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**Item: 1 Armoured Personnel Carrier  
Squadron**

Annex F2-G32

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FRAG ORDER 1-3-66 (Opn BRISBANE)

Reference : Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000 Sheets 6442 I, 6442 II,  
6442 III, 6442 IV.

1:25,000 Sheets 6430 IIIS, 6430 IIS.

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces:

(1) Recent Intelligence reports indicate that VC will attempt to ambush a convoy on Route QL 15 between current period and 30 July.

(2) Trails running SOUTH between two hill masses immediately WEST of BARIA were used by VC as routes to ambush positions on Route QL 15 in December 1965. Recent agent reports indicate the presence of VC in this area.

(3) Numerous cart tracks and wheel ruts have been sighted from the air on trails running NORTH/SOUTH through this area.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) TF 6 RAR as follows:

1 APC Sqn  
161 Fd Bty RNZA  
Two mine clearing teams 1 Fd Sqn RAE  
Two HU1B 9 Sqn RAAF  
One H13 161 (Indep) Recce Flt

2. MISSION: TF 6 RAR conducts search and destroy operations NORTH of Route QL 15 in the vicinity of mountain pass YS3166.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations: The Operation will be conducted in three phases.

(1) Phase 1 - Move with artillery in APCs to fire support base YS2962.

(2) Phase 2 - Conduct search and destroy operations.

(3) Phase 3 - Return to 1 ATF Base Area.

b. 5 RAR:

(1) Two companies deployed in 1 ATF Base Area, one company in each of 5 RAR and 6 RAR Base Areas.

(2) Continue Opn SYDNEY 2.

c. 6 RAR:

(1) Phase 1 - (a) Move with 161 Fd Bty RNZA in APCs to fire support base YS2962, commencing 160800H July.

(b) 1 APC Sqn under command for movement

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with one APC Tp remaining under command 6 RAR.

(c) Two mine clearing teams are available from 1 Fd Sqn RAE.

(2) Phase 2 - (a) Conduct search and destroy Operations in Zone BLUE.

(3) Phase 3 - (a) Return to 1 ATF Base Area 18 July, date and time to be confirmed.

d. Artillery:

(1) 161 Fd Bty RNZA under command 6 RAR from 151800H July.

(2) Continue to provide support as ordered in Frag Order 1-2-66 (Opn SYDNEY 2).

e. Armour:

(1) Move 6 RAR, 161 Fd Bty RNZA, and two mine clearing teams to fire support base YS2962, in two lifts commencing 160800H July.

(2) One 1 APC Tp remains under command 6 RAR.

(3) Be prepared to support 6 RAR during all phases Operation BRISBANE by providing assistance for movement of mortars, stores etc.

f. Engineers.

(1) Provide two mine clearing teams under command 6 RAR for road movement to fire support base YS2962, commencing 160800H July.

(2) Continue to provide support for 5 RAR in Operation SYDNEY 2.

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

g. Aviation:

(1) In support 6 RAR from 160730H July - two HU1B 9 Sqn RAAF and one H13 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

(2) Resupply by HU1B 9 Sqn RAAF is available to 6 RAR during Operation BRISBANE.

(3) DUSTOFF facility exists as normal. DUSTOFF aircraft will be based at 1 ATF DUSTOFF Pad YS434665.

h. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Start time 160800H July.

(2) 6 RAR (-) move in first lift and 161 Fd Bty RNZA and remainder move in second lift.

(3) Air. One FAC aircraft on call to 6 RAR from 160800H July.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

a. Administration. 1 ATF SOP.

b. Logistics. Air resupply to 6 RAR as requested by 6 RAR

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

- (1) 1 ATF SOI.
- (2) DUSTOFF frequency. 1 ATF SOP.
- (3) One CESSNA to fly RR.
- (4) Rebroadcast station to be established at VUNG TAU.

b. Command:

- (1) HQ 1 ATF remains present location.


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OP ORD 1 - 66 (OPERATION GAUNTLET ONE)

Ref : Maps 1:50000 Series L701 Sheet 6442 III  
6442 IV  
6443 III  
6343 II  
6343 I

Time Zone : HOTEL

SITUATION1. a. Topo

- (1) Route between 065068 to 430666 along National Highway 15 (NL 15) and Inter Provincial Route 2 (TL 2).
- (2) Distance - 70 km (approx 45 miles).
- (3) Road Surface - all weather bitumen, two lanes (4.8 metres).
- (4) Obstacles : (a) Bridges (one lane or under repair) at 290627, 254745, 223807, 218814, 190855, 152892, 140917.  
(b) Villages and hamlets are an obstacle to convoy movement.
- (5) Vegetation - consists mainly of padi or sandy flats covered with gorse or low scrub. Fair vision to approx 2 - 300 metres on both sides of road, except for rubber plantation NORTH of LONG THANH 1342.
- (6) Movement off road - impossible for wheeled vehicles. Due to extremely boggy conditions, tracked vehicles are advised to stay on road, except in tactical emergency.
- (7) Civilian traffic - motor traffic, ox carts and pedestrains in considerable number, especially in villages and hamlets.

b. Enemy

- (1) Current FFV II PERINTREP
- (2) En attack of unknown str on PHU MY ARVN post 237772 on morning of 19 Jul 66.

c. Own Tps

- (1) NUI DAT 4367 - 1 ATF.
- (2) PHUOC LE (BARIA) 3860 - 2 x 155 mm HOWs ARVN.
- (3) PHU MY 2377 - 2 x 105 mm HOWs ARVN.
- (4) LONG THANH NORTH 1699 - 8 in HOWs and 105mm HOWs - US Army.

d. Atts and Dets

- (1) Under comd for local def of Sqn harbour area 9 P1 CCoy 6 RAR.
- (2) Under comd from ..... Coy 6 RAR and Mor Sec.
- (3) Engr Team (4) ORs 1 Fd Sqn.
- (4) Under comd for movement Bty A 2nd Bn 35 Arty US Army.
- (5) In sp Arty LO and AOP HQ 1 ATF
- (6) Det 1 ATF Pro Sec.

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- (7) In sp FAC HQ 1 ATF.
- (8) In sp C & C HUIB RAAF,
- (9) In sp AIR CAP provided by USAF or VNAF.
- (10) Det to 5 RAR, Mor Sec 1 APC Sqn.

e. Met : Present monsoonal conditions may prevent, or seriously affect, air support and control.

MISSION

2. 1 APC Sqn is to provide a convoy escort for the movement of Bty A 2nd Bn, 35 US Arty, from 065068 to 430666.

EXECUTION

3. a. General Outline

(1) Operation GAUNTLET ONE will cover two (2) phases.

PHASE I - Mov of 1 APC Sqn from its present loc to the RV with Bty A at 065068.

PHASE II - The convoy escort task and return movement.

(2) Operation GAUNTLET TWO will cover the convoy escort task for the return to BIEN HOA area, of the load carrying vehicles used on GAUNTLET ONE. This is expected to take place the following day. Separate orders will be issued.

b. Composition of Convoy

Phase I - issued separately.

Phase II - (1) For detail of serials/packets see Annex A.

(2) Serials shown as Bty A, will be as ordered by OC Bty. Serial 9 will include the repair and recovery elements of the Bty.

(3) Serial commanders for Serials 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9 will be appointed by OC Bty A, and will travel in the leading vehicle of each serial, in a radio equipped vehicle.

c. Armd

Phase I - Orders issued separately.

Phase II - (1) Distribution in convoy - See Annex A.

(2) Provide convoy cmd.

(3) Provide security; and armoured mobility for inf, if required for offensive action against ambush.

(4) Serial 1 to act as free runner, keeping ahead of the convoy with the added tasks of checking likely bridges and culverts for CD mines, and also providing TC at obstacles to allow the head of Serial 2 to move through without pause. Will carry a mine detector.

(5) Serial 10 will be prepared to act as a separate slow moving serial; or stay behind serial, to protect any element that has a breakdown. In this event, c/s 20B, 29J, 29M will move to the rear of Serial 9.

d. 1 ATF Arty

Phase I and II - (1) Provide LO to travel in C & C HUIB with convoy Comd.

(2) Provide LO (with PRC 25) with ARVN Arty P1 (2 x 155 HOW), at BARIA. 3760

(3) Provide Arty AOP to cover convoy mov,

*airborne over BARIA 3760 at 0730 hrs. Refuel 0930 - 1030 hrs*

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*Return to AOP staging area 0606 at 1030 hrs.*

*Armd CP pickup  
Inf + Mors 0630 hrs.  
Arty 1st Sqn - 0640 hrs  
Armed to SP.*

*Pick up Arty at Coyloc.*

*(6) ~~Arty~~ pickup Arty 0640.  
Inf + Mors 0630.*

e. Engr (4 ORs)

Task as shown in para 3c(3) above.

f. Inf

- Phase I and II - (1) Loading see Annex A
- (2) Provide dismounted inf sp for counter ambush.
- (3) Act as "shotgunners" in the APC's in which they are carried.
- (4) Mor sec - mounted in mortar carriers, to provide immediate DF for counterambush.

g. Air Sp - 1 ATF

- (1) PHASE I - provide FAC. *and HWIB (c and c)*
- (2) PHASE II - provide FAC and AIR CAP, *and HWIB (c and c)*
- (3) Tasks and timings - see Annex B

h. Arty - FFV II

Phase I and II (1) provide Arty advisor (with PRC 25) to PHU MY 237772 for provision of fire sp if required.

j. Bty A 2nd Bn

- Phase II - (1) OC Bty A to org Bty serials as necessary, limiting size of serials to fifteen vehicles, or less. *2 Hours in 1st + last Bty serial*
- (2) Provide guide on NL 15 at 065068 to guide APC's into staging area for turnaround.
- (3) Provide guides and TC at new Bty loc in 1 ATF Area for reception of convoy on arrival.
- (4) Confirm engr advice with HQ FFV II ref bridge classification along NL 15 and suitability for wide or heavy loads. Especially the problem of towing a tracked howitzer.
- (5) Bty provide local security during marshalling of convoy.

k. Halts

- (1) Phase I - Vicinity of PHU MY <sup>2377</sup> for 5 mins.
- (2) Phase II - NO halts, unless convoy needs to be adjusted. If ordered serials will halt at 240770 in the vicinity of ARVN post at PHU MY.

l. Shotgunners - Every wheeled vehicle will contain another passenger next to the driver, who will act as a shotgunner.

m. Breakdowns -

- (1) Drivers will pull to the side of the road and allow following vehicles to pass.
- (2) Shotgunner and spare personnel, to provide local security for driver and vehicle. Driver to try and remedy or find the cause of breakdown, while waiting for repair elm to arrive.

n. Instructions to drivers

see Annex D.

o. Action on Ambush

- (1) If enemy opposition is slight, every attempt will be made to keep the convoy moving.
- (2) Drivers will obey hand signals given to them by crew comds of APC's ie, to halt, speed up or pull over.

*Engr FAC  
provide here  
off for base!!  
to Bty A 0930  
signing area.  
ENGR SEARCH  
39.8 WAGON MARKET 28  
Use "TRANSIDES."*



- (3) In the event of a large ambush; if possible, vehicles in the immediate area will attempt to drive out. Personnel in vehicles caught in, should pull to the side of the road and abandon the vehicle. Select a fire position and return fire. Remember every ambush has two sides. Throw WP smoke in direction of enemy strong points.

p. Co-ordinating Instructions

Phase I - orders issued separately.

Phase II - (1) APC staging area for turn around 065068.

(2) SP - lead vehicle of serial 2 at 075046.

(3) Release Point <sup>(RP)</sup> 429665.

(4) Timings :-

(a) APC Sqn ETA staging area 0930 hrs.

(b) Bty A serials assembled at SP by 1000 hrs. Serials 50 metres apart and vehicles 5 metres apart.

(c) Briefing Serial comds in staging area 0930-1000hrs.

(d) H hr 1030 hrs.

(e) ETA RP Serial 1 1330 hrs.

(f) ETA RP last veh Serial 10 1410 hrs.

(5) Speed :-

(a) Serial 2 - 10; - 25 mph, unless to speed up or slow down.

(b) Serial 1 will move as required to carry out tasks. Speed will NOT exceed 35 mph.

(6) Spacing :-

(a) 40 metres between vehicles.

(b) 200 metres between Serials.

(7) TC - Det 1 ATF Pro Sec to provide pointmen at BARIA 380607 and HOA LONG 419635.

(8) ~~Release Point~~ - Adv party of Bty A at NUI DAT to provide guides and reception for Bty serials as they arrive at release point.  
R.P.

Adm & Log

a. Rats - (1) APC's - as per SOP.

(2) All personnel to carry C rat for midday meal. Meal will be eaten on the move.

b. Water - (1) APC's as per SOP.

(2) All personnel to have full water bottle (canteen), and every vehicle to carry at least one (1) water can for topping up radiator if necessary.

c. Ammo - (1) APC's as per SOP.

(2) Inf - as per, Bn SOP for fighting patrol, (~~less mines~~).

(3) Bty A - as per unit SOP.

(4) Serial comds to carry WP smk to indicate enemy positions to ~~each~~.

d. Medical - (1) 1 APC Sqn medic to ride in APC Amb (c/s 39M) Serial 3.

(2) Inf Coy medic to ride in APC Amb (c/s 29M) Serial 8.

*Chart - composition of  
St. for CONVOY  
+ R.P.  
R.P. 065068 - Bty A guide  
Timing - assemble for convoy  
0645 - St. for Convoy  
H.H. - 0700.  
Speed - 20-25-30 mph.  
Spacing  
R.P. - 3 1/2 hours L2.  
for C.C. H.H.  
- Parking layout, design*

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*Bf for 0615.  
supers.  
d. Pol.  
All vehicles to carry  
sufficient POL  
for journey.*

d. (3) Bty A medic to move in Serial 6. If an additional medic is available, he is to ride in Serial 9.

e. Recovery

(1) 1 APC Sqn - VM with kit to ride in Serial 3, 5, 8. Serial 10 include LAD APC (c/s 98) with SGT VM, 2 VM's and Radio mech.

(2) Bty A - distribute repair personnel as required. Serial 9 to contain - repair and recovery team with recovery vehicle (preferably type 543).

(3) Recovery vehicles to be equipped with A frames for towing.

(4) Vehicles that are overtaken due to a breakdown, will join the convoy as soon as possible; but will not attempt to *overtake* and resume their original location.

Comd and Signal

5. Phase I - orders issued separately.

Phase II -

a. Convoy will be controlled from C & C HUIB ac, Alternate control in an emergency, or due to C and C acs having to be detached for refuelling, will be from <sup>to</sup>convoy HQ Serial 5 (c/s ZERO ALPHA).

b. SOI for movement, arty and air sp - see Annex C. *OC Bty A*

c. Air Panels - ~~Scout~~ <sup>front</sup> vehicles of all serials to display 3 foot length of air panel, so that it is visible from the air.

d. Code names.

Phase I - as for Phase II.

*065068*

Phase II - (1) Staging area for APC's - KINGS CROSS

(2) SP - 075046 - ALICE SPRINGS

(3) Halt area at PHU MY <sup>240770</sup> - ROAST BEEF.

- (4) Check Pts -
- |                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| (a) Br at 123974                    | - DARWIN     |
| (b) Y junc 143913                   | - CAIRNS     |
| (c) Br at 190855                    | - TOWNSVILLE |
| (d) Br at 254745                    | - BRISBANE   |
| (e) Br at 290627                    | - NEWCASTLE  |
| (f) Left hand turn onto TL 2 380607 | - SYDNEY     |
| (g) Left hand turn 419636           | - ALBURY     |
| (h) Release point 429663            | - MELBOURNE  |

e. Reporting - Serial comds will report when their serial reaches a check point.

f. Locstats - (1) Enemy in clear.  
(2) Own troops reported as a distance north or south of a check point.

*CAC Map.*

*Phase I - MARGAR. Phase II  
- LKING  
- WAT BERTANI -> OC  
- WOL STONES*

*V.O. Lond. Net - US.*

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*Rules of Engagement.*

*[Signature]* Maj  
OC 1 APC SQN

Annexes

- A Composition of Convoy
- B Air Sp - Tasks and timings.
- C SOI
- D Instructions to Drivers.

Distribution

2 Tp	HQ 1 ATF (2)	6 RAR (2)	File
3 Tp	1 ATF Arty TAC (4)	HQ FFV II Arty (6)	Spare (5)
SP Tp	1 ATF ALO (3)	Bty A 2nd Bn (8)	
LAD	1 Fd Sqn	Comds Diary (2)	

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Annex 'A' (composition of Convoy) to 1 APC SQN OP ORD 1-66  
(OPERATION GAUNTLET ONE)

<u>SERIAL/PACKET</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>ATTACHED</u>	<u>No VEH</u>
1.	3 Tp (c/s 31, 30A, 32) <i>(less 319)</i>	Engr team	<del>7</del> 6
2.	Bty A		15
3.	3 Tp (c/s 33, 30B, 39J, 39M)	Inf Pl (33)	6
4.	Bty A		15
5.	Convoy HQ (c/s 84, 9, 9E, 82)	Inf Coy HQ (9) Coy HQ Sp Sec (9E) Inf Pl (84) Inf Mor Sec (82)	8
6.	Bty A		15
7.	Bty A		15
8.	2 Tp (c/s 23, 20B, 29J, 29M)		6
9.	Bty A	Bty Recovery ELms	15 (-?)
10.	2 Tp (c/s 21, 20A, 98, 22)	Inf Pl (22)	8
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Annex 'B' (Air Sp) to 1 APC SQN OP ORD 1-66 (OPERATION GAUNTLET ONE)

AIR SUPPORT - HQ 1 ATF

HUIB ( C and C)

1. Phase I
  - a. Provide airborne control for movement of APC convoy from NUI DAT to LONG DIEN area 0606.
  - b. Refuel, before landing at APC staging area 065068. LZ will be secured by 1 APC Sqn, and will use coloured smoke for landing. HUIB to have full gas tanks ready for Phase II.
  - c. Timings - (1) ETA KANGAROO LZ NUI DAT 0730 hrs  
(2) ETD KANGAROO LZ NUI DAT 0800 hrs.  
(3) ETA APC staging area ~~after~~ 0945 <sup>after</sup> (refueling).
  - d. HUIB to carry only one door gunner on RHS side.
2. Phase II
  - a. Provide airborne control for convoy cmd. Convoy 110 vehs, approx length 7 kms.
  - b. Provide CP to control reaction force of APC's and inf against enemy ambush, and to co-ordinate arty and air sp.
  - c. Timings - (1) ETD staging area approx 1030 hrs.  
(2) Airborne over convoy until required to refuel. Will then return to cover convoy.  
(3) ETA KANGAROO 1400 hrs.

FAC

Phase I

1. Tasks
  - a. Check NL 35 <sup>along convoy route</sup> for ~~com~~ blocks and obstacles before 0730 hrs.
  - b. Fly cover over 1 APC Sqn mov from NUI DAT to LONG DIEN 0606.
  - c. Refuel 0930 - 1030 hrs.
2. Timings

Airborne over BARRIA 3760 at 0730 hrs.

Phase II

1. Tasks
  - a. Fly cover over convoy.
  - b. Control air strikes if required, as directed by Convoy Comd.
2. Timings

Airborne over APC staging area 0606 at 1030 hrs.

AIR CAP

Phase I

On call by FAC

Phase II

1. Aircraft as tasked by USAF or VNAF.
2. Timings

Airborne over LONG THANH 137920 at 1100 hrs.

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Annex 'C' (S.O.I) to 1 APC SQN OP ORD 1-66 (OPERATION GAUNTLET ONE)

GENERAL

1. There will be four (4) radio nets :-

- a. Comd net.
- b. Armoured net.
- c. Arty Sp net.
- d. Air Sp net.

*(e) Bay A Net. will provide the direction net.*

2. Comd Net

- a. Frequency - Main - 44.6 (call word - CN)  
- Alternate 36.6 (Call word - GL)
- b. Squelch - ~~new~~ *OLD*
- c. Stations : (1) Control :- c/s 9 (comd C & C HUIB)  
(2) Alt Control :- c/s  $\phi$ A (Serial 5)  
(3) Serials 1 - 10 :- c/s 1 - 10 (except serial 5 c/s  $\phi$ A)  
(4) AOP :- c/s 96.  
(5) FAC :- c/s ~~96~~ *HABU*  
(6) 1 APC Sqn Rear Link :- c/s  $\phi$ B.
- d. In Armd serials, the senior APC c/s will adopt the Serial c/s. Use C set (AN/GRC 125).
- e. Order of answering net calls - numerical with c/s  $\phi$ A first to answer. c/s  $\phi$ B will NOT answer.

3. Armd Net

- a. Frequency - Main 40.8 (call word - NO)  
- Alt 35.3 (call word - AG)
- b. Squelch - Old.
- c. Stations - All APC c/s, and including Inf c/s if dismounted using INDIA prefix before normal c/s.

4. Arty Sp Net

- a. Frequency - Main - 55.1 (call word XK)  
- Alt - 62.8 (call word KM)
- b. Squelch - ~~new~~ *OLD*
- c. Stations - (1) Arty controller - c/s THUNDERBALL ONE (comd C & C HUIB).  
(2) Arty LO BEARCAT - c/s THUNDERBALL TWO.  
(3) Arty LO PHU MY - c/s THUNDERBALL THREE.  
(4) Arty LO BARRIA - c/s THUNDERBALL FOUR. *(6) a Bay A. THUNDERBALL 56.*  
(5) AOP (CESSNA ac) - c/s THUNDERBALL FIVE.

5. Air Sp Net

- A. Frequency - *337.1 required. c/s THUNDER BALL TWO, THREE and FOUR, remain on*
- b. Stations - (1) FAC - *HABU*  
(2) Convoy Comd (Comd C & C HUIB). *listening watch 9 0730-1430 hrs.*  
(3) Sp ac -  
(4) AOP. *c/s 96.*

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Annex 'D' (Instructions to Drivers) to 1 APC SQN OP ORD 1-66  
(OPERATION GAUNTLET ONE)

INSTRUCTIONS TO DRIVERS

1. Before moving off - check
  - a. Engine oil and coolant levels, and engine for leaks.
  - b. V belts.
  - c. Pressure in tyres (incl spare).
  - d. Hand tools - especially wheel change tools and jack. Carry wooden block as jack support.
  - e. Tightness of wheel nuts.
  - f. Rear view mirrors.
  - g. Windscreen wipers, and windscreen clean.
  - h. Gas tank full, and spare gas and water carried (sufficient for journey).
  - j. If vehicle equipped with winch - check operation.
  - k. Tow rope or tow chain.
  - l. Load.
  - m. Driver comfort (1) Seat.  
(2) Sun glasses.  
(3) Water bottle and rations.
  - n. Personal weapon, and belt with ammunition.
2. While moving
  - a. Maintain correct vehicle interval of 40 metres.
  - b. Observe and obey speed and ~~load~~<sup>load</sup> restriction signs.
3. Halts
  - a. Maximum security.
  - b. Pull to side of road but beware of soft edges, which may cause vehicle to tilt.
  - c. Check load, tyres and wheel nuts.
4. Enemy Ambush
  - a. Endeavour to drive out of ambush zone.
  - b. Watch for signals from crew comds of APC's.
  - c. If forced to stop, pull over to edge of road to allow APC's to move quickly. DO NOT CLOSE UP. Abandon vehicle, and take up fire position close to road.

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OP ORD 1-4-66 (Op GAUNTLET)

Reference: Maps; VIETNAM 1:50,000 Series L701 Sheets  
6442 III, 6442 IV,  
6443 III, 6343 II,  
6343 I.

1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Current II Field Force Vietnam PERINTREP.  
b. Friendly Forces:

(1) BEAR CAT YT1699 - 3 x 8" Howitzers } US  
6 x 105mm Howitzers }  
Frequency 46.70  
Call sign Detonate 52

(2) LONG THANH YT1342 - 2 x 155mm Howitzers ARVN  
Frequency 39.0  
Call sign Sona Flares 30

(3) PHU MY YS2377 - 2 x 105mm Howitzers ARVN  
Frequency 44.0  
Call sign Slick Bucket 30

(4) BARIA YS3760 - 2 x 155mm Howitzers ARVN  
Frequency 44.0  
Call sign Stalled Tattoo 3

- c. Attachments and Detachments: Annex A.

2. MISSION: 1 APC Sqn Task Force escorts Btry A 2/35 Arty from vicinity LONG BINH YT0606 to NUI DAT YS4366 and escorts returning vehicles.

3. EXECUTION:

- a. Concept of Operations: Operation will be conducted in four phases:

- (1) Phase 1 (22 July) - 1 APC Sqn moves from NUI DAT to LONG BINH and effects meeting with Artillery Battery.  
(2) Phase 2 (22 July) - 1 APC Sqn escorts Artillery Battery from LONG BINH to NUI DAT.  
(3) Phase 3 (23 July) - 1 APC Sqn escorts returning vehicles from NUI DAT to vicinity LONG BINH.  
(4) Phase 4 (23 July) - 1 APC Sqn returns from vicinity LONG BINH to NUI DAT.

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b. 1 APC Sqn:

- (1) Phase 1 - Move from NUI DAT to vicinity LONG BINH and effect meeting with Btry A 2/35 Arty.
- (2) Phase 2 - Escort Btry A 2/35 Arty from vicinity LONG BINH to NUI DAT.
- (3) Phase 3 - Escort returning vehicles from NUI DAT to vicinity LONG BINH.
- (4) Phase 4 - Return from vicinity LONG BINH to NUI DAT.

c. 6 RAR:

- (1) Phases 1 to 4 - Provide the following counter-ambush force to travel in APCs:
  - (a) One rifle company.
  - (b) One rifle platoon.
  - (c) One mortar section.

d. Engineers: Phase 1 - Provide four man team for mine clearance tasks.

e. Artillery (1 ATF): Phases 1 to 4 -

- (1) Provide liaison officer to travel in HU1B (C in C Ship) with convoy commander.
- (2) Provide liaison officer with ARVN Arty Plt in BARIA YS3760.
- (3) Provide air OP to cover convoy as follows:
  - (a) 22 and 23 July 66.
    - i. 0730 to 0930 hours, BARIA YS3760 NORTH to LONG BINH YT0606.
    - ii. 0930 to 1030 hours, refuel VUNG TAU.
    - iii. 1030 to 1230 hours, LONG BINH SOUTH to BARIA.

f. Artillery (Btry A 2/35 Arty):

- (1) Arrange serials as required with no more than 15 vehicles per serial.
- (2) Provide guides at YT065068 on Route QL 15 to guide APCs into assembly area.
- (3) Provide local protection of assembly area at YT065068.
- (4) Arrange traffic control at Btry location in 1 ATF Area for dispersal of vehicles on arrival.

g. Aviation:

- (1) Phase 1 -
  - (a) Provide HU1B (Cin C Ship) for convoy commander during operation.

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(b) Refuel before landing at APC Assembly Area YTO65068. LZ will be secured by 1 APC Sqn, coloured smoke will be used to indicate LZs required.

(c) Observe the following timings:

- i. ETA KANGAROO LZ 0730 hours.
- ii. ETD KANGAROO LZ 0800 hours.
- iii. ETA Marshalling Area after refuelling 0945 hours.
- iv. ETD Staging Area approximately 1030 hours.
- v. ETA KANGAROO LZ 1400 hours.

(d) HU1B to carry only one door gunner on RIGHT side.

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h. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Dates of Move: 22 and 24 July.
- (2) Assembly Area between Phases 1 and 2: YTO65068.
- (3) Start Point Phase 2: Lead vehicle of Serial 2 at YTO75046.
- (4) Speed: Serials 2 to 10 - 25 mph except to catch up or slow down.
- (5) Distance:
  - (a) 40 metres between vehicles.
  - (b) 200 metres between serials.
- (6) Release Point:
  - (a) YS429665.
  - (b) Btry A to provide guides for traffic control on arrival Btry area at NUI DAT.
- (7) Composition of Convoy:
  - (a) Phase 1 - Issued separately.
  - (b) Phase 2 - Annex B.
  - (c) Phases 3 and 4 - To be advised.
- (8) Halts:
  - (a) Phase 1 - Vicinity of PHU LY YS2377 for 5 minutes.
  - (b) Phase 2 - NO halts unless required. If ordered, serials will halt at YS240770, vicinity of ARVN outpost.
- (9) Shotguns: All wheeled vehicles will carry shotgun riders.
- (10) Special Instructions to Drivers: Annex C.

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(11) Air:

(a) FAC: Check road before move and provide convoy cover.

(b) Aircap: During phases 2, 3 and 4.

(12) Timings: Separately.

(13) Action on ambush: 1 ATF SOP.

(14) Air panels: Where possible, lead vehicles of all serials to display 3 feet panel so that it is visible from the air.

(15) Nicknames: Annex E.

(16) Terrain and Weather study: Annex F.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

a. Rations. C rations will be carried for midday meal and eaten on the move.

b. Water. All personnel will carry full water canteens, and all vehicles will carry one full jerrycan.

c. Ammunition:

(1) All units SOP.

(2) Serial Commanders carry WP to indicate targets.

d. MOGAS. All vehicles will carry sufficient to complete journey without refuelling.

e. Medical:

(1) 1 APC Sqn medic to travel in APC ambulance serial 3. (CS 39M)

(2) Inf Company medic to travel in APC ambulance (CS 29M) serial 8. (CS 29M)

(3) Btry A medic, if available, to travel in serial 6.

f. Breakdown:

(1) In the event of a breakdown, drivers will pull to the side of the road and allow following vehicles to pass.

(2) Shotgun and spare personnel to provide local protection while waiting for repair vehicle to arrive.

g. Repair and Recovery:

(1) 1 APC Sqn Vehicle mechanics with Kits will travel in serials 3, 5 and 8. Serial 10 to include APC Light Aid Detachment APC with Sgt Vehicle Mechanic, two vehicle mechanics and radio mechanic. (CS 98)

(2) Btry A distribute repair personnel as required. Serial 9 to contain if possible, repair and recovery team, with recovery vehicle preferably type 543.

(3) Recovery vehicles to be equipped with A frames for towing.

(4) Vehicles which will take longer than 5 minutes to repair will immediately be taken in tow to the nearest secure area.

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal: Annex D.

b. Command:

(1) Convoy Commander will travel in HU1B (C in C Ship).

(2) Deputy Convoy Commander will be from Convoy HQ Serial 5 (CS OA).

(3) *OC By A Serial 5 and Serial 2.*

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Distribution: Annex Z

Annexes: A. Attachments and Detachments.  
B. Composition of Convoy.  
C. Instructions to Drivers.  
D. Signal.  
E. Checkpoints.  
F. Terrain and Weather Study.  
Z. Distribution.

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Annex A (TF 1 APC Sqn - Task Organisation) to OPORD 1-4-66  
(Op GAUNTLET)

1. Commander: Major R. Hagerty.
2. Under command (OPCON):
  - one rifle company 6 RAR
  - one rifle platoon 6 RAR
  - one section mortar platoon 6 RAR
  - enr team
3. Under command for movement:
  - Btry A 2/35 Arty
4. In support:
  - Arty Liaison Officers (see Basic Order)
  - HU1B (C and C Ship)
  - FAC

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Annex B (Composition of Convoy) to OPORD 1-4-66 (Op GAUNTLET)

SERIAL/ PACKET	GROUP	ATTACHED	No VEH
1.	3 Tp (c/s <sup>32</sup> 31, 30A, <sup>31</sup> 32)	Engr team 4 Mem	67
2.	Btry A		15
3.	3 Tp (c/s 33, 30B, 39J, 39M)	Inf Pl (33)	6
4.	Btry A		15
5.	Convoy HQ (c/s 84, 9, 9E, 82)	Inf Coy HQ (9) Coy HQ Sp Sec (9E) Inf Pl (84) Inf Mor Sec (82)	8
6.	Btry A		15
7.	Btry A		15
8.	2 Tp (c/s 23, 20B, 29J, 29M)		6
9.	Btry A	Btry Recovery Elms	15 (-?)
10.	2 Tp (c/s 21, 20A, 98, 22)	Inf Pl (22)	8

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Annex C (Instructions to Drivers) to OPORD 1-4-66 (Op GAUNTLET)

INSTRUCTIONS TO DRIVERS

1. Before moving off - check:
  - a. Engine oil and coolant levels, and engine for leaks.
  - b. V belts.
  - c. Pressure in tyres (incl spare).
  - d. Hand tools - especially wheel change tools and jack. Carry wooden block as jack support.
  - e. Tightness of wheel nuts.
  - f. Rear view mirrors.
  - g. Windscreen wipers, and windscreen clean.
  - h. Gas tank full, and spare gas and water carried (sufficient for journey).
  - j. If vehicle equipped with winch - check operation.
  - k. Tow rope or tow chain.
  - l. Load.
  - m. Driver comfort
    - (1) Seat.
    - (2) Sun glasses.
    - (3) Water bottle and rations.
  - n. Personal weapon, and belt with ammunition.
2. While moving:
  - a. Maintain correct vehicle interval of 40 metres.
  - b. Observe and obey, speed and local restriction signs.
3. Halts:
  - a. Maximum security.
  - b. Pull to side of road but beware of soft edges, which may cause vehicle to tilt.
  - c. Check load, tyres and wheel nuts.
4. Enemy Ambush: 1 ATF SOP

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Annex D (signal) to OPOD 1-4-66 (Op GAUNTLET)

GENERAL

1. There will be four (4) radio nets:
  - a. Comd net.
  - b. Armoured net
  - c. Arty Sp net.
  - d. Air Sp net.
  - e. *By A Net - see provide this instruction net.*
2. Comd Net
  - a. Frequency -- Main -- 44.6 (call word -- CN)  
Alternate 36.6 (call word -- GL)
  - b. Squelch -- OLD
  - c. Stations --
    - (1) Control -- c/s 9 (Comd C and C HUIB)
    - (2) Alt Control -- c/s ØA (serial 5)
    - (3) Serials 1 - 10 -- c/s 1 - 10 (except serial 5 c/s ØA)
    - (4) AOP -- c/s 96.
    - (5) FAC -- c/s HABU
    - (6) 1 APC Sqn rear link -- c/s ØB.
  - d. In Armd serials, the senior APC c/s will adopt the serial c/s. Use C set (AN/GRC 125).
  - e. Order of answering net calls -- numerical with c/s ØA first to answer. c/s ØB will NOT answer.
3. Armd Net
  - a. Frequency -- Main *40.8* (call word -- NO)  
Alt *35.3* (call word -- AG)
  - b. Squelch -- OLD
  - c. Stations -- All APC c/s, and including Infantry c/s if dismounted using INDIA prefix before normal c/s.
4. Arty Sp Net
  - a. Frequency -- Main -- 55.1 (call word XK)  
Alt -- 62.8 (call word KM)
  - b. Squelch -- Old
  - c. Stations --
    - (1) Arty Controller -- c/s THUNDERBALL ONE (comd C & C HUIB)
    - (2) Arty LO BEAR CAT -- c/s THUNDERBALL TWO.
    - (3) Arty LO PHU MY -- c/s THUNDERBALL THREE.
    - (4) Arty LO BARIA -- c/s THUNDERBALL FOUR.
    - (5) AOP (CESSNA ac) -- c/s THUNDERBALL FIVE.
    - (6) *cc Arty A. - c/s THUNDERBALL 56*
  - d. Arty Sp net will NOT open until fire sp is required. c/s THUNDERBALL TWO, THREE and FOUR, remain on listening watch 0730 - 1430 hrs.
5. Air Sp Net
  - a. Frequency -- UHF 337.1
  - b. Stations
    - (1) FAC -- c/s HABU
    - (2) Convoy Comd (Comd C & C HUIB) -- c/s 3
    - (3) Sp ac
    - (4) AOP -- c/s 96

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Annex E (Checkpoints) to OPORD 1-4-66 (Op GAUNTLET)

Checkpoints

Checkpoint	Nickname
Assembly Area at YTO65068	MARIANNE
Start Point at YTO75046	BETSY JANE
Halt Area at PHU MY YS240770 (where required)	PEGGY SUE
Bridge at YS123974	MARGARET
Y Junction at YS143913	JENNY
Bridge at YS190855	LOUISE
Bridge at YS254745	CLAIRE
Bridge at YS290627	JUNE
Turn at YS380607	ANNETTE
Turn at YS419636	HELEN
Release Point YS429663	RITA

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Annex F (Terrain and Weather Study) to OPORD 1-4-66 (Op GAUNTLET)

1. Route between 065068 to 430666 along National Highway 15 (QL15) and Inter Provincial Route 2 (LT2).
2. Distance - 70 km (approx 45 miles)
3. Road Surface - all weather bitumen, two lanes (4.8 metres).
4. Obstacles:
  - a. Bridges (one lane or under repair) at 290627, 254745, 223807, 218814, 190855, 152892, 140917.
  - b. Villages and hamlets are an obstacle to convoy movement.
5. Vegetation - consists mainly of padi or sandy flats covered with gorse or low scrub. Fair vision to approx 2 - 300 metres on both sides of road, except for rubber plantation NORTH of LONG THANH 1342.
6. Movement off road - impossible for wheeled vehicles. Due to extremely boggy conditions, tracked vehicles are advised to stay on road, except in tactical emergency.
7. Civilian traffic - motor traffic, ox carts and pedestrians in considerable number, especially in villages and hamlets.

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Annex Z (Distribution) to OPORD 1-4-66 (Op GAUNTLET)

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USAF ALO	6
Comd	7
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TOC	10
Btry A 2/35 Arty	11
11 Field Force Vietnam	12
HQ AFV	13
Spare	14-20

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PRECEDENCE-ACTION	PRECEDENCE-INFO	DATE-TIME
ROUTINE		200145 Z
From 1 ATF		
To 1 APC Sqn	1 Fd Sqn	6 RAR
<del>Arty Avn Offr ALO</del>		
SECURITY CLASSIF		
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ORIGINATOR'S NO		
OPS		082

WARNING ORDER. Operation Gauntlet. Movement of Battery A 2/35 Arty (US) from BIEN HOA to NUI DAT and return of vehicles 22/23 Jul 65. Grouping. 1 APC Sqn with under command from 220630H one coy 6 RAR cmm one section mortar platoon 6 RAR. one four man team from 1 Fd Sqn for mine clearing duties. In support from 220630H one Cessna Light Aircraft for air OP cmm one HU1B (C and C ship) cmm FAC aircraft. Orders group to be held at briefing tent HQ 1 ATF at 211545H. Following to attend cmm Commanders of units or detachments under command or in support. ACK

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28 Jul 66

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Op Instr No 2 (For 5 RAR participation in Op HOBART)

To: Maj S. J. MAIZEY comd MAIFORCE.

1. SITUATION.

- a. En Forces. Current Isums and sitreps.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current locstats.
- c. Atts and Dets. No change.

2. MISSION. MAIFORCE is to estb elms in blocking positions along the SUOI DA BANG between GR 470674 and creek junction 475683.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Ops.

(1) An airstrike is to be mounted between 281100 - 281130 H Jul 66 within the area bounded by the fol GRs:

- 474680
- 470673
- 486665
- 490672

(2) All elms of MAIFORCE are to be SOUTH of a line EAST WEST through GR 464662 by 281045 H Jul 66.

(3) After the airstrike and when cleared by 5 RAR, B Coy and C Coy of 5 RAR are to be deployed in blocking positions along the creek between GR 470674 and the creek junction at GR 475683.

(4) C Coy and D Coy of 6 RAR are to sweep from SE to NW towards MAIFORCE, C Coy on the NORTH and D Coy on the SOUTH. The inter coy bdry is the line of the rubber edge gen between GR 478678 and GR 496670.

(5) Both B Coy and C Coy of 5 RAR are to have a radio on the 6 RAR coy net of the sub unit sweeping towards them. B Coy and C Coy are to talk to their respective opposite numbers as the sweeping forces close in.

(6) MAIFORCE elms are to dig in whilst in blocking positions.

(7) MAIFORCE elms are to return to 161 Bty loc on orders from 5 RAR.

b. Tasks in Particular.

- (1) Estb blocking positions as directed above.
- (2) Continue to protect 161 Bty loc.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Eqpt. Blocking force is to be prepared to remain in position overnight.

b. Return to 5 RAR Base Loc. Anticipate return to this loc AM 29 Jul 66.

15. COMMAND

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COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. 6 RAR Frequencies. As per current SOIs to 28 Jul 66 incl, then new SOIs commencing 290800 H Jul 66. In particular C and D Coy frequencies are as fols:

(1) To 28 Jul 66 incl

(a) C Coy 36.10MC (Main) 39.70 MC (Altn)

(b) D Coy 37.00 MC (Main) 40.70 MC (Altn)

(2) From 290800 H Jul 66.

(a) C Coy 36.10 MC (Main) and 57.80 MC (Altn)

(b) D Coy 37.00 MC (Main) and 59.20 MC (Altn)

b. 6 RAR Callwords.

(1) To 28 Jul 66 Incl

(a) C Coy KL (Main) PQ (Altn)

(b) D Coy GO (Main) LO (Altn)

(2) From 290800 H Jul 66.

(a) C Coy WX (Main) CG (Altn)

(b) D Coy PA (Main) XK (Altn)

c. 5 RAR Frequencies and Callwords. As per current and new SOIs.

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Annexes: A. Distribution List

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Annex A to 5 RAR Op Instr No 2 dated 28 Jul 66 (Op HOBART)

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
XO	1
A Coy (2)	2 - 3
B Coy (2)	4 - 5
C Coy (2)	6 - 7
D Coy (2)	8 - 9
Sp Coy	10
Mor Pl	11
Aslt Pnr Pl	12
Anti Tk Pl	13
Sig Pl	14
Admin Coy (3)	15 - 17
1 APC Sqn	18
1 Fd Regt (5)	19 - 23
105 Fd Bty (2)	24 - 25
6 RAR (2)	26 - 27
HQ 1 ATF (16)	28 - 43
CO	44
S1	45
S2	46
S3	47
Asst S3	48
S4	49
Comds Diary (3)	50 - 52
File	53
Spare	54 - 60

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HOLLAND ROAD

OPERATION "ROBERT II"  
29 Jul 66.

No	Rank	Name
15261	Lt	R C GUYLER
<del>36123</del>	<del>Lt</del>	J <del>WELSH</del>
3706944	Tpr	A J P WELSH
3905025	Lt	J A HOWARD
54257	Tpr	S HUCKLE
213515	Sgt	R D CLARKE
3703452	Tpr	D J COLLINS
215419	Lt	D W DAVIES
3707166	Tpr	R A PORTER
<del>42633</del>	<del>Cpl</del>	<del>W B HESTER</del>
<del>4711545</del>	<del>Tpr</del>	<del>H L W COLSON</del>
		J STONES
<del>37703</del>	<del>Cpl</del>	<del>B J DELANEY</del>
3706870	Tpr	G W STRACHAN
<del>42431</del>	<del>Tpr</del>	<del>H W WARDEN</del>
3707066	Tpr	J <del>CALLOW</del>
214550	Cpl	F A GRAHAM
2702108	Tpr	R C TITLEY
214620	Cpl	D J TIBSON
3706874	Tpr	H F MILKINS
37437	Cpl	A A MURPHY
1731106	Tpr	J J DELANEY
16039	Cpl	J T O'NEILLY
6708259	Tpr	D L McPHERSON
54570	Cpl	P E CLARKE
6708256	Tpr	P H McMICHAEL
5713726	Tpr	W C SLUTH
5713799	Tpr	K R CASLODINE
4410737	Tpr	I M THOMAS

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26 Jul 66

Op Instr No 1 (For 5 RAR participation in Op HOBART)

To: Maj S. J. Maizey Comd MAIFORCE.

1. Situation.

a. En Forces.

(1) As per sitrep No 2 issued at 252000H Jul 66.

(2) It is deduced that en in the area of Op HOBART could range from coy size gps from either D445 Bn (Regional) or from 274 DONG NAI or 275 Regts (Main force) to actual Regt gps.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 6 RAR at present deployed as fols:

- (a) Bn HQ and Mor Pl vic YS 517673.
- (b) A Coy vic YS523677.
- (c) B Coy vic YS504669.
- (d) C Coy vic YS511679.
- (e) D Coy vic YS523569.

(2) Tps at present in DS and in Sp 6 RAR are loc as fols:

- (a) 161 Bty RNZA vic YS462656.
- (b) C Coy gp 5 RAR vic YS462656.

(3) Intentions are to re-inforce 6 RAR in OP HOBART with additional elms of 5 RAR to provide added security for the gun area and readily available blocking forces. This 5 RAR force will permit greater flexibility of movement for 6 RAR.

c. Atts and Dets. MAIFORCE is to consist of the fol elms:

(1) Comd gp as advised separately (See Annex A).

(2) B Coy 5 RAR.

(3) C Coy 5 RAR (Third pl to rejoin C Coy PM 26 Jul 66 at gun area).

(4) Anti Tk Pl 5 RAR.

(5) One sect mors 5 RAR.

(6) In DS 103 Fd Bty RAA.

(7) In sp 161 Bty RNZA.

2. Mission. MAIFORCE is to move to and deploy in the gun area of 161 Bty RNZA vic YS 462656 and await further instrs.

3. Execution.

a. Tasks in particular.

(1) Move to the gun area 161 Bty departing 5 RAR base loc 260730 H Jul 66 by APCs.

(2) Secure the gun area 161 Bty.

/(3) Deploy

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(3) Deploy for ops in conjunction with 6 RAR as directed by 5 RAR.

b. Coord Instrs.

(1) Departure Times/Locs.

(a) Main body at 260730 H Jul 66 from road in front of Bn HQ.

(b) C Coy Pl at 261400 H Jul 66 from road in front of Bn HQ.

(2) Movement. 1 APC Sqn is to provide vehs for the tp lift. The mor  
sect is to be mounted in mor APCs for the move out but will be dis-  
mounted on arrival gun area.

(3) Duration of Op. Possibly 4 days, probably longer.

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(4) Standby activities remainder 5RAR

(a) A Coy

- i. Coy (less one pl) on standby at 30 mins notice to move.
- ii. One pl depart for R and C 260730H return by 281200H.

(b) D Coy. Remains in 6RAR base loc.

(c) Mors. Two sects remain 5RAR base loc.

(d) Aslt Pnr Pl. Remain 5RAR base loc.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Rat.

(1) 4 days to be carried on man on departure.

(2) Resup of C Coy and Anti Tk Pl up to scale of remainder of MAIFORCE to be effected with lift of third C Coy pl at 261400H Jul 66.

b. Water. Local. Normal sterilization.

c. Opdem Maintdem Procedure. Normal.

d. Resup Gen. By either air or APC.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Frequencies. (See att radio diagram for additional info.)

(1) MAIFORCE Fwd Con. To use 5RAR altn frequency:  
40 . 3 mc.

(2) MAIFORCE Rear Link. On 5RAR comd net 37 . 8 mc  
as C/S 91.

b. Additional Sub Stations. (See att radio diagram) C/S  
63 HQ def pl.

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

d. SOIs Current.

e. Nicknames

(1) Current 5 RAR nicknames apply.

(2) The fol nicknames being used by 6 RAR may  
be encountered.

Event	Nickname	Given by	To
Crossing secure	WET BOOTS	C Coy	Bn HQ
Harbour area secure	NIGHTS REST	C Coy	Bn HQ
In position preliminary op.	In position	All Bn HQ	Bn HQ 1 ATF

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Event	Nickname	Given by	To
In position commence HOBART 1 Phase 1	SNAKE PIT	All	Bn HQ
HOBART 1 Phase 1 completed	BIRD DOG	A Coy, D Coy, Bn HQ	Bn HQ 1 ATF
In position to commence HOBART 1 Phase 2	FISH BAIT	A,C,D Coys	Bn HQ
HOBART 1 Phase 2 completed	TOP CAT	C Coy Bn HQ	Bn HQ 1 ATF
In position to commence HOBART 11 Phase 1	STREET WALKER	All	Bn HQ
HOBART 11 Phase 1 completed	NAKED CITY	B & C Coys Bn HQ	Bn HQ 1 ATF
HOBART 11 completed	MUDDY HOME	Bn HQ	1 ATF

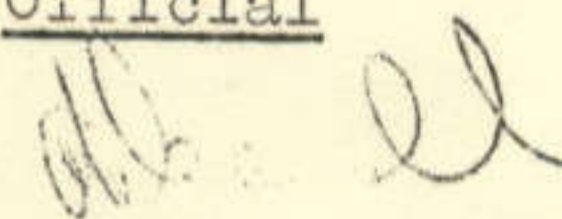
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Annexes

A : HQ Gp Pers  
B : MAIFORCE Radio nets  
C : Distribution List

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ANNEX A TO  
5 RAR OP INSTR No 1  
DATED 26 JUL 66  
OP HOBART

PERS COMPRISING HQ GP MAIFORCE

XO  
XO's batman  
Asst Adjt  
Asst Adjt's batman  
RSM  
G Clerk  
Int dutymen (2)  
Fwd con ops (3)  
Rear link ops (2)  
AQ Cell comprising:

Asst QM  
CSM Sp Coy  
Q Clerk

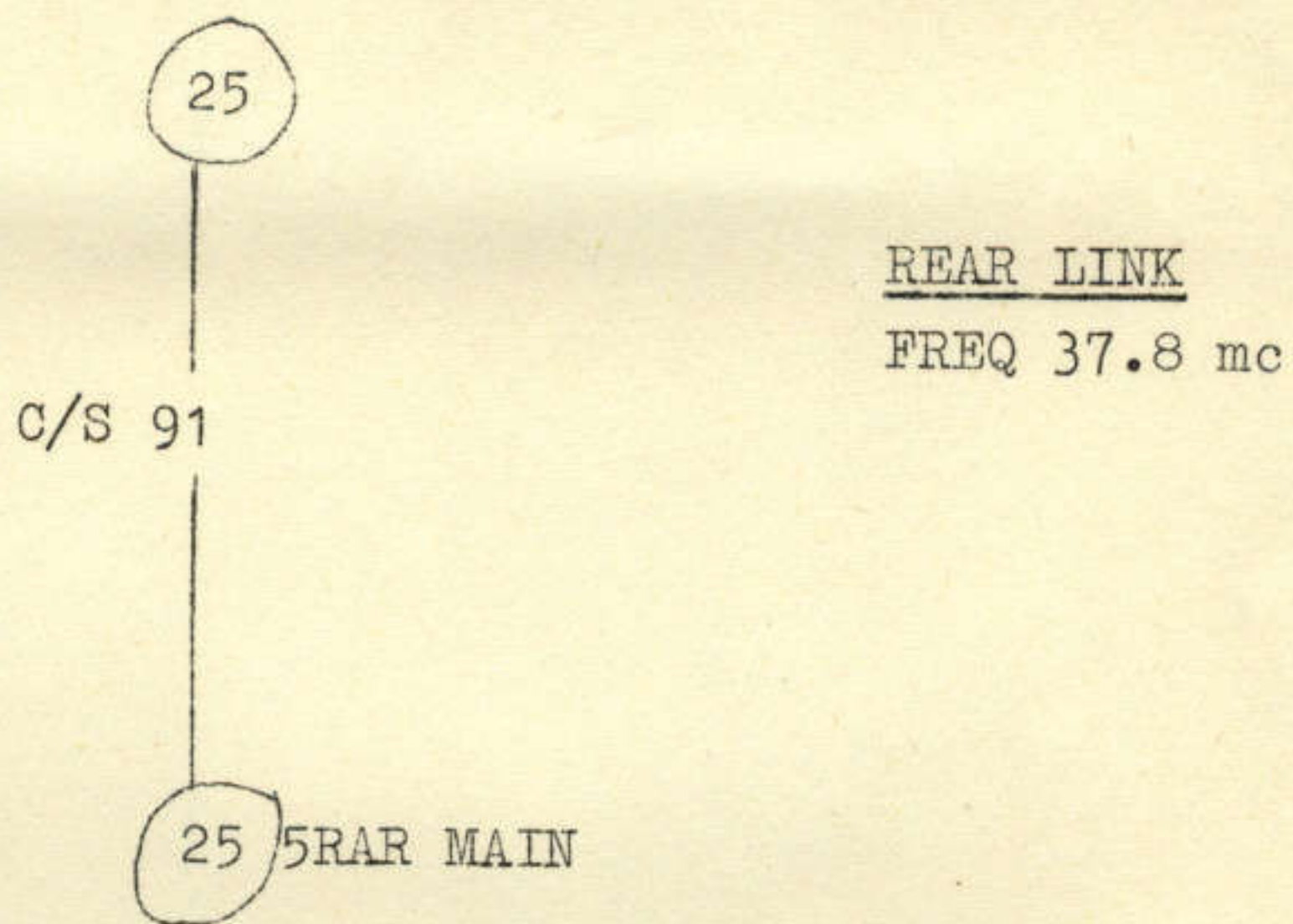
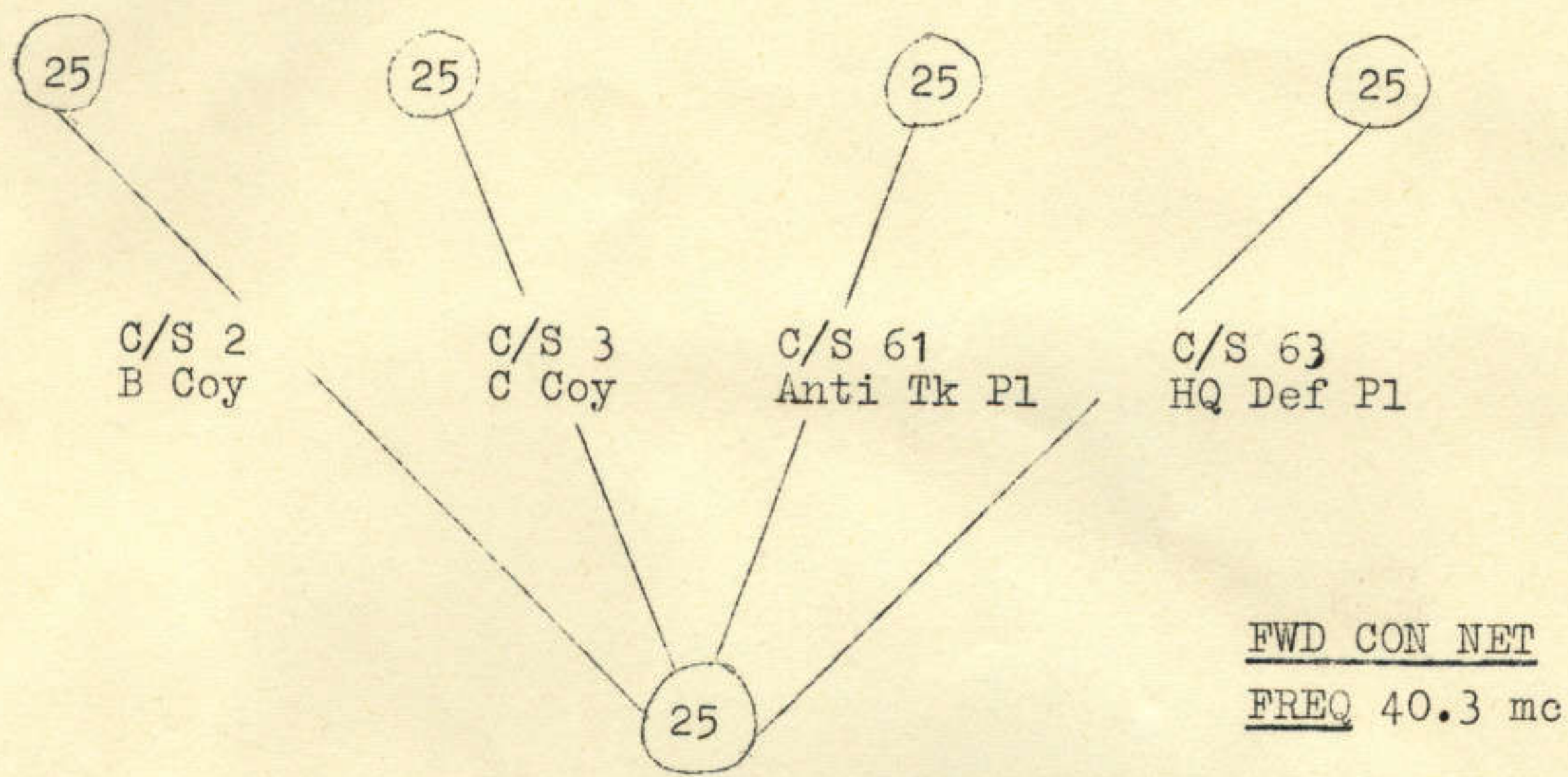
NB. Rear link comd ops will handle admin traffic on bn comd net.  
RAP Sgt  
Mor FCC party (4)  
Bandmaster and 15 members of Admin Coy (HQ Def Pl) plus one radio op  
and set.  
RPs (4)  
Line Sect (4)

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B Coy	(2)	4 - 5
C Coy	(2)	6 - 7
D Coy	(2)	8 - 9
Sp Coy		10
Mor Pl		11
Aslt Pnr Pl		12
Anti Tk Pl		13
Sig Pl		14
Admin Coy	(3)	15-17
1 APC Sqn		18
1 Fd Regt	(5)	19-23
105 Fd Bty	(2)	24-25
6 RAR	(2)	26-27
HQ 1 ATF	(16)	28-43
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Reference: VIETNAM 1:50,000 sheet 6442 iv  
Enlargement 1:5,000 XA LONG TAN  
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Situation

1. a. Enemy forces
  - Annex A
- b. Friendly Forces
  - (1) 5 RAR will patrol 6 RAR's TAOR as directed by HQ 1 ATF during operation HOBART.
  - (2) 5 RAR will provide security to 1 ATF area from 6 RAR's area by locating one rifle company to occupy the vacated rifle company areas of 6 RAR.
  - (3) 5 RAR will provide one company to protect 161 Bty RNZA in new gun position.
- c. Attachments and detachments (To be confirmed)
  - (1) Under command from 281600H 3Tp 1 APC Sqn.
  - (2) Under command from 240800H One Tp 1Fd Sqn
  - (3) In direct support 161 Bty RNZA.
  - (4) In support from 24 Jul 66 One SIOUX  
from 27 Jul 66 Four IROQUOIS
  - (5) Attached FAC radio operator

Mission

2. 6 RAR is to
  - a. Search and destroy the area EAST and NE of XA LONG TAN as shown at Annex P and
  - b. Search and clear the village of XA LONG TAN YS 4865

Execution

3. a. Concept of operations
 

The mission is to be carried out as two operations each of two phases

  - (1) Operation HOBART I
    - Phase 1 Search and destroy areas COBRA and EAGLE.
    - Phase 2 Search and destroy area SHARK
  - (2) Operation HOBART II
    - Phase 1 Sweep of village XA LONG TAN
    - Phase 2 Detailed search by sectors of village XA LONG TAN

Note: Operation HOBART II will be covered in outline only in this order
- b. General Outline HOBART I
  - (1) Preliminary operations - D Day

/(a) Secure crossings

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- (a) Secure crossings over Suoi Da Bang in general area YS 4768
  - (b) Secure harbour area YS 4868
  - (c) Battalion move secretly to harbour area by last light D Day
  - (d) Force to be self contained with rations for 4 days. No resupply nor air activity in the search area except in emergency before D + 3
- (2) Phase I D + 1 to D + 3 (or4).
- (a) Two companies move by NORTH route to EAST of sectors COBRA and EAGLE.
  - (b) One company moves to blocking position YS 5167.
  - (c) One company provides stops along line of Suoi Da Bang YS 5165 and YS 5166.
  - (d) Two companies search and destroy Sectors COBRA and EAGLE from EAST to WEST.
  - (e) Aim will be to force enemy to move WEST or SOUTH.
  - (f) Air activity to NORTH, EAST and SOUTH of search areas for deception and observation of enemy escaping.
- (3) Phase II D + 3 (or4) to D + 4 (or5)
- (a) Two companies provide stops along Suoi Mon YS 5065, YS 5066, YS 4967.
  - (b) One company provides stops along Suoi Da Bang YS 5165 and YS 5166.
  - (c) One company searches sector SHARK from NORTH to SOUTH
- c. General Outline HOBART II
- (1) Phase I
- (a) One company moves to blocking position YS 4966
  - (b) One company moves to blocking position YS 4765
  - (c) Two companies sweep XA LONG TAN following line of road SOUTH to NORTH to YS 487658 then EAST to WEST
  - (d) Anticipate Armour and Engineer assistance for HOBART II
  - (e) Air resupply.
- (2) Phase 2
- (a) Detailed search by sectors of XA LONG TAN
  - (b) Houses are not to be destroyed.
- d. A Coy
- (1) Normal atts plus interpreter.
- (2) Tasks - HOBART I
- (a) Preliminary operation - move to battalion harbour area take up position shown Annex P.
  - (b) Phase I - Move by route shown to search and destroy Sector COBRA
  - (c) Phase 2 - Move by route shown Annex Q to provide stops along Suoi Mon to prevent enemy escaping from EAST to WEST
- (3) Tasks HOBART II (details later)
- (a) Phase I Provide blocking force YS 4966
  - (b) Phase 2 Search sectors allocated

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/e. B Coy



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e. B Coy

- (1) Normal attachments plus interpreter
- (2) Tasks HOBART I
  - (a) Preliminary operation - move to battalion harbour area take up position shown Annex P.
  - (b) Phase 1 - move by route shown to provide stops along Suoi Da Bang from YS 515670 to YS 510653 to prevent enemy escaping from EAST to WEST.
  - (c) Phase 2 - provide stops along the same area of the Suoi Da Bang but this time to prevent enemy escaping from WEST to EAST.
- (3) Tasks HOBART II (details later)
  - (a) Phase 1 - Sweep area EAST and NORTH of road through XA LONG TAN.
  - (b) Phase 2 - Search sectors allocated.

f. C Coy

- (1) Normal attachments plus interpreter. In support and under command for movement one section Assault Pioneer Platoon preliminary operation only.
- (2) Tasks HOBART I
  - (a) Preliminary operation. Pathfind route to harbour area. Secure and prepare crossings on Suoi Da Bang. Secure harbour area. Take up position in harbour area as shown Annex P after arrival A and D Coys.
  - (b) Phase 1 - Move by route shown to take up blocking position to prevent enemy escaping from EAST to WEST. Be prepared to move as battalion reserve on orders.
  - (c) Phase 2 - when stops in position on Suoi Mon and Suoi Da Bang Search and destroy sector SHARK from NORTH TO SOUTH.
- (3) Tasks HOBART II
  - (a) Phase 1 - Sweep are WEST and SOUTH of road through XA LONG TAN
  - (b) Phase 2 - Search sectors allocated.

g. D Coy

- (1) Normal attachments plus interpreter.
- (2) Tasks - HOBART I
  - (a) Preliminary operation - move to battalion harbour area take up position shown Annex P.
  - (b) Phase 1 - move by route shown to search and destroy sector EAGLE.
  - (c) Phase 2 - move by route shown to provide stops along Suoi Mon to prevent enemy escaping from EAST to WEST.
- (3) Tasks HOBART II (details later)
  - (a) Phase 1 - provide blocking force YS 4765.
  - (b) Phase 2 - search sectors allocated.

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/h. Mortar Platoon

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- h. Mortar Platoon
- (1) Tasks HOBART 1 - move with Bn HQ as rifle platoon to assist in protection of Bn HQ.
  - (2) Tasks HOBART II - Anticipate minimum one section mortars brought forward by APC. Details later.
- j. Anti-Tank Platoon
- Tasks HOBART I and II - move with Bn HQ to assist in protection.
- k. Assault Pioneer Platoon
- (1) Assault Pioneer Platoon less one section remain base area. Defence of B Coy perimeter and tasks as detailed by 2IC.
  - (2) One section Assault Pioneer Platoon
    - (a) HOBART I - Preliminary operation in support and under command for movement C Coy to assist in preparation of crossings of Suoi DA Bang.
    - (b) Remainder HOBART I and HOBART II Move with Bn HQ. Tasks as allocated.
- l. Armour
- (1) HOBART I - No tasks
  - (2) HOBART II - to be advised.
- m. Artillery
- (1) Gun position for phase I will be Sq 4665
  - (2) Gun positions for phase 2 will be base position
  - (3) No change in present affiliations.
- n. Engineers - to be advised
- o. Aviation - to be advised
- p. Coordinating Instructions
- (1) Timings
    - (a) D Day - 24 Jul
    - (b) Preliminary operation H hour - 241000H depart base location.
 

C Coy	H hour
A Coy	H + 1
D Coy	H + 1½
Bn HQ Group	H + 2
B Coy	H + 2½
    - (c) HOBART I Phase 1 K hour 251030H  
Depart harbour area
 

D Coy	K - 4
A Coy	K - 3½
B Coy	K - 3½
C Coy	K - 2½
    - (d) HOBART I Phase 2 and HOBART 2 - to be advised.
  - (2) ~~Routes.~~ *Loostats*
    - (a) By moving elements, every half hour on the three quarter hour and quarter hour.

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/(b) By stationary

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- (b) By stationary elements - on arrival at location and on departure
- (4) Sitreps  
Every hour on the three quarter hour
- (4) Harbour area - see Annex P
- (6) LZ - Normal sub unit markings. If platoons open LZ to be marked with company identification using panels cut in half length wise.

Administration and Logistics

- 4. a. Rations.
  - (1) Four days on the man.
  - (2) Resupply after D + 2
- b. Ammunition
  - (1) First line to be carried on the man/with weapon.
  - (2) Battalion reserve at base.
  - (3) No flame, 106mm or 81mm mortar to be carried for HOBART 1
  - (4) Mortar first line to be packed for air move when called for.
- c. Water
  - (1) Local resources to be used by sub unit direction.
  - (2) Water to be sterilized before consumption.
- d. Batteries
  - (1) Three per station within sub units
  - (2) No standard resupply.
- e. Resupply
  - (1) Resupply by helicopter NOT before D + 3
  - (2) Rations - two days planned for D + 3
  - (3) Ammunition - by demand
  - (4) Batteries - by demand
  - (5) Clothing and equipment - by demand
  - (6) AQ group deployed on D + 3 unless called forward sooner.
  - (7) Demands to be sent on alternate frequency. Maintdems from 1500H D + 2.
- f. A Echelon to prepare for air movement
  - (1) Two days rations
  - (2) Mortar ammunition
  - (3) Explosives.
  - (4) 50 shovels RE
  - (5) First set of company kit bags containing change of clothing.
  - (6) TOC, Intelligence, RAP and signals stores as delivered to A Echelon. by Bn HQ and companies. Maximum per Company 100 lbs.
  - (7) Sandbags.
- g. Medical
  - (1) RAP with Bn HQ
  - (2) Casevac as decided by Bn HQ. Only serious casualties to be evacuated prior to D + 3

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/(3) Notices

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- (3) Noticas - SOP
- (4) Anti Malaria
  - (a) Paludrine twice daily
  - (b) Nets to be used unless CO authorizes to contrary.
- (5) Anti mite - all clothing to be treated by individuals prior to operation.
- h. Civilians and POW - evacuate to Bn HQ on order.
- j. Strength returns - To Adjt by 1600H D-1 together with nominal roll of rear party. Attached units operational strength only

Command and Signal

- 5. a. Line
  - (1) HOBART I - Nil
  - (2) HOBART II - internal lines Bn HQ only
- b. Radio
  - (1) Normal command net
  - (2) 1 ATF rear link manpack only
  - (3) Battalion administrative net will operate during HOBART II only.

c. SOI as issued by 1 ATF

d. Command

Location Bn HQ

- (1) HOBART I - YS 487688
- (2) HOBART II - YS 486676

e. Nicknames

Event	Nickname	Given by	To
Crossing secure	WET BOOTS	C Coy	Bn HQ
Harbour area secure	NIGHTS REST	C Coy	Bn HQ
In position preliminary Opn	In position	All Bn HQ	Bn HQ 1 ATF
In position commence HOBART I Phase 1	SNAKE PIT	All	Bn HQ
HOBART I Phase 1 completed	BIRD DOG	A Coy, D Coy Bn HQ	Bn HQ 1 ATF
In position to commence HOBART I Phase 2	FISH BAIT	A, C, D Coys	Bn HQ
HOBART I Phase 2 completed	TOP CAT	C Coy Bn HQ	Bn HQ 1 ATF
In position to commence HOBART II Phase 1	STREET WALKER	All	Bn HQ
HOBART II Phase I completed	NAKED CITY	B & C Coys Bn HQ	Bn HQ 1 ATF
HOBART II completed	MUDDY HOME	Bn HQ	1 ATF

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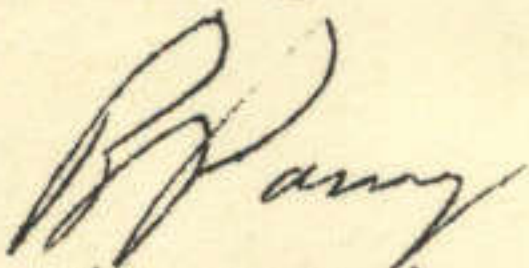
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DISTRIBUTION - Annex Z

ANNEXES:

- A - Situation - Enemy forces.
- P - Locations and routes HOBART I Preliminary Operation and Phase 1.
- Q - Locations and routes HOBART I - Phase 2
- Z - Distribution

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Annex A (Enemy Situation) to OPOD 1-7-66 (OP HOBART)

Situation  
Enemy

There have been several conflicting reports on the enemy situation in the area of operations. The only certain fact is that there are at least 10 enemy in the area. The maximum number of enemy likely to be encountered is estimated at 300. From various reports the main enemy camp is to the NE of XA LONG TAN. The moral of the enemy seen, is good and they keep themselves, their clothing, weapons and equipment in good order.

Listed below: with comments are activities of note in the area:-

Serial No.	Date time	Grid Ref	INCIDENT	Remarks
1	080800	487687	Storage hut 8' x 12' x 8'high	Contents not known
2	101015	496687	Storage hut 8' x 16' x 10'high	Contents not known
3	070900	474682	Line of six pits running NORTH to SOUTH about 100metres long	Track complex overgrown
4	090855	489675	Platoon plus position dug to stage 1	Possible friendly forces
5	090915	465682	Company position - shell scrapes	Possible friendly forces
6	081010	487659	Heard mortar firing. Appeared approx to be from this general area	Location given not accurate.
7.	091800	503656	1 armed VC sighted on track. Heard a whistle and another man joined the first. Both men headed NORTH along track	Dress: Black pyjamas Weapons: Not identified - over shoulder Conclusion: Possible : sentry/ listening post
8.	100940	505658	4 VC all armed, moving SOUTH on track	Dress: Dark blue denim trousers with light blue denim shirts not tucked in Medium grey cloth hats (not floppy) Weapons: All the same type but not identified. Equipment: Shirt covered belt. No sign of Ammo pouches. US type water bottle on left hips. All carried a light grey pack similar size to a 37 pack. Packs did not appear to be full. Footwear not visible General: All men in early 20's movement very casual: One pace apart; no arcs of search, all weapons rested on shoulders and talking normally. They were not sweating and looked fresh. Conclusion: Suspect enemy base camp nearby.

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Serial No	Date Time	Grid Ref	INCIDENT	Remarks
9.	100943	505658 Same as Serial 8	5 persons moving NORTH on track. Order of march one man carrying rifle, three woman (in early 30s) carrying parcels in baskets and hung off clothing, one man armed with grenades hung off belt and carrying a transistor radio (See Serial II)	Dress: Mens dress not given Woman in black pyjamas & coolie hats. Weapon: Unidentified. General: Serial 8 and 9 passed each other on this track and did not speak. Conclusion: Appeared such armed parties on this track are a normal occurrence.
10.	161700	507675	Old VC camp containing on hut and trenches for 12 men	Track nearby recently used camp appeared to be abandoned.
11.	171040	509672	VC camp containing 7 males and 3 females. Sentry posted Camp attacked and enemy fled SOUTH EAST Note: No tracks could be found leading to or from camp. Very well concealed.	Dress: Not given Weapons: Unidentified Equipment: Similar to Serial 8 and 9. Recovered a transistor radio identified as the same make and model as seen carried by enemy in Serial 9. Evidence found in camp of good liaison between VC and locals. Conclusion: Almost certainly base camp of persons in serial 5. (Plan of camp held at Int Sec 6 RAR)
12	171550	511675	2 Armed VC contacted moving NORTH on the track. Result 1KIS (BC) 1WIA. One weapon recovered	Dress: First man (killed) wearing black pyjamas, thongs green hat, webb belt. Second man dressed in light clothing, belt and lighter hat. Weapons: Weapon recovered was a SOVIET 7.62 Carbine (M1944) Conclusion: Contact at a range of 10 yards. Second man reacted well by throwing his hat to the left of the track and diving to the right behind a bush. He was hit at least three times and probably died. Considered to be local guerillas. Documents indicates local cell of 10 persons Camp possibly near by
13	161100	505693	Section Size VC camp containing 2 huts in good condition and several pits	Camp used in last 14 days.
14	16/17 July	510690	VC Battalion position located. Consisting of Coys areas and mor positions. Several huts in the area	Quantities of explosives, fuses etc discovered in camp as was approx 2 tons of good rice, Batteries, fuel and clothing
15	170900	510688	2 armed VC Sighted	Dress: Greens with dark green webbing Weapons: Not identified. One possibly wearing a shoulder holster.

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Serial No	Date Time	Grid Ref	INCIDENT	Remarks
16	180830	499689	Old Enemy position. Several pits and CP with 2ft OHP (above ground level and remains of 3 huts	No firther information

All the foregoing information is reliable however the following report source has not had its origins checked and evaluation at this stage is low:-

300VC (possibly part of the DONG NAI REGT) sighted on the 18 July at GR 470660 now moved to general area 470670, 475670 and 480680. ( HQ of DONG NAI REGT also known at 94 Regt, was reported on low evaluation as being at GR 590670 on that same day).

Yet another low evaluation report gives 445 Bn positions. The only GR's affecting this operation being GR 520670 and 52020. It is asumed that these are Company locations.



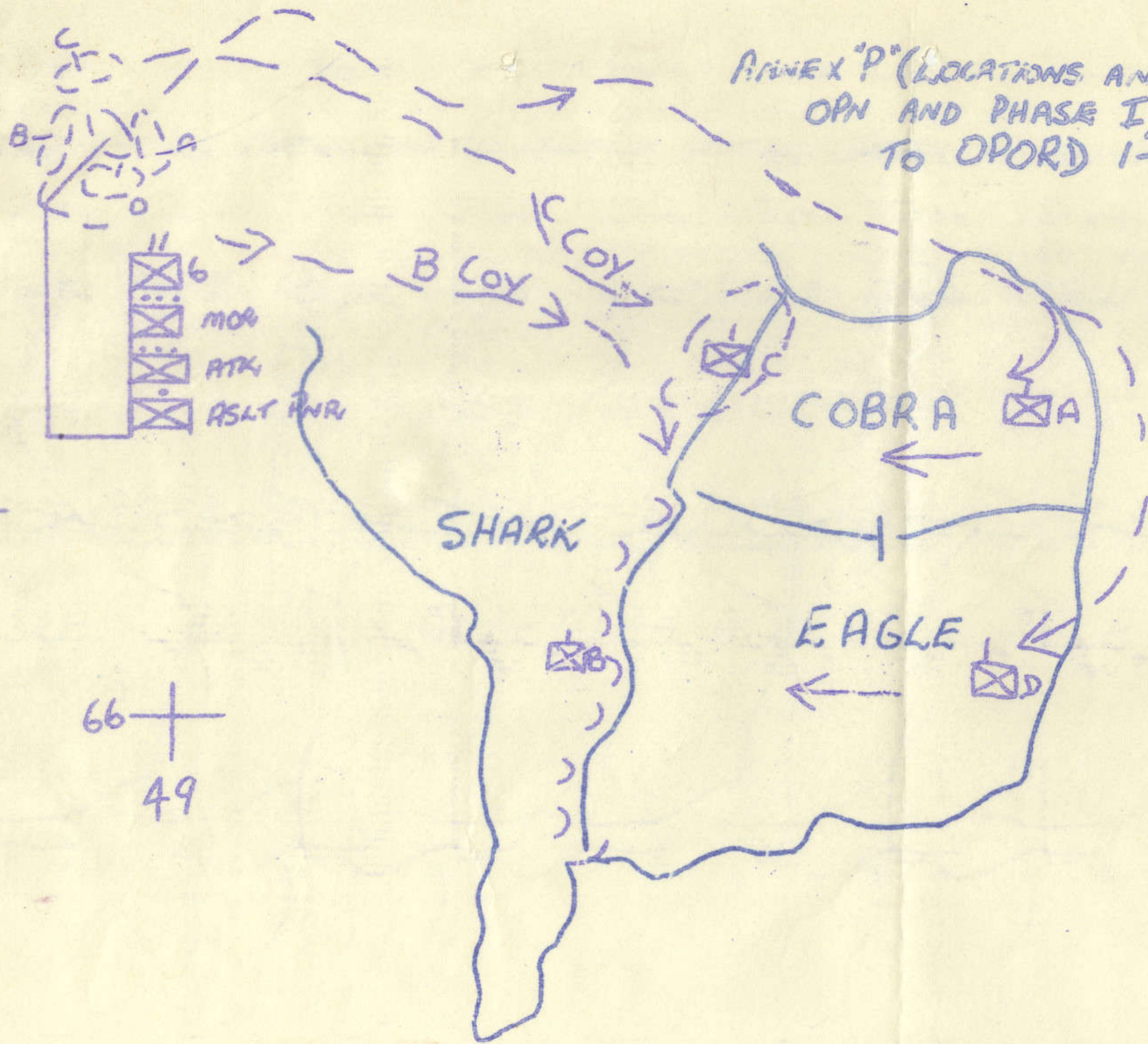
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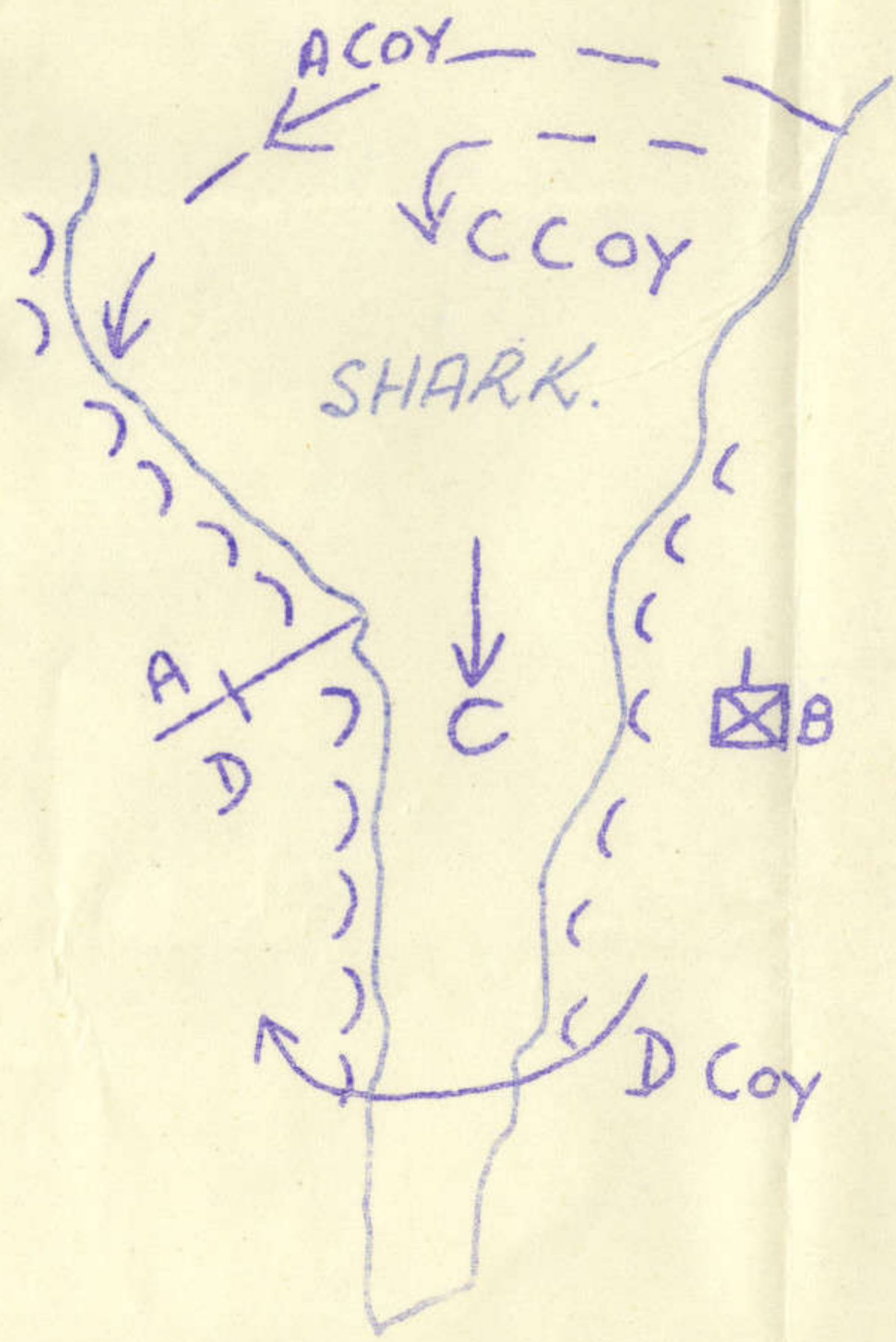
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ANNEX Q (LOCATION AND ROUTES PHASE 2) TO OPORD 1-7-66 (OPN HOBART)

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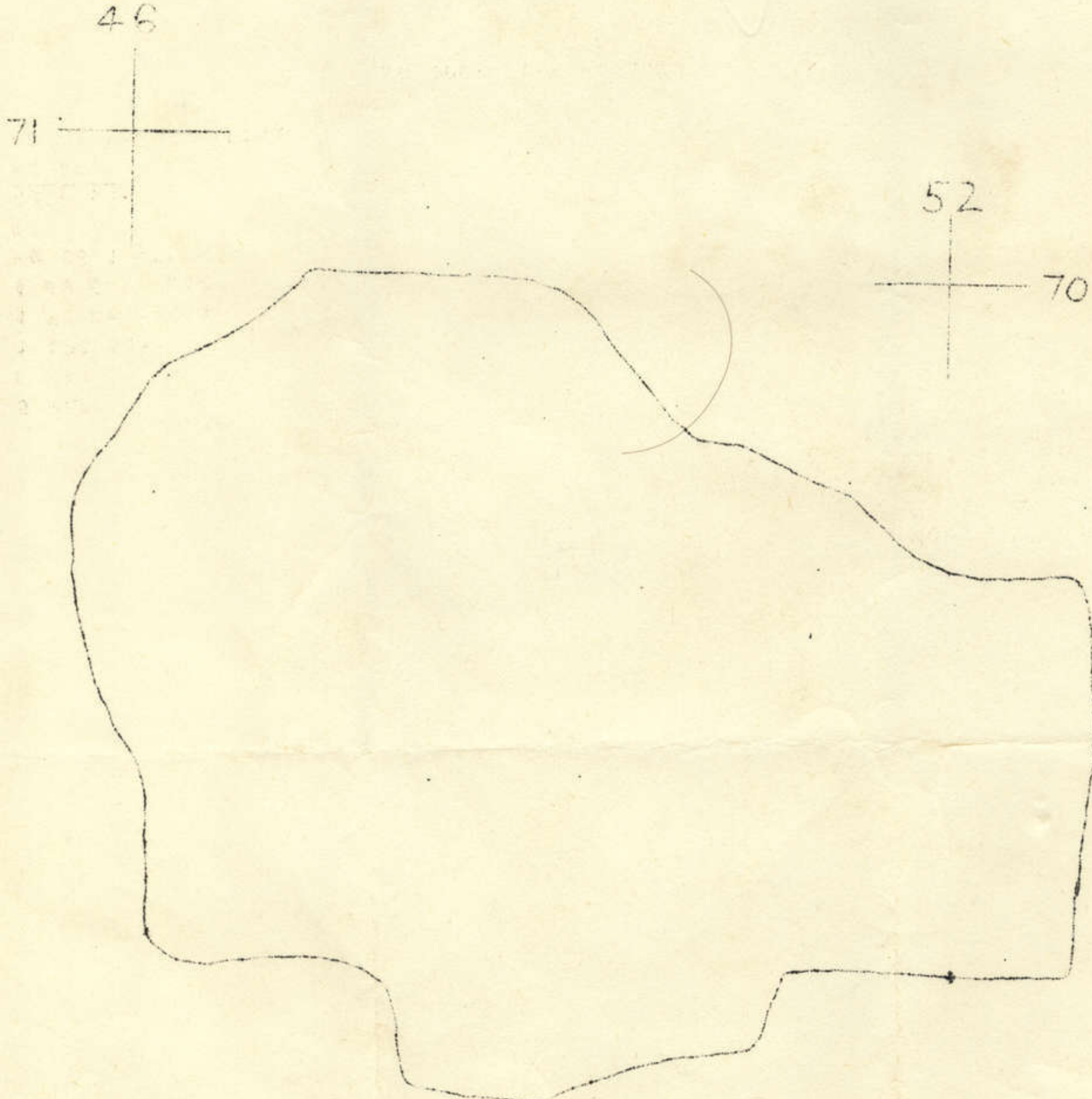
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*INFO. AVST FORCE VIET NAM*

WARNING ORDER. Operation HOBART 24 to 31 July. AO issued separately. Mission Search and destroy . Conducted by 6 RAR with in direct support 161 Fd Bty RNZA cmm in support one company 5 RAR. 161 Fd Bty RNZA under command 5 RAR for administration. 6 RAR will carry four days rations cmm resupply by air not before 27 July. TF HQ Defence Pl comes under command 1 APC Sqn 23 1800H July cmm platoon of 6 RAR at present under command 1 APC Sqn released from 231800H July

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 29, CP location YS 4366.

2. From 300001H to 302400H Jun 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 301445H. YS 438635, B/6 RAR heard AW fire plus 3 - 4 single shots and 2 grenade explosions. Result unknown. Suspected VC fire.

(2) 302030H. Vicinity HOA LONG. Commando Co ambushed 5 VC. No result.

d. (1) 301100H. YS 5067, possum aircraft drew ground fire.

(2) Aircraft sighted 2 persons on track. Persons moved into bamboo on approach of aircraft. Many cart and foot tracks in same area.

omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 301215H. YS 446640, B/6 RAR located 50 ft long tunnel. Recently used. Destroyed.

(2) 301215H. YS 442637, B/6 RAR located  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton of rice and documents. Rice recovered, documents being examined.

(3) 301645H. YS 448640, C/6 RAR located 7 tons rice. To be recovered.

(4) 301645H. YS 444640, B/6 RAR located 13 bags cement, damaged 20mm shell. Cement wet not recoverable.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. No change.

12. No change.

*John S. Rowe*  
for  
JOHN S. ROWE  
Major, GS

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 30, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 010001H to 012400H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 010915H. YS 393687, D/5 RAR heard single shots bearing 3900 mils, distance not known. Again at 011140hrs 3600 mils 500 metres distance.
    - (2) 301645H, YS 437630. B/6 RAR, 3 children aged 5 - 11 apprehended and released.
    - (3) 010830H. YS 454641, A/6 RAR located small ammo box containing one unarmed CBU and documents.
    - (4) 010900H. YS 456633, A/6 RAR apprehended 17 civilians
  - b. AIR ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 011030H. YS 512688, airstrike VC base camp, 100% on target. No BDA.
    - (2) 011130H. YS 513676, air strike, 6 500lb napalm, 6 500 lb GP, 2,100 rounds 20mm, 100% on target. No BDA.
  - c. - f. omitted.
  - g. OTHER ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 301645H. YS 460642, A/6 RAR, 2 children brought to this location then released.
4. - 10. omitted.
11. No change.
12. No change.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 32, CP location YS 4366.
- 2. From 030001H to 032400H Jul 66.
- 3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY: Late Report.

(1) 021645H. GR YS 391691, D/5 RAR contacted 3 VC, enemy fired about 10 shots then withdrew EAST. Own casualties one KIA, one WIA.

(2) 021710H. YS 452713, Arty engaged 2 VC in tree line. Results unknown..

b. - f. omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY: (Paragraphs (1) to (3) inclusive are late reports).

(1) 020900H. YS 601697, 576698, 587692, USALO suspected rice cache (outside TAOR) possibly 20,000 tons in small huts. 1 lean-to and a lot of activity at YS 585694. Several VC gardens, no quarters or activity. A lot of trampled area.

(2) 022120H. 161 Bty reported 4 sets of lights on bearing 5,200mils to 5,400mils. No distance given.

(3) 022120H. Arty TAC reported flares coming from HOA LONG.

(4) 030320H. YS 425653, 161 Bty reports 3 SA shots South of their location.

(5) 030615H. YS 365680, Sector HQ reports received information of VC platoon.

(6) 031000H. YS 379671, D/5 RAR sighted smoke at base of mountain.

(7) 031000H. YS 459695, A/tk Pl 5 RAR found two well built huts containing blood stained swabs, coils of wire. Wire buried, huts destroyed.

(8) 031200H. A/tk Pl 6 RAR. Civilian woman apprehended, evacuated.

(9) 031200H. YS 402686, D/5 RAR reports burnt out hut, four graves estimated 6 months old.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. No change

12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 33, CP location YS 4366.

2. From 040001H to 042400H Jul 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 041020H. Troop of APCs apprehended 12 rubber tappers at YS 445715, some without ID Cards. Were moved NORTH.

(2) 041200H. CP observed small puffs of smoke at YS 399673. FAC investigated, nothing seen.

(3) 041300H. Elements of 6 RAR located VC camp at YS 447620. Hot water still in utensils. Recovered Garand Rifle type ammunition and grenades. VC probably headed SOUTH.

(4) 041530H. Elements of 6 RAR contacted 1 VC at YS 433615. VC was seen to fall and limp, 6 RAR followed blood trail with no result. 1 VC WIA. Recovered some ammunition and a pack containing clothing and one grenade.

(5) 041700H. OP at YS 434675 reports explosions on bearing 4270mils. OP from YS 431666 reports explosions on bearing 4200mils..1745 103 Bty at YS 434664 report explosions and small arms fire from bearing 4220mils. No explanation.

(6) 041940H. Clearing patrol from 1 Fd Sqn heard movement at YS 440662, challenge issued, no answer. Patrol fired a burst with carbine. Area searched, no result.

Further details: Sub paragraph 3, C/6 RAR at YS 44116255, VC camp for 4 men, pack containing documents found. Second camp found at YS 44006267.

Further details: Sub paragraph 4. C/6 RAR recovered two baskets carried by the wounded VC. Contact was at YS 429612.

b. to c. omitted.

d. 041131H. Airstrike on VC village at YS 488658. 3 mk 83 1,000 lb bomb, 25% on target. One hoochie damaged. One 1,000 lb bomb a dud at YS 48856582.

e. - g. Nil

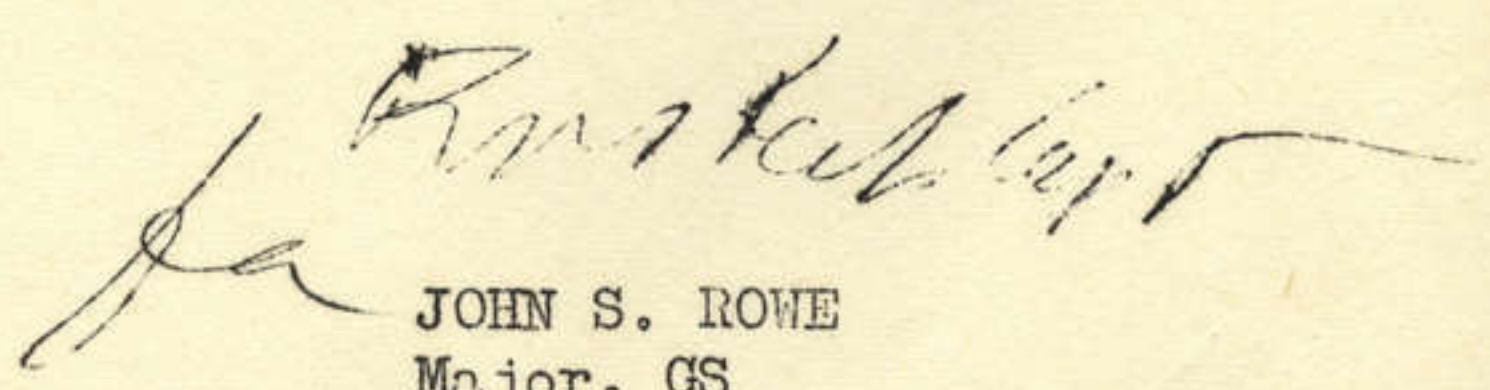
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT:

1 VC WIA and unknown quantity of ammunition and grenades captured

5. - 10. omitted.

11. No change.

12. No change.



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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 34, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 050001H to 052400H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 050800H. YS 431660, Arty TAC HQ reported loc tp listening post received one round SA fire from south. No casualties.

(2) 050810H. Provost section had shots fired over their check point pit approx YS 429664. Shots from SOUTH EAST.

(3) 050905H. 161 Bty listening post heard movement 100 metres to their front.

(4) 051125H. 161 Bty standing patrol had 1 round SA fire across their front. Shot from SOUTH.

(5) 051515H. YS 438663, 1 Fd Sqn sighted 1 VC suspect with 2 dogs near water point moving EAST to WEST.

(6) 051025H. ARVN commando Co fired three shots at figure moving outside wire. No result.

(7) 052215H. 1 Fd Sqn heard three shots 700 metres distance bearing 3300 mils.

b. - c. omitted.

d. (1) 051615H. YS 462658, air observer reported bridge to LONG THANH demolished, foot planking has been erected, people sighted both sides of bridge.

(2) 051615H. YS 37556870, Arty air observer sighted 2 huts heavily camouflaged.

(3) 051645H. YS 395720, Airstrike, result 1 VC KIA (BC). Negative further BDA due to foliage.

(4) 051915H. YS 395740H, Arty air OP sighted smoke.

e. - f. omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 041100H. YS 5879 - 6768, ARVN Offr DAT DO Province reported that 5 different sources had informed him, a Bn 94 Regt was in area also that a platoon was operating LONG THANH - LONG PHUOC area. Air surveillance revealed large number new thatched huts. Eval F - 3.

(2) 050005. ARVN Commando Co fired on 2 groups of VC moving about houses. Negative result.

(3) 050400H. YS 442660H, 103 Bty sighted lights on bearing 4,000 mils.

(4) 050800H. YS 374646 OP NUI DAT reported shell bursts, bearing of 4,320 mils 100 metres EAST of GR .

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:

1 VC KIA.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 35, CP location YS 4366.

2. From 060001H to 062400H Jul 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 061050H. YS 426705, C/5 RAR located a bicycle hanging in a tree, suspected booby-trap. Cleared by Engineers.

(2) 061825H. YS 434675, OP on NUI DAT observed two men at YS 387656.

(3) 061845H. YS 434675, OP reported 2 Vietnamese observing his position from YS 383651. Arty mission called. Results, 2 bodies seen lying on ground during and after fire mission. 2 VC KIA (possible).

b and c omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 061600H. YS 453648, FAC reported 20 - 30 persons. 12 of whom headed SE.

(2) 061435H. YS 280810, FAC observed aircraft wreckage, tail No 72828.

e and f omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 060830H. YS 302657, Sector HQ reports VC activity.

(2) 061320H. YS 434659, 103 Bty reported 7 Vietnamese. After ten minutes they moved to Hoa Long village.

(3) 062003H. YS 438703, Pnr patrol 5 RAR found remains of hut. Tunnel entrance adjacent, may extend 50 metres. Some spears and concertina wire found.

(4) 062015H. YS 434675, OP observed two steady dim lights. Appeared to come from Long Phuoc village (YS 453648).

(5) 062025H. YS 383649, 161 Bty reported lights coming from house.

(6) 062200H. Arty engaged fire mission at YS 431645 in support of Commando unit (ARVN) Hoa Long village YS 4260. Suspected VC withdrawal route.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:

2 VC KIA (possible).

5. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

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2. From 070001H to 072400H;
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 070925H. YS 443657, 1 Fd Sqn reported 3 weapons firing at L19 circling over Long Phuoc.
    - (2) 062205. VC grenades thrown into Hoa Long village, ARVN Commando Co investigated. No result.
    - (3) 072005H. YS 452652, C/6 RAR detained 2 suspects. Holding for night.
    - (4) 0702115. C/6 RAR reported person moving up and down perimeter with lantern. Will try and contact. Late report: No result.
  - b. - f. omitted.
  - g. OTHER ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 062115. YS 460695, A/6 RAR located 2 - 3 Co position, weapon pits with OP unoccupied approximately 2 - 3 months old. Claymore mine setup command detonation with 150 ft cable, few days old.
    - (2) 062155H. Arty TAC HQ, MONTREP, YS 445669 bearing 2800 miles YS 438666 bearing 2600 mils. Radar tracking.
    - (3) 071020H. YS 418710, D/5 RAR found grave, VC body approx 6 months old. Second grave found. 071149H, YS 417713, body 6 months old.
    - (4) 071345H. YS 414659, OP Nui Dat sighted 2 Vietnamese and 1 child acting suspiciously. Have now disappeared.
    - (5) 071400H. YS 431682, OP Nui Dat sighted fairly large explosion.
    - (6) 071730. YS 415724, D/5 RAR found 6 months old camp, 6 weapon pits good condition 3 graves 12 months old. Pits were destroyed.
    - (7) 070155H. OP Nui Dat sighted two flares west slope of Nui Nghe.
    - (8) 070205H. LO Hoa Long reported SA firing at shadows by ARVN Commando Co.
    - (9) 072040H. 103 Bty reported tracer at 2700mils going east approximately 5,000 metres.
    - (10) 072040H. OP on Nui Dat reported flare bearing 5630 mils also appears to be a fire on Nui Nghe.
    - (11) 072045. YS 388662, 103 Fd Bty fired at lights, a possible hide.
4. - 10. omitted.
11. - 12. No change.

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2. From 080001H to 082400H Jul 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 080110H. YS 431661, Vietnamese voices heard 80 metres south. Heard by 1 Fd Sqn.

(2) 081015H. YS 410727, 11/D/5 RAR located fresh blood trail on track. Trail lost at YS 410726.

(3) 081645H. YS 375710, A/5 RAR contacted 4 local VC. Own forces fired on enemy. VC withdrew north. Results 1 VC WIA.

(4) 081710H. YS 375710, A/5 RAR contacted 1 VC. VC fired from hut. Result, contact lost, 2 huts located, 1600 lbs rice located. Destroyed.

b. - c. omitted.

d. (1) 080755H. Airstrike on party of 2 or more enemy sighted at YS 395746. No BDA due to foliage. 081615. YS 396724, Possum ac received ground fire. Arty engaged.

e. - f. omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 080640H. YS 389710, A/5 RAR located Co size position of 8 bunkers and 1 trench. Trench 3 ft wide 4 ft deep 400 yards long. Estimated 6 months old, not recently used.

(2) 081028H. YS 410726, 11/D/5 RAR located small VC camp. Estimated 2 days old.

(3) 081033H. YS 409720, 10/B/5 RAR located 7 graves estimated 9 months old.

(4) 081100H. YS 410720, 10/D/5 RAR located old VC camp not recently used.

(5) 081100H. YS 423708, B/5 RAR located VC position. 2 pits with OP 1 pit without. 2 excavations 1 water well.

(6) 081540H. YS 376708, A/5 RAR located co sized camp. Estimate estimated 12 months old. Installations above ground destroyed, below ground installations too large to destroy at present time.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. No change.

12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 38, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 090001H to 092400H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 081855H. YS 458639, 6 RAR sighted 4 persons moving into timber. Arty engaged, result not known.

(2) 090445H. YS 453634, 6 RAR contacted unknown number of VC. Result, 1 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC KIA (possible), 1 Aust KIA, 2 WIA, 1 US .30 cal Winchester automatic recovered.

(3) 090640H. YS 443644, 6 RAR patrol fired on by man on bicycle. No casualties. Man rode off.

(4) 090825H. Vicinity YS 3771, A/5 RAR contacted 1 VC carrying one M-1 carbine. No casualties. VC withdrew bearing 600 mils.

(5) Late Report. 081715H. YS 376710, A/5 RAR contacted 4 VC bathing in stream. Result 1 VC WIA (escaped), 1 KIA (possible). Also 1 hut found with 30 ft bunker. Enough rice in hut to feed 10 people still cooking. assorted webbing and SA rounds found in bunker.

(6) 091615H. YS 381712, A/5 RAR contacted 7 VC heading NW dressed in black wearing black turbans, carrying black packs automatic weapons. Result 1 KIA (possible), own troops 3 WIA.

(7) 091155H. YS 420737, 5 RAR contacted 2 local VC moving East to West dressed in black with green bushy hats. Results 1 KIA, 1 WIA (captured).

(8) 091045H. YS 411735, D/5 RAR contacted 5 VC dressed in black moving East to West. 3 VC withdrew South West 2 withdrew East West. No result. Arty to engage.

b. - c omitted.

d. 090900H. YS 513688. Enemy concentration. No BDA.

e. - f. omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) Vicinity Long Phuoc, C/6 RAR apprehended 16 people, men and women military age, no ID cards. Taken to sector.

(2) 090920H. YS 418732, D/5 RAR found VC camp 12 months old capable of accommodating 20 people.

(3) 091145H. Vicinity YS 3972, C/5 RAR located cave recently used. Possible tunnel system on feature. 1 compass found. Cave had two entrances. Still investigating.

(4) 091201H. YS 381714, A/5 RAR located camp. Two class rooms, medical installations. YS 383715. 1 ton rice found, destroyed.

(5) 091148H. YS 427699, B/5 RAR found grenade. Destroyed

(6) 091650H. YS 445662, 103 Bty standing patrol heard 2 bursts Automatic fire.

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4. SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:

a. 2 VC KIA (BC). 4 KIA (possible). 1 WIA (escaped) 1 WIA captured.

b. 1 .30 cal winchester automatic, 1 compass, 1 tone rice, 1 grenade.

5. - 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 39, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 100001H to 102400H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 100920H. YS 442642, C/6 RAR contacted 1 VC on bicycle, VC shot dead, grenade exploded under body. Search of body revealed 2 sling shots, considered used for throwing grenades. Returning to position, patrol fired upon by 3 armed VC. Patrol returned fire, blood trail followed and lost. Then two persons put a casualty aboard a bicycle and move South. 1 VC KIA (BC) 1 WIA. No further results known.

(2) 100945H. YS 430670, A/1 APC Sqn received 1 round of SA fire from West.

(3) 100950H. YS 428669, OP observed one person in khaki holding bushes over his head. Clearing patrol found nothing.

(4) 101200H. YS 439634, while patrol was investigating tunnel they were fired upon by two AWs and some single shots. No result.

(5) 101735H. YS 443641, C/6 RAR contacted 1 VC. VC withdrew South East. No result.

(6) 101850H. YS 443630, 6 RAR sprang ambush in Long Phuoc village. 2 VC. 1 VC KIA (BC). 1 VC withdrew South.

(7) 102040H. YS 442645, 2 VC sprung trip flare, 1 ARVN Commando unit fired on VC. No result.

b. - c. omitted.

d. Nil.

e. - f. omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 101205H. YS 403733, elements of 5 RAR located VC installation and bunker system. Also crawl trench, 4 weeks old.

(2) YS 405732, OP from D/5 RAR reported VC village and fortified Co position about 6 months old.

4. 2 VC KIA (BC) 1 VC WIA.

5. Nil.

6. through 9. Nil.

11. No change

12. No change.

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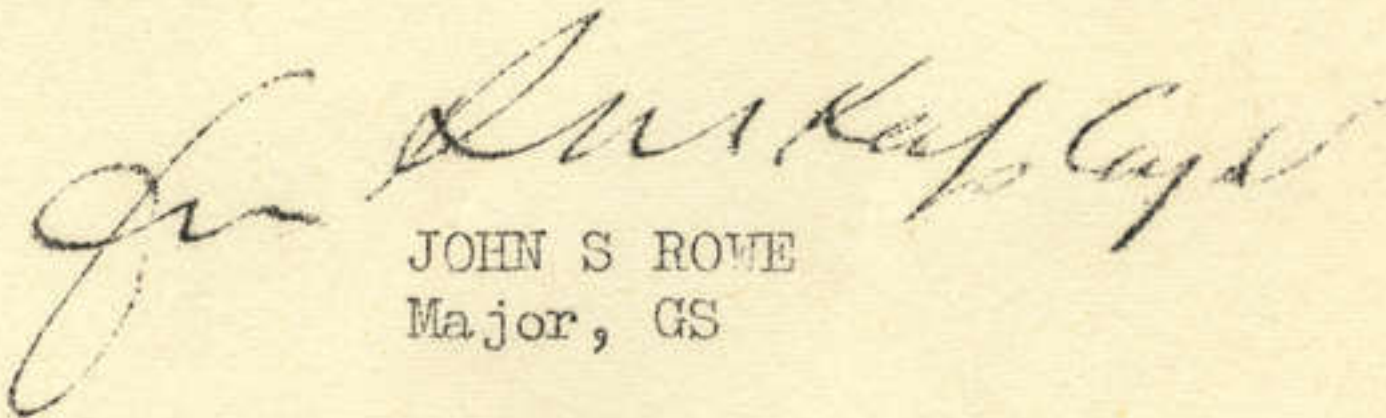
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 40, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 11001H to 112400H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 102040H. 2 VC sprung trip flare Hoa Long, 1 ARVN Commando Co fired. No result.
    - (2) 102240H. YS 445650, one mortar possibly 81mm landed near 103, 161 Btys.
    - (3) 111420H. YS 463646, 6 RAR reported contacting 1 VC. No result. VC withdrew North.
    - (4) 111735H. YS 443641, 6 RAR contacted 1 VC. No casualties VC withdrew South East, contact lost.
  - b. - c. omitted.
  - d.
    - (1) 111317H. YS 512688, airstrike at suspected VC base camp. No BDA due to foliage.
    - (2) 111700H. YS 539694, airstrike suspected VC base camp. No BDA due to foliage.
  - e. - f. omitted.
  - g. Nil
  - h.
    - (1) 111112H. YS 380725, A/5 RAR located VC camp installation 7 - 9 months old. Extends 400 x 200 metres along creek. Recently used ox track running adjacent to installation. Installation too large for platoon to destroy.
    - (2) 111129H. YS 400746, D/5 RAR located VC camp with bunker 6 months old. Destroyed.
    - (3) 111350H. YS 435658, 103 Bty reported 20 civilians with cattle observing gun position. Moved off at 111435H.
    - (4) 111704H. YS 393751 - 397750, 5 RAR reported many weapon pits both sides of stream. 6 - 12 months old.
    - (5) 111800H. YS 378681, OP Nui Dat sighted red flares.
4. 10. omitted.
11. - 12. No change.

  
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Transalations of captured VC document indicates that an attempt may be made to ambush vehicles on route 25 between VUNG TAU and BARIA during period 11 Jul to 30 Jul 66(.) all road users be particulary alert

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 41, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 120001H to 122400H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 121215H. A/5 RAR observed two people at YS 397720, Nui Nghe feature. Arty engaged, result unknown.
    - (2) 121310H. C/5 RAR found a booby trapped anti tank mine at YS 427713. Mine destroyed.
    - (3) 121320H. D/5 RAR found a small improvised wharf at YS 370732. No sign of recent use.
    - (4) 121521H. YS 416720, A/6 RAR found a hut, also in area one 105mm unexploded bomb, 70 lbs rice and a miners helmet. Bomb to be destroyed 13 Jul.
    - (5) 121920H. YS 450635, C/6 RAR were fired upon at close range by 6 - 8 VC of unknown type. VC had 2 Automatic weapons. No result.
  - b-c. omitted.
  - d. Nil
  - e. - f. omitted.
  - g. 20 - 40 rounds.
  - h. (1) 121245H. 103 Bty reported 10 people at approximately YS 404657 interpreter despatched.
4. One 105mm UXB, 1 anti tank mine.
5. Nil
6. - 10. omitted.
11. No change.
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2. From 130001H to 132400H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 130727H. C/6 RAR sighted 1 local VC at YS 439623. VC was wearing some form of equipment. VC withdrew North East. No result.
    - (2) 130915H. A/5 RAR heard heavy firing from vicinity YS 3869. No explanation.
    - (3) Resupply helicopter sighted 6 VC at YS 397747. Arty engaged, results not known.
    - (4) 130949H. C/6 RAR found dead body at YS 450640. Conclusion, body result of contact by 8 Pl C/ 6 RAR night of 8/9 July 66.
    - (5) 131740H. Arty standing patrol heard 15 rounds of automatic weapon fire from approx YS 421660.
  - b. - c. omitted.
  - d. Nil.
  - e. - f. omitted.
  - g. Nil.
4. 1 VC KIA from 8/9 Jul 66.
5. - 10. omitted.
11. No change.
12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 43, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 140001H to 142400H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 140347H. Op observed trip flare in area of D/6 RAR, approx YS 442671.
    - (2) 140900H. B/5 RAR found aircraft parts in VC camp at YS 400733. Serial numbers, a gun or rocket panel number SB/327 - ARC44, ordnance number 52715 - PP - 66. One panel number 0600235, also number HT 101 - 0600226. Two wheels 10 inches in diameter 150 lbs air pressure. Number of one wheel 7567911.
    - (3) 141008H. 3 P1/A/6 RAR contacted i VC who detonated friendly claymore mine. VC dressed in greens with green bush hat withdrew North East. Contact lost, no casualties. Contact was at YS 460696.
    - (4) 141130H. 3P1/A/6 RAR, following up previous contact, found platoon sized installation at YS 46576729 last used 2 - 3 weeks ago. Considered evacuated due to high water and friendly artillery fire. Boat harbour was found, also Australian green uniforms and empty US ration packs. Laundry marks on greens to be examined and follow up action taken.
  - b. - c. omitted.
  - d. Nil.
  - e. - f. omitted.
  - g. Nil.
  - h. (1) 141105H. D/5 RAR found tracks of two people 12 hours old at YS 410729. Investigated with no result.
4. Nil.
5. - 10. omitted.
11. No change.
12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 44, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 150001H to 152400H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:

The normal pattern of VC activity continued with one contact during the period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 150630H. 5 RAR heard MG fire from approx YS 4572. No result.

(2) 150952H. Element of 6 RAR contacted 8 VC, 6 wearing greens 2 in black, at YS 475673. VC broke into two groups, one withdrew North the other South West. No weapons observed. No result.

(3) 151200H. C/6 RAR found thirteen 150lb bags of unsuable rice at YS 459669. Rice destroyed.

b. - c. omitted.

d. (1). 151400H. Airstrike at YS 315649. All ordnance on target. 1 building damaged. No further BDA due to foliage..

(2) 151600H. FAC observed charcoal kiln camouflaged with palm leaves at YS 310655. Only one in area.

e. f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. Nil.

4. Nil.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. No change.

12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 45, CP location YS 4366.

2. From 160001H to 162400H Jul 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:

The were no significant contacts during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

Nil.

b. - c. omitted.

d. (1) 161005H. Air craft expended ammunition on target at YS 354677. No assessment.

(2) 161200H. Aircraft expended ammunition on target at YS 355685. No assessment.

(3) 161510H. Possum received one round od S/A fire from approx YS 427668. No damage.

e. - f. Nil.

g. Nil.

H. 161500H. Report from Sector PF Platoon sighted a two squad sized group, wearing fatigues and various head gear, at YS 312622. No definite identification of weapons. PF platoon did not investigate further.

4. Nil

5. - 10. omitted.

11. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 46, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 170001H to 172400H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:

There was no enemy contact with task force elements during the period.

- a. Nil.
- b. - c. Omitted.
- d. (1) 171400H. Airstrike into grid square YS 3070. No BDA due to foliage.  
(2) 171245H. FAC sighted four camouflaged charcoal pits ay YS 303680. Pits covered with palm leaves and were approx 200 metres apart.
- e. - g. omitted.
- h. Nil.
4. Nil.
5. - 7. Omitted.
8. Nil.
9. - 10- omitted.
11. No change.
12. No change.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 47, CP location YS 4366.
- 2. From 180001H to 182400H Jul 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:

Task Force elements had no contacts during the reporting period, however reports from 10 Div ARVN indicate enemy activity to the West of our TAOR.

GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 182200H. 1 ARVN Commando Co contacted 10 VC at YS 414646. 1 VC KIA (possible). Two females captured carrying 4 bags of rice.

b. - c. omitted.

d. (1) 180950H. Possum ac sighted 6 - 8 possible VC at YS 442704. Investigated, no result.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. Nil.

4. Nil.

5. - 7. Nil.

8. Reports from 10 Div ARVN agents.

(1) 180510H. 1 VC regt at approx YS 2775.

(2) 181225H. 800 VC at YS 3077.

(3) 181225H. 3000 VC at YS 2772. All evaluated ARVN B2. US F3.

9. - 10. omitted.

11. No change.

12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 48, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 190001H to 192400H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:

There was 1VC contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period. The VC threat to Route 15 and on Phu My, YS 2574, continues. Two ambushes have taken place on Route 15.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 191050H. 12/6 RAR contacted 3 VC at YS 470660. VC wearing khaki shirts, black trousers, khaki webbing. Result, 1 VC KIA (EC), 1 7.62 mm AW recovered. Two VC withdrew EAST.

(2) Report from 2 FFV. 191112H. ARVN Bn ambushed while on road clearing operations at YS259747 and YS272688.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 191140H. FAC sighted 100 people with a few ox carts in LONG PHUOC, YS4464.

(2) 191615H. Air strike on YS327666, suspected VC force in a camp. No BDA due to foliage.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 191007H. D/6 RAR found an air hole at YS466664. Searching for the tunnel they found a small packet of rice, two days old. Also a camouflaged well containing sharpened sticks.

(2) 191230H. D/6 RAR searching a previously searched tunnel at YS443655 found a M26 grenade without fuse or striker.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

- a. 1 VC KIA (BC).
- b. Nil
- c. 1 x 7.62 mm AW recovered.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. No change.

12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 49, OP location YS 4366.
2. From 200001H to 202400H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

The village of BINH BA (YS 4574) of approximately 2,000 people has been under VC domination for many years. During the night 19/20 Jul 5 RAR cordoned the southernmost hamlet, population about 250, and at first light commenced search operations. The hamlet VC infrastructure were completely surprised. Interrogation of captured VC's and suspects indicate a VC guerilla force of 3 squads of 12 men each were dominating the village. There were some 20 weapons shared by the 36 guerillas. One squad minus was occupying the southern hamlet when the operation commenced. Seven members of this group were eliminated: 3 were killed by (BC), 3 were wounded and captured, and one rallied. Four weapons were captured. Interrogation of the 3 VCC, the rallier and 15 suspects is continuing.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) 0625H. B/5 RAR had 2 contacts in area of YS 447728. Results. One VC KIA (BC) 2 VC WIA and captured.
- (2) 0755H. B/5 RAR flushed 1 VC, WIA, from tunnel at approximately YS 4473. VC captured.
- (3) 0825H. A/5 RAR received one rallier who proved helpful in operation.
- (4) 1120H. A/5 RAR contacted 1 VC area YS 4473. One VC KIA (BC), weapon recovered.
- (5) 1600H. C/5 RAR contacted 6 mobile VC at YS 444736. VC armed, dressed in khaki carrying packs. VC withdrew north west. No result.
- (6) 1737H. Elements of 5 RAR contacted 2 local VC at YS 464715. VC dressed in khaki with webbing. Results. One VC KIA (BC).

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) 1015H. Airstrike on suspected VC camp at YS 328665. No BDA due to foliage.
- (2) 1500H. FAC reported 7 cattle grazing at YS 353687, area of suspected VC camp.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Not known.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) 0456H. A/6 RAR fired a claymore mine in front of their perimeter at suspected movement. No results.

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4. 3 VC KIA (BC). 3 VC WIA and captured. 1 rallier. 15 VCS.  
2 x 7.62 carbines and 2 US carbines recovered.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. No change.

12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INSUM No 50, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 210001H to 212466H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Further to BINH BA (YS4574) operation of 20 Jul. 5 RAR had 3 contacts SOUTH EAST of BINH BA. At least one VC was killed (BC) and 1 was wounded (blood trail).

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 211139H. YS471723. C/5 RAR contacted 4 local VC. Two VC fled NORTH, 2 VC fled EAST. Followed up, no result.

(2) 211230H. YS474722. 10/B/5 RAR contacted 3 local VC. Result, 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (escaped). VC dressed in grey shirts and fawn trousers. The following weapons were seen to be carried by the party of VC. 1 SMG, 3 rifles (unidentified), 3 grenades (probably M26). 1 M26 grenade captured. VC fled WEST. Blood trail followed, no further result.

(3) 211640H. YS478727. 5 RAR contacted 2 local VC (possibly more than 2 VC). VC withdrew SOUTH WEST on contact. Result, 1 Claymore mine type DH8 captured.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 211500H. YS430638. FAC reported 2 men digging trench. FAC flew over area at low level, men abandoned their tools and moved to another trench approximately 40 feet long, 4 feet deep. Men digging trench did not appear to be taking part in crop harvesting by further 200 (approximately) persons in same area.

(2) 211525H. YS360720. FAC reported 10 water buffalo in field. Pilot suspicious as no person was seen to be tending the animals.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Not known.

h. Nil.

4. 1 VC KIA (BC). 1 VC WIA. 1 M26 grenade, 1 claymore mine type DH8 captured.

5. - 7. omitted

8. Reports from 10 Div ARVN agents.

(1) 181300H. 300 VC seen at YS470660, moved to YS470670, YS475670, YS480680. Believed to be part of DONG NAI Regt. Intentions unknown. ARVN grading B - 3.

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(2) YS460729. From 300 to 500 VC carrying large number of AA guns seen at this location on 17 Jul 66. No ARVN evaluation available.

9. - 10. omitted.

11. No change.

12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 51, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 220001H to 222400H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Several contacts were made by 5 RAR during the reporting period, all SOUTH EAST of BINH BA (YS 4574), subject of operation 20 Jul 66. Information from VCC today that BINH BA VC platoon, designation 50, have scattered in small groups indicates that 5 RAR contacted these elements.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 220920H. D/5 RAR contacted 1 local VC dressed in black at YS 478721. VC WIA and captured. VC stated on initial interrogation he was a member of platoon 50, which had scattered in small groups, some in that area. VCC evacuated to VUNG TAU hospital, to be interrogated tomorrow. 1 M-1 carbine recovered.

(2) 221115H. D/5 RAR sighted 2 VC dressed in black, heading NORTH WEST. No weapons identified. Contact lost. No results. YS 484718.

(3) 221243H. D/5 RAR contacted 1 VC at approx YS 4871 on their perimeter. Sweep of area revealed nothing.

(4) 221700H. D/5 RAR observed 4 VC dressed in black at YS 482726, VC withdrew NORTH WEST. Platoon-sized camp, occupied today by 4-6 persons at same position. Weapon pits, some with overhead cover, empty C ration tins and 'AMAZON' brand mosquito repellent tins found.

(5) 221928H. Elements of 6 RAR contacted 1 VC at YS 442668. VC possibly Main-force, wearing khaki uniform and equipment, carrying weapon. VC withdrew SOUTH. No results.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 220940H. AC received ground fire from YS 455555. Also observed bunker system in same area.

(2) 221315H. AIRCAP expended ammunition on suspected VC area, YS 7274. Negative BDA due to foliage.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Not known.

h. Nil.

4. 1 VCC, 1 M-1 carbine.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. No change.

12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 52, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 230001H to 232400H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts with task force elements in the reporting period. Agent reports received from BARIA sector (phoned to FFV 2) indicate possible enemy activity in the NORTH WESTERN and EASTERN sectors of 1 ATF TAOR.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 232030H. Elements of 6 RAR contacted 2 VC dressed in black, black hats, at YS 44656670. Own patrol fired first, VC returned fire. VC withdrew 200metres SOUTH, then SOUTH EAST. Contact lost.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 231355H. POSSUM aircraft observed trenches or graves at YS 414736.

(2) 231050H. POSSUM aircraft observed fresh cart tracks, 2 to 3 days old. Could have been a base camp at one time. Observed 2 drums, some other equipment and one trench.

(3) 231440H. Aircraft observed 68 motorized sampans at YS 3849. Follow up from Sector. Quite a number of sampans just in side of entrance. In addition about 35 sampans stationary further up river. Also sampans in tributaries obviously not fishing. Appear to have stores aboard - barrels and boxes. Sector passed to 26 boat section who are investigating.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Not known.

h. Nil.

4. Nil.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. No change.

12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 53, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 240001H to 242400H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts with task force elements during the reporting period.

a. Nil

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 240800H. FAC observed 6 carts at YS 292638 and 3 carts at YS 287632.

(2) 241088H. AIRCAP expended ammunition on suspected VC area at YS522722. No BDA due to foliage.

(3) 241420H. Aircraft sighted 21 sampans unloading on NORTH bank of river at YS209792. Report from 67 Ground Liaison Section VUNG TAU. Outside PHUOC TUY Province.

(4) 241605H. FAC observed large tunnel system 4 to 5 feet across at YS288733.

(5) 241605H. FAC observed clothes for 3 to 4 people in vacated village at YS287718.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 1 ARVN Cdo Coy sighted 1 VC in HOA LONG village (YS4264) at 240128H. No result.

4. Nil

5. - 7. omitted.

8. Reports from Sector.

(1) Early morning 24 Jul. 1000 VC digging in area YS580640, YS680665, YS600640 and YS600665. US evaluation F - 4.

9. - 10. omitted.

11. No change.

12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 55, CP location YS 4366.

2. From 260001H to 262400H. Jul 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:

6 RAR regained contact with VC elements at 261029H at YS532669. Small parties were contacted during the day. At 261615H an armed Chinook was used at YS5063 - 5163 on a force of VC about 120 strong, who were attempting to break contact and withdrew SOUTH. It is considered that the force will attempt to continue SOUTHWARD movement during night 26/27 July. Documents taken from the body of a dead VC at YS516670 indicate that he was an officer of D445 battalion, possibly commander of C1/445 company. Search operations have revealed 6 VC bodies KIA as a result of artillery fire and signs of other wounded having been dragged away from the area. A further document captured reveals that the local VC forces operating east of Long Tan (YS4865) are impressing civilians from Long Phuoc (YS4464) and Long Tan for the digging of tunnels, in an area possibly EAST of Long Tan.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 261029H. At YS532669, D/6 RAR contacted 2 local VC, 1 with AW and 1 with rifle. No result. VC were moving NORTH and fled SOUTH afterwards.

(2) 261030H. At YS534668, D/6 RAR contacted 5 VC dressed in black, weapons slung. Results 1 VC KIA (BC). 1 7.62 carbine and 1 grenade launcher recovered. VC withdrew EAST. Documents captured referred to tunneling operations.

(3) 261330H. At YS536665, D/6 RAR contacted 1 local VC dressed in black. VC withdrew SOUTH. No result.

(4) 261350H. At YS530680, D/6 RAR contacted 2 VC who withdrew EAST. No result. Probably listening post, as camp for 10 men used during night 25/26 July was found this location.

(5) 261445H. At YS510665, B/6 RAR sighted unknown number VC. Engaged by artillery. Result unknown.

(6) 261710H. At YS5063 to YS5163 large concentration of troops engaged by armed Chinook which received concentrated small arms fire. Enemy withdrew SOUTH and EAST. Enemy casualties to be assessed by ground troops.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 260820H. Air strike at YS507658 and YS514652 on suspected enemy location. Ordnance 100 percent on target. 1 hut destroyed at former location. No further BDA.

(2) 260940H. At YS330540 radio jamming received by 3 aircraft from YS 330540 where a tap hut was located. Info passed to 2 FFV for action.

(3) 261605H. FAC reported new gun emplacement without gun at YS 378698. Recorded as artillery target.

e. - f. omitted.

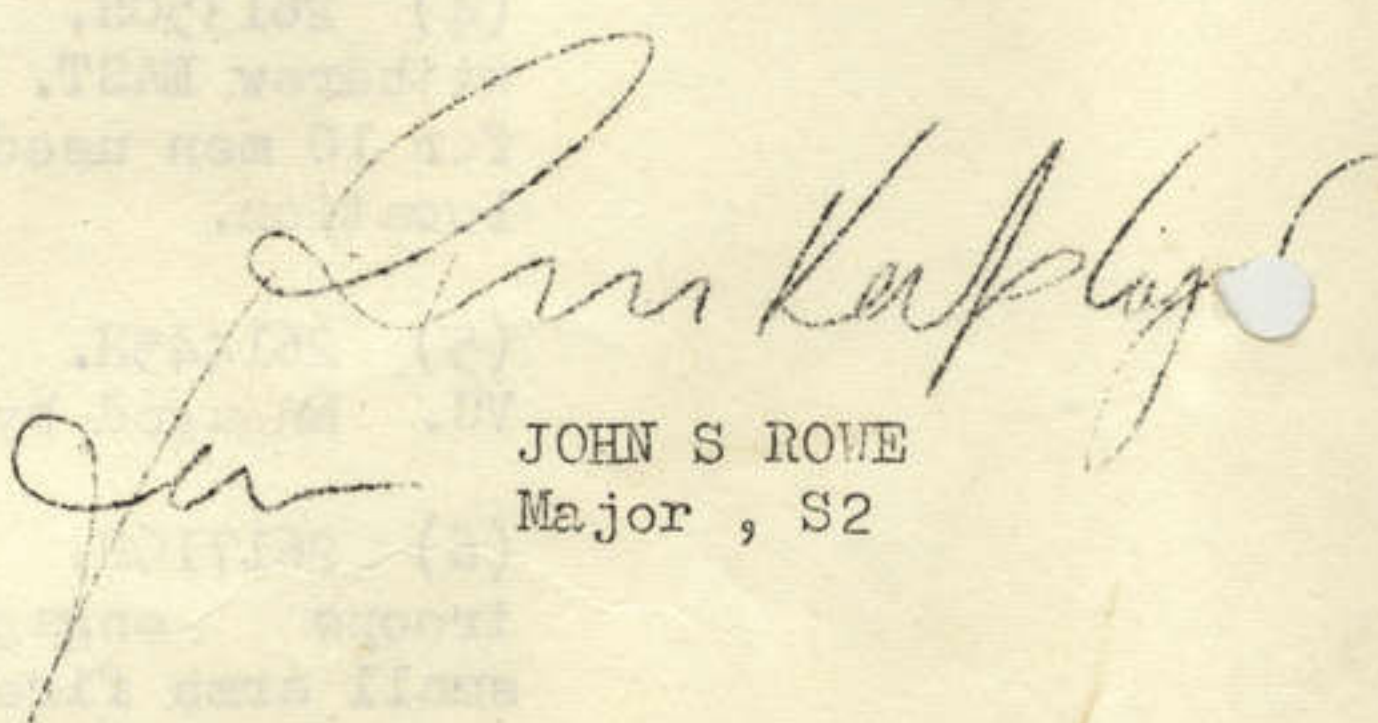
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h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) 251330H. B/6 RAR recovered 2 VC bodies killed by artillery at YS511689. Further 2 bodies also recovered from YS512668. Evidence of 60mm mortar base plate in former location.
  - (2) 261555H. At YS517673 B/6 RAR recovered 2 VC bodies KIA by artillery.
  - (3) 261800H. At YS514662 C/6 RAR located enemy camp for company plus force. Camp of semi permanent nature, well camouflaged, used during night 25/26 July. Detailed examination and report follows.
  - (4) At YS516670 Body of VC, badly wounded and executed by VC troops recovered. VC had scathed the body and removed weapon. Documents overlooked by VC and found by 6 RAR indicate that dead VC was an officer of D445 Battalion, possibly commander of C1/445 Company. Detailed report follows.
4. 7 VC KIA (BC). 1 7.62 carbine, 1 M79 grenade launcher. 2 tons of rice (previously reported) destroyed by fire.
  5. - 6. omitted.
  7. D445 battalion (minus) contacted.
  8. Baria Sector HQ agent report of VC company at YS395657. Artillery fired. Air recon disclosed many water buffaloes at this location.
  9. - 10. omitted.
  11. No change.
  12. No change.

  
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 56, CP location YS4366.
2. From 270001H to 272400H July 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Documents recovered by 6 RAR together with further exploitation of an extensive base along the Eastern bank of the Suoi Da Bang (YS5165-5266) indicate that 6 RAR has contacted and/or been in close proximity to the HQs and support elements of D455 Battalion, together with C1/445 and C2/445 companies.

a. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 270900H. Airstrike on suspected VC camp at YS500630. Results. 6 huts destroyed, 5 huts damaged.

(2) 271620H. YS5169 - 5173 - 5373 - 5368. Armed Chinook mission. No BDA.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 271023H. YS513655 - 513658. A/C/6 RAR discovered extensive VC base area. Camp contained administrative and command elements and accommodation for approximately 150 people. Believed to have been occupied by elements D445 battalion. Further report follows.

(2) 271410H. YS515658. 6RAR located company sized VC camp unoccupied for two months.

(3) 270709H. YS524662. D/6 RAR discovered camp approximately 250 metres long running SOUTHWEST/NORTH WEST. Evacuated within last 72 hours, believed to have been occupied by C2/D445 company approximately 50 persons.

(4) 271305H. YS518653. 6RAR discovered section position, possibly standing patrol.

4. 40 gallons of cooking oil destroyed, and 700lbs of rice destroyed. Ammunition captured in process of tabulation prior to destruction. Base camps discovered still being exploited, destruction to be advised. X

5. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 54, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 250001H to 252400H Jul 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

At 251310H, 6 RAR contacted an estimated VC company group at YS 509682. Contact was maintained by 6 RAR until 251855H, at which time the VC broke contact and withdrew SOUTH EAST. Sporadic mortar fire was received by 6 RAR at 251935H but no further contact was made. Agent reports received during the preceding 48 hours indicated that elements of the VC 274th and 275th Regiments and D445 Battalion were operating on the EASTERN fringe of 1 ATF TAOR. The probable VC intention was assessed as an attempt prevent 1 ATF from interfering with the known VC infiltration/ supply route running NORTH from YS6758. There is not sufficient information currently available to indicate which of the above mentioned VC elements was contacted.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) 250910H. 6RAR discovered fresh bullock cart tracks less than 24 hours old leading in a SOUTH EASTERLY direction from YS495694. Follow up action revealed signs of a company size force heading SOUTH WEST from YS497694. Tracks were less than three hours old. A camp site was discovered in the same vicinity at YS498692. There were no signs of recent occupation.
- (2) 251135H. D/6 RAR sighted one local VC possibly member of party of 5. VC withdrew SOUTH EAST.
- (3) 251230H. Three VC sighted moving SOUTH at YS514688. D/6 RAR recovered five rounds of garrand ammunition at YS520680.
- (4) 251308H. YS514678, C/6 RAR contacted estimated VC company. Bugles were used. VC split into 2 groups, fifteen remaining at this location to cover the remainder who withdrew SOUTH WEST and EAST.
- (5) 251355H. YS512669, B/6 RAR contacted 2 VC groups of unknown size. On redeployment B/6 RAR came under mortar bombardment (possibly 81/82mm).
- (6) 251525H. YS525674, D/6 RAR contacted 1 VC who withdrew SOUTH. No result.
- (7) 251600H YS517683. 20 VC sighted by elements of 6 RAR Moving SOUTH EAST along creek. Not contacted. Tracks indicated enemy group split into 2 parties at bridge YS509678. Part of carbine found near bridge.
- (8) 251640H. YS524672, D/6 RAR contacted 1 VC who withdrew WEST after firing 1 shot. No result.
- (9) 251700H. (Approx) C/6 RAR sighted one VC at YS515678. Withdrawal route not known.
- (10) 251855H. D/6 RAR sighted and fired on 4-5 VC at YS528670. Enemy were heading NORTH and continued in that direction. Artillery engaged possible escape route.
- (11) 251935H. YS522677. A/6 RAR received 1 81/82mm mortar round.

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b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 251100H. Airstrike on suspected VC area at YS5274. No BDA due to foliage.

(2) 251720H. Airstrike on VC concentration at YS512662. Ordnance 100 percent on target. No BDA due to foliage.

(3) 251735H. Airstrike on VC concentration at YS525660. Ordnance 100 percent on target. No BDA due to foliage.

e. omitted.

f. SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS:

(1) 250302H. YS444709, one secondary explosion following fire mission.

g. Unknown number of 81mm mortar rounds and small arms ammunition. No estimate possible at this stage.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 251110H. YS504687, D/6 RAR found 2 tons of bagged rice. Camouflage only 24 hours old.

(2) 251725H. YS513678, unoccupied VC camp containing 20 trenches with overhead protection found. Not destroyed.

(3) 251900H. YS 517679, squad size unoccupied enemy camp found. Not destroyed.

4. 1 VC KIA (Possible), 19 VC WIA (Possible), 5 rounds of Garrand ammunition recovered. 2 tons of bagged rice. Disposal to be advised.

5. - 7. omitted.

8. 251125H. Baria Sector HQ reported 1 VC Coy with A/A weapons at YS480678. Arvn evaluation B - 2, US F - 3.

9.-10. omitted.

11. Enemy capabilities and vulnerabilities. In the worst case the VC could mount a multi regimental attack, consisting of elements of 274th and 275th regiments and D455 battalion, during night 25/26 July or early morning 26 July. He would then be vulnerable to air, artillery and small arms fire and insertion of airmobile reaction forces.

12. Conclusions. Should the VC choose not to mount an attack, he may be expected to maintain close contacts, employing recon groups of up to platoon size.

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1. 1. Australian Task Force INTSUM No 57, CP location YS4366.
2. From 280001H to 282400H July 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period. However enemy activity to the NORTHWEST and EAST of the TAOR continues, supported by a VR sighted and an engagement by armed Chinook with enemy ground forces.

a. - b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 280850H. FAC reported trail with signs of activity within last 48 hours YS355712 to YS363717.

(2) 281110H. YS493623. FAC reported activity in suspected mortar position. Recorded as artillery target.

(3) 281320H. YS333538. Chinook reported movement near building straddling creek vicinity radio jamming location previously reported.

(4) 281530H. YS378694. FAC reported gun emplacement filled with water. To be recorded as artillery target.

(5) 281730H. YS550648. Chinook received SA fire. Engaged by Chinook and artillery fire.

(6) 281800H. YS573648. Chinook received SA fire. Engaged by Chinook and artillery fire.

e. - f. omitted.

g. No estimate.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 281100H. YS449669. 6 RAR located dissused VC camp with 20 to 30 weapon pits. Destruction to be advised.

(2) 281610H. YS500676. 6 RAR located platoon minus ~~size~~ camp. Destruction to be advised.

(3) 281700H. YS470665. 6 RAR discovered body of VC in shallow grave, about three weeks old.

4. 1 VC KIA (BC). Credited to 6 RAR.

5. - 10. Nil

11. - 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 58, CP location YS4366.

2. From 290001H to 292400H July 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Four armed Chinook sorties flown within the 1 ATF TAOR between the period 291500H and 291800H received intense small arms and automatic weapons fire from the following locations YS385695, YS388682, YS401669, YS400687, YS402683, YS403727, YS405723, YS397721 and YS405731. An agent report from a source which has proved reliable in the past had indicated that a battalion size VC force well armed and dug in was located at YS394673. The locations from which ground fire was received covering an area 6000 metres in length by 2000 metres in depth strongly suggests that the basis for this report is reliable. As 6 RAR contacted D445 battalion on the EASTERN portion of this TAOR on 25th July and maintained sporadic contact until 291200H it is concluded that the battalion located in the WEST of 1 ATF TAOR is VC main force. A further agent report (US evaluation F - 3) of the arrival actual or likely of 3000 VC into Phuoc Thuy province indicates that the VC main force battalion referred to above may be part of a larger force. The threat in the WEST of the TAOR in no way lessens that previously reported to the EAST of the 1 ATF TAOR (see 1 ATF INTSUM No. 54)

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 282237H. (Late report). At YS428672 1 APC Squadron standing patrol fired on 3 VC moving WEST to EAST. VC returned 5 single rounds and withdrew WEST. Artillery fired on withdrawal.

(2) 291200H. YS501686. 6 RAR sighted 6 VC. Engaged by arty and mortars. Result 1 VC KIA (possible) 2 VC WIA (possible).

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 291500H. - 291530H. Armed Chinooks received concentrated small arms and automatic weapons fire from YS385695, YS388682, YS401669, YS400687 and YS402683. Immediate airstrikes and artillery fire. No BDA at this stage. Enemy probably well dug in.

(2) 291730H. - 291800H. Armed chinooks received concentrated small arms and automatic fire from YS403727, YS405723, YS397721 and YS405731. No airstrike possible due to weather. Artillery fire. No BDA.

(3) 291200H (approx). YS5068. HU-13 received ground fire while directing artillery shoot.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Not assessed.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 291115H. YS487656. B/6 RAR located suspected major tunnel system. Exploitation curtailed.

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4. 1 VC KIA (possible), 2 WIA (possible).
5. - 6. omitted.
7. VC main force battalion, designation unknown.
8. (1) National police report. At 261800H at YS394673 a VC battalion well armed and dug in. No evaluation from Baria Sector HQs but such reports have proved reliable in the past.
- (2) National police report. 1000 VC moved through YS265584 from 272100H to 282300H into Phuoc Thuy province. In a day period 3000 VC will have arrived in Phuoc Thuy province. Purpose to attack allied forces. No ARVN evaluation. US evaluation M-3.
9. - 10. omitted.
11. In the worst case the VC could mount a multi regimental attack consisting of elements of 274th and 275th regiments and D445 battalion either from the EAST or from the WEST or simultaneously from both directions. Vulnerability no change from INTSUM 54.
- 12. VC forces in the area pose a direct threat to 1 ATF. This ← conclusion is supported by usually reliable sources.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM 59, CP location YS4366.

2. From 30000H to 302400H. July 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

One company of 5 RAR, patrolling in the area of YS4068, found signs that were one to two days old of squad size groups moving NORTH to SOUTH. At 1905H C/6 RAR contacted 7 VC wearing black shorts and shirts at YS445667. This could be significant in the light of an agent report (Australian evaluation F - 3) received 29th July that a VC battalion was camped in area YS460680, YS480680, YS460660 and YS480660 on 27th July.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 300125H. YS436663. Unknown number of persons challenged, failed to answer, fired upon by automatic weapons, no results.

(2) 301450H. YS384655. OP observed 4 suspected VC entering a hut. Artillery engaged. Results unknown.

(3) 301415H. YS422688. B/5 RAR noted movement to their front, investigation revealed depression in grass where a body had lain, movement of withdrawal heard. No result.

(4) 301905H. <sup>445667</sup>YS~~301905~~. C/6 RAR contacted 7 VC dressed in black shirts and shorts who had approached to their perimeter wire, VC withdrew SOUTH. Artillery and mortars engaged. 1 VC KIA (possible) 2 VC WIA (possible).

b. - c. omitted.

d. Nil.

e. - f. omitted.

g. unknown.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 301340H. YS426688. B/5 RAR found one booby trap one month in position. No further details known.

(2) 301955H. D/5 RAR reported two bright flashing lights on the SOUTHERN end of NUI NGHE feature (YS3971). Engaged by artillery at 2055H extinguished.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL LOSSES: - 1 KIA (possible), 2 WIA (possible).  
EQUIPMENT LOSSES: - 1 booby trap details unknown.

5. - 7. omitted.

8. (1) Sector agent report. Nguyen Von Mong, alias Quang, cadre of Chou Duc (Duc Thanh) district committee came to Long Phuoc and stated to a relative that VC would launch a big battle in area of Chou Duc district, main targets 1 ATF and 1 Commando Coy (ARVN), secondary targets in area SOUTH EAST of Dat Do (YS4695). Report dated 26th July, received 30th July, evaluation US F-3.

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(2) Sector agent report dated 30th July. YS395690 reported as position of hospital base containing medical supplies underground in area along the Dong Nghe river. Sector maintains that this is the second report they have received of this base in the last 2 weeks. Evaluation US F-3.

9. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change from INTSUM No 58.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 60 CP location YS4366.
- 2. From 310001H to 312400H July 66.
- 3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

The discrediting of agent reports (all types) relating to the presence of elements of the 275th VC regiment in the general area of 1 ATF has led to a reassessment of the likely enemy forces affecting 1 ATF TAOR. However ground reports from own reconnaissance elements in the WEST of 1 ATF TAOR tend to confirm VC activity in that area 48 hours ago, at which time armed chinooks received considerable ground fire. See INTSUM 58. The ground activity contained in this report should be read in conjunction with that reported in INTSUM No 59 of 30 July 66.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) 311100H. C/6 RAR conducted a sweep of area YS451661. This activity relates to INSUM 59 para 3A (4). Footprints were found indicating VC strength of approximately 12 persons.
- (2) 311125H. YS438664 (approx). 1 Fd Sqn observed a party of 3 to 5 suspected VC. Investigation by patrol. No result.
- (3) 311840H. 1 Fd Sqn listening post sighted 2 VC at YS441688. VC dressed in greens, no hats, and carrying weapons. Patrol investigated. No result.
- (4) 312013H. 1 Cdo Coy (ARVN) of Hoa Long (YS4264) called for artillery mission on suspected VC infiltration route at YS400642. 3 rounds fired. Results unknown.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) Late report. 3014008H Aircraft observed trench running EAST - WEST at YS400655.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) 311100H. YS403687. B/5RAR found Coy size camp approximately 2 days since used. Evidence of US rations in area and small number of tracks. Significant to note that no tracks were found outside camp area.
- (2) 311255H. D/6 RAR found fresh tracks at YS485703.
- (3) 311312H. 5 RAR patrol searched area YS432699 in response to Red Haze emissions recorded early morning 31st July. No result.
- (4) 312058H. Trip flare exploded area YS4368. One figure seen moving off in darkness. No result.
- (5) Late report. 311630H. (approx). B/5 RAR found ground signs 2 days old of 10 men in EASTERN area of YS4068. Also found ground signs 1 day old of groups of approximately 6 men in vicinity YS4068 heading SOUTHWEST and SOUTHEAST. Also ground signs in NORTHERN area of YS4068 heading NORTH to SOUTH. This relates to INTSUM 59 para 3 summary of enemy activity.

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(6) 302035H, 1 APC Sqn observed flares at YS433678 (approx) and YS4168. No further details.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. a. Within or immediately adjacent to the 1 ATF TAOR, the following VC forces are operating - approximately 100 guerillas, 2 district companies, 1 provincial battalion, 1 (possible) main force battalion (possibly from 274 Regt).

b. These forces are capable of:

(1) Maintaining surveillance over the 1 ATF (Nui Dat) base camp, and operations conducted in the TAOR, by the use of reconnaissance parties of up to squad size.

(2) Attacking up to battalion size 1 ATF elements with the VC forces in para 11 (a) if the 1 ATF forces appear vulnerable.

12. The VC will continue to maintain surveillance over our base camp and forces operating in the TAOR. Contacts with small VC reconnaissance groups can be anticipated at any time. In addition, the 1 ATF patrols operating EAST and WEST of the Nui Dat base camp could contact up to a battalion size force in each case.

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1. The following information concerning operational condition in PHUC TUY province has been extracted from HQ 173 Abn Bde (SEP) OPORD 7-66 (Op HARDIHOOD).

2. Additional information will be published in the form of daily INTSUMS.

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Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate) to INTSUM 1/66.

1. THE AREA OF OPERATIONS:

a. WEATHER:

(1) General: The climate in the area of operation is typical of tropical zones affected by the monsoons. Phuoc Tuy Province is under the influence of the monsoons from May to October. Winds are gentle to moderate, usually from a southwesterly direction during the monsoon season. Within the area of operation during the latter part of May, a 30% probability exists of ground fog between 0700 and 0900 hours. Cloud ceilings are expected to be around 10,000 feet scattered until 1000 hours at which time the ceilings are expected to lower to 1500 feet broken. Between 1200 and 1400 hours light scattered rains are expected, developing into heavy scattered thunder showers at approximately 1700 hours. The thunder showers are expected to persist into the night. During the showers the winds are predicted to be predominantly from 230° to 240° at 20 knots with gusts to 30 knots.

(2) Effect on Enemy Courses of Action: During the periods of low visibility, rain and fog, the VC will be afforded relative freedom of movement without observation.

(3) Effect on Friendly Courses of Action: During the periods of cloudiness and low visibility friendly use of TAC Air will be restricted, and airmobile operations will not be favoured. The employment of TAC Air will be restricted by visibilities of less than two miles. During periods of 12 to 15 knot winds gusting to 20 knots helicopters should have an LZ parallel to the direction of the wind and approach into the wind. The employment of helicopters will be restricted only by visibility of less than one mile.

b. TERRAIN:

(1) General: Two hill masses dominate the southwest portion of Phuoc Tuy Province. These hills, rising rather abruptly, are Nui Ong Cau (YS3666), with an elevation of 504 meters, and Nui Thi Vai (YS2971), with an elevation of 467 meters. Both of these hill masses dominate Route 15 in this area. The remainder of the terrain in the province is flat to gently rolling with most elevations under 150 meters

Two primary drainage systems are present within the area of operation. Each consists of several branching tributaries running into the main streams which flow generally in a southward direction. The drainage system in the western portion of the operational area is the Song Dinh and its tributaries. This river crosses Route 15 at YS375610. The drainage system in the eastern part of the operational area consists of a number of rivers and streams which are the tributaries of the Song Ba Dap.

The jungle areas are generally dense with trees up to 100 feet and secondary growth up to 20 feet providing good concealment. Along Interprovincial Route 2 are a large number of plantations with trees 15 to 25 feet tall and 15 to 20 feet apart providing good concealment from air observation. The ground under the rubber trees is generally clear of brush and undergrowth.

The major road into the area under consideration is National Highway 15, a hard surfaced all weather road paralleling the coast. This is the best land route into Phuoc Tuy Province. It is, however, subject to VC interdiction. A second route into the area is Interprovincial Route 2 which intersects National Highway 15 at Phuoc Le (YS3861), commonly called Baria. Interprovincial Route 2 has a dirt improved all-weather surface. The route is subject to VC interdiction and all types of harassment.

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(2) Effect on Enemy Courses of Action: The VC may be expected to make maximum use of the concealment afforded by the vegetation to cover his movement.

(3) Effect on Friendly Courses of Action: Vehicular movement in the area will be restricted to the existing roads by the number of streams. Another possible obstacle to vehicular movement is the bridges in the area which could be destroyed by the VC. Cross country movement for foot troops will be affected in the dense jungle covered area in the western part of the area of operation and by streams swollen by monsoons rains.

2. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Dispositions, Composition, Strength: (See Tab A)
- b. LONG PHUOC, a VC fortified village, is located at YS 4464.
- c. Strengths and Weaknesses:

(1) Strengths: The enemy has a well established intelligence system in the area whereas US and GVN intelligence system is weak. The enemy is thoroughly familiar with the area and the terrain is generally suited for small unit action.

(2) The enemy is vulnerable to attack by air and artillery.

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

a. The Enemy Can

(1) Attack within PHUOC TUY Province with up to two main force regiments supported by the local force battalion.

(2) Reinforce local force units with two main force regiments in our AO within 24 to 48 hours.

(3) Defend within the area of operation with forces listed in (1) above.

(4) Ambush friendly units with any portion of the units in (1) above.

(5) Conduct harassing sniper and mortar fire against friendly forces.

b. Analysis and discussion:

(1) The enemy has demonstrated the capability in this area to attack in regimental strength. The 52nd Ranger battalion was attacked by the 275th Regiment on 11 November 1965. Any attack of this size would probably be of short duration at a time and place he felt tactical surprise could be achieved in order to avoid heavy losses from air and artillery fire.

(2) The enemy may reinforce local units using them for their intimate knowledge of the terrain to gain tactical surprise as stated in (1) above. The superior fire power available to friendly forces would probably deter the introduction of major elements of both MF regiments because of increased chance of detection and subsequent attack by friendly air and artillery.

(3) It is doubtful if the enemy will defend in the AO with larger than squad size forces. If they introduced MF units into the AO they are subject to detection as mentioned in (2) above and a determined defence of any portion of the AO would allow friendly forces to fix them and destroy them with superior fire power. There is a strong probability the VC will defend its fortified village at Long Phuoc YS4464.

(4) An ambush is something the enemy has used time and again to inflict casualties. It was used in April against a company of the 1st Div in Operation Abilene with great success.

(5) Harassing mortar fire and sniper fire against friendly forces are common enemy tactics and can be expected at any time. These tactics allow the best opportunity for inflicting losses on friendly forces with minimum losses to the enemy.

4. CONCLUSIONS:

a. The enemy will probably initiate harassing small unit actions and may attack an isolated unit when he has favorable terrain and superior numbers and feels tactical surprise can be gained.

b. The enemy may defend a base area, however it will probably be with small units to harass and impede the advance of our forces.

Acknowledge:

Tab A: Order of Battle

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- e. [illegible]

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Tab A. (Order of Battle) to Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate) to INTSUM 1/66

UNIT	CODE NAMES	STATUS	OPERATIONAL AREA	PROB PRES LOC	STR	WEAPONS	SUB UNITS	REMARKS	
860 Bn	C860 D445 445 Ba Ria Bn	CLF	Phouc Tuy	YS472879 F/3	550	4-MG 12-AR's 50-SMG 200-rifles	24 pistols 2-81mm Mtr 4-60mm Mtr 6-AA MG	C 443 Co C 444 Co C 445 Co Combat Spt	
5th Div	Constrong 5 Worksite 5	CMF	Phuoc Tuy Long Khanh	Phuoc Tuy	3850+	Omitted se subordinates	274 Regt 275 Regt		
274th Regt	94th Dong Nai 764 H 10 Q 4 1 Regt 5 Div	CMF	Phuoc Tuy Long Khanh Bien Hoa	YS535850 A/1 ARVN F/6 US	2000	12-60mm Mtr 8-81mm Mtr 12-Lt MG 5-57mm R/R 3-75mm R/R 3-12.7 MG 108 AR's 3-7.62 Hv MG Assorted SA 7-PRC 10's 8-EE 8's 9-M79's	265th Bn 800th Bn 308th Bn V 306th AA Co V 308th R/R Co V 310th 81 Mtr	YS 3380 F/3 YS 430837 C/2 YS 3380 F/3	
275th Regt	5th Regt Q 765 Q .5	CMF	Phuoc Tuy Long Khanh	YS780845 B/3	1850	6-81mm Mtr 16-60mm Mtr 10-57mm R/R 2-AA MG 12-12.7 MG 18-50 cal MG 8-30 cal MG 63 AR's Assorted SA UNK-PRC 10's			

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Appendix 2 (Light Data) to INTSUM 1/66

The following is illumination data for the proposed area of operation from 20 May 66.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BMNT</u>	<u>LENT</u>	<u>SR</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>MR</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
20	0525	1952	0620	1909			New
21	0525	1952	0620	1909			
22	0525	1952	0620	1909			
23	0525	1952	0620	1909	0900	2212	
24	0524	1953	0629	1910	1001	2312	
25	0524	1953	0629	1910	1103		
26	0524	1953	0629	1910	1204	0007	
27	0524	1954	0629	1911	1302	0059	1st Qtr
28	0524	1954	0629	1911	1357	0147	
29	0524	1954	0629	1911	1450	0231	
30	0524	1954	0629	1911	1543	0314	
31	0524	1955	0629	1912	1636	0258	

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Appendix 3 (Helipads and Airfields) to INTSUM 1/66

The following is a list of helipads and airfields found in or near the area of operation:

A. Helipads:

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>COORD</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Baria	YS402609	Dirt helipad, 1000 ft of assault runway, accommodate 40 helicopters. Artillery can be placed around the area.
Dat Do	YS476599	Dirt Helipad, 20 helicopter capacity, limited artillery stands.
Long Hai	YS448493	Dirt Helipad, 2 to 4 helicopters. No stands for artillery.
Phuoc Hai	YS514533	Sand helipad, 2 to 4 helicopters.
Hoa Long	YS419636	Dirt surface, 2 to 4 helicopters, hardstands for one artillery battalion.
Duc Thanh	YS463777	Sod surface, 10 to 15 helicopters, hardstands for one artillery battalion.
Binh Gia	YS489778	Sod helipad, 6 helicopters, hardstands for one artillery battalion.

B. Airfields:

Baria (Phouc Le)	YS402609	1600 feet runway, 100 ft of macadam surface $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick, 600' gravel, light aircraft.
Dat Do	YS476599	1200 ft runway hard dirt surface; light aircraft.
Duc Thanh	YS488773	800 ft by 56 ft, hard dirt.

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Appendix 4 (Potential LZ's) to INTSUM 1/66

LZ ANALYSIS FOR OPERATION HARDIHOOD

Imagery interpretation revealed the following possible or potential LZ's.

AREA: Coordinates YS 3080 YS6080  
YS 3059 YS6059

<u>NO</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>SIZE (METERS)</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1.	YS 226763	150 X 400	Cleared area, scattered trees and brush, dusty
2.	YS 232769	600 X 2000	airfield, scattered trees and brush, some housing
3.	YS 277758	150 X 400	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
4.	YS 277763	150 X 600	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
5.	YS 277794	200 X 200	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
6.	YS 346768	900 X 1300	predominatly rice paddies, with fortifacation, trenches and foxholes
7.	YS 354777	600 X 600	rice paddies with low grass, fortifacation foxholes and trenches
8.	YS 377787	300 X 1000	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
9.	YS 282766	400 X 150	cultivated area
10.	YS 430770	300 X 1100	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
11.	YS 436765	100 X 1000	airfield, low brush scattered throught area.
12.	YS 457799	400 X 1000	rice paddies, perrenially wet
13.	YS 449807	200 X 700	rice paddies, perrenially wet
14.	YS 490768	5000 X 6000	predominatly rice paddies, perrenially wet, village in center
15.	YS 443744	100 X 1800	airfield
16.	YS 444741	1100 X 250	cleared area, low grass
17.	YS 377736	1600 X 1900	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
18.	YS 377757	250 X 175	rice paddies, perrenially wet
19.	YS 356752	150 X 180	rice paddies, perrenially wet
20.	YS 251736	400 X 1300	scattered trees and brush
21.	YS 284720	400 X 800	rice paddies, perrenially wet
22.	YS 298723	100 X 300	cleared area, scattered brush, dusty
23.	YS 355732	400 X 600	cleared area, scattered brush, dusty
24.	YS 377720	200 X 300	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
25.	YS 408718	350 X 600	cleared area, scattered trees and brush
26.	YS 407712	200 X 700	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush

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27.	YS 413710 YS 427727	400 X 2100	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
28.	YS 431725	200 X 400	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
29.	YS 440723	350 X 1200	cleared area, scattered trees and brush
30.	YS 439739	300 X 1000	cleared area, scattered trees and brush
31.	YS 477722	150 X 750	cleared area, scattered trees and brush
32.	YS 486723	250 x 400	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
33.	YS 486717	300 X 300	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
34.	YS 497687	400 X 400	rice paddies, perrenially wet
35.	YS 512685	400 X 1000	rice paddies, perrenially wet
36.	YS 510664 YS 509677	250 X 1900	rice paddies, perrenially wet
37.	YS 454674 YS 461657	300 X 2100	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
38.	YS 426663	200 X 600	rice paddies perrenially wet
39.	YS 426675	300 X 500	rice paddies perrenially wet
40.	YS 408672 YS 423677	500 X 1800	rice paddies perrenially wet
41.	YS 416684	300 X 300	rice paddies perrenially wet
42.	YS 430690	500 X 900	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
43.	YS 407698	350 X 1300	rice paddies, scattered brush
44.	YS 354719 YS 384638	1000 X 10700	rice paddies, perrenially wet, scattered trees and brush
45.	YS 252701	800 X 2000	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
46.	YS 268691	650 X 800	cleared area, scattered trees and brush
47.	YS 296648	200 X 450	cleared area, scattered trees and brush
48.	YS 287633 YS 300642	100 X 1900	cleared area, scattered trees and brush
49.	YS 297632 YS 349616	1500 X 6200	cleared area, scattered trees and brush
50.	YS 301611	200 X 500	predominatly rice paddies, perrenially wet
51.	YS 306609	100 X 400	predominatly rice paddies, perrenially wet
52.	YS 357609	800 X 2300	predominatly rice paddies, perrenially wet
53.	YS 355625	500 X 900	cleared area, scattered trees and brush
54.	YS 359617	100 X 2500	rice paddies, perrenially wet
55.	YS 379630	300 X 800	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
56.	YS 390630 YS 420610 YS 420670	2200 X 8000	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
57.	YS 382602 YS 398601	500 X 200	Predominatly rice paddies scattered trees and brush, some houses
58.	YS 408596	200 X 700	cleared area some houses
59.	YS 440660 YS 430630 YS 470610	2100 X 7700	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush

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60.	YS 467635	200 X 1400	Predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
61.	YS 476630	350 X 2000	Predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
62.	YS 464655	800 X 3700	rice paddies, perrenially wet
63.	YS 499647 YS 495651	300 X 300	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
64.	501651	200 X 300	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
65.	506650	250 X 800	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
66.	YS 511647	150 X 900	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
67.	YS 542666 YS 544645	1200 X 2300	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
68.	YS 500610 YS 530636	700 X 4000	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
69.	YS 500640	200 X 300	Predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
70.	YS 496631	300 X 1200	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
71.	YS 445594 YS 480570 YS 505596	1300 X 8000	rice paddies perrenially wet
72.	YS 250571	200 X 1800	rice paddies perrenially wet
73.	YS 540575	500 X 800	rice paddies perrenially wet
74.	YS 528575 YS 551585	350 X 2500	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
75.	YS 524593	300 X 1000	predominatly rice paddies, scattered trees and brush
76.	YS 547616	450 X 1500	rice paddies, perrenially wet
77.	YS 562610	400 X 1600	rice paddies, perrenially wet
78.	YS 573586	400 X 1200	rice paddies, perrenially wet

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Appendix 5 to INTSUM 1/66

A. The following locations of VC "hard installations" within or near the proposed area of operation were reported by the listed sources on the dates indicated:

<u>NR.</u>	<u>COORD</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1.	YS4464	15 Dec	Phuoc Tuy Province S-2	Combat Hamlet
2.	YS579673	19 Jan	NPED	Hospital
3.	YS485680	9 Feb	10 Div	1 Tunnel Destroyed
4.	YS593729	14 Jan	CICV	Abandoned firing point
5.	YS446740	11 Feb	1st MI	Base Camp
6.	YS4378	7 Jan	III Corps	Base Camp
7.	YS584708	3 Apr	2nd Bde, 1st Inf Div	Tunnel Complex
8.	YS537727	4 Apr	" "	Tunnel Complex
9.	YS540716	4 Apr	" "	Several Tunnels
10.	YS5377	5 Apr	" "	Tunnels
11.	YS466745	5 Apr	" "	Tunnel along Stream
12.	YS4474	5 Apr	" "	Tunnels
13.	YS596638	5 Apr	3rd Bde, 1st Inf Div	Tunnel
14.	YS559770	8 Apr	2nd Bde, 1st Inf Div	Connecting Tunnels
15.	YS466745	5 Apr	" "	Connecting Tunnels
16.	YS550760	2 Apr	" "	Small Base Camp
17.	YS548741	3 Apr	" "	Small Base Camp
18.	YS583696	3 Apr	" "	Base Camp
19.	YS566696	3 Apr	" "	Large Base Camp
20.	YS516679	3 Apr	" "	Base Camp
21.	YS539694	4 Apr	" "	Base Camp
22.	YS555688	4 Apr	" "	Base Camp Destroyed
23.	YS460749	4 Apr	1st Div	Base Camp
24.	YS544700	4 Apr	" "	Base Camp Destroyed
25.	YS537727	4 Apr	" "	Base Camp Destroyed
26.	YS512688	7 Apr	" "	Base Camp
27.	YS557687	4 Apr	2nd Bde 1st Inf Div	Base camp destroyed
28.	YS553682	3 Apr	" "	Base Camp destroyed
29.	YS570689	3 Apr	" "	Base Camp Destroyed
30.	YS570697	3 Apr	" "	Base Camp
31.	YS568688	3 Apr	" "	Small Base Camp Destroyed
32.	YS564692	3 Apr	" "	Small Base Camp Destroyed
33.	YS501691	4 Apr	" "	Base Camp Destroyed
34.	YS515678	4 Apr	" "	Base Camp Destroyed
35.	YS471720	5 Apr	1st Div	Base Camp
36.	YS544685	5 Apr	" "	Base Camp Destroyed
37.	YS515688	5 Apr	2nd Bde, 1st Div	Base Camp Destroyed
38.	YS555687	4 Apr	1st Div	Base Camp
39.	YS551762	2 Apr	2nd Bde, 1st Div	2 Bunkers
40.	YS578694	2 Apr	" "	Cave
41.	YS584708	3 Apr	" "	Bunkers
42.	YS574690	3 Apr	" "	2 Bunkers Destroyed
43.	YS498687	3 Apr	" "	2 Foxholes
44.	YS515685	3 Apr	" "	Trench Systems
45.	YS565705	3 Apr	" "	Bunkers
46.	YS5768	4 Apr	1st Div	Cave
47.	YS570697	3 Apr	2nd Bde, 1st Div	15 Bomb shelters
48.	YS515678	4 Apr	" "	500 Meter Trench
49.	YS512688	4 Apr	" "	1 Bunker and 60 foxholes
50.	YS498691	4 Apr	" "	several Bunkers
51.	YS543772	5 Apr	" "	Foxholes
52.	YS559770	8 Apr	" "	Hospital

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B. The following reported VC "hard installations" were furnished by the Phuoc Tuy Province S-2 at Baria (YS 3861) current 16 Apr 66:

<u>NR.</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
53.	YS585955	Base Camp
54.	YS345785	Base Camp
55.	YS541919	Hospital
56.	YS585865	Rice Coche (150 - 200 lb bags)
57.	YS556926	Base Camp
58.	YS538854	Base Camp
59.	YS358854	Rice Coche (750 lbs)
60.	YS369866	Tunnel Complex
61.	YS345857	Trenches (200 meters long)
62.	YS352950	2 Bunkers and several trenches
63.	YS341858	Base Camp
64.	YS340857	Base Camp
65.	YS333864	Base Camp
66.	YS284924	Base Camp
67.	YS404728	Rice Coche (500 -100 lb bags)
68.	YS382768	Dispensary
69.	YS382769	Regimental supply point
70.	YS352778	Tunnel Complex
71.	YS589697	Rice Coche (1 ton)
72.	YS587708	Base Camp
73.	YS587708	Rice Coche (1.25 tons)

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HQ 1 ATF  
VUNG TAU (YS 3044) RVN  
311130H May 66

1. (U) 1 ATF INTSUM No 3/66

2. (U) 22 - 26 May 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

There were no significant engagements with enemy units during the reporting period.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY 173 (US) ABN BDE

a. 220945H. 1/503d Inf found 2 VC KIA (BC) assorted documents, 1 M-1 rifle and 1 CHICOM 7.62 SMG vic YS445647.

b. 221410H. 1/503d Inf found 2 tons of salt and 6 tons of rice vic YS447648. The salt and rice were evacuated.

c. 221900H. D/16th Armour Patrol located a hole 60 feet wide by 100 feet long by 50 feet deep vic YS432637. Fire tunnels branched out from the hole.

d. 222033H - 232225H. Sniper and SA fire received from YS403625, YS413624, YS405620, YS435695. No casualties were sustained.

e. 240100H - 241400H. 1/503d received 30 grenades and four 60mm mortar rounds at YS448645.

f. 241400H. 5 RAR sighted 2 VC at YS441686.

g. 241415H. 2/503d Inf encountered booby traps at YS422693. Unit sustained 4 US WIA.

h. 241700H. 2/503d Inf received sniper fire at YS441697.

j. 251106H. PWLH received SA fire from YS422637.

k. 250930H. 5 RAR encountered 1 VC at YS442685.

l. 260845H. Sniper fire from estimated 2 AW and 2 SA weapons at YS428657.

m. 260847H - 261207. Various en sightings at YS413652, YS449682, YS445680, YS464682.

n. 261630H. 2/503d Recon Platoon received sniper fire from YS426669. Later 20 rounds of 7.62 CHICOM ammo found at the same location.

5. OTHER ACTIVITY 173 (US) ABN BDE

a. 20-21 May. (Delayed). During operations in LONG PHUOC village (YS4464) 1/503d Inf destroyed a total of 3 tons of salt and 600 metres of bunker and trench systems.

b. 230930H - 231230H. Documents found at YS446646, YS423708 and YS445644.

c. 231230H - 231415H. 8 tons of polished rice discovered at YS426706. Many foxholes in same vicinity. 15-20 tons of rice at YS425704. Evacuation attempted.

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d. 231415H. Anti aircraft position discovered and destroyed at YS439638. Position was 8 feet in diameter and had overhead cover.

e. 231530H. One large tunnel discovered at YS445645. Also discovered at same location 18 field packs, 2 DH-10 Claymore mines, hospital for 20 people, and unknown number of hand grenades.

f. 241030H. 1/503d Inf destroyed 40 huts and found 2 x 105mm shells and one Air Force type flare bomb at YS445645.

g. 241040H. 5 RAR captured 3 drums of rice at YS447695.

h. 251037H. 5 tons of rice destroyed by 1/503d at YS456654.

j. 250630H. 2/503d found 3 houses with tunnels leading to a creek at YS441697.

k. 251130H. 2,500 lbs paddy rice destroyed in bomb shelter. Location not reported.

l. 251800H. 5 RAR found and destroyed 2 grenade booby traps at YS456681.

m. 260810H. Weapon pits found vic YS434680.

n. 260930H. 5 RAR found 16 bunkers for rifle coy at YS452683.

o. 261258H. 5 RAR found 126 black pyjamas at YS453678.

p. 251400H. 145 Miscellaneous medical items found at YS439703.

6. CONCLUSIONS

Although there have been no engagements with Main Force Units during the reporting period, elements of two Main Force Regiments, 274 and 275 are located in the NORTH EAST and NORTH WEST of PHUOC TUY province.

PW interrogation indicates that elements of the Provincial Mobile Bn (D445, also known as 860) have been in contact with 173 Bde (US) during their operations in PHUOC TUY province. Local guerillas and elements of some local VC district companies have also been involved.

The pattern of operations and contacts so far indicates that surveillance over the deployment of US/AUST/ARVN forces in PHUOC TUY, is being maintained, and that VC forces will take offensive action against our forces whenever circumstances appear favourable.

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211600H May 66

1 ATF INTSUM 2/66  
17 - 21 May 66

1. VUNG TAU -- NTR
2. PHUOC TUY -- Significant VC activity.
  - a. 171450 May - Unknown number of VC contacted by 173 Abn Bde (sep) at 442678. VC armed with M79, SA and 60mm mortars. Resulted in friendly losses 5 WIA.
  - b. 171600 May - B/1/503 contacted unknown number of VC. Action resulted in friendly losses 7 KIA, 21 WIA. VC losses estimated 13 KIA.
  - c. 181230 May - C/1/503 engaged 2 VC at 458702. 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA.
  - d. 19 May - VC mine exploded at entrance to LONG PHUOC village. 1 ARVN KIA. ARVN armoured car destroyed.
  - e. 200955 May - 40 (approx) VC at 445654 engaged by A/1/503. Losses : friendly 4 WIA.
  - f. 201035 May - Rice cache found at 428678. 18 tons salvaged. Remaining 6 tons and 50 gallons of diesel destroyed.
  - g. 210650 May - A and B/1/503 contacted unknown number of VC dug in at 445654. Losses : friendly 3KIA, 2WIA  
: VC unknown
  - h. 210940 May - Extensive VC trench system at YS445648. Tunnels discovered. 1 VC KIA.
  - j. 211120 May - Tunnel complex discovered at 453660. Demolitions begun.
3. CIVILIAN SITUATION. Unknown number of villagers from LONG PHUOC being resettled in villages along Route 15.
4. LOSSES DURING OPERATION HARDHOOD TO 211600H
  - a. US. 19 KIA. 75 WIA
  - b. ARVN. 3 KIA. 3 WIA
  - c. VC. 18 KIA confirmed  
24 KIA estimated  
3 KIA suspected  
45 KIA Total
5. CAPTURED VC MATERIEL. 1 US M1, 1 US SM6, 200rds SAA, 2 Hand grenades, 1 claymore mine, 1 X 40lb shaped charge, 24 tons of rice, documents, 2 trench systems.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 5, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 060001H to 062400H Jun 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 060425H 4 VC sighted moving WEST to EAST in front of APC Troop. One grenade thrown by own troops. No result.
    - (2) Elm of 5 RAR contacted 1 VC at YS 445667. Result 1 VC KIA. (BC).
    - (3) 061238 D/5 RAR located bunker and 24 Galls Rice, 1 Black shirt, 1 Coolie hat at YS 448692.
    - (4) 061245H D/5 RAR sighted 2 VC at YS 410665. VC fled across river.
    - (5) 061925H B/5 RAR sighted 5 VC at YS 445678. Arty fired on SOUTHERN withdrawal route. No result.
    - (6) 062015H C/5 RAR contacted 4 VC at 459675. Result 2 VC KIA (BC). Weapons not yet identified.
  - b. to f. omitted.
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:

3 VC KIA (BC). Weapons unidentified.
5. to 7. omitted.
8. ENEMY MOVEMENTS AND LOCATIONS:

BARIA 62 reports one returnee. Returnee states C-20 CG (local) departed VIC YS 303713 at 1800 hours 4 Jun with mission of grouping VIC YS 420650 ASAP. 1 report unvaluated.
9. omitted
10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN:
  - a. No rain, moonlight.
11. CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES:

No change.
12. CONCLUSIONS:

No change from 1 ATF INTSUM No 4.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 4, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 051800H to 052400H Jun 1966.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There was one contact during the reporting period.

- a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) 052140H, elm 5 RAR contacted 1 VC, type unknown at 442685. VC withdrew EAST then NORTH. Result unknown.

- b. to e. omitted.

- f. SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS:

None.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:

None reported.

5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

None reported.

6. ADMINISTRATION: None.

7. NEW IDENTIFICATIONS: None reported.

8. ENEMY MOVEMENTS AND LOCATIONS: None reported.

9. ESTIMATED NUMBER AND TYPES OF VEHICLES AND CRAFT: None reported.

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN:

- a. Weather: No rain, bright moonlight.

- b. omitted.

11. CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES:

- a. No change

- b. No change.

12. CONCLUSIONS:

Enemy surveillance of 1 ATF buildup being maintained by guerillas and local force.

  
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2. From 100001H to 102400H Jun 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

120 MM Mor fire received for first time this location.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 0400H - 0800H, en attempted to draw fire by rattling wire 5 RAR perimeter. No fire drawn.

(2) 100910H, 4 VC contacted at YS 422694. 1 VC WIA one Chicom 7.62mm wpn recovered.

(3) 101215H, 3 VC engaged by arty at YS 443664. Result unknown.

(4) 101550H, booby trap set off at YS 427702.

(5) 101550H, 3 VC contacted YS 461657. 1 VC KIA (BC). One grenade recovered.

(6) 101745H, 10 rounds (Ten) of 120mm mor fired from YS 361671 received at YS 424665. 6 rounds 82mm mor received same location from 413659 and YS 412656.

(7) 102030H, flares (presumably enemy) fired from YS 435643.

(8) 102250H, en mor position at YS 450645 engaged by Arty.

b. to c. omitted.

d. 101120H, air recce revealed trails recently used at YS 290730, YS 310730, YS 290752, YS 310752.

(2) 101845H, air strike on en 120mm Mor, YS 361671. No BDA.

e. and f. omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 101730H, two men military age apprehended LONG PHUOC YS 4464. Evacuated for interrogation.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:

1 VC KIA (BC). 1 VC WIA (blood trail). One Chicom 7.62mm, one grenade.

5. to 7. omitted.

8. ENEMY MOVEMENTS AND LOCATIONS:

Agent report from BARIA Sector. VC Regt moving around 1 ATF TAOR YS 290750, YS 310750, YS 290725, YS 310725. Aust F6.

9. to 10. omitted.

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11. CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES:

No change.

12. CONCLUSIONS:

No change from 1 ATF INTSUM No 4.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 10, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 110030H to 112400H.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There was no significant contact during reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 110030H, en probed 5 BAR at YS 442683 and YS 437684. No result.

(2) 110440H, en mor position loc at GR YS 450625 engaged by Arty. Result unknown.

(3) 111031H, en mor position loc at GR YS 347645 engaged by Arty. Result unknown.

(4) 5 to 6 figures (presumably enemy) sighted high feature GR 386660. No contact.

(5) 112015H 3 VC engaged by Arty at GR 405657. Result unknown.

(6) Arty engaged flashing light at YS 431680, 2 flares seen same loc.

(7) 112130H - 112155H, Arty engaged en mor positions at GR 372670 and GR 364671.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) Lt surveillance as received on ground fire from GR 337690.

(2) 111610H, air strike on suspected en gun or mor position at GR YS 365646. No BDA.

e. - f. omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 110900H, one male military age apprehended at GR 439699. Evacuated for interrogation.

4. to 10. omitted.

11. No change.

12. No change from 1 ATF INTSUM No 9.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 11, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 120001 to 122400H Jun 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:  
There was no significant contact during the reporting period.
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 121225H, en mortar at YS 438643 engaged by Arty.  
Result unknown.
    - (2) 122000H - 122400H, flares observed WEST, SOUTH and NORTH of Task Force area.
  - b. to f. omitted.
  - g. 121320H, two grenades found in hut at YS 436690.
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:  
Two grenades captured.
5. - 10. omitted.
11. CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES:  
No change.
12. CONCLUSIONS:  
No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 12, CP location YS4366.

2. From 130001H to 132400H Jun 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There was no significant contact during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 130150H, NW perimeter of 5 RAR probed by 2 - 3 VC.  
No result.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) Air strike at 130940H on YS 396724. No BDA.

(2) 131030H, Air strike YS 449634. No BDA

(3) 131830H. Air strike on YS 449635 and YS 445637.

small fires resulted.

c. -- f. omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) Atk mine located and destroyed at YS 427654 at 130730H.

(2) 131040H. But and mattresses discovered at YS 428684.

Left for ambush.

(3) 131155H. Recently occupied squad position found at YS 434685.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:

One mine (MI - A1) destroyed.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES:

No change.

12. CONCLUSIONS:

No change.

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- 1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 13, CP location YS 4366.
- 2. From 140001H to 142400H Jun 66.
- 3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts during the reporting period. VC probing of perimeter continued.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) 140002H. Minor probing of 5 RAR perimeter. No result.
- (2) 141330H. Contact 3 local VC GR YS 465667. 2 VC armed with rifles, 1 VC dressed in black, 2 VC dressed in Grey/Green. No result, VC withdrew NW.
- (3) SA fire heard in vicinity of GR YS 423649. No contact own troops.
- (4) 141930H. Arty engaged 3 VC at GR YS 434690. Result unknown.
- (5) Mov unknown number VC at GR YS 417673. Mov towards GR YS 425669. No contact.

b. - g. omitted.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES:

No change.

12. CONCLUSIONS:

No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 14, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 150001H to 152400H.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There was no significant contact during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 151117H. Arty engaged 2 targets, 1 VC seen at GR YS 455663, 4 VC seen moving SOUTH from GR YS 441664. Results unknown.

(2) 151450H. Group of unidentified persons seen moving SOUTH from GR YS 447662. No contact.

(3) 151630H. Badly decomposed body dressed in black located at GR YS 454676. Area of many 5 RAR contacts.

(4) 151848H. Weapon pits, chickens, chicken coups, cooking utensils located GR YS 455679.

(5) 152030H. Lights seen at GR YS 394654. Arty engaged. Results unknown.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) Surveillance ac picked up homing signal GR YS 4564.

(2) Ac flying north reported many small fires at GR 4782. Area has received no recent Arty or air strikes.

c. to g. omitted.

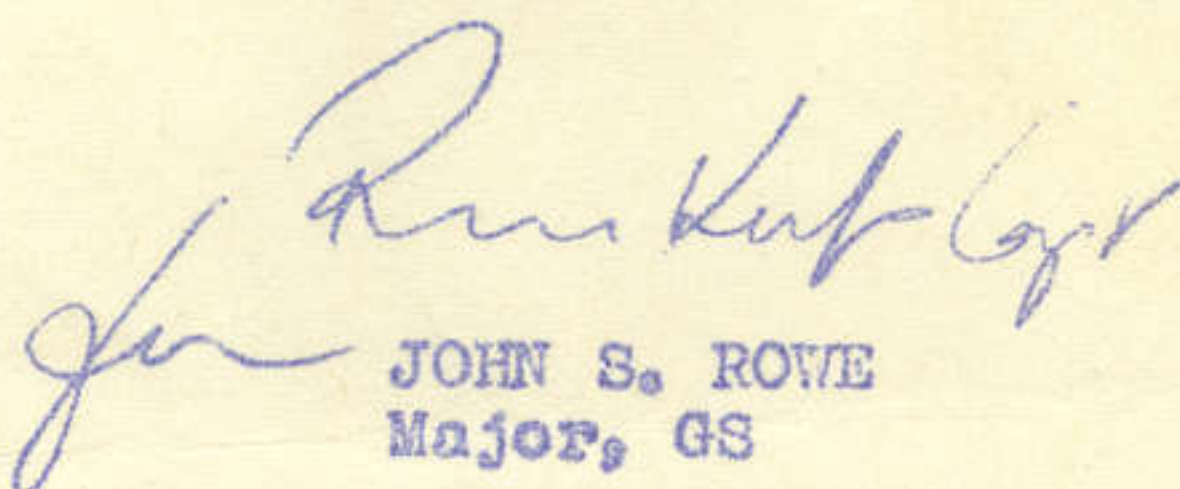
4. - 10. omitted.

11. CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES:

No change.

12. CONCLUSIONS:

No change.

  
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 15, CP location YS 4366.

2. From 160000H to 162400H Jun 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Attempts were made by VC to reconnoitre 1 ATF perimeter during hours of darkness. Contacts with own troops resulted. One ac received ground fire in AO during reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 160515H. 2-3 persons sighted at GR YS 436672 heading SOUTH. Check of area revealed non-european footprints. Follow up patrol, no result.

(2) 161139H. 3VC sighted at GR YS 402653. Appeared from thick bamboo and headed SOUTH WEST. No contact.

(3) 161935H Movement heard approximately 50 metres WEST of GR YS 444673. No contact.

(4) 162035H. 2 VC engaged by own tps at GR 444673. Moaning heard, VC remained in area.

(5) SA fire in vicinity of GR YS 444673. Result 1 Aust KIA. 162135H.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 161410H. Ground fire including tracer directed against ac from GR YS 3972. FAC investigated, no result.

(2) 161315H. Air strike on suspected en camp at GR YS 351658. Result unknown.

c. to g. omitted.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:

a. KIA - Nil

b. WIA - One possible.

c. Equipment losses - Nil.

5 - 9 No change.

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN:

Torrential rain early evening. Conditions difficult.

11. CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES:

No change

12. CONCLUSIONS:

No change.

  
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 16, OP location YS 4366.
2. From 170001H to 172400H Jun 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Probing of 1 ATF perimeter during early hours of darkness. Sightings of enemy (without contact) for most part of reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 170244H. VC SA fire vicinity GR YS 44673. No return fire own troops.

(2) 170333H. Probing of 1 ATF perimeter by parties of 1 - 2 VC vicinity GR YS 44673. No contact by own troops.

(3) 170720H. 6 figures (suspected VC) dressed in black and khaki sighted at GR YS 383663. No contact.

(4) 171550H. Patrol reports human tracks commencing at GR YS 44672 and leading to 1 ATF perimeter vicinity GR YS 44673. Tracks dispersed at this GR. Believed to be tracks of VC engaged in probing activity earlier reported.

(5) 171640H. 8 persons in civilian dress seen at GR YS 421661 moving WEST. Fresh diggings just EAST of this GR.

(6) 171740H. VC grenade beehy trap detonated at GR YS 434696. Results 2 Aust MIA.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 170722H. Helicopter pilot reported sighting 10 - 15 persons cutting grass and digging GR YS 428637.

(2) FAC reported troops (suspected VC) on track GR YS 654563.

(3) Arty OP as reported sighting figure emerging from hole in floor of ruined house GR YS 453683.

c. to f. omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY:

52 locals apprehended during reporting period. Locals from WEST AP LONG. Despatched to Sector.

4. NTR.

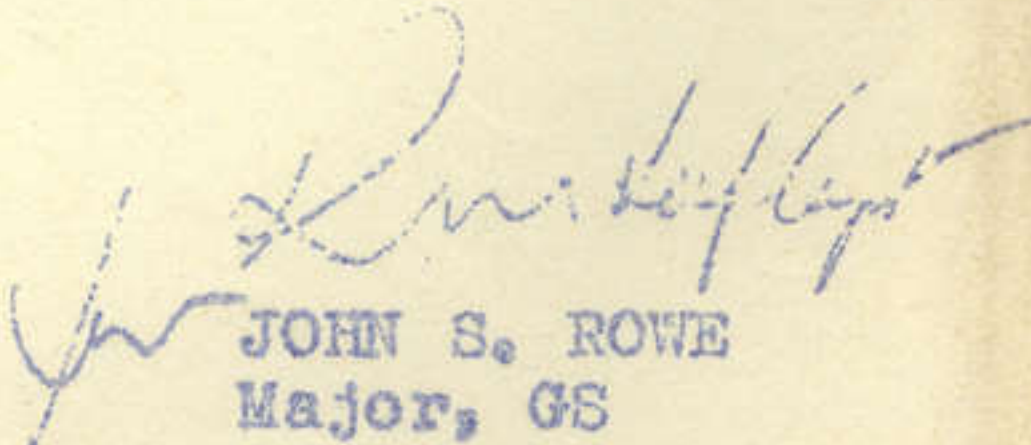
5. - 9. No change.

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN:

Vehicle road movement at present difficult between sub-units due to previous rains. Fine weather at time of report.

11. No change.

12. No change.

  
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 17, CP location YS 4366.

2. From 180001H to 182400H Jun 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There was no significant contact during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 180855H. C/6 RAR captured 2 VCS at YS 425664. One VC (WIA) escaped.

(2) 181225H. A/6 RAR contacted 3 VC at YS 166672. VC escaped. 1 weapon and ammunition captured.

(3) 181320H. I/5 RAR contacted 3 VC travelling EAST at YS 453707. No result.

b. to f. omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 181345H. C/6 RAR found hide at YS 398662, containing 2 bags of rice and new well.

(2) 181400H. B/5 RAR also located bunker complex at YS 444708.

(3) 181705H. B/5 RAR also located house and bunkers and firing device for claymore at YS 456 713. One armed M72 also found.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:

1 VC WIA. 2 VCS Captured. One weapon (Unidentified) and ammunition captured. 2 Bags of rice. One claymore firing device, one armed M72.

5. - 10. omitted.

11 and 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 18, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 190001H to 192400H Jun 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There was no significant contact during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

Nil

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

201430H. Air strike YS 570697 revealed trench system. One Bunker destroyed.

c. d. omitted.

e. (1) 190830H. Weapon pits with overhead cover found by D/6RAR at YS 444659. Photographs taken, pits left for ambush.

(2) 191200H. 6 RAR detained 11 civilians at YS 454660. Evacuated to Sector.

(3) 191500H. Search of pits at YS 456713 revealed documents and sketches which are presently being analysed. Extensive trench system found in same area.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

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1. Australian Task Force INTSUM No 19, CP location YS 4366.

2. From 200001H to 202400H Jun 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There was no significant contact during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

Nil

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 200754H. Air strike at YS 447642. BDA. Six buildings destroyed, four plaster, one wood, one thatched hut.

(2) 201745H. Airstrike at YS 447642. BDA. Three buildings destroyed, three 50% damaged, four damaged.

(3) 201815H. FAC received ground fire during strike assessment at YS 445642.

c. - f. omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 201045H. B/5 RAR discovered 9 bunkers at YS 452698.  
Destroyed.

(2) 201200H. ARVN soldier WIA by sniper at YS 424638.

(3) 201700H. D/5 RAR located 1800 lbs rice at YS 458697.  
Evacuated.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:

(1) Trench and bunker system at YS 452698.

5. - 10. omitted.

11 and 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 20, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 210001 to 212400H Jun 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There was no significant contact during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 210830H. MII3 hit mine at YS 441704. No cas.  
Vehicle evacuated.

(2) 211800H. Burst of AW fired at landrover on road  
NORTHERN outskirts of HOA LONG (YS 4624). Resulting in own cas 1 KIA.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

210900H. Air strike at YS 566696. No BDA.

c. - f. omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 210230H. 6 RAR destroyed 10 bags rice at YS 452675.

(2) Mortar pits located YS 459659.

(3) 211205H. D/5 RAR discovered further rice cache  
YS 456695. Total rice evacuated 18,000 lbs.

(4) 211215H. D/ 6 RAR located tunnel entrance YS 438651.  
Will destroy.

(5) 212107H. En mortar engaged at YS 447644. Result  
unknown.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:

10 bags rice destroyed at YS 452675.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. and 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 21, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 220001 to 222400H Jun 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There was no significant contact during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 221802H. C/5 RAR contacted 3 local VC at YS 398674. VC withdrew NORTH. 19 rounds of ammunition captured.

(2) 222330H. B/5 RAR reported 4 VC at YS 395676. No Result.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 220710H. Air strike at YS 441639. 6 structures destroyed 5 damaged.

c - f. omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 221315H. Tunnel located by 6 RAR at YS 452652 explored 800 ft EAST - WEST. Stores dump found, still being exploited.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:

220905H. 2 VCS (Female) evacuated to Baria Sector.

5. - 7. omitted.

8. Baria Sector reports on trg area YS 5669 - 6069 - 5666 - 6066 (Aust F6

9. - 10. omitted.

11. and 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 22, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 230001H to 232400H Jun 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 230010H. B/5 RAR reported perimeter probed.
    - (2) 230740H. c/5 RAR contacted 2 VC at YS 397676. No result. Enemy withdrew NORTH.
    - (3) 231101H. C/5 RAR contacted one local VC moving NORTH to SOUTH. No result.
    - (4) 232250H. 2 VC contacted at YS 438663 by 1 Fd Sqn. Result unknown.
  - b. AIR ACTIVITY:
    - 231650H. Air strike at YS 561753. No BDA.
  - c. - f. omitted.
  - g. OTHER ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 231205H. 6 RAR recovered 1,000 lbs rice at YS 452652.
    - (2) 231245H. 1 Fd Sqn found 1 55mm shell Booby Trapped at YS450651, 3,000 lb rice at YS 453652, long tunnel at YS 445647.
    - (3) 232230H. 6 RAR destroyed 1 55mm shell at YS 450652, found 1,000 lb of salt in tunnel at YS 443645, medical stores in tunnel at YS 446645
    - (4) 1 VC female suspect detained carrying several rounds .03 ammunition.
5. - 10. omitted.
11. and 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 23, CP location YS 4366.

2. From 240001H to 242400H Jun 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 240750H. A/6 RAR received suspected sniper fire vicinity GR YS 450649. Search with no result.

(2) 241340H. 5 RAR fired on 4 VC at GR YS 458691. 1 VC possible WIA, 1 M-1 rifle captured.

(3) 241615H. B/6 RAR followed blood trail to GR YS 457692. No contact, found recently used shallow slit trenches.

(4) 241740H. 6 RAR received SA fire at GR YS 448646. No result.

(5) 241900H. Arty OP observed mortar fire fall on hut being entered by 1 VC vicinity GR YS 4464. Suspected 1 VC KIA.

(6) 242015H. 6 RAR contact at GR YS 445648. No result.

b. AIR ACTIVITY:

240745H. Air strike at GR YS 392721. No BDA.

c. - f. omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 241740H. SAS located foodstuffs, cooking utensils at GR YS 660425. Left for ambush.

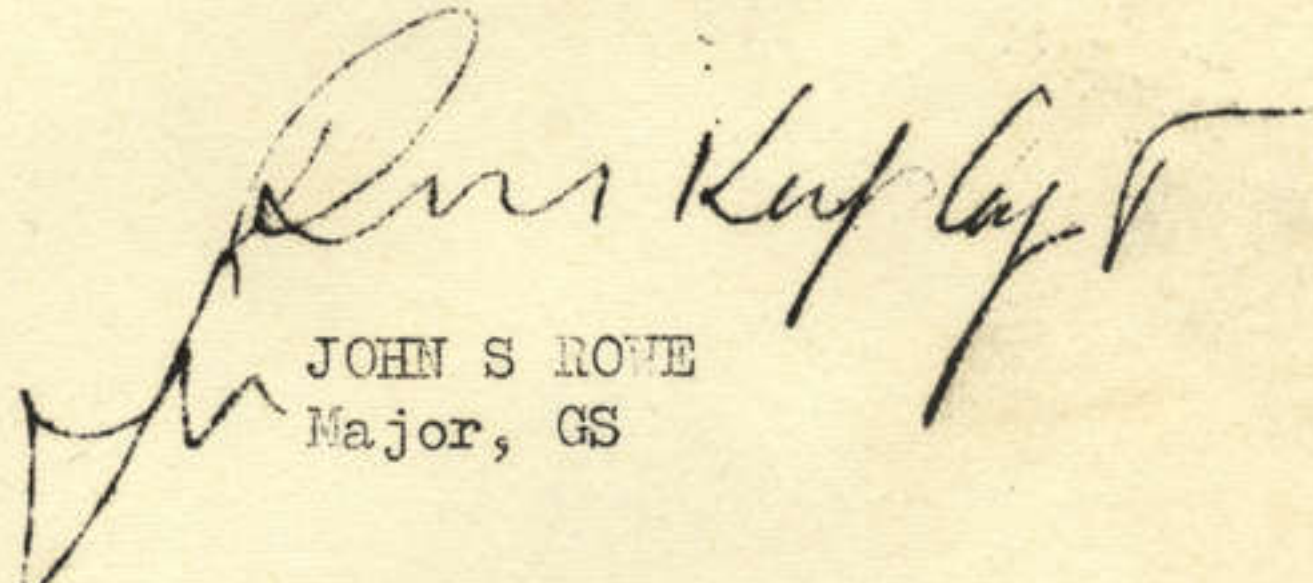
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:

1500 lbs unpolished rice recovered from GR YS 450649.  
2,200 panji stakes, 5,000 lbs of salt recovered from GR YS 413645.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. No change.

12. No change.

  
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## JULY CLIMATIC SUMMARY OF III CORPS

### 1. GENERAL:

July is a wet season month with the southwest monsoon season in full swing. Daily afternoon showers are the rule, rather than the exception.

### 2. CLOUDS:

July is the month of maximum cloudiness. Cumulus clouds form over most regions during the late morning hours and develop into afternoon thunderstorms and rainshowers. Broken middle clouds are associated with these showers and thunderstorms. Stratus ceilings, below 1,000 feet, occur in the early daylight hours.

### 3. PRECIPITATION:

There is an average of 23 days with precipitation during July of which 11 days have thunderstorms. Most of the precipitation comes from showers or thunderstorms, but light rain may be the aftermath of any thunderstorm. Mean number of days with precipitation vary from 15, along the coast, to 23, north of Saigon. Monthly rainfall averages from 9 inches at Vung Tau to 12 inches north of Saigon, with a max of 27 inches in the northern half and a min of less than 3 inches along the coast. Max 24 hour precipitation is greater than 6 inches east of Bien Hoa.

### 4. TEMPERATURES:

Mean temperatures continue to decrease slowly in July. The mean daily max temperature is 87-88 degrees and the mean minimum is 75 degrees. Extreme maximum temperatures are 96° F, again in the northern part of III Corps.

### 5. FOG:

Fog occurs on 3 or 4 days out of the month and usually forms along river valleys and will dissipate by 0800H.

### 6. RELATIVE HUMIDITY:

Mean relative humidities average 84-86 percent in III Corps during July, resulting in conditions favorable for mildew, corrosion, and decay of susceptible items.

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7. VISIBILITIES:

Surface visibility is best during late morning and afternoon. Slant range visibility is best between 0800 & 1100H. Visibilities are restricted by early morning fog on 2-3 days, but frequent showers and thunderstorms reduce visibilities to 3 miles and, in more intense storms, to less than 1 mile.

8. SURFACE WINDS:

Prevailing surface winds are from the west-southwest at an average speed of 8 knots. Stronger winds are experienced with rain showers, while gusts up to 50 knots can be expected with any thunderstorm.

9. TROPICAL STORMS:

No tropical storms have affected III Corps in June.

10. TRAFFICABILITY:

Roads, dirt strips, and landing zones will be moist to very moist and streams will be high. Low areas may be flooded and small streams can overflow following a heavy downpour.


JULY 1966 LIGHT DATA

DATE	BMNT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EENT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
1.	0544	0634	1919	2009	1804	0456	
2.	"	0635	"	"	1902	0550	
3.	"	"	1920	"	1954	0644	FULL
4.	"	"	"	"	2044	0740	
5.	0545	"	"	"	2132	0832	
6.	"	0636	"	"	2213	0922	
7.	"	"	"	"	2252	1010	
8.	0546	"	"	"	2329	1055	
9.	"	0637	"	"	-	1139	
10.	"	"	"	"	0004	1223	
11.	0547	"	"	2010	0041	1307	LAST QUARTER
12.	"	"	"	"	0117	1353	
13.	"	0638	1919	"	0157	1442	
14.	0548	"	"	"	0240	1535	
15.	"	"	"	"	0328	1633	
16.	0549	"	"	"	-	-	
17.	"	"	"	"	-	-	
18.	"	0639	"	"	-	-	NEW
19.	"	"	"	"	-	-	
20.	"	"	"	"	-	-	
21.	0550	"	"	2009	0937	2220	
22.	"	"	"	"	1034	2305	
23.	"	0640	1918	"	1128	2348	
24.	"	"	"	2008	1221	-	
25.	"	"	"	"	1314	0024	FIRST QUARTER
26.	0551	"	"	2007	1407	0116	
27.	"	"	"	"	1504	0203	
28.	"	0641	"	"	1558	0253	
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30.	0552	"	"	2006	1749	0438	
31.	"	"	"	"	1840	0533	

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 24, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 250001H to 252400H Jun 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 250727H. C/6 RAR received sniper fire vicinity YS 450647. One possible VC WIA.
    - (2) 251110H. C/6 RAR fired on unknown No VC vicinity YS 447644. One possible VC KIA from mortar fire.
    - (3) 251745H. 3 local VC contacted at YS 385669 by A/5 RAR. One VC WIA (possible).
    - (4) 252137H. 5 VC contacted by standing patrol at YS 443668. Result unknown.
  - b. - f. omitted.
  - g. OTHER ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 250910H. A/5 RAR found platoon position at YS 408705. Destroyed.
    - (2) A/5 RAR also found dug in position 100 metres by 100 metres at YS 395688. Destroyed.
    - (3) 251200H. Male VCS from Hoa Long (YS4264) evacuated to Baria Sector.
    - (4) 251655H. 6 RAR located 4 x 44 gallons oats, clothes and 1 box gelignite (Destroyed) at YS 443643. Also located nine VC gas masks under house at YS 440642.
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:


2 VC WIA (possible) and 1 VC KIA (possible). One platoon position, one other dug in destroyed. Also 1 box gelignite.
5. - 10. omitted.
11. No change.
12. No change.

  
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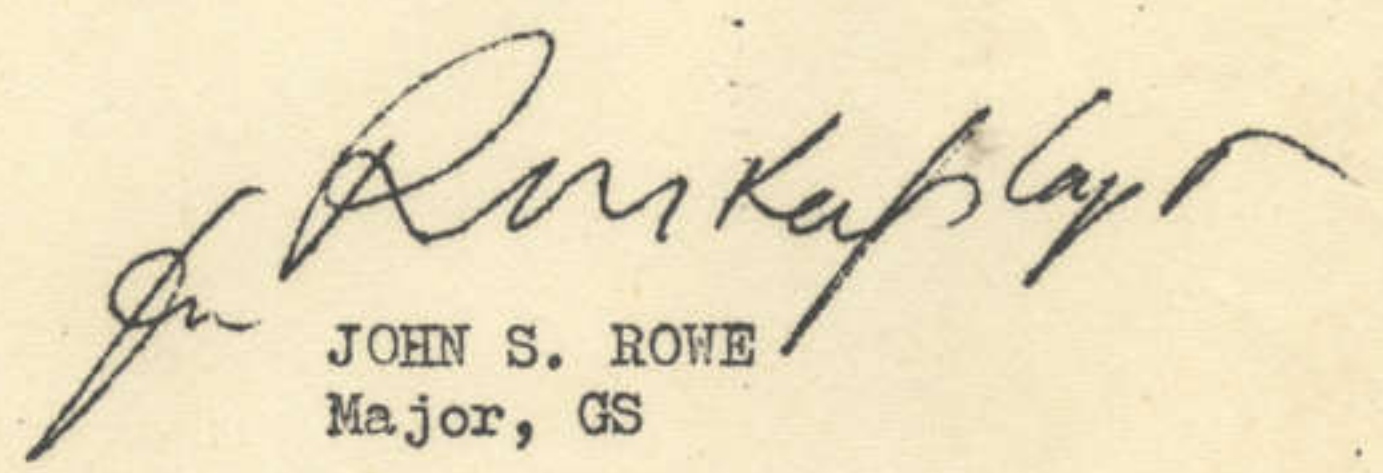
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1. 1 Aust Task Force INTSUM No 25, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 260001H to 262400H Jun 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 261135H. 6 RAR reported 1 VC fired 4 rounds (carbine) GR YS 441639. No result. VC fled SOUTH.
    - (2) 261918H. B/5 RAR contacted 2 local VC at GR YS 466699. 1 VC KIA (BC). No Aust casualties sustained. Weapon and equipment recovered.
  - b. - c. omitted.
  - d. (1) 261315H. RAAF FAC reported 50 vehicles blocked by trees on road at GR YS 230792. Sector and 2 FFV advised.
  - e. - f. omitted.
3. OTHER ACTIVITY:
  - (1) 261351H. 6 RAR discovered medical cache at GR YS 452647. Assorted medical supplies recovered, despatched to 1 ATF medical team.
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:
  - a. 1 VC KIA (BC).
  - b. Nil
5. - 9. omitted.
10. No change.
11. No change.
12. No change.

  
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 27, CP location YS 4366.
2. From 280001H to 282400H Jun 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 280800H. D/6 RAR contacted sniper who fired two shots and escaped at YS 439637.
    - (2) 281225H. C/5 RAR located tunnel at YS 449644, came to dead end. Destroyed.
    - (3) 281245H. YS 445635. D/6 RAR observed 6 VC. VC moved SOUTH into rubber before contact was made.
    - (4) 281300H. YS 445634. D/6 RAR fired on 2 VC who fled SOUTH. Following blood trail.
    - (5) 281442H. YS 438635. D/6 RAR contacted 4 VC in khaki uniforms carrying packs. VC withdrew NORTH WEST. No result.
    - (6) 281510H. YS 436638. D/6 RAR contacted 1 VC in khaki. VC fled NORTH WEST.
    - (7) 281555H. YS 441640. Aust APC disabled by mine. No casualties own troops.
    - (8) 281935H. 2 VC entered Hoa Long village from SOUTH WEST. ARVN Commandos ambushed VC on way out. No result.
  - b. - c. omitted.
  - d. Nil
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:
  - a. 1 WIA.
  - b. Nil
  - c. One 7.62 Chicom rifle captured. 50 tin of milk and miscellaneous medical stores.
5. - 10. omitted.
11. No change.
12. No change

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2. From 270001H to 272400H Jun 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:
  - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
    - (1) 270930H. OP with A/6 RAR reported unknown number VC at GR YS 462654. Target engaged by 6 RAR mortars. Result unknown.
    - (2) 271000H. 12/A/6 RAR contacted unknown number VC in vicinity YS 4464. No result.
    - (3) 271330H. 6 RAR received sniper fire from GR YS 460649. Result, 1 Aust WIA.
    - (4) 271340H. Grenade and SA fire received in 6/A/5 RAR area GR YS 4670. No result.
    - (5) 271655H. 6 RAR discovered tunnel system YS 445637. Fresh food, tinned milk in tunnels. Investigation continuing.
  - b. - c. omitted.
  - d. (1) Air strikes by VNAF 271000H on YS 501649. No BDA.  
(2) Air strike by VNAF 271100H on YS 348638. No BDA.
  - e. - g. omitted.
- 4.-10. No change.
11. No change.
12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 28, CP location YS 4366.

2. From 290001H to 292400H Jun 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 290930H. GR 248937, Bien Hoa province police reported 100 VC in combat fatigues at Bin Son hamlet. Evaluation reliable.

(2) 290230H. YS 420646, Commando Co ambushed 1 VC attempting to enter Hoa Long village. Result . 1 Commando WIA.

(3) 282100H. YS 467648, 4 personnel seen. Arty engaged. Result unknown.

(4) 290920H. YS 455718, B/6 RAR sighted 2 VC carrying weapons moving EAST to WEST out of area to engage.

(5) Corrected report. Amend activity mentioned in 1 ATF INTSUM No 23, sub para 3. a. (3) to read. "B/5 RAR followed blood trail" etc.

b. - c. omitted.

d. 291140H. YS 405730, Airstrike VC tunnel system, napalm 100% on target. Result, no BDA.

e. - f. omitted.

g. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 291320H. YS 450640, C/6 RAR located 2,500 lbs rice, YS 449644, 2,000 lb rice, YS 457664, old trench system, recently used.

(2) 282100H. YS 458652, A/6 RAR, possible tunnel located, not yet investigated.

(3) 291315H. YS 447638, B/6 RAR located 2 tons rice to be bagged and backloaded.

(4) 291555H. YS 453643, B/6 RAR LOCATED small cache containing 5 x 4 gal tins of polished rice, cooking fat, dried fish and kerosine.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DESTROYED:

Destroyed miscellaneous food stuffs and tunnel system.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. No change.

12. No change.

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