the AQ cell at Bn HQ in future. Coys may flick over to the Admin net with their line or spare set at any time to pass a maintdem etc. The set on the command net will not be used to flick to Admin net. Maintdems etc will not be passed on the command net.
- e. When requesting rations don't give the coy strength in ration requirements.
- f. On an average laundry bags will be delivered once each 7 days.
- g. Place spare pair of socks in the pocket of trousers in laundry bags.

7. Dust Off.

- a. Aircraft **come** up on coy frequency or if this is not possible then the bn frequency.
- b. Dust off pilots are prepared to come in before the DZ is secured. Coys must relate security of DZ to urgency of evacuation.
- c. When halted for long periods or at night in ambush preselect LZ and tracks to it.

8. Air Resupply.

- a. Time for resupply by ac will be arranged by AQ representative at Bn HQ direct with Coys. Coys must select and prepare DZ by required time. If DZ cannot be prepared in time advise AQ representative and **HEROS** can be held back.
- b. It is 1 ATF task to keep ATLO informed of tactical picture but 2IC or OC Admin Coy should visit ATLO daily and keep him informed.
- c. The minimum size of LZ is 25 metres diameter. When giving out grid references of LZ state:
 - (1) Diameter in metres.
 - (2) Best area for approach.

9. Civic Action.

- a. One interpreter must be allocated to Medcap team.
- b. One 11 x 11 tent or marque must be available for suspects.
- c. Milk, rice, paper cups etc are required.
- d. Water must be available for Medcap.
- e. Don't take items from villages including bananas.

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f. All tins of food issued must be opened to prevent use by VC.

10. Tactical.

a. Night Movement.

- (1) Routes must be pre-recced.
- (2) Check equipment before movement for rattles, noise etc.
- (3) Move slowly.
- (4) No talking
- (5) Reduce radio traffic to a minimum.
- (6) Rehearse night harbour drills.
- (7) Greater care required in reducing noise

b. VC contacts diminish after helicopters are used. Therefore up to 5 days rations must be carried. Soldiers to be given choice of rations to be carried including rice.

c. Locstats in code when halted for four hours or more.

d. If men harbour with APCs for early morning move each man must know the APC on which he is to travel. All APCs are marked on the rear door.

e. Bury all VC KIA 6 feet deep.

f. When moving on APCs commander must be appointed for troops riding on top of APC and commander for troops inside APCs.

g. All members moving within base area must be fully equipped. CQMS, cooks etc arrived at Bn HQ with no sleeping gear, no basic webbing or first line ammo.

h. A mobile CP for use with APCs is required - 11 x 11 outer plus 1 x table lightweight and four chairs canvas.

i. Boots to be cleaned daily when dry.

j. Shave daily

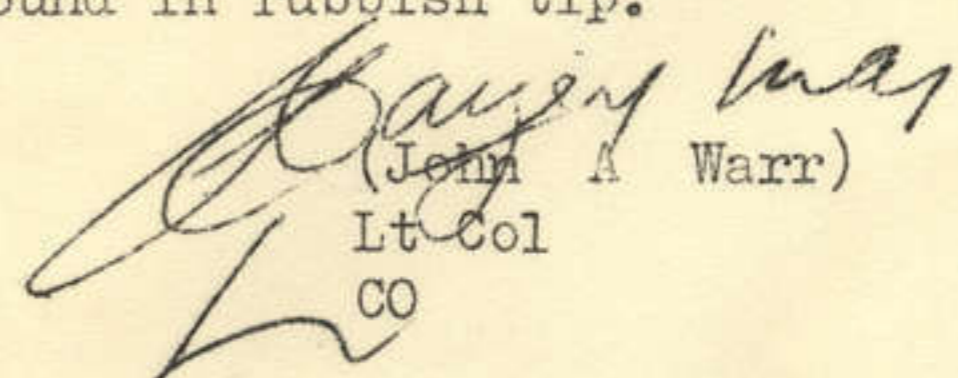
k. AQ cell will consist of:

AQM
CSM Sp Coy
3 operators
clerk
batman

l. Bandmaster is to be employed at 36 Evacuation Hospital during operations.

11. Security.

a. One member of D Coy wrote letter home prior to operation and gave detailed plan. Letter was found in rubbish tip.


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Lt Col
CO

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OC B Coy
OC C Coy
OC D Coy
OC Sp Coy
CC Admin Coy
BC 105 Fd Bty
OC 1 APC Sqn
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ASSEMBLY AREAS ROUTES CORDON AND HARBOUR POSITIONS

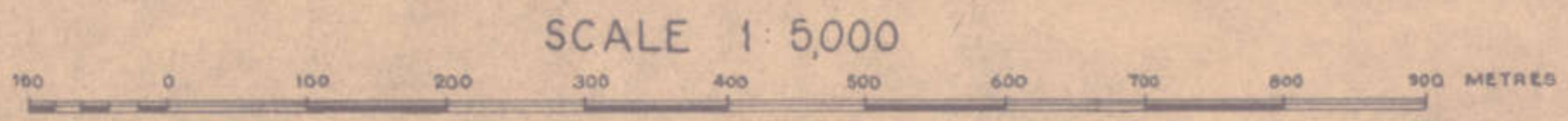
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5 RAR OPORD 8-66
OP SYDNEY TWO
PHASE ONE
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- Roads (gravel formed)
- Tracks Minor
- Streams
- Plantations general
- Rubber plantations
- Timber boundaries
- Buildings

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to 4 platoon)

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14 Jul 66

OPORD 8 - 66 (OPERATION SYDNEY TWO)

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

Time Zone used throughout order : HOTEL.

1. SITUATION.

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

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

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EXECUTIONa. Gen Outline.

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

(a) Preliminary Recces

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

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

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

(c) APCs to be in sp as fols

i. One APC for carriage fwd of coy packs.

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

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

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide a guide party for bn con recce ni 15/16 Jul 66.

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

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

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping.

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

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

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide a guide party for bn con recce ni 15/16 Jul 66.

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

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

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping.

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

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

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

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide a guide party for bn con recce ni 15/16
Jul 66.

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

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

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

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

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

(c) APCs to be in sp as fols:

i. One APC for carriage fwd of coy packs.

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

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

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

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide a guide party for bn con recce ni 15/16
Jul 66.

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

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

f. Mer Pl.

(1) Grouping.

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

(b) One sect to remain mounted in mer APCs under
comd of Bn HQ.

(c) One sect to be dismounted for mov in third mer
APC under comd Bn HQ.

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(2) Tasks.

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

(b) Remainder.

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

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

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

g. Anti Tk Pl.

(1) Grouping.

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

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

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

(2) Tasks.

(a) To provide close escort for the APCs.

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

h. Aslt Pnr Pl.

(1) Grouping No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Bn res.

(b) Assist with protection of Bn HQ.

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

(d) Provide security for the holding cages.

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

i. Armd.

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

(2) Tasks.

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

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

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

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(2) Tasks

(a) SIOUX Air obsn by XO over cordon area from 1706¹⁵H Jul 66. Second ac to wait fueled up at TIGER pad to act as relief ac as required.

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

m. Coord Instrs

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

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

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

(4) Cordon Formations Within each coy:

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

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

(5) Rules of Engagement

(a) Fire only:

i. When fired at

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

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

(b) If in doubt don't shoot.

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

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

i. Take cover

ii. Call interpreter fwd.

iii. Get loud hailers.

iv. Have interpreter advise occupants to surrender.

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

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

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

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

(g) Don't harrass women and children.

(h) Soldiers will not search women.

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

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

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

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Rat

(1) Fresh From evening meal 14 Jul 66 to midday meal 16 Jul 66. To be brought fwd in hotboxes by APCs.

(2) Cbt Rat. Meals have already been issued to cover evening meal 16 Jul 66 ~~and breakfast 17 Jul 66~~. A further three days are to be issued 16 Jul 66 to commence ~~midday~~ *breakfast* 17 Jul 66.

(3) Rat for Civs. 50 x 24 hr packs are to be delivered to the QM 16 Jul 66 for mov fwd to the Bn cage.

b. Water

(1) Full bottles on departure from TENNIS 16 Jul 66. Thereafter local water.

(2) Normal sterilization to apply.

c. Admin Pers

(1) COMS's and clerks are to move to TENNIS daily commencing 14 Jul 66 for admin tasks with their coys. They are to return to base each night. On AM 16 Jul 66 COMS's are to liaise with the QM and assist with the return of all surplus stores to the base area.

(2) The armourer is to be available at TENNIS on 15 Jul 66.

d. Ammo

(1) Normal scale of SAA and grenades to be carried.

(2) Coys are to ensure that ample coloured smoke is carried to facilitate ident of cordon sectors from the air. This smoke is to be thrown on orders from the XO *or when requested by neighbouring coys.*

(3) Cry Baby grenades are to be carried within each coy. In particular D Coy is to ensure that these are available down to sect level.

(4) D Coy is also to ensure that incendiary material is available for burning if necessary.

e. Med

(1) Normal med atts and eqpt remain.

(2) The RMO, Bandmaster and SB Sgt are to be att to D Coy from 161400H Jul 66. They are to carry out MELCAP as necessary during the search. Medcap stores are to move in D Coy APCs.

(3) The RAP Sgt is to be att Bn HQ from 161400H Jul 66.

(4) Medevac from the village or cordon is to be by APC to Bn HQ thence by air.

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

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

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

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(2) Wiring Stores

- (a) 12 coils of concertina wire.
- (b) 36 x 8 ft pickets.
- (c) 3 x Dollys.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Bn HQ

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

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

(3) The remainder of the Bn HQ gp move on foot to the rear bn assembly area, ^{at 162000H} then again on foot on 17 Jul 66 to the fire base position. The first move is following after D Coy from TENNIS and the second after the APCs.

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

b. Radio

(1) Frequencies As per current SOIs.

(2) Callwords As per current SOIs.

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

d. KAC Code As per current SOIs.

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

f. Synchronization of Watches

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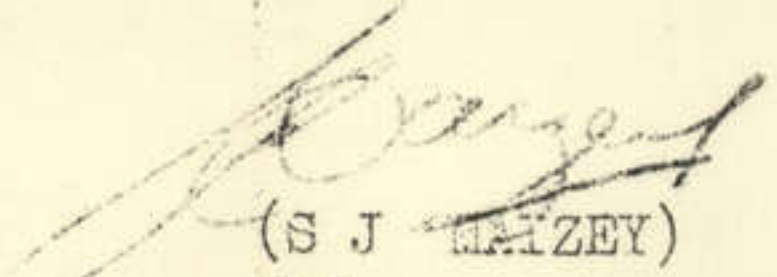
A . Sequence of Events .

P Assembly Areas, Routes, Cordon and Harbour Positions.

Distribution

A Coy	(2)	CO
B Coy	(2)	XO
C Coy	(2)	S1
D Coy	(2)	S2
Sp Coy		S3
Mor Pl		Asst S3
Anti Tk Pl		S4
Aslt Pnr Pl		RSM
Sig Pl		Comds Diary (3)
Admin Coy	(3)	File
1 APC Sqn	(2)	Spare (5)
1 Fd Regt	(5)	
105 Fd Bty	(2)	
1 Fd Sqn	(2)	
6 RAR	(2)	
HQ 1 ATF	(15)	
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ANNEX A (Sequence of Events) to OPORD 8 - 66 (OPERATION SYDNEY TWO)

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

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

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

No 37880 Sgt D Hill.

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3411433 TPR A DUGGILL

15567 LCPL JONES.

5713630 TPR I. DADD

311359 TPR W. GIBBIA

PRN PERKINS
CPA HUSTON

2 TROOP
NOMINAL ROLL

No	Rank	Name
15261	Lt	R C GUYLER
3786944	Loplt	J WELSH
3786944	Tpr	A J P WELSH
3905025	Lt	J A HOWARD
54257	Tpr	S HUCKIN
213515	Sgt	R D CLEARY
3783452	Tpr	D J COLLINS
215419	Loplt	D W DAVIES
3787166	Tpr	R A PORTER
42633	Cpl	W E HEYER
4717545	Tpr	M L W. COLSON
37703	Cpl	B J DELANEY
3786870	Tpr	G W SERACHIAN
42437	Tpr	R WARREN
3787066	Tpr	J CALLOW
214560	Cpl	F A GRANALL
2782108	Tpr	R C TRIPLE
214620	Cpl	D J TILSON
3786874	Tpr	H F LILIKIAN
37437	Cpl	A A MURPHY
1731106	Tpr	J J DELAGLY
16039	Cpl	J T O'NEILLY
6708259	Tpr	D L McPIERSON
54570	Cpl	P E CLEMMES
6708256	Tpr	P H MacMICHAEL
5713726	Tpr	W C SMITH
5713799	Tpr	K R CASPLODINE
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FRAG ORDER 7-1-66 (OPERATION SYDNEY (PHASE 4))

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

Time Zone used throughout order : HOTEL.

1. SITUATION.

a. En Forces.

(1) As for OPORD 7-66.

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

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

b. Friendly Forces.

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

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

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

c. Atts and Dets. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Gen Outline.

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

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

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

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change from normal atts.

(2) Tasks.

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

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

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change from normal atts.

(2) Tasks.

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

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

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

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change from normal atts.

(2) Tasks.

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

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

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change from normal atts.

(2) Tasks.

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

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

f. Mor Pl.

(1) Grouping.

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

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

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide sp throughout op.

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

g. Anti Tk Pl.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Def of Bn HQ.

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

h. Aslt Pnr Pl.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Def of Bn HQ.

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

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

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

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. No change.

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Lt Col
CO 5 RAR

Annexes:

P Areas of Search and Sectors.

Distribution

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

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FRAG ORDER 1-2-66 (Opn SYDNEY 2)

Reference: Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000, Sheets 6442 I, 6442 II, 6442 III,
6442 IV.
1:25,000, Sheet 6430 III's, 6430 IIS.

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Current laum.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) Operation SYDNEY continues until 13 Jul 66.

(2) Mission is to search and destroy VC forces and installations in AO YELLOW north of Zone GOLD. Annex P. Special reconnaissance will be made of any sign of VC EAST to WEST movement. Also, airstrike areas will be checked out for BDA.

2. MISSION: 5 RAR will conduct search and destroy operations in AO PURPLE. Secure Route LT 2 for movement of civilian traffic for 48 hours.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations: The Operation will be conducted in four phases from 14 - 21 Jul 66:

(1) Phase 1- Search and destroy AO PURPLE WEST of Route LT2, including cordon and search of hamlets. Annex P.

(2) Phase 2- Secure LT2 for movement of civilian traffic for 48 hours.

(3) Phase 3- Search AO PURPLE EAST of route-LT2.

(4) Phase 4- Return to 1 ATF Base Area conducting sweep operation from NE to SW.

b. 5RAR:

(1) Phase 1- (a) Search and destroy AO PURPLE WEST of Route LT2, commencing 14 Jul 66.

(b) Conduct cordon and search operation of hamlets (Annex P) over one or two day period. One company 6RAR available to be under command for this part of operation.

(2) Phase 2- (a) Open Route LT2 from road and track junction YS450732 SOUTH to AN PHU YS436692, and secure by picqueting for use by civilian traffic for 48 hour period.

(b) Date and time of above period to be advised by 5RAR 24 hours in advance.

(3) Phase 3- (a) Conduct search and destroy operations in AO PURPLE WEST of LT2.

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(b) Conduct special reconnaissance for sign of VC trails EAST of River SUOI BA BANG.

(4) Phase 4- (a) Return to 1 ATF Base Area from NE to SW.

(b) Conduct widest possible sweep of area during return journey.

c. 6RAR:

(1) Phase 1- (a) Continue patrolling TAOR.

(b) Be prepared to provide one company under command 5RAR for cordon and search of hamlets in AO PURPLE. (Annex P).

(2) Phases 2, 3 and 4- (a) Continue to provide one platoon under command 1 APC Sqn.

(b) Be prepared to place one company under command 1 APC Sqn to assist in escort duties QL 15, date to be notified but not before 13 Jul 66.

(c) Continue to provide one company as 1 ATF reaction force.

d. Artillery:

(1) 105 Fd Bty RAA returns to 1 ATF Base Area on 14 Jul 66.

(2) Continue to provide support as ordered in OPLAN 1-66 during Operation SYDNEY 2.

e. Armour:

(1) Be prepared to provide escort duties for road movement on QL15, dates to be notified but not before 13 Jul 66.

(2) Move 105 Fd Bty RAA back to 1 ATF Base Area on 14 Jul 66.

(3) Be prepared to place one troop under command 5RAR for cordon and search of hamlets during Phase 1 Operation SYDNEY 2.

(4) Be prepared to support 5RAR during all phases Operation SYDNEY 2 by providing assistance for movement of mortars, stores, etc.

f. Engineers:

(1) Provide support for 5RAR as for Operation SYDNEY 1.

(2) Continue works in 1 ATF Base Area as ordered.

g. 3 SAS Sqn: NO change from OPLAN 1-66.

h. Aviation:

(1) Helicopter resupply is available to 5RAR during Operation SYDNEY 2.

i. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Operation Overlay. Annex P.

(2) Sequence of Events. Annex A.

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- (3) Duration of Operation 14 - 21 Jul 66.
- (4) Direct liaison between CO 5RAR and CO 6RAR authorised concerning placing of one company under command for cordon and search operation.
- (5) Air. USAF radio operator to remain with 5RAR during Operation SYDNEY 2.
- (6) Civil Affairs. Maximum number of available interpreters and national police will be provided for cordon and search operation.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

- a. Administration. 1 ATF SOP.
- b. Logistics. 1 ATF SOP.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

- a. Signal.
 - (1) 1 ATF SOI.
 - (2) DUSTOFF frequency remains 45.7.
- b. Command.
 - (1) HQ 1 ATF remains present location.
 - (2) CP 5RAR at discretion of CO 5RAR.


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Distribution: As for OPLAN 1-66.

Annexes: A. Sequence of Events.
P. Operation Overlay.

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Annex A (Sequence of Events) to FRAG ORDER 1-2-66 (Opn SYDNEY 2)

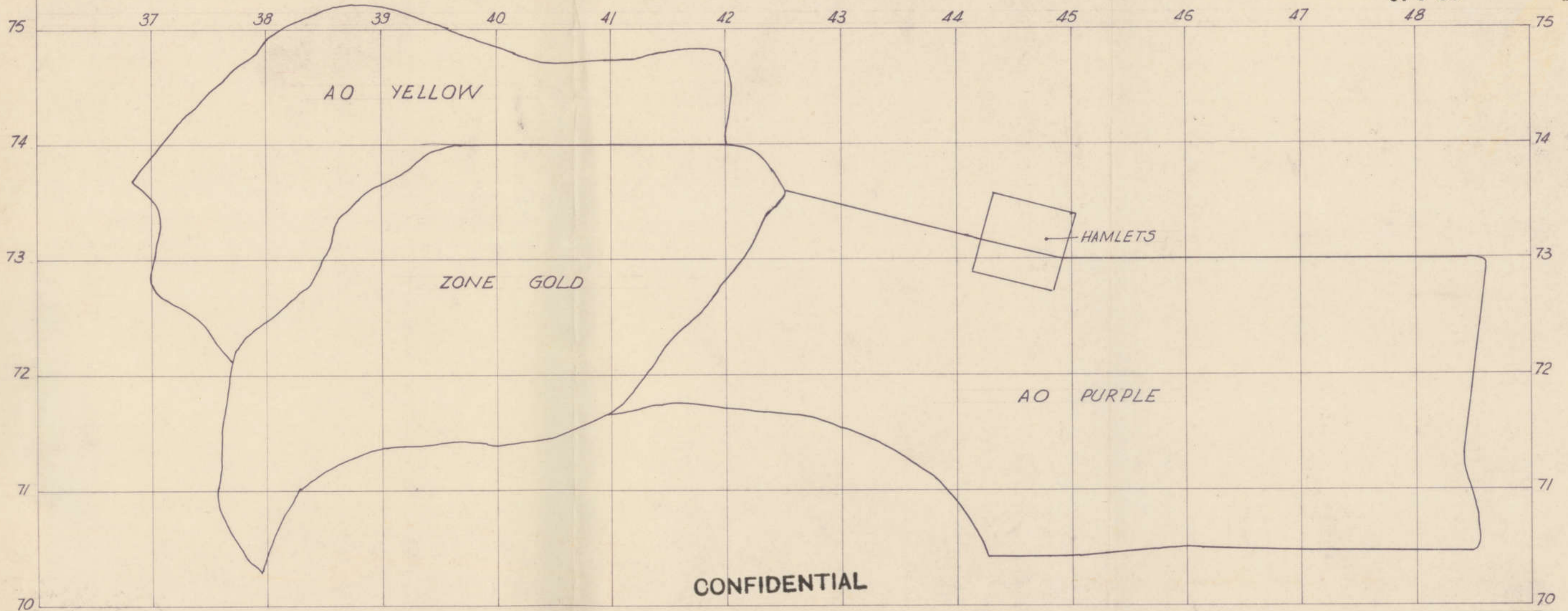
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1	13 July 66	Operation SYDNEY continues until 13 July.
2	14 July 66	1 APC Sqn move 105 Fd Bty RAA back to 1 ATF Base Area.
3		5 RAR commence search and destroy AO PURPLE WEST of Route LT 2.
4	14 to 21 July 66	Operation SYDNEY 2

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ANNEX P (OPERATION OVERLAY) TO FRAG ORDER 1-2-66 (OPN SYDNEY 2)
REFERENCE MAP VIETNAM 1:25,000 SHEETS 6430-11-5; 6430-11-5

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5 RAR
AP AN-PHU

3 Jul 66

OPORD 7 - 66 (OPERATION SYDNEY)

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

Time Zone used throughout order : HOTEL

1. SITUATION

a. En Forces

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

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

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

b. Friendly Forces

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

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

c. Atts and Dets

(1) In DS and under comd for mov from 060700H 105 Fd Bty.

(2) In sp - from 040700 to 070700 one tp 1 APC Sqn.
from 070700 to 071600 1 APC Sqn
from 071600 to completion of op - Mor sect
of 1 APC Sqn
one sect of
1 APC Sqn

(3) In sp from 060700 to completion of op - one coy of
6 RAR
four RAAF IROQUOIS

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

2. MISSION 5 RAR is to clear area GOLD (see Annex P)

3. EXECUTION

a. Gen Outline Phases as follows :

(1) Phase 1. Preliminary ops 4 Jul - 6 Jul. One tp of APC Sqn with one pl 5 RAR to patrol towards NUI NGHE each day.

(2) Phase 2. Estb fwd base at HOCKEY on 6/7 Jul.

(3) Phase 3. Search and clear area GOLD.

(4) Phase 4. Return to base area. (Details to be advised)

b. A Coy

(1) Grouping. NO change

*Rats - to go
and an lot left
of APCs.*

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(2) Tasks

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

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

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

c. B Coy

(1) Grouping

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

(2) Tasks

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

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

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

d. C Coy

(1) Grouping NO change

(2) Tasks

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

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

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

e. D Coy

(1) Grouping NO change

(2) Tasks

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

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

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f. Mor Pl

(1) Grouping

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

(2) Tasks

(a) Sect in base area.

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

(b) Sect with B Coy.

- i. Provide sp for coys from HOCKEY.

(c) Sect with APC

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

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

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

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

(g) Sect to remain in APCs at HOCKEY.

g. Anti Tk Pl

(1) Grouping No change.

(2) Tasks

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

(b) Phase 3

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

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

h. Aslt Pnr Pl

(1) Grouping No change.

(2) Tasks

(a) Phase 2

i. Move with Bn HQ.

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

i. Armd

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

4 Jul - Pl A Coy

5 Jul - Pl C Coy — Sp ~~11~~ 11 APC

6 Jul - Pl B Coy → not carrying H on lift out.

(2) Tasks

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

(b) Phase 2

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

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

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

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

Admin
Bn Gp
with arty
& APC
(not sent)

18
150
60 rds
1500
2000
2500

j. Arty

(1) Grouping No change.

(2) Tasks

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

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

80 gunners
6 guns →

k. Co-ord Instrs

(1) Timings

(a) Forecast of events. Annex A

(b) Phase 1. 4 - 6 Jul.

(c) Phase 2.

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

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

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

(3) Routes. Annex P.

Rat:
1. RATS
2. EXP 1
3. Mors — 4 C 476
4. Gunners
5. Guns & rds

Rest

2nd lift

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

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Dress

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

b. Rat

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

c. Water. Obtain locally and sterilize.

d. A Ech

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

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

f. Med

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

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

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

b. Radio

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

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

Acknowledge.

(J A WARR)
Lt Col
CO 5 RAR

Annexes:

A Sequence of events.

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

Distribution

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

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(O. M. CARROLL)
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Annex A (Sequence of Events) to OP ORD 7/66 (OPERATION SYDNEY)

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

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

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APC Sqn

MESSAGE FORM

Precedence - Action
PRIORITY

Date - Time - Group
031000Z

From 5RAR

To A Coy, B Coy, C Coy D Coy
Admin Coy, Mor Pl, Anti Tk Pl
Aslt Pnr Pl, Sig Pl, APC Sqn
105 Fd Bty, 6 RAR, 1 ATF, ~~CO~~
~~XO, S1, S2, S3, S4~~

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Info

WARNING 0 . 0 gp this loc 041030H for OP SYDNEY . Maps
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